

# NIOSH National Center for Productive Aging and Work

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## What are our priorities?

The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) National Center for Productive Aging and Work (NCPAW) works with partners in industry, labor, trade associations, professional organizations, and academia. NCPAW seeks to advance the safety, health, and well-being of an aging workforce.

## What do we do?

- Conduct research in the areas of:
  - Health effects and mechanisms of aging,
  - Evidenced-based practices and interventions, and
  - Use and improvement of surveillance methods.
- Use research findings to develop a broad range of products (e.g. workplace solutions, videos, infographics) for workers, organizations, and sectors where aging issues are important.
- Build and foster partnerships with a range of outside stakeholders, including academia, government, non-governmental organizations, labor, professional organizations, and industry.
- Engage in communication and outreach efforts with outside partners to enhance the impact of NCPAW research and products.

## What have we accomplished?

- Launched new NCPAW webpage with expanded and updated information on the Center’s mission, productive aging, tools and resources related to the aging workforce, current NIOSH research on aging workers, and statistics.
- Implemented a three-phase promotional outreach campaign that targeted other NIOSH programs and outside audiences. The campaign successfully increased exposure and awareness of the NCPAW webpage, which received 3718 page views and 2778 visits, a five-fold traffic increase from the older version over a three month period.
- Gave a presentation describing NCPAW and productive aging at a scientific conference in Ireland, and four presentations to other NIOSH programs.
- Raised awareness of the concept of productive aging in occupational safety and health (OSH) media. 15 news features on the NCPAW launch were published in online OSH publications.

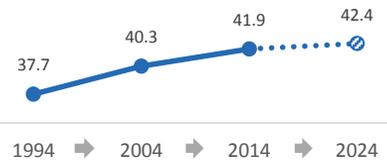
## What’s next?

- Publish detailed research goals on surveillance, health effects and mechanisms of aging, and evidenced-based practices and interventions on the NCPAW website.
- Host a webinar on the concept of productive aging in order to increase awareness of NCPAW among stakeholders and establish relationships with them.
- Develop and publish fact sheets and/or workplace solution documents on designing age-friendly workplaces. Possible topics include preventing slips, trips, and falls in an aging workforce; job design for an aging work-force, and designing training programs for older workers.
- Identify topics for aging-related training programs and curricula to benefit older workers and their employers.
- Identify and analyze publicly available datasets (Health Retirement Study (HRS), National Health Interview Survey (NHIS)) to better understand emerging trends in the health and occupational safety of aging workers

## At-A-Glance

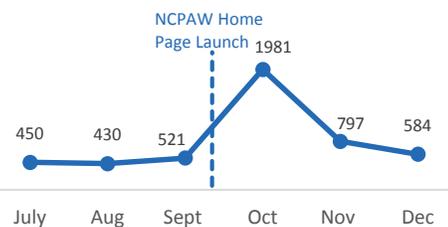
The National Center for Productive Aging and Work (NCPAW) seeks to advance lifelong well-being for workers of all ages and supports productive aging across the working life. NCPAW is hosted by the NIOSH Office for Total Worker Health®. This snapshot shows recent accomplishments and upcoming work.

Median age of U.S. labor force



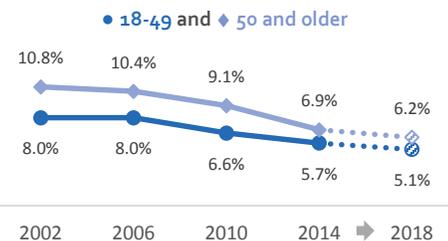
Source: Employment Projections program, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Visits to NIOSH aging webpages 2015



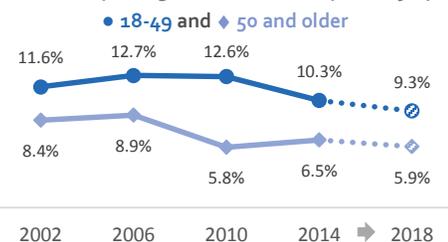
Source: NIOSH program records

Percent reporting workplace age discrimination



Source: NIOSH Quality of Worklife Questionnaire

Percent reporting at least one workplace injury:



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