EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The “digital divide” continues to draw attention in traditional media outlets and academic research. Those yearning to join the computer revolution include groups defined by wealth, ethnicity, country, region, and age. While there has been research into the digital divide in all of these areas, the focus of our research is Information Technology (IT) use by the elderly. In this paper we look at what has been recently published in the top MIS journals on this topic, and some of what has been published in related journals. We also suggest some motivations for this research and some potential future research.

Keywords: Computers, Senior citizens, Information Technology, Digital divide, Elderly use of IT