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"Quality of life for seniors in Europe"

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TRANSFORMATION OF THE ELDERLY POPULATION

- change in the demographic trend. Progressive and marked ageing of the society
- marked by a corresponding differentiation in the processes of senescence, which make the condition of Italian seniors a very complex and diversified one.

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Statistical data

Life expectancy amongst Italians continues to rise

- 1930-1932: 53.8 years for men and 56.0 years for women
- 1961: 67.2 years for men and 72.3 years for women
- 1991: 73.8 years for men and 80.3 years for women
- 2009: 78.9 years for men and 84.2 years for women



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Statistical data

1) Index of ageing

1961 → 38.9%

2001 → 127.1%

2009 → 143.4%

2) Percentage of over 64-year-olds out of the total of residents

- January 2002 18.69%
- January 2010 20.23%

one person in five

3) Future projections over 65s

2020: 14,058,485 out of a total 61,634,414
(**22.81% of citizens**)

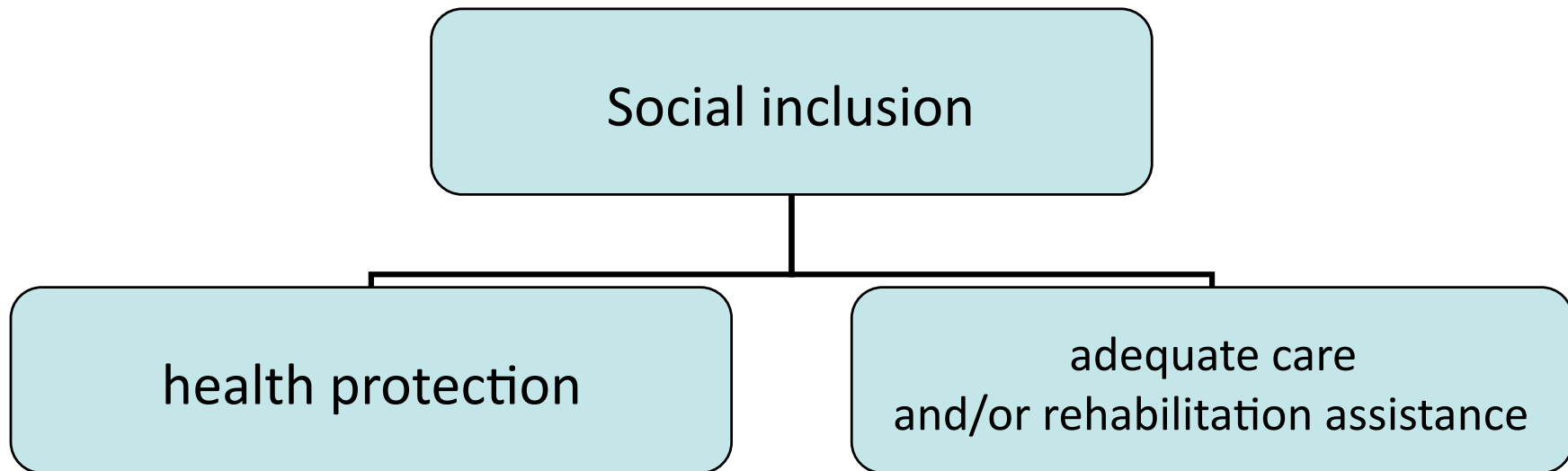
2050: 61,716,517 out of a total of 20,354,740 persons
(**32.98% of citizens**)



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About seniors in a “Demographic revolution”



- The maintenance of social inclusion is determined by the upholding of a **social tie with *hard* networks** (such as family, friends and neighbours) in order to support the individual.



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About seniors in a “Demographic revolution”

- Any lack of social inclusion could seriously put at *risk* **the general wellbeing of the person** and, in particular, that of seniors.



The network of social ties can be certainly supported and strengthened by a correct housing policy.



The elderly and the place where they live

- The elderly are very close to the place they live in, and this link seems to become stronger and stronger with time.

16% of Italians → core municipalities
people aged over 64 account for 22% of the total resident population

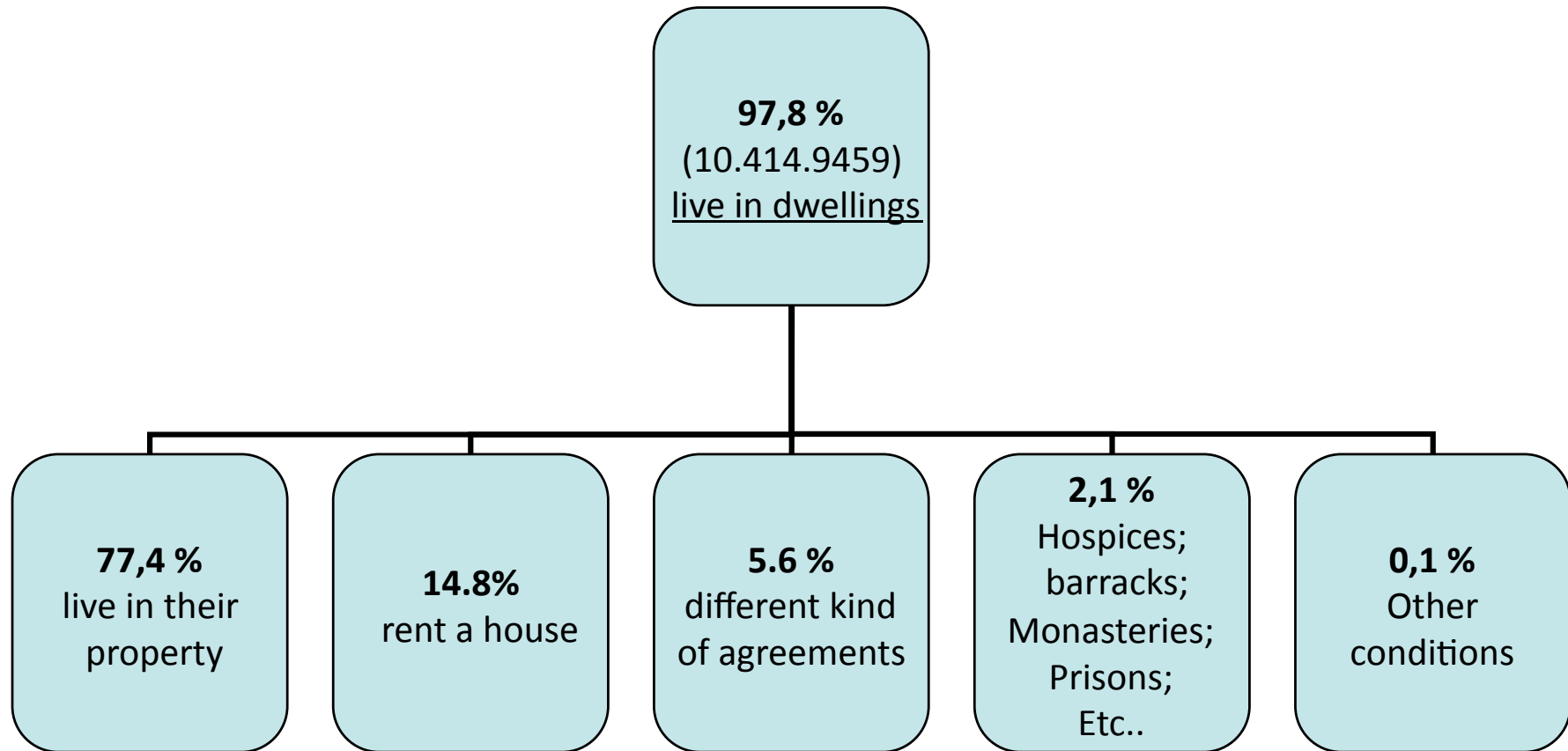
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Individual or collective housing?

Great importance is given to the employment of those housing policies that promote individual dwellings.



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The Italian Constitution (art. 47) acknowledges the importance of a dwelling that is **individually owned**

A way to avoid institutionalisation of seniors can be achieved as follows:

1. Improving housing quality
2. Ensuring home assistance
3. Providing new “technological” accommodation which meet the elderly health and social needs.