

Table 26 (page 1 of 2). Life expectancy at birth and at 65 years of age, according to sex: Selected countries, selected years 1980–1998

[Data are based on reporting by countries]

Country	Male						Female							
	1980	1990	1995	1997	1998	1998	1980	1990	1995	1997	1998	1998		
At birth	Life expectancy in years						Rank	Life expectancy in years						Rank
Australia	71.0	73.9	75.0	75.6	75.9	7	78.1	80.1	80.8	81.3	81.5	8		
Austria	69.0	72.3	73.5	74.3	74.7	19	76.1	78.9	80.1	80.6	80.9	11		
Belgium	70.0	72.7	73.4	74.1	74.3	21	76.8	79.4	80.2	80.6	80.5	17		
Bulgaria	68.5	68.3	67.4	67.0	67.4	34	73.9	75.0	74.9	73.8	74.7	35		
Canada	71.7	74.4	75.1	75.8	76.0	6	78.9	80.8	81.1	81.3	81.5	8		
Chile	---	71.1	71.8	72.1	72.3	28	---	76.9	77.8	78.1	78.3	28		
Costa Rica	71.8	74.7	74.0	74.5	74.8	16	77.0	79.1	78.6	79.5	79.3	23		
Cuba	72.2	74.6	75.4	75.7	75.8	9	---	76.9	77.7	78.0	78.2	29		
Czech Republic ¹	66.8	67.6	69.7	70.5	71.1	31	73.9	75.4	76.6	77.5	78.1	30		
Denmark	71.2	72.0	72.7	73.6	73.9	23	77.3	77.7	77.8	78.4	78.8	27		
England and Wales	70.8	73.1	74.2	74.9	75.1	15	76.8	78.8	79.5	79.8	80.0	19		
Finland	69.2	70.9	72.8	73.4	73.5	25	77.6	78.9	80.2	80.5	80.8	12		
France	70.2	72.7	73.9	74.6	74.8	16	78.4	81.0	81.9	82.3	82.4	3		
Germany ²	69.6	72.0	73.3	74.0	74.5	20	76.1	78.4	79.7	80.3	80.6	14		
Greece	72.2	74.6	75.0	75.6	75.5	10	76.8	79.5	80.3	80.8	80.6	14		
Hong Kong	71.6	74.6	76.0	77.2	77.4	1	77.9	80.3	81.5	83.2	83.0	2		
Hungary	65.5	65.1	65.3	66.4	66.1	36	72.7	73.7	74.5	75.1	75.2	34		
Ireland	70.1	72.1	72.9	73.4	73.5	25	75.6	80.3	78.4	78.6	79.1	25		
Israel	72.2	75.1	75.5	76.1	76.2	5	75.8	78.5	79.5	80.4	80.6	14		
Italy	71.1	73.8	75.0	75.9	75.9	7	77.7	80.5	81.6	82.1	82.2	5		
Japan	73.4	75.9	76.4	77.2	77.2	2	78.8	81.9	82.9	83.8	84.0	1		
Netherlands	72.5	73.8	74.6	75.2	75.2	13	79.2	80.1	80.4	80.6	80.7	13		
New Zealand	70.0	72.4	74.2	74.9	75.2	13	76.3	78.3	79.5	80.1	80.4	18		
Northern Ireland	68.3	72.2	73.3	74.3	74.3	21	75.0	77.9	78.8	79.5	79.8	20		
Norway	72.3	73.4	74.8	75.4	75.5	10	79.2	79.8	80.8	81.0	81.3	10		
Poland	66.0	66.5	67.6	68.5	68.9	32	74.4	75.5	76.4	77.0	77.3	32		
Portugal	67.7	70.4	71.2	71.6	71.7	29	75.2	77.4	78.6	78.8	78.9	26		
Puerto Rico	70.8	69.1	69.6	73.9	71.4	30	76.9	77.2	78.9	78.5	79.3	23		
Romania	66.6	66.6	65.5	65.3	66.3	35	71.9	73.1	73.5	73.4	73.8	36		
Russian Federation	61.4	63.8	58.3	61.0	61.4	37	73.0	74.4	71.7	73.0	73.3	37		
Scotland	69.0	71.2	72.1	72.6	72.6	27	75.2	76.9	77.6	78.0	78.1	30		
Singapore	69.8	73.1	74.2	74.9	75.3	12	74.7	77.6	78.6	79.1	79.4	22		
Slovakia ¹	66.8	66.6	68.4	66.6	68.7	33	74.3	75.8	76.5	77.0	77.0	33		
Spain	72.5	73.3	74.3	74.9	74.8	16	78.6	80.4	81.5	81.9	82.2	5		
Sweden	72.8	74.8	75.9	76.7	76.9	3	78.8	80.4	81.3	81.8	81.9	7		
Switzerland	72.8	74.0	75.3	76.3	76.3	4	79.6	80.7	81.7	82.1	82.4	3		
United States	70.0	71.8	72.5	73.6	73.8	24	77.4	78.8	78.9	79.4	79.5	21		

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Country	Male						Female							
	1980	1990	1995	1997	1998	1998	1980	1990	1995	1997	1998	1998		
At 65 years	Life expectancy in years						Rank	Life expectancy in years						Rank
Australia	13.7	15.2	15.7	16.1	16.3	7	17.9	19.0	19.5	19.8	20.0	8		
Austria	12.9	14.4	15.2	15.4	15.6	15	16.3	18.0	18.7	19.1	19.3	12		
Belgium	13.0	14.3	14.8	15.2	15.2	18	16.9	18.5	19.1	19.4	19.3	12		
Bulgaria	12.7	12.9	12.8	12.4	12.5	32	14.7	15.4	15.4	14.9	15.1	34		
Canada	14.5	15.7	16.0	16.2	16.3	7	18.9	19.9	20.0	20.0	20.1	7		
Chile	---	14.6	14.9	15.1	15.1	20	---	17.6	18.1	18.3	18.4	22		
Costa Rica	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---		
Cuba	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---		
Czech Republic ¹	11.2	11.6	12.7	13.2	13.4	28	14.3	15.2	16.1	16.6	16.9	29		
Denmark	13.6	14.0	14.1	14.6	14.8	23	17.6	17.8	17.5	17.9	18.1	23		
England and Wales	12.9	14.2	14.8	15.2	15.5	16	16.9	18.1	18.5	19.8	18.7	19		
Finland	12.5	13.7	14.5	15.0	14.9	21	16.5	17.7	18.6	18.9	19.1	15		
France	13.6	15.6	16.1	16.3	16.4	5	18.2	19.9	20.6	20.9	20.9	2		
Germany ²	13.0	14.0	14.7	15.2	15.3	17	16.7	17.6	18.5	18.9	19.0	16		
Greece	14.6	15.7	16.1	16.5	16.4	5	16.8	18.0	18.4	18.9	18.7	19		
Hong Kong	13.9	15.3	16.2	16.9	17.1	1	13.9	18.8	19.5	21.1	20.7	3		
Hungary	11.6	12.0	12.1	12.2	12.2	33	14.6	15.3	15.8	15.9	16.0	31		
Ireland	12.6	13.3	13.6	14.1	14.2	26	15.7	16.9	17.3	17.5	17.7	25		
Israel	14.4	15.9	16.0	16.6	16.6	3	15.8	17.8	18.0	18.9	18.9	17		
Italy	13.9	15.1	16.0	16.3	16.1	11	17.4	19.1	20.0	20.3	20.4	5		
Japan	14.6	16.2	16.5	17.0	17.1	1	17.7	20.0	20.9	21.8	22.0	1		
Netherlands	13.7	14.1	14.4	14.7	14.7	24	18.7	18.6	18.7	18.8	18.8	18		
New Zealand	13.2	14.7	15.4	15.9	16.1	11	17.0	18.3	19.0	19.4	19.5	11		
Northern Ireland	11.9	13.4	14.5	14.8	14.9	21	15.8	17.5	18.0	18.3	18.5	21		
Norway	14.3	14.6	15.5	15.5	15.7	14	18.0	18.6	19.1	19.4	19.6	10		
Poland	12.0	12.4	12.9	13.1	13.4	28	15.5	16.1	16.6	16.8	17.0	28		
Portugal	12.9	13.9	14.3	14.4	14.3	25	16.5	17.0	17.7	17.9	17.9	24		
Puerto Rico	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---		
Romania	12.6	13.3	12.9	12.7	13.0	30	14.2	15.3	15.4	15.3	15.5	32		
Russian Federation	11.6	12.1	11.0	11.4	11.6	34	15.6	15.9	15.1	15.3	15.5	32		
Scotland	12.3	13.1	13.7	14.0	14.2	26	16.2	16.8	17.1	17.3	17.4	27		
Singapore	12.6	14.5	14.6	15.0	15.2	18	15.4	16.9	17.3	17.5	17.7	25		
Slovakia ¹	12.3	12.2	12.7	12.7	12.9	31	---	16.1	16.3	16.6	16.6	30		
Spain	14.8	15.4	16.0	16.1	16.3	7	17.9	19.1	19.8	20.0	20.3	6		
Sweden	14.3	15.3	16.0	16.2	16.3	7	17.9	19.0	19.7	19.9	20.0	8		
Switzerland	14.4	15.3	16.1	16.5	16.6	3	17.9	19.4	20.2	20.4	20.5	4		
United States	14.1	15.1	15.6	15.9	16.0	13	18.3	18.9	18.9	19.2	19.2	14		

--- Data not available.

¹In 1993 Czechoslovakia was divided into two Nations, the Czech Republic and Slovakia. Data for years prior to 1993 are from the Czech and Slovak regions of Czechoslovakia.

²Until 1990 estimates refer to the Federal Republic of Germany; from 1995 onwards data refer to Germany after reunification.

NOTES: Rankings are from highest to lowest life expectancy (LE) for the most recent year available. Since calculation of LE estimates varies among countries, comparisons among them and their interpretation should be made with caution. See Appendix II, Life expectancy. Countries with the same LE receive the same rank. The country with the next lower LE is assigned the rank it would have received had the higher-ranked countries not been tied, i.e., skip a rank. Some estimates for 1997 were revised and differ from the previous edition of *Health, United States*.

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