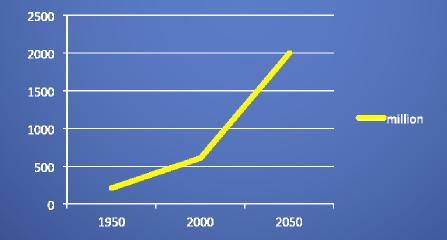
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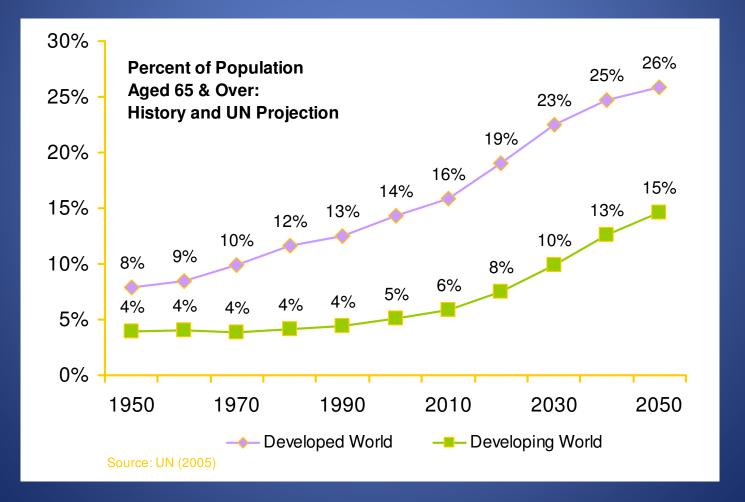


#### Demographics

 Population of older individuals (60+) rose from 205 million in 1950 to 606 million in 2000 (UN, 2002).
 Projected to reach the 2 billion mark by 2050.



#### Demographics WHO Trends in Global Ageing





## Demographics Population % over 65 years

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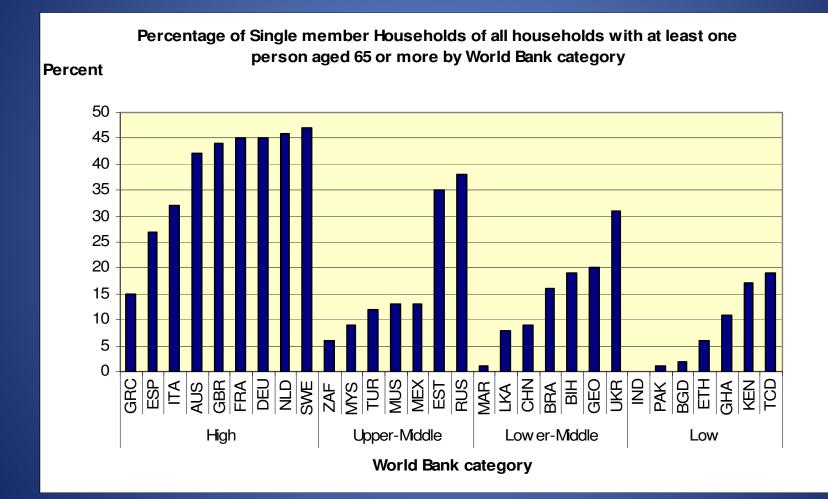
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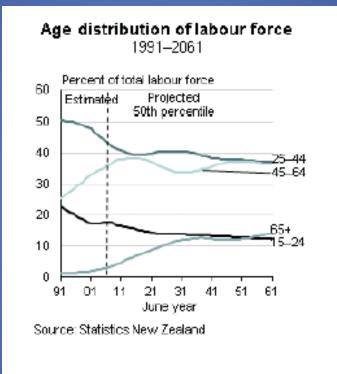
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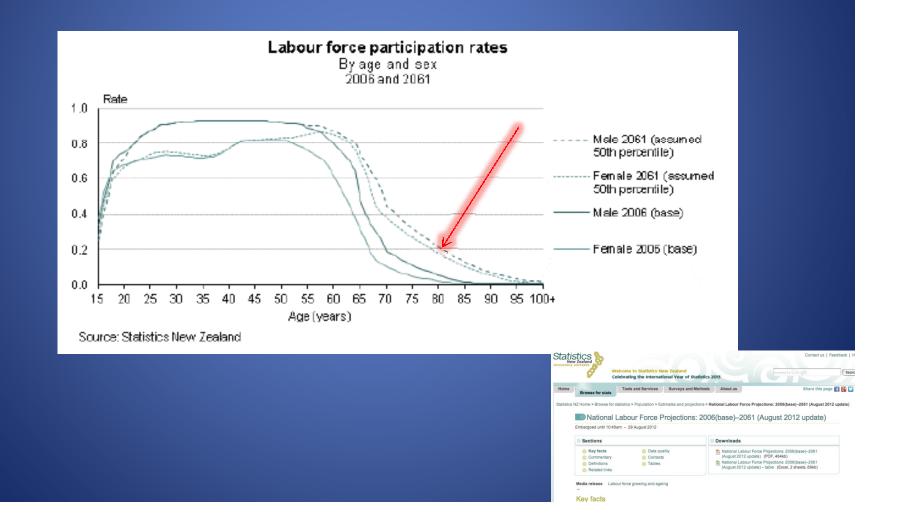


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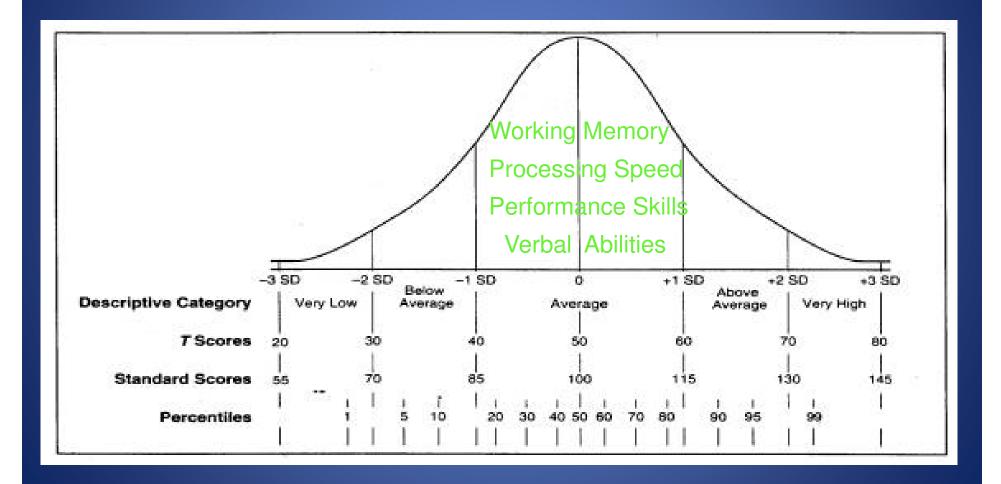
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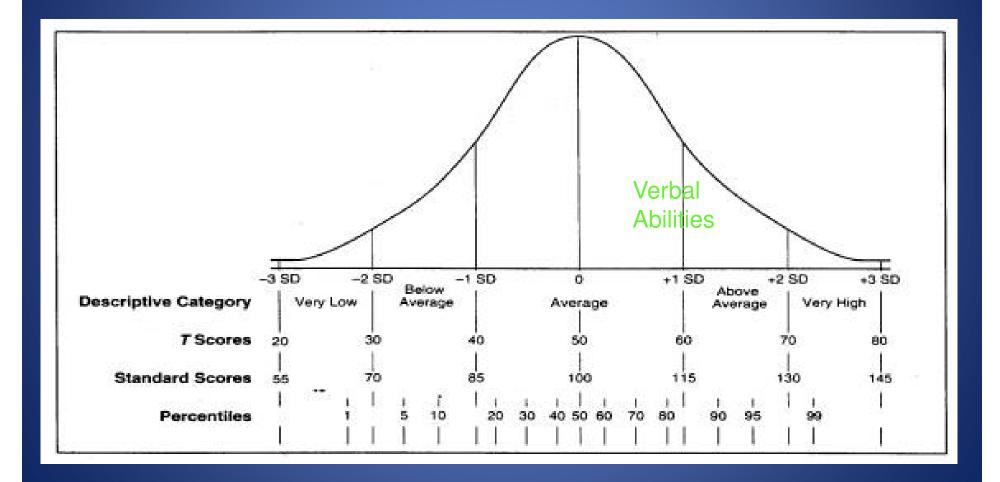


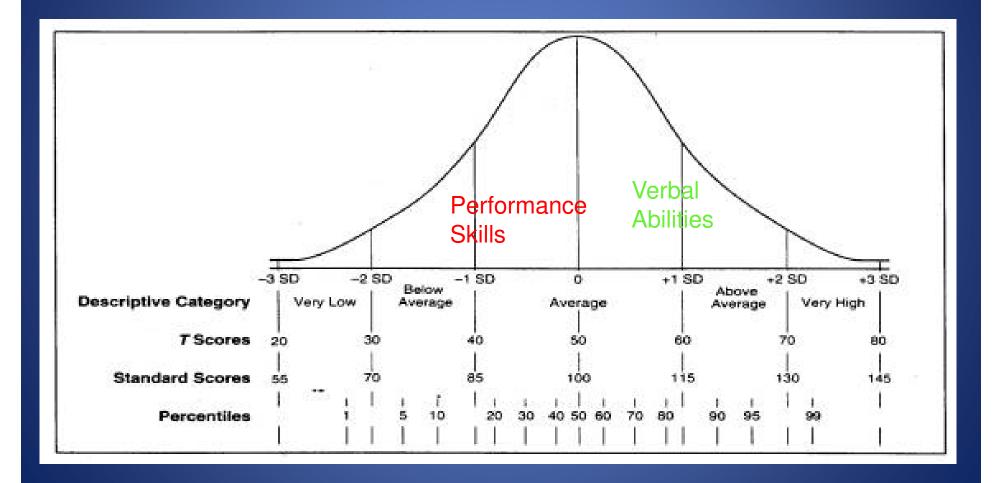
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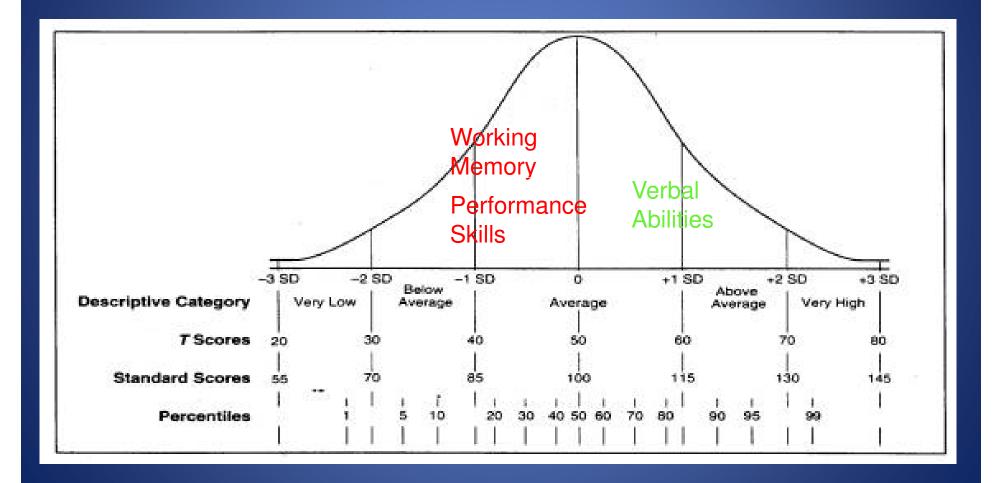


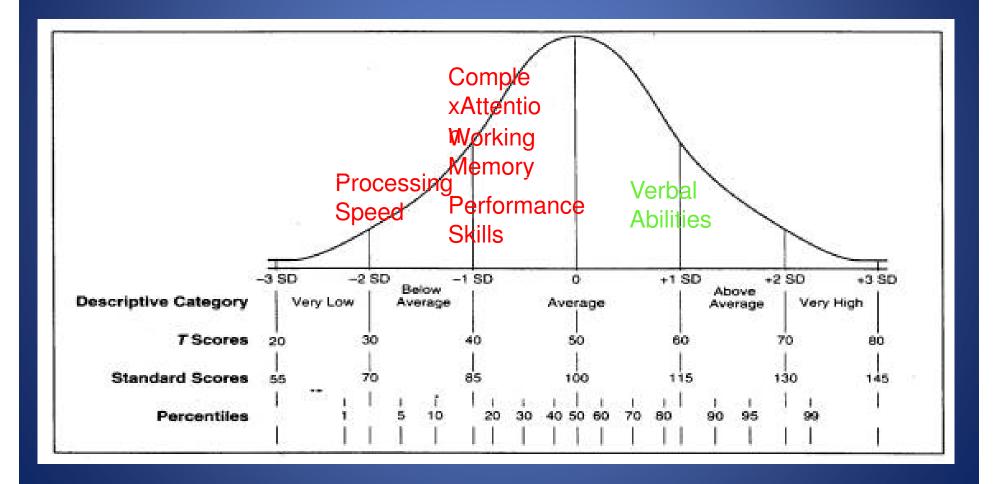
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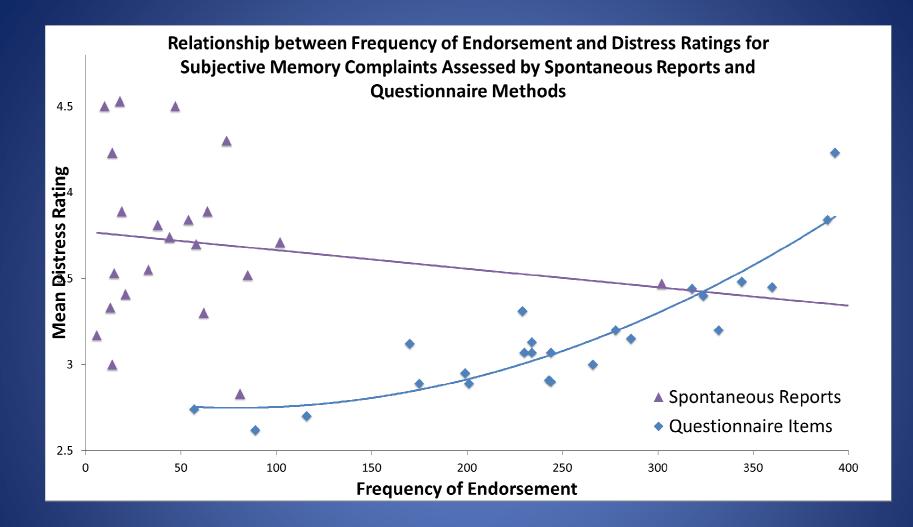
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#### Study Aims

- 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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