

SOA Mortality and Longevity Research

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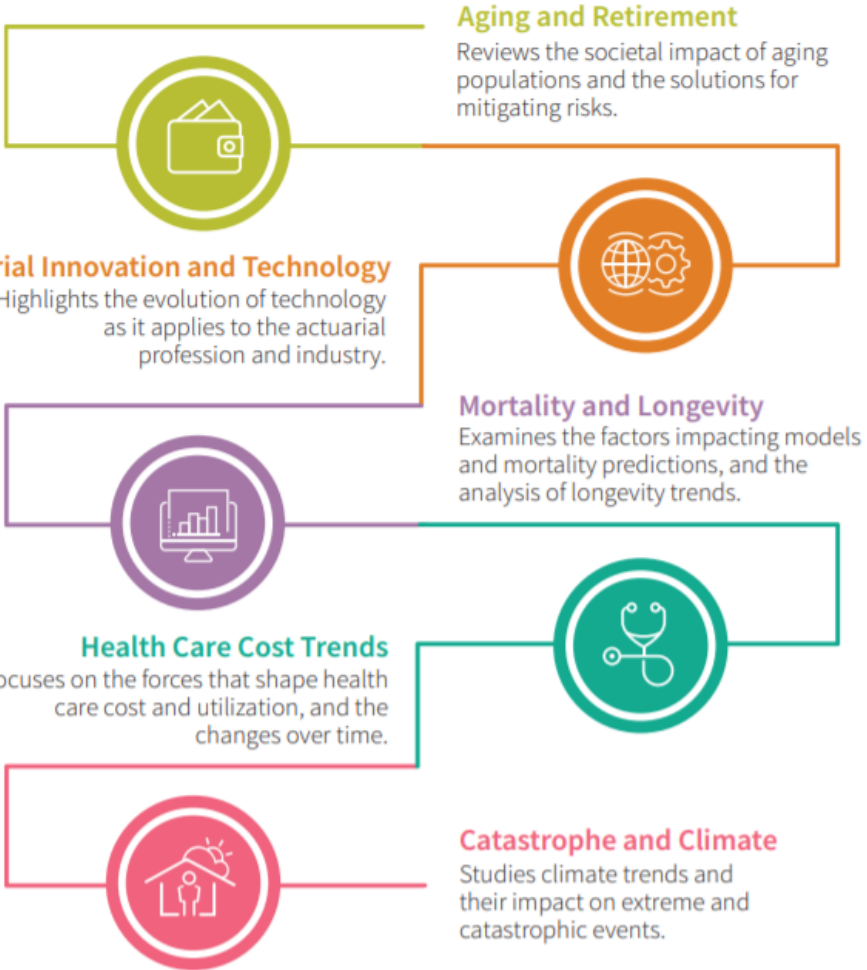


SOA Research Overview

- History of SOA Research
- Broad across Actuarial Practice Research, Experience Studies and Academic Research Programs
- Strategic Initiative to increase focus on key Actuarial Research areas in to Strategic Research Programs

SOA Strategic Research Programs

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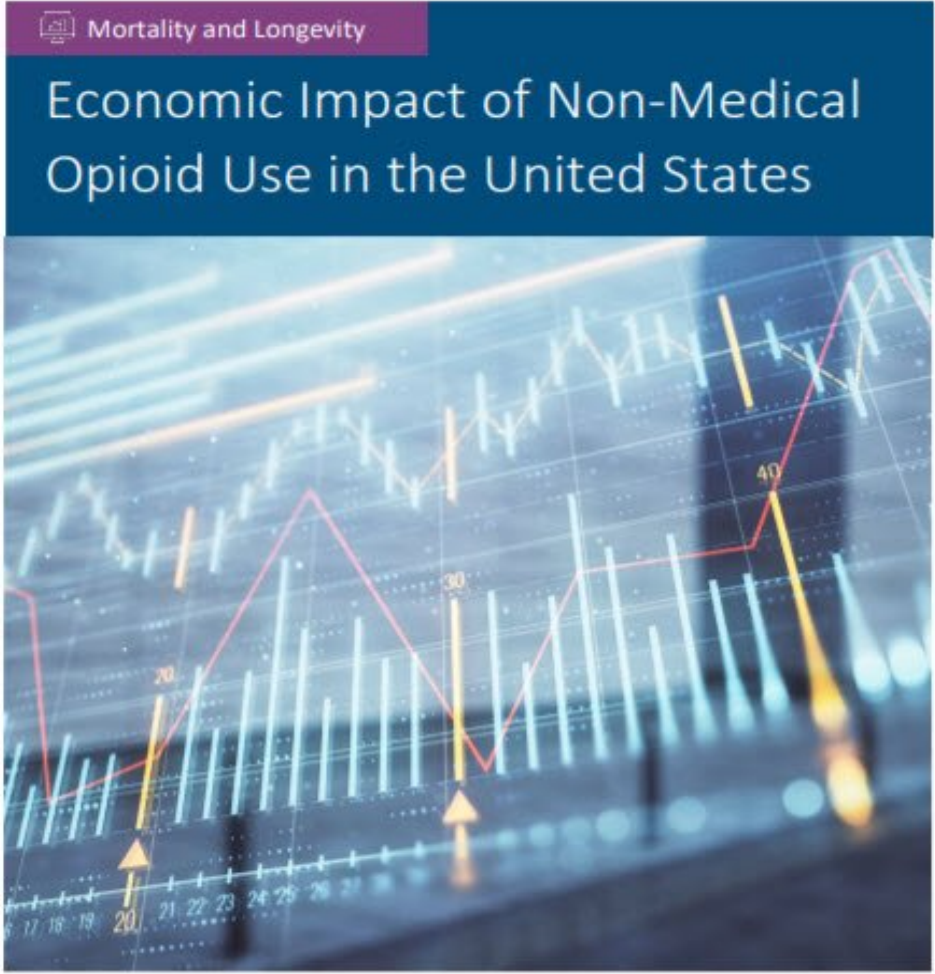


Mortality and Longevity

Examines the factors impacting models and mortality predictions, and the analysis of longevity trends.



Inaugural Research Project



Opioid Report Media - Good Morning America

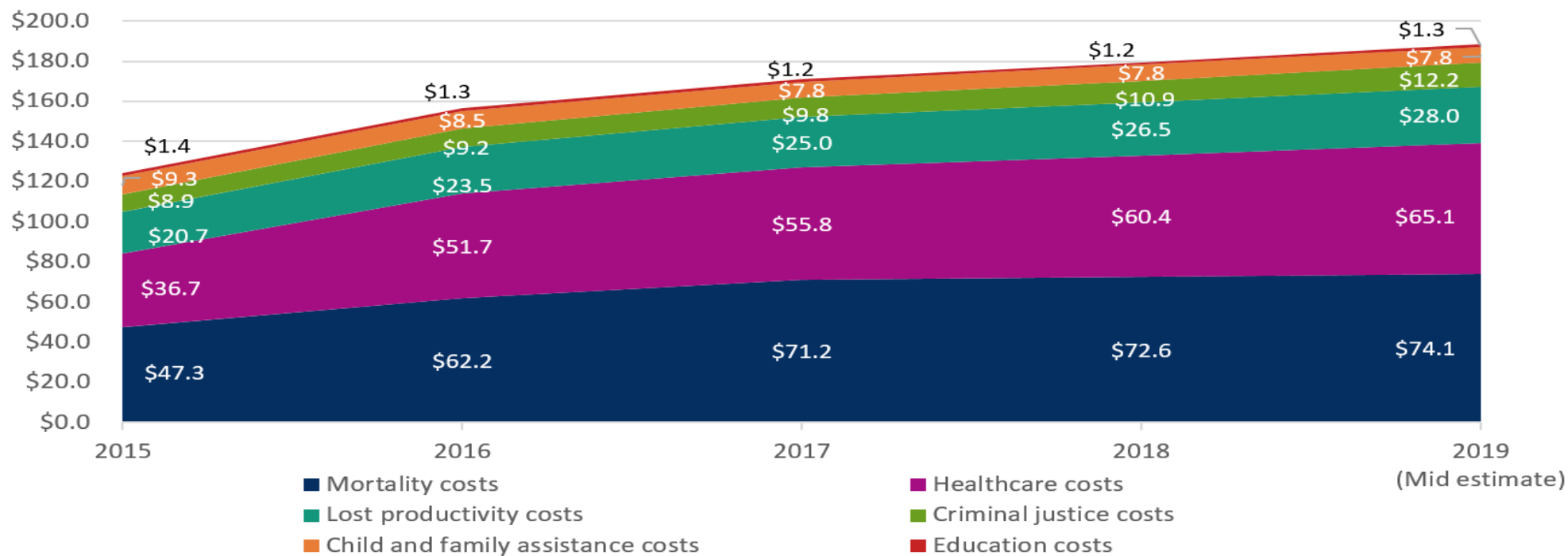


Economic Impact of Non-Medical Opioid Use

https://www.soa.org/resources/research-reports/2019/econ-impact-non-medical-opioid-use/	2015-2018	2019
Mortality Cost	253	74
HealthCare Cost	205	65
Loss Productivity Cost	96	28
Criminal Justice Costs	39	12
Child and Family Assistance Costs	33	8
Education Costs	5	1
Total	631	188

Economic Impact of Non-Medical Opioid Use

FIGURE 2: TRENDS IN TOTAL COSTS BY CATEGORY, 2015-2019 (BILLIONS)



Public Interest Mortality Research

- Update to Actuaries Longevity Illustrator
- Joint project between AAA and SOA
- <http://www.longevityillustrator.org/>



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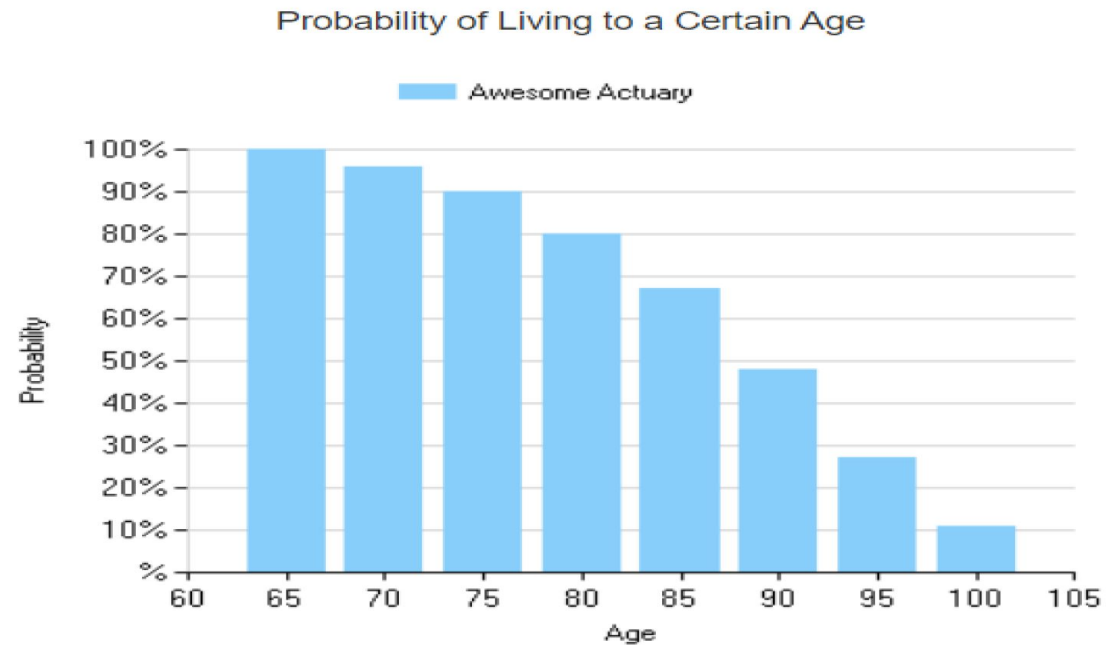
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Age	Awesome Actuary
65	100%
70	96%
75	90%
80	80%
85	67%
90	48%
95	27%
100	11%



Future Public Interest Research - 2019

- Public Perception of Longevity
 - Survey of pre and post retiree populations
 - Examines how realistic individuals are about their estimates
 - Examines variations in perception across socioeconomic and demographic categories
 - December 2019 release

Future Public Interest Research - 2020

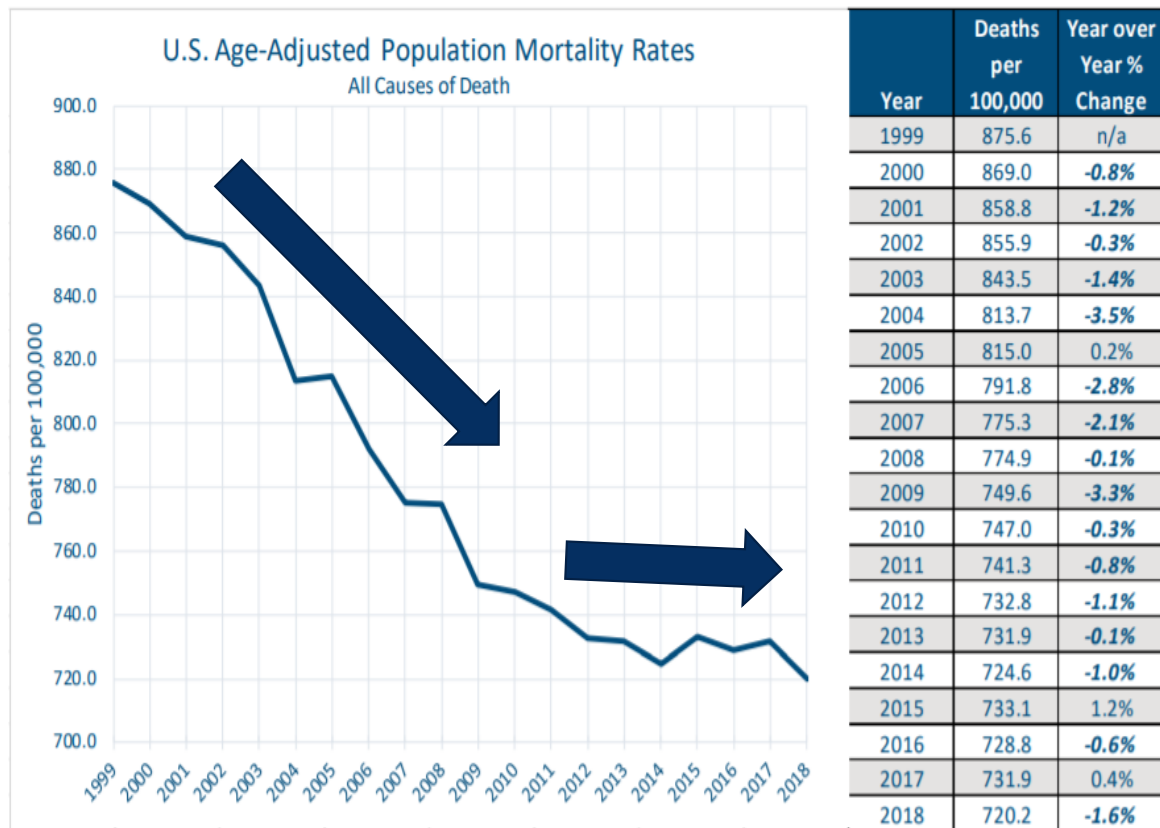
- Women's Longevity Trends
- Obesity Trends
- Contest - Workable Innovations for Living Longer (WILL)

Mortality Improvement Research

- U.S. Population Analysis
- Drivers of Mortality/Mortality Improvement
- Mortality Improvement Modeling Expansion

Mortality Improvement Research

- Recent U.S. Trends of slowing / declining mortality improvement
- August 2019:
 - *U.S. Population Mortality Observations - Preview of 2018 Experience*



Mortality Improvement Research

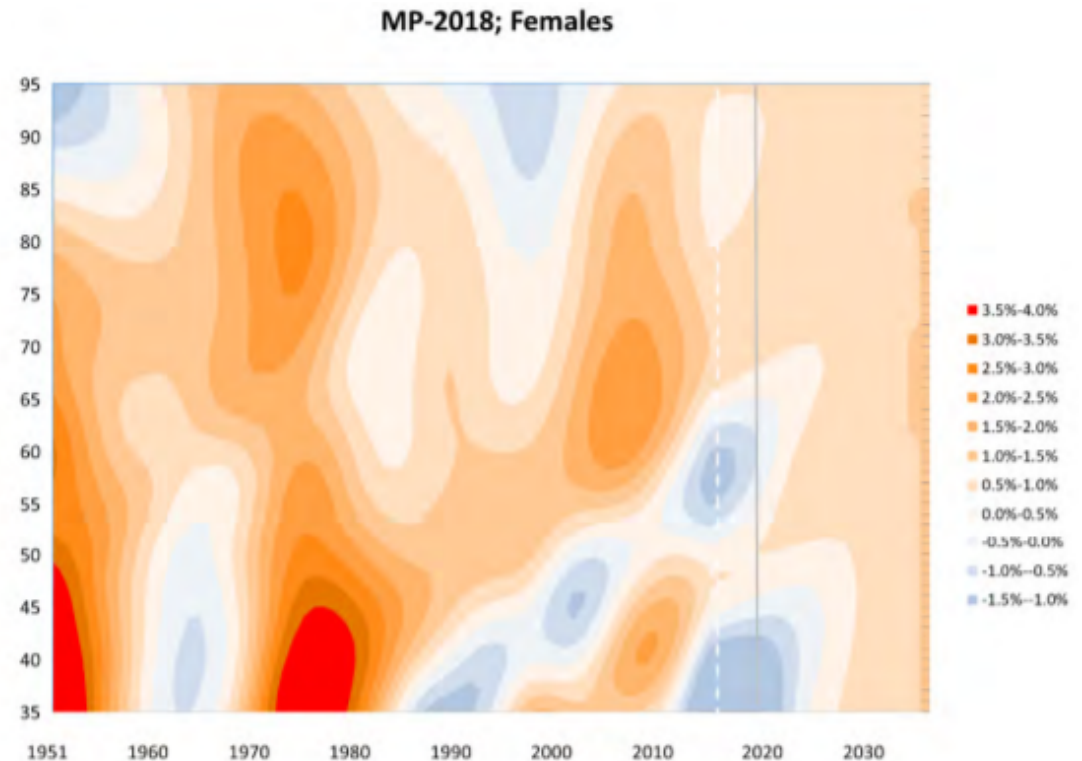
- Pulls on mortality improvement across many different causes of death
- January 2019:
 - *U.S. Population Mortality Observations - Updated with 2017 Experience*

2017 U.S. POPULATION MORTALITY BY COD

Cause of Death	Deaths	%	Age-Adjusted One Year Change	Attribution to All CODs*
Heart Disease	647,457	23.0%	0.2%	0.1%
Cancer	599,108	21.3%	2.1%	0.5%
Alzheimer's/Dementia	239,585	8.5%	-1.3%	-0.1%
Accidents	169,936	6.0%	-4.1%	-0.3%
Pulmonary	160,201	5.7%	-1.0%	-0.1%
Stroke	146,383	5.2%	-0.8%	0.0%
Diabetes	83,564	3.0%	-2.1%	-0.1%
Suicide	47,173	1.7%	-3.9%	-0.1%
Liver	41,743	1.5%	-1.4%	0.0%
Assault	19,510	0.7%	-0.2%	0.0%
Other	658,843	23.4%	-1.5%	-0.3%
All COD	2,813,503	100%	-0.4%	-0.4%

Mortality Improvement Research

- Moving from “just recording” to analyzing and using as a source of modeling and forecasting
- Look at Drivers of Mortality Improvement and expansion of Mortality Improvement Modeling



Mortality Improvement Research

- Differences in population and insured mortality improvement trends

Population

Cause of Death Category	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Circulatory System Diseases	32.3%	31.6%	31.4%	31.3%	31.2%	31.3%
Neoplasms	24.2%	23.9%	23.8%	23.4%	23.4%	22.9%
Other	12.5%	13.1%	13.7%	13.8%	13.5%	12.9%
Respiratory System Diseases	7.7%	7.9%	7.8%	8.0%	7.8%	8.0%
Alzheimer's Disease	3.4%	3.4%	3.3%	3.3%	3.6%	4.1%
Endocrine Diseases	3.0%	3.1%	3.1%	3.1%	3.1%	3.2%
External Causes	2.9%	2.9%	2.9%	2.9%	3.0%	3.0%
Infectious Diseases	2.7%	2.8%	2.7%	2.7%	2.7%	2.7%
Influenza and Pneumonia	2.1%	2.2%	2.0%	2.2%	2.1%	2.1%

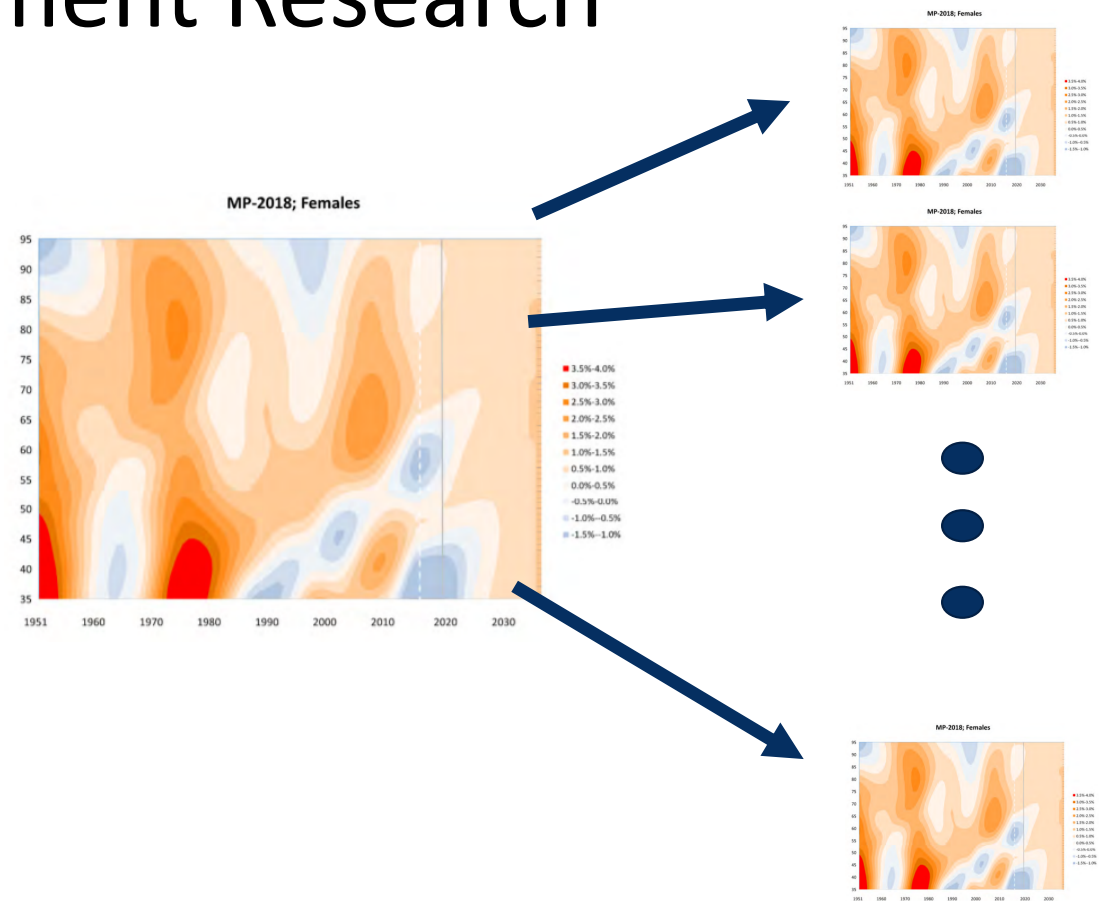
Individual Life

Cause of Death Category	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Neoplasms	39.8%	40.9%	39.0%	38.7%	37.5%	37.4%
Circulatory System Diseases	23.6%	22.8%	23.0%	24.0%	23.0%	23.2%
External Causes	16.8%	14.5%	10.6%	10.0%	11.1%	10.3%
Respiratory System Diseases	3.1%	3.2%	4.1%	4.5%	4.9%	5.7%
Suicide	4.8%	4.4%	4.5%	4.2%	4.1%	4.1%
Motor Vehicle Accidents	3.4%	3.0%	2.9%	2.5%	2.2%	2.5%
Nervous System Diseases	1.1%	2.2%	2.8%	2.9%	3.0%	3.2%
Digestive System Diseases	2.2%	2.1%	2.7%	2.7%	2.7%	2.9%
Other	0.7%	1.4%	2.7%	2.6%	2.7%	2.7%

Recent Mortality Trends by Cause of Death;
April 2017; SCOR Global Life Americas

Mortality Improvement Research

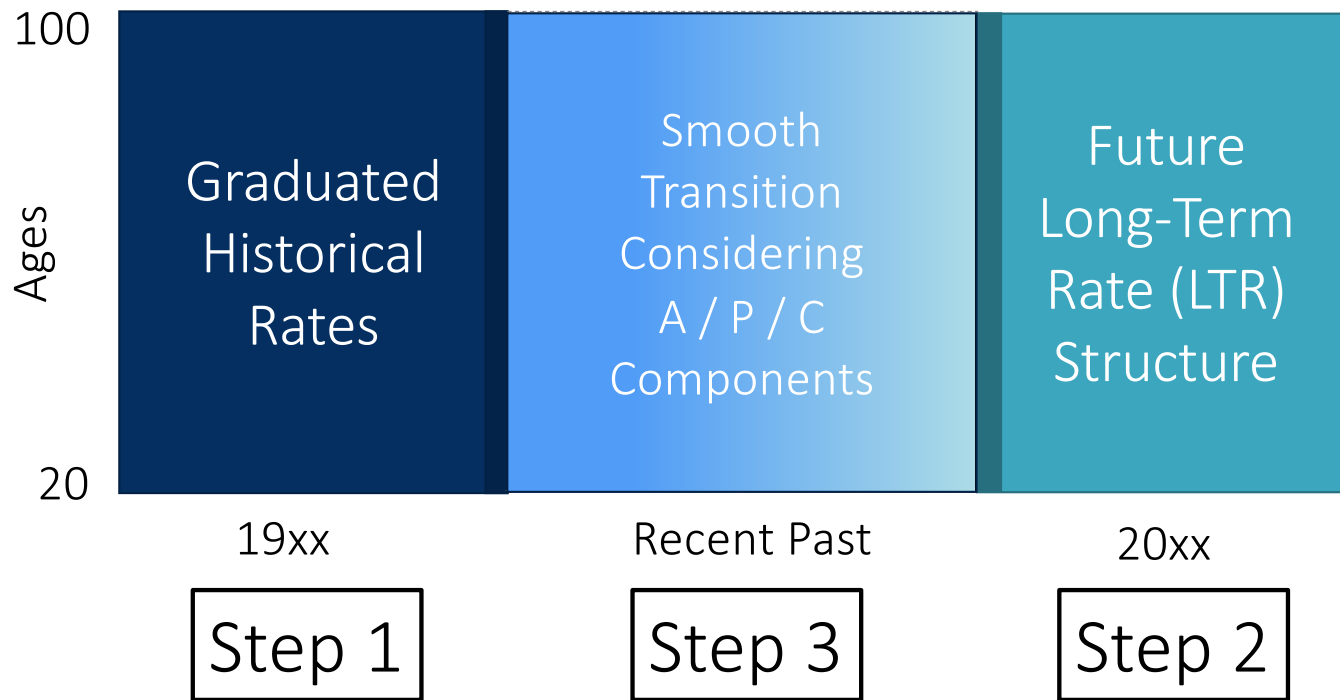
- Consistent Mortality Framework
- Decomposition of US Population into subcategories



Consistent Mortality Framework

- The purpose of this project is to develop a tool for practicing actuaries to model mortality improvement similar to the approaches used by RPEC and CMI
 - Life insurance
 - Annuities
 - Retirement

Consistent Framework...RPEC Methodology



Consistent Mortality Framework - Tool

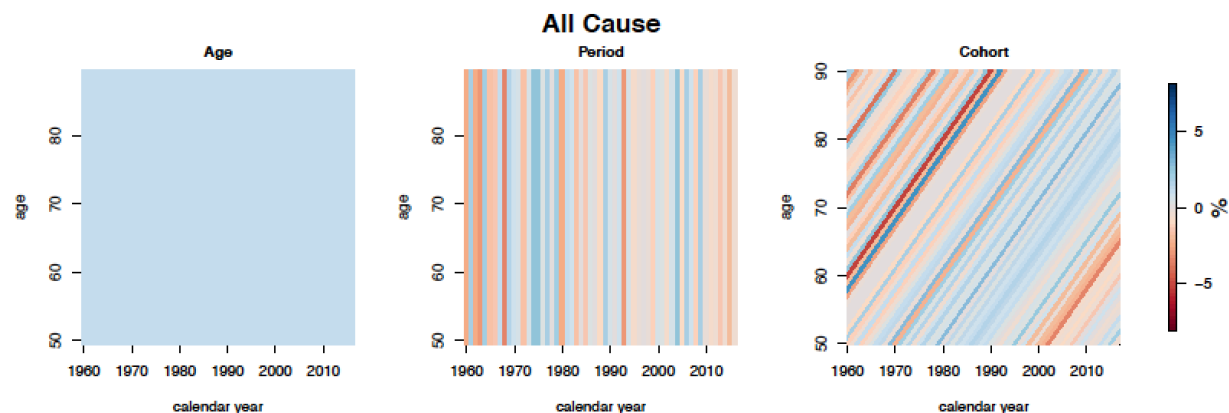
- The MP2018 calculation process uses historical Social Security mortality data to estimate the initial improvement rates
- For insured data, initial attempt was to use historical SOA mortality experience for NS and SM categories
 - Not enough data to achieve credible results
 - Has led to the project to decompose US population data into socioeconomic categories to “mimic” insured data

Decompose US Population Project

- Start with county-level mortality information
- Work to find ways to associate each county in each year with some form of socioeconomic score
- Use the score to group the counties into some form of deprivation/propensity/socioeconomic ranking
- Create mortality estimations for each year for each decile
- Ensure when aggregating back across deciles, result reasonably estimates the full population mortality

Additional SOA Mortality Improvement Research

- Analysis of Historical U.S. Population Mortality Improvement Drivers (Bajekal, Haberman, Villegas and Zhou)
- Determination as visualization of Age, Period and Cohort effects; All Cause and Cause of Death

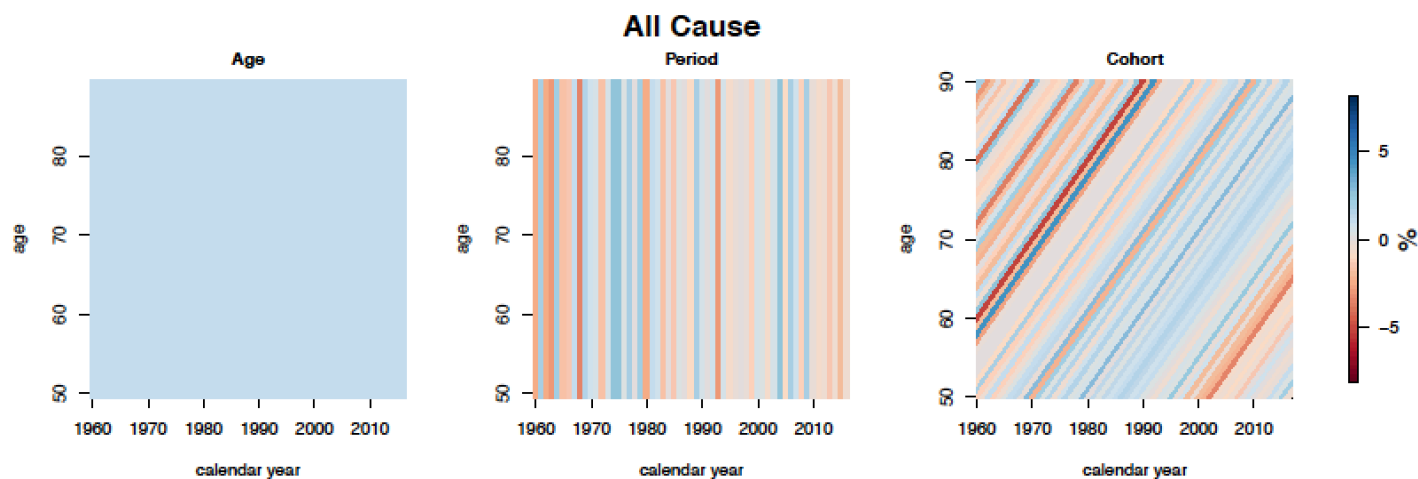


Analysis of Historical U.S. Population Mortality

- By Causes – broad and granular
 - Circulatory Disease (3)
 - Digestive System (3)
 - External Causes (3)
 - Neoplasms (7)
 - Other (6)
 - Respiratory Diseases (3)

Analysis of Historical U.S. Population Mortality

- Horizontal patterns are age effect; vertical patterns are period effect; and diagonal patterns are cohort effects



Additional SOA Mortality Improvement Research

- Balance of Quantitative and Qualitative Analysis: SOA Expert Panel
- <https://www.soa.org/globalassets/assets/files/resources/research-report/2019/drivers-of-us-mortality-improvement.pdf>
- Most important drivers
 - Individual behaviors
 - SES / Inequality
 - Social Policy
 - Environmental Issues



Additional SOA Mortality Improvement Research

- Mortality improvement insurance company practice survey
 - Assumptions insurers/reinsurers are using for future mortality improvement for life insurance and annuities
 - How insurers/reinsurers future mortality improvement assumptions might vary assumptions by product, birth cohort, gender or other characteristics
 - Similarities and differences:
 - US vs Canada v UK; Insurers vs. Reinsurers; Life vs. Annuities; Pricing vs. Financial Projections

Additional SOA Mortality Improvement Research

Mortality Improvement Trend - Independent Analysis

Background and Purpose

Mortality improvement is an important assumption for projecting future liability cashflows and has a material financial impact on a company. Mortality improvement is a hot topic in the industry and companies show significant interest in understanding the key factors that differentiate mortality improvement. The focus of this research is to gain a better understanding of the following main drivers of mortality improvement:

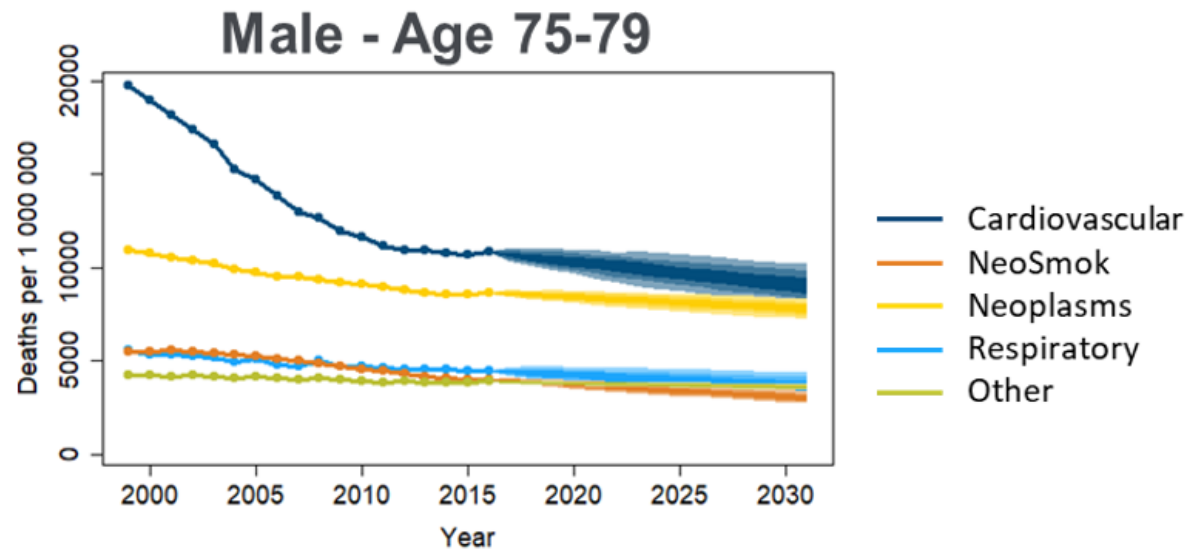
- Socioeconomic level (Marital status, occupation, income, education)
- Gender
- Attained age
- Geographical and Demographical differences
- Cause of death
- Calendar year
- Birth-year cohort

Mortality Modeling Research

- Modeling, Measurement, and Management of Longevity Risk (IFoA/CIA/SOA)
- Support further development and enhancement of USMDB and HMD

Mortality Modeling Research

- Modeling and Forecasting Cause of Death (Milliman)



Experience Studies – In Progress

- Individual Life Waiver of Premium Incidence and Termination and Group Life WOP Termination Valuation Tables
- Individual Life Post Level Term Mortality and Lapse
- Deferred Annuities
- Fixed Index Guaranteed Living Benefits Utilization
- Structured Settlements Mortality
- Private Pension Plans Mortality

Experience Studies – Accelerated Underwriting

- Survey underway
- What data might be available for a mortality study
- Looks at:
 - Structure of accelerated underwriting programs
 - How programs are monitored
 - How accelerated underwritten business is performing relative to expectations
- Targeting end of year release



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Conclusion

- Mortality and Longevity Research Program is broad covering many topic areas for both a traditional actuarial audience and the public at large.
- Mortality Improvement continues to be an area of emphasis for the program
- More granular US population analysis is planned to provide insights for the insured population.
- As well as, continuing to examine insured population.

QUESTIONS?