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Post-Retirement Financial Planning In Indonesia: A Comparative Study Based On Demographic Location, Educational Attainment, Generational Cohorts, And Occupational Class

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Abstract
This study examines post-retirement financial planning in Indonesia through a comparative lens, focusing on demographic location, educational attainment, generational cohorts, and occupational class. The primary objective is to investigate how these socio-demographic variables influence retirement preparedness, investment behavior, and financial self-efficacy among individuals aged 50 years and above. Employing a quantitative research design, the study utilized a structured questionnaire distributed to 150 respondents across urban and suburban regions, followed by statistical analyses including descriptive statistics, t-tests, ANOVA, and multiple regression using SPSS v29. The findings reveal significant disparities in retirement preparedness: urban residents, highly educated individuals, and white-collar professionals consistently demonstrated higher financial readiness compared to their suburban, less-educated, and blue-collar counterparts. Generational differences were also evident, with Baby Boomers and Generation X exhibiting greater preparedness relative to Millennials and Generation Y, who often struggled with unstable labor markets and lower pension engagement. Multiple regression results indicate that educational attainment and generational cohort are the strongest predictors of retirement readiness, with demographic location and occupational class also exerting meaningful influence. Beyond structural factors, psychological readiness and investment behavior emerged as critical determinants, highlighting the role of financial self-efficacy. The study concludes that retirement preparedness in Indonesia is unevenly distributed and shaped by systemic inequalities. These findings underscore the need for inclusive financial education programs, policy reforms extending pension coverage to informal workers, and behavioral interventions that enhance financial literacy and self-confidence in long-term planning.
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INTRODUCTION

Retirement is widely recognized as a critical life stage that requires individuals to shift from regular employment income to reliance on accumulated assets, pension benefits, and other forms of financial support. The transition poses both opportunities and risks, as financial security in old age is strongly influenced by the quality of pre-retirement financial planning (Lusardi & Mitchell, 2020). In Indonesia, demographic shifts such as an aging population and rising life expectancy have made retirement preparedness increasingly urgent (Lee & Mason, 2023). Studies highlight that financial preparedness affects not only economic stability but also psychological wellbeing and quality of life in later years (Brown et al., 2022). Without adequate planning, retirees may experience financial strain, increased dependence on family, and reduced life satisfaction (Omar & Ismail, 2023). This underscores the need for deeper empirical investigations into the determinants of financial readiness for retirement in emerging economies like Indonesia.

However, preparedness for retirement is not uniform across the population. Research has shown that demographic and socioeconomic factors significantly shape individuals' ability to plan and save for retirement (Chen & Turner, 2021). Urban residents often have better access to formal retirement programs and financial education compared to those in suburban or rural areas (Patel & Sharma, 2022). Education also plays a pivotal role, as individuals with higher educational attainment tend to have stronger financial literacy and a greater propensity to engage in long-term saving and investment (Zhang & Wang, 2022). Generational differences further complicate the picture: Baby Boomers often exhibit traditional savings patterns, Millennials struggle with balancing current expenses and future planning, while Gen Z faces uncertainties due to unstable labor markets and rapid technological changes (Nguyen et al., 2023). Additionally, occupational class matters significantly, with white-collar employees typically

covered by formal pension schemes, while blue-collar workers often lack such institutional support (Rahman & Hussain, 2022).

Despite these findings, the Indonesian context has not been sufficiently examined from a multidimensional perspective. Most of the available studies tend to isolate a single determinant—such as income, age, or literacy—without considering the intersection of demographic location, education, generational identity, and occupational status (Santoso & Putri, 2023). As a result, policy recommendations derived from such fragmented research may fail to address the structural inequalities that underlie retirement insecurity (Kim & Lee, 2021). International research suggests that comparative approaches, which account for multiple demographic and social variables, are more effective in capturing the complexity of retirement preparedness (Garcia & Lopez, 2022). The lack of integrated empirical studies in Indonesia represents a critical research gap that needs to be addressed for the development of inclusive retirement policies.

The present study aims to fill this gap by analyzing how demographic location, educational attainment, generational cohort, and occupational class jointly influence retirement planning behaviors and financial preparedness among Indonesian citizens. By adopting a comparative framework, this research seeks to generate empirical evidence on which groups are most at risk of financial insecurity in later life (Tanaka & Kobayashi, 2022). Such an approach also enables the identification of key behavioral patterns and systemic barriers that hinder effective retirement planning. Moreover, it provides insights into how cultural and economic contexts interact with individual choices in shaping retirement outcomes (Williams & Chen, 2023).

The significance of this study extends beyond academic discourse to practical policymaking. On the theoretical level, it contributes to the literature on retirement readiness by offering a multidimensional analysis in the context of a developing economy, which remains underexplored compared to high-income countries (Halim et al., 2022). On the policy level, the findings can inform government agencies, financial institutions, and community organizations in designing targeted retirement education and support programs. For instance, groups identified as being at higher risk—such as rural residents, blue-collar workers, or younger generations with low financial literacy—could benefit from customized interventions (Smith & Johnson, 2023). Ultimately, the study has the potential to contribute to more inclusive and sustainable retirement systems in Indonesia, aligning with global efforts to enhance financial resilience in aging societies (Kobayashi & Tanaka, 2023).

LITERATURE REVIEW

1. Post-Retirement Financial Planning

Post-retirement financial planning encompasses the strategies and behaviors individuals adopt to ensure financial stability after leaving active employment. It includes diverse elements such as managing pension schemes, building savings, investing in assets, securing insurance, and controlling expenditures. Effective retirement planning significantly reduces the risk of poverty in old age and improves quality of life by providing both financial and psychological security (Anderson & Newman, 2022). In emerging economies like Indonesia, where pension coverage and financial literacy are uneven, preparedness for retirement varies widely across different demographic groups (Park & Lee, 2021). Research highlights that individuals with well-structured retirement strategies report higher wellbeing, better healthcare access, and lower levels of stress compared to those with inadequate planning (Taylor & Price, 2020). This reinforces the importance of understanding the key factors shaping retirement readiness in diverse contexts.

2. Demographic Location

Demographic location plays an essential role in determining financial behavior and access to financial services. Urban residents generally benefit from stronger financial infrastructure, including access to banks, financial advisors, and investment opportunities (Klapper & Singer, 2021). In contrast, individuals in rural or suburban areas often face limitations in financial inclusion, leading to lower levels of savings and retirement readiness (Demirgüç-Kunt et al., 2020). Moreover, urban households are more likely to participate in formal pension programs and long-term investments than rural households, which rely more heavily on informal financial mechanisms (Xu & Zia, 2022). This geographic inequality creates long-term disparities in retirement preparedness that require policy intervention to ensure inclusive financial systems (Bianchi & Fornero, 2023).

3. Educational Attainment

Education is another critical determinant of retirement readiness, as higher educational attainment enhances financial literacy, risk assessment, and investment decision-making (Bucher-Koenen & Lusardi, 2021). Studies consistently demonstrate that individuals with tertiary education are more likely to diversify their retirement portfolios and adopt proactive financial behaviors (Kadoya & Khan, 2020). Furthermore, education correlates with higher income levels, enabling greater opportunities for saving and investing (Hasler & Lusardi, 2022). In countries with large education gaps, such as Indonesia, the disparities in retirement planning between low- and high-education groups become even more pronounced (Mahdzan & Tabiani, 2020). Addressing financial literacy through education therefore represents a strategic intervention point to improve retirement outcomes (Amagir et al., 2022).

4. Generational Cohorts

Generational differences further shape how individuals prepare for retirement. Baby Boomers often rely on pensions and traditional savings accounts, reflecting conservative financial behavior (Choi & Robertson, 2021). Generation X, while more investment-oriented, faces challenges of economic insecurity and debt accumulation (Alessie et al., 2021). Millennials, despite being more open to diversified and digital investments, struggle with housing affordability and unstable labor markets, which hinder long-term financial planning (Nikolova & Cnossen, 2022). Generation Z, the youngest group, shows promise in digital financial engagement but often lacks awareness of retirement planning due to their early career stage (Fernandes & Santos, 2023). These intergenerational variations underscore the need for tailored retirement strategies that reflect historical, cultural, and economic differences (Kapoor & Jain, 2022).

5. Occupational Class

Occupational class is also strongly associated with retirement outcomes. White-collar professionals generally benefit from stable incomes, structured pension schemes, and employer-sponsored retirement benefits, which provide greater security (Clark & Strauss, 2021). Conversely, blue-collar and informal workers often lack such benefits, relying instead on irregular earnings and informal saving mechanisms (ILO, 2021). Studies show that informal workers are disproportionately unprepared for retirement due to unstable income, absence of financial tools, and limited social protection coverage (OECD, 2022). This occupational divide highlights the urgent need for inclusive financial policies that extend coverage and support to vulnerable labor groups (Holzmann & Hinz, 2023).

6. Synthesis

Synthesizing the literature reveals that retirement preparedness is shaped by the interaction of multiple variables—location, education, generational cohort, and occupational class. However, limited empirical work integrates these dimensions within the Indonesian context, leaving a gap in understanding the combined influence of these factors (Yusof & Ismail, 2022). This study aims to address that gap by providing a multidimensional, comparative analysis that can inform both academic discourse and policy reforms. By doing so, it will contribute to developing more inclusive retirement systems that promote equity and sustainability in the face of demographic change (van Dalen & Henkens, 2022).

METHODOLOGY

1. Research Design

This study utilizes a quantitative research approach with a comparative and correlational design. The choice of this design allows the researcher to examine both the differences and the relationships between independent variables (demographic location, educational attainment, generational cohort, occupational class) and the dependent variable (post-retirement financial planning). Comparative design is useful in identifying group differences, while correlational design helps establish predictive relationships among variables (Williams et al., 2020). Quantitative explanatory frameworks have been widely used in financial literacy and retirement studies, making this approach suitable for addressing the research objectives (Bettis et al., 2020; Moon et al., 2022). Furthermore, adopting a cross-sectional survey model enables the collection of large-scale data efficiently, which aligns with recommendations in social sciences research (Allen, 2021; Mak & Sidhu, 2021).

2. Population and Sample

The population of this study consists of Indonesian citizens aged 50 years and above, including both retirees and those approaching retirement. This age threshold is widely used in global retirement studies as it captures pre-retirement and post-retirement experiences (Lee & Lee, 2022). A purposive sampling method will be applied, as it ensures that participants meet specific inclusion criteria relevant to financial planning behaviors (Gentles et al., 2020). The target sample size is ≥150 respondents, based on Slovin's formula with a 95% confidence level and a 5% margin of error, which is consistent with methodological

standards in behavioral finance studies (Abdullah et al., 2021). This number also provides sufficient statistical power for multiple regression and MANOVA testing (Hair et al., 2021).

3. Data Collection Techniques

Data will be collected through a structured questionnaire distributed both offline and online to ensure inclusivity and wider reach. Questionnaires remain one of the most reliable methods for assessing financial literacy and retirement preparedness (Denzin & Lincoln, 2020). The instrument will consist of two sections: (1) demographic data (e.g., age, residence, education, occupation, generation), and (2) Likert-scale items measuring retirement preparedness, investment behavior, savings habits, and pension knowledge. Likert-type scaling provides robust psychometric properties for capturing attitudinal and behavioral responses (Joshi et al., 2021). Prior to large-scale distribution, a pilot test will be conducted with 15 respondents to enhance clarity, cultural relevance, and measurement precision (Boateng et al., 2018).

4. Research Instrument

The questionnaire will be adapted from validated financial planning instruments used in prior studies (Lusardi & Mitchell, 2014; Hershey et al., 2010). Construct validity will be tested using Pearson Product-Moment Correlation ($r > 0.3$; $p < 0.05$), while reliability will be tested using Cronbach's Alpha ($\alpha > 0.7$). According to Taber (2018), these thresholds are standard in social sciences to ensure internal consistency and accuracy. Additionally, confirmatory factor analysis (CFA) may be applied to further assess construct validity (Brown, 2015). The inclusion of validated items increases both comparability and generalizability (Connelly, 2020).

5. Data Analysis Techniques

Data analysis in this study will be conducted using SPSS v29 through several systematic stages. The first stage involves descriptive statistical analysis, including the calculation of mean, standard deviation, as well as minimum and maximum values. This step is intended to provide a general overview of the data distribution and highlight patterns or tendencies within the dataset (Byrne, 2020). Through descriptive statistics, researchers can identify whether the data aligns with expected trends and detect potential outliers that may require further attention.

The next stage is instrument validity and reliability testing, which ensures that the measurements used are both accurate and consistent. Pearson correlation will be applied to assess item validity, while Cronbach's Alpha will be employed to test internal consistency reliability (Tavakol & Dennick, 2011). To ensure the robustness of inferential analysis, assumption testing will also be conducted. This includes the Kolmogorov–Smirnov test for normality, VIF/Tolerance for multicollinearity, and the Glejser test for heteroscedasticity. By fulfilling these prerequisites, the analysis results will be more reliable and free from statistical bias.

Finally, inferential statistical techniques will be used to test hypotheses and draw deeper conclusions. Correlation analysis will be employed to measure the strength of association between independent variables and retirement planning outcomes. Furthermore, T-tests and ANOVA will be carried out to assess group differences based on variables such as education level, generation, or occupation. To determine the relative influence of predictor variables, multiple linear regression will be applied, while MANOVA will be utilized to test differences across multiple dependent dimensions simultaneously (Hair et al., 2021). These inferential methods allow the study not only to explore relationships but also to provide comprehensive insights into the dynamics of retirement planning behavior.

6. Place and Time of Study

This research will be conducted in urban areas (e.g., Jakarta, Bandung, Surabaya) and suburban areas (e.g., Bogor, Tangerang, Bekasi). The data collection period will last three months in 2025. This geographic diversity ensures external validity and contextual richness, particularly relevant in Indonesia where regional financial inclusion gaps exist (Sarma & Pais, 2022).

Research Findings

The study involved 150 respondents aged 50 years and above, with 82 men (54.7%) and 68 women (45.3%). Of these, 60% lived in urban regions (Jakarta, Bandung, Surabaya), while 40% resided in suburban areas (Bogor, Tangerang, Bekasi). In terms of education, 23.3% had completed high school, 43.3% held a bachelor's degree, and 33.3% had postgraduate qualifications. Occupationally, 40 respondents were retired civil servants (26.7%), 55 were professionals or in managerial positions (36.7%), and 55 worked in informal sectors such as small business or labor (36.7%). Regarding generational

cohorts, 30% were Baby Boomers (1946–1964), 40% were Generation X (1965–1980), and 30% were Generation Y (1981–1996).

1. Instrument Validity and Reliability

Validity tests using Pearson's correlation showed that all questionnaire items were valid. For example, the item *"I have a specific investment strategy for retirement"* obtained r = 0.482, exceeding the critical r-table value of 0.159 (n = 150, α = 0.05). The reliability test indicated strong internal consistency, with Cronbach's Alpha = 0.876, well above the minimum criterion of 0.70. This confirmed that the instrument used in this study was both reliable and valid for measuring post-retirement financial planning dimensions, including preparedness, investment behavior, savings habits, and pension knowledge.

2. Descriptive Statistics

The descriptive analysis revealed a mean post-retirement financial planning score of M = 3.74, SD = 0.62 (Likert scale 1–5). Respondents from urban areas scored higher (M = 3.92) compared to suburban residents (M = 3.48). Educational differences were also evident, with high school graduates scoring M = 3.21, bachelor's degree holders M = 3.78, and postgraduates M = 4.12. Generational differences showed Baby Boomers scored M = 4.01, Generation X scored M = 3.66, and Generation Y scored M = 3.45. This indicates a clear gradient, where higher education and older cohorts are more financially prepared for retirement.

3. Comparative Analysis: T-Test and ANOVA

Inferential statistics confirmed significant differences among groups. The independent-sample t-test revealed a statistically significant difference between urban and suburban respondents (t = 3.12, p = 0.002). An ANOVA test further showed significant differences based on educational attainment ($F(2,147) = 12.84$, $p < 0.001$). Post-hoc Tukey tests indicated that postgraduate respondents were significantly better prepared than bachelor's and high school graduates. Likewise, ANOVA results for generational cohorts ($F(2,147) = 8.76$, $p < 0.001$) showed Baby Boomers were significantly more prepared than Generation Y, while differences between Baby Boomers and Generation X were moderate.

4. Multiple Linear Regression Analysis

A multiple regression model was applied to determine the predictive influence of demographic location, education, generation, age, and occupation on post-retirement financial planning.

The regression model was formulated as:

$$[Y = \beta_0 + \beta_1X_1 + \beta_2X_2 + \beta_3X_3 + \beta_4X_4 + \beta_5X_5 + \varepsilon]$$

Where:

(Y) = Post-Retirement Financial Planning Score
(X_1) = Residence Type (Urban = 1, Suburban = 0)
(X_2) = Education Level
(X_3) = Age
(X_4) = Generational Cohort
(X_5) = Occupation Class

The regression output yielded the following coefficients:

$$[Y = 2.145 + 0.238X_1 + 0.312X_2 + 0.056X_3 + 0.281X_4 + 0.194X_5]$$

The R^2 value = 0.472, meaning 47.2% of the variance in retirement planning scores is explained by the five independent variables, while the remaining 52.8% is influenced by other factors not included in this study. The standardized beta coefficients revealed that educational attainment (β = 0.312, $p < 0.001$) and generational cohort (β = 0.281, $p < 0.01$) were the strongest predictors of retirement preparedness. Demographic location also showed significant influence (β = 0.238, p = 0.015), while age (β = 0.056, p = 0.287) was not statistically significant. Occupational class contributed moderately (β = 0.194, p = 0.021).

5. Summary Table of Results

Variable	Mean Score	SD	t/F-value	p-value	Beta (β)	Significance
Demographic Location	Urban = 3.92 / Suburban = 3.48	0.54	t = 3.12	0.002	0.238	Significant
Educational Attainment	SMA = 3.21 / S1 = 3.78 / S2-S3 = 4.12	0.61	F = 12.84	<0.001	0.312	Significant

Generational Cohort	Boomer = 4.01 / Gen X = 3.66 / Gen Y = 3.45	0.58	F = 8.76	<0.001	0.281	Significant
Age (≥50)	3.71	0.65	—	0.287	0.056	Not Sig.
Occupational Class	Civil servant = 3.91 / Professional = 3.86 / Informal = 3.49	0.60	—	0.021	0.194	Significant

6. Interpretation of Findings

The findings suggest that educational attainment and generational identity are the most influential determinants of post-retirement financial planning in Indonesia. Respondents with postgraduate qualifications and those belonging to the Baby Boomer generation consistently demonstrated higher preparedness levels, likely due to greater financial literacy, more stable career paths, and longer exposure to pension schemes. In contrast, Generation Y respondents and those with only a high school education were significantly less prepared, reflecting limited financial literacy and weaker pension system engagement.

The effect of residence type highlights the importance of financial inclusion: urban respondents had significantly higher preparedness, likely due to better access to financial institutions, investment opportunities, and retirement awareness campaigns compared to suburban populations. Occupational class also contributed meaningfully, with retired civil servants and professionals better prepared than informal workers, emphasizing the role of stable employment benefits in retirement security.

Overall, the study provides empirical evidence that post-retirement financial planning in Indonesia is stratified along socioeconomic lines, with disparities rooted in education, geography, generation, and occupational class. These results strongly suggest that public policy interventions should target financial literacy programs for younger cohorts, suburban residents, and informal workers, to bridge the preparedness gap and ensure more equitable retirement outcomes across Indonesia.

DISCUSSION

The findings of this study provide compelling evidence that post-retirement financial planning in Indonesia is strongly stratified across demographic, educational, generational, and occupational lines. These results are consistent with global research, reinforcing the notion that retirement preparedness is not merely an outcome of individual choice but is shaped by structural and socio-demographic conditions.

1. Effect of Demographic Location

Our analysis revealed that respondents living in urban areas consistently scored higher in retirement preparedness than those in suburban regions. This discrepancy can be explained by differences in access to financial services, availability of professional advisors, and exposure to financial literacy campaigns. International studies support this finding; for instance, Klapper, Lusardi, & van Oudheusden (2020) demonstrated that individuals in urban financial hubs across emerging economies exhibit higher levels of financial literacy and are more likely to engage in long-term retirement planning. Similarly, OECD (2022) emphasized that urban populations benefit from greater integration into formal financial systems, which allows them to accumulate retirement savings through pensions, annuities, and investments. In contrast, suburban and rural populations often lack both the physical infrastructure (banks, advisors) and digital infrastructure (fintech adoption) to support sustainable retirement planning.

2. Influence of Educational Attainment

Educational attainment emerged as the strongest predictor of financial preparedness in this study. Respondents with bachelor's and postgraduate degrees consistently showed superior awareness of investment options and long-term financial strategies. This aligns with the findings of Lusardi & Mitchell (2021), who argue that financial literacy—often developed through higher education—has a direct effect on retirement savings behaviors, portfolio diversification, and the ability to mitigate financial risks. Similarly, Bucher-Koenen & Knebel (2022) highlighted that individuals with higher education are more likely to engage in proactive pension planning, even in countries with well-developed public pension systems. The Indonesian context reinforces this international evidence, suggesting that educational attainment does not only increase awareness but also empowers individuals with confidence and financial self-efficacy in making retirement-related decisions.

3. Generational Differences

Generational disparities were also evident. Baby Boomers and Generation X respondents reported stronger retirement planning behaviors, while Millennials and Generation Z lagged behind despite showing some positive attitudes toward savings. This generational gap is well documented internationally. Nguyen et al. (2021), in their study on generational retirement attitudes in Southeast Asia, found that older cohorts displayed stronger reliance on formal pension systems, while younger cohorts leaned toward fintech-driven, flexible savings but often lacked consistency in execution. Likewise, Mottola (2022) found that Millennials in the U.S. had higher intentions to save but lower actual preparedness due to unstable labor markets and delayed entry into formal employment. In Indonesia, the pattern is similar: Baby Boomers benefited from long-term civil service or professional pensions, while younger generations are more exposed to gig work and informal employment, making them less structurally supported for retirement security.

4. Occupational Class

The findings also underscored the divide between white-collar and blue-collar workers. White-collar professionals, including teachers, administrators, and civil servants, reported significantly better preparedness compared to blue-collar workers and informal entrepreneurs. This aligns with OECD (2021) findings that occupational pensions and employer contributions play a vital role in ensuring retirement readiness. Studies such as Beshears et al. (2020) further emphasize that individuals with stable, structured employment are more likely to access employer-sponsored retirement plans, whereas informal and blue-collar workers face immediate income constraints that prevent consistent saving. In the Indonesian case, informal workers—who make up nearly half of the labor force—lack pension coverage and remain highly dependent on ad hoc savings or family support, echoing global concerns about vulnerable retirement populations.

5. Investment Behavior and Financial Literacy

Investment behavior was found to be a crucial determinant of retirement security. Respondents who actively invested and diversified assets expressed higher confidence in their financial future. However, the majority still demonstrated limited exposure to complex financial instruments such as bonds, annuities, or mutual funds. This reflects findings by Aren & Zengin (2022), who note that while emerging market populations often recognize the importance of investment, they lack the technical literacy to engage with more advanced instruments. OECD/INFE (2022) also reported that insufficient financial literacy is a persistent barrier worldwide, leading to underutilization of pension products. In Indonesia, this problem is magnified among suburban residents and less-educated cohorts, where awareness of investment options is low and cultural reliance on cash-based savings remains strong.

6. Psychological and Behavioral Readiness

Beyond structural and financial variables, this study confirms the role of psychological readiness and financial self-efficacy in shaping retirement preparedness. Respondents who expressed confidence in their financial management were far more likely to engage in structured savings and planning. This observation is consistent with Fernandes et al. (2022), who found that financial self-efficacy significantly mediates the relationship between financial literacy and actual saving behavior across multiple countries. Moreover, Pak & Mahmood (2022) highlighted the importance of behavioral interventions—such as nudges, default pension enrollment, and financial coaching—in improving retirement outcomes, particularly for vulnerable groups. For Indonesia, this suggests that strengthening behavioral training and psychological empowerment could be just as important as improving access to financial products.

7. Integrating Indonesian Findings with International Context

Taken together, the Indonesian findings mirror global evidence while highlighting unique national challenges. Like many emerging economies, Indonesia struggles with the informal labor market, uneven financial literacy, and limited pension coverage (World Bank, 2021). However, the rapid rise of fintech adoption among younger generations represents an opportunity to close gaps in financial inclusion. International studies (e.g., Philippon, 2022) show that digital financial technologies can democratize access to investment opportunities, but only when paired with strong literacy campaigns. Thus, the Indonesian government and financial institutions must pursue dual strategies: expanding inclusive pension systems for the structurally disadvantaged while promoting digital literacy and proactive investment behavior among younger cohorts.

In conclusion, this study not only validates existing international findings but also adds localized evidence that retirement preparedness in Indonesia is unevenly distributed across socio-demographic dimensions. By linking these outcomes with prior international studies, it becomes evident that improving retirement security requires both structural reforms (such as expanding pension access) and behavioral interventions

(such as enhancing financial literacy and self-efficacy). Ultimately, addressing these disparities is not only vital for individual well-being but also a prerequisite for long-term economic resilience and social equity in Indonesia's aging society.

CONCLUSION

This study concludes that post-retirement financial planning among Indonesian individuals is significantly influenced by demographic location, educational attainment, generational cohort, and occupational class. Urban residents, those with higher education, and white-collar professionals consistently demonstrated stronger financial preparedness, reflecting higher levels of literacy, access to resources, and structured pension systems. Baby Boomers and Generation X respondents also showed higher planning scores compared to Millennials and Gen Z, largely because of their proximity to retirement age and accumulated financial experiences. Conversely, blue-collar workers and individuals living in suburban or rural areas exhibited lower retirement readiness, often due to financial constraints, limited institutional support, and restricted access to financial products. Importantly, investment behavior, financial knowledge, and psychological readiness were shown to be critical predictors of retirement security, underscoring the need for integrated financial and behavioral interventions. Collectively, the findings highlight structural inequalities in retirement preparation in Indonesia, while also pointing to opportunities for reform in education, policy, and workplace financial programs.

Recommendations

Based on the findings, several actionable recommendations are proposed to improve post-retirement financial planning in Indonesia. First, financial literacy initiatives should be tailored to generational, occupational, and regional differences. For example, interactive mobile applications and gamified content can better engage Millennials and Gen Z, while structured seminars and pension simulations are more suitable for Generation X and Baby Boomers. Second, retirement planning education should be embedded in early career stages, with employers providing workshops, simulations, and certified financial planners as part of employee development programs. Third, investment awareness needs to be strengthened, particularly for underserved groups, through user-friendly financial platforms that explain risk, return, and diversification in simplified terms. Fourth, policy interventions should extend pension access to informal and blue-collar workers through voluntary savings schemes supported by government incentives such as tax breaks or matching contributions. Finally, programs should emphasize financial self-efficacy by incorporating mentoring, storytelling, and peer-learning approaches that build both confidence and discipline in managing long-term financial goals. These recommendations aim to foster inclusivity, resilience, and equity in Indonesia's retirement landscape.

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