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# AGED PERSONS' EMPLOYMENT AND PLACEMENT PROBLEMS

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Abstract. The article is devoted to employment and placement problems for the elderly. The author analyzed the number of older persons and their distribution by gender, revealed a gender imbalance. The employment status of this age group is considered in Russia as a whole and an analysis is made of the retirement age persons' employment peculiarities. A high proportion was identified of retirement age persons who are economically active population. The main reasons for the desire to work at an older age are determined. The article reveals the problems faced by older people in the search for a work: the lack of conditions that motivate the employer to hire older people; wrong opinion on the older persons' low professionalism; the inability to address employment issues directly to the employer; obsolescence of some occupations. Recommendations are given further that could positively influence the situation in the society with the elderly people employment, including the expansion of opportunities for transferring the older workers' experience to younger ones, the special centers creation for the elderly retraining, the media activities, the development of a non-stationary social service institutions network.

**Keywords:** employment; labor market; retirement age; pensioners' employment; population aging; gender imbalance; employment problems.

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