

Table 1 Distribution of residents of homes for the elderly in Lattakia according to sociodemographic characteristics

| Variable | No. of residents | % (n = 103) |
|---|------------------|----------------|
| Age (years) | | |
| 60 - | 47 | 45.6 |
| 70 - | 45 | 43.7 |
| ≥ 80 | 11 | 10.7 |
| Mean (SD) | 70.9 (6.4) | |
| Sex | | |
| Female | 56 | 54.4 |
| Male | 47 | 45.6 |
| Marital status | | |
| Widowed | 62 | 60.2 |
| Divorced | 20 | 19.4 |
| Single | 17 | 16.5 |
| Married | 3 | 2.9 |
| Educational level | | |
| Up to preparatory | 49 | 47.6 |
| Secondary | 40 | 38.8 |
| Higher education | 14 | 13.6 |
| Occupation before retirement | | |
| Housewife | 40 | 38.8 |
| Employee | 30 | 29.1 |
| Business | 13 | 12.6 |
| Technical worker | 20 | 19.4 |
| Source of income | | |
| Pension | 44 | 42.7 |
| Relative and friends | 31 | 30.1 |
| Social affairs | 28 | 27.2 |
| Duration of stay in the home (years) | | |
| < 1 | 10 | 9.7 |
| 1- | 51 | 49.5 |
| 5- | 33 | 32.0 |
| 10+ | 9 | 8.7 |
| Mean (SD) | 4.9 (3.2) | |

SD = standard deviation.