# Longevity Assumption Setting for Pension Risk Transfer Transactions



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#### LONGEVITY RISK HAS CREATED LOSSES IN THE PAST

Life expectancy (Canadian male – age 65)



#### LONGEVITY BASE TABLE VS. IMPROVEMENT SCALE



**Base table** reflects current longevity experience and **improvement scale** predicts changes in future longevity experience

## WE LOOK AT LONGEVITY FROM MANY PERSPECTIVES



Alignment of data points increases confidence in pricing

## A WIDE RANGE OF LONGEVITY STUDY PRACTICES EXIST



Weight longevity study by pension income



Differentiate subgroups by longevity profile



Choose mortality table with an appropriate table shape



Be aware of trends and outliers



Rigorous data checking: quality in, quality out

- Be cautious of repurposing valuation data

#### FUTURE IMPROVEMENTS: WHAT'S THE RIGHT BASELINE?

## Canadian population historical longevity improvements (male)



#### RMS: FUTURE DRIVERS OF MORTALITY IMPROVEMENT



Source: RMS

Understanding the fundamental drivers of longevity improvements allows us to take a bottom-up approach