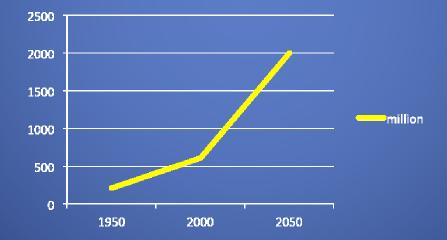
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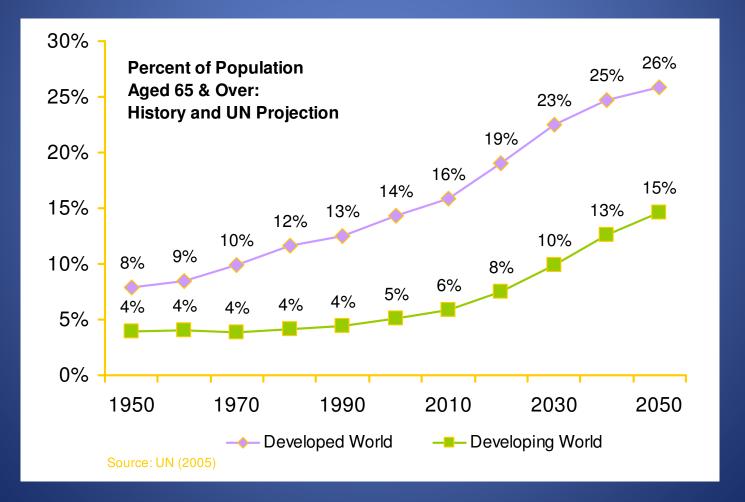


Demographics

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 Projected to reach the 2 billion mark by 2050.



Demographics WHO Trends in Global Ageing





Demographics Population % over 65 years

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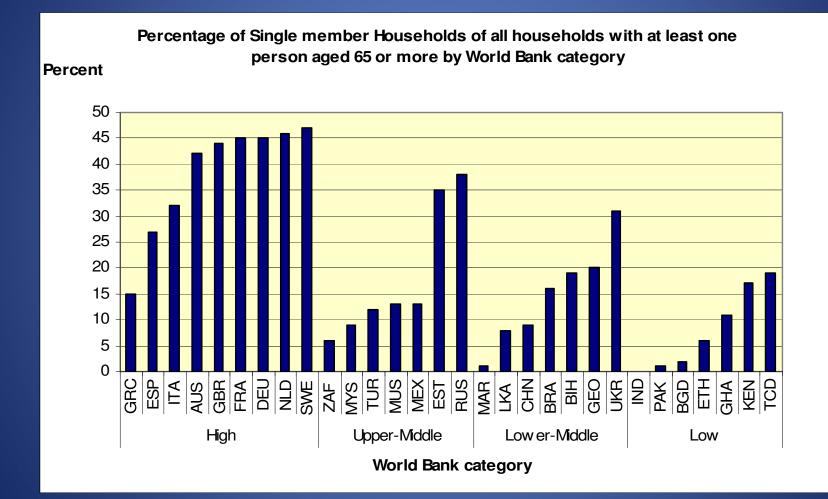
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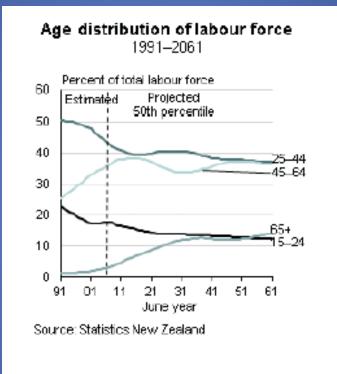
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Living arrangements of the elderly

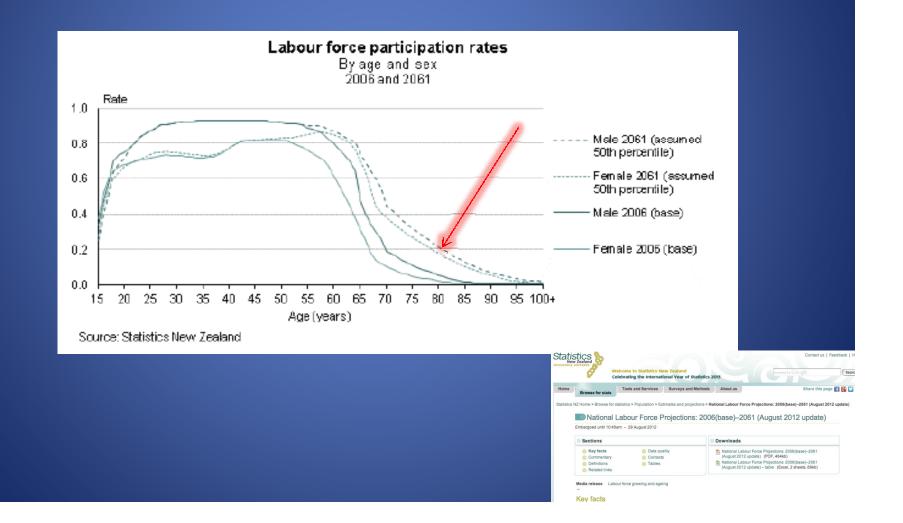


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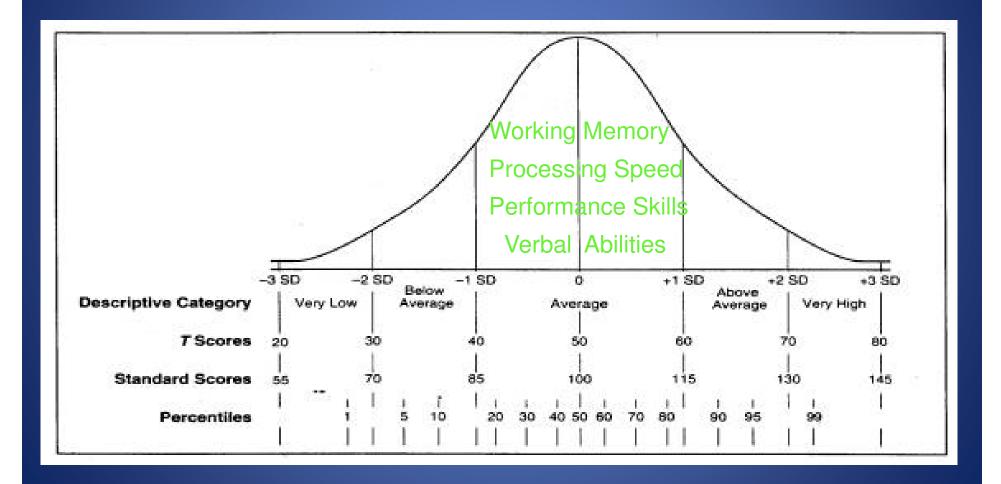
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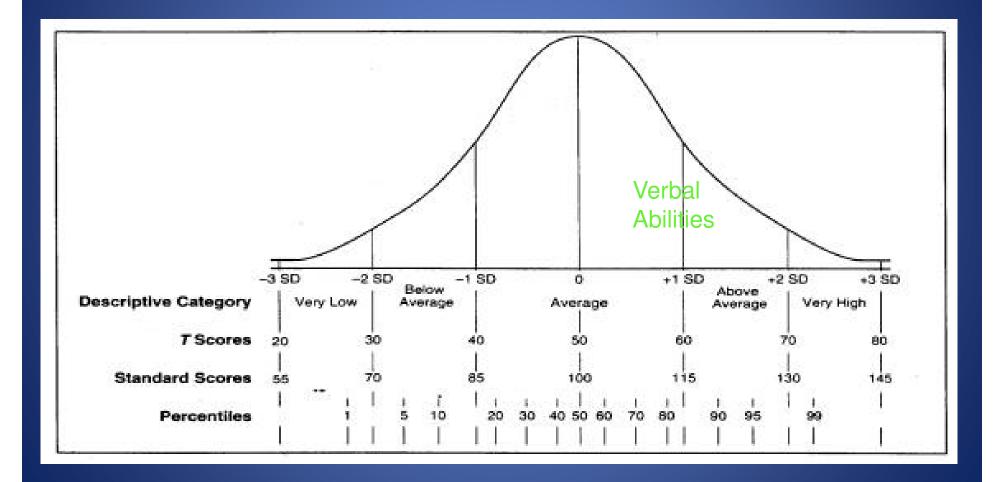


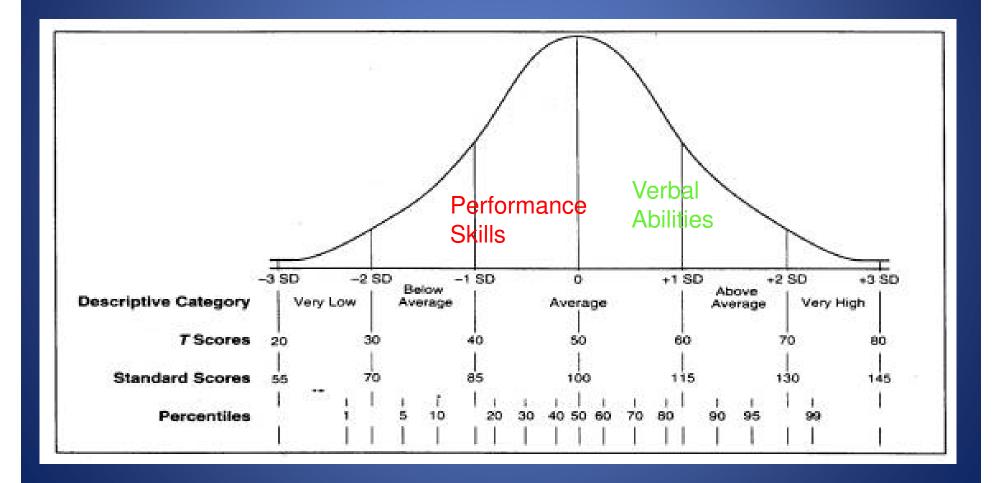
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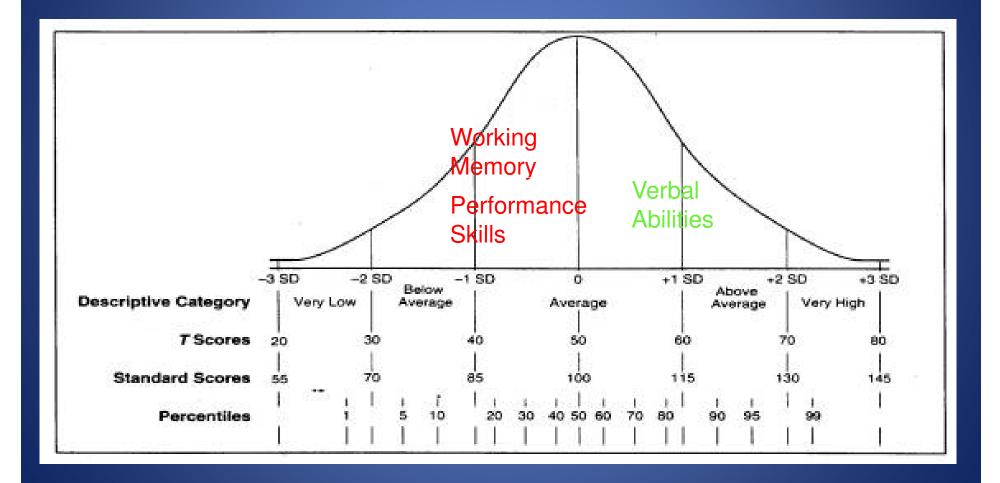


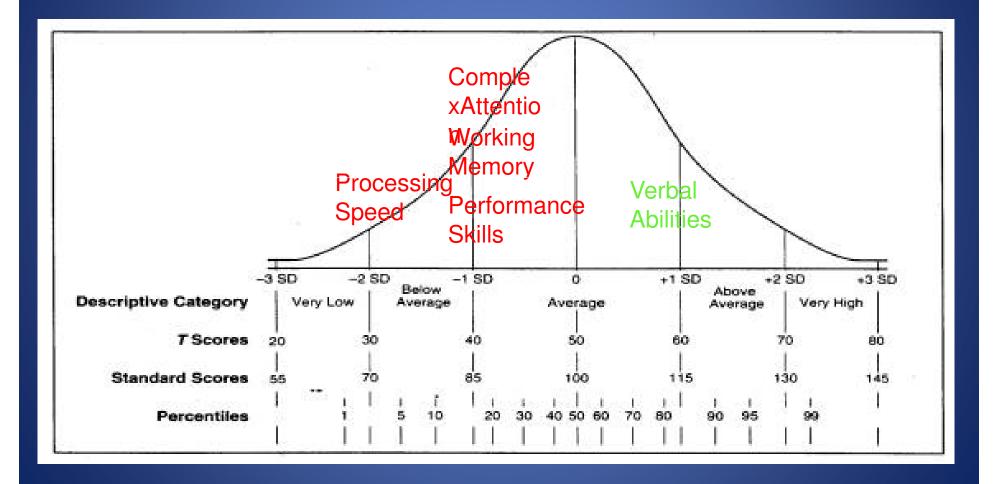
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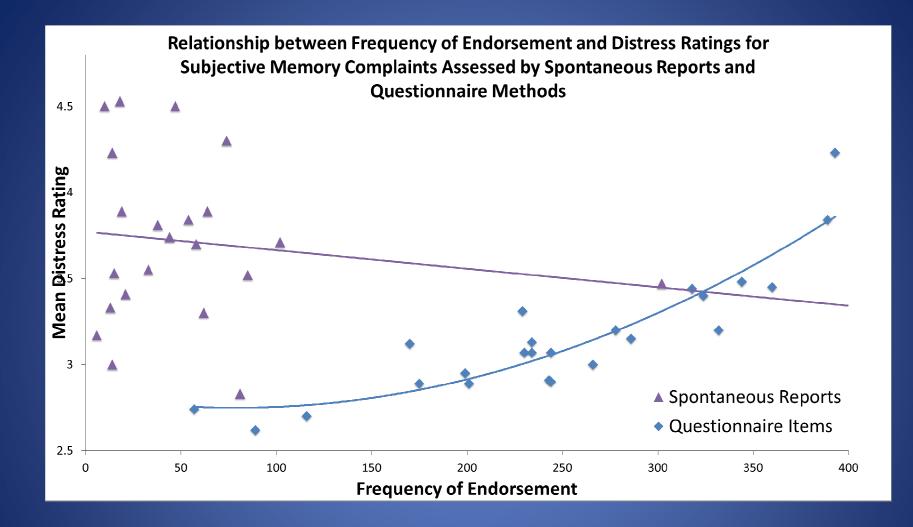
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Study Aims

- Comparison between self report and questionnaire endorsement of EMC's
- Nature and levels of distress associated with self report of EMC's

| | Spontaneous Reports | Questionnaire |
|------------------------|--|---|
| SMCs | What (if any) memory difficulties do you experience in everyday life? | 24 examples of SMCs, e.g., "Trouble remembering the names of people you have met". |
| Associated distress | How much of a problem is for you? (rate on 1-7 Likert scale) | How much of a problem is for you? (rate on 1-7 Likert scale) |





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The Memory Survey What people forget

- Whether or not they've done something
- Where they've put things
- What they were doing
- Telephone numbers & facts
- What they've been told, seen or read
- How to do/operate things
- Not recognising people

Bottom Line

• Feedback

Acceptance & Awareness

- Attend
- Allow time
- Organise, plan & simplify to assist learning
- Compensate
- Don't stress
- Stay active mentally and physically
- Eat well

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