



the 1990s, the number of people in the UK who are aged 65 and over has increased from 10.5 million to 13.5 million, and the number of people aged 75 and over has increased from 4.5 million to 6.5 million (Office for National Statistics 2002).

There are a number of reasons why the number of people aged 65 and over has increased. One reason is that people are living longer. The life expectancy at birth in the UK has increased from 72 years in 1950 to 78 years in 2000 (Office for National Statistics 2002). Another reason is that people are having children later in life. The average age of women when they have their first child has increased from 24 years in 1950 to 28 years in 2000 (Office for National Statistics 2002).

The increase in the number of people aged 65 and over has led to a number of changes in the way that society is organised. One change is that there is now a larger proportion of people who are retired. This has led to a need for more retirement homes and care homes. Another change is that there is now a larger proportion of people who are living alone. This has led to a need for more social services and support groups.

The increase in the number of people aged 65 and over has also led to a number of changes in the way that the economy is organised. One change is that there is now a larger proportion of people who are working in the service sector. This has led to a need for more service jobs. Another change is that there is now a larger proportion of people who are working in the public sector. This has led to a need for more public services.

The increase in the number of people aged 65 and over has also led to a number of changes in the way that the government is organised. One change is that there is now a larger proportion of people who are voting in general elections. This has led to a need for more political parties and candidates. Another change is that there is now a larger proportion of people who are interested in politics. This has led to a need for more political education and information.

The increase in the number of people aged 65 and over has also led to a number of changes in the way that the media is organised. One change is that there is now a larger proportion of people who are watching television. This has led to a need for more television channels and programmes. Another change is that there is now a larger proportion of people who are reading newspapers. This has led to a need for more newspapers and magazines.

The increase in the number of people aged 65 and over has also led to a number of changes in the way that the culture is organised. One change is that there is now a larger proportion of people who are interested in the arts. This has led to a need for more art galleries and museums. Another change is that there is now a larger proportion of people who are interested in sports. This has led to a need for more sports facilities and events.

The increase in the number of people aged 65 and over has also led to a number of changes in the way that the environment is organised. One change is that there is now a larger proportion of people who are interested in the environment. This has led to a need for more environmental protection and conservation. Another change is that there is now a larger proportion of people who are interested in the outdoors. This has led to a need for more outdoor recreation areas and facilities.