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The objective of this research is to study the mental health status, physical health, daily self-care, family relations and community participation of the elderly in Lopburi province. The sample consisted of 367 aging people who live in 3 municipal areas in Lopburi province (Amphor Muang Lopburi, Amphor Muang Ban-Mie and Tumbol Khok-Samrong). The data collection was based on structured interview concerning physical health, daily self-care, family relations, community participation and mental health status. The SPSS/PC⁺ program was used to analyze the data which included frequencies, percentiles, arithmetic means, ranges, standard deviation, Pearson's Product Moment Correlation coefficients and Stepwise Multiple Regression Analysis.

The results reveal the most of the elderly had moderately good mental health status. Physical health, daily self-care, family relations and community participation were directly related to the mental health status. Daily self-care, physical health, community participations and family relations accounted for 33.12 % of the variance of mental health of the elderly.