



LIFE EXPECTANCY AT BIRTH IN THE PERIOD 2012 - 2014

Life expectancy at birth¹ of the Bulgarian population calculated for the period 2012 - 2014 is 74.7 years. Compared to the previous period (2011 - 2013) it increased by 0.2 years.

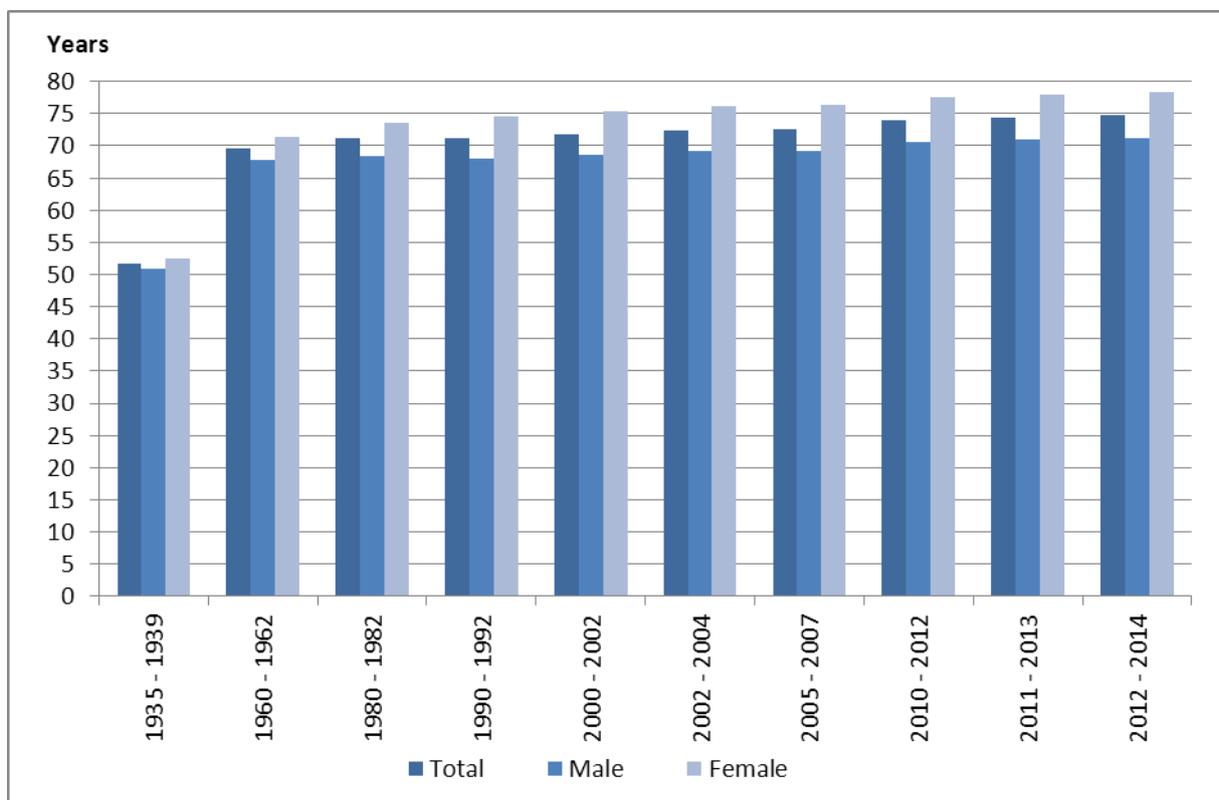
Bulgaria is one of the EU countries with a lowest life expectancy. The only two countries with lower life expectancy than in Bulgaria are - Latvia (74.3 years) and Lithuania (74.1 years). Highest life expectancy at birth is registered in Spain (83.2) and Italy (82.9).

Different mortality rates among male and female, as well as among urban and rural population resulted in differences in the life expectancy at birth for these population categories.

Life expectancy at birth for male population is 71.2 years, while for female it is 7.1 years higher - 78.3 years.

Between 2004 and 2014, the life expectancy at birth increased by 2.1 years both for female and male.

Figure 1. Life expectancy at birth by sex and periods



¹ Life expectancy at birth indicates the average expected duration of a life of a newborn under the hypothesis for a constant intensity of the age specific mortality observed for the respective year.

Detailed information on life expectancy at birth by ages is published at the NSI website, heading "Population and demographic processes", theme 'Life tables'.



Life expectancy of the urban population (75.5 years) is 2.7 years higher than of rural (72.8 years). Compared to 2004, an increase of 2.7 years is observed for the urban population and of 1.5 years - for the rural.

1. Life expectancy at birth by residence

Periods	Total	Urban	Rural
2002 - 2004	72.43	72.81	71.36
2003 - 2005	72.55	72.85	72.61
2004 - 2006	72.61	73.00	71.50
2005 - 2007	72.67	73.02	71.53
2006 - 2008	73.01	73.42	71.82
2007 - 2009	73.43	73.88	72.22
2008 - 2010	73.58	74.01	72.30
2009 - 2011	73.83	74.61	72.01
2010 - 2012	74.02	74.92	72.00
2011 - 2013	74.45	75.28	72.60
2012 - 2014	74.69	75.47	72.82

Life expectancy at age 65 is 16.1 years. The respective values for male and female at age 65 are 14.2 and 17.6 years. For ten years period between 2004 and 2014, the life expectancy at age 65 increased by 1.4 years, or 0.9 for male and 1.4 years for female respectively.

2. Life expectancy at birth at age 65 by sex

Periods	Total	Male	Female
2002 - 2004	14.65	13.28	16.21
2003 - 2005	14.75	13.14	16.27
2004 - 2006	14.72	13.07	16.13
2005 - 2007	14.76	13.11	16.22
2006 - 2008	14.89	13.23	16.30
2007 - 2009	15.22	13.51	16.65
2008 - 2010	15.41	13.62	16.87
2009 - 2011	15.54	13.79	16.95
2010 - 2012	15.62	13.86	17.08
2011 - 2013	15.82	13.98	17.35
2012 - 2014	16.05	14.16	17.63

In regional aspect, life expectancy at birth varies from 72.4 years in district Vidin to 76.2 years in district Sofia (stolitsa). Life expectancy is higher than the country average in seven districts. Women live longer than men in all districts, but highest is the difference between sexes in districts Sliven (8.0 years) and Kyustendil (7.8 years), while the smallest is in district Kardzhali - 5.8 years.

Figure 2. Life expectancy at birth by districts

