

**AMERICANS ARE LIVING LONGER:  
A TREND THAT IS EXPECTED TO CONTINUE**

**THE NUMBER OF OLDER AMERICANS IS GROWING**

**In 1900:  
3.1 million**

**In 1999:  
34.6 million**

**In 2050:  
82 million**

**Source:** U.S. Census Bureau. Census bureau projects doubling of nation's population by 2100. Press release, March 13, 2001.

**THE PROPORTION OF OLDER AMERICANS IS GROWING**

<b>Year</b>	<b>% of People 65 &amp; Older</b>
1950	8.3
2000	12.4
2004	12.7
2050	20.6

**Source:** Health, United States, 2005. Figure 2.  
<http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/hus/hus05.pdf>.