

Pension coverage and benefits in Ghana

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"The twin objectives of pension systems are to reach all older persons in need and to do so at an appropriate monetary level of benefit provision" (ILO, 2018)

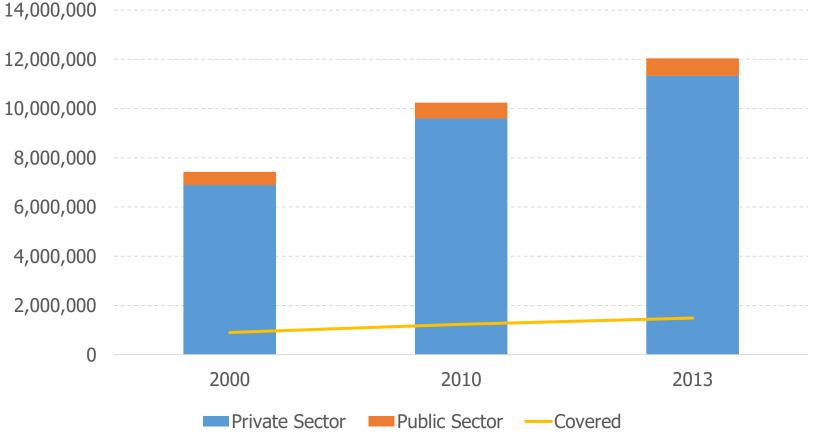


Coverage of the Employed Population



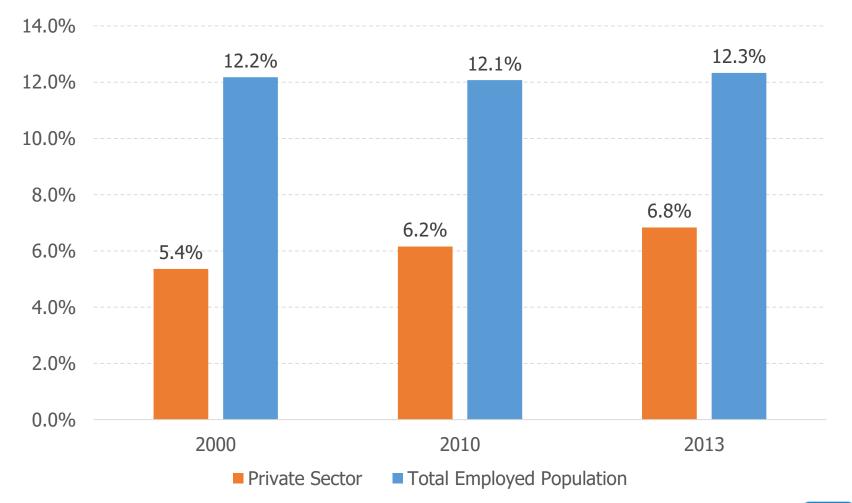
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Employed population versus those actively contributing to, or covered by, a pension scheme



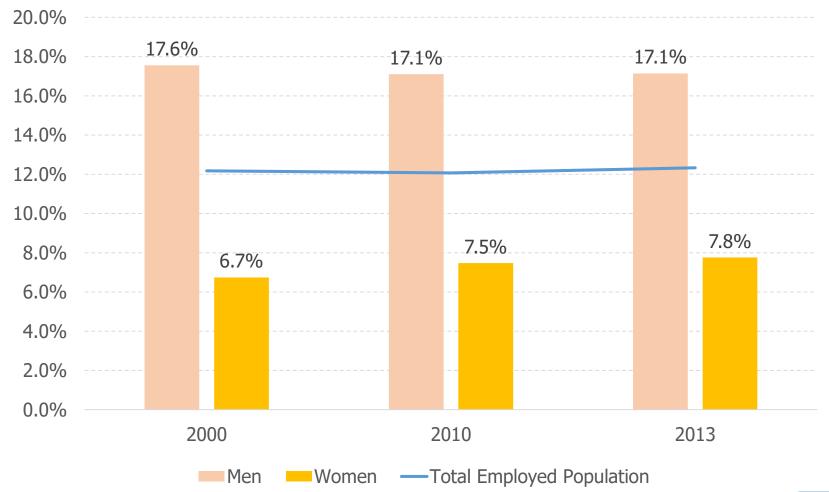


What percentage of working people are covered by a pension scheme?



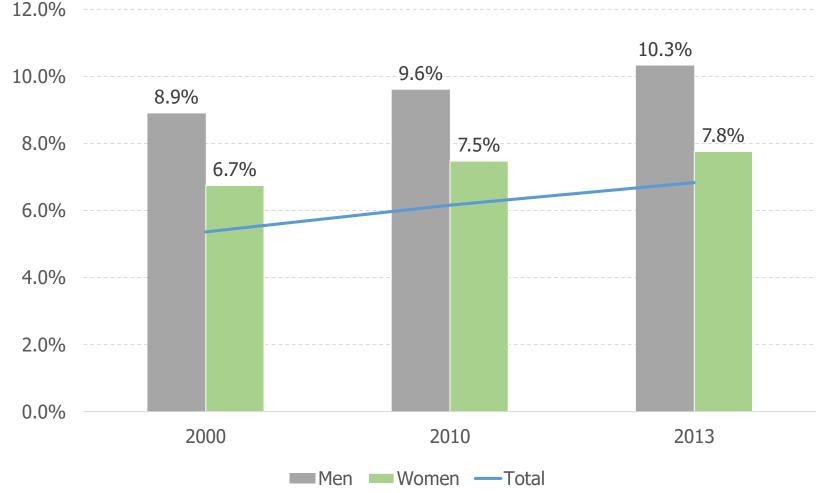


What percentage of working men and women are covered by a pension scheme?





What percentage of working men and women in the private sector are covered by a pension scheme?

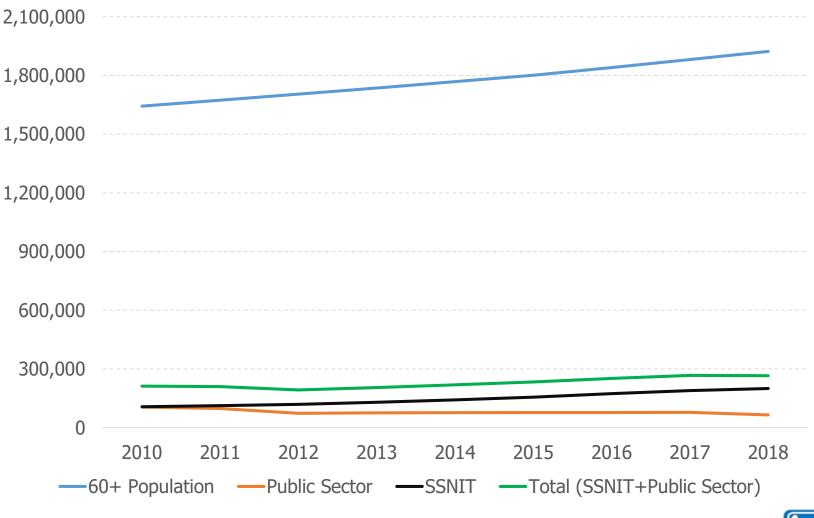




Coverage of the Retirement Population

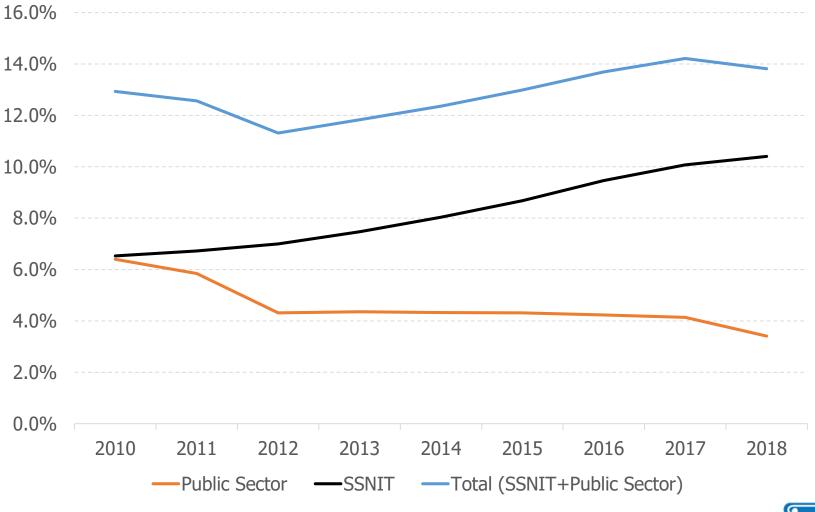


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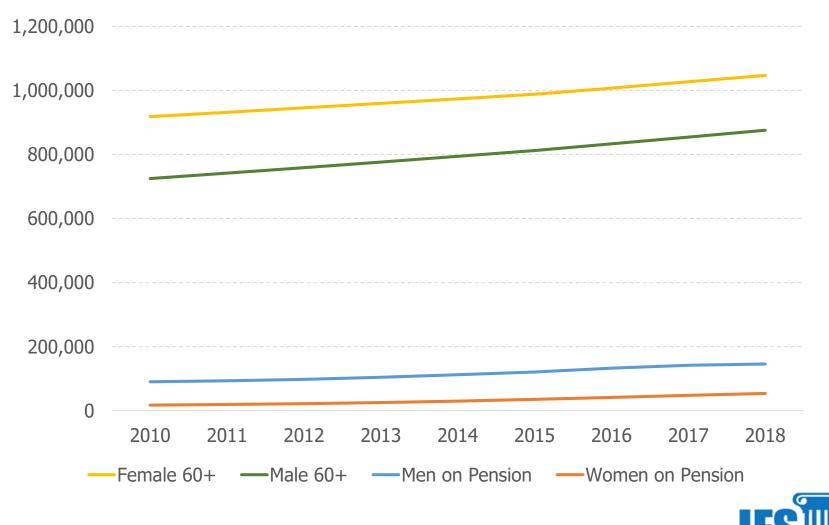
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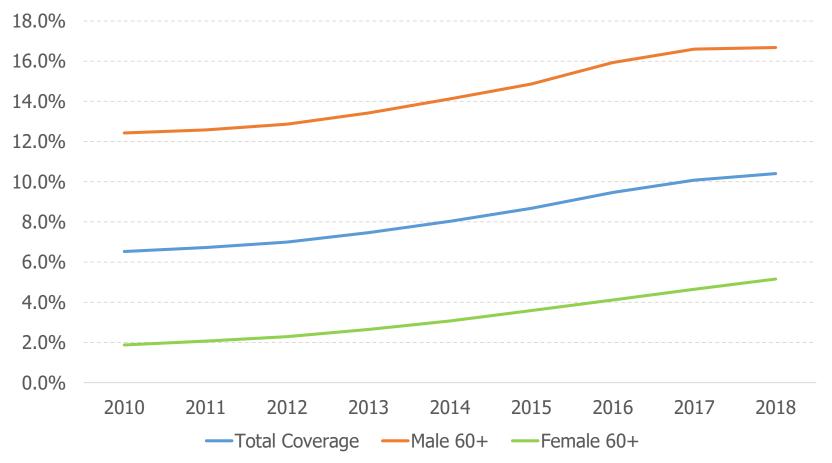
SSNIT pensioners versus elderly population



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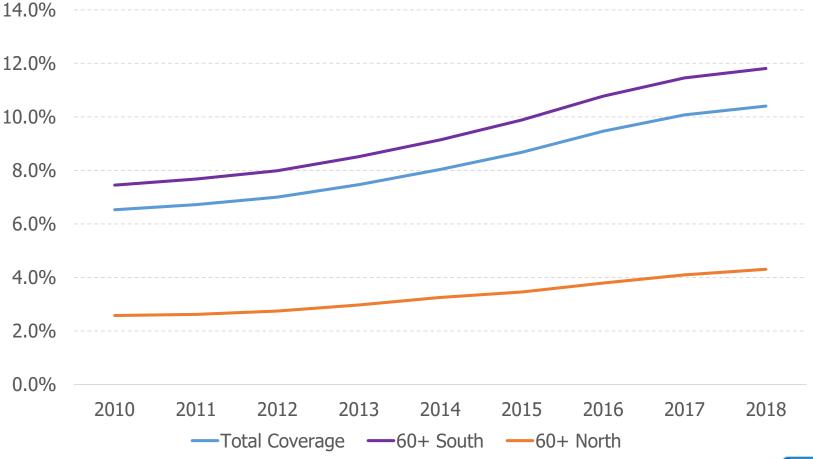
SSNIT scheme coverage of elderly population





Pension coverage in southern and northern Ghana

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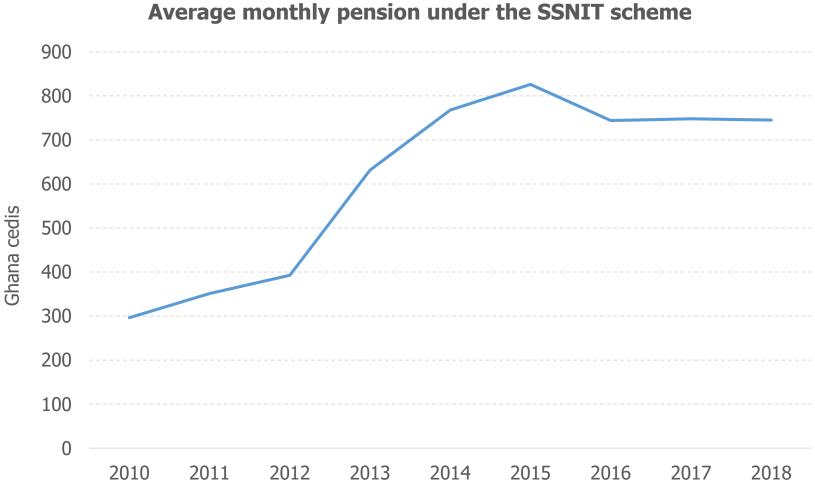




Benefits: Pensions under the SSNIT Scheme



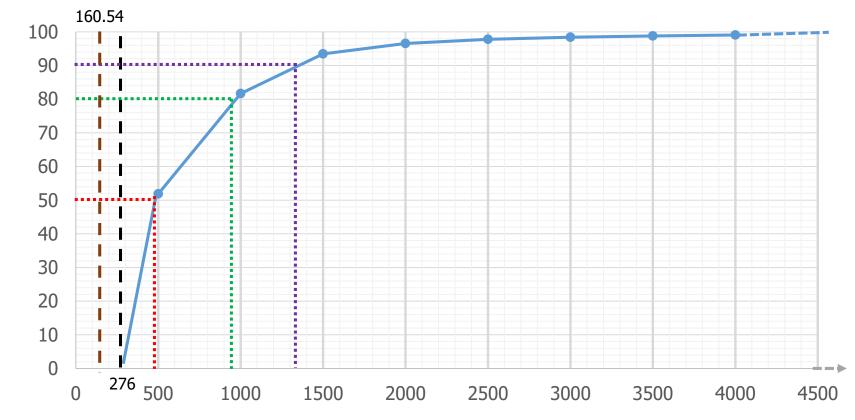
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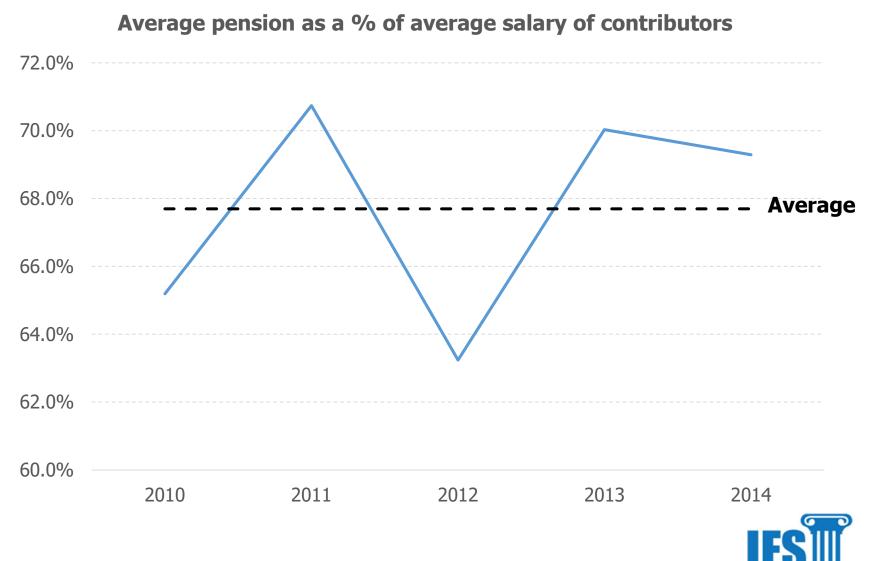
Monthly pensions under the SSNIT scheme, 2018



Monthly pension (GHc)



Comparing average pensions with average salaries



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Issues and Insights

Low coverage

- Of the working population
- Of the retirement (60+) population
- Inequalities in coverage
 - Between men and women
 - Between north and south
- Low pensions
- Low (pensionable) incomes

