

# Supercentenarians Landscape Overview

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# Foreword

Why do supercentenarians (oldest humans, aged 110+) live so long, with many maintaining their mobility, remaining active and enjoying life well past their 100th birthdays?

Understanding supercentenarians and their underlying biology is one useful step to creating and using therapies and other methods to prevent the diseases of aging, and improve healthspan (healthy years of life) and lifespan thereby solving some of the world's pressing problems.

If you share our enthusiasm for the future of age management medicine, the following first-of-its-kind report created by the Aging Analytics Agency, with content by Robert Young of the Gerontology Research Group (GRG) and the GRG team, will surely be of great interest to you.

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**and the Importance of Age**  
**Validation**



# Preface: How Long Can Humans Live and the Importance of Age Validation

It is a natural human desire to seek a longer and healthier life. Some even seek to live forever, and many religions promise “everlasting life”. Critics say that such claims are impossible, or at least unprovable. For those interested in the scientific approach, however, there is evidence that increased healthspan (healthy years), and increased lifespan, maybe attainable goals through scientific methods.

Firstly, we must be able to define how long humans live “before life extension” in order to determine if science is making progress towards healthspan and life extension. That has not been an easy task, due to the traditions of Longevity mythology, which are near-universal across most world cultures. As untrue but exorbitant age claims far exceed the actual maximum attainable ages, currently estimated in the range of 125 years, we must first develop methodologies that are able to separate false from real extreme age claims.

Such an approach is useful to create actuarial life insurance tables and estimate future pension and social security obligations. It also is helpful to determine the current biological potential for the maximum human lifespan and extract patterns why some people live longer than others.

The process to separate extreme Longevity data into verified and unverified data pools is called validation. The current age validation theory was developed in the 1870s by William Thoms: as he was studying folk tales, he noticed that many of the extreme ages claimed by impoverished, illiterate or semi-literate persons in the UK often far exceeded the actual ages reached in real life insurance policies. When he began his investigation of this phenomenon that the poor apparently outliving the wealthy, then the oldest age recorded in a life insurance policy of the wealthy only was 97 years. Thoms went on to investigate many age claims to ages 100+ and published his research journey and methods in the book *Human Longevity: Its Factions and Its Fictions* (1873). Thoms made the astute observation that in not one case where persons claimed to be 110+ was possible for him to verify the claim.

Several tests were devised, including the 100th birthday test (check to see if the person had claimed to be age 100 at the proper time in relation to the extreme age claim), checking for vital records such as birth, marriage, and death, and comparing the person within the context of their family tree. All this work resulted in the concept of age validation, which proved remarkably effective: any claims older than 103 could be verified. It turned out that the poor were NOT living longer; rather, the poor were more likely to be illiterate and exaggerate their age.

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William Thoms research was primarily limited to those persons with life insurance policies, not a whole-population sample, which may have yielded valid ages higher than 103. But it was a great foundational start to age validation. Thoms research, who died in 1882, was quickly taken up by Thomas Emley Young, who became the president of the Institute of Actuaries, London. Young instituted the very first attempt to track extreme Longevity via the concept of monitoring validated ages to 100+ by way of “age in years and days”. In 1898 Young verified that Margaret Ann Neve, then 106, of the Channel Islands, was a validated case. Ms. Neve went on to become the first person validated in real-time to reach age 110 in 1902. Also, it was verified that a Dutchman, Geert Boomgaard, had reached age 110 in 1898, but his age was verified through documentation much later.

The idea of verifying a few “case examples” continued with Alexander Graham Bell, better-known for developing the telephone. Many people today are not aware that over a century ago, Alexander Graham Bell of Canada was noted for his study of centenarians, even opening a sort of “centenarian institute”, and was featured in National Geographic Magazine along with Ann Pouder, then thought to be 110 (recent research suggests she could have been 109 instead).

The 1920s saw several more “likely-true” supercentenarian cases, including Louisa Thiers of the USA (said to be 111), Delina Filkinsof the USA (verified to be 113), and Miriam Bannister (aged 111). A time after WWI, the 1920s were generally a prosperous era. So it’s not a surprise to see some extreme but valid ages emerge: people were living longer in better conditions than before. Yet this period was followed by the 1930s (the Great Depression) and then the 1940s (World War II) which saw great losses of human lives on the order of tens of millions.

Only after WWII did the advent of the 1950s, a decade of relative world stability, the interest in extreme human Longevity returned. Indeed, the start of Guinness World Records in 1955 began with Betsy Baker (UK-USA), aged 113. The concept of extreme Longevity as a “world record” moved the subject of supercentenarians beyond the study of the actuaries and demographers and brought it to the attention of the general public. In the USA, the 1950s also saw commemorations of “last Civil War veterans”. Unfortunately, the oldest “veterans” were either false or exaggerated. Walter Williams claimed to be “117” but was 105; John Salling claimed to be “113” but was 101; Albert Woolson claimed to be “109” but was 106.

The 1960s was another decade with a lot of media coverage of extreme Longevity. In the USA, alleged “ex-slaves” were often popping up in the news with claims to ages 120+. Meanwhile, other countries such as Russia had their own claims to extreme Longevity. This continued to build until the early 1970s when the myths of Longevity met scientific scrutiny.

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Faced with claims to ages 130+ from places such as the Caucasus (Russia, Georgia, Azerbaijan, Armenia), Vilcabamba (Ecuador), and Hunza Valley (Pakistan), scientists such as Alexander Leaf began to question these age claims. Going back to the actuarial approach, scientific research in the 1970s helped to debunk these Longevity myths, including in the Caucasus (1974), Vilcabamba (1979), and even the USA (1979). Of particular note, the Vilcabamba study reduced the age of the oldest person in Vilcabamba Valley from 142 to 96. Charlie Smith of the USA, said to be 137, was actually 100 years old. No claim to older than 113+ could then be validated.

A new era began with the Shigechiyo Izumi case. Recognized by Guinness World Records as the “oldest living man” in 1978, based on Japan’s koseki birth registration system, his case saw a new media focus in the early 1980s on “authenticated” ages, rather than unvalidated cases. However, there were still issues. When Izumi died in 1986, age “120” on paper, rumors that he might not have been the age claimed resurfaced. In 1987, Japanese researchers debunked this case, saying that he was using the birth registration of an older brother of the same name and was only age 105. But this report was only in the Japan press and did not reach international circulation until the advent of the internet. In 2010, Guinness World Records pulled support for this case, as those who had applied for Guinness recognition chose not to defend it.

That said, even if a case like this turned out to be erroneous, the search process for identifying the “oldest living person” was starting to re-implement the ideas of William Thoms from a century-plus earlier. Researcher E. Ross Eckler, Jr. helped establish that Delina Filkins had legitimately reached age 113 in 1928. The search was on to find someone age 114+. And that search did not last long: in 1987, Anna Eliza Williams of the UK turned 114, followed closely by Florence Knapp of the USA. Both were well-validated cases and have withstood the test of time. Since these cases, nearly all Guinness-recognized titleholders have retained their titles. The process was improving, the risk of a false positive case was receding.

Then the Jeanne Calment era began. Jeanne Calment was first recognized by Guinness World Records as the “oldest living person” in August 1988, retroactive to January 11, 1988 (the death of Florence Knapp). Noted in 1988 for the centenary of the visit of noted painter Van Gogh to the town of Arles in southern France, Jeanne said that she sold colored pencils to Van Gogh when she was 13, in 1888. A century later, Jeanne was still living. But she didn’t stop at age 113. Jeanne reached age 120 in 1995 and later passed the Izumi case, then thought to be the record, in October 1995. Jeanne would live two more years, reaching age 122 years, 164 days on her day of death, August 4, 1997.

The Jeanne Calment case inspired a new era in age validation efforts. The GRG, which began in 1990 to study gerontology and potential ways to slow and ultimately reverse the effects of aging in humans, began tracking supercentenarians in 1997.



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Dr. Coles wanted to follow up on the death of Jeanne Calment, 122, by attempting to locate new candidates for the world's oldest person and to track supercentenarians. While Guinness World Records located Marie-Louise Meilleur, then 116, as the new titleholder, the interest for the GRG to track this was spurred. Following the death of Guinness titleholder Sarah Knauss, 119, in 1999, Guinness World Records asked the GRG to become their consultant for the world's oldest living person in March 2000 (the GRG had already brought on board Louis Epstein, who independently tracked oldest living persons at [www.recordholders.org](http://www.recordholders.org), a Guinness World Records fan club, since 1991). The GRG's first case, Marie Bremont of France, 114, was accepted upon the death of Eva Morris, 114, of the UK in November 2000.

Meanwhile, other efforts at the age verification of supercentenarians were underway in Europe. Dr. James Vaupel founded the Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research in Rostock, Germany in 1996. The first international seminar on supercentenarians began there in 2000, bringing together experts in the field from places such as the GRG, European institutions such as INSERM, the US Social Security Administration, and the like. The International Database on Longevity began in France in 2002 with Jean-Marie Robine, chief validator of the Jeanne Calment case. Long just something for individual case validation, supercentenarian research efforts in the new age of the internet had begun to assemble supercentenarian data on a new scale: the supercentenarian database, a term to describe supercentenarian validation efforts on a population scale.

The results of the GRG and IDL supercentenarian databases quickly produced similar conclusions in several key topic areas:

- 1. The data established the gender ratio at age 110 of 90% female, 10% male.**
- 2. The data showed that the annual human mortality rate at age 110 was close to .5 (rising closer to .67 or higher by age 114-117).**
- 3. The data agreed with extreme value theory calculations which generally put the maximum calculated human lifespan in the range of age 123-128.**
- 4. The data showed that, contrary to prior hypotheses, humans did not live long in special mountainous regions or valleys but that the maximum human lifespan was primarily controlled by factors such as population size and life expectancy, with a small portion attributed to climate (in particular, cool, wet weather led to lower maximum ages observed, whereas warmer, sunnier climates tended to produce older maximum ages).**
- 5. The average of the world's oldest living person has been about 115 for the past 20 years or so, plus or minus one.**

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While these basic patterns emerged from a whole-population data analysis of supercentenarians, research plans extend beyond age validation. Both the GRG and the Supercentenarian Research Foundation, founded in 2004, began the biosampling of supercentenarians for a study. While individual supercentenarian autopsies had been performed in the 1990s in Japan and the USA, Dr. Coles's autopsy study of supercentenarians and amyloidosis in 2012 became the first scientific study on supercentenarians as a biological test group. Other studies followed from other groups such as the New England Supercentenarian Study, involving searching for genetic factors associated with supercentenarianism.

The search is just underway. Proper funding in this area could soon see one of the greatest breakthroughs in human history: scientifically-documented human life extension. But until then, the current record for the oldest validated person in human history remains that of Jeanne Calment, who is documented to have reached age 122 in 1997 in France.

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# Executive Summary



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Throughout history, at least since the time of settled agricultural communities, there have always been human beings who have lived well beyond normal life expectancy, these 'supercentenarians' who lived past 110 years of age. What did not exist was a codified system of tracking and verifying these claims and separating fact from human error and false claims.

For much of human history and prehistory, stories of elders living exceptionally long-lived lives (110+ years) have permeated throughout most human cultures. What was not well understood, however, was how much of these stories were actual fact and how much was Longevity myth.

In the 1870s, William Thoms, who coined the term "folklore" and noticed much of these stories, developed a procedure for checking extreme age claims, called age validation. This system was, for the most part, applied only to individual cases. The first validated supercentenarians emerged in the 1890s, but remained isolated case examples.

In 1990, however, L. Stephen Coles, MD PhD created the Gerontology Research Group (GRG) which for the first time could verify and catalogue these claims as a systematic database. This was as part of the GRG's mission statement to "slow and ultimately reverse age-related decline for more healthy years of life". In order to know whether life extension treatments were effective, the GRG first needed a control group of data to determine how long humans were actually living prior to life extension. The New York Times wrote that the GRG has been recognized as "an authority on the matter" of verifying supercentenarians. The GRG is recognized as an authority on supercentenarians by Guinness World Records. The original chapter of the GRG, the LA-GRG, holds meetings each month but the organization has members worldwide who meet via online forums.



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In 2019 the Ageing Analytics Agency in association with the GRG have compiled this report highlighting some of the amazing personalities and demographics of the world's confirmed supercentenarians. The report also explores historical research of the top 100 living supercentenarians, which the Gerontology Research Group (GRG) and Aging Analytics Agency believe is crucial for the ongoing growth and development of the global Longevity movement.

This report is broken down into three main segments.

- 1 100 longest lived supercentenarian persons of all time
- 2 100 oldest currently living supercentenarian persons
- 3 25 oldest currently living supercentenarian persons who are still professionally or socially active

# Supercentenarians Validation

The Gerontology Research Group (GRG) is a global group of researchers in various fields that verifies and tracks supercentenarians, or people who are at least 110 years old in a list of the verified oldest people. The group also aims to further gerontology research with a goal of reversing or slowing aging.

It was founded in 1990 by [L. Stephen Coles](#) and Stephen M. Kaye after the two met at a conference, according to Coles. The original chapter of the GRG, the LA-GRG, holds meetings each month but the organization has members worldwide who meet via online forums.

A number of competent scientist regularly participate in its forum science discussions which reports and discusses recent research in such topics as cell rejuvenation, stem cell therapies, control of chronic inflammation, aging biomarkers, lifespan enhancement approaches effective in animals, meta-analyses of aging studies, centenarians and supercentenarians, new disease therapies, key proteins related to aging, supplements, anti-aging interventions.

The GRG verifies that people claiming to be supercentenarians are at least 110 years old by validating proof of age documents provided by the claimant or their family. People claiming to be supercentenarians, or their family members, are required to supply documents that prove the claimant's birth date, change of name (if applicable), and date of death (if applicable), along with another piece of official government identification. Researchers from the GRG verify that these documents are true and correct and if they are, the claimant is included in the GRG's official tables of supercentenarians.

The GRG also conducts research on aging by interviewing willing supercentenarians and collecting their blood and DNA samples. The GRG is recognized as an authority on supercentenarians by [Guinness World Records](#) and is often quoted in newspapers. As of September 19, 2019, the GRG recognizes approximately 35 living supercentenarians age 112+.



# Supercentenarians Validation

Historically there have been just over 1,700 validated supercentenarians in total.

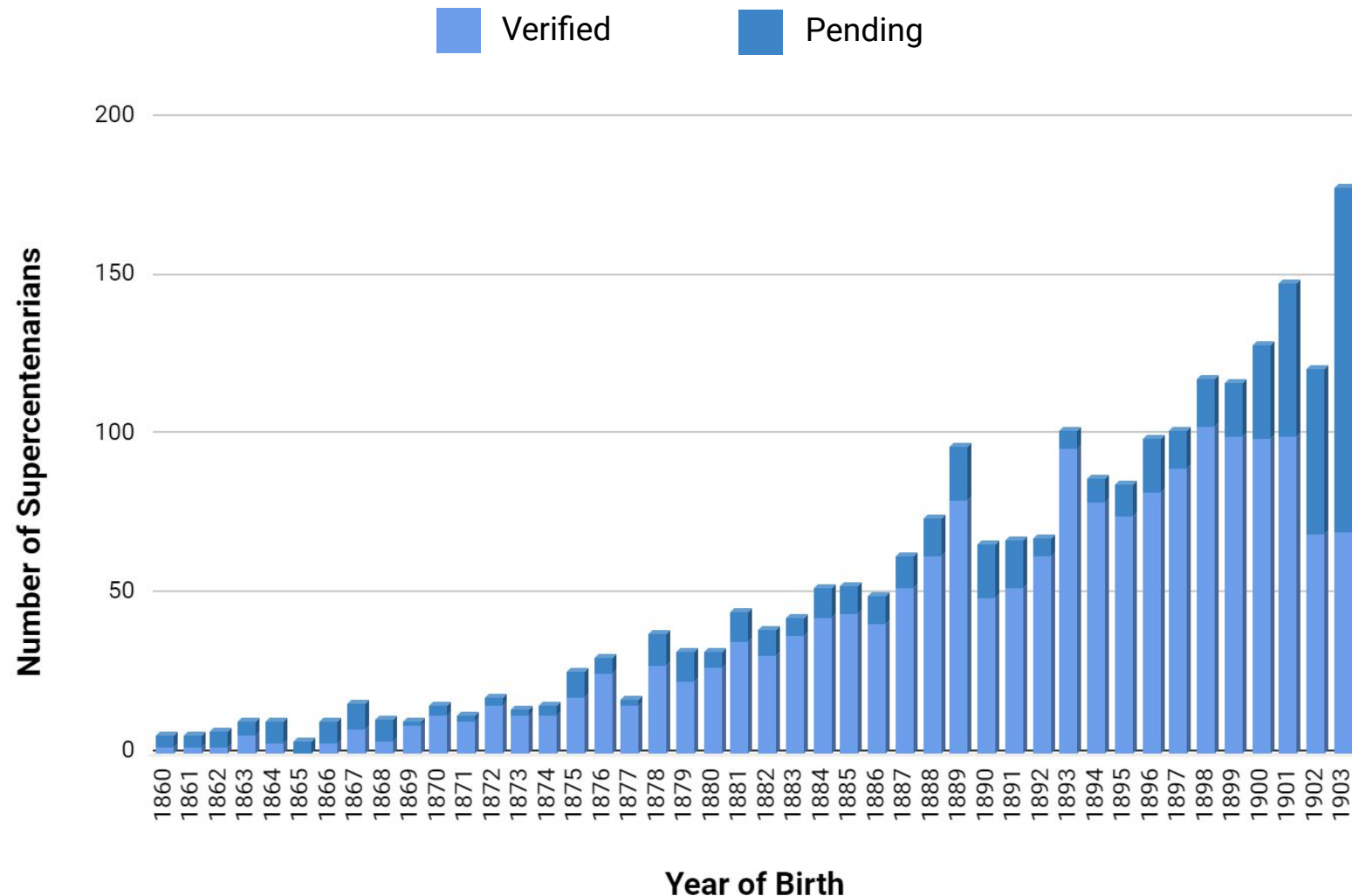
When that number is divided into nation-based demographics, the United States has a significant lead in the overall number of persons living to 110 or older, outpacing the next six nations combined. However, part of that is due to population size as the USA is the world's third-most populous nation and first among nations that had large-scale birth registration 110+ years ago. Per capita, Japan actually does better. When the national demographics are parsed down to an all-time top 100 supercentenarians, the USA still maintains a lead, but at this point not as dominant a one.



Gerontology Research Group Founder Dr. L. Stephen Coles in 2012  
with 112 year old Florida, USA resident Charlotte Flowers

# Numbers of Verified and Pending Supercentenarians

Numbers of Verified and Pending Supercentenarians by Year of Birth



**This graph shows a greater proportion of supercentenarians being verified as we get closer to the modern era. Pending cases are under review and may be verified in the future.**

# Gender Discrepancy Between Supercentenarians

Across all continents, it is clear the gender distribution of supercentenarians tilts heavily towards females, typically by a factor of 10. Even when the overall numbers are low – as is the case in Africa and Australia – the disparity remains. The global total is 1:10 towards women, and the trend cuts across cultures and disparate environmental factors. Even within the Supercentenarian group, those at the highest end tend to be exclusively women.

The discrepancy has informed the popular culture and mainstream media, with many outlets wondering aloud what the cause could be, although this has typically been from anecdotal evidence. While there is a universe of possible causes and correlations, the data alone solves many questions about differences between

- **Climate**
- **Culture**
- **Genetics**
- **Other environmental factors**

It should be noted, however, that the majority of the data has been pulled from the 20th century which means that generations of men across the globe were affected by some of the largest and most traumatic conflicts in human history which may skew the data. As the population of supercentenarians increases worldwide in a general sense and improved healthcare and nutrition play their part, we may witness some interesting shifts due to these outside circumstances.

Some researchers argue that the cause may have more to do with a regenerative decline between men and women, which would point to a biological cause. Adult stem cells are regulated in a sexually dimorphic manner (like flashy peacock feathers, for example), and they respond to sex hormones. This line of research could open up new explanations for how the sex hormones estrogen and testosterone may specifically modify lifespan. Moreover, there might be a difference in telomere length between males and females: these little caps at the ends of chromosomes help to signify the lifespans of cells. Further research is needed in order to understand how genetics might have an impact on stem cell aging in males and females and at the very least.

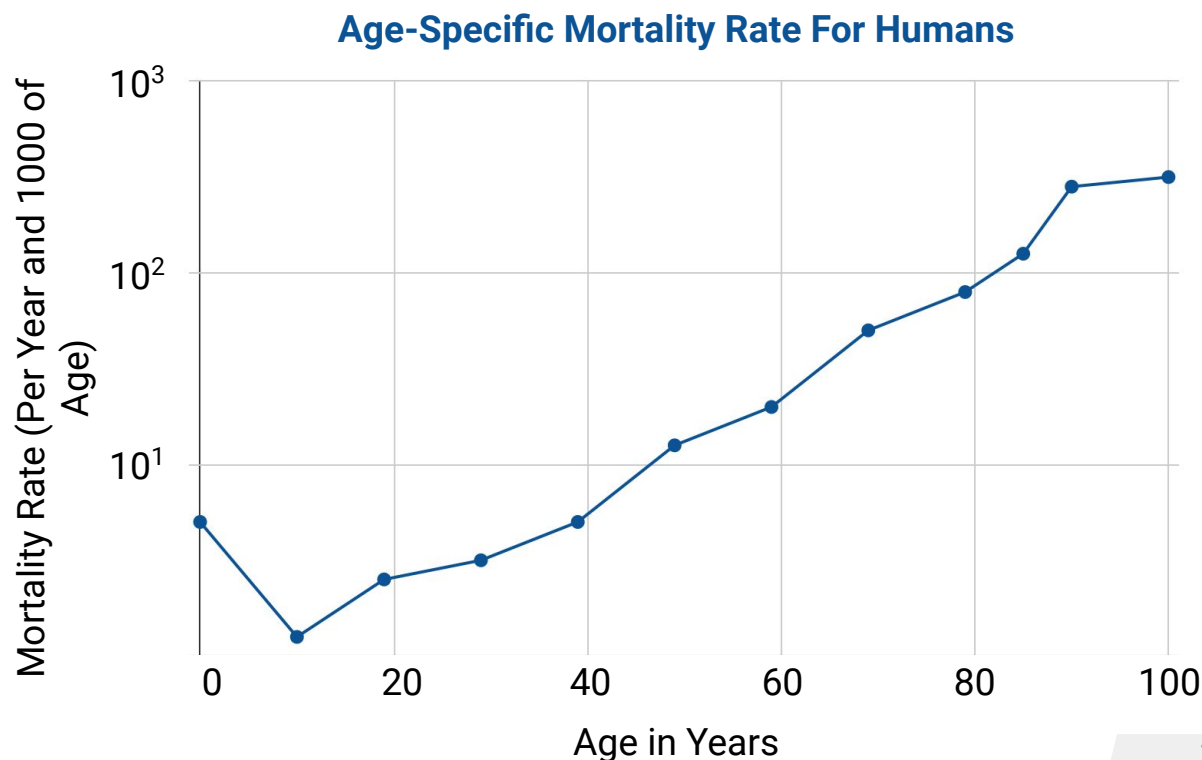
# Age Range Patterns For Supercentenarians

Based on the global numbers, an interesting trend emerges regarding age distribution within supercentenarians. According to what's known as the Gompertz law, mortality rates tend to level off, or plateau, later in life after a steady increase throughout previous life, leading many supercentenarians appearing to be “stuck in time” as the aging process after 100 continues to decelerate. Because the Gompertz distribution has no upper limit, if the damage theories are true, meaning that lifetime probabilities are not zero, a Longevity record will be eventually destroyed infinitely. Despite this, there is a sharp spike in mortality at 113-117 (the mortality peak) and an immediate decline after, with the highest mortality at age 117, then an outlier effect beyond that.

Furthermore, while there appears to be a heavy slant towards females as is to be expected, it is even higher at ages above 114. Very few males reach age 114, whereas females reach this age every year in recent years. This irregularity represents an important area of focus in Longevity research over the coming decades.

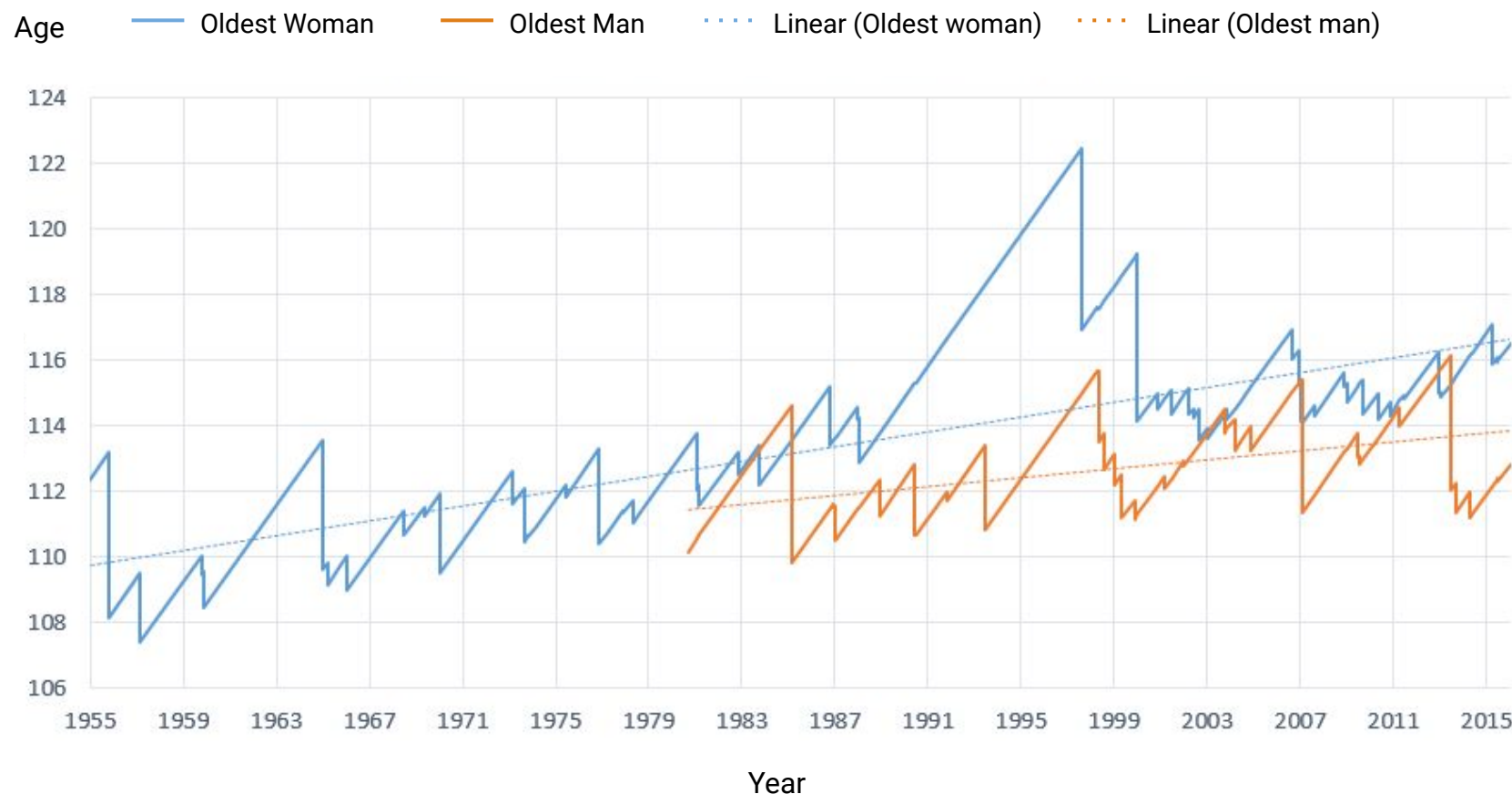
As more and more people born later in the 20th century reach this status, the data and findings will be more reliable than those recorded during the turn of the 20th century. However, a core pattern has already emerged with the cases at hand and this pattern of mortality has been remarkably persistent over the past 20 years.

The graphic displays three common characteristics: 1) High mortality shortly after birth, 2) exponential growth (Gompertz law) in middle age, 3) leveling off in old age.



# Ages of the Oldest Living Man and Oldest Living Woman

Ages of the Oldest Living Man and Oldest Living Woman in the world since 1955



**From the early 1950s onward there have been more female than male supercentenarians. Although the number of men in this category increases in the later part of the 1970s, at no point do women relinquish their lead.**



# Supercentenarians Distribution in the World

Supercentenarians are distributed throughout the world anywhere the population size and life expectancy are sufficient to generate this most-elite of population groups. Supercentenarians generally occur where the population size is at least 4-5 million persons and the life expectancy at birth is in the mid-70s or higher. That said, the supercentenarian population is somewhat modulated by the effects of climate.

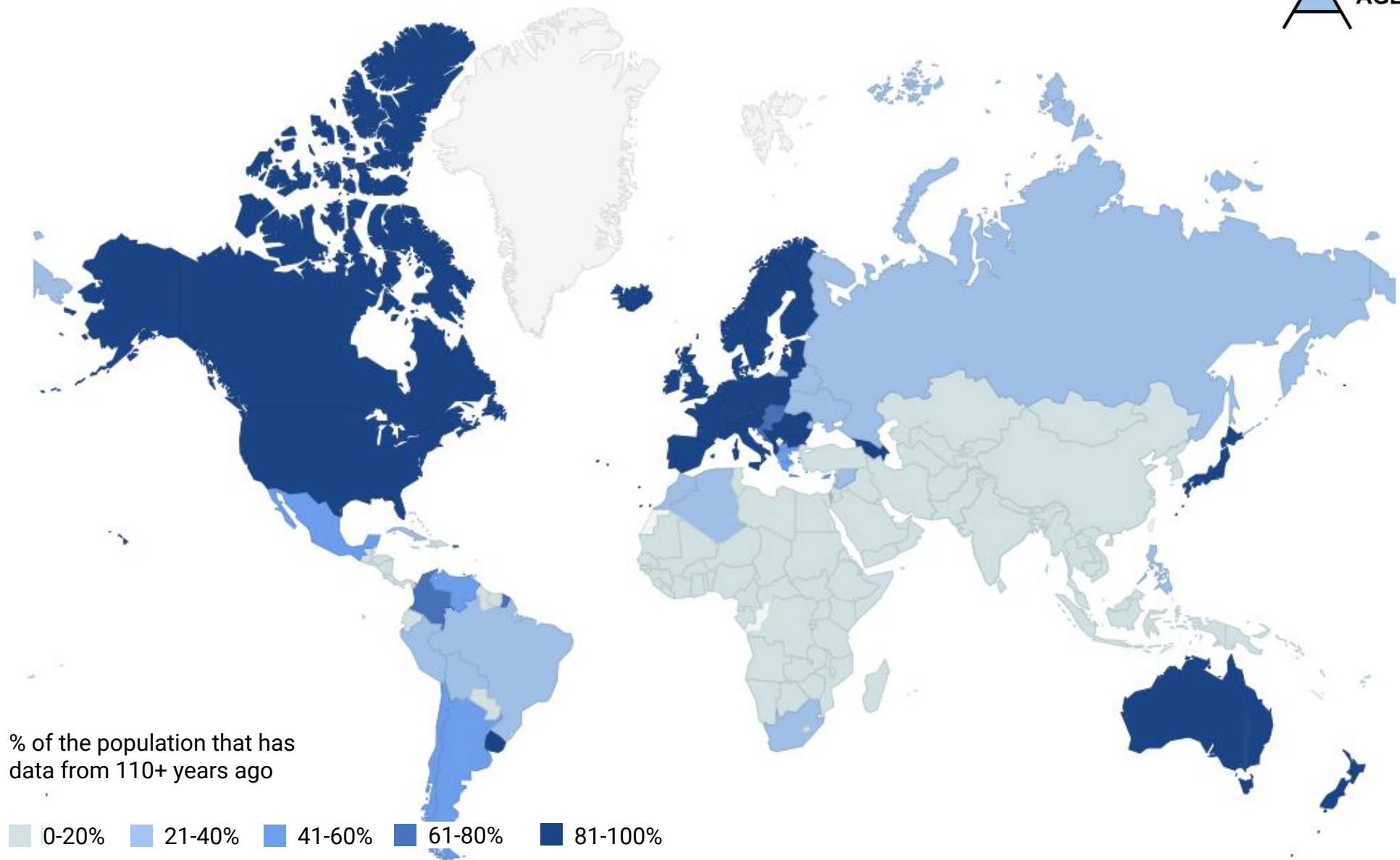
We observe persons reaching age 117 in southern Japan but just age 113 in northern Japan. Okinawa - the southern prefecture - has the highest number of centenarians per capita of any Japanese prefecture and remains world-famous for remarkable Longevity. We see persons reaching 116+ in southern Europe but never above 115 in northern Europe. It is estimated that this is mostly due to the higher mortality rate of supercentenarians in the cold-weather months: particularly November, December, January, and February.

North America has not shown such a pattern, but this is likely due to the unique geography: with no mountain range separating cold (artic) air from warm air, the North American weather patterns are more widespread with few protective microclimates, with the possible exception of California.

Interestingly, Puerto Rico would show the highest prevalence of supercentenarians among people who reach extreme Longevity (approximately one supercentenarian per 10,000 inhabitants aged  $\geq 95$  years), although data on this country must be interpreted with caution owing to potential methodological limitations, mainly related to its small population. Prevalence is not the best possible indicator for comparisons of extreme Longevity data between different countries, and the very small population size of this country could have biased the prevalence values of supercentenarians.

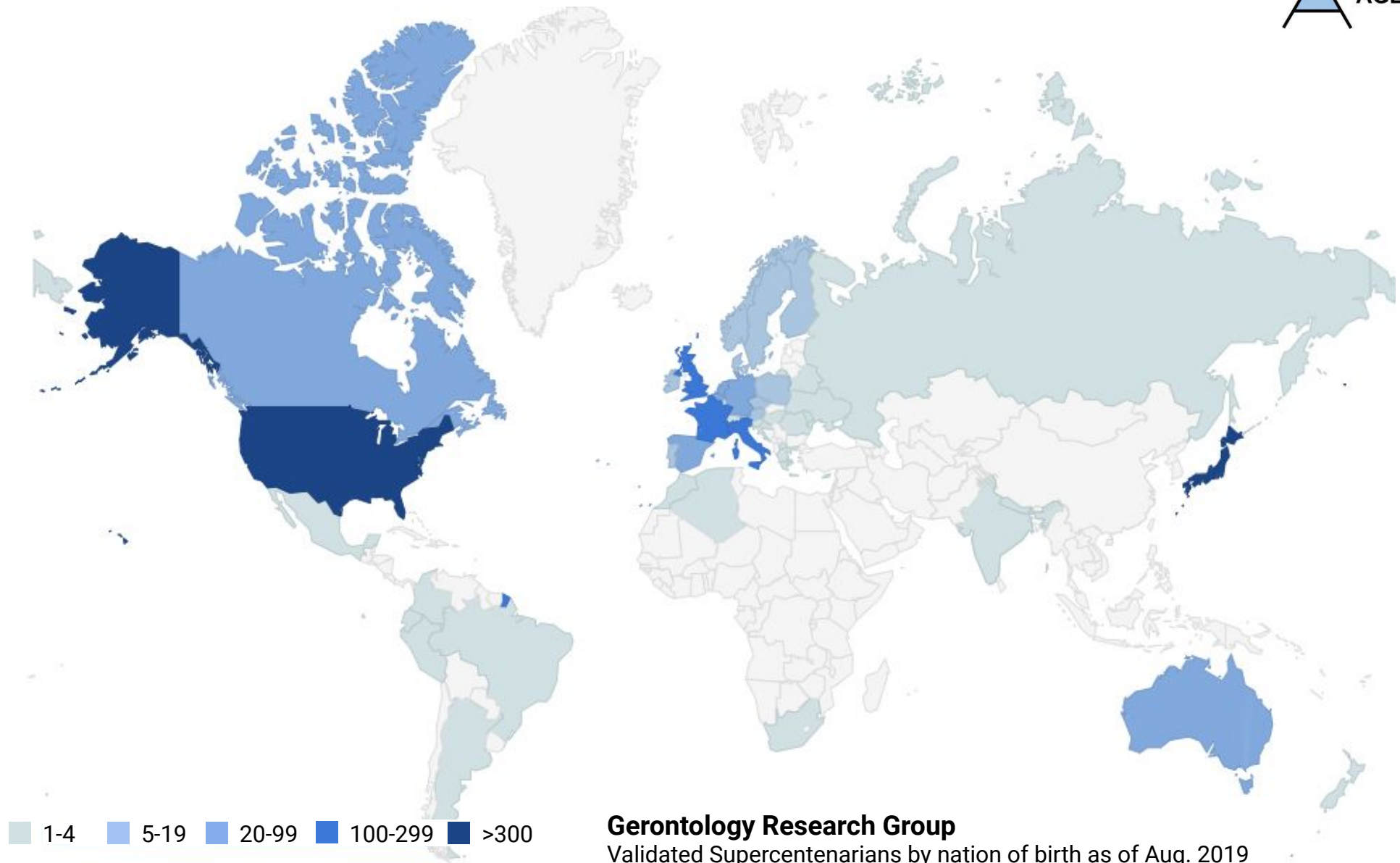
Italians over the age of 100 are concentrated into the poorest, most remote and shortest-lived, while US supercentenarians are concentrated into populations with incomplete vital registries. Both patterns are difficult to explain through biology but are readily explained as economic drivers of pension fraud and reporting error.

# Data Availability About Supercentenarians Across Countries



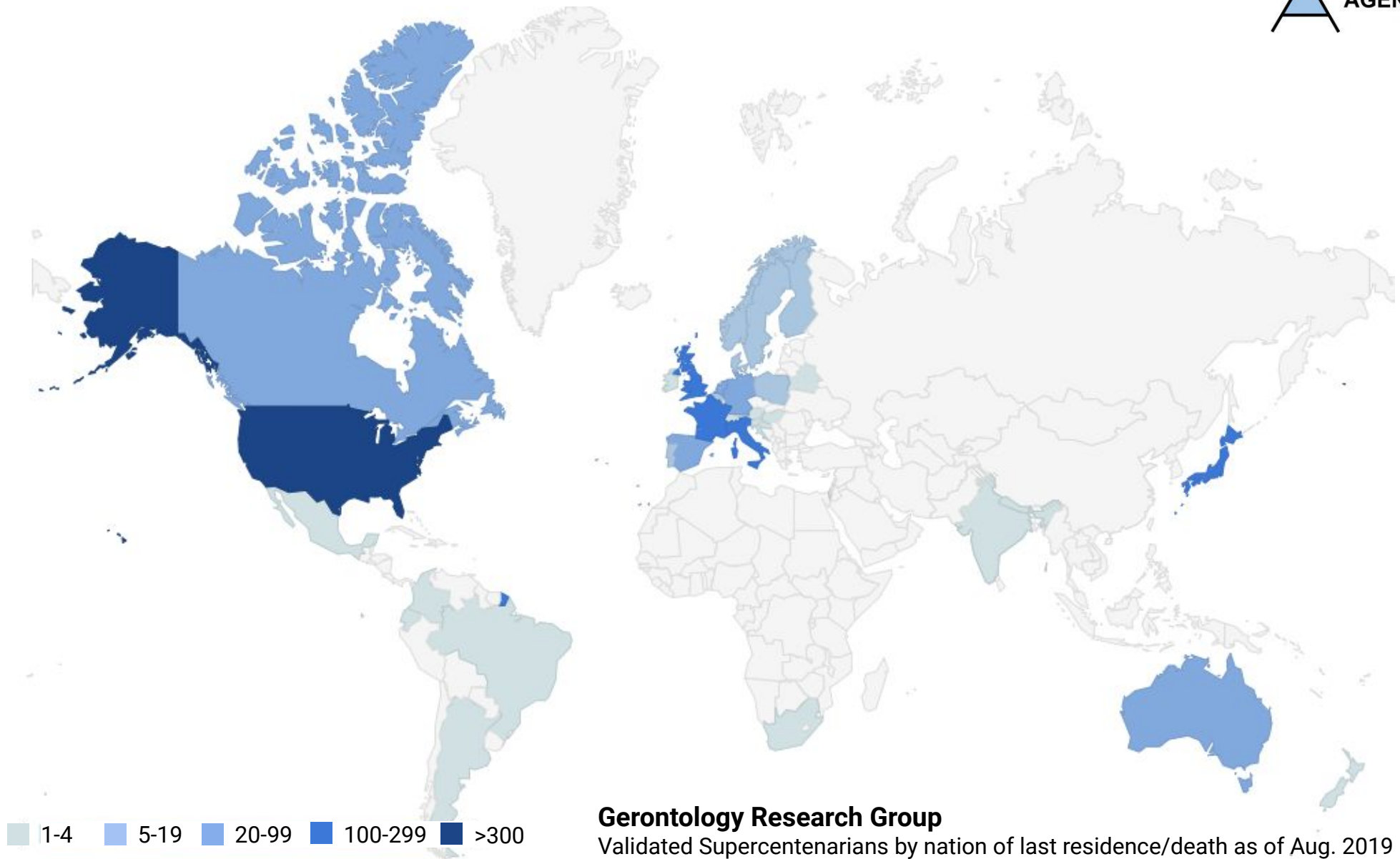
**Historically our picture of aging and of possible supercentenarians is incomplete. Data has improved over time, as we can see there are several regions with full or near full population data from 110 years ago and beyond. Our understanding will increase even further as the richness and accuracy of data improves.**

# Validated Supercentenarians by Nation of Birth



**While supercentenarians are found across the globe there is a clear relationship to standard of living and social stability to the number of supercentenarians a nation produces.**

# Validated Supercentenarians by Nation of Last Residence



**The last places of residence for supercentenarians closely reflect the properties such as standard of living, of the places in which they were born. How much of this is standards of care and how much is personal lifestyle is a question that researchers in Longevity look to tackle.**

# Supercentenarians Social Activity and Independence

One of the most important dimensions of the research is while living a significant length of time, how active and mobile are supercentenarians?

Our research and biographical findings show that the many supercentenarians continue working and maintain independence long past 100, with a few of them continuing in the fields they worked for the majority of their lives. Holding a job at 70 or 80, however, is very different than doing so at 100. Yet there are striking examples of people who did successfully carry on working after they hit the century mark and these examples we have provided in this report.

Based on the biographical data we have collected, it also appears that there is no consistent or planned dietary plan or secret behavior for their survival, with master athletes standing alongside composers. However, patterns of moderate food intake, moderate exercise level, fast walking, regular sleep-wake cycles, and mental balance appear to be repeating patterns of success for our longest-lived individuals. Negative habits, where present, are only in moderation. While it appears that the majority of mobile and socially-active supercentenarians are women, it also appears that both men and women show very little chronic age-related conditions that would otherwise render them immobile. This includes myocardial infarction and cardiovascular diseases, but also no history of strokes or other severe physical issues.

Furthermore, the majority of supercentenarians appear to be psychologically and intellectually acute with very few cases of dementia and other psychological debilitations. This is in contrast to centenarians, who appear to have a much wider variance in conditions, with a remarkably low rate of dementia.

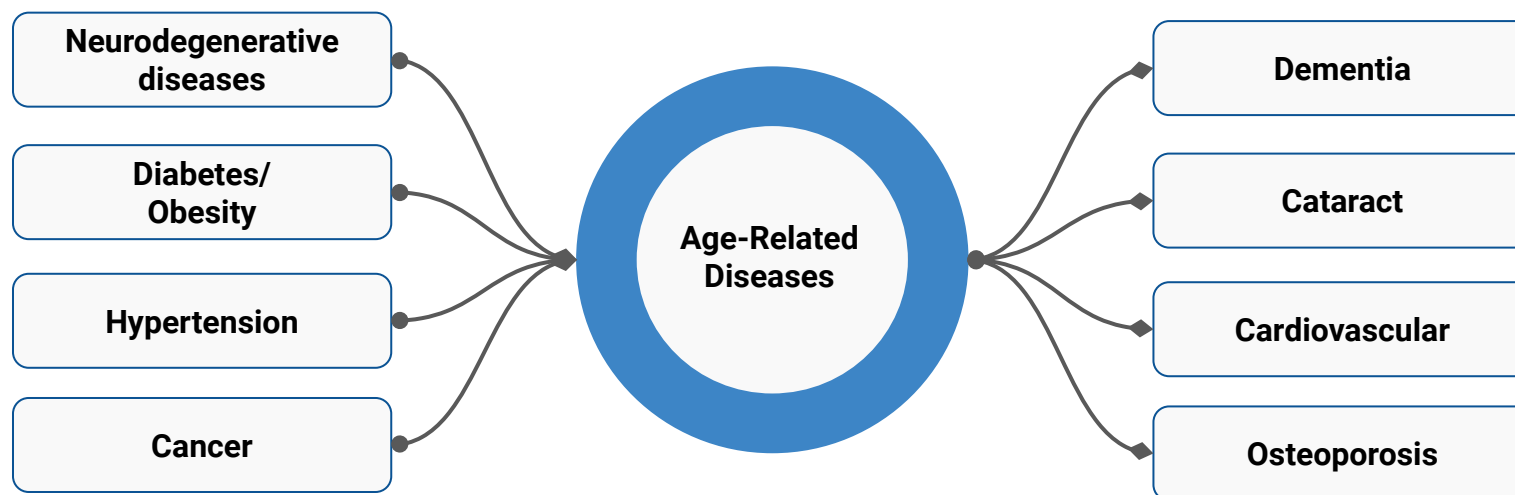
This proves especially important as supercentenarians are frequently referred to as “living treasures” with their extensive firsthand experience, and being living connections to the distant past. It has a strong cultural significance that may grant them a special place in society, which has a feedback effect on mental and emotional health. Japan can serve as a positive example of what is possible as other populations around the world mature. While the number of people who must move into nursing homes will rise dramatically, so, too, will the number of vibrant, fully engaged senior citizens who continue to live at home unaided and work or volunteer well into their 80s, 90s or even 100s. This will likely be especially true as the first wave of baby boomers begins to crash against the retirement wall.



# Supercentenarians Have "Super" Immune Systems

The new study [“Single-cell transcriptomics reveals expansion of cytotoxic CD4 T cells in supercentenarians”](#) reveals that immune cells profiled from supercentenarians have very unique characteristics. Supercentenarians are rare individuals who reach 110 y of age. They are endowed with high resistance to non-communicable diseases such as cancer, stroke, and cardiovascular disease. [Demographers in Canada](#) estimated that the chance of living more than 110 y is as low as 1 in 100,000. [According to the population census](#) covering the whole territory of Japan in 2015, the number of centenarians was 61,763, of which only 146 were supercentenarians. However the study of extreme Longevity comes up against a problem of methodology: how to validate claims about a person's age when there is an issue of the “lack of birth registration”.

A distinctive feature of supercentenarians is a long healthy lifespan, maintaining relatively high cognitive function and physical independence even after 100 y of age. In other words, many supercentenarians can spend almost their entire lives in good health due to the delayed onset of age-related diseases and compression of morbidity. Therefore, supercentenarians can be considered a good model of successful aging, and understanding their attributes would be beneficial for superaging societies.



# Key Findings of the Report

Factors that contribute to Longevity	Description
<b>Relationships, social inclusion</b>	Kindness, love and a strong sense of community actually make you healthier and happier. There is strong association between good health and positive emotions. Loneliness is harmful to your health. Seniors who report feeling left out and isolated have more trouble with everyday tasks like bathing and climbing stairs. They also die earlier than less-lonely folks do.
<b>Socio-economic status</b>	The socioeconomic level in appears to have an important latent effect on the production of centenarians in both females and males. There are important aspects of socioeconomic indicators: higher overall economic development level, public expenditure on health, mobile telephone subscribers as the standard of living, and the use of improved sanitation facilities for healthy aging.
<b>Brain Activity</b>	Brain activity has role in human aging and Longevity. For the first time, scientists have shown that brain activity has a significant influence on human life span.They demonstrate how neural activity is higher in individuals with shorter life spans and lower in those who live longer lives.
<b>Physical Activity</b>	Regular exercise delivers huge health benefits. It help keep brain cells healthy by delivering more blood and oxygen. In fact, research suggests aerobic exercise may delay or improve symptoms of Alzheimer's disease.
<b>Genetic Factors</b>	Scientists found that lifestyle plays almost no factor in health and Longevity after the age of 80, and that almost everything in advanced age is due to genetic factors.
<b>Healthy Diet</b>	It is important to eat a healthy diet rich in whole grains, vegetables, and fruits, and substitute healthier monounsaturated and polyunsaturated fats for unhealthy saturated fats and trans fats, take a daily multivitamin, and be sure to get enough calcium and vitamin D, maintain a healthy weight and body shape.
<b>Conscientious</b>	Conscientiousness refers to a person's ability to be self-disciplined, organized, efficient, and goal-oriented. Conscientious people may also have lower blood pressure and fewer psychiatric conditions, as well as a lower risk of diabetes and heart or joint problems.



# **Introduction: All Validated Supercentenarians**

# Introduction

1788 marks the birth year of the earliest known supercentenarian. This was Dutch soldier Geert Adriaans Boomgaard who when he died in 1899 became not only the first verified supercentenarian but also the longest lived person. He was surpassed for this title in 1902 by Englishwoman Margaret Ann Neve.



**Photos of Geert Boomgaard at 100 and 110 years of age (from left to right)**

It is reasonable to assume that there have been earlier examples, but because they can not be verified they must be excluded.

There is also no manner of conclusively knowing whether supercentenarians have existed throughout human history, of if they are a relatively recent phenomenon. We also do not know the roles that culture, environment or individual genetics might have played or how these factors could be interrelated.

These gaps in our knowledge highlight the importance of not only accurate, but also comprehensive data over multiple fields to fully be able to understand the phenomenon of extraordinary Longevity.



# Introduction



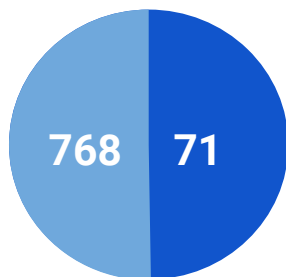
**Mary Neve: First verified female Supercentenarian**



# All Supercentenarians Region Distribution by Gender



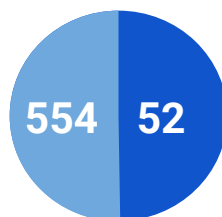
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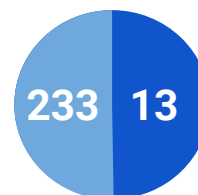
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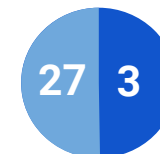
**Asia**



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**Africa & Australia**

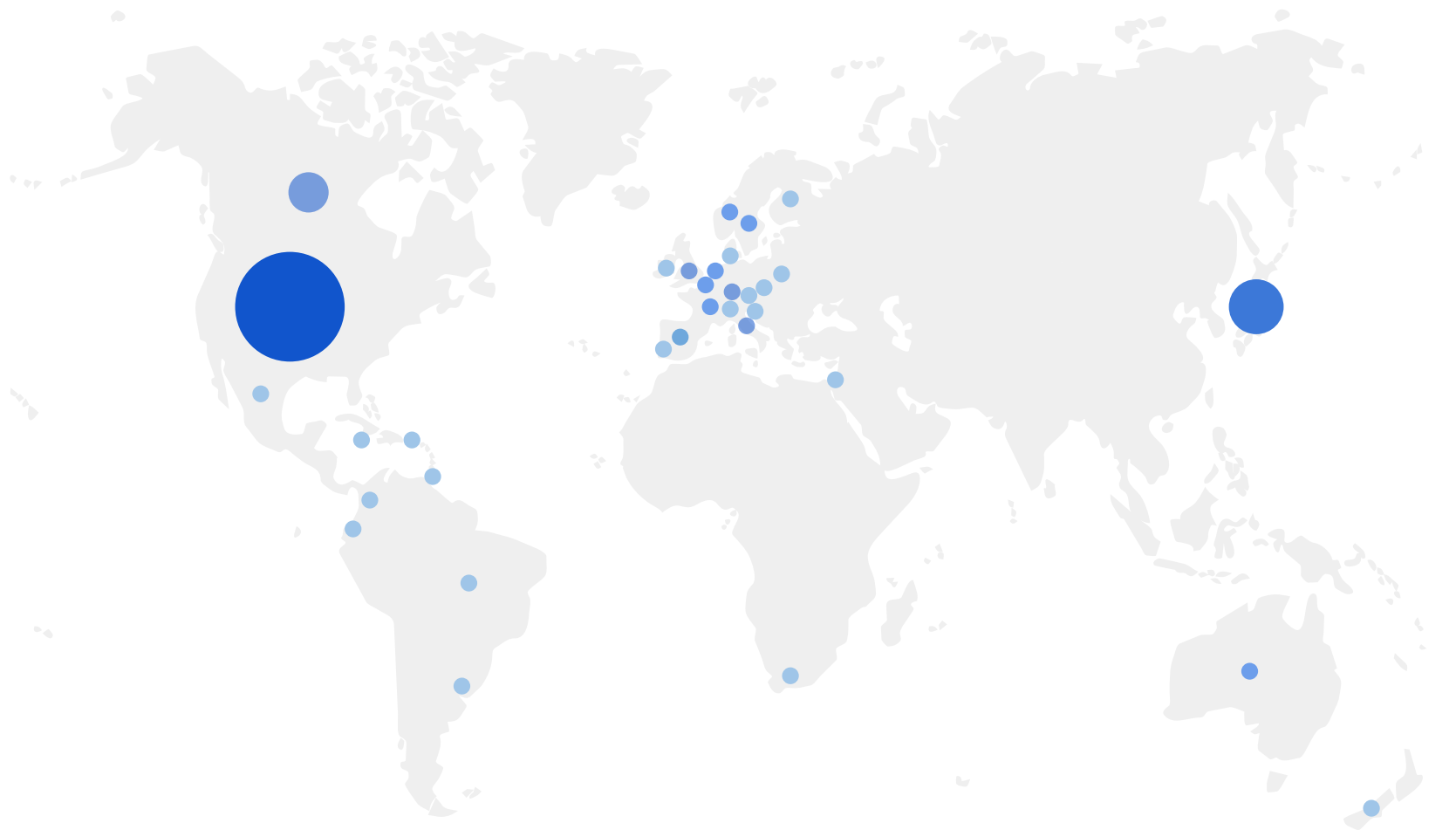


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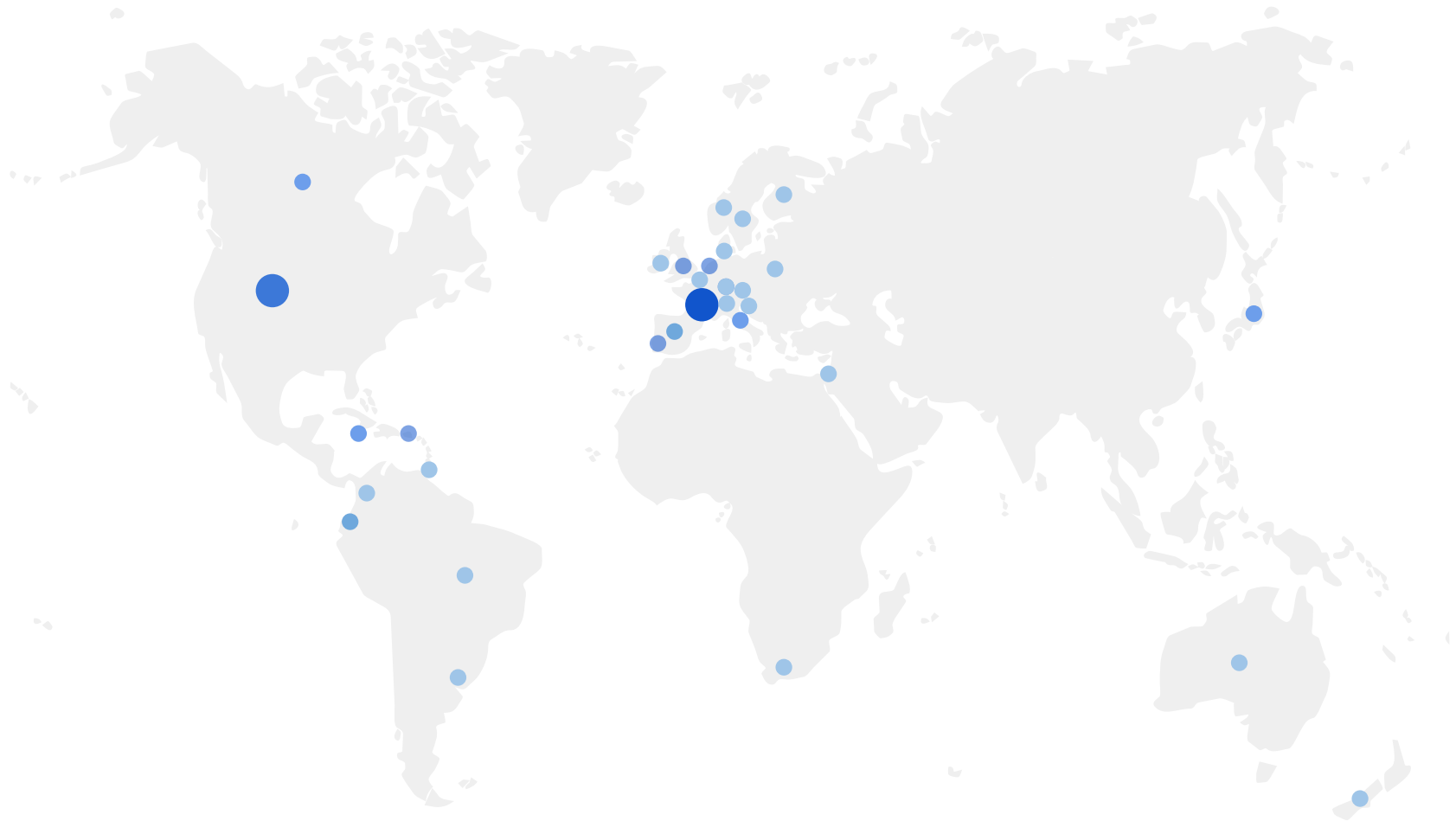
● female

# All Supercentenarians Distribution by Nations



782	USA	157	France	124	Italy	49	Germany	27	Netherlands	17	Belgium	11	Norway
263	Japan	132	United Kingdom	50	Canada	42	Spain	26	Australia	15	Sweden	1-7	Others

# Longest-Lived Supercentenarians by Country (Years)



122	France	117	Canada	117	Jamaica	116	Ecuador	115	Puerto Rico	115	Netherlands		
119	USA	117	Japan	117	Italy	116	Spain	115	Portugal	115	United Kingdom	<114	Others

# All Supercentenarians Distribution by Gender

Men

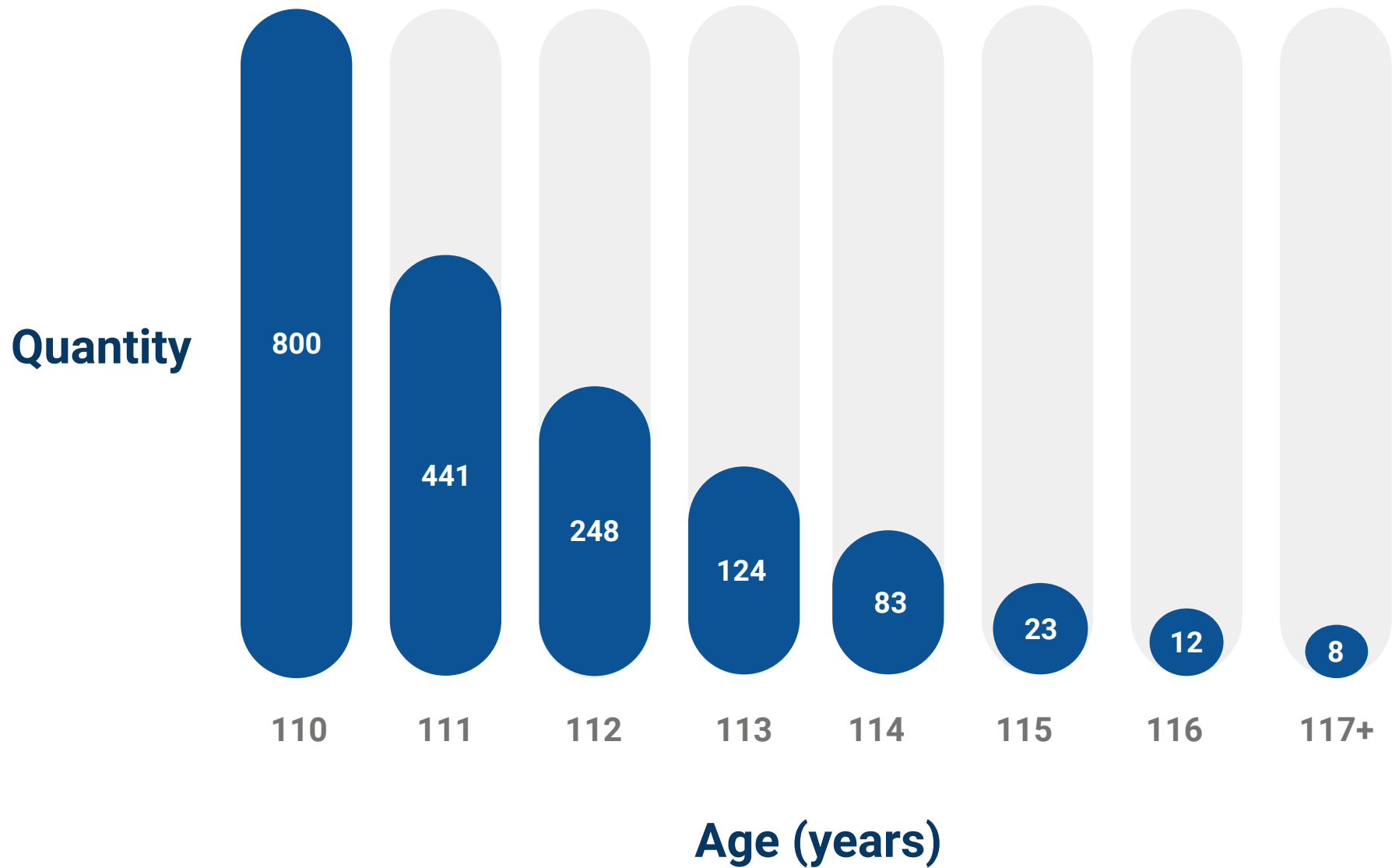
♂ 160

Women

1579 ♀

**Available data shows that as long as data has been collected that there has been an overwhelming dominance of female supercentenarians over their male counterparts.**

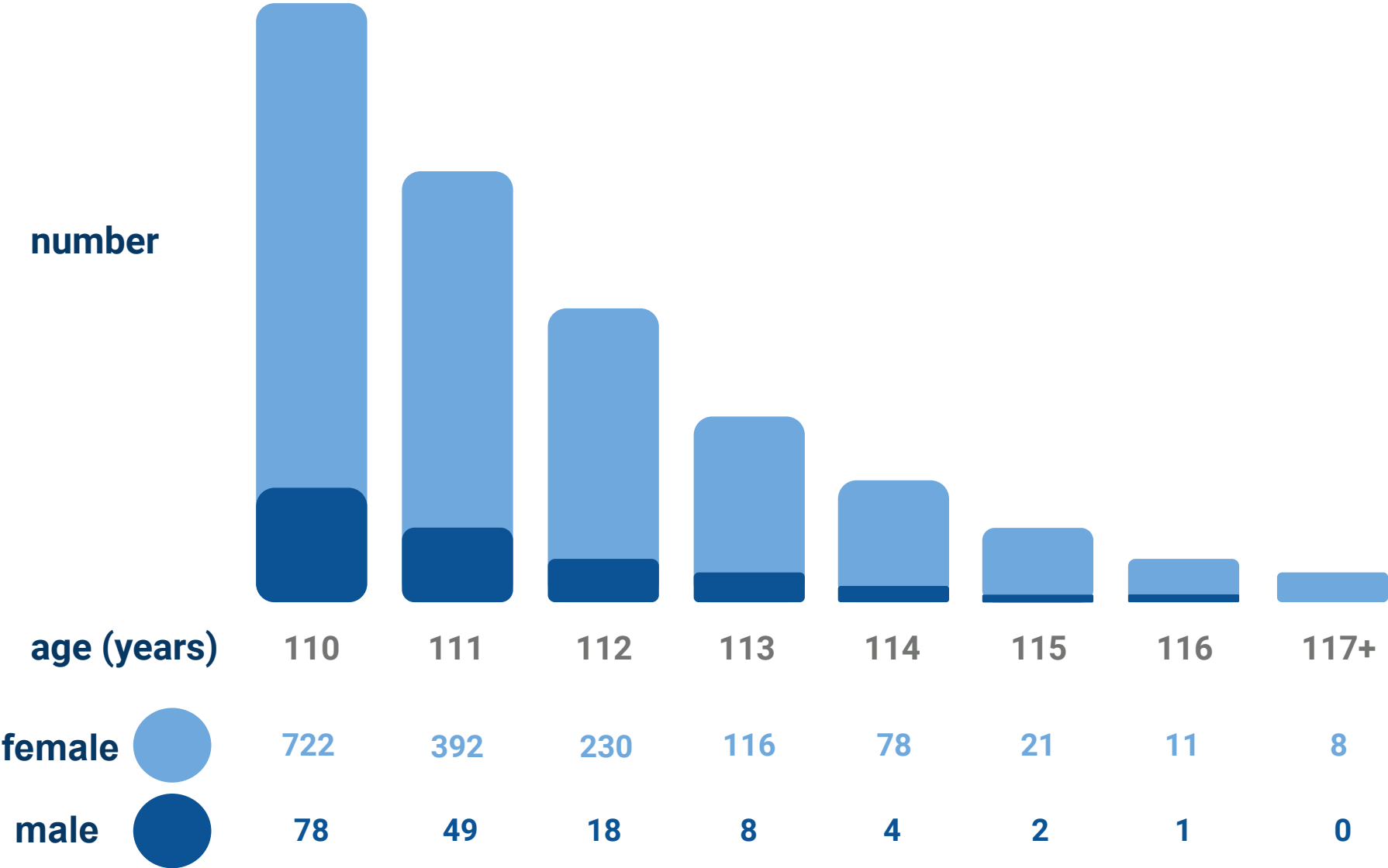
# All Supercentenarians Distribution by Age





# All Supercentenarians

## Distribution by Age & Gender





# **Chapter I: Top-100 Longest-Lived Supercentenarians**

# Top-100 Longest-Lived Supercentenarians

As the number of retirees worldwide hits the one billion person mark to become the single largest identifiable social group, questions of length and quality of life become more relevant to more and more people.

Many ask if it is possible to slow down, stop aging. Others simply want to ensure that whatever years they do have are healthy and productive as possible.

What then can the longest lived supercentenarians tell us? Do they hold the secrets of human Longevity or are they simply random winners of a social and genetic lottery, nothing more than anomalies?

*"Supercentenarians often seem to be born with slower clocks than the rest of us," says **Stuart Kim, a developmental biologist at Stanford University**. "When you meet them, they all look and act 20 years younger than they actually are."*

Or could better, more comprehensive research will have to unlock the secrets of the supercentenarians. Research that would be guided by A.I. and incorporating all we know about the human genome and collecting personal and individualized data in real time?

This research has already begun and we do not know how far it will go.

**\$1,000,000** was offered to whoever lived to 123 years to eclipse France's Jeanne Louise Calment for the title of all time longest lived person was made by Deep Knowledge Ventures general partner in 2015.

It is not unthinkable that someone alive today will break that record and collect their million dollars. Is it even unthinkable to envision a world where human beings reaching their supercentenarian years will seem like a normal part of life?

These are the mysteries of Longevity that we are now starting to unlock.

# Top-100 Longest-Lived Supercentenarians

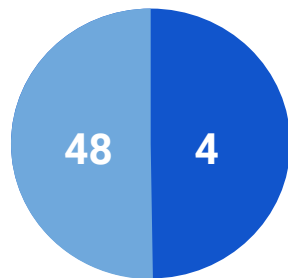
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| 1. Jeanne Calment             | 26. Edna Parker               | 51. Goldie Steinberg       | 76. Tase Matsunaga         |
| 2. Sarah Knauss               | 27. Mary Ann Rhodes           | 52. Kiyoko Ishiguro        | 77. Yukichi Chuganji       |
| 3. Nabi Tajima                | 28. Harumi Nakamura           | 53. Maria Maia-Lopes       | 78. Kame Nakamura          |
| 4. Lucy Hannah                | 29. Margaret Skeete           | 54. Eudoxie Baboul         | 79. Lydie Vellard          |
| 5. Marie-Louise Meilleur      | 30. Bernice Madigan           | 55. Ramona Iglesias-Jordan | 80. Adelina Domingues      |
| 6. Violet Brown               | 31. Gertrude Baines           | 56. Yukie Hino             | 81. Wilhelmina Kott        |
| 7. Emma Morano-Martinuzzi     | 32. Emiliano Mercado del Toro | 57. Delphine Gibson        | 82. Mitoyo Kawate          |
| 8. Chiyo Miyako               | 33. Bettie Wilson             | 58. Eugénie Blanchard      | 83. Gabrielle des Robert   |
| 9. Misao Okawa                | 34. Julie Winnefred Bertrand  | 59. Venere Pizzinato-Papo  | 84. Camille Loiseau        |
| 10. Maria Esther de Capovilla | 35. Maria de Jesus            | 60. Neva Morris            | 85. Charlotte Benkner      |
| 11. Susannah Mushatt Jones    | 36. Marie-Josephine Gaudette  | 61. Hide Ohira             | 86. Anne Primout           |
| 12. Gertrude Weaver           | 37. Susie Gibson              | 62. Blanche Cobb           | 87. Ettie Mae Greene       |
| 13. Tane Ikai                 | 38. Augusta Holtz             | 63. Ethel Lang             | 88. Dominga Velasco        |
| 14. Elizabeth Bolden          | 39. Hendrikje van             | 64. Mathew Beard           | 89. Toshie Yorimitsu       |
| 15. Besse Cooper              | Andel-Schipper                | 65. Yone Minagawa          | 90. Irene Frank            |
| 16. Maria Robucci-Nargiso     | 40. Maud Farris-Luse          | 66. Maria Antonia Castro   | 91. Christina Cock         |
| 17. Jiroemon Kimura           | 41. Marie Brémont             | 67. Ura Koyama             | 92. Olivia Patricia Thomas |
| 18. Ana Vela-Rubio            | 42. Koto Okubo                | 68. Carrie Lazenby         | 93. Tae Ito                |
| 19. Giuseppina Progetto-Frau  | 43. Antonia Gerena Rivera     | 69. Myrtle Dorsey          | 94. Anna Henderson         |
| 20. Jeralean Talley           | 44. Chiyono Hasegawa          | 70. Iso Nakamura           | 95. Emma Verona Johnston   |
| 21. Maggie Barnes             | 45. Annie Jennings            | 71. Anna Eliza Williams    | 96. Mamie Rearden          |
| 22. Dina Manfredini           | 46. Eva Morris                | 72. Walter Breuning        | 97. Bettie Chatmon         |
| 23. Shimoe Akiyama            | 47. Kama Chinen               | 73. Eunice Sanborn         | 98. Lessie Brown           |
| 24. Christian Mortensen       | 48. Maria Gomes Valentim      | 74. Grace Clawson          | 99. Odie Matthews          |
| 25. Charlotte Hughes          | 49. Mary Bidwell              | 75. Mitsue Toyoda          | 100. Chiyo Shiraishi       |
|                               | 50. Mary Josephine Ray        |                            |                            |

# Top-100 Longest-Lived Supercentenarians

## Regional Distribution by Gender



America



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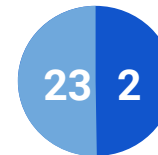
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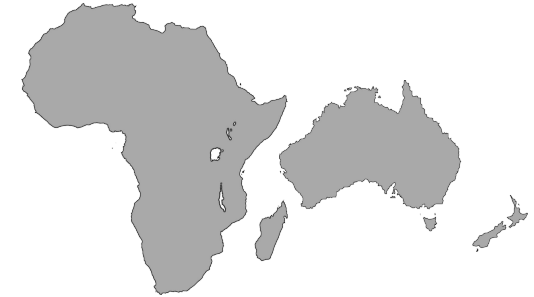
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Asia



25%



Africa & Australia

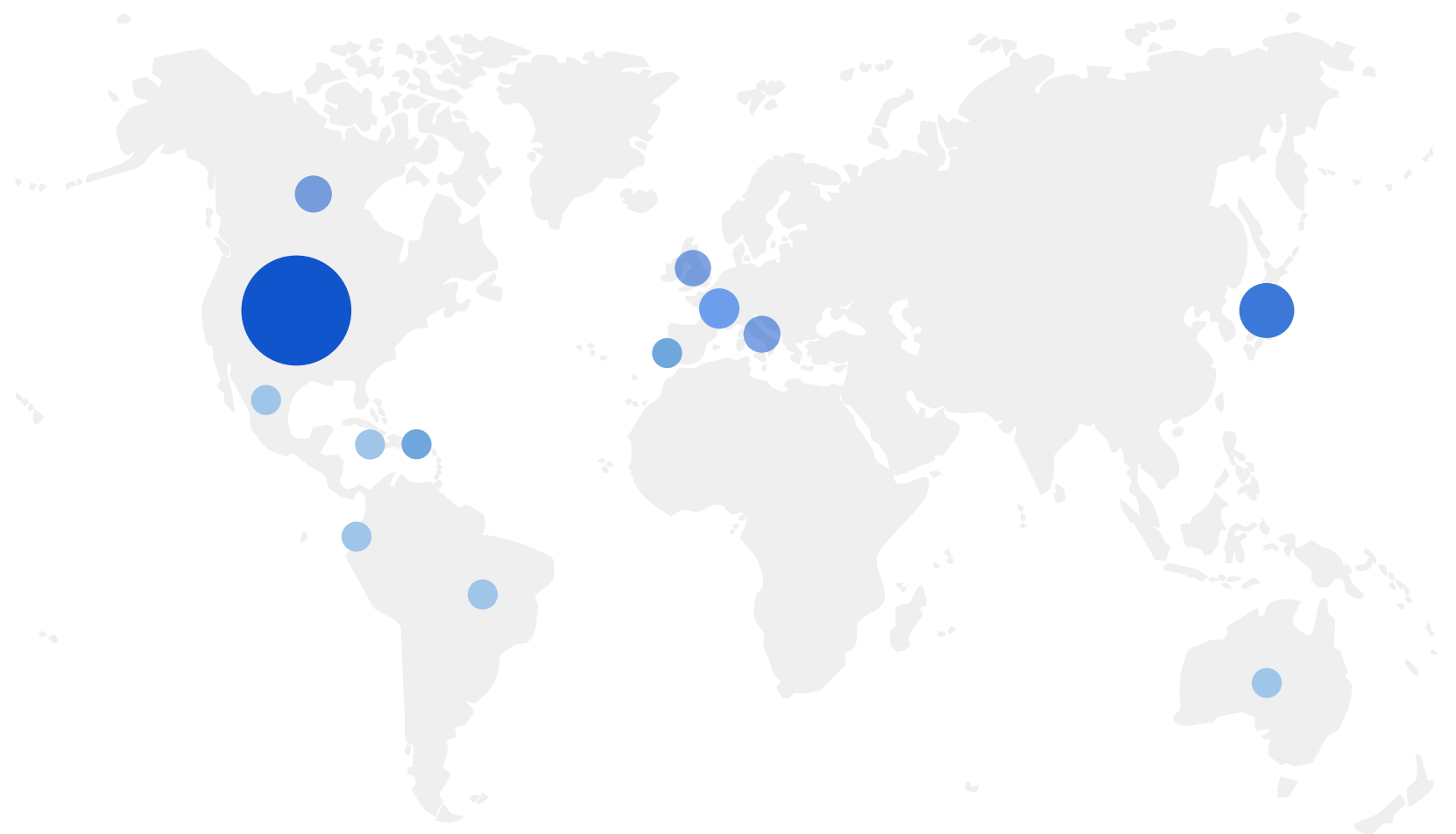


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● male

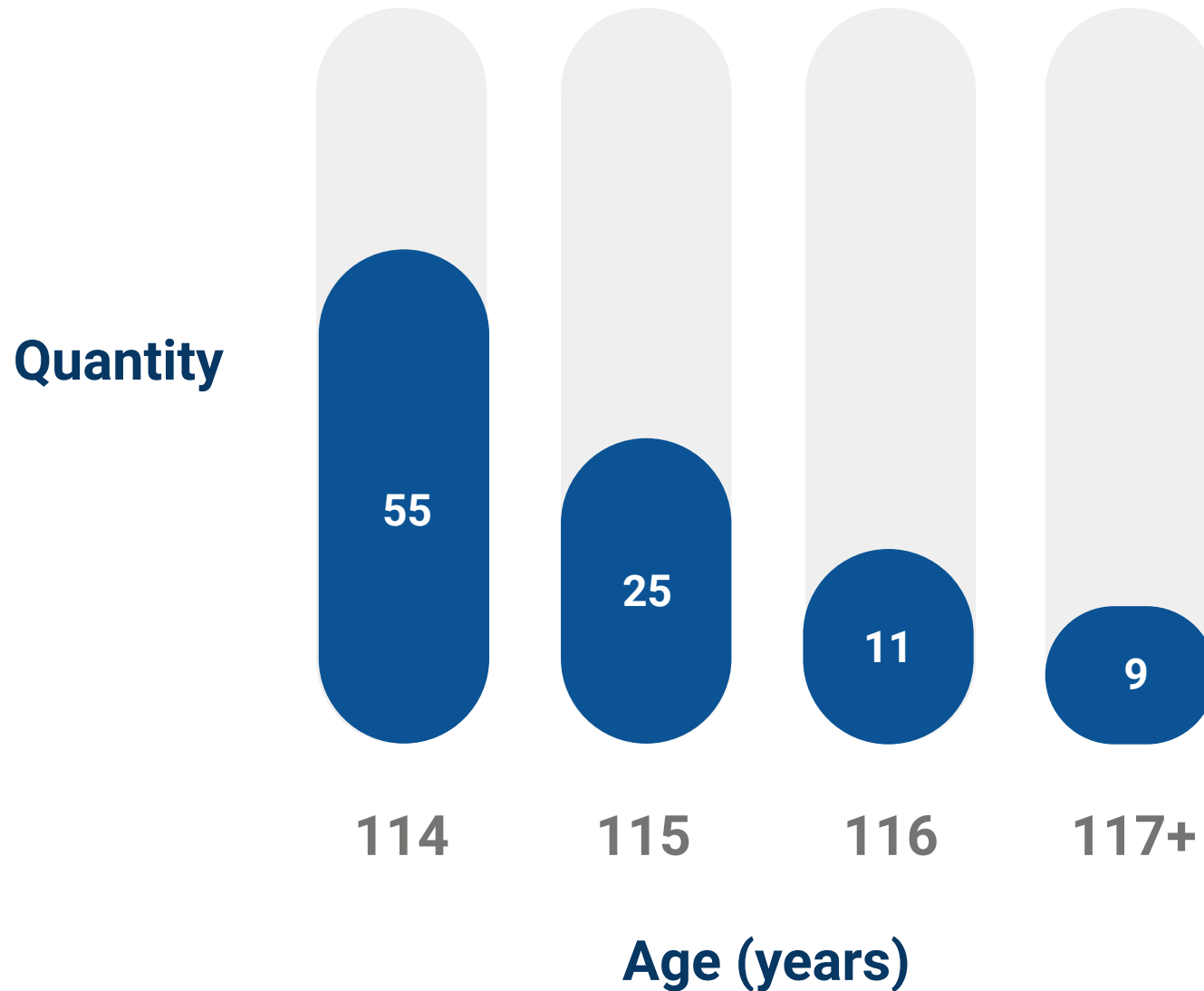
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# Top-100 Longest-Lived Supercentenarians Distribution by Nation





# Top-100 Longest-Lived Supercentenarians Distribution by Age



# Top-100 Supercentenarians Distribution by Gender

Men

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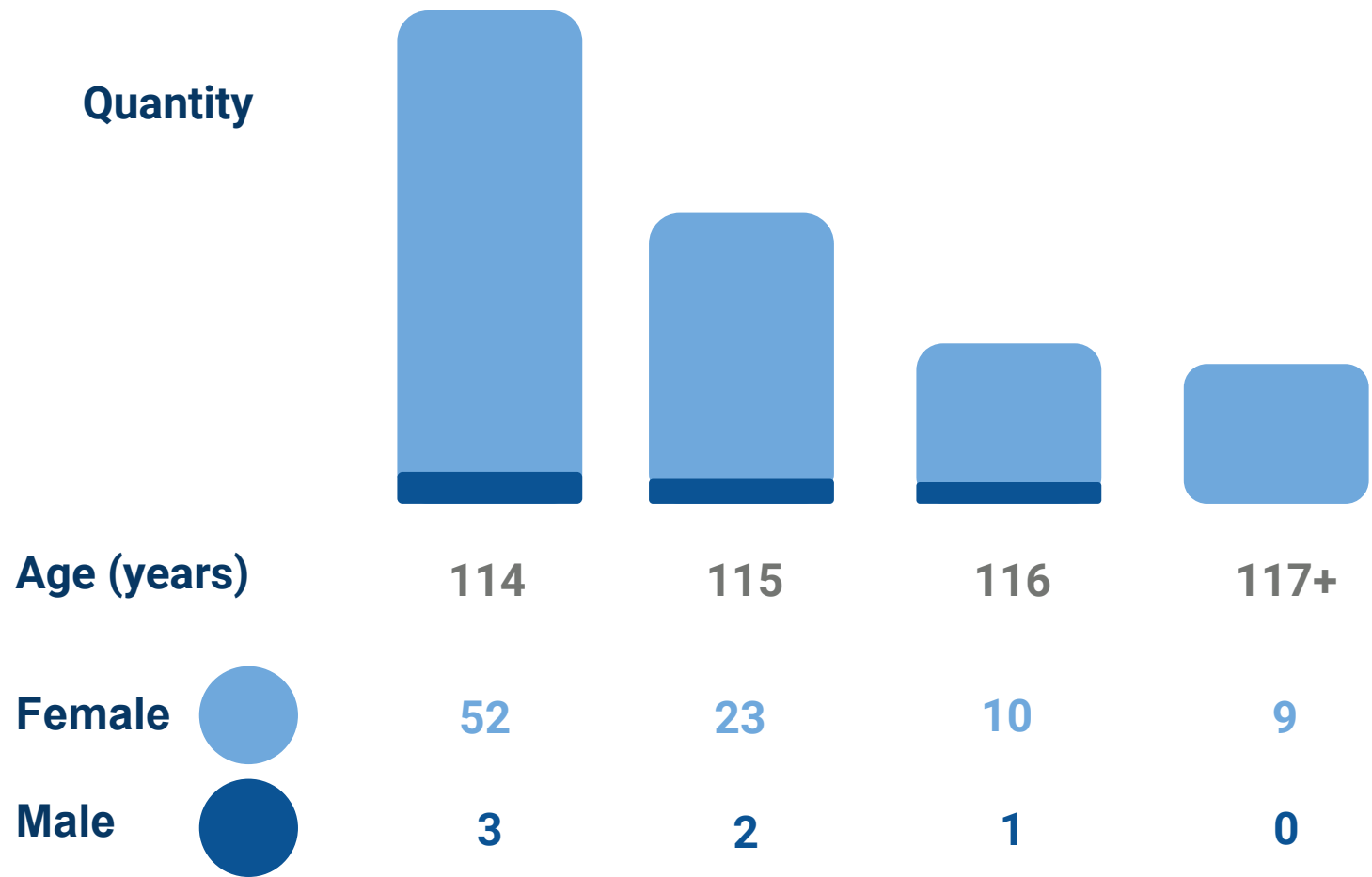
Women

94 ♀

**Of the top 100 supercentenarians only six men make the list. Japan's Jiroemon Kimura sits at the sixteenth spot on the all time list as the oldest recorded human male of all time.**

**With new research we are starting to unlock the secrets of ageing of how and why women have such a strong Longevity advantage?**

# Top-100 Supercentenarians Distribution by Age & Gender





# **Chapter II: Top-100 Living Supercentenarians**

# Top-100 Living Supercentenarians



Kane Tanaka

Japan's Kane Tanaka is currently the world's oldest human being.

As of August 27, 2019 she is 116 years old, seven years shy of eclipsing the all time record of 122 years held by Jeanne Louise Calment of France who passed away in 1997.

In total only eight people have lived past 116, and the only one other than Jeanne to survive past 117 is Sarah Knauss of Hollywood Pennsylvania, USA who passed away in 1999 at 119 years of age.

The 117 year boundary seems all but unbreakable. Except that it has been broken. Only twice, but these outliers open the possibility of exceeding the 122 year mark and beyond.

**It is not likely however, that this can happen without sufficient and dedicated input and investment into the Longevity field**

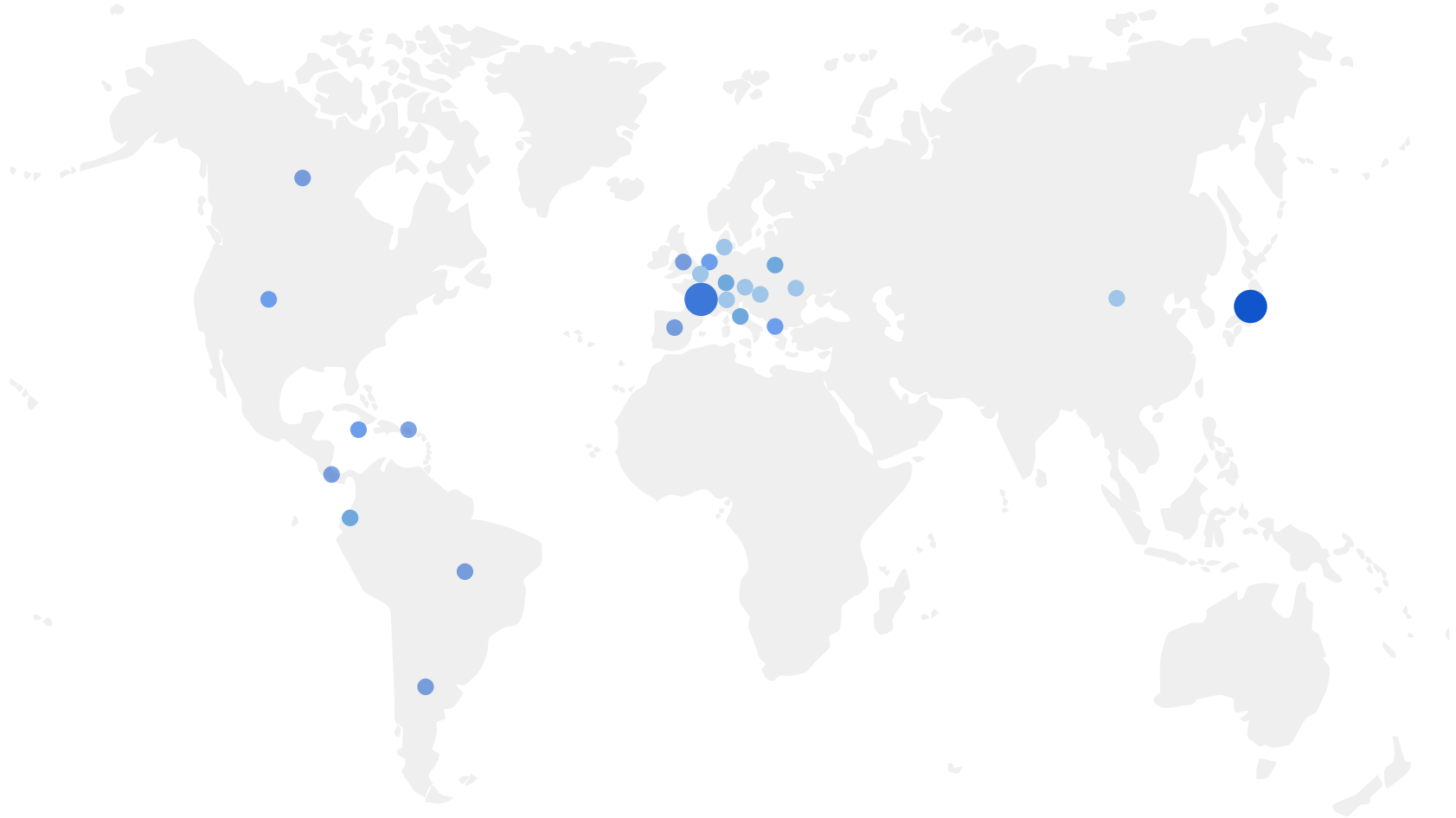
**It is only with the recent advent of A.I. has it been possible to do so across disciplines with fact-based and data-driven decisions.**

# Top-100 Living Supercentenarians

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|------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Kane Tanaka               | 26. Irene Dutton            | 51. Chitetsu Watanabe       | 76. Maude Harris            |
| 2. Lucile Randon             | 27. Marie-Louise Taterode   | 52. Hide Kittaka            | 77. Lucy Mirigian           |
| 3. Shin Matsushita           | 28. Minnie Whicker          | 53. Tame Yamaguchi          | 78. Marthe Roch             |
| 4. Jeanne Bot                | 29. Mathilde Mange          | 54. Kano Ebara              | 79. C. P. Crawford          |
| 5. Shigeyo Nakachi           | 30. Clara Cedeño Tello      | 55. Kesa Yamada             | 80. Irma Ilari              |
| 6. Faustina Sarmiento Pupo   | 31. Motome Hirata           | 56. Yoshie Okamoto          | 81. Jeanne Bonnot           |
| 7. Haruno Yamashita          | 32. Josefa Santos Gonzalez  | 57. Katsuko Nakajima        | 82. Kinoue Hosoya           |
| 8. Kame Ganeko               | 33. Thelma Sutcliffe        | 58. Antonia Ocampo          | 83. Bessie Hendricks        |
| 9. Julia Amelia da Conceicao | 34. Renata Bianchi          | 59. Voncile Drye            | 84. Maryse Lancioni         |
| 10. Alelia Murphy            | 35. Louise Schaaf           | 60. Fusa Tatsumi            | 85. Reita Fennell           |
| 11. Geertje Kuijntjes        | 36. Valentine Ligny         | 61. Dorothy Brown           | 86. Chiyako Iwamoto         |
| 12. Katerina Karnarou        | 37. Natsuyo Kinase          | 62. Yoshi Baba              | 87. Alexina St-Pierre Loyer |
| 13. Michiko Yamazaki         | 38. Beulah Meloche          | 63. Opal Goode              | 88. Downing Jett Kay        |
| 14. Osugi Sogo               | 39. Ramona Siqueira         | 64. Florence Carroll        | 89. Fumio Rikiishi          |
| 15. Hester Ford              | 40. Chizuko Yoshizawa       | 65. Cecile Klein            | 90. Shizu Sato              |
| 16. Iris Westman             | 41. Mitsu Toshima           | 66. Marie-F. Jousseau       | 91. Hatsue Tachikawa        |
| 17. Gustav Gerneth           | 42. Tsuru Iizuka            | 67. Evangelista Luisa López | 92. Hazel Eikermann         |
| 18. Kura Bingo               | 43. Hildegard Lange         | 68. Valesca Tanganelli      | 93. Irene Dunham            |
| 19. Mina Kitagawa            | 44. Hama Yasukawa           | 69. Virginia Constante      | 94. Suzy Ford               |
| 20. Anna Benericetti         | 45. Ellen Goodwill          | 70. Evelyn Kleine           | 95. Leonora Cox             |
| 21. Jeanne Lara              | 46. Sumie Yabune            | 71. Margaret Quinn          | 96. Jesús Mosteo            |
| 22. Carmen Emilia Jaramillo  | 47. Yuki Kamitamari         | 72. Virtudes Tomás Navarro  | 97. Nao Unno                |
| 23. Eliza Carrows            | 48. Sarah Patenaude Bruyère | 73. Marie-Louise Berthelot  | 98. Alice Schaufelberger    |
| 24. Tekla Juniewicz          | 49. Kikue Tanaka            | 74. Gwen Payne              | 99. Christine Ireland       |
| 25. Anne Brasz-Later         | 50. Maria Branyas Morera    | 75. Madeleine Chat          | 100. Elise Henry            |



# Ages of Oldest Living Supercentenarians by Country (Years)

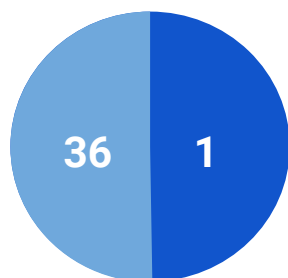


116	Japan	114	USA	114	Greece	114	Brazil	113	Germany	113	Italy	112	Spain
115	France	114	Netherlands	114	Cuba	113	Poland	113	Panama	112	Argentina	112	Canada

# Top-100 Living Supercentenarians Continental Distribution by Gender



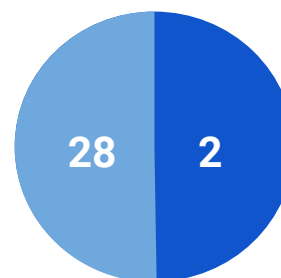
**America**



**37%**



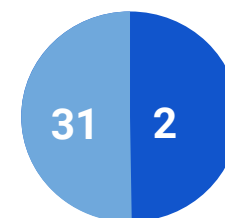
**Europe**



**30%**



**Asia**

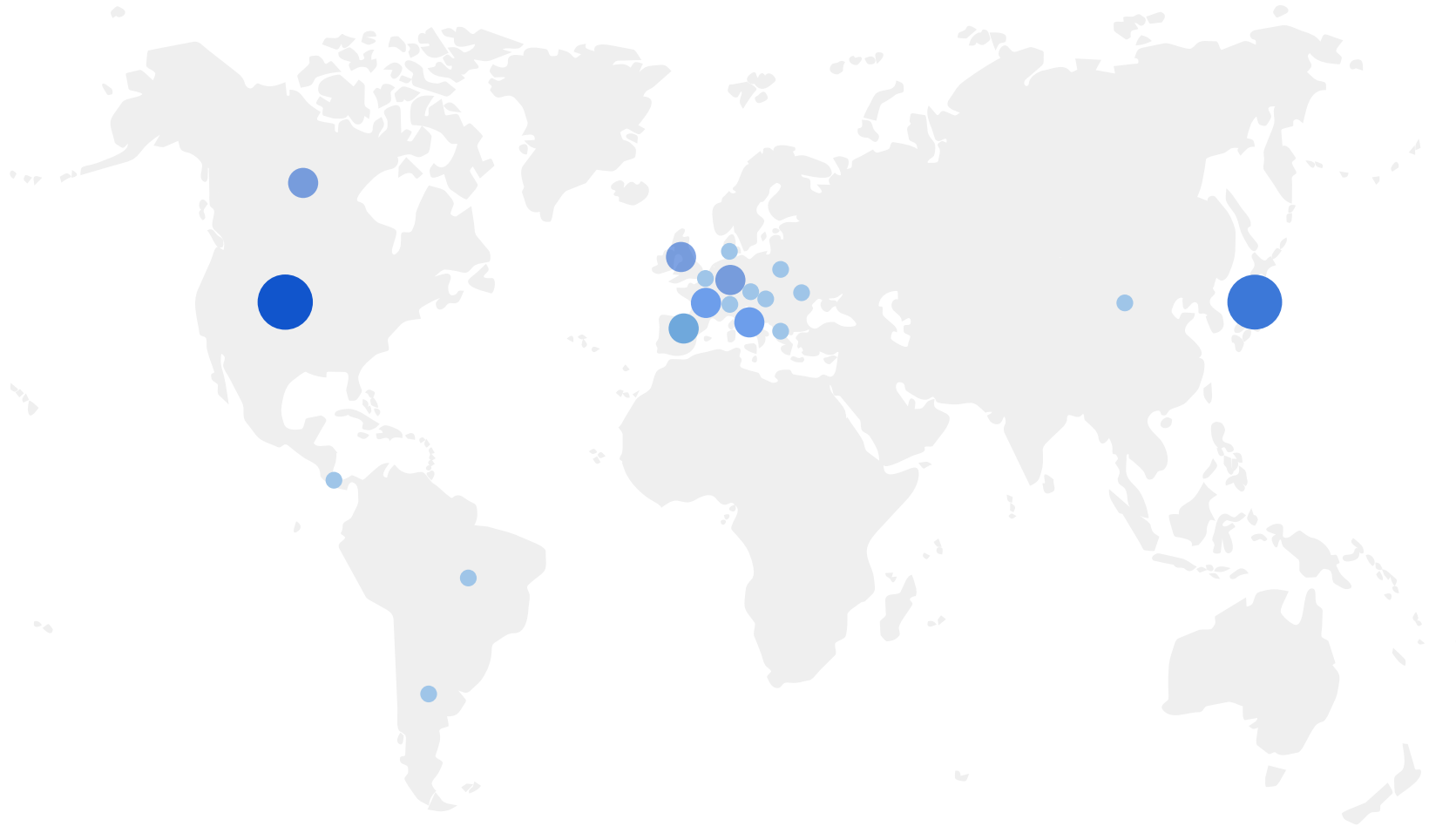


**33%**

● male

● female

# Top-100 Living Supercentenarians Distribution by Country



# Top-100 Living Supercentenarians Distribution by Gender

Men

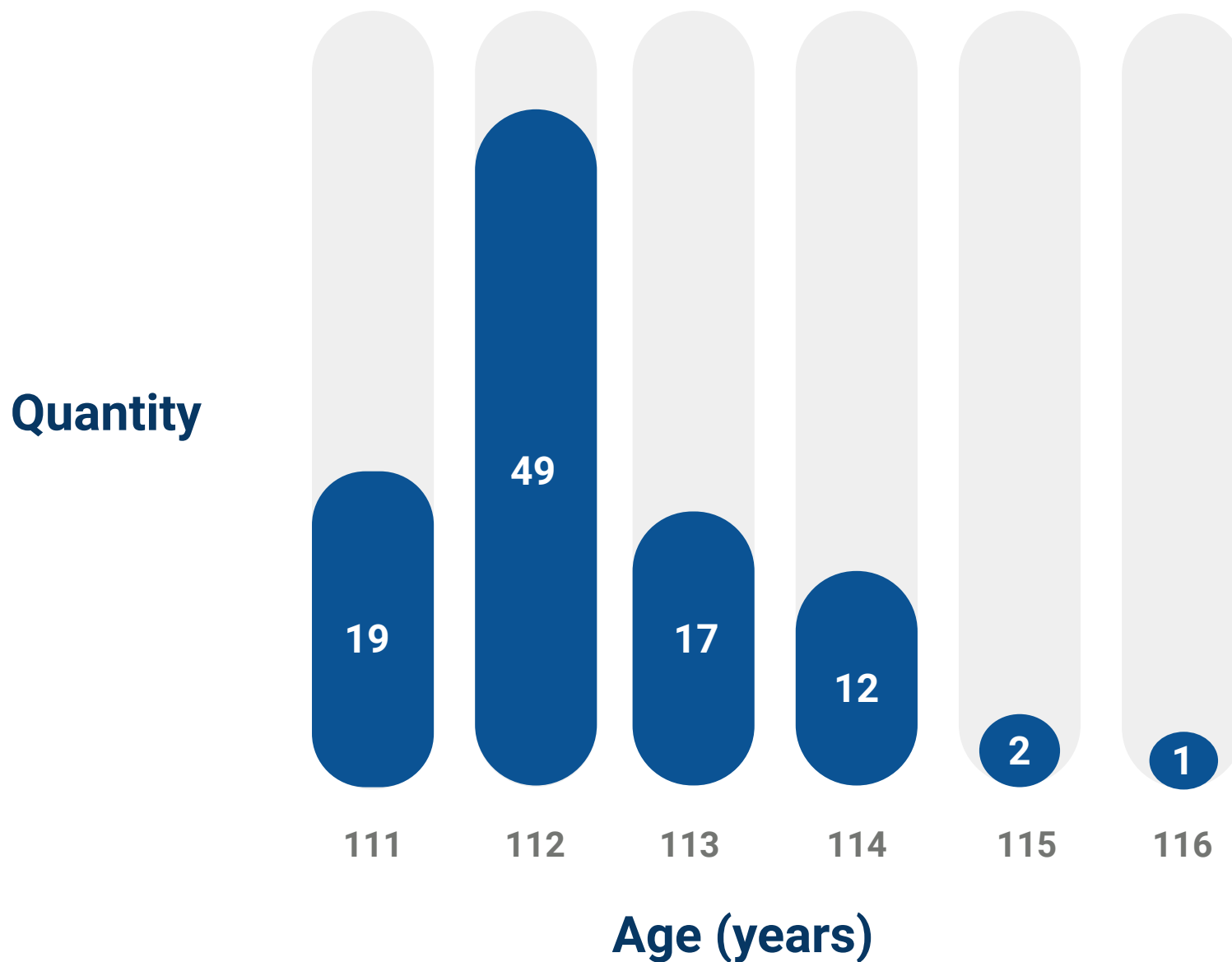
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Women

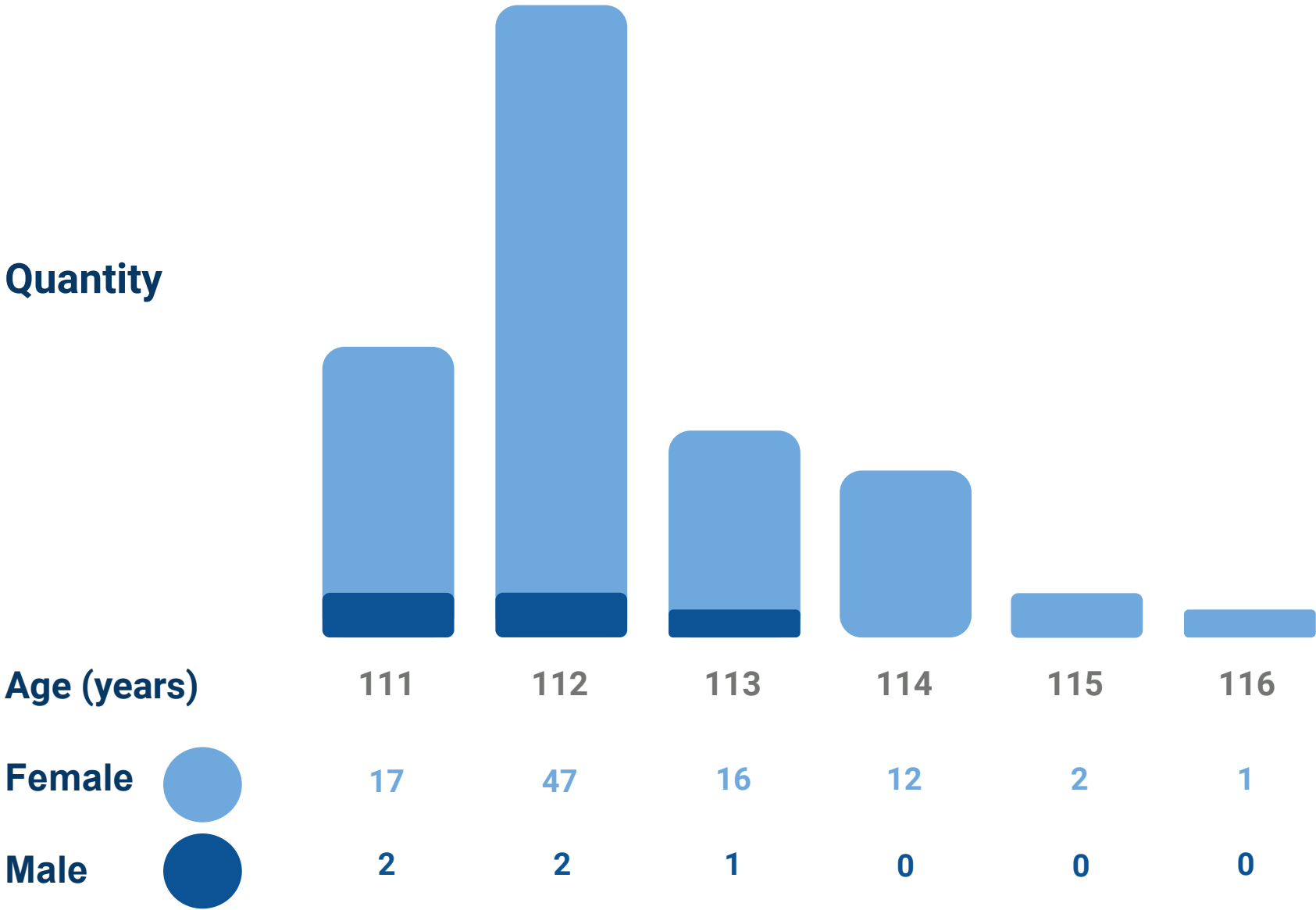
95 ♀

**It is only through further and more sourced research will we begin to fully understand the incredibly strong trends towards female supercentenarians that continues to the current day.**

# Top-100 Living Supercentenarians Distribution by Age



# Top-100 Living Supercentenarians Distribution by Age and Gender







# **Chapter III: Top-25 Socially and Professionally Active Living Centenarians**

# Top-25 Socially and Professionally Active Centenarians

There is little point in increasing human Longevity if the period during which we are no longer able to enjoy and participate in life does not also increase.

This is known as Health Adjusted Life Expectancy (HALE) and Quality Adjusted Life Expectancy (QALE).

A strong indicator of both quality of life and overall health is the ability to remain professionally and socially active.

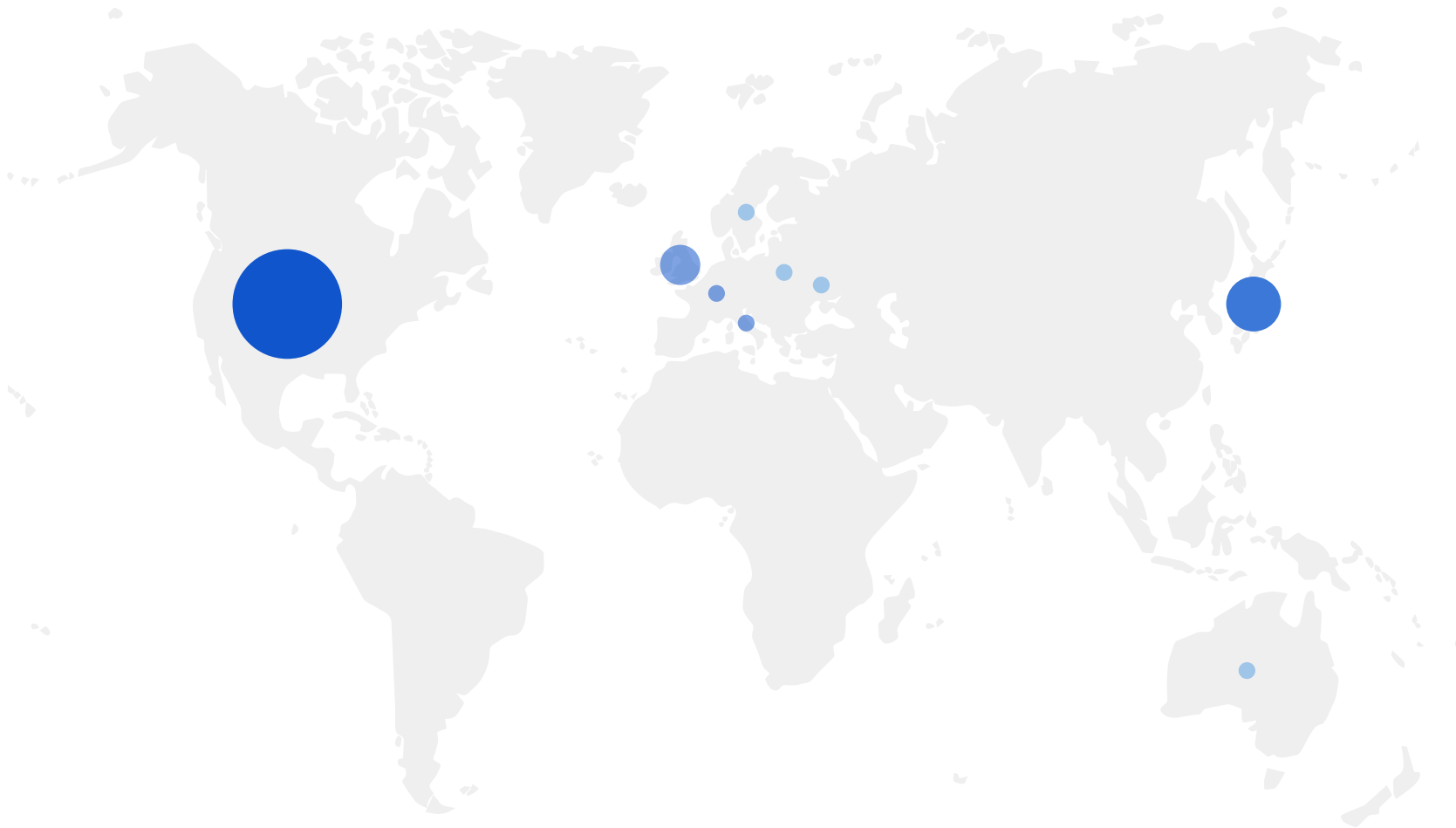
Currently it's not correct to talk about validated supercentenarians who are professionally and socially active, because most of them are in a protected environment: a nursing facility, a care home, at home with live-in care. However, there are some noteworthy centenarians.

As our understanding of ageing increases and with greater investment in Longevity tech and medicine, it makes sense that active and engaged persons in excess of 110 years of age will eventually become a reality.

Is it impossible that this may include individuals from this current crop of centenarians?



# Top-25 Socially and Professionally Active Centenarians Distribution by Nation



# Top-25 Socially and Professionally Active Centenarians Gender Distribution

Men

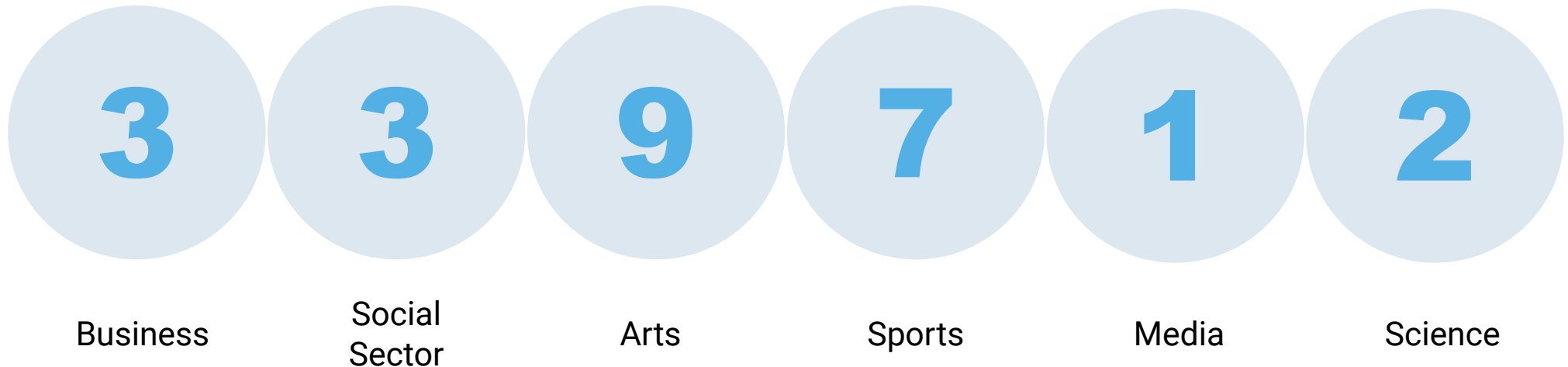
♂ 11

Women

14 ♀

**Consistent with all other comparisons by gender, women outnumber men  
among currently living and professionally and socially active  
supercentenarians not as much as the previous ones**

# Top-25 Socially and Professionally Active Centenarians Distribution by Type of Activity



**Among currently living and active supercentenarians there is a strong preference toward activities that foster healthy bodies and healthy minds.**

**Personal expression, whether physically or creatively seems to play a strong role.**





# **Chapter IV: Profiles of Top-100 Longest-Lived Supercentenarians**





# Jeanne Calment

**Birthplace:** Arles, France

**Placeholder:** 1

Jeanne Louise Calment (21 February 1875 – 4 August 1997) was a French woman who reached the longest confirmed lifespan in history at 122 years, 164 days (44,724 days in total). Her lifespan has been thoroughly documented by scientific study; more records have been produced to verify her age than for any other case. She was the second verified and undisputed person to reach their 115th birthday (after Augusta Holtz), and the first verified and undisputed person to reach 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, and 122. She remains the only person verified to have reached the ages of 120, 121, and 122.

Jeanne Calment was first publicly recognized for her Longevity when she was 111 years old. She reported that she had seen Vincent van Gogh (who died in 1890) when she was 13 years old. This claim made her appear in the 1990 movie *Vincent and Me*, where she played herself, and became the oldest person ever to appear in a film. After the death of Florence Knapp on 11 January 1988, she became the world's oldest verified living person and she became the oldest verified person ever in 1990, surpassing Augusta Holtz.

<b>Date of birth:</b>	21 February 1875
<b>Date of death:</b>	4 August 1997
<b>Residence/Place of death:</b>	France
<b>Lifetime duration:</b>	122 Years, 164 Days



# Sarah Knauss

**Birthplace:** Hollywood, Pennsylvania, USA

**Placeholder:** 2

Sarah DeRemer Knauss (24 September 1880 – 30 December 1999) was a validated American supercentenarian who is the second-oldest validated person in history, behind only Jeanne Calment. She is the longest-lived person in the history of the United States, and was the oldest person in the world from the death of Marie-Louise Meilleur on 16, April 1998 until her own death on December 30, 1999.

In 1995, Knauss said she enjoyed her life because she still had her health and could "do things". At age 116, Knauss was recognized as being the new United States national Longevity record holder, then thought to have been Carrie C. White (reportedly 1874–1991). In 1998, she became the world's oldest person when 117-year-old Canadian Marie-Louise Meilleur died. When her family members mentioned her newfound fame, Knauss responded with a smile and "So what?". Prior to her death, there were six living generations in her family.

<b>Date of birth:</b>	24 September 1880
<b>Date of death:</b>	30 December 1999
<b>Residence/Place of death:</b>	USA
<b>Lifetime duration:</b>	119 Years, 97 Days



# Nabi Tajima

**Birthplace:** Kikaijima, Kagoshima, Japan

**Placeholder:** 3

Nabi Tajima (4 August 1900 – 21 April 2018) was a Japanese supercentenarian who was the oldest validated person in the world at the time of her death and the third-oldest validated person ever. She became the oldest person in Japan following the death of the anonymous resident of Tokyo on 27 September 2015, and the oldest person in the world following the death of Violet Brown on 15 September 2017. She was the last validated person born in the year 1900.

Tajima was born and died on the small island of Kikaijima, about halfway between Okinawa and the main Japanese islands. She had nine children, seven sons and two daughters, and in September 2017 she was reported to have around 160 descendants, including great-great-grandchildren. She stated that her Longevity was due to sleeping soundly and eating delicious food. Guinness World Records was planning to certify Tajima as the world’s oldest person, but she died at a nursing home in Kikai City before they could do so.

Date of birth:	4 August 1900
Date of death:	21 April 2018
Residence/Place of death:	Japan
Lifetime duration:	117 Years, 260 Days



# Lucy Hannah

**Birthplace:** Alabama, USA

**Placeholder:** 4

Lucy Hannah (16 July 1875 – 21 March 1993) was an American supercentenarian who is validated as the fourth-oldest person ever, one of only nine people to reach 117, and the oldest African-American person ever.

Hannah was born Lucy Terrell in Linden, Alabama, and died in Detroit, where she had moved in the Great Migration to escape the racial tensions of the Deep South. She married John Hannah in 1901 and had eight children, only two of whom were living when Hannah died. Two of her sisters reached 100 and her mother reached 99. Before her death, Hannah claimed to be 118, but investigation by the Social Security Administration's "Kestenbaum" study in 2003 determined that her age at death was actually 117 years, 248 days.

Date of birth:	16 July 1875
Date of death:	21 March 1993
Residence/Place of death:	USA
Lifetime duration:	117 Years, 248 Days



# Marie-Louise Meilleur

**Birthplace:** Kamouraska, Québec, Canada

**Placeholder:** 5

Marie-Louise Febronie Chasse (29 August 1880 – April 16 1998) was born in Kamouraska, Quebec, in 1880, to fisherman parents. According to her family, she may have had some Native American ancestry. At the age of 18, she married Gerard Leclerc, another fisherman of her village. After he, two of her children and both of her parents died in 1911 and 1912, Meilleur left two of her four surviving children in 1913 and moved to the rural Ontario border. Only once, in 1939, did she return to the Quebec area. She married in 1915 Hector Meilleur, a Franco-Ontarian woodcutter, and with him, she had another 6 children.

Marie-Louise lived on a wood house without electricity and hot water until the 1950's. Some sources said that she was vegetarian, but this is not confirmed. Marie-Louise smoked Tobacco until her 90's. She attributed her Longevity to "Hard work, remember the good times of her youth, loved her family, having a good sense of humor and having good faith to God and Mary".

<b>Date of birth:</b>	29 August 1880
<b>Date of death:</b>	16 April 1998
<b>Residence/Place of death:</b>	Canada
<b>Lifetime duration:</b>	117 Years, 230 Days



# Violet Brown

**Birthplace:** Duanvale, Trelawny, Jamaica

**Placeholder:** 6

Violet Henrietta (10 March 1900 – 15 September 2017) was born in the small town of Duanvale, located in Trelawny Parish, Jamaica, which at the time was part of the British West Indies. Her father, John Gordon Mosse, worked as a sugar boiler. Her mother, Elizabeth Mosse, was a housekeeper. Violet had three other siblings. At a relatively late age, 13, she was baptized. At one point, she married Augustus Gaynor Brown. The couple had 6 children in total; four sons and two daughters. Her oldest son, Harold, preceded her in death in April 2017, age 97.

At the time of her 110th birthday, it was reported that, aside from deafness, Violet was in good overall physical shape. She stated that she didn't feel her age. She attributed her long life to God, respecting her parents as well, working hard and eating coconut sauce. Some of her favourite pastimes include going to church, reading books, and listening to music.

Date of birth:	10 March 1900
Date of death:	15 September 2017
Residence/Place of death:	Jamaica
Lifetime duration:	117 Years, 189 Days





# Emma Morano-Martinuzzi

**Birthplace:** Civasco, Vercelli, Italy

**Placeholder:** 7

Emma Martina Luigia Morano (29 November 1899 – 15 April 2017) was an Italian supercentenarian who, before her death at the age of 117 years and 137 days, was the world's oldest living person whose age had been verified, and the last living person to have been verified as being born in the 1800s. She remains the oldest Italian person ever and the second-oldest European person ever behind French woman Jeanne Calment.

Emma Martina Luigia Morano was the eldest of the eight children born to Giovanni Morano and Matilde Bresciani on 29 November 1899 in Civasco in the Province of Vercelli in Italy. When she was a child, she moved from the Sesia Valley to Ossola for her father's job, but the climate was unhealthy there, so a physician advised her family to live somewhere with a milder climate so the family moved to Pallanza, on Lake Maggiore, where Morano lived until her death. She said she never took drugs, ate three eggs a day, and drank a glass of homemade brandy.

<b>Date of birth:</b>	29 November 1899
<b>Date of death:</b>	15 April 2017
<b>Residence/Place of death:</b>	Italy
<b>Lifetime duration:</b>	117 Years,137 Days



# Chiyo Miyako

**Birthplace:** Wakayama, Japan

**Placeholder:** 8

Miyako was born on 2 May 1901 in Wakayama Prefecture, Japan. Her husband, Shoji, worked for Japanese National Railways, which meant that she had the chance to travel. She enjoyed calligraphy, which she learned during her childhood and practiced well in to her old age.

Miyako was officially validated by the Gerontology Research Group on 3 August 2015. She became the oldest living person in Kanagawa following the death of 114 year-old Kiyoko Ishiguro on 5 December 2015, and the oldest person in Japan and the world following the death of Nabi Tajima on 21 April 2018. She was the last surviving validated person born in 1901.

Miyako died in Nishi-ku, Yokohama, Kanagawa prefecture, on 22 July 2018 at the age of 117 years, 81 days. Her death came just as evidence of her applications for the title of oldest person living were approved by Guinness World Records. Following her death, Japanese woman Kane Tanaka became the world's oldest person.

<b>Date of birth:</b>	2 May 1901
<b>Date of death:</b>	22 July 2018
<b>Residence/Place of death:</b>	Japan
<b>Lifetime duration:</b>	117 years, 81 days



# Misao Okawa

**Birthplace:** Tenma-Ku, Osaka, Japan

**Placeholder:** 9

Misao Okawa (5 March 1898 – 1 April 2015) was a Japanese supercentenarian who is the third-oldest verified person ever from Japan and Asia and also was the oldest living person in the world from the death of the 116-year-old Jiroemon Kimura, who was also the oldest verified man ever, until her own death on 1 April 2015. She was the oldest ever person from Japan until 1 September 2017 when her age was surpassed by Nabi Tajima.

She married her husband Yukio, who ran his own business in Kobe, in 1919 and had three children, two daughters and a son. As of February 2013, only one of her daughters, Shizuyo (age 97), and her son Hiroshi (age 99), were still alive. Her husband died on 20 June 1931 at age 36. In 2000, she broke her leg at the age of 102. But later she said that she was doing leg squats. She was able to walk until she was 110, after which she needed a wheelchair to prevent her from falling over.

<b>Date of birth:</b>	5 March 1898
<b>Date of death:</b>	1 April 2015
<b>Residence/Place of death:</b>	Japan
<b>Lifetime duration:</b>	117 Years, 27 Days



# Maria Esther de Capovilla

**Birthplace:** Guayaquil, Ecuador

**Placeholder:** 10

María Capovilla (14 September 1889 – 27 August 2006) of Guayaquil, Ecuador, at the time of her death at age 116 years, 347 days, was an Ecuadorian supercentenarian recognized by Guinness World Records as the world's oldest living person. She was the last remaining documented person born in the 1880s.

Born as María Esther Heredia Lecaro in Guayaquil, María was the daughter of a colonel, and lived a life among the upper-class elite, attending social functions and art classes. She never smoked or drank hard liquor. In 1917, she married a military officer, Antonio Capovilla, who died in 1949. They had five children, three of whom were still living at her passing: Hilda(81), Irma(80) and son Anibal (78). She also had 11 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

<b>Date of birth:</b>	14 September 1889
<b>Date of death:</b>	27 August 2006
<b>Residence/Place of death:</b>	Ecuador
<b>Lifetime duration:</b>	116 Years, 347 Days



# Susannah Mushatt Jones

**Birthplace:** Lowndes County, Alabama, USA

**Placeholder:** 11

Susannah Mushatt Jones (6 July 1899 – 12 May 2016) was the oldest verified living person in the world from the death of 116-year-old Jeralean Talley on 17 June 2015 until her own death on 12 May 2016. At the time of her death she was the seventh-oldest verified person ever. She was also one of the last two living people verified to have been born in the 1800's along with Emma Morano of Italy. She was also the last surviving American person born in the 19th century.

As a young woman, she worked in the fields but she was determined to escape that hard existence. On 4 March 1922, she graduated from the Calhoun Boarding High School and the graduation roster recognized her for studying "Negro Music in France". After graduation she wanted to become a teacher and was accepted to Tuskegee Institute's Teacher's Program. However, her parents did not have enough money to pay for her college, so in 1923, she moved to New York during the early stages of the Harlem Renaissance. Ms. Jones became a nanny and took care of many children of wealthy parents.

<b>Date of birth:</b>	6 July 1899
<b>Date of death:</b>	12 May 2016
<b>Residence/Place of death:</b>	USA
<b>Lifetime duration:</b>	116 Years, 311 Days



# Gertrude Weaver

**Birthplace:** Lafayette County, Arkansas, USA

**Placeholder:** 12

Gertrude Tonpon Weaver (née Gaines) (4 July (or April) 1898 – 6 April 2015) was an American supercentenarian of mixed race who was, briefly for 5 days, the oldest living person in the world following the death of Misao Okawa on 1 April 2015, until her own death. Upon her death, Jeralean Talley became the world's oldest validated living person.

Weaver was born in Lafayette County, Arkansas. She married Gennie Weaver on 18 July 1915 and had four children. She was widowed in 1969. At 104, she moved to the Silver Oaks Health and Rehabilitation Center in Camden. Weaver did not have any chronic health problems typical of people her age; she slept well and did not drink alcohol or smoke. Weaver told the Associated Press that there were three factors that have contributed to her Longevity: "Trusting in the Lord, hard work, and loving everybody". Weaver added a fourth factor when she told Time magazine that trying to do your best is another factor adding: "Just do what you can, and if we can't, we can't" or, in other words, "Kindness".

<b>Date of birth:</b>	4 July 1898
<b>Date of death:</b>	6 April 2015
<b>Residence/Place of death:</b>	USA
<b>Lifetime duration:</b>	116 Years, 276 Days





# Tane Ikai

**Birthplace:** Aichi, Japan

**Placeholder:** 13

Tane Ikai (18 January 1879 – 12 July 1995) was a Japanese supercentenarian, who held the title of the oldest person and woman ever from Japan and Asia until Misao Okawa surpassed her age on 28 August 2014.

She married at the age of 20 and had three sons and a daughter. She separated from her husband at age 38 in 1917. In 1988, at the age of 109, she suffered a stroke and was moved to a hospital, where she remained bedridden for the rest of her life. She outlived all of her children and died of kidney failure on 12 July 1995 as the oldest recorded Japanese person at the age of 116 years, 175 days (her record was broken by Misao Okawa in 2014). Ikai was the first known supercentenarian to be autopsied, following her death.

<b>Date of birth:</b>	18 January 1879
<b>Date of death:</b>	12 July 1995
<b>Residence/Place of death:</b>	Japan
<b>Lifetime duration:</b>	116 Years, 175 Days



# Elizabeth Bolden

**Birthplace:** Somerville, Tennessee, USA

**Placeholder:** 14

Elizabeth J. "Lizzie" Bolden (15 August 1890 – 11 December 2006) was a validated African-American supercentenarian. Elizabeth Bolden was born in Somerville, Tennessee, USA, on 15 August 1890. She married Louis Bolden (1892–1955) in 1908. Bolden is the record holder for the state of Tennessee.

She had a stroke at age 114, after which she required a feeding tube for care. At the time of her 116th birthday in August 2006, Bolden had 40 grandchildren, 75 great-grandchildren, 150 great-great-grandchildren, 220 great-great-great grandchildren and 75 great-great-great-great-grandchildren. Elizabeth Bolden died in Memphis, Tennessee, USA on 11 December 2006. She lived to the age of 116 years, 118 days.

Date of birth:	15 August 1890
Date of death:	11 December 2006
Residence/Place of death:	USA
Lifetime duration:	116 years, 118 days



# Besse Cooper

**Birthplace:** Sullivan, Tennessee, USA

**Placeholder:** 15

Besse Berry Cooper (née Brown; 26 August 1896 – 4 December 2012) was a validated American supercentenarian who was the world's oldest living person from 21 June 2011 to her death. After the death of Maria Gomes Valentim on 21 June 2011, Cooper became recognized as the world's oldest living person.

Besse Berry Brown was born on 26 August 1896 in Tennessee. She worked as a teacher. She moved to Georgia in 1917, and married Luther Cooper in 1924. He died in 1963. Besse and Luther Cooper had four children. Besse Cooper died on 4 December 2012 at her nursing home in Monroe, Georgia. She was survived by all of her children, 11 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great grandchildren. On 26 August 2012, Cooper celebrated her 116th birthday. Her son Sidney said that she "looked very good" when she died. She died at the age of 116 years, 100 days as the 8th oldest person ever recorded and the last person born in 1896.

<b>Date of birth:</b>	26 August 1896
<b>Date of death:</b>	4 December 2012
<b>Residence/Place of death:</b>	USA
<b>Lifetime duration:</b>	116 years, 100 days



# Maria Giuseppa Robucci-Nargiso

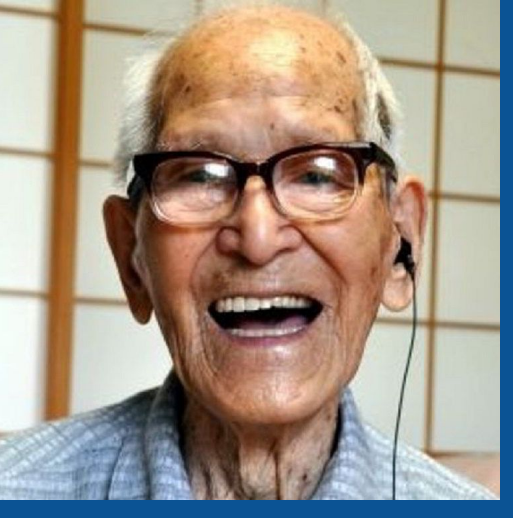
**Birthplace:** Poggio Imperiale, Apulia, Italy

**Placeholder:** 16

Maria Giuseppa Robucci-Nargiso (20 March 1903 – 18 June 2019) was an Italian supercentenarian whose age is validated by the Gerontology Research Group. At the age of 116, she was the oldest living person in Italy and Europe, and the second-oldest living person in the world.

Maria Giuseppa Robucci was born in 1903 in Poggio Imperiale, province of Foggia, Apulia region, Italy. On 3 December 1928, she married Nicola Nargiso. The couple had five children. Robucci became a widow in 1982. In 2003, her 100th birthday was featured in a television show called *La vita in diretta* for the channel Rai Uno. At the age of 100, she was still able to chop wood. In 2014, Robucci broke her hip after a fall and underwent surgery. She credits her Longevity to good diet, having faith in God, avoiding alcohol, and having a positive mindset. On 6 July 2018, she became the oldest living person in Italy following the death of 116-year-old Giuseppina Progetto-Frau.

<b>Date of birth:</b>	20 March 1903
<b>Date of death:</b>	18 June 2019
<b>Residence/Place of death:</b>	Italy
<b>Lifetime duration:</b>	116 years, 90 days



# Jiroemon Kimura

**Birthplace:** Kyotango, Kyoto, Japan

**Placeholder:** 17

Jiroemon Kimura (19 April 1897 – 12 June 2013) was a Japanese supercentenarian. He became the oldest verified male in history on 28 December 2012, at the age of 115 years and 253 days and also became the first and so far the only man who indisputably reached 116 years of age, being 116 years, 54 days old at the time of his death from natural causes. He was the last verified living man born in the 19th century.

Jiroemon Kimura was born as Kinjiro Miyake on 19 April 1897, in Kyotango, Kyoto, Japan. He finished school at the age of 14 and worked at local post offices for 45 years, starting at the age of 17 until his retirement in 1962 at the age of 65. He also worked at a government communication unit in Korea in the 1920s. Upon his return, he married his neighbor, Yae Kimura. He, after retiring, worked as a farmer, helping his son in farming until the age of 90. Kimura had 7 children, 14 grandchildren, 25 great grandchildren. and 13 great-great grandchildren.

<b>Date of birth:</b>	19 April 1897
<b>Date of death:</b>	12 June 2013
<b>Residence/Place of death:</b>	Japan
<b>Lifetime duration:</b>	116 years, 54 days



# Ana Vela-Rubio

**Birthplace:** Puente Genil, Córdoba, Spain

**Placeholder:** 18

Ana Maria Vela-Rubio (29 October 1901 – 15 December 2017) was a validated Spanish supercentenarian who was, at the time of her death, the oldest living person in Spain, the oldest in Europe after the passing of Emma Morano on 15 April 2017, and overall the third-oldest in the world. She became the oldest living person in Spain following the death of Francisca Garcia Torres on 25 February 2014.

Vela-Rubio was born on 29 October 1901 in Puente Genil, Cordoba, Spain. Vela-Rubio worked in a food store in Malaga, Spain. In 1950, she moved to Barcelona with her partner. She never married her partner because her parents didn't approve of their relationship. They had four children - Carmelita, Antonio, Ana, and Juan. Vela-Rubio moved in to a nursing home in 2005. She suffered from dementia. On 29 October 2017, she celebrated her 116th birthday, becoming one of only five people in the history of Europe to have reached this age.

Date of birth:	29 October 1901
Date of death:	15 December 2017
Residence/Place of death:	Spain
Lifetime duration:	116 years, 47 days





# Giuseppina Progetto-Frau

**Birthplace:** La Maddalena, Sardinia, Italy

**Placeholder:** 19

Giuseppina Progetto-Frau (30 May 1902 – 6 July 2018) was a validated Italian supercentenarian who was, at the time of her death, the oldest living person in Europe and the second-oldest living person in the world. Progetto became the oldest living Italian-born person following the death of Emma Morano on 15 April 2017, the oldest person living in Italy following the death of Marie-Joséphine Gaudette on 13 July 2017, and the oldest living person in Europe following the death of Ana Vela-Rubio on 15 December 2017.

Progetto was born on 30 May 1902 in La Maddalena, Sardinia, Italy. She married Giuseppe Frau and the couple had three children in total. In around 1946, Giuseppina moved to Florence in mainland Italy, where she lived with one of her daughters, Julia, until her death. On 30 May 2018, Progetto celebrated her 116th birthday, making her the second Italian to reach this age. She was the last surviving validated person born in 1902.

<b>Date of birth:</b>	30 May 1902
<b>Date of death:</b>	6 July 2018
<b>Residence/Place of death:</b>	Italy
<b>Lifetime duration:</b>	116 years, 37 days



# Jeralean Talley

**Birthplace:** Montrose, Georgia, USA

**Placeholder:** 20

Jeralean L. Talley (23 May 1899 – 17 June 2015) was an American supercentenarian who was at the age of 116 years, 25 days the oldest living person in the world, and the oldest verified living American, originally believed to have gotten the title upon the death of 113-year-old Elsie Thompson on 21 March 2013 but later was superseded by Gertrude Weaver, only to regain the title upon the death of Ms. Weaver on Apr 6 2015.

Jeralean L. Kurtz spent her early life living on a farm. In 1936, she married Alfred Talley. Together, they had one child. Jeralean and Alfred remained married for 52 years until he died on 17 October 1988, at the age of 95. Her daughter Thelma stated that Jeralean had remained active in her later life by making quilts, sewing dresses, and playing the slot machines at casinos. She bowled until she was 104 years old, but she still went on annual fishing trips. In May 2013, when she was 114 years old, she caught 7 catfish. Talley lived by the motto: "Treat others the way you want to be treated". She advised people to use common sense, saying, "I don't have much education, but what little sense I got, I try to use it".

Date of birth:	23 May 1899
Date of death:	17 June 2015
Residence/Place of death:	USA
Lifetime duration:	116 years, 25 days



# Maggie Barnes

**Birthplace:** Black Creek, North Carolina, USA

**Placeholder:** 21

Maggie Pauline Barnes (6 March 1882 – 19 January 1998) was a validated American supercentenarian who holds the record for the oldest verified person from the state of North Carolina. She was survived by 4 of her 15 children. She was the 3rd-oldest verified living person and the 2nd-oldest in the United States.

Maggie Pauline Hinnant was born in Black Creek, Wilson, North Carolina as the daughter of Louzaine Hinnant and an unknown father. She married William Orangie Barnes at Maggie's stepfather Dread's farm in Black Creek, Wilson 22 October 1899. The couple would have 15 children, of which eight would reach an adult age. The family moved to Kenly, Wilson, North Carolina in 1904 and Maggie spent the remaining part of her life in this area.

<b>Date of birth:</b>	6 March 1882
<b>Date of death:</b>	19 January 1998
<b>Residence/Place of death:</b>	USA
<b>Lifetime duration:</b>	115 years, 319 days



# Dina Manfredini

**Birthplace:** Pievepelago, Emilia-Romagna, Italy

**Placeholder:** 22

Dina Manfredini (4 April 1897 – 17 December 2012) was a validated Italian-American supercentenarian who was the world's oldest person from the death of Besse Cooper on 4 December 2012 until her own death 13 days later. She was the oldest Italian-born person ever at the time of her death, as well as being the tenth-oldest validated person ever. Manfredini was born on 4 April 1897 in the small comune of Pievepelago in the Emilia-Romagna region of northern Italy. In 1920, shortly after marrying Riccardo Manfredini, she emigrated to Iowa, United States. The couple had four children in total. Manfredini worked in an ammunition factory during World War II, and cleaned houses until she was 90. After her husband's death, Manfredini lived alone for about 42 years until moving into a nursing home in 2007 at the age of 110. She survived colon cancer at the age of 101. She 'danced' at the age of 103 and was still able to shovel snow when she was 106. Apart from three living children, she also had seven grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, and 12 great-great-grandchildren at the time of her death.

<b>Date of birth:</b>	4 April 1897
<b>Date of death:</b>	17 December 2012
<b>Residence/Place of death:</b>	USA
<b>Lifetime duration:</b>	115 years, 257 days

# Shimoe Akiyama

**Birthplace:** Japan

**Placeholder:** 23

Akiyama was born in Japan on 19 May 1903. In 2017, she was recognised as the oldest living person in the Aichi Prefecture by the Japanese Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare. Her age was officially validated by the Gerontology Research Group on 16 April 2018.

Following the death of Chiyo Miyako on 22 July 2018, Akiyama became the second-oldest living person in Japan and the third-oldest living person in the world. She died in Nagoya, Aichi Prefecture, Japan, on 29 January 2019 at the age of 115 years, 255 days.

Date of birth:	19 May 1903
Date of death:	29 January 2019
Residence/Place of death:	Japan
Lifetime duration:	115 years, 255 days



# Christian Mortensen

**Birthplace:** Skårup, Skanderborg, Denmark

**Placeholder:** 24

Thomas Peter Thorvald Kristian Ferdinand Mortensen, known as an adult as Christian Mortensen (16 August 1882 – 25 April 1998), was a Danish- American supercentenarian. He is the oldest recognized male ever to die in the United States, and the oldest recognized person ever born in Denmark. He was the last surviving person documented as born in 1882.

Christian Mortensen was born in Skarup, Skanderborg, Denmark, on 16 August 1882, and he was baptized in Fruering Church on 26 December 1882. In Denmark, Mortensen had worked as a farmhand and apprenticed as a tailor. In 1903, he immigrated to the United States, and lived in various areas and worked in various trades including as a milkman and in a can factory. He apparently was married though only briefly and never had children. Mortensen enjoyed an occasional cigar, and, very unusually for a supercentenarian, was known to show a bit of feistiness even in his final years. In 1973, he rode his tricycle to the Aldersly Retirement Community in San Rafael. Mortensen lived there for his final 25 years.

<b>Date of birth:</b>	16 August 1882
<b>Date of death:</b>	25 April 1998
<b>Residence/Place of death:</b>	USA
<b>Lifetime duration:</b>	115 years, 252 days





# Charlotte Hughes

**Birthplace:** Middlesbrough, England, UK

**Placeholder:** 25

Charlotte Marion Hughes (née Milburn; 1 August 1877 – 17 March 1993) is the longest-lived person ever documented in England and the United Kingdom overall, at 115 years 228 days. She is 220 days older than Annie Jennings, the next oldest British supercentenarian. She was the 4th verified supercentenarian to turn 115. She drank tea and said it has helped with her Longevity. Ms. Hughes was also the oldest person to fly at age 115 (in 1992), and the Concorde at that. Ms. Hughes also held the record for the longest operating bank account (101 years). Over 25 years after her passing, her UK record remains unsurpassed. Hughes was never interviewed by demographers or other aging researchers, though the historian Peter Laslett went through the documentation pertaining to her case.

<b>Date of birth:</b>	1 August 1877
<b>Date of death:</b>	17 March 1993
<b>Residence/Place of death:</b>	UK
<b>Lifetime duration:</b>	115 years, 228 days



# Edna Parker

**Birthplace:** Shelby County, Indiana, USA

**Placeholder:** 26

Edna Ruth Parker (April 20, 1893 – November 26, 2008) was an American supercentenarian who, for fifteen months, was recognized as the oldest person in the world. She featured in two documentaries and was included in a Boston University DNA database of supercentenarians.

Parker was born on a farm in Shelby County, Indiana and raised eating a typical farm diet of meat and starch. She attended Franklin College to obtain a teaching certificate. Parker taught at a two-room schoolhouse in Smithland, Indiana, for 2 years, until she married Earl Parker on 12 April 1913. They had two sons both of whom she outlived. As of April 2008, she had five grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and 13 great-great-grandchildren. Parker lived alone on a farm on Blueridge Road after her husband had died when she was 45. She remained there until age 100, when, still in very strong health, she moved in with one of her sons.

<b>Date of birth:</b>	20 April 1893
<b>Date of death:</b>	26 November 2008
<b>Residence/Place of death:</b>	USA
<b>Lifetime duration:</b>	115 years, 220 days



# Mary Ann Rhodes

**Birthplace:** Leeds, Ontario, Canada

**Placeholder:** 27

Mary Ann Rhodes was a Canadian supercentenarian who, at the time of her death, was the third oldest person in the world, and second oldest person in Canada. Despite reaching the age of 115, Rhodes never became the oldest living person in Canada, or even Ontario, due to Marie-Louise Meilleur, who passed away one month after Rhodes, at the age of 117. Rhodes was statistically old enough to be the world's oldest person in an average year. Due to being in "second place," Mary Ann Rhodes was never in the major-media limelight, having been featured only in local media coverage.

Mary was born in South Lake, Leeds, Ontario on 12 August 1882. In 1912, she married Victor Rhodes; the couple had one child, a son called Murray. Victor died in 1954, and Mary continued to live in Seeley's Bay until 1968. She lived in her own home until 1986, when she moved to the Providence Manor nursing home in Kingston. She died on 3 March 1998, at the age of 115 years, 203 days. She remains as the second oldest Canadian person ever to this day.

<b>Date of birth:</b>	12 August 1882
<b>Date of death:</b>	3 March 1998
<b>Residence/Place of death:</b>	Canada
<b>Lifetime duration:</b>	115 years, 203 days

# Harumi Nakamura

**Birthplace:** Japan

**Placeholder:** 28

Anonymous of Tokyo (15 March 1900 – 27 September 2015) was a verified Japanese supercentenarian who had been recognized by the Ministry of Health, Labour, and Welfare as Japan's oldest living person. She was a resident of the district of Shibuya, Tokyo. She was the fourth-oldest verified living person in the world, according to the Gerontology Research Group. She had been the oldest living Japanese person since the death of Misao Okawa on 1 April 2015; but was not officially verified until 1 July 2015.

She died on 27 September 2015 aged 115 years, 196 days. After her death, Nabi Tajima (born 4 August 1900) became Japan's oldest person.

While her name was never publicly disclosed by the MHLW, a photograph of her wall in a 2011 photo suggested her name was Harumi Nakamura.

Date of birth:	15 March 1900
Date of death:	27 September 2015
Residence/Place of death:	Japan
Lifetime duration:	115 years, 196 days



# Margaret Skeete

**Birthplace:** Rockport, Texas, USA

**Placeholder:** 29

Margaret Skeete was the oldest living person in the United States from the death of Ettie Mae Greene on 26 February, 1992, until her own death two years later. Skeete is also the Texas state Longevity record holder, and the last verified person born in the year 1878. She married Renn Skeete in Harris, Texas, in January 1908. The couple had 3 children. After her husband's death in 1953, Margaret moved from Texas to Virginia, to live with her daughter Verne.

Skeete died on 7 May 1994, six weeks after a fall. She was survived by her daughter Verne, who went on to become a centenarian herself, passing away in 2009, aged 100. At the time of her death, Skeete was the oldest living person in the United States, and the second oldest person in the world, after French woman Jeanne Calment.

<b>Date of birth:</b>	27 October 1878
<b>Date of death:</b>	7 May 1994
<b>Residence/Place of death:</b>	USA
<b>Lifetime duration:</b>	115 years, 192 days



# Bernice Madigan

**Birthplace:** West Springfield, Massachusetts, USA

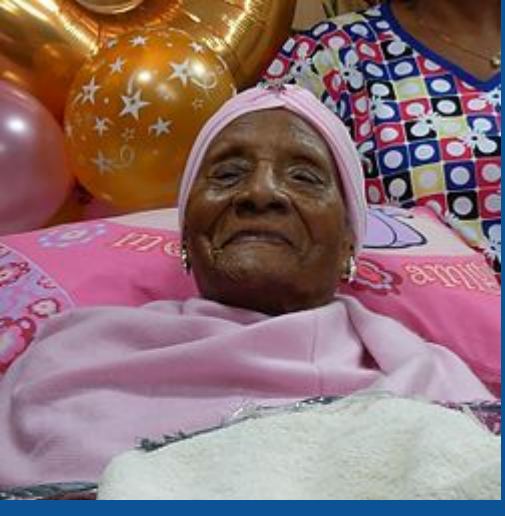
**Placeholder:** 30

Bernice Marina "Bennie" Madigan was a validated American supercentenarian and at the time of her death the fifth-oldest person in the world. She was also one of the last living verified people who were born before 1900. She's the oldest person ever from Massachusetts, living to the age of 115 years, 163 days and currently ranks the 27th-oldest person ever.

Bernice Marina Emerson was born in West Springfield, Hampden, Massachusetts 24 July 1899 as the daughter of Harry and Grace Bennett Emerson. In 1918 she moved to Washington, District of Columbia. She married Paul H. Madigan in Washington D.C. 10 September 1925. The couple had no children. Bernice and her husband then moved to Maryland. She was widowed in 1976 and returned to Massachusetts in 2007. Madigan died in Cheshire, Berkshire, Massachusetts 3 January 2015, aged 115 years and 163 days.

Date of birth:	24 July 1899
Date of death:	3 January 2015
Residence/Place of death:	USA
Lifetime duration:	115 years, 163 days





# Gertrude Baines

**Birthplace:** Shellman, Georgia, USA

**Placeholder:** 31

Gertrude Baines was an American supercentenarian who was the oldest living person in the world from the death of Maria de Jesus on 2 January 2009 until her own death eight months later. She married Sam Conly at a "very young age" and had a daughter, Annabelle, who died of typhoid fever at age 18. Baines lived at the Western Convalescent Home in Jefferson Park, Los Angeles when she died. She lived on her own until she was 105.

When asked what she credited to her Longevity, she answered, "God. Ask him... I took good care of myself, the way he wanted me to." Baines, a daughter of former slaves, cast a vote for Barack Obama in the 2008 US presidential elections. On 11 November 2008, Baines surpassed Carrie Lazenby's (1882–1996) record of (114 years, 218 days), to become the oldest person ever who was born in the state of Georgia. She became the oldest living African American following the death of Arbella Ewing on 22 March 2008, and the oldest living person in the United States following the death of Edna Parker on 26 November 2008.

Date of birth:	6 April 1894
Date of death:	11 September 2009
Residence/Place of death:	USA
Lifetime duration:	115 years, 158 days



# Emiliano Mercado del Toro

**Birthplace:** Shellman, Puerto Rico

**Placeholder:** 32

Emiliano was born the son of Delfin Mercado and Gumerinda del Toro. Emiliano worked in the cane fields until the age of 81. He never married and never had children, but said he had three "girlfriends" in his life. Emiliano became the oldest man in the world, with documents supplied so far including a birth certificate, baptismal certificate, 1910 census record and veteran ID card. By January 2005 Guinness had accepted Emiliano as the "oldest living man whose age could be fully authenticated. "In addition, as a veteran of World War I, he broke the record for longest-lived veteran of any military force that was set by Mathew Beard, albeit as a non-combat veteran. In 1993 he was honored by U.S. President Bill Clinton with the medal commemorating the 75th anniversary of the signing of the truce that ended World War I. Mercado del Toro, the elder of two siblings, had to move from his familiar Cabo Rojo grounds due to a fall he had in his home when he was 102, which affected his hip bone. His 85 year-old niece took him to live with his relatives.

Date of birth:	21 August 1891
Date of death:	24 January 2007
Residence/Place of death:	Puerto Rico
Lifetime duration:	115 years, 156 days



# Bettie Wilson

**Birthplace:** Mississippi, USA

**Placeholder:** 33

Bettie Wilson was an American supercentenarian who, at the time of her death, was the third-oldest person in the world, behind Maria Capovilla and Elizabeth Bolden. Bettie Antry Rutherford was born on 13 September 1890, in Mississippi, the daughter of slaves (her mother had Bettie at age 45). She was the youngest of nine siblings. Growing up, she had little formal education, and taught herself to read and write. She married Rufus Rogers, and the couple had a son before Rufus died. She then married the Rev. Dewey Wilson in 1922, and the couple had 2 children. The marriage with Dewey lasted 72 years. In her later years, Ms. Wilson was interviewed by the University of Mississippi and Georgia State University and her recollections are now a part of the oral history archives at the University of Mississippi, Oxford. Ms. Wilson's cane was said to be hand-carved by slaves. She was featured in the 2005 book "Wisdom of the World's Oldest People" by Jerry Friedman. Wilson died from congestive heart failure on 13 February 2006.

<b>Date of birth:</b>	13 September 1890
<b>Date of death:</b>	13 February 2006
<b>Residence/Place of death:</b>	USA
<b>Lifetime duration:</b>	115 years, 153 days



# Julie Winnefred Bertrand

**Birthplace:** Coaticook, Quebec, Canada

**Placeholder:** 34

Julie Winnefred Bertrand was a Canadian supercentenarian, who was at the time of death at the age of 115 years, 124 days, the oldest living woman in the world and the second-oldest living person in the world after Emiliano Mercado del Toro. Bertrand was born on 16 September 1891, in the town of Coaticook, Quebec. She was the eldest of six children born to Napoleon Bertrand, and his wife Julia Mullins, an Irish immigrant. Growing up, she became acquainted with Louis St. Laurent, who would later become Prime Minister of Canada.

There was speculation as to how close the two were, although Bertrand herself never married. Bertrand worked as a clothes buyer and saleswoman in Coaticook for much of her life. She resided at Residences Berthiaume de Tremblay, a long-term care facility in Montreal, for the last 35 years of her life. "She just stopped breathing," said Andre Bertrand, 73. "That's a nice way to go."

Date of birth:	16 September 1891
Date of death:	18 January 2007
Residence/Place of death:	Canada
Lifetime duration:	115 years, 124 days

# Maria de Jesus

**Birthplace:** Portugal

**Placeholder:** 35

Maria de Jesus dos Santos was a Portuguese supercentenarian. Born as Maria de Jesus, she married in 1919 and became a widow in 1951, when she was 57 years old. From that relationship, five children were born, three of whom were still living at the time of her passing.. She also had 11 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren, and 6 great-great-grandchildren. During her lifetime, she visited the hospital only once and was long in very good health, with the exception of her ambulation. Maria worked on the land for her entire life and still lived in her own house instead of a nursing home.

Although she was still responsive as of November 2008, she could no longer recognize her family, and had serious problems with her sight and hearing, although she was still able to smile and wave at visitors. She still walked around with the aid of a walker. She enjoyed looking through her old family albums, sunbathing at her porch, eating Portuguese rice pudding and ice cream, as well as taking baths.

<b>Date of birth:</b>	10 September 1893
<b>Date of death:</b>	2 January 2009
<b>Residence/Place of death:</b>	Portugal
<b>Lifetime duration:</b>	115 years, 114 days



# Marie-Josephine Gaudette

**Birthplace:** Manchester, New Hampshire, USA

**Placeholder:** 36

Marie-Josephine Gaudette was an American-born Italian supercentenarian. Marie-Josephine Clarice was born in Manchester, New Hampshire, United States, on 25 March 1902. She soon decided to become a nun. She lived in Canada and France, where she taught art and music, before settling in a convent in Rome, Italy in 1958.

During the 2008 U.S. presidential election, she gained worldwide attention as one of the oldest voters (after a 56-year hiatus) at age 106. She voted for Barack Obama, who eventually ended up winning the election against the Republican candidate John McCain. At the time, she was reported to be in good overall shape, other than diminishing hearing ability. She later stated slight discomfort about the increased attention she was getting. At age 110, she was still able to write on a typewriter.

<b>Date of birth:</b>	25 March 1902
<b>Date of death:</b>	13 July 2017
<b>Residence/Place of death:</b>	Italy
<b>Lifetime duration:</b>	115 years, 110 days





# Susie Gibson

**Birthplace:** Mississippi, USA

**Placeholder:** 37

Susan Elizabeth "Susie" Gibson was an American supercentenarian. She currently ranks as one of the 40 oldest people ever. In addition to her age, Susie was in remarkable shape, able to be interviewed by NBC and others and still mentally fit until her final months. Unlike those confined to a nursing home, Susie went out to eat at O'Charley's restaurant regularly, even up to age 115. Susie Potts married James W. Gibson in 1915. He died in 1955, and her only son, James Jr., died in 1987, aged 70. At age 92, Susie recalled that she rescued a drowning boy who had fallen off a boat into a lake. Susie lived on her own until age 104, when she moved into a nursing home in Tuscumbia, Alabama. 10 years later, aged 114, she was one of the world's oldest people. In November 2004, Susie was interviewed, at age 114, and was able to talk more than an hour, remembering such things as the sinking of the Titanic in 1912, or that horse-drawn carriages would get stuck in the mud. Susie also recalled finding minié balls along the creeks near the old Shiloh battlefield. Susie Gibson died less than 72 hours later, in the early hours of 16 February 2006, at the age of 115 years, 108 days.

<b>Date of birth:</b>	31 October 1890
<b>Date of death:</b>	16 February 2006
<b>Residence/Place of death:</b>	USA
<b>Lifetime duration:</b>	115 years, 108 days



# Augusta Holtz

**Birthplace:** Poland

**Placeholder:** 38

Augusta Louise Holtz was born in the Prussian Province of Posen of the German Empire, modern-day Poland, in 1871 to Michael and Wilhemina Henrietta (Quade) Hoppe. According to her granddaughter, she lacked a birth certificate that would authenticate her claim and therefore was not listed by Guinness World Records. However, the birth record actually existed in the Polish archives, transferred from Germany, which the family was not then aware of. Her age was later verified by the Gerontology Research Group in 2012. At the time of her death she was the oldest verified person ever up until that point and the first person known to have reached the age of 115. Her age was surpassed by Jeanne Calment in 1990.

Augusta moved to the U.S. at age 2 in 1873. Her father owned a farm near Troy, Illinois. She grew up with three siblings. She married Edward Holtz in 1900, who died in 1923. She had four children with him – two sons (Edward and Augustus) and two daughters (Hester and Gertrude). She later moved to St. Louis County, Missouri, where she died at the St. Sophia Geriatric Center in Florissant.

<b>Date of birth:</b>	3 August 1871
<b>Date of death:</b>	21 October 1986
<b>Residence/Place of death:</b>	USA
<b>Lifetime duration:</b>	115 years, 79 days



# Hendrikje van Andel-Schipper

**Birthplace:** Assen, Netherlands

**Placeholder:** 39

Hendrikje van Andel-Schipper was a validated Dutch supercentenarian. She was the oldest person in Europe at the time of her death and remains the Dutch Longevity record holder. Hendrikje van Andel-Schipper was born in the small village of Kloosterveen (by now part of Assen, The Netherlands) on 29 June 1890. Born very prematurely,, as well as often being sick in her childhood, it was advised that she would not attend school. As a result, she was homeschooled by her parents. In 1925, at the age of 35, Van Andel-Schipper moved to The Hague together with her parents, where she would meet her future husband Dick van Andel, who worked at the tax office of Amsterdam.

She remained in good health for about thirty years, before she battled and beat breast cancer in 1990 and moved to retirement home 'De Westerkim' in May 1996, at the age of almost 106. Van Andel-Schipper being a fond supporter of the football club Ajax, the club would recognise her support by having its members visit her for her 115th birthday.

<b>Date of birth:</b>	29 June 1890
<b>Date of death:</b>	30 August 2005
<b>Residence/Place of death:</b>	Netherlands
<b>Lifetime duration:</b>	115 years, 62 days



# Maud Farris-Luse

**Birthplace:** Isabella, Michigan, USA

**Placeholder:** 40

Maud Farris-Luse was an American supercentenarian. Maud Muriel Davis was born in Isabella, Michigan 21 January 1887 as the daughter of Franklin Chester and Adella Jenkins Davis. She married Jason Ferris in Steuben, Indiana on 27 June 1903 and had six children: Charles, Esther, Walter, Clair, Dale and Lucille. She lived in Indiana for several years before returning to Michigan. She was widowed in 1951 and remarried to Walter Luse in Dorrance, Branch, Michigan on 25 September 1952. She was widowed again a few years later. Maud's first husband's last name, originally "Ferris", was later spelled "Farris". Maud was said to like drinking milk and eating dandelion greens. Maud Farris-Luse died in Coldwater, Michigan on 18 March 2002.

Date of birth:	21 January 1887
Date of death:	18 March 2002
Residence/Place of death:	USA
Lifetime duration:	115 years, 56 days



# Marie Brémont

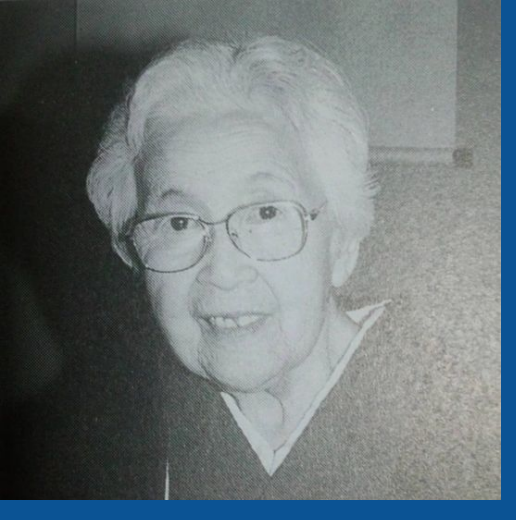
**Birthplace:** Noellet, France

**Placeholder:** 41

Marie Bremont was a French supercentenarian who became the oldest validated living person upon the death of Eva Morris on 2 November 2000, and held the title until her own death on 6 June 2001. Marie Bremont was born in Noellet, France, on 25 April 1886. Her father was a lumberjack. Her first husband, railroad worker Constant Lemaitre, was killed in the First World War. She married again to a taxi driver, Florentin Bremont, who died in 1967. She had no children. During her life, she worked as a farmer, a nanny, a seamstress, and pharmaceutical factory worker.

At the age of 103, Bremont was hit by a car and broke her arm as a result. She lived in a retirement home in Cande, France, during the last years of her life. Bremont died on 6 June 2001 at the age of 115 years, 42 days. Upon her death, the title passed to Maud Farris-Luse of the United States.

Date of birth:	25 April 1886
Date of death:	6 June 2001
Residence/Place of death:	France
Lifetime duration:	115 years, 42 days



# Koto Okubo

**Birthplace:** Japan

**Placeholder:** 42

Koto Okubo was a Japanese supercentenarian who, at the time of her death, was the oldest validated woman in the world and the second-oldest person in the world behind the man Jiroemon Kimura, who was eight months and five days older than her. Okubo spent her last days in her nursing home in Kawasaki with the company of her son. According to the Kawasaki Municipal Government, she enjoyed spending time with her son, who lives at the same nursing home. She was the world's last surviving woman born in 1897.

Date of birth:	24 December 1897
Date of death:	12 January 2013
Residence/Place of death:	Japan
Lifetime duration:	115 years, 19 days





# Antonia Gerena Rivera

**Birthplace:** Loiza, Puerto Rico

**Placeholder:** 43

Antonia Gerena Rivera was a verified Puerto Rican-American supercentenarian. She lived to the age of 115 years, 14 days and became the sixth-oldest living person in the world and the third-oldest in the United States at the time of her death. She was also the oldest living Floridan and is the second-oldest person ever to have been born in Puerto Rico and the oldest woman born there.

Gerena was born to Jose Felix Gerena and Basilia Rivera in the town of Loiza, Puerto Rico and raised in Barrio Cubuy, Río Grande. She had 9 children. She was of Canarian ancestry. Antonia Gerena Rivera comes from a long lived family. Her brother Frank lived to the age of 105 and her sister, Maria, lived to 103. She had eight children, two of them survived her (Carmen and Fe) and has 27 surviving grandchildren. Her family said that the genes of their family and drinks brandy were the reasons of her Longevity. Her family describe her as a "strong and worker woman".

Date of birth:	19 May 1900
Date of death:	2 June 2015
Residence/Place of death:	USA
Lifetime duration:	115 years, 14 days



# Chiyono Hasegawa

**Birthplace:** Japan

**Placeholder:** 44

Chiyono Hasegawa was a Japanese supercentenarian. At the time of her death, Hasegawa was one of only 26 people verified to have surpassed a 115th birthday, and the second Japanese person after Tane Ikai. In September 2008 on Senior Citizen's Day, Chiyono Hasegawa, then 111, and her 61-year-old grandson were visited by Governor Furukawa of Saga Prefecture. On 2 May 2010, the day she became the oldest verified living Japanese person, Hasegawa attended a ceremony held at her nursing home which announced her new record.

<b>Date of birth:</b>	20 November 1896
<b>Date of death:</b>	2 December 2011
<b>Residence/Place of death:</b>	Japan
<b>Lifetime duration:</b>	115 years, 12 days



# Annie Jennings

**Birthplace:** United Kingdom

**Placeholder:** 45

Annie Jennings was a validated British supercentenarian and the world's second-oldest living person, after American Sarah Knauss, at the time of her death. Jennings hailed from Chesterfield, Derbyshire, where she celebrated her 114th birthday. She became the oldest living person in the United Kingdom following the death of Lucy Jane Askew on 9 December 1997. Jennings held the title for almost two years and was succeeded as the oldest person in the UK by Eva Morris. She worked as a teacher, never had children, and is second only to Charlotte Hughes on the UK's all time list, and one of the top 50 oldest validated people ever. Jennings disliked media attention and avoided the spotlight. She lived on her own until just a few days before her death, when she was hospitalized.

Date of birth:	12 November 1884
Date of death:	20 November 1999
Residence/Place of death:	United Kingdom
Lifetime duration:	115 years, 8 days



# Eva Morris

**Birthplace:** Stone, Staffordshire, United Kingdom

**Placeholder:** 46

Eva Morris was the oldest recognised person in the world, by the Guinness Book of Records, from December 1999 until November 2000. She was a native of Stone, Staffordshire, England. Morris attributed her Longevity to whisky and boiled onions. She was said by friends to enjoy the occasional cigarette and to have ridden a bicycle. She worked as a domestic servant and was widowed in the 1930s. Morris lived in her own flat until she was 107, when she moved to a nursing home after a chest infection. Her only child Winnie died of cancer in 1975 at the age of 62.

Morris died in her sleep at 1.25 am on 2 November 2000, aged 114 years, 360 days, at the Autumn House Nursing Home in Stone. Following her death, Marie Bremont of France became the world's oldest verified person.

Date of birth:	8 November 1885
Date of death:	2 November 2000
Residence/Place of death:	United Kingdom
Lifetime duration:	114 years, 360 days



# Kama Chinen

**Birthplace:** Japan

**Placeholder:** 47

Kama Chinen was a Japanese supercentenarian. She was the oldest living person in the world from the death of Gertrude Baines on 11 September 2009 until her own death on 2 May 2010. She is still one of the 50 oldest verified people ever and the verified oldest person ever from Okinawa. At the age of 114 years and 272 days, she became the 28th oldest person ever and, at the age of 114 years and 348 days, became the 25th oldest woman ever. At the age of 114 years and 331 days, she became the last person born in 1895 when American supercentenarian Neva Morris died on 6 April 2010. Though confined to a wheelchair in her later years, Chinen still enjoyed the wonders of nature and being outside.

<b>Date of birth:</b>	10 May 1895
<b>Date of death:</b>	2 May 2010
<b>Residence/Place of death:</b>	Japan
<b>Lifetime duration:</b>	114 years, 357 days



# Maria Gomes Valentim

**Birthplace:** Brazil

**Placeholder:** 48

Maria Gomes Valentim was a verified Brazilian supercentenarian. She was the world's oldest verified living person from 4 November 2010, upon the death of Eugenie Blanchard, to her own death on 21 June 2011. She was the only verified supercentenarian from Brazil until the verification of Alida Grubba Rudge on 28 July 2015. After Eugenie Blanchard died on 4 November 2010, Maria, at the age of 114, became the world's oldest person. However, her claim wasn't verified until 18 May 2011.

Valentim's family told reporters that she had a stubborn streak and always made a habit of minding her own business. They also said that her father lived to be 100. She says she has lived long because she has always taken care of her own life – and not meddled in the lives of others. Valentim married her husband, Joao, in 1913. He died in 1946. Valentim is survived by four grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and five great-great grandchildren. Her only son died at age 75 in the early 1990s.

<b>Date of birth:</b>	9 July 1896
<b>Date of death:</b>	21 June 2011
<b>Residence/Place of death:</b>	Brazil
<b>Lifetime duration:</b>	114 years, 347 days





# Mary Bidwell

**Birthplace:** Watertown, Connecticut, USA

**Placeholder:** 49

Mary Electa Noble Bidwell was a validated American supercentenarian. Mary Bidwell was born as Mary Electa Noble Bidwell in Watertown, Litchfield, Connecticut as the daughter of Charles and Alice Noble Bidwell. She married her distant cousin Charles Hubbell Bidwell on 12 August 1906. The couple had one child, Charles Bradford (who died in 1945). She was widowed in 1975. Bidwell lived on her own in North Haven, Connecticut until she was 110.

Mary Electa Bidwell died in Hamden, New Haven, Connecticut on 25 April 1996, aged 114 years and 342/352 days. Mary herself claimed to have been born on 9 May 1881, which recently has been supported by some early-life evidence.

Date of birth:	19 May 1881
Date of death:	25 April 1996
Residence/Place of death:	USA
Lifetime duration:	114 years, 342 days



# Mary Josephine Ray

**Birthplace:** Canada

**Placeholder:** 50

Mary Josephine Ray was born on 17 May 1895 in Prince Edward Island, Canada to Sabin Arsenault and Lydie Anne Blanchard. When she was 3, her family went to the United States to find work. Her father died when she was 8 years old. Her mother and her elder sister moved back to Canada when she was 14 but her mother died the following year in 1910. She began working in factories in Maine. She later married Walter Ray (died 1968) in 1922 and they had two sons who were both living as of her death: Robert, 86, and Donald, 85. She moved to New Hampshire. She retired in Florida at the age of 80. However moved back to New Hampshire at the age of 100 and moved to the Westmoreland facility nursing home at the age of 102. She was a fan of the Baseball team Boston Red Sox. Mary Josephine Ray was the world's second-oldest living person after Kama Chinen and the oldest in the United States since the 11 September 2009 death of Gertrude Baines. At the time of her death she was the 4th-oldest Canadian-born person on record.

<b>Date of birth:</b>	17 May 1895
<b>Date of death:</b>	7 March 2010
<b>Residence/Place of death:</b>	USA
<b>Lifetime duration:</b>	114 years, 294 days



# Goldie Steinberg

**Birthplace:** Kishinev, Moldova

**Placeholder:** 51

Goldie Steinberg was a validated Moldovan-American supercentenarian. Goldie Steinberg was born on 30 October 1900 in Kishinev, Russian Empire (now Moldova). She is believed to be the last survivor of the Kishinev pogroms in 1903 and 1905. Her father's name was Reb Chatzkel; he worked with iron and would send it to a factory in Tula. In 1923, her uncle Max, a successful businessman residing in the United States, brought her and two of her sisters, Sarah and Raizel, to the United States. She worked in a factory that produced girl's dresses and was professionally a seamstress until the age of 80.

Goldie married Philip Steinberg, a fellow Kishinev native, in 1932. He worked as a jeweller until he passed away in 1967. They had two children, Don Sargent and Anne Teicher, both of whom were alive as of Steinberg's 114th birthday. She moved to a nursing home at the age of 104. Goldie Steinberg passed away on 16 August 2015 aged 114 years, 290 days. Ms. Steinberg may be the oldest Jewish person whose age is documented by modern birth records.

<b>Date of birth:</b>	30 October 1900
<b>Date of death:</b>	16 August 2015
<b>Residence/Place of death:</b>	USA
<b>Lifetime duration:</b>	114 years, 290 days



# Kiyoko Ishiguro

**Birthplace:** Japan

**Placeholder:** 52

Kiyoko Ishiguro was a verified Japanese supercentenarian who was the 2nd-oldest living person in Japan and overall the 5th-oldest in the world when she died on 5 December 2015. She was also the oldest living person in Kanagawa prefecture.

In her last years, she used a breathing tube. She was succeeded as the oldest living person in Kanagawa Prefecture by Chiyo Miyako, who went on to reach age 117.

Date of birth:	4 March 1901
Date of death:	5 December 2015
Residence/Place of death:	Japan
Lifetime duration:	114 years, 276 days



# Maria do Couto Maia-Lopes

**Birthplace:** Grijó, Portugal

**Placeholder:** 53

Maria do Couto Maia-Lopes was a Portuguese supercentenarian whose age is validated by the Gerontology Research Group. Maria do Couto Maia-Lopes was born on 24 October 1890 in the parish of Grijó, near Porto, in the Kingdom of Portugal. She was, at her final age of 114 years, 274 days, the oldest living person in Portugal and the oldest person ever from Portugal until 2008, when Maria de Jesus surpassed her age. She remembered the day on which the last king of Portugal, D. Manuel II, visited the nearby town of Espinho on 23 November 1908.

In her later years, Maia-Lopes was nearly deaf and blind. She lived with her daughter Rosa Lopes Couto. She raised her daughters by herself and was still active on a field of one of her grandchildren until age 106. Despite being bedridden after a 2002 accident with boiling water that burned her feet, she was not sick, took no medications and still had a good appetite.

Date of birth:	24 October 1890
Date of death:	25 July 2005
Residence/Place of death:	Portugal
Lifetime duration:	114 years, 274 days



# Eudoxie Baboul

**Birthplace:** Sinnamary, French Guiana, France

**Placeholder:** 54

Eudoxie Baboul (1 October 1901 – 1 July 2016) was a supercentenarian from French Guiana who was the oldest living person in France and fifth-oldest validated living person in the world at the time of her death. She lived in Matoury. She is the fourth-oldest validated French person ever.

Eudoxie Firminie Baboul was born in French Guiana on 1 October 1901. Though she claims to be born a day earlier, on 30 September 1901, and this was widely reported in the media, both her birth record and ID card showed Oct 1 (cite to GRG News). In younger years, she cultivated vegetables and sold them. She never married, but had several children, all of whom she outlived. She had three grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren. In 2011, she moved to Matoury, where she lived with her 54-year-old grandson Joubert. From 2013, she was bedridden. She died on 1 July 2016 at the age of 114 years, 274 days.

Date of birth:	1 October 1901
Date of death:	1 July 2016
Residence/Place of death:	France
Lifetime duration:	114 Years, 274 Days





# Ramona Trinidad Iglesias-Jordan

**Birthplace:** Utuado, Puerto Rico

**Placeholder:** 55

Ramona Trinidad Iglesias-Jordan de Soler (31 August 1889 – 29 May 2004) held the title of world's oldest living person after the death of Mitoyo Kawate. She died at the age of 114 years, 272 days and was the oldest person ever from Puerto Rico until Emiliano Mercado del Toro surpassed her record. Before her verification in March 2004, Charlotte Benkner was recognized as the world's oldest living person.

She was born and grew up in Utuado, Puerto Rico. She was the eldest of 11 siblings, her sister lived to be 101 and her brother lived to be 100. At the time of her death, two of her sisters were still living, at the ages of 94 and 89. The older of these two sisters died in 2016 at the age of 106. She married Alfonso Alonzo-Soler in 1912, they never had any children but adopted Roberto Torres-Iglesias, who was 85 at the time of Iglesias-Jordan's death.

<b>Date of birth:</b>	31 August
<b>Date of death:</b>	29 May 2004
<b>Residence/Place of death:</b>	Puerto Rico
<b>Lifetime duration:</b>	114 Years, 272 Days



# Yukie Hino

**Birthplace:** Sado City, Niigata, Japan

**Placeholder:** 56

Yukie Hino (17 April 1902 – 13 January 2017) was a validated Japanese supercentenarian. Yukie Hino lived in Sado City, located on the island of Sado in Niigata Prefecture. She was the seventh-oldest living person in the world at the time of her passing as verified by the Gerontology Research Group. Yukie Hino passed away on 13 January 2017 at the age of 114 years, 271 days. She was the last surviving Japanese person born in 1902. Following her death, Kiku Usami became the oldest living person in Niigata Prefecture.

Date of birth:	17 April 1902
Date of death:	13 January 2017
Residence/Place of death:	Japan
Lifetime duration:	114 Years, 271 Days



# Delphine Gibson

**Birthplace:** Ridgeway, California, USA

**Placeholder:** 57

Delphine Gibson (née Tucker; 17 August 1903 – 9 May 2018) was a validated American supercentenarian who was the oldest American resident at the time of her death. She was the last known surviving person in the USA born in 1903. To honour Gibson's 112th birthday, the mayor of Huntingdon declared the week of her birthday as "Delphine Gibson week". She credits her Longevity to faith in God, and says that her church plays an important role in her daily life. Her son Frank is her only remaining child.

Gibson became the oldest living person in the United States following the death of 114-year old Adele Dunlap on 5 February 2017 and the oldest living American citizen following the death of American emigrant Marie-Josephine Gaudette, who lived in Rome, Italy, on 13 July 2017. Gibson died on 9 May 2018 in Huntingdon, Pennsylvania, at the age of 114 years, 265 days.

Date of birth:	17 August 1903
Date of death:	9 May 2018
Residence/Place of death:	USA
Lifetime duration:	114 years, 265 days



# Eugénie Blanchard

**Birthplace:** Saint Barthélemy, France

**Placeholder:** 58

Eugenie Blanchard (16 February 1896 – 4 November 2010) was a French-Saint Barthélemy supercentenarian, who, at the age of 114 years, 261 days, was the oldest living person at the time of her death. At the time of her death, Blanchard was the 31st-oldest person ever validated, the third-oldest validated French person ever and the oldest verified person ever from the island of Saint Barthelemy.

Anne Eugenie Blanchard was born in the Merlet neighborhood of St. Barts on 16 February 1896. Blanchard moved to Curaçao in May 1923, where she became a Catholic nun of the Congregation of Franciscan Sisters of Roosendaal on the island. She returned to Saint Barthélemy at the age of 60. She resided alone with her cat until she moved to a hospital nursing home in 1980 at the age of 84 due to declining health. Blanchard was described as generally in good health during her later years, despite the loss of her eyesight and her inability to speak. Eugenie Blanchard died in Saint Barth's on 4 November 2010.

<b>Date of birth:</b>	16 February 1896
<b>Date of death:</b>	4 November 2010
<b>Residence/Place of death:</b>	France
<b>Lifetime duration:</b>	114 Years, 261 Days



# Venere Pizzinato-Papo

**Birthplace:** Ala, Trentino, Austria-Hungary (now Italy)

**Placeholder:** 59

Venere Pizzinato-Papo (23 November 1896 – 2 August 2011) was an Italian supercentenarian who was the oldest verified person from Italy, living to the age of 114 years, 252 days. She was the world's third oldest living person. Pizzinato was also the oldest person ever to have been born in the Austro-Hungarian empire. At the time of her death she was the oldest person ever from Italy.

She was born in Ala, Trentino, then part of the Austro-Hungarian empire, on 23 November 1896. In 1903 Pizzinato attended a boarding school in its capital city, Trento. World War I forced Pizzinato to take refuge in Bazzano, Bologna. After the war she moved back to Milan where she took Italian citizenship and met her future husband Isidoro Papo. Upon retirement in 1964, the couple moved to Verona. The couple never had any children. Pizzinato remained in Verona for the rest of her life; at the time of her death, she lived in a retirement home there.

<b>Date of birth:</b>	23 November 1896
<b>Date of death:</b>	2 August 2011
<b>Residence/Place of death:</b>	Italy
<b>Lifetime duration:</b>	114 Years, 252 Days



# Neva Morris

**Birthplace:** Ames, Iowa, USA

**Placeholder:** 60

Neva Morris (née Freed; 3 August 1895 – 6 April 2010) was an American supercentenarian. At the age of 114 years, 246 days, she was the oldest verified living person in the United States. On 13 February 2010, Morris became one of the 40 oldest people ever.

She was born in Ames, Iowa, where she lived her entire life. Neva Freed married Edward Leonard Morris in 1914. The couple had four children. Neva's son-in-law, 96-year-old Tom Wickersham said "It didn't hurt that she worked hard all her life and ate hearty and healthy meals prepared from meat, dairy products and vegetables produced on the farm. According to Wickersham in March 2010, she "had hearing and vision loss but was able to participate in limited activity at the nursing home". At about 4 a.m. on 6 April 2010, Morris died. She was the second oldest living person in the world. She is survived by one son, eight grandchildren, nineteen great-grandchildren, and several great-great-grandchildren.

<b>Date of birth:</b>	3 August 1895
<b>Date of death:</b>	6 April 2010
<b>Residence/Place of death:</b>	USA
<b>Lifetime duration:</b>	114 Years, 246 Days





# Hide Ohira

**Birthplace:** Wakayama, Japan

**Placeholder:** 61

Hide Ohira (15 September 1880 – 9 May 1995) of Wakayama prefecture was Japan's last survivor from the year 1880. However, due to Tane Ikai being older, she never became Japan's oldest living person, despite reaching the age of 114 years, 236 days.

Ms. Ohira was born 1880 September 15 in Wakayama. She got married in Tanabe City at the age of 18. She gave birth to a of 8 boys and 3 girls.

Date of birth:	15 September 1880
Date of death:	9 May 1995
Residence/Place of death:	Japan
Lifetime duration:	114 Years, 236 Days



# Blanche Cleo Cobb

**Birthplace:** Jesup, Georgia, USA

**Placeholder:** 62

Blanche Cleo Cobb (née Arrington; 8 September 1900 – 1 May 2015) was a validated American supercentenarian who was the world's eighth-oldest living person, the fourth-oldest living American resident, and the second-oldest living Floridian behind Antonia Gerena Rivera at the time of her death.

Cobb was born on 8 September 1900, in Jesup, Georgia. When she moved to Folkston, Georgia, she married Johnnie Cobb Jr. on 24 December 1920. He died in 1957, and Blanche promised that she would never marry another. She had 13 children, 22 grandchildren, 39 great-grandchildren and four great-great grandchildren. Cobb lived with her daughter Mae Shields in Jacksonville, Florida, from 1978 until her death. Cobb credited her long life and good health to love of God, people, and potatoes. Her daughter said that she was a "very Christian lady who never allowed smoking, drinking, guns or card-playing in her home." She died on 1 May 2015 at the age of 114 years, 235 days.

<b>Date of birth:</b>	8 September 1900
<b>Date of death:</b>	1 May 2015
<b>Residence/Place of death:</b>	USA
<b>Lifetime duration:</b>	114 Years, 235 Days



# Ethel Lang

**Birthplace:** Worsbrough, UK

**Placeholder:** 63

Ethel Lang was a British supercentenarian who was the oldest living person in Britain from the death of Grace Jones on 14 November 2013, to her own death on 15 January 2015. She was also the second-oldest living person in Europe.

Lang was born at Worsbrough, near Barnsley, to miner Charles Lancaster and his wife Sarah. Members of her family had also experienced Longevity. Lang's mother lived to the age of 91, one of her sisters lived to be 104 and her great-grandmother died in 1848 aged 92. She left school at the age of 13 to work in a shirt factory. She married William Lang, the son of an alderman and councillor, in 1922 and they had a daughter, Margaret (later Bates) in 1923. Her husband died in 1988 at age 92. She lived independently until the age of 105. Lang died on 15 January 2015 at Barnsley, at age 114 years, 233 days, at the time of her death she was the fourth longest-lived person ever in United Kingdom.

Date of birth:	27 May 1900
Date of death:	15 January 2015
Residence/Place of death:	UK
Lifetime duration:	114 Years, 233 Days



# Mathew Beard

**Birthplace:** Norfolk, Virginia, USA

**Placeholder:** 64

Mat(t)hew Beard was an American supercentenarian, who has been verified as the world's oldest living person between 1983 and 1985, and the oldest living man between 1980 and 1985.

Beard was born in Norfolk, Virginia in 1870. In 1887 he temporarily moved to Florida to work on railroads, later moving back there in 1907. He was working as a mason in 1913, met his wife in 1919, and had twelve children. By 1977, he had outlived his wife and four of his twelve children. Beard claimed to have built his house at the age of 103 with the help of a grandson. Mathew was, at his death of 114 years, 222 days, the oldest man (and person) recorded at the time,, and remains one of only 7 men to reach 114 and the first man as well as person to reach the age of 114. He is considered to have been the world's oldest person, the 55th oldest person of all time, the fourth-oldest verified man ever, the oldest verified man from the continental USA, the second-oldest American-born man ever, and the oldest black man ever at the moment of his death.

<b>Date of birth:</b>	9 July 1870
<b>Date of death:</b>	16 February 1985
<b>Residence/Place of death:</b>	USA
<b>Lifetime duration:</b>	114 Years, 222 Days



# Yone Minagawa

**Birthplace:** Fukuoka, Japan

**Placeholder:** 65

Yone Minagawa was a Japanese supercentenarian believed to have been the world's oldest living person from 29 January 2007 until her death of old age, aged 114 years and 221 days.

After her husband died, she raised her five children by selling flowers and vegetables at a coal mine. Minagawa lived alone in the Momochi apartment building in Nishijin Sawara Ward, Fukuoka, near Seinan Gakuin University, until 2005, when she moved to Keijuen, a special nursing home in her native Akaike. Minagawa enjoyed playing the shamisen. Even at 114 she participated in club activities in a wheelchair and "danced" along to music. Minagawa became the oldest living person in Japan when then 114-year-old Ura Koyama died in April 2005. The death of Julie Winnefred Bertrand on 18 January 2007 made her the world's second-oldest woman. With the death of 114-year-old American Emma Tillman on 28 January 2007, Minagawa became the oldest living person in the world.

Date of birth:	4 January 1893
Date of death:	13 August 2007
Residence/Place of death:	Japan
Lifetime duration:	114 Years, 221 Days

# Maria Antonia Castro

**Birthplace:** Spain

**Placeholder:** 66

Maria Antonia Castro was a validated Spanish supercentenarian who was noted for being Spain's Longevity record-holder for 20 years (1996-2016).

She was the oldest Spaniard ever at her death, dying at the age of 114 years, 220 days. She was the world's fifth-oldest person when she died, based on revised historical data. Her record was broken 20 years later by Ana Vela-Rubio.

Her case was initially verified by the International Database on Longevity. Before 2013, her identity was only known to be M.A.C.C., but, in 2013, the identities of Maria Antonia Castro and Maria del Carmen Lopez were revealed.

Date of birth:	10 June 1881
Date of death:	16 January 1996
Residence/Place of death:	Spain
Lifetime duration:	114 Years, 220 Days





# Ura Koyama

**Birthplace:** Hiroshima, Japan

**Placeholder:** 67

Ura Koyama was a validated Japanese supercentenarian. She became the oldest living person in Japan upon the death of Mitoyo Kawate in November 2003.

Ura Koyama was born in Hiroshima Prefecture, Japan on 30 August 1890. With husband Kisaburo, she had three children. In 1977 she moved to grandson to Iizuka, Fukuoka Prefecture. On 5 April 2005, she died of pneumonia at a hospital in Iizuka, Fukuoka Prefecture. At the time of her death, Koyama was the fourth-oldest person in the world, at the age of 114 years, 218 days.

Date of birth:	30 August 1890
Date of death:	5 April 2005
Residence/Place of death:	Japan
Lifetime duration:	114 Years, 218 Days



# Carrie Lazenby

**Birthplace:** Atlanta, Georgia, USA

**Placeholder:** 68

Carrie Lazenby was a validated American supercentenarian. She died at age 114 years, 218 days, making her the 45th-oldest person on record (tied with Japanese woman Ura Koyama on April 5, 2005), the sixteenth-oldest American person on record, and the seventh-oldest African American person on record at the time.. Lazenby's record as the oldest person ever in Georgia was surpassed by Gertrude Baines, on November 11, 2008.

Carrie Lou was born in Atlanta, Fulton County, Georgia as the daughter of George and Agnes Fambro Jenkins on 9 February 1882. She married Burrell Lazenby in Atlanta, Fulton County, Georgia on 9 August 1900. The couple had one son, Burrell. The family moved to Illinois around 1920. She lost her son in 1924 and was widowed in 1943. Carrie Lazenby died in Riverdale, Cook County,, Illinois on 14 September 1996.

<b>Date of birth:</b>	9 February 1882
<b>Date of death:</b>	4 September 1996
<b>Residence/Place of death:</b>	USA
<b>Lifetime duration:</b>	114 Years, 218 Days



# Myrtle Dorsey

**Birthplace:** Putnam, Ohio, USA

**Placeholder:** 69

Myrtle Dorsey was a validated American supercentenarian.

Myrtle was born in Putnam County, Ohio, USA, on 22 November 1885. She was the daughter of Henry Burkmier and Sarah Troyer. Myrtle Burkmier married Homer O. Dorsey on 6 June 1917 in Hillsdale County, Michigan. She was widowed in 1964. Myrtle Dorsey passed away in Muskingum County, Ohio, USA on 25 June 2000 at the age of 114 years 216 days. At the time of her death, Myrtle Dorsey was considered to be the 2nd-oldest living person in the world. Eva Morris and Myrtle Dorsey were the only two people who were born in 1885 who made it to the year 2000.

Date of birth:	22 November 1885
Date of death:	25 June 2000
Residence/Place of death:	USA
Lifetime duration:	114 Years, 216 Days



# Iso Nakamura

**Birthplace:** Japan

**Placeholder:** 70

Iso Nakamura was a validated Japanese supercentenarian. At the time of her death, Nakamura was the oldest validated person living in Ishikawa prefecture, the fourth-oldest in Japan, and the seventh-oldest in the world.

Not much is known about her history or her life. However, her Longevity is probably due to similar aspects of the other Japanese supercentenarians' lives such as a balanced and light diet.

Date of birth:	23 April 1903
Date of death:	23 November 2017
Residence/Place of death:	Japan
Lifetime duration:	114 Years, 214 Days



# Anna Eliza Williams

**Birthplace:** Burford, Shropshire, England, UK

**Placeholder:** 71

Anna Eliza Williams was a British supercentenarian and the oldest person in the world from 2 February 1987 until her own death nearly eleven months later. Anna Eliza was born at Burford, Shropshire, and died on 27 December 1987 at the Tuxedo Old People's Home, 104 Eaton Crescent, Swansea, Wales, aged 114 years 208 days, having moved to Swansea after her marriage. Her husband - William Henry Williams, a carpenter - died in 1954. Williams attributed her Longevity to "a life of idleness", along with "being a non-smoker and eating lots of vegetables". There was also a history of Longevity in her family: her mother lived to be 98 and all seven of Williams' siblings lived beyond the age of 80, one surviving to 101. In addition, her daughter Constance Harvey lived to age 107 years, 253 days. Williams broke the British Longevity record on 12 July 1985. She died on 27 December 1987 (the cause of death was simply given as "old age" on her death certificate) and her death was registered by her grandson two days later. Her UK record was broken by Charlotte Hughes in 1991.

Date of birth:	2 June 1873
Date of death:	27 December 1987
Residence/Place of death:	UK
Lifetime duration:	114 Years, 208 Days



# Walter Breuning

**Birthplace:** Melrose, Minnesota, USA

**Placeholder:** 72

Walter Breuning was a validated American supercentenarian. He is the 2nd-oldest verified American-born man ever, after Mathew Beard, who lived 17 days longer than Breuning. Breuning was the last surviving man born in 1896.

Walter Breuning was born in Melrose, Minnesota. In 1901, when he was only 4 or 5, his family moved to De Smet, South Dakota. Apart from his parents there are still a few Longevity runs in Breuning's family. His paternal and maternal grandparents all lived into their 90s and his siblings lived to ages 78, 85, 91, and 100. His only living family are 1 niece and 3 nephews all now in their 80s, plus great-nieces and great-nephews. He joined the Great Northern Railway in 1913, working for it for 49 years. He married in 1922 but they had no children. He had been hospitalized since the beginning of April before his death with an undisclosed illness. At the time of his death, he was the 3rd-oldest verified living person in the world, and the world's oldest man.

<b>Date of birth:</b>	21 September 1896
<b>Date of death:</b>	14 April 2011
<b>Residence/Place of death:</b>	USA
<b>Lifetime duration:</b>	114 Years, 205 Days





# Eunice Sanborn

**Birthplace:** Louisiana, USA

**Placeholder:** 73

Eunice Sanborn (née Lyons; 20 July 1896 – 31 January 2011) was a validated American supercentenarian.

Eunice Sanborn was born in Louisiana, a daughter of Augustus and Varina Lyons. She claimed birth in 1895: 1896 is from the 1900 census. She was married thrice. She had a daughter, Dorothy, with her first husband, Joe Orchin. Dorothy died in 2005, at the age of 89. Eunice Sanborn was the part-founder of Love's Lookout. Following the death of Neva Morris died on 6 April 2010, Sanborn became the oldest validated living person in the United States. Eunice Sanborn died in Texas in 31 January 2011, at the age of 114 years, 195 days.

Date of birth:	20 July 1896
Date of death:	31 January 2011
Residence/Place of death:	USA
Lifetime duration:	114 Years, 195 Days



# Grace Clawson

**Birthplace:** London, UK

**Placeholder:** 74

Grace Clawson was an English-American supercentenarian who was the world's oldest person from the death of fellow American Maud Farris-Luse on 18 March 2002 until her own death.

Grace McCalmont Taylor was born in London, England, but her family moved to Montreal, Quebec, Canada with her only sister. After her parents divorced she lived with foster parents until she married Ray Clawson in 1917. She had two daughters, Viola and Gladys, and became a widow in 1950. Before retiring, she worked as an embroiderer and as an office worker. At age 95, in 1982, Mrs. Clawson moved to the U.S. state of Florida, in order to live with her younger daughter Gladys, doing so for many years before going to live to an assisted living facility. She remained mentally sharp until her very last day of life, enjoying talks with her family and friends. She was survived by her 2 daughters, Viola and Gladys (aged 83 and 79 at the time), 5 grandchildren, 14 great- grandchildren. and 11 great-great-grandchildren.

Date of birth:	15 November 1887
Date of death:	28 May 2002
Residence/Place of death:	USA
Lifetime duration:	114 Years, 194 Days



# Mitsue Toyoda

**Birthplace:** Kitsuki, Oita, Japan

**Placeholder:** 75

Mitsue Toyoda was a Japanese supercentenarian who, at the time of her death, was ranked as the sixth-oldest verified living person in the world by the Gerontology Research Group. She lived in Kitsuki city, and Oita prefecture, and lived to the age of 114 years, 192 days.

Not much is known about her history or her life. However, her Longevity is probably due to similar aspects of the other Japanese supercentenarians' lives such as a balanced and light diet.

Date of birth:	15 February 1902
Date of death:	25 August 2016
Residence/Place of death:	Japan
Lifetime duration:	114 Years, 192 Days



# Tase Matsunaga

**Birthplace:** Kiyosato, Niigata, Japan

**Placeholder:** 76

Tase Matsunaga (11 May 1884 – 18 November 1998) was a validated Japanese supercentenarian who was the oldest living person in Japan at the time of her death.

Matsunaga was born in Kiyosato in the Niigata Prefecture, Japan, on 11 May 1884. Soon after her birth, the family moved to Tokyo. Matsunaga later moved from Tokyo, where she lived with her daughter, to Mutsumien in 1983. A farmer for most of her life, she was still gardening when she was 112, but she was mostly bedridden after that. On 31 July 1998, she became the oldest recognized living person in Japan. Later that same year she died, aged 114 years, 191 days, of heart failure.

Date of birth:	11 May 1884
Date of death:	18 November 1998
Residence/Place of death:	Japan
Lifetime duration:	114 Years, 191 Days



# Yukichi Chuganji

**Birthplace:** Chikushino, Fukuoka, Japan

**Placeholder:** 77

Yukichi Chuganji (23 March 1889 – 28 September 2003) was a Japanese supercentenarian, who was the world's oldest living person from December 29, 2002 to his death. He became the oldest living man after the death of the 112 years old Antonio Todde on January 3, 2002, coincidentally the same day on which he became Japan's oldest living person. He died at the age of 114 years, 189 days as the third man to reach the age of 114 and the oldest Japanese man ever (a record later broken by Jiroemon Kimura). Chuganji was born on 23 March 1889, in Chikushino, Fukuoka, Japan. He graduated from a technical school in the early 1900's and worked as a silkworm breeder, instructor in the agricultural specialty, as a bank employee, and community welfare officer. For the last 3 to 4 years, Chuganji was bedridden. He didn't like to eat vegetables, but liked to eat beef and pork. He only consumed alcohol in moderate amounts and drank milk. He had failing eyesight. He died on 28 September 2003 after being served apple juice. He was survived by 1 of his 4 children, 7 grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren.

<b>Date of birth:</b>	23 March 1889
<b>Date of death:</b>	28 September 2003
<b>Residence/Place of death:</b>	Japan
<b>Lifetime duration:</b>	114 Years, 189 Days



# Kame Nakamura

**Birthplace:** Japan

**Placeholder:** 78

Kame Nakamura (8 March 1898 – 12 September 2012) was a verified Japanese supercentenarian who was the fourth-oldest person in Japan and the sixth-oldest verified person in the world at the time of her death. She was also the oldest resident of the Japanese prefecture of Okinawa at the time.

Nakamura died on 12 September 2012 at the age of 114 years, 188 days.

Date of birth:	8 March 1898
Date of death:	12 September 2012
Residence/Place of death:	Japan
Lifetime duration:	114 Years, 188 Days





# Lydie Vellard

**Birthplace:** France

**Placeholder:** 79

Noemie Lidia "Lydie" Vellard (née Hudebine) (18 March 1875 – 17 September 1989) was the world's second-oldest living person when she passed away in France in 1989.

Due to Jeanne Calment being a month older, she never attained "world's oldest person" status. She married Paul Vellard in the late 1890s. They moved to the town of Saint-Sigismond in 1898, where Lydie was to live for the rest of her life. Her daughter Marguerite was born in 1900.

Date of birth:	18 March 1875
Date of death:	17 September 1989
Residence/Place of death:	France
Lifetime duration:	114 Years, 182 Days



# Adelina Domingues

**Birthplace:** Cape Verde

**Placeholder:** 80

Adelina Evangelina Domingues was a validated Cape Verdean-American supercentenarian.

Adelina Domingues was born in Brava, Cape Verde (then a Portuguese colony) as the daughter of Francisco and Matilda Coehlo Engargiola. She married Jose Manuel Domingues in 1906 and moved to the US in 1907. The couple settled in Massachusetts and had three children. She was widowed in 1950 and later moved to California. She moved into a nursing home in Spring Valley, San Diego, California in 1996. She was in good health, able to walk until age 114. Adelina Domingues died in Spring Valley, California on 21 August 2002, aged 114 years, 183 days.

Date of birth:	19 February 1888
Date of death:	21 August 2002
Residence/Place of death:	USA
Lifetime duration:	114 Years, 183 Days



# Wilhelmina Kott

**Birthplace:** Peru, Illinois, USA

**Placeholder:** 81

Wilhelmina C. "Minnie" Kott (née Geringer; 7 March 1880 – 6 September 1994) was a validated American supercentenarian.

Wilhelmina Kott was born in Peru, Illinois, on 7 March 1880, as one of 16 children to George and Sophia Geringer. She moved to Chicago in 1881, where she lived almost her entire life. She married Charles Kott in 1899. Kott herself claimed to have been born in 1879. Kott was recognized by Guinness World Records as the 'oldest living American' in its 1995 edition, following the death of Margaret Skeete. Wilhelmina Kott died in Chicago, Illinois 6 September 1994, aged 114 years 183 days.

Date of birth:	7 March 1880
Date of death:	6 September 1994
Residence/Place of death:	USA
Lifetime duration:	114 Years, 183 Days



# Mitoyo Kawate

**Birthplace:** Japan

**Placeholder:** 82

Mitoyo Kawate (15 May 1889 – 13 November 2003) was a Japanese supercentenarian who became the world's oldest living woman on 29 December 2002 with the death of Mae Harrington and the oldest living person upon the death of Yukichi Chuganji on 28 September 2003.

A resident of Hiroshima, she worked on a farm until injuring her hands at the age of 99. In 1945, two days after the Atomic bombing of Hiroshima, she entered Hiroshima city in order to look for acquaintances. She was taken to a hospital shortly before her death from pneumonia. Kawate lived to be 114 years, 182 days. Her 'oldest person' reign lasted only 46 days.

<b>Date of birth:</b>	15 May 1889
<b>Date of death:</b>	13 November 2003
<b>Residence/Place of death:</b>	Japan
<b>Lifetime duration:</b>	114 Years, 182 Days



# Gabrielle des Robert

**Birthplace:** Saint-Mihiel, Meuse, France

**Placeholder:** 83

Gabrielle "Valentine" des Robert was born on 4 June 1904 in Saint-Mihiel, France to Paul des Robert and Helene Delherm, who lived to be 92. In 1911 her family moved to Nantes, Pays de la Loire, France, where she resided at the time of her death. She was a nurse of the Red Cross during World War II and wrote poetry into her centenarian years.

Des Robert never married and had no children. She lived with her parents and two of her sisters, who were also single.

Des Robert became the second-oldest resident of France upon the death of Honorine Rondello on 19 October 2017. Her name was announced to the public by the forum "Les Grands Centenaires Francais" in March 2018. She celebrated her 114th birthday on 4 June 2018. Des Robert died on 3 December 2018 at the age of 114 years, 182 days.

Date of birth:	15 May 1889
Date of death:	3 December 2018
Residence/Place of death:	France
Lifetime duration:	114 years, 182 days



# Camille Loiseau

**Birthplace:** Paris, France

**Placeholder:** 84

Camille Blanche Loiseau Chadal (13 February 1892 – 12 August 2006) was the oldest living person in France for more than a year, until her death aged 114 years, 180 days.

Loiseau was born in Paris and never moved out of the city until her hospitalisation in 1998 due to a fall. She was the youngest of nine children, four boys and five girls. On 13 August 1910 she married Rene Frederic Chadal, although their marriage lasted only 15 days. As is common in France, Camille Loiseau chose not to use her husband's last name. She never had children. She worked as an accountant in a shoe store (she filled out slips) and she was entitled to a free pair of shoes a year. She also said that she had worked at "Magasins Réunis", Place de la République, where she participated in beauty contests organized for the staff. She retired in 1957. She died in the Hopital Paul-Brousse in Villejuif.

Date of birth:	13 February 1892
Date of death:	12 August 2006
Residence/Place of death:	France
Lifetime duration:	114 Years, 180 Days



# Charlotte Benkner

**Birthplace:** Leipzig, Germany

**Placeholder:** 85

Charlotte Amanda Benkner (née Enterlein; 16 November 1889 – 14 May 2004) was a validated German-American supercentenarian and the world's 3rd-oldest living person at the time of her death aged 114 years, 180 days.

Benkner was born Charlotte Amanda Enterlein in Leipzig, Germany, and emigrated to the United States in 1896. On her 1908 marriage to Karl Benkner, she moved west, living in Pennsylvania and Ohio before retiring to Arizona. The couple had no children. Already a supercentenarian and the oldest person in Arizona, Benkner returned to Ohio to live in North Lima at 110.. She became the oldest recognized person in the United States when 114-year-old Elena Slough died in October 2003. She lived with her sister Tillie Hare (the youngest of her siblings), whom she once cared for when their parents were running the hotel, until Tillie died, just two weeks short of becoming a centenarian, on 25 January 2004. Benkner survived her sister by only four months, dying at 114 years 180 days after she was briefly hospitalized in Youngstown, Ohio, and was buried in Peekskill, Ohio.

<b>Date of birth:</b>	16 November 1889
<b>Date of death:</b>	14 May 2004
<b>Residence/Place of death:</b>	USA
<b>Lifetime duration:</b>	114 Years, 180 Days



# Anne Primout

**Birthplace:** Algeria, France

**Placeholder:** 86

Anne Primout (née Dupont; 5 October 1890 – 26 March 2005) was a verified Algerian-French supercentenarian.

Anne was born as Angela Anna Dupont in Algeria (then a French colony) and died in mainland France, Perpignan, aged 114 years, 172 days. At the time of her death she was France's oldest person. She is also the record holder for mainland (continental) Africa, although Adelina Domingues of Cape Verde was a few days older, including the offshore islands.

Date of birth:	5 October 1890
Date of death:	26 March 2005
Residence/Place of death:	France
Lifetime duration:	114 Years, 172 Days



# Ettie Mae Greene

**Birthplace:** Wayside, West Virginia, USA

**Placeholder:** 87

Etta Mae "Ettie May" Greene (née Thomas, 8 September 1877 – 26 February 1992) was an American supercentenarian from West Virginia.

She was born in Wayside and worked as a seamstress and a farmer. She married Russell A. Green and had nine children with him, Russell died in 1919/1920, leaving Greene as a widow for 72 years. She attributed her Longevity to "good, clean living" and a milkshake she drank daily. She died of a cold at the Springfield Comprehensive Care Center. She was survived by 4 of her 9 children, 21 grandchildren, 47 great-grandchildren and 37 great-great-grandchildren.

Date of birth:	8 September 1877
Date of death:	26 February 1992
Residence/Place of death:	USA
Lifetime duration:	114 Years, 171 Days



# Dominga Velasco

**Birthplace:** Yahualica de González Gallo, Jalisco, Mexico

**Placeholder:** 88

Velasco was born in Yahualica de González Gallo, Jalisco, Mexico, on 12 May 1901. She grew up in Coahuila. Her father was a shoemaker. She was the youngest of five children. She and her family moved to the USA in the 1920s. They had fled civil unrest at the end of the Mexican Revolution, witnessing the last battle between followers of Pancho Villa and the government Federales in Ciudad Juárez as they crossed the border. They spent three years in El Paso and they later moved to California and settled in the Fruitvale neighborhood of Oakland. She first worked at the California Fruit Packing Company but that was only seasonal work so she then moved to the California Candy Company commuting from San Francisco to Oakland. In 1928, she married Salvador Velasco Ruiz and they had two children. Velasco quit working due to pain, but during World War II Velasco and her husband instead opened a restaurant in Oakland. However, restless, Velasco began working in the Spanish community and helped found the Unity Council. Velasco died on the morning of Sunday, 11 October 2015 at her home in Las Posada de Colores, Fruitvale district of Oakland, California.

Date of birth:	12 May 1901
Date of death:	11 October 2015
Residence/Place of death:	USA
Lifetime duration:	114 Years, 152 Days



# Toshie Yorimitsu

**Birthplace:** Kochi, Japan

**Placeholder:** 89

Toshie Yorimitsu (30 September 1901 – 28 February 2016) was a verified Japanese supercentenarian who was the third-oldest living person in Japan and the sixth-oldest verified living person in the world at the time of her death.

She is among the 100 oldest people ever. She was born in Kochi prefecture and died in Okinawa prefecture at the age of 114 years, 151 days.

Date of birth:	30 September 1901
Date of death:	28 February 2016
Residence/Place of death:	Japan
Lifetime duration:	114 Years, 151 Days



# Irene Frank

**Birthplace:** Meridian, Bosque, Texas, USA

**Placeholder:** 90

Frances Irene Frank (1 October 1881 – 28 February 1996) was a validated American supercentenarian.

She was born in Meridian, Bosque, Texas as the daughter of M. P. and Josie Mingus Frank. Her parents divorced early and her mother remarried in 1895. Irene stayed with her grandparents at first and later moved in with her mother again. She spent the majority of her life in Texas, but did also live in Missouri for some years. Irene Frank died in Decatur, Wise, Texas on 28 February 1996, aged 114 years, 150 days.

Date of birth:	1 October 1881
Date of death:	28 February 1996
Residence/Place of death:	USA
Lifetime duration:	114 Years, 150 Days



# Christina Cock

**Birthplace:** Gorae, Victoria, Australia

**Placeholder:** 91

Christina Cock (née Clay; 25 December 1887 – 22 May 2002) is recorded as the oldest verified supercentenarian in Australian history, aged 114 years, 148 days when she died.

Christina Cock was born in Gorae, just outside Portland, Victoria being the second of 11 children. She married Wilbert Cock in 1913. The couple remained married for almost 73 years, until Wilbert's death at the age of 96 in 1986. Following the death of 110-year-old Ada Cleggett on 8 December 1995, she became the oldest living Australian, aged 107. Five years later, on 21 November 2000, Cock broke the Australian Longevity record of 112 years 330 days, which was set by Caroline Mockridge (11 December 1874 – 6 November 1987). At the time of Cock's death, she was the second-oldest person in the world. Cock lived independently until she was 109 years old, when she broke her hip during a fall.

<b>Date of birth:</b>	25 December 1887
<b>Date of death:</b>	22 May 2002
<b>Residence/Place of death:</b>	Australia
<b>Lifetime duration:</b>	114 Years, 148 Days



# Olivia Patricia Thomas

**Birthplace:** Moline, Iowa, USA

**Placeholder:** 92

Olivia Patricia Thomas (née Trevillyan; 29 June 1895 – 16 November 2009) was a validated American supercentenarian who was the second-oldest person in the United States, the oldest United States-born person, and the third-oldest person in the world at the time of her death.

Thomas was born on 29 June 1895, and grew up in Moline, Iowa. She married Frederick Thomas in 1923, and the couple moved to Snyder, near Buffalo, New York in 1946, when he began teaching engineering at the University at Buffalo. The couple had no children. Her husband died in 1982. She was a dedicated gardener and was dubbed "the plant lady" by her neighbours. Thomas moved in to a nursing home in 2004, where she enjoyed organised activities such as music and exercise. She was strong enough to move about on her own in a wheelchair. She died on 16 November 2009 at the age of 114 years, 140 days.

Date of birth:	29 June 1895
Date of death:	16 November 2009
Residence/Place of death:	USA
Lifetime duration:	114 Years, 140 days





# Tae Ito

**Birthplace:** Hanamaki, Iwate, Japan

**Placeholder:** 93

Tae Ito (11 July 1903 – 13 November 2017) was a validated Japanese supercentenarian. She was validated by the Gerontology Research Group on 8 September 2014.

Ito was a native of the former Huenuki District, which is currently part of the city of Hanamaki, Iwate prefecture. She married in 1925 and worked in agriculture all her life until she took her pension at the age of 90. Ito moved to a nursing home at the age of 105. At her 111th birthday, it was reported that she was wheelchair-bound, but enjoyed to read and do origami with her friends. She had 9 children, 16 grand-children, 24 great-grand-children, and four great-great-grand-children. As of her 114th birthday in July 2017, seven of her children were still living. She wasn't able to do origami anymore, but was still reading the journal and books without glasses everyday. Ito died on 13 November 2017 at the age of 114 years, 125 days.

<b>Date of birth:</b>	11 July 1903
<b>Date of death:</b>	13 November 2017
<b>Residence/Place of death:</b>	Japan
<b>Lifetime duration:</b>	114 Years, 125 Days



# Anna Henderson

**Birthplace:** Washington, Georgia, USA

**Placeholder:** 94

Anna Henderson (5 March 1900 – 1 July 2014) was a validated American supercentenarian.

Anna Henderson was born in Washington, Georgia, USA on 5 March 1900 and died in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA, on 1 July 2014, aged 114 years, 118 days, as the first of 2 people aged 114 to die in 2014, the other being Anna Stoehr (15 October 1900-21 December 2014). At the time of her death, she was the 5th-oldest living person in the United States, and the 7th-oldest living person in the world. She was also the 100th validated person in history to reach the age of 114 years and eventually reached the top 90.

Date of birth:	5 March 1900
Date of death:	1 July 2014
Residence/Place of death:	USA
Lifetime duration:	114 Years, 118 Days



# Emma Verona Johnston

**Birthplace:** Indianola, Iowa, USA

**Placeholder:** 95

Emma Verona Calhoun Johnston (August 6, 1890 – December 1, 2004) was a validated American supercentenarian.

Emma Verona Johnston was born in Indianola, Iowa as one of a large family. Her father was a Civil War veteran. She was the oldest living graduate of Drake University, where she was a member of the Class of 1912. At age 98, she moved from Iowa to Ohio in order to live with her daughter and son-in-law. She continued to be in good health even when she attained supercentenarian status, able to walk up steps and alert and able to engage in conversations. By March 2004, she became the fifth-oldest documented person in the world and second-oldest documented in the United States, but still not the oldest person in the state of Ohio as Charlotte Benkner was older.

Date of birth:	6 August 1890
Date of death:	1 December 2004
Residence/Place of death:	USA
Lifetime duration:	114 Years, 117 Days



# Mamie Rearden

**Birthplace:** Edgefield, South Carolina, USA

**Placeholder:** 96

Mamie Rearden (née Lewis) (7 September 1898 – 2 January 2013) was a validated African American supercentenarian.

Mamie Rearden was born as Mamie Julia Lewis in Edgefield, South Carolina, USA, on 7 September 1898. She grew up in the Pleasant Lane section of Edgefield County, South Carolina. She attended Log Creek Community School and Bettis Academy Junior College, and began her career as a teacher in 1918. In 1919, Rearden married Oday Rearden, and the couple had eleven children. She was widowed in 1979. Mamie Rearden died in Augusta, Georgia, USA, on 2 January 2013. Upon her death at the age of 114 years and 117 days, was the world's 5th-oldest living person, the 2nd-oldest living American, and the 2nd-oldest living black person behind Gertrude Weaver.

Date of birth:	7 September 1898
Date of death:	2 January 2013
Residence/Place of death:	USA
Lifetime duration:	114 Years, 117 Days



# Bettie Chatmon

**Birthplace:** Mansfield, De Soto, Louisiana, USA

**Placeholder:** 97

Bettie R. "Momo" Chatmon (née Washington; 30 April 1884 – 16 August 1998) was a validated American supercentenarian.

Bettie Chatmon was born in Mansfield, De Soto, Louisiana on 30 April 1884 (Bettie and her relatives sometimes claimed 15 October 1884) as the daughter of Floyd and Emily Mitchell Washington. She married Joe Chatmon in De Soto, Louisiana on 24 December 1903. The couple had seven children. The family moved to Texas in the 1920s, moved back to Louisiana and then to Texas again. She was widowed in 1955. Bettie "Momo" Chatmon died in Houston, Harris, Texas on 16 August 1998, aged 114 years, 108 days.

Date of birth:	30 April 1884
Date of death:	16 August 1998
Residence/Place of death:	USA
Lifetime duration:	114 Years, 108 Days



# Lessie Brown

**Birthplace:** Stockbridge, Georgis

**Placeholder:** 98

Lessie Brown (née Barnes; 22 September 1904 – 8 January 2019) was a validated American supercentenarian who was the oldest known living person in the United States at the time of her death, and was also the last validated American born in 1904. Brown avoided alcohol, according to her family. Instead they attributed her long life to regular consumption of sweet potatoes, which she ate nearly every day until well after her 100th birthday, and to her belief in God. According to her family, she inspired all her children and grandchildren how to pray, and she even prayed on her knees at the side of her bed until she could couldn't kneel anymore. On her 112th birthday, she received a letter from President Barack Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama. She voted for him twice in the 2008 and 2012 US Presidential Elections.

Brown became the oldest known living person in the United States upon the death of Delphine Gibson on 9 May 2018. She died on 8 January 2019 at the age of 114 years, 108 days.

<b>Date of birth:</b>	22 Sept 1904
<b>Date of death:</b>	8 Jan 2019
<b>Residence/Place of death:</b>	USA
<b>Lifetime duration:</b>	114 Years, 108 Days

# Odie Matthews

**Birthplace:** Whitewright, Fannin, Texas, USA

**Placeholder:** 99

Oda Deringer "Odie" Matthews (née Sears; 28 December 1878 – 14 April 1993) was a validated American supercentenarian. Odie Matthews was born in Whitewright, Fannin, Texas as the daughter of George and Mary Douglass Sears, on 28 December 1878. She married Daniel Matthews in Talor, Texas and had two children with him. The family moved to Arizona in the 1920s and Daniel died in 1933. Odie Matthews died in Phoenix, Maricopa, Arizona on 14 April 1993, aged 114 years, 107 days. She remains the Arizona state record holder over 26 years later.

Date of birth:	28 December 1878
Date of death:	14 April 1993
Residence/Place of death:	USA
Lifetime duration:	114 Years, 107 Days





# Chiyo Shiraishi

**Birthplace:** Fukushima, Japan

**Placeholder:** 100

Chiyo Shiraishi (6 August 1895 – 19 November 2009) was a validated Japanese supercentenarian. At the time of her death, she was the second-oldest living person in Japan.

Shiraishi was born in Fukushima, Japan. She married at the age of 19, and had six children. Shiraishi later moved to Hitachiota in Ibaraki prefecture, where she passed away on 19 November 2009, at the age of 114 years, 105 days. At the time of her death, she was the second-oldest living person in Japan, behind Kama Chinen. Shiraishi currently holds the record as the oldest person born in Fukushima prefecture.

Date of birth:	6 August 1895
Date of death:	19 November 2009
Residence/Place of death:	Japan
Lifetime duration:	114 Years, 105 Days



# **Chapter V: Profiles of Top-100 Living Supercentenarians**



# Kane Tanaka

**Birthplace:** Kazuki, Fukuoka, Japan

**Placeholder:** 1

**Validation Status:** Validated

Tanaka was born on 2 January 1903 in the village of Kazuki (now part of Fukuoka), Fukuoka Prefecture, Japan. Tanaka was born prematurely and raised on breast milk from nurses. During World War II, she worked in a store selling rice cakes with her husband Hideo. After Hideo and her son died during the war, she continued working in the store before retiring at age 63. In the 1970s, she visited the United States, where she has several nieces and nephews. At age 103, Tanaka was diagnosed with colon cancer and survived. When she was 107, her son wrote a book about her, which discusses her life and Longevity and is titled *In Good and Bad Times, 107 Years Old*. At the time of Chiyo Miyako's death, Tanaka lived in a nursing home in the Higashi-ku ward of Fukuoka, Fukuoka Prefecture. She was still in good health and occupied her time by playing the board game Othello and taking short walks in the facility's hallways. Her hobbies include calligraphy and calculations. She credits family, sleep and hope as her secrets for Longevity. Her great-nephew, Gary Funakoshi, told the San Diego Union-Tribune that Tanaka attributes her Longevity to her faith in God. On March 9, 2019, Tanaka was recognized as the World's Oldest Living Person by Guinness World Records.

<b>Date of birth:</b>	2 January 1903
<b>Residence:</b>	Japan
<b>Age as of 27 August 2019:</b>	116 years, 237 days



# Lucile Randon

**Birthplace:** Ales, Occitanie, France

**Placeholder:** 2

**Validation Status:** Validated

Randon was born on 11 February 1904 in Ales, Gard department, Occitanie, and has memories of World War I. She served as a governess and teacher in various houses. After World War II, she worked for 28 years at the Hospital of Vichy with orphans and elderly people. Randon currently lives in Toulon, France. She became the oldest living person in France following the death of 114-year-old Honorine Rondello on 19 October 2017.

On 11 February 2019, Randon celebrated her 115th birthday and became the third person in the history of France who reached this age behind Jeanne Calment and Marie Bremont. On 26 March 2019, she surpassed Bremont's age to become the second-oldest validated French person ever. Following the death of 116-year old Maria Giuseppa Robucci-Nargiso of Italy on 18 June 2019, Lucile Randon became the oldest living person in Europe and the second-oldest living person in the world.

<b>Date of birth:</b>	11 February 1904
<b>Residence:</b>	France
<b>Age as of 27 August 2019:</b>	115 years, 197 days



# Shin Matsushita

**Birthplace:** Japan

**Placeholder:** 3

**Validation Status:** Validated

Shin Matsushita was born in Japan on 30 March 1904. On her 110th birthday, Matsushita was still living independently with her dog. One week before her 111th birthday, she was exercising her legs since she had a femur fracture. She has several grandchildren, great-grandchildren and also great-great-grandchildren.

Matsushita was hospitalised at the end of May 2016 due to a bout of pneumonia and heart failure, but was able to recuperate by June.

Matsushita currently lives in Sendai, Miyagi Prefecture. She celebrated her 115th birthday in March 2019, becoming the 11th Japanese person to do so. In June 2019, she was hospitalised for low blood oxygen levels, but was discharged five days later. She was subsequently re-admitted to hospital, but was discharged again in July. She is the world's third-oldest validated person behind Tanaka and Lucile Randon of France.

<b>Date of birth:</b>	30 March 1904
<b>Residence:</b>	Japan
<b>Age as of 27 August 2019:</b>	115 years, 150 days





# Jeanne Bot

**Birthplace:** Mont-Louis, France, Languedoc-Roussillon

**Placeholder:** 4

**Validation Status:** Validated

Bot was born in the citadel of Mont Louis where her father was a soldier. She spent fifty years as a bookkeeper in a car garage on Poincaré Boulevard in Perpignan. She never married and had no children.

Bot currently lives in Perpignan, Pyrénées Orientales, Occitanie, France. She reportedly has no major health problems. She moves with her walker between her bedroom and her living room.

Her only difficulty is poor hearing but she is still able to watch television.

<b>Date of birth:</b>	14 January 1905
<b>Residence:</b>	France
<b>Age as of 27 August 2019:</b>	114 years, 225 days



# Shigeyo Nakachi

**Birthplace:** Saga City, Saga, Japan

**Placeholder:** 5

**Validation Status:** Validated

Shigeyo Nakachi was born on 1 February 1905 in Saga, Japan as the second of five siblings. She taught in elementary schools and kindergartens until the age of 62. She fractured her femur twice in her 90's, but still lived independently until age 103. At age 108, she could walk unassisted. In December 2018, she recovered from a bout of aspiration pneumonia that left her bedridden and requiring a breathing tube for many days.

She enjoys hand-dancing and interacting with the people around her. At the age of 114, she is quite active still, despite being almost completely deaf. She dislikes eating fish and many vegetables (like soybeans and sweet potatoes) because she thinks they're "stinky." She currently lives in Saga City, Saga Prefecture.

<b>Date of birth:</b>	1 February 1905
<b>Residence:</b>	Japan
<b>Age as of 27 August 2019:</b>	114 years, 207 days





# Faustina Sarmiento Pupo

**Birthplace:** Cuba

**Placeholder:** 6

**Validation Status:** Pending

Sarmiento Pupo claims to have been born in Cuba, on 15 February 1905. She married at the age of 17 and had 5 daughters, the oldest of whom is now 96 years old.

In 2018, she had 30 grandchildren, 56 great-grandchildren, 41 great-great-grandchildren and 19 great-great-great-grandchildren. At that time, her two daughters were alive at the ages of 96 and 86. Although she has problems with hearing, she still has a great memory.

<b>Date of birth:</b>	15 February 1905
<b>Residence:</b>	Cuba
<b>Age as of 27 August 2019:</b>	114 years, 193 days



# Haruno Yamashita

**Birthplace:** Japan  
**Placeholder:** 7  
**Validation Status:** Validated

Yamashita currently lives in Kurume, Fukuoka Prefecture. She is currently the second-oldest living person in Fukuoka Prefecture, behind Kane Tanaka.

In June 2019, Haruno Yamashita reached the top 100 all-time validated persons rankings.

Date of birth:	19 February 1905
Residence:	Japan
Age as of 27 August 2019:	114 years, 189 days



# Kame Ganeko

**Birthplace:** Japan

**Placeholder:** 8

**Validation Status:** Validated

Kame Ganeko was born in Japan on 10 April 1905. Ganeko currently resides in Yomitan, Okinawa, Japan at the age of 114 years, 112 days.

On 10 April 2019, Kame Ganeko celebrated her 114th birthday.

<b>Date of birth:</b>	10 April 1905
<b>Residence:</b>	Japan
<b>Age as of 27 August 2019:</b>	114 years, 137 days



# Julia Amelia da Conceicao

**Birthplace:** Alagoas, Brazil

**Placeholder:** 9

**Validation Status:** Unvalidated Level 2

Julia Amelia da Conceicao is a Brazilian supercentenarian is currently unvalidated by the Gerontology Research Group (GRG). She is the oldest known living person in Brazil.

Julia Amelia da Conceicao came from Alagoas when she was young, but she is not sure how old she is. The trip, on horseback, was made with the parents. In Ceara, she did not marry nor have children.

<b>Date of birth:</b>	20 May 1905
<b>Residence:</b>	Brazil
<b>Age as of 27 August 2019:</b>	114 years, 97 days



# Alelia Murphy

**Birthplace:** Grifton, North Carolina, USA  
**Placeholder:** 10  
**Validation Status:** Validated

Alelia Murphy was born as Alelia Stewart in Grifton, North Carolina, USA on 6 July 1905, one of 12 children born to John and Hattie Stewart. She attended college in Grifton, before moving to New York in 1926 and marrying Furd Murphy on 7 October the same year.

As of 2018, Murphy has two living children (Rose and Frederick). Her favourite hobby was dancing. Murphy has resided in Harlem, New York for more than 60 years. She celebrated her 113th birthday on 6 July 2018. In March 2019, she was honoured at Congressman Adriano Espaillat’s Women’s History Month celebration. In July 2019, Alelia Murphy celebrated her 114th birthday.

Date of birth:	6 July 1905
Residence:	USA
Age as of 27 August 2019:	114 years, 52 days



# Geertje Kuijntjes

**Birthplace:** Gorinchem, South Holland, Netherlands

**Placeholder:** 11

**Validation Status:** Validated

Geertje Kuijntjes was born to a family of six children, of whom only two survived; two of them died after about three months to have lived, the other two died as infants. Kuijntjes has lived in the town of Gorinchem her entire life. She was a seamstress until her retirement. Kuijntjes currently lives in a retirement home in Gorinchem, Netherlands. Despite her age, Kuijntjes has done a lot of things after her retirement; she was still able to go on holiday on her own until age 100 and to make big journeys until the age of 102. She also lived on her own until the age of 105. Kuijntjes participated in the International Four Days Marches Nijmegen forty times until age 88. In 2016, at the age of 111, she was able to witness the 100th edition of the marching event with help from the 'Ambulance Wens' foundation. She saved many of her earned medals (of whom one dates back to 2 July 1933, when she completed the 40km edition). Besides that, she also joined multiple marching events in other countries, such as Switzerland (Bern), Austria (Vienna) and even Israel. Kuijntjes also learned English and loves ice cream and dancing.

On 19 July 2019, Kuijntjes became the second Dutch person after Van Andel-Schipper to reach the age of 114.

<b>Date of birth:</b>	19 July 1905
<b>Residence:</b>	Netherlands
<b>Age as of 27 August 2019:</b>	114 years, 39 days



# Katerina Karnarou

**Birthplace:** Gryllos, Elis, Greece

**Placeholder:** 12

**Validation Status:** Unvalidated Level 3

Katerina claims to be born in the village of Mountriza (present-day village of Gryllos), Elis, West Greece, Greece on 25 July 1905. Her parents were Panagiotis and Theodora. At the age of 25, she married Sofoklis Karnaro in Krestena. After marriage, she moved to the Krestena. She worked in the fields. Her son, Leonidas went to the Navy and became Grand Captain. She also had a daughter who passed away before 2018.

In April 2018, Katerina had three living daughters, Lambia, Sofoula and Theodora, 7 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandson (1 year old at that time). She had a foot surgery prior to her interview in April 2018. Katerina said that she don't know how old she is: "I have to be around 105, but I do not remember well".

Karnarou currently lives in Krestena, West Greece, Greece.

<b>Date of birth:</b>	25 July 1905
<b>Residence:</b>	Greece
<b>Age as of 27 August 2019:</b>	114 years, 33 days



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# Michiko Yamazaki

**Birthplace:** Japan

**Placeholder:** 13

**Validation Status:** Unvalidated Level 3

Michiko Yamazaki (Japanese: 山崎通子) is a Japanese supercentenarian whose age is currently unvalidated by the Gerontology Research Group. She currently lives in Nagano prefecture as of Sept 2018, according to the MHLW, Japan.

Date of birth:	28 July 1905
Residence:	Japan
Age as of 27 August 2019:	114 years, 30 days



# Osugi Sogo

**Birthplace:** Ehime, Japan

**Placeholder:** 14

**Validation Status:** Validated

Osugi Sogo was born in Japan on 13 August 1905. She lives in Matsuyama city, Ehime Prefecture, Japan. She has lived through four imperial eras.

She is the oldest living person in Ehime Prefecture.

Date of birth:	13 August 1905
Residence:	Japan
Age as of 27 August 2019:	114 years, 14 days



# Hester Ford

**Birthplace:** Lancaster County, South Carolina, USA

**Placeholder:** 15

**Validation Status:** Validated

Ford was born on 15 August 1905 in Lancaster County, South Carolina to Peter and Frances McCardell. She worked on a farm where she not only planted and picked cotton, but plowed the field and cut wood. She married John Ford on 12 March 1921 and they had 12 children (eight girls and four boys; including Hattie Thomas). Ford moved to Charlotte, North Carolina, in 1953 where she worked for more than 20 years as a nanny. She is a devout Christian and spent many years volunteering at her local church.

Ford suffers from dementia, but she is still able to remember Bible verses. On her 112th birthday, she was able to recite the 23rd Psalm. As of August 2017, she has 53 grandchildren, 120 great-grandchildren, and 126 great-great-grandchildren. She still lives in Charlotte, North Carolina.

<b>Date of birth:</b>	15 August 1905
<b>Residence:</b>	USA
<b>Age as of 27 August 2019:</b>	114 years, 12 days



# Iris Westman

**Birthplace:** Aneta, North Dakota, USA ,

**Placeholder:** 16

**Validation Status:** Validated

Iris C. Westman was born in Aneta, Nelson, North Dakota on 28 August 1905 to Nicholas Westman and Mathilda Erickson. She was the only daughter in her family to survive to adulthood, as her two sisters did not survive their childhood.

Westman is a 1928 graduate of the University of North Dakota. She was an English teacher in both Aneta and Hillsboro, North Dakota before moving to Minnesota. She retired as the elementary librarian in Worthington, Minnesota, where she sang in the First Lutheran Church choir with Mikkell Pates. She never married.

Westman currently lives in Northwood, Grand Forks, North Dakota.

<b>Date of birth:</b>	28 August 1905
<b>Residence:</b>	USA
<b>Age as of 27 August 2019:</b>	113 years, 364 days



# Gustav Gerneth

**Birthplace:** Szczecin, Poland (then Stettin, Germany)

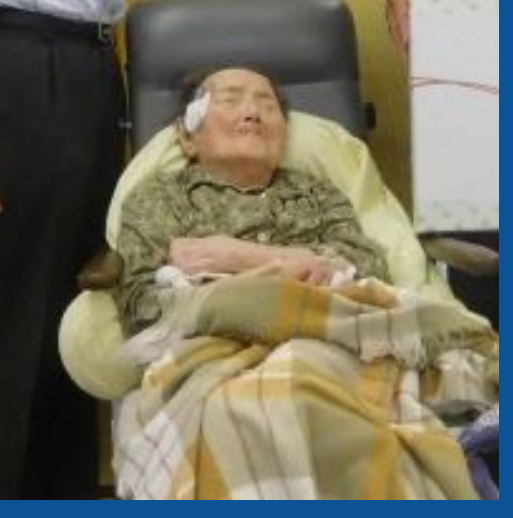
**Placeholder:** 17

**Validation Status:** Unvalidated Level 3

Gustav Gerneth was born on 15 October 1905 in Szczecin in the province of Pomerania, Prussia, which was then part of the German Empire but is now Poland. There, he was trained as a machinist and started his career by seafaring in 1924. In 1930, his wife married Charlotte Grubert in Havelberg. The couple raised three sons in Szczecin, again. Mr. Gerneth serviced in World War II and what was captured by Russian corps until 1947. Later the family moved to Havelberg and Gerneth worked in the local gas plant until his retirement in 1972. His wife died in 1988. At the time of his 110th birthday, Gustav Gerneth was the seventh man to become a supercentenarian. He was reported to have outlived his sons, being in their 80s, by the age of 109. Until the age of 107, he had purchased everything on his own. Gerneth is still able to take care of himself, being interested in today's politics and sports. On 15 October 2017, Gustav Gerneth is celebrating his 112th birthday, being the first German ever to do so. Being asked for his secret of Longevity, Gerneth trusts in good meals (always butter, never margarine), no alcohol or cigarettes but also no active sports.

At the age of 113, he was living in Havelberg for more than 45 years. His granddaughter takes care of him.

<b>Date of birth:</b>	15 October 1905
<b>Residence:</b>	Germany
<b>Age as of 27 August 2019:</b>	113 years, 316 days



# Kura Bingo

**Birthplace:** Soni, Nara, Japan

**Placeholder:** 18

**Validation Status:** Validated

Kura Bingo was born on 20 October 1905 in Japan. In September 2016, she was reported as the oldest living person in Nara Prefecture.

Bingo currently lives in Soni, Nara, Japan.

Date of birth:	20 October 1905
Residence:	Japan
Age as of 27 August 2019:	113 years, 311 days



# Mina Kitagawa

**Birthplace:** Hikoneshi, Shiga, Japan

**Placeholder:** 19

**Validation Status:** Validated

Mina Kitagawa lives in Hikoneshi, Shiga Prefecture and she has been the oldest living person in Shiga Prefecture since the death of Shige Kitagawa on 13 September 2014.

Date of birth:	3 November 1905
Residence:	Japan
Age as of 27 August 2019:	113 years, 297 days





# Anna Benericetti

**Birthplace:** Brisighella, Emilia-Romagna, Italy

**Placeholder:** 20

**Validation Status:** Validated

Benericetti-Cimatti lives in Forlì, Emilia-Romagna region, Italy.

At 111, she had three children, eight grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. She spent the days sitting in the wheelchair. Despite some difficulties in sight and hearing, her health was good, had a healthy appetite and loved listening to mass on the radio or on TV every day. Following the death of Maria Giuseppa Robucci-Nargiso on 18 June 2019, Anna Benericetti became the oldest living person in Italy.

<b>Date of birth:</b>	22 March 1906
<b>Residence:</b>	Italy
<b>Age as of 27 August 2019:</b>	113 years, 158 days



# Jeanne Lara

**Birthplace:** Alicante, Spain

**Placeholder:** 21

**Validation Status:** Pending

Jeanne Marcos Lara is an unvalidated Spanish-born French supercentenarian.

Jeanne Lara was born in Villena, Alicante, Spain, on 1 April 1906 as Juana Marcos Pujalte and now lives in Perpignan, France. She celebrated her 113th birthday in April 2019 and may be the third-oldest living person in France behind Lucile Randon and Jeanne Bot.

<b>Date of birth:</b>	1 April 1906
<b>Residence:</b>	France
<b>Age as of 27 August 2019:</b>	113 years, 148 days



# Carmen Emilia Jaramillo

**Birthplace:** Columbia

**Placeholder:** 22

**Validation Status:** Pending

Carmen Emilia Jaramillo is a Colombian supercentenarian. In May 2013, a large party was held on her 107th birthday. Jaramillo currently lives in Ituango, Antioquia Department, Colombia at the age of 113 years. She lives with her youngest daughter, Maria Alicia.

<b>Date of birth:</b>	17 May 1906
<b>Residence:</b>	Colombia
<b>Age as of 27 August 2019:</b>	113 years, 102 days



# Eliza Carrows

**Birthplace:** Canada

**Placeholder:** 23

**Validation Status:** Unvalidated Level 3

Eliza Carrows is an unvalidated Canadian-born South African supercentenarian claimant.

Eliza Carrows was allegedly born in Canada on 21 May 1906 and later emigrated to the Republic of South Africa.

<b>Date of birth:</b>	21 May 1906
<b>Residence:</b>	South Africa
<b>Age as of 27 August 2019:</b>	113 years, 98 days



# Tekla Juniewicz

**Birthplace:** Krupsko, Ukraine

**Placeholder:** 24

**Validation Status:** Validated

Tekla Juniewicz was born as Tekla Dadak, the daughter of Jan Dadak and Katarzyna of the home of Szkwyрко, on 10 June 1906 in the town of Krupsko. This town then was located in the Austria-Hungary; Mrs. Tekla was born, therefore, as the subject of Emperor Franz Joseph. In Krupsko, Mrs. Tekla spent the first years of her life, and two younger sisters, Rozalia and Katarzyna, were born there. Her father worked for Count Lanckoronski, mother took care of the house. In Przeworsk she also met her future husband, Jan Juniewicz, whom she married on 28 February 1927. Her husband died in 1980 at the age of 96. Mrs. Tekla lived alone until she was 103 years old. On 22 April 2018, Tekla Juniewicz broke the national record of Longevity in Poland, which belonged to Wanda Wierzchleyska of Warsaw (1900-2012), also from the Lviv region. On 10 June 2018, Tekla Juniewicz turned 112, becoming the first person in the history of Poland to have achieved this milestone. On 10 June 2019, Tekla Juniewicz turned 113. On this occasion, she received a congratulatory letter from Prime Minister of Poland. One day later, she surpassed the age of Astrid Zachrison, becoming the oldest person to have ever lived in the Baltic Sea region.

<b>Date of birth:</b>	10 June 1906
<b>Residence:</b>	Poland
<b>Age as of 27 August 2019:</b>	113 years, 78 days



# Anne Brasz-Later

**Birthplace:** Goes, Zeeland, Netherlands

**Placeholder:** 25-26

**Validation Status:** Validated

Anne Brasz-Later was born in Goes in the province of Zeeland, Netherlands on 16 July 1906. She gave birth to her first child Hendrik Brasz in 1933 (who now lives in Australia). A year later, in 1934, her first daughter Elisabeth Cummings was born (who moved from Portland, Oregon, USA, a couple of years ago) and two years later, in 1936, she gave birth to her last daughter and child.

At age 3, Mrs. Brasz-Later moved to Indonesia (then the Dutch colony 'Dutch East Indies') and lived there for 40 years until she returned to her native country in 1949, at age 43. In her later years, she moved to an apartment near a retirement home in the city of Utrecht. Despite avoiding the media to talk about her age, her daughter Elisabeth stated that Brasz-Later, at age 110, was fine, still remembered most things very good and, if it was possible, that she planned staying here for a while.

On 16 July 2018, she celebrated her 112th birthday. This made Kuijntjes and Brasz-Later the first two Dutch supercentenarians who were both alive at the age of 112.

<b>Date of birth:</b>	16 July 1906
<b>Residence:</b>	Netherlands
<b>Age as of 27 August 2019:</b>	113 years, 42 days



# Irene Dutton

**Birthplace:** Kalamazoo, Michigan, USA

**Placeholder:** 25-26

**Validation Status:** Validated

Irene Dutton was born as Irene Elizabeth Jones in Kalamazoo, Michigan, USA, on 16 July 1906. Her parents were Fred and Elizabeth (née DeRider) Jones. She was the first of four children born to the couple. Her siblings were Helen, Elias, and Elizabeth.

On 8 January 1931, she married Edwin Dutton in Kalamazoo. The couple had two children and Irene was later widowed. She has two grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren . She spent her whole life in Kalamazoo, Michigan, and still lives there today.

Irene Dutton currently lives in Kalamazoo, Michigan, USA.

<b>Date of birth:</b>	16 July 1906
<b>Residence:</b>	USA
<b>Age as of 27 August 2019:</b>	113 years, 42 days





# Marie-Louise Taterode

**Birthplace:** Uzerche, Nouvelle-Aquitaine, France

**Placeholder:** 27

**Validation Status:** Pending

Marie-Louise Taterode was born in Uzerche, Nouvelle-Aquitaine on 17 July 1906. Her father was a weaver and her mother a seamstress. Marie-Louise was the youngest of five children, who left Limousin to follow their father who became a miner in Champagnac-les-Mines in the Cantal. The family settled in Clermont-Ferrand.

She first worked for the company Pingeot for 13 years and then in a paper mill in Montlouis company, for 34 years. She retired at age 65 and was almost surprised that the legal age of retirement was 62. She had no children but raised a niece Louissette, who orphaned at the age of 7 years. Since 2011 she lives in a retirement home in Lezoux, Puy-de-Dome, France. In July 2019, she celebrated her 113th birthday being the fifth oldest living person in France at the time.

<b>Date of birth:</b>	17 July 1906
<b>Residence:</b>	French
<b>Age as of 27 August 2019:</b>	113 years, 41 days



# Minnie Whicker

**Birthplace:** Arkansas, USA

**Placeholder:** 28

**Validation Status:** Validated

Minnie Whicker was born in Arkansas, United States, on 24 July 1906, to Francis and Belle Walker Jenkins. She married Roy Earnest Whicker in Okmulgee, Oklahoma, USA, on 11 June 1927.

Whicker currently resides in Roseville, California, where she celebrated her 112th birthday in July 2018. Her age was validated by the Gerontology Research Group on 29 August 2018. She voted via absentee ballot in the 2018 U.S. midterm elections.

<b>Date of birth:</b>	24 July 1906
<b>Residence:</b>	USA
<b>Age as of 27 August 2019:</b>	113 years, 34 days



# Mathilde Mange

**Birthplace:** Hunsrück, Rhineland-Palatinate, Germany

**Placeholder:** 29

**Validation Status:** Unvalidated Level 3

Mathilde Mange was born on 10 August 1906, and was raised on a farm in Hunsrück, Germany. She later moved to Trier, and got married. She was widowed after her husband was killed in World War II. After the war, Mange and her children moved to Kohlscheid and later to Sprockhövel where they have lived since the end of the 1970s.

At the time of her 108th birthday, Mange credited her Longevity to "doing everything whatever is possible". Her interests include reading biographical and historical literature and watching gymnastics and winter sports. On her 109th birthday, she was visited by Ulii Winkelmann, the mayor of her town and received a letter from the German President, Joachim Gauck. After the death of 112-year old Therese Fenners on 23 June 2018, Mange became the oldest living woman in Germany.

<b>Date of birth:</b>	10 August 1906
<b>Residence:</b>	Germany
<b>Age as of 27 August 2019:</b>	113 years, 17 days



# Clara Cedeño Tello

**Birthplace:** Llano Bonito, Herrera Province, Panama

**Placeholder:** 30-31

**Validation Status:** Validated

Clara Cedenó Tello was born on 12 August 1906 and was baptized on 10 September 1906, the daughter of Tomas Cedenó and Manuela Salvadora Tello. She had two older siblings: Miguel Cedenó and Saturnina Cedenó.

Cedenó Tello married Elias Saavedra, but never had any children. Her age is validated by the Gerontology Research Group (GRG) on 10 September 2018, making her the second validated supercentenarian from Panama. At that time, she was able to walk with a walker.

Cedenó Tello currently lives in Llano Bonito, Herrera Province, Panama.

<b>Date of birth:</b>	12 August 1906
<b>Residence:</b>	Panama
<b>Age as of 27 August 2019:</b>	113 years, 15 days



# Motome Hirata

**Birthplace:** Ueda, Nagano, Japan

**Placeholder:** 30-31

**Validation Status:** Validated

Motome Hirata was born on 12 August 1906 on a farm in Ueda, in central Japan's Nagano Prefecture, Japan. At some point of her life, she started drawing and writing haiku. After graduation, she started working in the fields, selling silk, raw silk and started doing both weaverding and sewing. She got married at the age of 25 and raised six children. Struggling to make ends meet while raising four boys and two girls, she regularly worked from dawn to dusk. Although Showa was a period of intense work, Hirata said her life changed for the better during the Heisei years, starting in 1989. She started participating in tanka poetry club readings and developed a passion for drawing, among other hobbies. She moved from Nagano to Chiba, where she currently lives in an apartment with her daughter who is 74. Asked about Reiwa, which is the first of Japan's imperial eras to be chosen from a traditional work of Japanese poetry, Hirata said, "It's wonderful". Expressing hope for the new generation and the new era beginning on May 1 with the ascension to the throne of Emperor Akihito's son Naruhito, Hirata said, "I want the world to become a better place. On her 103rd birthday, Hirata was asked for her secret of Longevity, to which she responded: "Eating is also important, but moving of the body always leads to health."

<b>Date of birth:</b>	12 August 1906
<b>Residence:</b>	Japan
<b>Age as of 27 August 2019:</b>	113 years, 15 days



# Josefa Santos Gonzalez

**Birthplace:** Burguillos Dec Cerro, Badajoz, Extremadura, Spain

**Placeholder:** 32

**Validation Status:** Pending

Josefa Santos Gonzalez was born in Badajoz, Extremadura, Spain on 7 September 1906. In 1932, she married a man named Ramon and had five children with him.

In her later years, Josefa moved to Madrid in order to be closer to her family. When she was 102, she broke her hip, and broke her femur aged 109. Her recovery from these incidents amazed her doctors. At the time of her 110th birthday in 2016, along with her five children, she had 15 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren, and six great-great-grandchildren. She celebrated her 111th birthday in 2017 in her care home with relatives from as far afield as Germany.

<b>Date of birth:</b>	7 September 1906
<b>Residence:</b>	Spain
<b>Age as of 27 August 2019:</b>	112 years, 354 days



# Thelma Sutcliffe

**Birthplace:** Omaha, Nebraska, USA

**Placeholder:** 33

**Validation Status:** Validated

Sutcliffe was born in Omaha, Nebraska, in 1906. She married at the age of 17 in 1924, and had no children. Her husband died in the early 1970s. She has survived two bouts of breast cancer over the course of her life.

Sutcliffe currently lives in Elmwood Tower, Omaha, which provides residential apartments for people aged 50 and over. She reportedly exercises every morning, does her own laundry, and plays bridge several times a week. Sutcliffe's younger sister lived to the age of 105 or 106 (sources differ).

On 1 October 2018, Sutcliffe celebrated her 112th birthday.

<b>Date of birth:</b>	1 October 1906
<b>Residence:</b>	USA
<b>Age as of 27 August 2019:</b>	112 years. 330 days





# Renata Bianchi

**Birthplace:** Cesena, Emilia-Romagna, Italy

**Placeholder:** 34-35

**Validation Status:** Validated

Renata Bianchi-Pirini was born in Cesena, Emilia-Romagna, Italy on 16 October 1906. In 1930, she married Umberto Pirini. They had three children: Ezio, who died in 1994, Giampiero, died at 18 months in 1936 and Ivo, died at 15 days in 1938. She has also 18 nephews, from her ten brothers, who occasionally visit her.

In her life, Renata has always done the service woman at wealthy families in Cesena and also in the castle of Sorrivoli. Widow from 1965 about, she has a gloss memory so much reminiscent of the two world wars. Recently she has had to face a head surgery to remove a skin tumor, but nevertheless she is still lucid and moves independently in her home.

Bianchi currently lives alone in her own home in Cesena, Emilia-Romagna, Italy. Every morning she is helped by some social workers, who do household chores for her and get her food shopping. Bianchi celebrated her 112th birthday on 16 October 2018 with her nephews and a grandchildren.

<b>Date of birth:</b>	16 October 1906
<b>Residence:</b>	Italy
<b>Age as of 27 August 2019:</b>	112 years, 315 days



# Louise Schaaf

**Birthplace:** Keltern, Baden-Württemberg, Germany

**Placeholder:** 34-35

**Validation Status:** Validated

Schaaf was born in Dietlingen, Baden-Württemberg, Germany, on 16 October 1906. She emigrated to the United States at the age of 22.

At the age of 110, Schaaf had nine great-grandchildren and seven great-great-grandchildren. She lived in her own home in Chicago, Illinois, and reportedly enjoyed cooking and baking. Her age was validated by the Gerontology Research Group on 19 February 2019.

<b>Date of birth:</b>	16 October 1906
<b>Residence:</b>	USA
<b>Age as of 27 August 2019:</b>	112 years, 315 days



# Valentine Ligny

**Birthplace:** Avion, Pas-de-Calais, France

**Placeholder:** 36

**Validation Status:** Validated

Valentine Bonel was born in Avion, Pas-de-Calais, France on 22 October 1906. She married Pierre Ligny in 1933 and the couple had three children. He died while saving his nephew from drowning in 1947. Her profession was office worker. She lived independently in her home until the age of 109.

She currently lives in a retirement home in Amiens, France and is the oldest living person in the Hauts-de-France region. A strong character, that may be her secret of Longevity. At least Valentine does not lack humor.

<b>Date of birth:</b>	22 October 1906
<b>Residence:</b>	France
<b>Age as of 27 August 2019:</b>	112 years, 309 days



# Natsuyo Kinase

**Birthplace:** Sendai, Miyagi, Japan

**Placeholder:** 37

**Validation Status:** Validated

Natsuyo was born in Sendai, Miyagi Prefecture, Japan, on 30 October 1906. Her husband died during the war. Even as a supercentenarian, she still continues to watch a sumo wrestling on the television. She have a lot of descendants, including great-great-grandchildren.

Kinase currently lives in Yokosuka, Kanagawa Prefecture, Japan.

Following the death of Chiyo Miyako, Natsuyo Kinase has been the oldest living person in the Kanagawa Prefecture.

<b>Date of birth:</b>	30 October 1906
<b>Residence:</b>	Japan
<b>Age as of 27 August 2019:</b>	112 years, 301 days



# Beulah Meloche

**Birthplace:** Chazy, New York, USA

**Placeholder:** 38

**Validation Status:** Validated

Meloche was born in Chazy, New York, and grew up in nearby Plattsburgh. She claims to have been born on 23 November 1906, but the validation process concluded that she was born on 5 December 1906.

For many years, Meloche worked as a caregiver for children. She never had children of her own. She had three sisters: Mabel, Edith, and Matilda. She was married to Armand Meloche before his death on 1 July 1972.

Meloche has lived in a nursing home in Ogdensburg, New York, since 2011.

<b>Date of birth:</b>	5 December 1906
<b>Residence:</b>	USA
<b>Age as of 27 August 2019:</b>	112 years, 265 days



# Ramona Siqueira

**Birthplace:** Porto Lucena, Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil

**Placeholder:** 39

**Validation Status:** Unvalidated Level 1

Ramona Siqueira was born in Porto Lucena, Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil, on 6 December 1906. She came to reside in Três Passos before the foundation of the municipality.

Married only once, mother of six, Dona Ramona lives with her youngest daughter, Izalina Terezinha Geringer, 61, on Bernardo Boldrini Street in the Weber neighborhood. Second the daughter, the mother attributes her Longevity to a natural diet, much fish and fruit, without poisons, in the midst of nature.

According to the Municipal Department of Social Assistance, Dona Ramona Siqueira leads a select group of only five inhabitants who live above 100 years of age in the municipality.

<b>Date of birth:</b>	6 December 1906
<b>Residence:</b>	Brazil
<b>Age as of 27 August 2019:</b>	112 years, 264 days



# Chizuko Yoshizawa

**Birthplace:** Fukuoka, Japan

**Placeholder:** 40

**Validation Status:** Validated

Chizuko Yoshizawa was born in Japan on 7 December 1906.

She currently lives in Kasuga, Fukuoka, Japan.

She was validated by the Gerontology Research Group on 27 March 2019.

<b>Date of birth:</b>	7 December 1906
<b>Residence:</b>	Japan
<b>Age as of 27 August 2019:</b>	112 years, 263 days





# Mitsu Toshima

**Birthplace:** Japan

**Placeholder:** 41

**Validation Status:** Validated

Mitsu Toshima was born in Japan on 5 January 1907.

She currently lives in a care facility in Midori, Yokohama, Kanagawa, Japan.

<b>Date of birth:</b>	5 January 1907
<b>Residence:</b>	Japan
<b>Age as of 27 August 2019:</b>	112 years, 234 days



# Tsuru Iizuka

**Birthplace:** Japan

**Placeholder:** 42

**Validation Status:** Unvalidated Level 3

Tsuru Iizuka (Japanese: 飯塚ツル) is a Japanese supercentenarian whose age is currently unvalidated by the Gerontology Research Group (GRG).

Iizuka was born in Japan on 10 January 1907 and currently lives in Japan.

<b>Date of birth:</b>	10 January 1907
<b>Residence:</b>	Japan
<b>Age as of 27 August 2019:</b>	112 years, 229 days



# Hildegard Lange

**Birthplace:** Poland

**Placeholder:** 43

**Validation Status:** Validated

Hildegard Lange was born in Germany (now Poland) on 12 January 1907. She later married and had three children and a foster daughter. She and her husband retired to Detmold, North Rhine-Westphalia, Germany in 1966, where Hildegard has lived ever since. In her later years, she had surgery on her hip. In 2018, she celebrated her 111th birthday. Only one of her sons was still alive at the time of her 111th birthday: her youngest son, aged 85. Aged 111, she still uses a typewriter to complete documents for the tax office independently.

Lange currently lives in Detmold, North Rhine-Westphalia, Germany.

<b>Date of birth:</b>	12 January 1907
<b>Residence:</b>	Germany
<b>Age as of 27 August 2019:</b>	112 years, 227 days



# Hama Yasukawa

**Birthplace:** Japan

**Placeholder:** 44

**Validation Status:** Validated

Hama Yasukawa was born in Japan on 19 January 1907.

She became the oldest living person in Hyogo Prefecture following the death of 111-year old Matsue Kimura on 13 June 2018.

Yasukawa's age was validated by the GRG on 14 April 2019.

Date of birth:	19 January 1907
Residence:	Japan
Age as of 27 August 2019:	112 years, 220 days



# Ellen Goodwill

**Birthplace:** Paris, Kentucky, USA

**Placeholder:** 45

**Validation Status:** Validated

Ellen Goodwill was born Ellen Lear in Paris, Kentucky, USA, on 2 February 1907. As a young adult, she moved to Columbus, Ohio, USA, and became a model. She married Augustus “Gus” Goodwill in Battle Creek, Michigan, USA, in 1947, after meeting him at a dance several years prior. The couple had no children. She worked dressing shop windows in Battle Creek until her arthritis got so bad that she could no longer do it.

Augustus Goodwill passed away in 1972 after 25 years of marriage. Ellen celebrated her 110th birthday in 2017 with her neighbours, friends, and family. As of her 111th birthday in 2018, she still enjoys to read magazines and do crafts in her nursing home.

Date of birth:	2 February 1907
Residence:	USA
Age as of 27 August 2019:	112 years, 206 days



# Sumie Yabune

**Birthplace:** Japan

**Placeholder:** 46

**Validation Status:** Validated

Sumie Yabune was born in Japan on 5 February 1907. She got married at the age of 22 and had six children: three sons and three daughters. Her eldest son is Toshinobu (aged 81 in September 2018).

In September 2016, her oldest child was 88 years old, while the youngest one was 74. Her third daughter, Makino Akiko, was 84 years old at that time. Yabune became the oldest known living person in Wakayama prefecture around 21 December 2015, following the death of an anonymous man (born 6 January 1907). In September 2018, she had 13 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren. Her age was validated by the GRG on 2 May 2019.

Yabune currently lives in Kainan, Wakayama, Japan.

<b>Date of birth:</b>	5 February 1907
<b>Residence:</b>	Japan
<b>Age as of 27 August 2019:</b>	112 years, 203 days



# Yuki Kamitamari

**Birthplace:** Fukuoka, Japan

**Placeholder:** 47

**Validation Status:** Validated

Yuki Kamitamari was born on 15 February 1907 in Japan. In September 2016, she was reported as the 11th-oldest living person in Fukuoka Prefecture. As of September 2017, she was the sixth-oldest known person in the prefecture. Her age is validated by the GRG on 14 May 2019. Yuki Kamitamari currently lives in Kitakyushu, Fukuoka Prefecture, Japan.

Date of birth:	15 February 1907
Residence:	Japan
Age as of 27 August 2019:	112 years, 193 days





# Sarah Patenaude Bruyère

**Birthplace:** Russell, Ontario, Canada

**Placeholder:** 48

**Validation Status:** Validated

Sarah Patenaude was born in Russell, Ontario, Canada on 20 February 1907 to parents Joseph and Marie-Louise (née Gebault) Patenaude. She moved to Embrun, Ontario and began teaching in the village's one-room school.

In 1929, Sarah married Prosper Bruyere in Embrun, Ontario, and had seven children with him: Raymond, Roger, Marcel, Jean-Guy, Bernard, Eleonore and Marie. Raymond passed away on 24 April 2017 aged 80.

At some point in her life, Bruyere moved to Gatineau, Quebec. At her 105th birthday celebration, when asked what her secret to a long life was, she replied that she didn't know, but both of her parents lived long lives. Her father lived to be 88, her mother to 81. Sarah also drinks a glass of prune juice every two days.

Sarah Patenaude Bruyere currently lives in Gatineau, Quebec, Canada.

<b>Date of birth:</b>	20 February 1907
<b>Residence:</b>	Canada
<b>Age as of 27 August 2019:</b>	112 years, 188 days



# Kikue Tanaka

**Birthplace:** Japan

**Placeholder:** 49

**Validation Status:** Validated

Kikue Tanaka was born in Japan on 25 February 1907. She became the oldest person in Kagoshima Prefecture upon the death of 114-year-old Tane Yonekura on 19 May 2018.

She currently lives in Minamisatsuma City.

Date of birth:	25 February 1907
Residence:	Japan
Age as of 27 August 2019:	112 years, 183 days



# Maria Branyas Morera

**Birthplace:** Mexico

**Placeholder:** 50

**Validation Status:** Pending

Maria Branyas Morera is a Mexican-born Spanish supercentenarian whose age is currently unvalidated by the Gerontology Research Group (GRG). She is the oldest known living person in Catalonia, Spain.

Maria Branyas Morera was born in Mexico on 4 March 1907. She emigrated to San Francisco, California in 1909. At some point in her life, she moved to Olot, Catalonia, Spain. In 2000, when she was 93, she moved into a care home in Olot. During her centenarian years, she loved to give advice to people that asked for it. At the age of 110, she still read the newspaper every day.

<b>Date of birth:</b>	4 March 1907
<b>Residence:</b>	Spain
<b>Age as of 27 August 2019:</b>	112 years, 176 days



# Chitetsu Watanabe

**Birthplace:** Japan

**Placeholder:** 51

**Validation Status:** Validated

Chitetsu Watanabe was born in Japan on 5 March 1907. His parents were farmers. After graduating from an agricultural high school, he went to Taiwan with his job as an employee for a sugarcane company. He returned after the Second World War, and worked for a departure agency. After retiring, he lived with one of his son's family until the age of 108, when he moved to a care facility. He had five children in total. At the age of 112, he has 12 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

When he was 107, Watanabe was asked the secret to his long life. He said that laughing often will help you reach the age that he has. He also said to forget bad things and to not get angry. On 5 March 2019, Chitetsu Watanabe celebrated his 112th birthday.

<b>Date of birth:</b>	5 March 1907
<b>Residence:</b>	Japan
<b>Age as of 27 August 2019:</b>	112 years, 175 days

# Hide Kittaka

**Birthplace:** Japan  
**Placeholder:** 52  
**Validation Status:** Pending

Kittaka was born in Japan on 8 March 1907.

In September 2018, she was reported as the oldest living person in Yamaguchi prefecture.

Date of birth:	8 March 1907
Residence:	Japan
Age as of 27 August 2019:	112 years, 172 days



# Tame Yamaguchi

**Birthplace:** Japan

**Placeholder:** 53

**Validation Status:** Validated

Tame Yamaguchi was born in Kagoshima Prefecture, Japan on 20 March 1907.

She became the oldest known living person in Miyazaki prefecture on 1 April 2016.

Date of birth:	20 March 1907
Residence:	Japan
Age as of 27 August 2019:	112 years, 160 days



# Kano Ebara

**Birthplace:** Japan

**Placeholder:** 54-55

**Validation Status:** Pending

Kano Ebara was born in Japan on 30 March 1907.

On 15 August 2018, aged 111, she became the oldest living person in Okayama prefecture after the death of Harue Kunitomi.

Date of birth:	30 March 1907
Residence:	Japan
Age as of 27 August 2019:	112 years, 150 days





# Kesa Yamada

**Birthplace:** Japan

**Placeholder:** 54-55

**Validation Status:** Pending

Kesa Yamada was born in Japan on 30 March 1907.

As of January 2019, Yamada is the oldest living person in Gunma Prefecture.

Date of birth:	30 March 1907
Residence:	Japan
Age as of 27 August 2019:	112 years, 150 days



# Yoshie Okamoto

**Birthplace:** Japan

**Placeholder:** 56

**Validation Status:** Pending

Yoshie Okamoto is a Japanese supercentenarian whose age is currently unvalidated by the Gerontology Research Group (GRG). She is the oldest known living person in Fukui Prefecture, Japan.

Yoshie Okamoto was born on 31 March 1907 in Japan. In September 2017, she was reported as the oldest living person in Fukui Prefecture, being the successor of Yoshiko Ito, who passed away on 10 April 2017.

<b>Date of birth:</b>	31 March 1907
<b>Residence:</b>	USA
<b>Age as of 27 August 2019:</b>	112 years, 149 days



# Katsuko Nakajima

**Birthplace:** Japan

**Placeholder:** 57

**Validation Status:** Pending

Katsuko Nakajima was born in Japan on 8 April 1907.

As of September 2018, Nakajima is the oldest living person in Osaka Prefecture.

Date of birth:	8 April 1907
Residence:	Japan
Age as of 27 August 2019:	112 years, 141 days



# Antonia Valderrama Ocampo

**Birthplace:** Mexico  
**Placeholder:** 58  
**Validation Status:** Validated

Antonia Valderrama Ocampo claims to have been born in Hacienda de Cabanas, Guerrero, Mexico, on 11 April 1905, though her birth record says 1907.. She witnessed the passage of hurricane Tara in 1961, which left several communities in the region destroyed, including her birthplace, Hacienda de Cabanas. She married in Hacienda de Cabanas.

Antonia allegedly met Lucio Cabanas Barrientos, Mexican schoolteacher, when he was traveling through the region.

Date of birth:	11 April 1907
Residence:	Mexico
Age as of 27 August 2019:	112 years, 138 days



# Voncile Drye

**Birthplace:** Florida, USA

**Placeholder:** 59

**Validation Status:** Validated

Voncile Althena Drye is an American supercentenarian whose age is currently unvalidated by the Gerontology Research Group (GRG). She is one of the oldest known living people in Florida, USA.

Voncile Drye was born in Okaloosa, Florida, USA, on 24 April 1907. Her parents were William and Missie Drye. She was the eldest of the couple's eight children. In the 1940s, she moved to Tampa, Florida. She worked in Morrison's Cafeteria and Jack Pendola's Men's Apparel until her retirement. Voncile had a son who passed away in 2007. Until 2013, she lived in her own home and did yard work often. In 2013, she moved into an assisted living facility. As of her 110th birthday, she has six grandchildren. She can still walk, albeit with the aid of a walking frame. Voncile is affectionately known as "Mother Drye".

<b>Date of birth:</b>	24 April 1907
<b>Residence:</b>	USA
<b>Age as of 27 August 2019:</b>	112 years, 125 days



# Fusa Tatsumi

**Birthplace:** Japan

**Placeholder:** 60

**Validation Status:** Validated

Fusa Tatsumi was born on 25 April 1907 in Japan.

She is the second oldest living person in Osaka prefecture, Japan, as of September 2018. She celebrated her 110th birthday with a small celebration.

Date of birth:	25 April 1907
Residence:	Japan
Age as of 27 August 2019:	112 years, 124 days



# Dorothy Brown

**Birthplace:** New York City, New York, USA

**Placeholder:** 61

**Validation Status:** Pending

Dorothy Brown was born in the Brooklyn borough of New York City, USA on 1 May 1907. A mother of three, Brown worked at Rogers Peet – a clothing store founded by Charles Peet – and Dunhill in Rockefeller Center, just steps from St. Patrick’s Cathedral. Her customers included television celebrities, news people and movie stars, including Broadway star Carol Channing. Each day, Brown took the subway from Brooklyn into Manhattan. Brown – characterized by her grandchildren as energetic – did not slow down after retiring. She volunteered as director of travel at her parish and at Beth Israel Hospital in Brooklyn, where she crocheted blankets for premature babies and delivered yarn to her home-bound friends. All four of Brown’s grandparents emigrated from Ireland to New York. She is proud of her Irish and American heritage and can often be heard singing patriotic songs. Brown has 10 grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. Family members visit Brown once a day. Brown lived in her own apartment in New York, until she was 101, when she moved to an assisted living facility in Brooklyn. She moved to Framingham in 2019 to live closer to her family. On 26 June 2019, Brown was honored as the oldest resident of the city. Dorothy Brown lives in Framingham, Massachusetts, USA at the age of 112 years, 97 days.

<b>Date of birth:</b>	1 May 1907
<b>Residence:</b>	USA
<b>Age as of 27 August 2019:</b>	112 years, 118 days





# Yoshi Baba

**Birthplace:** Japan

**Placeholder:** 62-63

**Validation Status:** Pending

Yoshi Baba was born in Japan on 3 June 1907.

As of September 2018, Baba was reported to be the oldest living person in Yamanashi Prefecture.

She currently lives in Minobu, Yamanashi Prefecture, Japan.

<b>Date of birth:</b>	3 June 1907
<b>Residence:</b>	Japan
<b>Age as of 27 August 2019:</b>	112 years, 85 days



# Opal Goode

**Birthplace:** Opal Griggs, Oklahoma, USA

**Placeholder:** 62-63

**Validation Status:** Pending

Opal Goode was born Cora Opal Griggs in Oklahoma Territory, USA, on 3 June 1907, five months before the territory became a state. Her parents were James Cleveland Griggs (1885–1951) and Mary Elizabeth (née Bowen) Griggs (1888–1965). The family moved to Texas via covered wagon when Opal was an infant, but a few years later, they returned to Oklahoma. She also remembers World War 1, especially when it ended. Goode was the valedictorian of her senior class in high school on 13 May 1926. Several years later, she married Henry Goode and had a daughter, Cheryl, with him. They eventually settled in Ridgecrest, California in early 1945, where Henry spent the remainder of World War 2 working at China Lake. She worked at Ridgecrest's first bank, which opened in 1946.

Goode had originally agreed to work at the bank until Christmas 1946, but ended up working there for around 24 years, until she retired in 1970. Her husband Henry died in 1976 aged 73, after over 30 years of marriage. Since then, she has enjoyed spending time with her friends and family. She lived on her own until she was 105. Her secret to a long life is "hard work and clean living."

<b>Date of birth:</b>	3 June 1907
<b>Residence:</b>	USA
<b>Age as of 27 August 2019:</b>	112 years, 85 days



# Florence Carroll

**Birthplace:** Millerton, New York, USA

**Placeholder:** 64

**Validation Status:** Pending

Florence Alice Antoinette Carroll is an American supercentenarian whose age is currently unvalidated by the Gerontology Research Group (GRG). She is one of the oldest known living people in Connecticut, USA.

Florence Carroll was born Florence Brunese in Millerton, New York, USA on 9 June 1907 to Italian-born parents Paul Emile Brunese and Mary Ann Brunese. As a young adult, she was a professional cook in Lakeville, Connecticut. She married John Carroll on 9 February 1930 and had nine children with him. As of her 107th birthday in 2014, four of her children were deceased. Florence also had 12 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren. Her hobbies were birdwatching and gardening. On her 110th birthday in 2017, the Today Show included her in their list of people celebrating a milestone.

<b>Date of birth:</b>	9 June 1907
<b>Residence:</b>	USA
<b>Age as of 27 August 2019:</b>	112 years, 79 days



# Cecile Klein

**Birthplace:** Montreal, Quebec, Canada

**Placeholder:** 65

**Validation Status:** Pending

Klein was born on 15 June 1907 in Montreal, Quebec, Canada, to Polish-born Jewish parents Louis Efros (1881–1950) and Rachel Pearson Efros (1887–1965). She married Israeli-born Erwin Klein (1905–1999) on 5 June 1932, and they were married for 67 years. The couple had three children: Harriet, Arnold, and Louise.

Klein currently lives in Montreal, Quebec, Canada.

<b>Date of birth:</b>	15 June 1907
<b>Residence:</b>	Canada
<b>Age as of 27 August 2019:</b>	112 years, 73 days



# Marie-Florentine Jousseaume

**Birthplace:** Pays de la Loire, France

**Placeholder:** 66

**Validation Status:** Pending

Marie-Florentine Jousseaume was born as Marie-Florentine Lamothe in Saint-Hilaire-le-Vouhis, Vendee, Pays de la Loire, France on 17 June 1907. She was the youngest of four children.

In 1928, Marie-Florentine married Arseme Jousseaume and had two children with him: Arsene (born 1930) and Yvonne (born 1932). The couple became farmers, and Marie-Florentine made butter to sell. In 1963, the couple moved to Chardonnay, Vendee.

Arseme passed away in 1990 after 62 years of marriage, leaving Marie-Florentine a widow. Two years later, Marie-Florentine moved into an annex of a residential care home and lived there until 2004, when she moved into the main building.

<b>Date of birth:</b>	17 June 1907
<b>Residence:</b>	France
<b>Age as of 27 August 2019:</b>	112 years, 71 days



# Evangelista Luisa López

**Birthplace:** Villa Constitucion, Santa Fe, Argentina

**Placeholder:** 67

**Validation Status:** Pending

Lopez de Cantarino was born in Villa Constitucion, Province of Santa Fe, Argentina, on 21 June 1907. In 1989, at the age of 82, she moved to Mar del Plata with her husband and children. She had 6 children.

Evangelista Luisa makes tissues and cares for her plants. According to her granddaughter: She's always doing things, she likes to talk a lot. At the age of 112, she had 16 grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren. Lopez currently lives in Don Bosco, Mar del Plata, Province of Buenos Aires, Argentina. She currently lives with her daughter Sara (aged 89 in 2019) and her son Mario (aged 86).

<b>Date of birth:</b>	21 June 1907
<b>Residence:</b>	Argentina
<b>Age as of 27 August 2019:</b>	112 years, 67 days



# Valesca Tanganelli

**Birthplace:** Tuscany, Italy

**Placeholder:** 68

**Validation Status:** Pending

Valesca Tanganelli-Pirolo is an Italian supercentenarian whose age is currently unvalidated by the Gerontology Research Group (GRG). She is the third-oldest known living person in Italy.

Valesca Tanganelli was born on 7 July 1907 in Florence, Tuscany, Italy. After her graduation, she moved to Buggiano, Tuscany. Whilst there, she married Dr. Francesco Pirolo and had two children, Gioacchino and Daniela, with him. During the 1960s and '70s, Valesca was the headmistress and a professor at a media school, and was well-liked there. She later retired, and then enrolled in a university for the elderly. After Francesco's death in the late 1970s, she lived alone (albeit with a part-time caregiver) until her centenarian years, even though her children lived very close by.

Valesca had always been a football fan, this passion continuing well into her 90s. She never missed a single match, even as a nonagenarian. On her 110th birthday in July 2017, she celebrated with her family and an ice cream.

<b>Date of birth:</b>	7 July 1907
<b>Residence:</b>	Italy
<b>Age as of 27 August 2019:</b>	112 years, 51 days





# Virginia Constante

**Birthplace:** Ecuador

**Placeholder:** 69

**Validation Status:** Unvalidated Level 2

Virginia Constante was born Maria Virginia Constante Benitez on 10 July 1907 in Quero, Tungurahua, Ecuador to parents Nicanor Constante and Dolores Benitez.

She never married nor had children.

When Virginia was 18, she joined the Dominican Order, showing great spiritual strength and devotion to hospital patients and families living in poverty. Several years later, she became part of an apostolate, to prepare children and teens for their first communion. She did this for over 40 years.

Date of birth:	10 July 1907
Residence:	Ecuador
Age as of 27 August 2019:	112 years, 48 days



# Evelyn Kleine

**Birthplace:** Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA

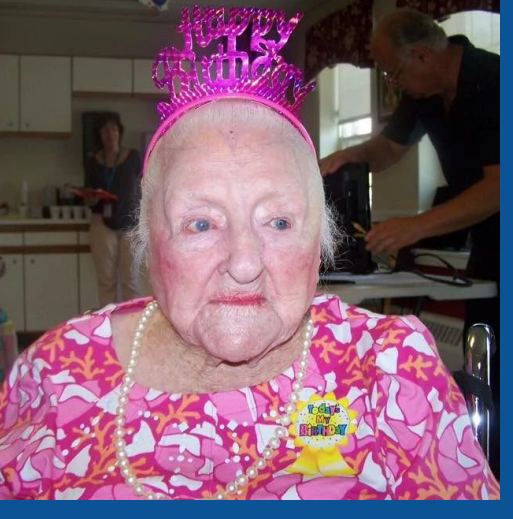
**Placeholder:** 70

**Validation Status:** Pending

Evelyn Kleine is an American supercentenarian whose age is currently unvalidated by the Gerontology Research Group (GRG). She has been the oldest known living person in Minnesota, USA, since the death of Lena Dick on 27 February 2018.

Evelyn Kleine was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA, on 11 July 1907. She was a daughter of Anna and Gus Holm. The family moved to Columbia Heights, Minnesota when she was eight years old. Over the course of her life, she has lived in Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin; Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; and Florida, but returned to Columbia Heights when she was 70. She outlived two husbands and had no children. Kleine, whose father reached 96 and her grandfather 94, says the secret to a long life is “sometimes in the attitude”. She also said “Just behave! No drinking, smoking. Clean living! Ignore trouble”.

<b>Date of birth:</b>	11 July 1907
<b>Residence:</b>	USA
<b>Age as of 27 August 2019:</b>	112 years, 47 days



# Margaret Quinn

**Birthplace:** USA

**Placeholder:** 71

**Validation Status:** Pending

Margaret Quinn is an American supercentenarian whose age is currently unvalidated by the Gerontology Research Group. She lives in Middletown, Connecticut.

Date of birth:	15 July 1907
Residence:	USA
Age as of 27 August 2019:	112 years, 43 days



# Virtudes Tomás Navarro

**Birthplace:** Villena, Alicante, Valencian Community, Spain

**Placeholder:** 72

**Validation Status:** Unvalidated Level 3

Virtudes Tomas Navarro was born on 17 July 1907 in Villena, Alicante, Valencian Community, Spain, to parents Mateo Tomas Hernandez and Virtudes Navarro Perpnan. She was orphaned by the age of three due to her mother dying aged 38, and her father moving away to a rural estate. She spent her childhood on a farm, helping with farm work when she could. In 1936, when Virtudes was 29, she married gardener Andres Catalan and had three children with him: Virtudes, Andres, and Angeles. Virtudes and Andres Sr. were married for 49 years, until he passed away in 1985.

Virtudes has lived in the same town for her entire life. She celebrated her 100th birthday with a big celebration, but did the opposite for her 110th birthday by having a small family get-together. On her 110th birthday, she was partially deaf. Along with three children, Virtudes had nine grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. Virtudes Tomas Navarro currently lives in Villena, Alicante, Valencian Community, Spain.

<b>Date of birth:</b>	17 July 1907
<b>Residence:</b>	Spain
<b>Age as of 27 August 2019:</b>	112 years, 41 days



# Marie-Louise Berthelot

**Birthplace:** Pays de la Loire, Maine-et-Loire, Bourg d'Ire, France

**Placeholder:** 73

**Validation Status:** Unvalidated Level 3

Marie-Louise Berthelot was born on 29 July 1907 in Bourg d'Ire, Maine-et-Loire, Pays de la Loire, France. She worked at her parents farm when they moved in 1924. In 1944, aged 37, she married Joseph Berthelot, who worked in the slate quarries. When they reached retirement age in 1963, they decided to settle down in Renaze, Pays de la Loire. They lived together until Joseph's death in 1992 after 48 years of marriage. The couple never had children together.

In 1997, when Marie-Louise was 90, she moved into a retirement home. For her 106th birthday, she was driven to her former home in the same type of car that she had driven up until she was 90.

<b>Date of birth:</b>	29 July 1907
<b>Residence:</b>	France
<b>Age as of 27 August 2019:</b>	112 years, 29 days



# Gwen Payne

**Birthplace:** Bromley, England, UK

**Placeholder:** 74

**Validation Status:** Unvalidated Level 3

Dorothy Gwendoline "Gwen" Payne (née Attenborough; born 5 August 1907) is a British supercentenarian whose age is currently unvalidated by the Gerontology Research Group (GRG). She is the oldest living person in the United Kingdom.

Payne was born on 5 August 1907 in Bromley, England, UK, to Ralph and Dorothy (Williams) Attenborough. When she finished primary school, her father attempted to enroll her in university. She failed her exam, but attended the Slade School of Fine Art. She married John Payne in 1939. Gwen and John were married until John's death in 1961 at the age of 48. They had two sons, Nicholas and Sebastian. The couple moved into a cottage in 1946, where Gwen has lived ever since.

<b>Date of birth:</b>	5 August 1907
<b>Residence:</b>	UK
<b>Age as of 27 August 2019:</b>	112 years, 22 days



# Madeleine Chat

**Birthplace:** France

**Placeholder:** 75

**Validation Status:** Unvalidated Level 3

Madeleine Chat is a French supercentenarian whose age is currently unvalidated by the Gerontology Research Group (GRG). She is the oldest known living person in the region of Bourgogne-Franche-Comte, France.

Madeleine Chat was born on 10 August 1907 in France. On 31 August 2017, three weeks after her 110th birthday, she became the oldest known living person in Bourgogne-Franche-Comte, following the death of fellow 110-year-old Yvonne Bouton.

<b>Date of birth:</b>	10 August 1907
<b>Residence:</b>	France
<b>Age as of 27 August 2019:</b>	112 years, 17 days





# Maude Harris

**Birthplace:** Minnesota, USA

**Placeholder:** 76-77

**Validation Status:** Pending

Maude Harris was born Maude Florence Juelson in Minnesota, USA, on 15 August 1907. Her parents were John Alfred Juelson and Swedish-born Ellen Juelson. She had three younger siblings named Bernice, Harman and Corine. Her paternal grandmother, also named Ellen, was born in Norway. In 1938, Maude married Guy Harris in King County, Washington, USA. They had no children when the 1940 US Census was taken. On 1 May 1981, Maude's brother Harman passed away.

By her 98th birthday in 2005, Maude was living in Hialeah, Florida, USA, and by 2010, on her 103rd birthday, she was living in Epworth Village Retirement Community. At the age of 103, she was quite active and knitted hats and sweaters for premature babies born at Jackson Memorial Hospital.

<b>Date of birth:</b>	15 August 1907
<b>Residence:</b>	USA
<b>Age as of 27 August 2019:</b>	112 years, 12 days



# Lucy Mirigian

**Birthplace:** Ottoman Empire

**Placeholder:** 76-77

**Validation Status:** Pending

Lucy Mirigian was born as Sarkisian in Erzurum, Western Armenia, Ottoman Empire (today Turkey) on 15 August 1907. Her parents were Kevork (George) and Altoun (Mary) Sarkisian.

The family left the Ottoman Empire just before the Armenian Genocide and moved to the United States. Since then, Lucy has spent all of her life in California.

She married Ashod Mirigian in 1936 in San Francisco, with whom she had two children: Garo and Sonia. The couple later divorced in March 1976.

<b>Date of birth:</b>	15 August 1907
<b>Residence:</b>	USA
<b>Age as of 27 August 2019:</b>	112 years, 12 days



# Marthe Roch

**Birthplace:** Guadeloupe

**Placeholder:** 78

**Validation Status:** Unvalidated Level 3

Marthe Roch is a Guadeloupean supercentenarian whose age is currently unvalidated by the Gerontology Research Group (GRG). She may be the oldest known living person in Guadeloupe.

Marthe Roch currently lives in Guadeloupe.

<b>Date of birth:</b>	19 August 1907
<b>Residence:</b>	Guadeloupe
<b>Age as of 27 August 2019:</b>	112 years, 8 days



# C. P. Crawford

**Birthplace:** Jackson, Mississippi, USA

**Placeholder:** 79

**Validation Status:** Pending

Crawford was born in Jackson, Mississippi, USA, on 25 August 1907. His mother died when he was an infant and he only knew her from stories told by his family. Named after a traveling Southern preacher, CP is his actual name, not his initials. CP is the youngest of his family, which included three brothers and two sisters. All siblings were separated after his mother passed and were raised by aunts and uncles. He was not allowed to attend school so as a young boy around the age of 4, CP started helping out by working in the fields picking cotton, ploughing the fields of corn and manning the gardens. Later on in his life, CP was offered a job at Southland Oil Refinery, from there he went on to work at Illinois Central Railroad which brought him to Chicago. He was married three times and had six foster children, but never had any biological children.

CP currently lives in Lansing, Illinois, USA. He may be the oldest living African-American man after the death of Richard Overton on 27 December 2018. After the death of Henry Tseng on 27 February 2019, Crawford became the oldest known living man in the United States and the last known surviving man in the USA born in 1907.

<b>Date of birth:</b>	25 August 1907
<b>Residence:</b>	USA
<b>Age as of 27 August 2019:</b>	112 years, 2 days



# Irma Ilari

**Birthplace:** Tuscany, Abbadia San Salvatore, Italy

**Placeholder:** 80

**Validation Status:** Pending

Irma Ilari was born in Abbadia San Salvatore, Tuscany, where she still lives. She married Angelo Tondi on 14 September 1927 and had two children, Ideale and Luigi, three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. For some years she has moved, with her family, to Cesena, Emilia Romagna, and then returned to Abbadia, where she successfully managed the bakery of her mother-in-law for about 40 years.

On the day of her 110th birthday, 22 September 2017, Irma received the visit of the deputy mayor of her hometown.

Date of birth:	22 September 1907
Residence:	Italy
Age as of 27 August 2019:	111 years, 339 days



# Jeanne Bonnot

**Birthplace:** France

**Placeholder:** 81

**Validation Status:** Unvalidated Level 3

Jeanne Bonnot was born Jeanne Paquis on 18 October 1907 in France. She later married a man with the surname Bonnot. In 2010, aged 102, she moved into a nursing home.

Jeanne Bonnot currently lives in Seloncourt, Doubs, Bourgogne-Franche-Comte, France. She is among the top 25 oldest people in France.

<b>Date of birth:</b>	18 October 1907
<b>Residence:</b>	France
<b>Age as of 27 August 2019:</b>	111 years, 313 days



# Kinoue Hosoya

**Birthplace:** Japan

**Placeholder:** 82

**Validation Status:** Unvalidated Level 3

Kinue Hashimoto was born on 23 August 1907 in Japan. On her 110th birthday in 2017, the mayor of Yao City visited her and a grand celebration was held. In October 2017, she was invited to a celebration of Longevity, which she attended with her son.

<b>Date of birth:</b>	23 October 1907
<b>Residence:</b>	Japan
<b>Age as of 27 August 2019:</b>	111 years, 308 days





# Bessie Hendricks

**Birthplace:** Carroll County, Iowa, USA

**Placeholder:** 83

**Validation Status:** Pending

Bessie Hendricks was born on a farm in Carroll County a few miles southeast of Auburn, Iowa. At age 5, Hendricks began attending first grade — there was no kindergarten — at the country school across the road from the family's farm. By the time Bessie Hendricks entered seventh grade, the local country school was closed to due lack of pupils, so she attended Central School in Lake City. A more profound life change would occur, however, when Hendricks' mother passed away from illness on July 2, 1921. Thereafter, 13-year-old Bessie Hendricks had to assume many more household responsibilities. She continued her education, however, and graduated from Lake City High School in May 1926. A little over 90 years later, she attended the all-school reunion in Lake City in the summer of 2016.

Bessie married to Paul Hendricks on June 27, 1930, at the Woodlawn Christian Church. Paul Hendricks worked at the grain elevator and depot, in addition to running a small store. The couple's first two daughters, Shirley and Joan, were born during this time. In her later years, Hendricks stayed busy helping her family with various projects, including processing 500 chickens one summer. She was also active in the Woodlawn Christian Church, where she has been a member for 92 years.

<b>Date of birth:</b>	7 November 1907
<b>Residence:</b>	USA
<b>Age as of 27 August 2019:</b>	111 years, 293 days



# Maryse Lancioni

**Birthplace:** Corse, Vescovato, France

**Placeholder:** 84

**Validation Status:** Unvalidated Level 3

Maryse Lancioni was born on 8 November 1907 in Vescovato, Corse, France. At the age of 21, she left her family in Corse to run a flower shop. She got married, but divorced shortly afterwards. In 1974, she moved to Eze, a small seaside town in the department of Alpes-Maritimes. On 29 August 2017, then aged 109, she became the oldest person in Alpes-Maritimes department, following the death of 110-year-old Fernande Bataille.

Maryse Lancioni currently lives in Eze, Alpes-Maritimes, Provence-Alpes-Cote-d'Azur, France

<b>Date of birth:</b>	8 November 1907
<b>Residence:</b>	France
<b>Age as of 27 August 2019:</b>	111 years, 292 days



# Reita Fennell

**Birthplace:** Saskatchewan, Melfort, Canada

**Placeholder:** 85-86

**Validation Status:** Pending

Fennell was born in Melfort, Saskatchewan, Canada, on 20 November 1907. She was one of ten children and spent her childhood on the family. In 1929, she married Albert Fennell.

At the time of her 107th birthday, Fennell stated that she didn't follow any specific diet and didn't have any secrets for how to live a long, healthy life. She currently lives in Melfort, Saskatchewan, and reportedly keeps busy with a wide variety of activities. She has three grandchildren, seven great grandchildren and four great-great grandchildren.

<b>Date of birth:</b>	20 November 1907
<b>Residence:</b>	Canada
<b>Age as of 27 August 2019:</b>	111 years, 280 days



# Chiyako Iwamoto

**Birthplace:** Japan  
**Placeholder:** 85-86  
**Validation Status:** Pending

Chiyako Iwamoto was born in Japan on 20 November 1907. She currently lives in Japan on Kushima, Miyazaki, Japan at the age of 111 years.

Date of birth:	20 November 1907
Residence:	Japan
Age as of 27 August 2019:	111 years, 280 days



# Alexina St-Pierre Loyer

**Birthplace:** Quebec, Canada  
**Placeholder:** 87  
**Validation Status:** Pending

Alexina St-Pierre Loyer is a Canadian supercentenarian whose age is currently unvalidated by the Gerontology Research Group (GRG).

Alexina St-Pierre Loyer was born on 21 November 1907 in Rimouski, Quebec, Canada in a family of farmers with 17 children in total (10 girls and 7 boys). They lived near Bic National Park in Bas-Saint-Laurent. Firstly, she worked as a teacher in Bas-Saint-Laurent and later in Greater Montreal. In 1949, she married Lucien Loyer. They had no children. After the death of her husband in 2004, she moved to Pointe-aux-Trembles to live near her sister, Berthille. She worked as a teacher for 41 years. On her 107th birthday, she had three sisters and one brother alive.

Date of birth:	21 November 1907
Residence:	Canada
Age as of 27 August 2019:	111 years, 279 days



# Downing Jett Kay

**Birthplace:** Baltimore, Maryland, USA

**Placeholder:** 88

**Validation Status:** Pending

Downing Kay was born Downing Jett in Baltimore, Maryland, USA. Her father was a clothier on West Fayette Street. She later moved to a house on Carlisle Avenue in Forest Park. Downing and her siblings would often dance along to their Victrola (a kind of gramophone). Downing graduated from Forest Park High School and Maryland State Normal School (now Towson University) and later became a schoolteacher. She married a man with the surname Kay and had an unreported number of children with him. When her younger child started school, she became a kindergarten teacher, and, eventually, head of the preschool, a position she held for 20 years.

Every morning until she was 100, she drank the juice of half a lemon mixed with warm water. She only stopped because she'd "lived to be 100, and thought that was long enough." Downing remain mentally sharp as a centenarian, still playing Scrabble when she was almost 109. By this time, she had several grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

<b>Date of birth:</b>	23 November 1907
<b>Residence:</b>	USA
<b>Age as of 27 August 2019:</b>	111 years, 277 days





# Fumio Rikiishi

**Birthplace:** Japan

**Placeholder:** 89

**Validation Status:** Pending

Fumio Rikiishi (Japanese: 力石二三男) is a Japanese supercentenarian whose age is currently unvalidated by the Gerontology Research Group (GRG).

Rikiishi was born on 25 November 1907. At the age of 101, he frequently took the bus to his care facility, and still practiced traditional dancing. He also considered woodworking a lifelong hobby. As for his Longevity, Rikiishi credited a sense of humor and “eating whatever you like”. The Japan-China Friendship New Year’s Exchange was held in Sapporo City, Hokkaido on 31 January 2010. Rikiishi, then 102, performed a traditional Japanese dance routine for the Chinese dignitaries. In September 2018, Rikiishi was reported as the fifth-oldest person and second-oldest man in Hokkaido Prefecture. He became the fourth-oldest living man in Japan following the death of 111-year old Tsunahei Ogawa on 4 January 2019. After the death of 113-year-old Masazo Nonaka on 20 January 2019, he became the third-oldest man in Japan and the oldest man in Hokkaido.

<b>Date of birth:</b>	25 November 1907
<b>Residence:</b>	Japan
<b>Age as of 27 August 2019:</b>	111 years, 275 days





# Shizu Sato

**Birthplace:** Japan

**Placeholder:** 90

**Validation Status:** Pending

Shizu Sato (born 9 December 1907) is a Japanese supercentenarian whose age is currently unvalidated by the Gerontology Research Group (GRG).

Shizu Sato was born on 9 December 1907 in Japan. She currently lives in Iiyama, Nagano Prefecture, Japan, at the age of 111 years, 238 days. As of 4 August 2019 she is the third-oldest known person in Nagano Prefecture, behind two anonymous ladies, aged 112 and 110 respectively.

<b>Date of birth:</b>	9 December 1907
<b>Residence:</b>	Japan
<b>Age as of 27 August 2019:</b>	111 years, 261 days



# Hatsue Tachikawa

**Birthplace:** Japan

**Placeholder:** 91

**Validation Status:** Pending

Hatsue Tachikawa is a Japanese supercentenarian whose age is currently unvalidated by the Gerontology Research Group (GRG). She is the oldest known living person in Shizuoka Prefecture, Japan.

Hatsue Tachikawa was born on 10 December 1907 in Japan. On 16 December 2017, six days after her 110th birthday, she became the oldest known person in Shizuoka Prefecture following the death of 110-year-old Teru Tanaka.

<b>Date of birth:</b>	10 December 1907
<b>Residence:</b>	Japan
<b>Age as of 27 August 2019:</b>	111 years, 260 days



# Hazel Eikermann

**Birthplace:** Kansas, USA

**Placeholder:** 92

**Validation Status:** Pending

Hazel Belle Eikermann is an American supercentenarian whose age is currently unvalidated by the Gerontology Research Group.

Eikermann was born in Kansas on 11 December 1907. She grew up with 10 brothers and sisters. She married Leo Eikermann in Leoti, Kansas in 1933. They moved to Flagler, Colorado, where Leo had a wheat field. The couple had three children. Following her husband's death, Eikermann moved around Colorado to Fort Collins, then to the Denver area, before returning to the Eastern Plains. She was a teacher by profession and was very active in her church and community in Flagler. Eikermann has lived in Hugo, Colorado in a care center since 2013. In January 2018, at the age of 110, she went on a helicopter ride. She credits her sense of humour, family and faith for her Longevity.

<b>Date of birth:</b>	11 December 1907
<b>Residence:</b>	USA
<b>Age as of 27 August 2019:</b>	111 years, 259 days



# Irene Dunham

**Birthplace:** Michigan, USA

**Placeholder:** 93

**Validation Status:** Pending

Irene Dunham is an American supercentenarian whose age is currently unvalidated by the Gerontology Research Group. She is a survivor of the 1927 Bath School Bombing, having not attended school on the day of the disaster.

Dunham's husband Laurits died in 1972. They had at least two sons, one of whom is deceased. Dunham has nine grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren, and 23 great-great-grandchildren. She survived a bout of colon cancer, surprising her doctors. Dunham has lived in Lansing, Michigan, for more than 80 years. She lives independently, can walk with the aid of a walker, and still holds a driver's license. She became a supercentenarian in December 2017.

<b>Date of birth:</b>	16 December 1907
<b>Residence:</b>	USA
<b>Age as of 27 August 2019:</b>	111 years, 254 days



# Suzy Ford

**Birthplace:** USA  
**Placeholder:** 94  
**Validation Status:** Unvalidated Level 3

Suzy Ford was born in USA on 24 December 1907. She currently lives in Kansas City, Missouri, USA.

Date of birth:	24 December 1907
Residence:	USA
Age as of 27 August 2019:	111 years, 246 days



# Leonora Cox

**Birthplace:** England, UK

**Placeholder:** 95

**Validation Status:** Pending

Leonora Margaret Cox is a British-American supercentenarian whose age is currently unvalidated by the Gerontology Research Group (GRG). She may be the third-oldest living person in the state of Connecticut, USA, after Florence Carroll and Margaret Quinn.

Leonora Cox was born Leonora Margaret Valentine in England, UK. As a young adult, she travelled to many European countries, including Switzerland and Germany. By 1932, she was living in Sussex, England, where she married silversmith Harry Cox and had a son, Harry Jr., with him. The family moved to the United States in 1938, and struggled to find work as the US was still suffering from effects of the Great Depression.

As a centenarian, Leonora used a walking stick and had lost her sight to glaucoma. By her 110th birthday in 2017, she was living in a nursing home and celebrated becoming a supercentenarian with her family and friends.

<b>Date of birth:</b>	30 December 1907
<b>Residence:</b>	USA
<b>Age as of 27 August 2019:</b>	111 years, 240 days

# Jesús Mosteo

**Birthplace:** Aragon, Zaragoza, Ricla, Spain

**Placeholder:** 96

**Validation Status:** Unvalidated Level 3

Jesus Mosteo Perez was born on 1 January 1908 in Ricla, Zaragoza, Aragon, Spain. He later married and had a daughter. On 29 January 2018, four weeks after his 110th birthday, he became the oldest man in Spain following the death of 113-year-old Francisco Nunez Olivera. However, he wasn't discovered by Spanish GRG correspondents until February 2018, so 109-year-old Domingo Parramon Cirera (1908–2018) was believed to have held the title.

Date of birth:	1 January 1908
Residence:	Spain
Age as of 27 August 2019:	111 years, 238 days





# Nao Unno

**Birthplace:** Japan

**Placeholder:** 97

**Validation Status:** Unvalidated Level 3

Nao was born in Japan on 9 January 1908.

She is a Japanese supercentenarian.

Unno currently lives in Aoba-ku, Yokohama, Kanagawa Prefecture, Japan.

<b>Date of birth:</b>	9 January 1908
<b>Residence:</b>	Japan
<b>Age as of 27 August 2019:</b>	111 years, 230 days



# Alice Schaufelberger

**Birthplace:** Switzerland

**Placeholder:** 98

**Validation Status:** Unvalidated Level 3

Alice Schaufelberger-Hunziker was born on 11 January 1908 in Reitnau, in the canton of Aargau. She was the youngest of three children. She spent her childhood in Reitnau and then later worked as a seller in a store in Zurich. As she worked there, she moved in with her sister, who lived in Uster.

Schaufelberger met her future husband, Jakob Schaufelberger, at her workplace. Before the Second World War started, they got married in Zurich. The couple had no children.

Nowadays, Schaufelberger enjoys reading the newspaper, reading the Bible, listening to music, and watching TV. Since the death of 109-year-old Evelyne Garnier-Dubois on 1 May 2019, Schaufelberger is the last known Swiss person born before 1910.

<b>Date of birth:</b>	11 January 1908
<b>Residence:</b>	Switzerland
<b>Age as of 27 August 2019:</b>	111 years, 228 days



# Christine Ireland

**Birthplace:** Cumberland, North Carolina, USA

**Placeholder:** 99

**Validation Status:** Pending

The parents of Christine Ireland raised her and her siblings on a farm in Cumberland County, where they worked apple and peach orchards and raised hogs and chickens. Ireland attended high school at a Immanu Lutheran High School in Greensboro, and became a teacher in 1931. She married William Ireland in 1932 and they settled in Greensboro where they raised three boys and three girls. Her husband provided for the family through his job on the railroad and Ireland took the lead in running the household and educating her children.

Ireland celebrated her 111th birthday on 19 January 2019. On her anniversary, she received a State issued birthday commemoration, delivered by N.C. Gov. Roy Cooper, as well as a City of Greensboro resolution signed by Mayor Nancy Vaughan and District 1 Council member Sharon Hightower, acknowledging Ireland's birthday. Christine Ireland now resides at Alamance House, a nursing facility in Burlington. She has a younger sister who is 95 years old and resides in Fayetteville.

<b>Date of birth:</b>	19 January 1908
<b>Residence:</b>	USA
<b>Age as of 27 August 2019:</b>	111 years, 220 days



# Elise Henry

**Birthplace:** Kingston, Jamaica

**Placeholder:** 100

**Validation Status:** Unvalidated Level 2

Elise Madge Henry was born on 21 January 1908 in Kingston, Jamaica, to parents Uriah Manassah Henry and Nora Clementina Henry. She had several siblings, some of whom died in infancy. She recalled her parents being quite strict, but not too strict. Henry attended Chetolah Park Elementary School in Kingston. Her mother died when she was nine years old, aged in her 40s, and her father died aged 52. She was looked after by an older sibling from then on.

As an adult, Henry spent 40 years in the United States working as a private nurse. After that, she spent 10 years in England and then went back to the United States, where she retired. She eventually returned to her home country of Jamaica in 1992, aged 84. She never married nor had children.

Henry celebrated her 110th birthday in 2018 with four generations of nieces and nephews as well as her caregivers. Despite being wheelchair-bound, she was still mentally sharp, able to recall the full names of her parents and all her siblings.

<b>Date of birth:</b>	21 January 1908
<b>Residence:</b>	Jamaica
<b>Age as of 27 August 2019:</b>	111 years, 218 days



# **Chapter VI: Profiles of Top-25 Socially and Professionally Active Living Centenarians and Nonagenarians**





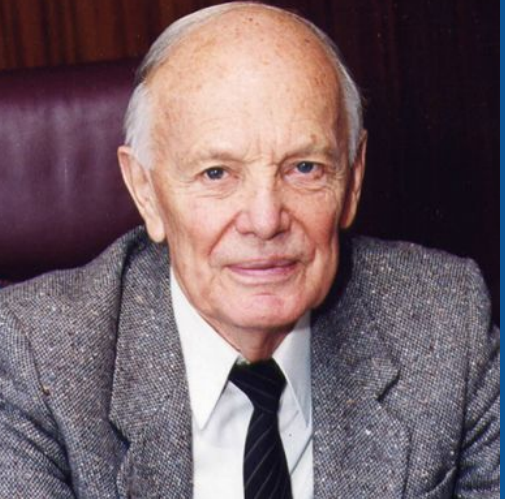
# Anton Coppola

**Birthplace:** New York, USA

**Activity Sector:** Arts

Antonio Francesco Coppola is an American opera conductor and composer. He is the uncle of film director Francis Ford Coppola and actress Talia Shire, as well as the grand-uncle of Nicolas Cage, Sofia Coppola, Gian-Carlo Coppola, Jason Schwartzman and Robert Schwartzman, and is the younger brother of American composer and musician Carmine Coppola. A month before his 102nd birthday, Coppola debut his latest opera 'Lady Swanwhite'.

<b>Date of birth:</b>	21 March 1917
<b>Residence:</b>	USA
<b>Age as of 27 August 2019:</b>	102 years, 159 days



# Borys Paton

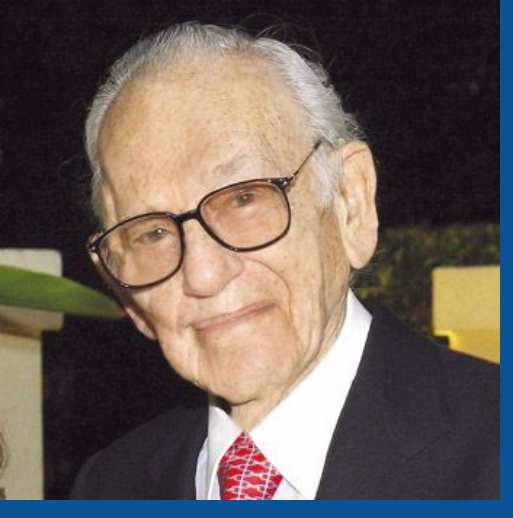
**Birthplace:** Kyiv, Ukraine

**Activity Sector:** Science

He was born in Kyiv in the family of scientist and founder of Paton Institute of Electric Welding in Kyiv, Professor Evgeny Oscarovich Paton. His mother was a housewife. In 1941, he completed Kyiv Polytechnic Institute and became an engineer. Paton joined the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine on November 18, 1958 and is the first person to have been awarded the title of the Hero of Ukraine. He holds a doctoral degree in technical sciences and is known for his works in electric welding. Paton's father, Evgeny Paton, was also famous for his works in electric welding. The first welded bridge in Kyiv, constructed under the supervision of Evgeny Paton, bears his name. In the early 1970s and 1980s Paton had advised the Soviet authorities not to build the Chornobyl Nuclear Power Plant. Borys is the long-term chairman of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine. He was appointed to this post in 1962. Paton was re-appointed for another term in office in 2015.

<b>Date of birth:</b>	27 November 1918
<b>Residence:</b>	Ukraine
<b>Age as of 27 August 2019:</b>	100 years, 273 days





# Carl J. Shapiro

**Birthplace:** USA

**Activity Sector:** Business

In 1961 The Carl and Ruth Shapiro Family Foundation was established. Shapiro founded the Carl J. Shapiro Institute for Education and Research at Harvard Medical School, Boston Medical Center, and Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston. In 2005 The Shapiros donated \$25 million to Brigham and Women's Hospital, for the world's most advanced cardiovascular care facility, the Carl J. and Ruth Shapiro Cardiovascular Center, designed to support one of the world's leading teams of cardiovascular experts. In 2008 they also pledged \$27 million to Dana-Farber/Brigham and Women's Cancer Center to substantially upgrade and expand its facilities for cancer care services. Other contributions include: Boston Museum of Fine Arts, Wellesley College, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Boston Symphony Orchestra, Kravis Center for the Performing Arts, the Norton Museum of Art, and the Palm Beach Opera, among other institutions. The Carl and Ruth Shapiro Family Foundation supports Arts and Culture, Education, Health and Hospitals, Jewish Causes and Social Welfare programs in Greater Boston for today.

<b>Date of birth:</b>	15 February 1913
<b>Residence:</b>	USA
<b>Age as of 27 August 2019:</b>	106 years, 193 days



# Cecilia Seghizzi

**Birthplace:** Gorizia, Italy

**Activity Sector:** Arts

Cecilia was born to the famous composer Cesare Augusto Seghizzi. She began studying music in the 1910s and later won an award for her composing in the 1950s. She lived the harsh experience of exile as a refugee to Wagna, and then graduated with honors in violin at the conservatory “Verdi” in Milan. In the thirties, also working as a teacher, she began her work as a composer, completing her studies at the “Tartini” conservatory in Trieste and then founding the Gorizia polyphonic complex. In her catalog as an author there are over 130 compositions, many of them of choral music. Seghizzi turned 100 in 2008 and today, at 110, she is the seventh-oldest known living person in Italy. Cecilia is still active in art and music composing.

<b>Date of birth:</b>	5 September 1908
<b>Residence:</b>	Italy
<b>Age as of 27 August 2019:</b>	96 years, 356 days



# Colette Maze

**Birthplace:** Paris, France

**Activity Sector:** Arts

Colette Maze was born June 16, 1914 in Paris, to a family of the upper-middle class; she played piano from 5 years old. She is a French pianist of classical music. Her favorite composer is Claude Debussy. At the age of 15, she entered the Ecole Normale de Musique in Paris, where she studied with Alfred Cortot and Nadia Boulanger. She became a piano teacher, a profession she has practised all her life. At 103, she released her fourth album dedicated to Claude Debussy on the occasion of the centenary of his death, while also offering performances by Federico Mompou, Astor Piazzolla and Alberto Ginastera.

<b>Date of birth:</b>	16 June 1914
<b>Residence:</b>	France
<b>Age as of 27 August 2019:</b>	105 years, 72 days



# Dagny Carlsson

**Birthplace:** Kristianstad, Sweden

**Activity Sector:** Media

Dagny Valborg Carlsson, is a Swedish blogger centenarian. Carlsson who calls herself Bojan on her blog, started working as a seamstress at a factory at a young age. She would later study at a textile institute in Norrköping. At the age of 99 years she went to a class in computing to learn more about it, at the age of 100 she became known in media for her high age and her blogging. On the question about what makes a long life she has answered good genes and curiosity. She has participated in several TV-shows such as TV4:s Nyhetsmorgon, SVT:s Fråga doktorn, Gomorron Sverige and the SVT documentary series Det är inte så dumt att bli gammal. She has also been a guest in the Nordic talk show Skavlan on 4 March 2016. As well as TV4:s Bingolotto game show. In 2016, Dagny Carlsson had a small role in the film "Hundraåttåringen som smet från notan och försvann", in which she played an elderly woman who has moved into Allan's old room at the retirement home.

<b>Date of birth:</b>	8 May 1912
<b>Residence:</b>	Sweden
<b>Age as of 27 August 2019:</b>	107 years, 111 days



# Diana Serra Cary

**Birthplace:** California, USA

**Activity Sector:** Arts

Diana Serra Cary, known as Baby Peggy, is an American former child actress, author and historian. Although other child actors from the time who had minor roles or bit-parts are still living, she is the last living film star of the Silent Era of Hollywood. Having an interest in both writing and history since her youth, Montgomery found a second career as an author and silent film historian in her later years under the name Diana Serra Cary. She is the author of several books including her historical novel, *The Drowning of the Moon*, and became an advocate for child actors' rights. Cary has appeared in numerous television documentaries and interviews about her work, and she has made guest appearances at silent film festivals. At the age of 99, Cary self-published her first novel *The Drowning of the Moon*.

<b>Date of birth:</b>	29 October 1918
<b>Residence:</b>	USA
<b>Age as of 27 August 2019:</b>	100 years, 302 days



# Earl Cameron

**Birthplace:** Pembroke, Bermuda

**Activity Sector:** Arts

Earlston J. Cameron, known as Earl Cameron, is a British actor, born in Bermuda and a long-time resident in England. Along with Cy Grant, he is known as one of the first black actors to break the "colour bar" in the United Kingdom. According to Screenonline, "Earl Cameron brought a breath of fresh air to the British film industry's stuffy depictions of race relations. Often cast as a sensitive outsider, Cameron gave his characters a grace and moral authority that often surpassed the films' compromised liberal agendas." He also had repeated appearances on many British science fiction programmes of the 1960s, including Doctor Who, The Prisoner, and The Andromeda Breakthrough.

Date of birth:	8 August 1917
Residence:	UK
Age as of 27 August 2019:	102 years, 19 days





# Eileen Kramer

**Birthplace:** Mosman Bay, Australia

**Activity Sector:** Arts

Eileen Kramer is an Australian dancer, artist, performer, and choreographer. Kramer began by studying singing and music in Sydney in the 1930s, but after attending a performance of the Bodenwieser Ballet in 1940, immediately decided on a career change to dance. After joining the troupe that had made such an impression on her, she toured around Australia and overseas for the next decade. She then lived and worked in France and the US for the next 60 years, before returning to Australia where she remains active in the arts as of June 2019. In 1940, her mother took her to a charity concert which included The Blue Danube, performed by Gertrud Bodenwieser's dance company. The next day, Kramer sought out Bodenwieser, and after successfully auditioning and completing three years of training, she joined Bodenwieser's main troupe and began her career in professional dance. Kramer toured internationally with the Bodenwieser Ballet for the next 10 years. In 2014, to mark turning 100, she crowdfunded, choreographed, and performed a dance piece called "The Early Ones". In 2017, she created a dance-drama A Buddha's Wife, inspired by her travels in India, part of a wider work celebrating her life, and supported by the Arts Health Institute.

<b>Date of birth:</b>	8 November 1914
<b>Residence:</b>	Australia
<b>Age as of 27 August 2019:</b>	104 years, 292 days





# Eileen Whelan

**Birthplace:** London, England

**Activity Sector:** Sports

Eileen Ash is a former English cricketer who played seven Test matches for England between 1937 and 1949. She is the oldest living international cricketer. Whelan played Test cricket both before and after the Second World War, making her debut against Australia at Northampton in June 1937 and playing her last game against New Zealand in Auckland in March 1949. A specialist bowler, she took 10 Test wickets at 23 runs apiece. Outside of playing cricket, Ash was employed by the Civil Service from the age of 18. She was seconded to MI6 during World War II, and went on to work with the organisation for eleven years. She took up golf in later life, only quitting at the age of 98. In 2011, Ash became the first female test cricketer to live to 100 years old. In July 2017, aged 105, Ash rang the bell at Lord's to signal the start of play at the 2017 Women's World Cup Final, which England won. She passed her driving test at the age of 105, a feat covered on the ITV reality show 100-Year-Old Driving School. To mark her 106th birthday, she was taken for a flight in a Tiger Moth.

<b>Date of birth:</b>	30 October 1911
<b>Residence:</b>	UK
<b>Age as of 27 August 2019:</b>	107 years, 301 days



# Eva Marie Saint

**Birthplace:** New Jersey, USA

**Activity Sector:** Arts

Eva Marie Saint is an American actress with a career spanning 70 years. She studied acting at Bowling Green State University and joined Delta Gamma Sorority. She was an active member in the theater honorary fraternity, Theta Alpha Phi. Saint made her feature film debut in “On the Waterfront” (1954), starring Marlon Brando and directed by Elia Kazan—a performance for which she won the Academy Award for Best Supporting Actress. Saint's introduction to television began as an NBC page. Although North by Northwest might have propelled her to the top ranks of stardom, Saint chose to limit her film work in order to spend time with her husband since 1951, director Jeffrey Hayden, and their two children. Saint returned to the big screen for the first time in over a decade in Nothing in Common (1986), in which she played the mother of Tom Hanks's character; it was directed by Garry Marshall. Critics applauded her return to features. Eva was inducted into the high school's hall of fame in 2006. In September 2012, she was cast as the adult version of Willa in the film adaptation of the novel Winter's Tale by Mark Helprin. The film was released on Valentine's Day 2014. Most recently, Saint appeared at the 2018 Academy Award ceremonies.

<b>Date of birth:</b>	4 July 1924
<b>Residence:</b>	USA
<b>Age as of 27 August 2019:</b>	95 years, 54 days



# Frances Crowe

**Birthplace:** Missouri, USA

**Activity Sector:** Social Sector

Frances Crowe is an American peace activist and pacifist. In 1945, following the bombing of civilian populations in Dresden, Hiroshima, and Nagasaki, she became a peace activist. Her participation in numerous protests has led to arrests, trials, and imprisonment. In the 1960s, she founded the Northampton, Massachusetts chapter of Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, the Sane Nuclear Policy Committee, and the Valley Peace Center, and has also participated in the activities of Women Against the War and Amnesty International. In 1967, during the Vietnam War, she worked as a draft counselor, providing counseling to over 2,000 people about applying for conscientious objector status by the war's end. She continues to be an advocate for conscientious objectors. She was also arrested in Washington DC at the Veterans for Peace demonstration on December 16, 2010 (at 91 years of age) along with 6 other women from Western MA. She was arrested on January 15, 2014 (94 years old) again at the Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Plant. Her most recent arrest occurred on June 24, 2017 at the age of 98. She was protesting the building of the Kinder-morgan pipeline through a Massachusetts forest.

<b>Date of birth:</b>	15 March 1919
<b>Residence:</b>	USA
<b>Age as of 27 August 2019:</b>	100 years, 165 days



# Giuseppe Ottaviani

**Birthplace:** Sant'Ippolito, Italy

**Activity Sector:** Sports

Giuseppe Ottaviani is an Italian centenarian and masters athlete. He turned 100 in May 2016. He is the first and only centenary athlete to make triple jump. Giuseppe is the current indoor world record holder in the M95 and M100 60 metres. He also held the indoor world record for the triple jump In World Masters Championships. After serving in the Italian Air Force during World War II, he spent his career as a men's tailor. He won his first national championship in 1999. Giuseppe was coached by Graziano Bacchiocchi and then in 2010, Mauro Angelini coached him to high jump. After turning 95 in 2011, he became the first 95-year-old athlete to surpass 2 meters for the long jump and 4 meters for the triple jump. He drives himself the 25 km from his home in Sant'Ippolito to the training facility in Fano. Giuseppe lives by two mottos: "For me, sport is life, sport is joy" and "curiosity drives me to live". At age 94 he bought a wireless ADSL computer, and at 97 he enrolled in the University of the Third Age in Fossombrone.

<b>Date of birth:</b>	20 May 1916
<b>Residence:</b>	Italy
<b>Age as of 27 August 2019:</b>	103 years, 99 days



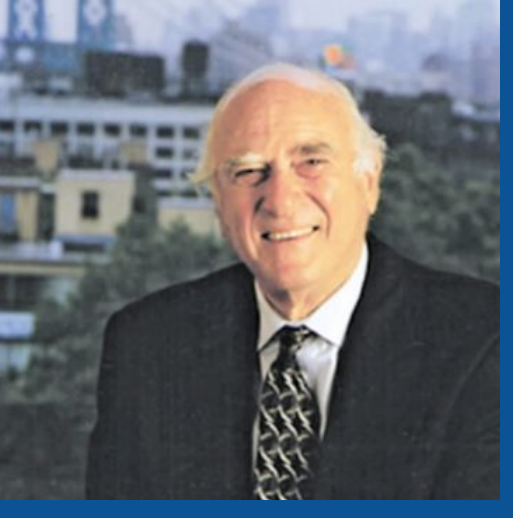
# Ida Keeling

**Birthplace:** USA

**Activity Sector:** Sports

Ida Keeling is an Caribbean American centenarian track and field athlete. Trained by her daughter Cheryl (Shelley) Keeling, herself a World Record holder, Ida holds Masters records in 60 meter and 100 meter distances for women in the 95-99 and 100-plus age groups. Her story was featured in a segment in the Carl Reiner-hosted documentary *If You're Not in the Obit, Eat Breakfast*, on aging over 90, which premiered on HBO in June 2017. She goes whatever distance she can and if she start a race, Ida finish it. She is always the winner for her age group as she doesn't have no competition. I'm usually chasing myself. But I go with what I've got left. I go to the gym, I ride my bike, I work out, I stretch, I reach, I do push-ups, I do upper weights, I get on the floor and turn my feet up over my head, and when I don't get out, I stay right here and work out in my room. I'm as healthy as a 25-year-old, my doctor says. I have no intention of slowing down. Age ain't got nothing to do with it. When you really want to do something for yourself, go and do it. And if you fail, try, try, try again.

<b>Date of birth:</b>	15 May 1915
<b>Residence:</b>	USA
<b>Age as of 27 August 2019:</b>	104 years, 104 days



# Jack Bertrand Weinstein

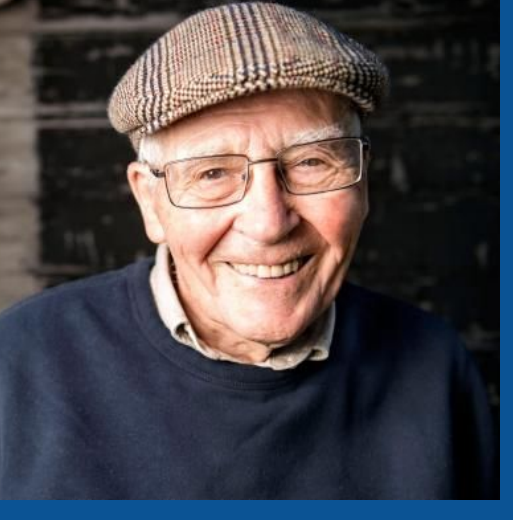
**Birthplace:** USA

**Activity Sector:** Social Sector

Jack Bertrand Weinstein is a Senior United States District Judge of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York. As of August 2018, he continues to maintain a full docket. Weinstein was born on August 10, 1921, into a Jewish family living temporarily in Wichita, Kansas, and was raised partly in Brooklyn, New York. He graduated from Abraham Lincoln High School in Brighton Beach, Brooklyn. He graduated from Brooklyn College with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1943. During World War II he served as a lieutenant in the United States Navy from 1943 to 1946. His duties included serving as deck officer on board the submarine USS Jallao, where he also ran the radar equipment. He graduated from Columbia Law School with a Bachelor of Laws in 1948.

Date of birth:	10 August 1921
Residence:	USA
Age as of 27 August 2019:	98 years, 17 days





# James Ephraim Lovelock

**Birthplace:** Hertfordshire, England

**Activity Sector:** Science

James Ephraim Lovelock is an independent scientist, environmentalist, and futurist. He is best known for proposing the Gaia hypothesis, which postulates that the Earth functions as a self-regulating system. With a PhD in medicine, Lovelock began his career performing cryopreservation experiments on rodents, including successfully thawing frozen specimens. His methods were influential in the theories of cryonics (the cryopreservation of humans). He invented the electron capture detector, and using it, became the first to detect the widespread presence of CFCs in the atmosphere. While designing scientific instruments for NASA, he developed the Gaia hypothesis. In the 2000s, he proposed a method of climate engineering to restore carbon dioxide-consuming algae. He has been an outspoken member of Environmentalists for Nuclear, citing the effects of carbon dioxide as being more harmful to the environment, and warning of global warming due to the greenhouse effect. He has written several environmental science books based upon the Gaia hypothesis since the late 1970s. His latest book was published in July 2019. It is called Novacene: The Coming Age of Hyperintelligence.

Date of birth:	26 July 1919
Residence:	UK
Age as of 27 August 2019:	100 years, 51 days





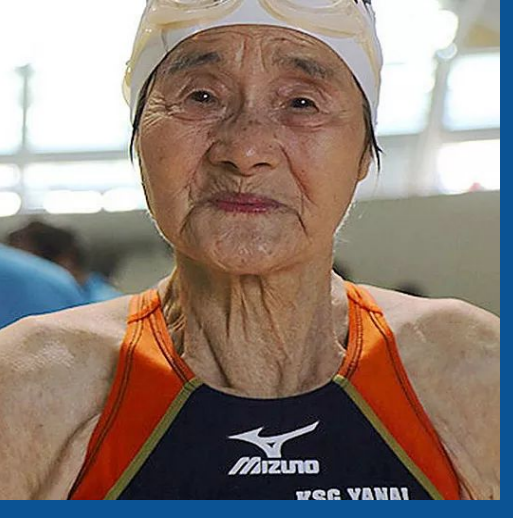
# Jessie Lichauco

**Birthplace:** Isla de los Pinos, Cuba

**Activity Sector:** Social Sector

Lichauco joined the Asociación de Damas de Filipinas and devoted time to Settlement House, which was run by the Asociación. Together with her husband, she opened their temporary shelter in Santa Ana to war refugees, transforming it into a makeshift hospital during World War II. The facility served at least 2,000 people. After the war, she continued her devotion towards Settlement House and became its president for nine years. Lichauco is also one of the founders of the Red Feather Agency, later known as Community Chest, which raises funds for member charities. Lichauco also supported about 100 youth in completing their education in her own capacity. Jessie Lichauco served as the Ambassador's hostess, representing the Philippines in international organizations and events. The Ambassador's residence in Palace Green was open to Filipino businesspeople, students, workers, and tourists. Later she opened her house in Massachusetts to Filipino scholars and students needing a place to stay. Lichauco was the subject of the documentary film *Curiosity, Adventure, & Love*, in which she portrayed herself. The film includes her migration to the Philippines, the meeting with her husband, Philippine history from her perspective, and her insights on the Filipino people during World War II.

<b>Date of birth:</b>	10 January 1912
<b>Residence:</b>	USA
<b>Age as of 27 August 2019:</b>	107 years, 248 days



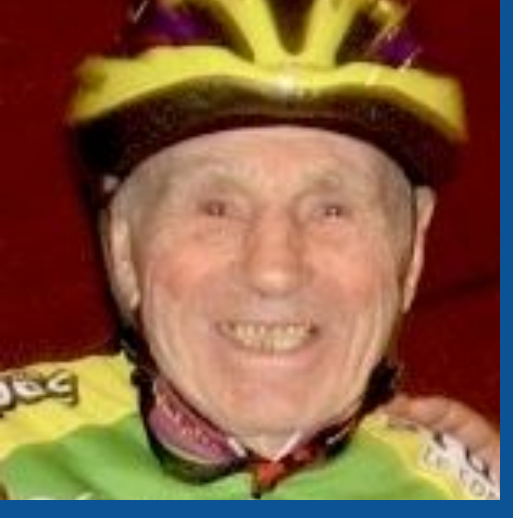
# Mieko Nagaoka

**Birthplace:** Yamaguchi, Japan

**Activity Sector:** Sports

Mieko Nagaoka is a Japanese Masters athlete. She is first 100-year-old to complete a 1,500m freestyle swim in a 25m pool. At the age of 104 she is Japan's oldest active swimmer. She first started swimming at 80 years old to recover from a knee injury. In the beginning, Nagaoka didn't know how to swim. She used to go into the swimming pool to do exercises for her knee. At 82, she started to learn how to swim on her own. At 88, she made her first appearance at the Masters Worlds in 2002 in Christchurch, New Zealand and took the bronze in the 50m backstroke. She achieved national recognition in Japan at age 90 when she established a world record in the 800m freestyle. She currently holds 24 World Records. In 2015 she became the first 100-year-old to complete a 1,500m freestyle swim in a 25m pool. Nagaoka trains four times a week for two hours under the tutelage of long-time coach Shintaro Sawada. She likes to swim longer distances because she swims slowly and is able to keep her own pace. Nagaoka currently lives alone in Tabuse, Yamaguchi, Japan. In Nagaoka's family, swimming transcends every generation, from her son to grandchildren, and she encourages other swimmers to keep swimming as long as possible. After turning 100 in July 2014, she released a book entitled: I'm 100 years old and the world's best active swimmer.

<b>Date of birth:</b>	31 July 1914
<b>Residence:</b>	Japan
<b>Age as of 27 August 2019:</b>	105 years, 27 days



# Robert Marchand

**Birthplace:** Amiens, France

**Activity Sector:** Sports

Robert Marchand is a French centenarian cyclist. Marchand was born in Amiens, near the frontline of the First World War. Marchand was a firefighter in Paris in the 1930s. He was a prisoner-of-war during World War II. He then moved to Venezuela, where he was a lorry driver and sugarcane planter. In the 1950s he went to Canada, where he had a job as a lumberjack. He returned to France in 1960 and worked as a gardener and wine dealer until 1987. He took an active part during the strikes of 1936 in France that gave birth to the modern era foundations of French employment legislation. Aged 35 he finished seventh in the Grand Prix des Nations in 1946. He returned to cycling in 1978 and continued training after his 100th birthday. On 4 January 2017, he set a world record in one-hour track cycling in the over-105 age group, covering 22.547 kilometres (14.010 mi) in one hour, and the 105 years old centenarian declared: "I could have done better, if I had seen the 10-minute warning card, otherwise I would have pedalled slightly faster". At the age of 105 he was recognised as the world's oldest competitive cyclist by Guinness World Records.

<b>Date of birth:</b>	26 November 1911
<b>Residence:</b>	France
<b>Age as of 27 August 2019:</b>	107 years, 274 days



# Stanislaw Kowalski

**Birthplace:** Congress Poland, Russian Empire

**Activity Sector:** Sports

Kowalski was born on April 14, 1910, in the village of Rogówek, then part of Congress Poland within the Russian Empire, where he lived until the end of the 1930s. After his marriage, he moved to Brzeźnica. In 1952, due to the broadening of the boundaries of the military training ground, he had to move out of his newly built house and live in Lower Silesia, in the village of Krzydlina Wielka, where he ran a small farm and worked as a railroad lineman. He has been living in Świdnica since 1979. Kowalski comes from a long-living family; his mother lived to be 99. For several dozen years, Kowalski rode to work on a bicycle regardless of the weather outside. In 2014, A 104-year-old Kowalski has set a European record for the 100m, becoming the oldest person to complete it. He is eight years older than the previous record holder and ran the distance more than a second faster, crossing the line in 32.79 seconds.

<b>Date of birth:</b>	14 April 1910
<b>Residence:</b>	Poland
<b>Age as of 27 August 2019:</b>	109 years, 135 days



# Sumner Redstone

**Birthplace:** Boston, Massachusetts, USA

**Activity Sector:** Business

Sumner Murray Redstone is an American businessman and media magnate. He is the majority owner and chairman of the board of the National Amusements theater chain. Through National Amusements, Redstone and his family are majority voting shareholders of CBS Corporation and Viacom (itself the parent company of Viacom Media Networks, BET Networks, and the film studio Paramount Pictures). According to Forbes, as of September 2015, he was worth US\$5 billion. Redstone was formerly the executive chairman of both CBS and Viacom. In February 2016, at age 92, Redstone resigned both chairmanships following a court-ordered examination by a geriatric psychiatrist. He was ultimately succeeded by Les Moonves at CBS and Philippe Dauman at Viacom, where he currently serves as chairman emeritus.

Date of birth:	27 May 1923
Residence:	USA
Age as of 27 August 2019:	96 years, 92 days



# Tao Porchon-Lynch

**Birthplace:** The English Channel

**Activity Sector:** Sports

Tao Porchon-Lynch is an American yoga master and award-winning author of French and Indian descent. At age 100, she teaches six to eight classes a week in New York, and leads programs across the globe. She is the author of two books, including her autobiography, *Dancing Light: The Spiritual Side of Being Through the Eyes of a Modern Yoga Master*, which won a 2016 IPPY Award and three 2016 International Book Awards. In 2013, in collaboration with Tara Stiles, she released a DVD on yoga, titled *Yoga with Tao Porchon-Lynch*. In addition, in 2015 she published a book about meditation, titled *Reflections: The Yogic Journey of Life*.

<b>Date of birth:</b>	13 August 1918
<b>Residence:</b>	USA
<b>Age as of 27 August 2019:</b>	101 years, 14 days





# Toko Shinoda

**Birthplace:** China

**Activity Sector:** Arts

Shinoda was born into a wealthy family in Dalian, Manchuria, where her father managed a tobacco factory. Two years later, her family returned to Japan. Influenced by her father's love of sumi ink painting, calligraphy and Chinese poetry, Shinoda practiced calligraphy from the age of six. In 1940, Shinoda had her first solo exhibition at Kyukyodo Gallery. She began working on abstract paintings in sumi by 1945. Shinoda traveled the United States from 1956 to 1958. She came into contact with the works of Jackson Pollock, which left a deep impression on her. She moved beyond traditional calligraphy towards an expressive, abstract style. During her time in the United States, she had a number of exhibitions, which helped to make her name. Her works were bought by a number of high-profile collectors. Shinoda also became involved in the abstract expressionist movement of the time. She returned to Japan and continues to work. She turned 100 in March 2013. She has remained unmarried and considers herself as married to her work.

<b>Date of birth:</b>	28 March 1913
<b>Residence:</b>	Japan
<b>Age as of 27 August 2019:</b>	106 years, 152 days





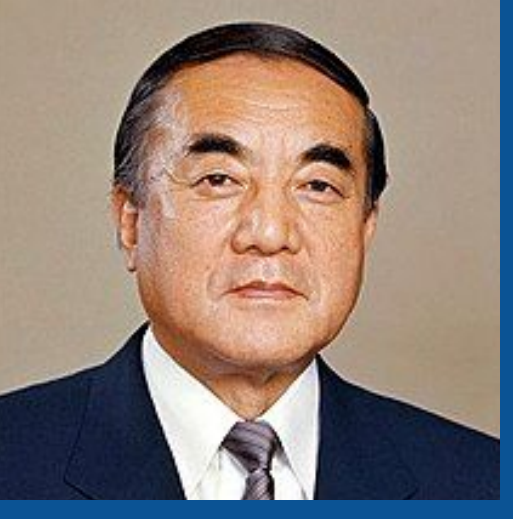
# Tsuneko Sasamoto

**Birthplace:** Tokyo, Japan

**Activity Sector:** Arts

Sasamoto was born in Tokyo, Japan. She went to college of home economics, but quit because she had an ambition to become a painter. After the dropout, she went to an institute of painting (without telling parents) and a dressmaking school. Sasamoto started her career as a part-time illustrator on the local news pages in Tokyo Nichinichi Shimbun (now Mainichi Shimbun, one of the newspapers in Japan). At 26, she got promoted to a probationary employee in 1940 when she joined the Photographic Society in Japan, officially becoming the first female photojournalist in Japan. She calls Margaret Bourke-White a major influence in why she became a photographer. Sasamoto photographed subjects from General Douglas MacArthur during the American occupation of Japan to striking coalminers and protesting students. She published a photo book in 2011 called Hyakusai no Finder, or Centenarian's Finder. In 2014, Sasamoto had an exhibit of her work from her 2011 book called Hyakusai Ten, or, Centenarian's Exhibition. In 2015, Sasamoto published another book, Inquisitive Girl at 101. She broke her left hand and both legs in 2015 but continues to photograph. Sasamoto is currently working on a project called Hana Akari, or Flower Glow. The book is in honor of her friends who have died.

<b>Date of birth:</b>	1 September 1914
<b>Residence:</b>	Japan
<b>Age as of 27 August 2019:</b>	104 years, 360 days



# Yasuhiro Nakasone

**Birthplace:** Takasaki, Japan

**Activity Sector:** Business

Yasuhiro Nakasone is a Japanese politician who served as Prime Minister of Japan from 27 November 1982 to 6 November 1987. He is best known for pushing through the privatization of state-owned companies, and for helping to revitalize Japanese nationalism during and after his term as prime minister. He turned 100 on 27 May 2018. As of 2019, he is the oldest living state leader at the age of 101. Nakasone is now a Senior Advisor to the Japan Karate Association as cited on their website.

<b>Date of birth:</b>	27 May 1918
<b>Residence:</b>	Japan
<b>Age as of 27 August 2019:</b>	101 years, 92 days



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