The goal of the German Centre of Gerontology is to collect, broaden, analyse, process and disseminate knowledge on the current situation of ageing and older people. This knowledge is used for scientifically independent policy consultation with respect to the challenges of an ageing society.

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**Subject areas**
(a) Employment and retirement  
(b) Economic situation and social security  
(c) Health and wellbeing  
(d) Family and social relations  
(e) Housing situation, care and supply  
(f) Education and volunteering  
(g) Social networks, participation and social support

**Perspectives**
- Ageing embedded in social and cultural change  
- Individual developmental processes  
- Diversity and inequality in old age

**Long-term Surveys**
The DZA conducts several long-term research projects.
- The German Ageing Survey (DEAS) is the central German study of the population aged 40 and older.  
- The German Survey on Volunteering (FWS) is a representative survey on voluntary work, honorary office and civic engagement of the German population aged 14 and older.

On the basis of scientific knowledge and its own research, the DZA advises the German Federal Government and the national parliament (Bundestag).

The policy consulting of the DZA is directed at the collection and provision of information and knowledge needed for the planning and implementation of political interventions in the areas of social and old-age policy.

**Office of the Government Reports on Older People**
The Office of the Government Reports on Older People at the DZA is responsible for supporting the expert committee preparing these reports. The reports contain current information on the situation of older people in Germany.

The DZA offers information services for scientists and the general public.

**Research Data Centre (FDZ-DZA)**
The main task of the FDZ-DZA is to make the data of the German Ageing Survey and the German Survey on Volunteering accessible for scientific research and to advise interested persons and users.

**Statistical Information System GeroStat**
The Statistical Information System GeroStat contains relevant data for gerontological research from empirical social research (German Ageing Survey) and official statistics. The "Report Altersdaten" (available online, in German only) offers age-related social reporting on various topics.

**Library**
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