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# Population or pension plan specific:

differences in mortality improvements across the US and what it means for pension plans



Webinar chair

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# Agenda

- 1. Background: SoA work on longevity improvements
- 2. Club Vita research: Longevity improvements for DB plan annuitants
- 3. Effects on improvement scales
- 4. Panel discussion

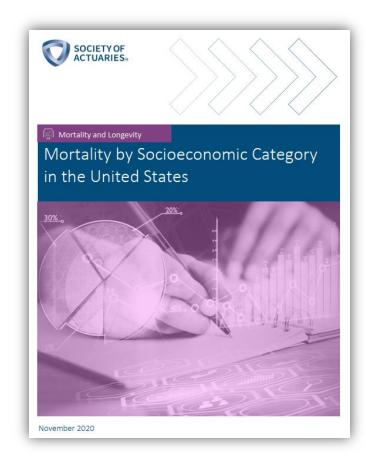




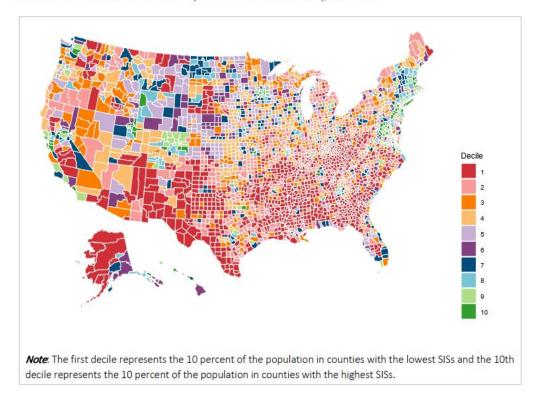


# SoA: Mortality by Socioeconomic Category

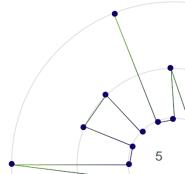
### Work by Magali Barbieri



#### COUNTIES BY SOCIOECONOMIC DECILE (WEIGHTED BY POPULATION), 2014–2018

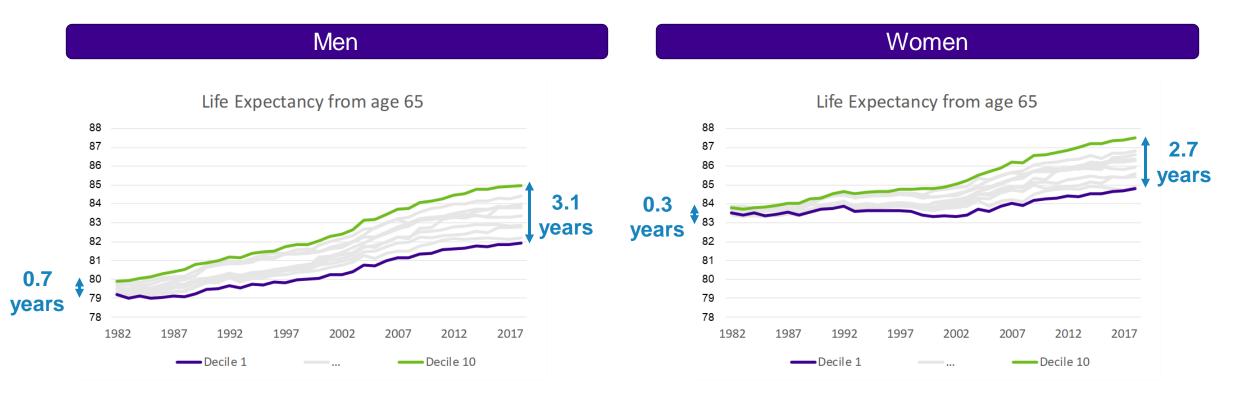






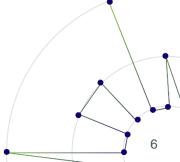
# Life expectancy inequality is increasing

Trends in (period) life expectancy at age 65 for US counties



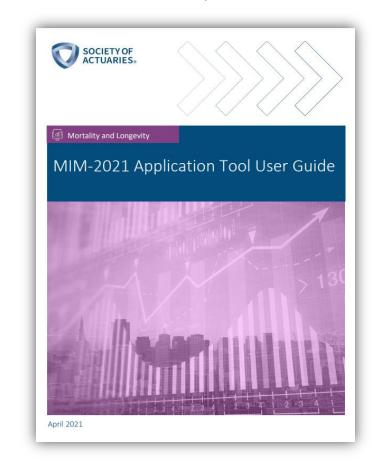
How relevant is US county level analysis for DB pension plans?





# Mortality Improvement Model (MIM-2021)

- Released April 2021
- Increased flexibility for calibration
- Can be tailored for groups with different improvement experience
- Similar structure to MP-2020
- Includes different underlying data sets to calibrate historical improvement rates



What is the appropriate calibration for specific pension plans and insurance books?



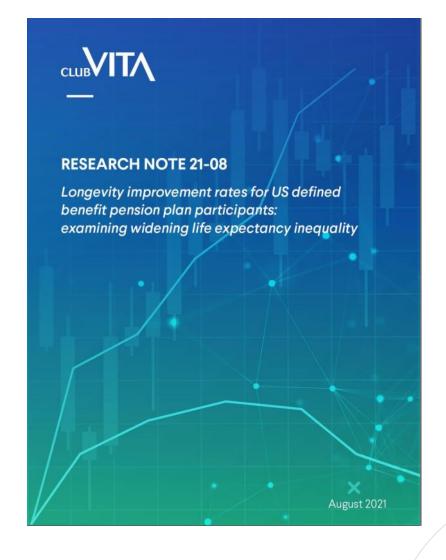


Club Vita research:
Longevity improvements of DB annuitants

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## Club Vita research

- Hot off the press!
- Data from around 100 large single employer pension plans over the period 2013-2018
- Compares US population improvements to improvements in our data set
- Available for download now

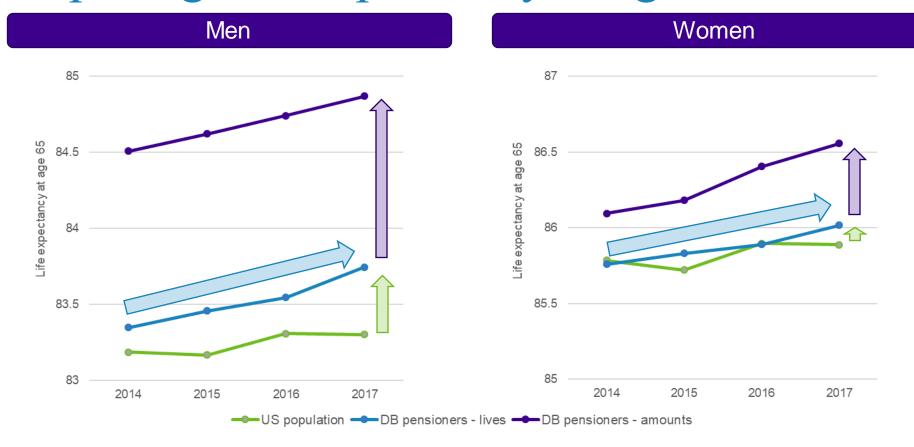




https://www.clubvita.us/collaborative-research/longevity-inequality-in-the-us



## Comparing life expectancy at age 65



Select effect of pension plan membership

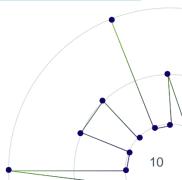
Impact of affluence

Faster improvements in DB pensioners than the general population

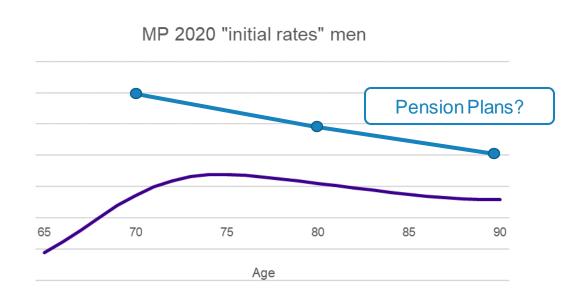
#### Annual improvements in ABSMR (2014-2017)

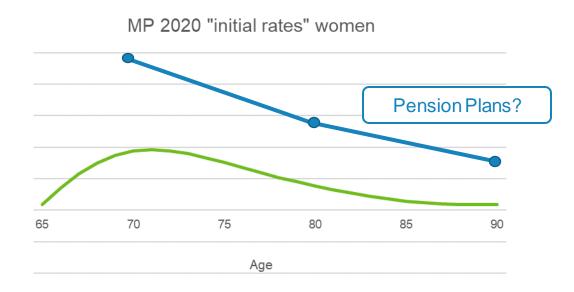
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US Population	Pension Plans	US Population	Pension Plans
0.6%	1.4% (±0.6%)	0.5%	1.3% (±0.9%)





# Age structure of recent improvements



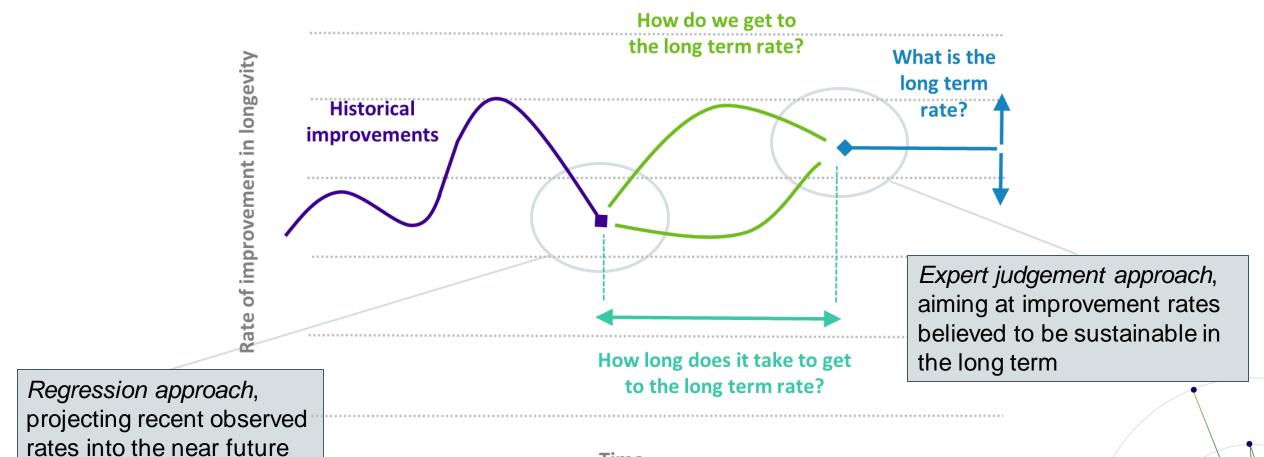








# Implications for projections Illustrative MP-scale improvement model

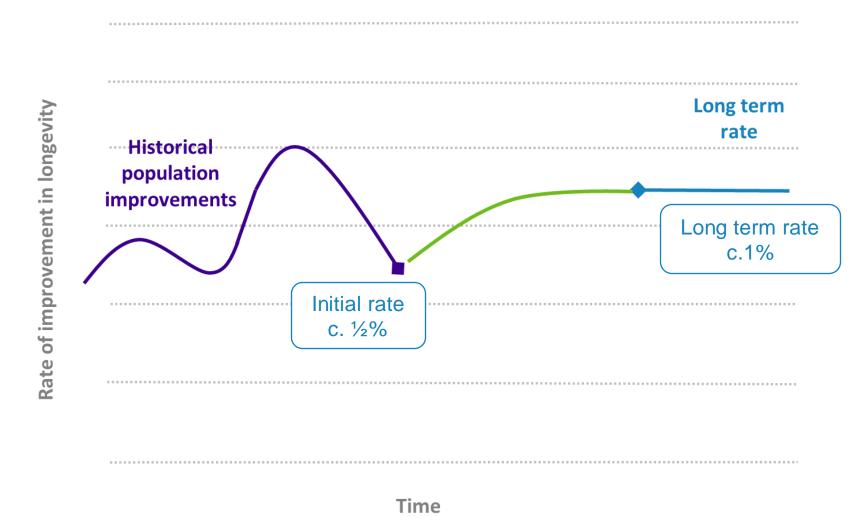


Time



# Implications for projections

## Adjusting the MP scale for this insight

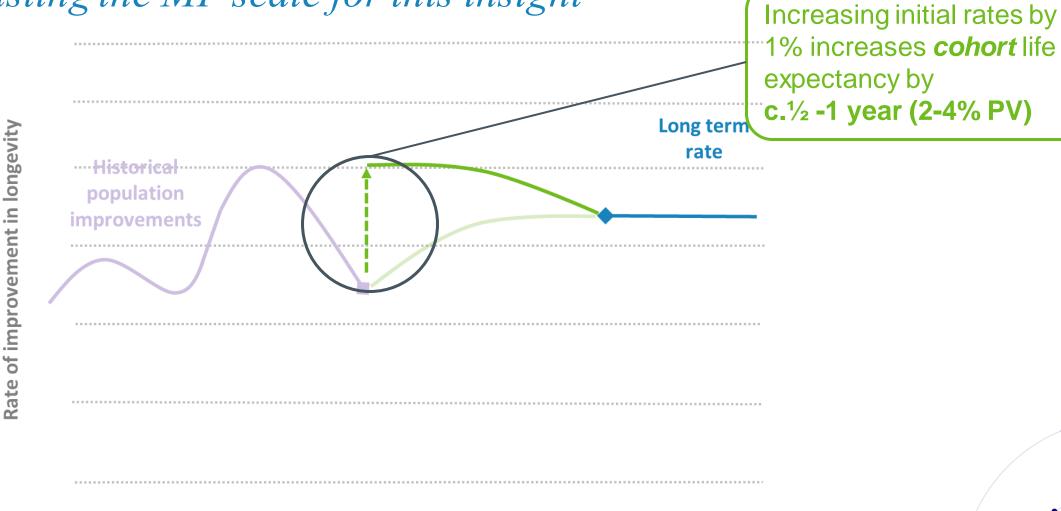




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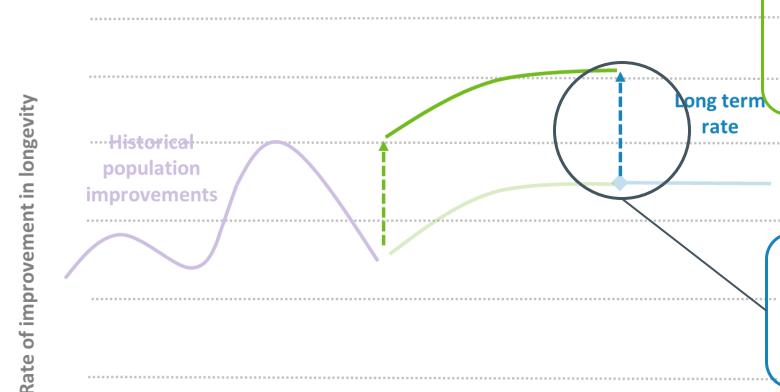
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Notes: Indicative impacts based upon broad rules of thumb



# Implications for projections

Adjusting the MP scale for this insight



Increasing initial rates by 1% increases *cohort* life expectancy by

c.½ -1 year (2-4% PV)

If also adjust **long term** outlook could increase *cohort* life expectancy by c.1-2 years (4-8% PV)

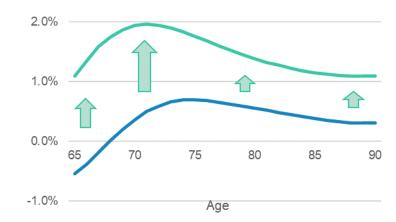


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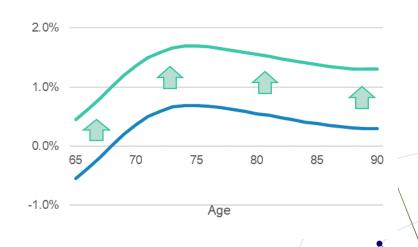


# Tailoring starting rates of improvement scales

- 1. Calibrate to different underlying data sets
  - SoA MIM-2021 model allows you to calibrate starting rates to different data sets
  - Care needed when subdividing data sets



- 2. Adjust rates with flat addition across all ages
  - Straightforward approach, easy to communicate
  - Useful if you want to maintain the age effect of improvements from a reference population

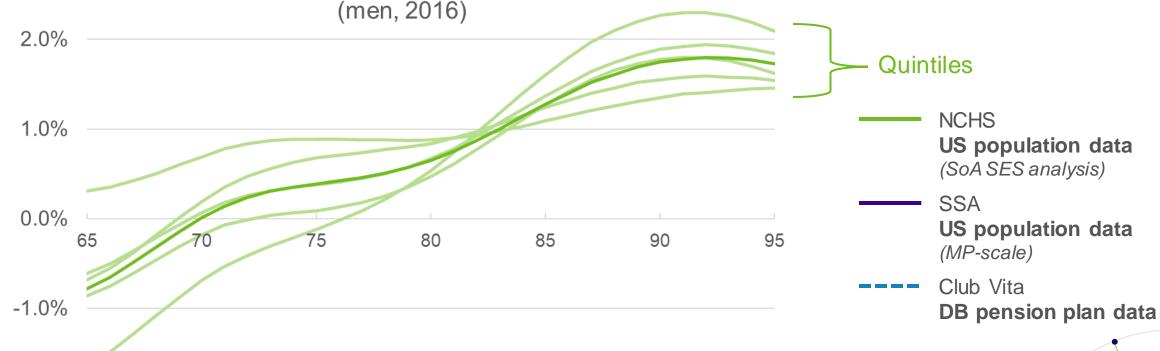




# Tailoring starting rates: MIM-2021



Mortality improvement rates by age

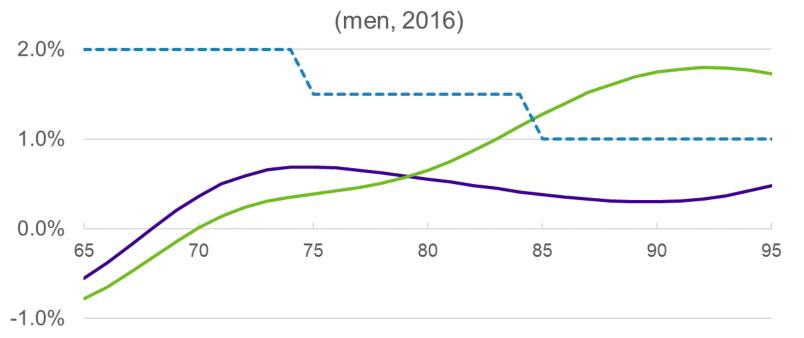




#### Which line is appropriate?

# Tailoring starting rates: MIM-2021

#### Mortality improvement rates by age





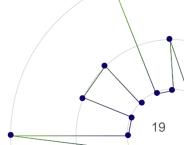
NCHS
US population data
(SoA SES analysis)

US population data (MP-scale)

Club Vita **DB pension plan data** 



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# Panel discussion... questions?



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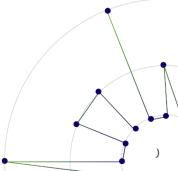




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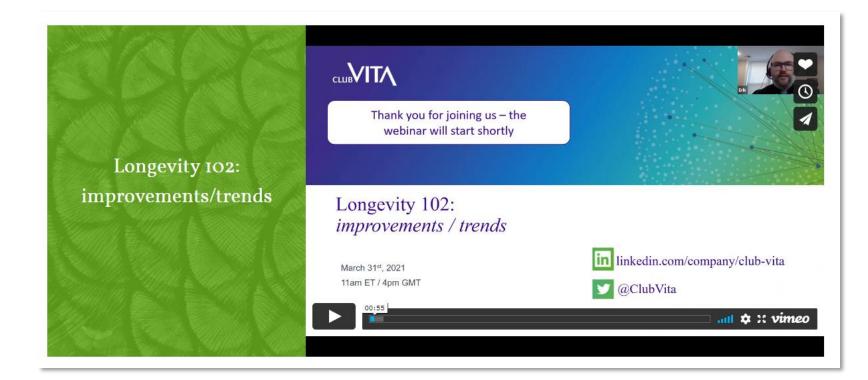
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# Club Vita webinar on improvement models



Club Vita educational session describing different types of longevity projection models, including pros and cons of each and where they are most commonly used

https://www.clubvita.us/events/longevity-102-improvements-trends



