

ABSTRACT

The knowledge of a population's age profile is essential and indeed a major determinant of service requirements, labour supply, consumer demand, and potential for future natural increases. Data on the distribution of the aged population from the census figures of 1991 and 2006 provided the data used for this study. A multi-stage sampling technique was employed to sample, from six of the 16 LGAs across the study area. Trend Analysis was used to examine the pattern of the aged population over time of 1991 to 2025. The trend analytical technique revealed a gradual increase in the aged population over the years, with Ifelodun (23,556) and Ilorin West (14,634) the most populous aged L.G.As in 1991. However, by 2006, Ilorin West (21,037) and East LGAs (11,148) were the most populous. The study concluded that aging of population has been on the increase in Kwara State. The trend line equations for future forecast of the aged population for the respective LGAs indicates a continuous rise in the absolute number of those joining the senior's group, while the aged population also varied in space from one L.G.A to the other.

Key words: Ageing Population; Trend; Census; 60+ Population; Kwara State