Beijing may become a 'super-aged society' by 2035 – one in three residents aged 60 or above

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News

According to the official Beijing Daily (18 Oct 2026), by 2035 more than one-third (over 33%) of Beijing's population will be aged 60 or above, making the city a 'super-aged society'. At the end of 2025 Beijing had 5.288 million permanent residents aged 60+ (24.3%). The city will add 30,000 home-based elderly-care beds over the next three years and has raised the basic pension.

Key facts

Source	Beijing Daily (18 Oct 2026); quoted by Global Times, Reuters
Beijing 60+	End-2025: 5.288 million (24.3%) → 2035: over 33%
China 60+	End-2025: 323.38 million (23%); population falling since 2022
China's yardstick (60+)	Ageing ≥10%, aged ≥20%, super-aged ≥30%
International yardstick (65+)	Ageing >7%, aged >14%, super-aged >20%
Japan	65+ share 29.6% (Sept 2026) – highest among major nations

Background

- China's population policy: the one-child policy (from 1980) was dropped at the end of 2015; a universal two-child policy from 1 Jan 2016; a three-child policy announced in May 2021. Fertility is

about 1.0–1.2 against the replacement level of 2.1.

- Retirement age raised: approved by China's NPC Standing Committee in Sept 2024; phased over 15 years from 1 Jan 2025 – men 60→63, women 50→55 / 55→58.
- Geography/administration: Beijing – China's capital; a municipality directly under the central government, like Shanghai, Tianjin and Chongqing.
- India: 'India Ageing Report 2023' (UNFPA + International Institute for Population Sciences, IIPS, Mumbai) – 60+ share 10.5% in 2022 → 20.8% in 2050 (347 million). LASI (Longitudinal Ageing Study in India) Wave 1 was conducted by IIPS in 2017–18. Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007 – Maintenance Tribunals. International Day of Older Persons – 1 Oct (UNGA resolution, 1990).

Tamil Nadu link: As per the Sample Registration System (SRS) Statistical Report 2023, Kerala (15.1%) leads in the share of people aged 60+, Tamil Nadu (14%) is second and Himachal Pradesh (13.2%) third; national average 9.7%.

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