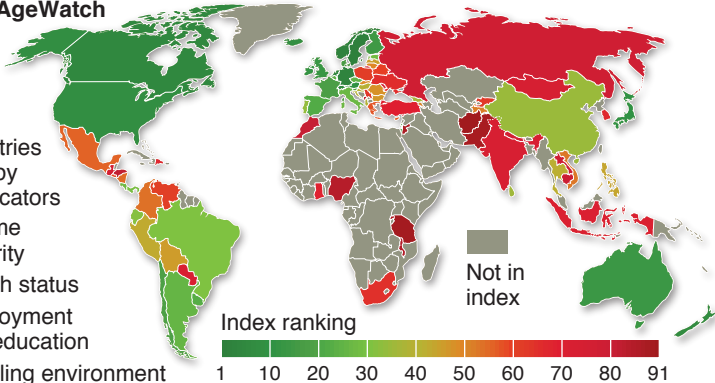# Sweden ranked as best place to grow old

Sweden is the best country for older people and Afghanistan the worst, according to a UN-backed global index on ageing

Global AgeWatch Index*

91 countries ranked by four indicators

- Income security
- Health status
- Employment and education
- Enabling environment

Not in index

Index ranking

1 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 91

Number and proportion of people aged 60-plus worldwide

2012
809m
11%
of world population

2030
1,375m
16%
of world population

2050
2,031m
22%
of world population

*Index covers 89% of world's population aged 60-plus

Source: HelpAge International and UN Population Fund
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1	Sweden
2	Norway
3	Germany
4	Netherlands
5	Canada
6	Switzerland
7	New Zealand
8	United States
9	Iceland
10	Japan
11	Austria
12	Ireland
13	United Kingdom
14	Australia
15	Finland
16	Luxembourg
17	Denmark
18	France
19	Chile
20	Slovenia
87	Rwanda
88	Jordan
89	Pakistan
90	Tanzania
91	Afghanistan