

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, academia, and other government agencies. 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, and infographics) for workers, organizations, and sectors where aging issues are important.
- Build and foster partnerships with a range of outside stakeholders, including industry, labor, trade associations, professional organizations, academia, and other government agencies.
- Engage in communication and outreach efforts with outside partners to enhance the impact of NCPAW research and products.

What have we accomplished?

- Conducted third annual installment of the Productive Aging and Work Webinar Series titled [Overlapping Vulnerabilities in the Aging Workforce](#). The webinar had 197 attendees.
- Published book chapters "Advancing Age-Friendly Workplaces Through the NIOSH National Center for Productive Aging and Work" in the *Handbook of Rehabilitation in Older Adults*; "Productive Aging and Work" in the edited volume *Total Worker Health*; and "Designing Age-Friendly Workplaces: An Occupational Health Perspective" in the edited volume *Current and Emerging Trends in Aging and Work*.
- Published "Aging Workforce Issues in Small Businesses: Preliminary Findings" in the [Understanding Small Enterprises: Proceedings from the 2017 Conference](#).
- Partnered with CDC/ATSDR-sponsored undergraduate capstone project at Georgia Tech School of Engineering to develop proof of concept of a shoulder motion capture system that monitors exposure to overhead work.
- Promoted productive aging and work and creating age-friendly workplaces through eight presentations, workshops, and/or webinars, to professional and scientific organizations, scientific conferences, and professional organizations.

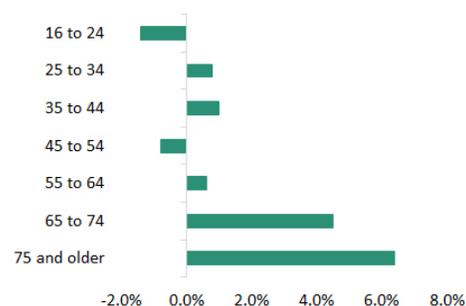
What's next?

- Conduct focus groups about aging retail workers' experience with musculoskeletal disorders and trips, slips, and falls as part of new four-year project intended to produce new safety and health educational materials for retail sector workers and other stakeholders.
- Collaborate with Georgia Tech Graduate School of Engineering in developing and testing an advanced prototype of a shoulder motion capture system that monitors exposures to overhead work.
- Present key findings of the NCPAW aging workforce needs assessment at the 2019 Work, Stress and Health Conference.
- Publish fact sheets about preventing work disability in the aging workforce and cognitive functioning in older workers.

At-A-Glance

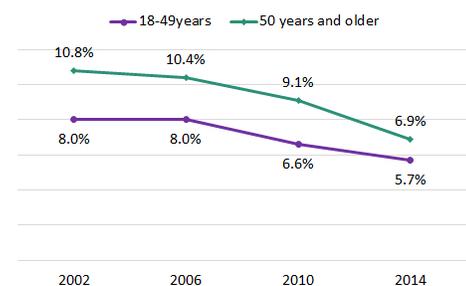
The National Center for Productive Aging and Work (NCPAW) seeks to advance lifelong well-being for workers of all ages and supports productive aging across the working life. NCPAW is hosted by the NIOSH Office for Total Worker Health®. This snapshot shows recent accomplishments and upcoming work.

Annual growth rate in labor force by age, projected 2014-24 (percent)



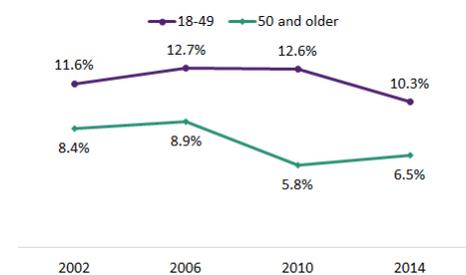
Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

Percent of U.S. workers reporting workplace age discrimination in age groups:



Data Source: NIOSH Quality of Worklife Questionnaire

Percent of U.S. workers reporting at least one workplace injury in age groups:



Data source: NIOSH Quality of Worklife Questionnaire