

LIFE EXPECTANCY AT BIRTH IN THE PERIOD 2017 - 2019

Life expectancy at birth¹ of the Bulgarian population calculated for the period 2017 - 2019 is 74.9 years. Compared to the previous period (2016 - 2018) it increased by 0.1 years.

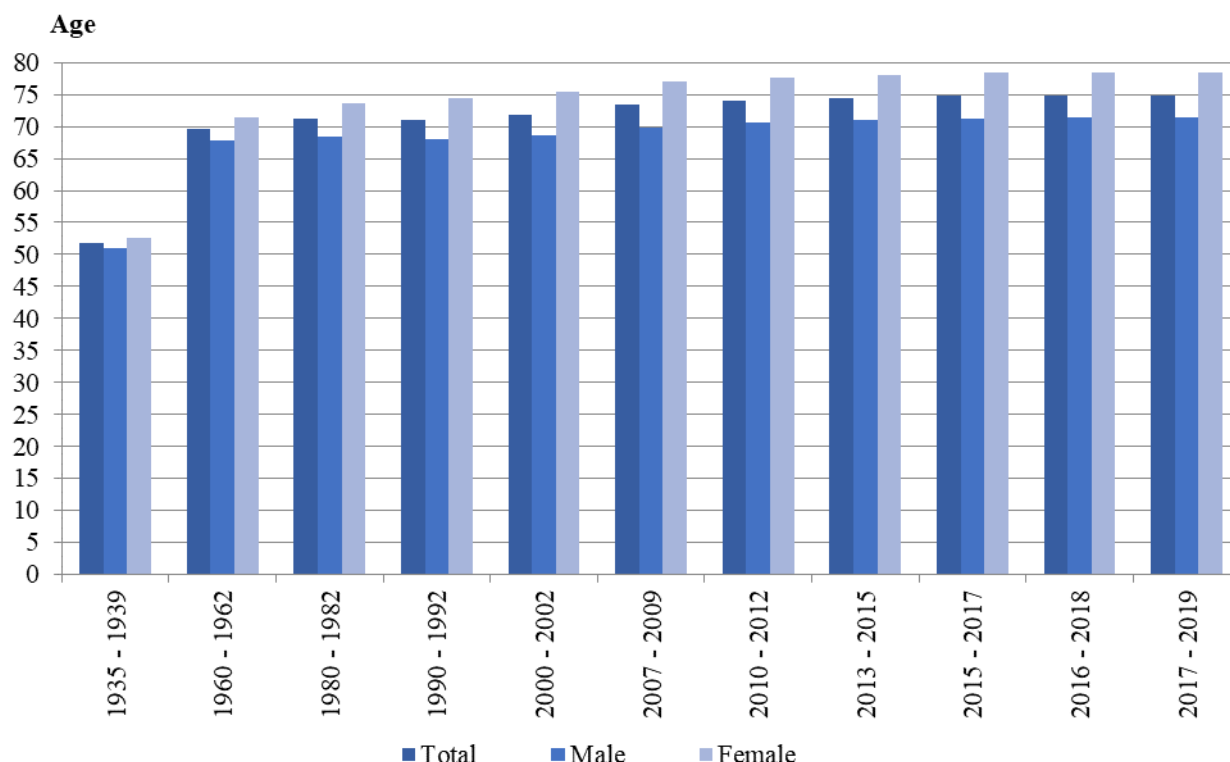
Bulgaria is the country with lowest life expectancy in the EU². Highest life expectancy at birth is registered in Spain (83.5) and Italy (83.4 years).

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 71.5 years, while for female it is 7.0 years higher - 78.5 years.

Between 2009 and 2019, the life expectancy at birth increased for male population by 1.6 years, while for female - by 1.4 years.

Figure 1. Life expectancy at birth by sex and periods



Life expectancy of the urban population (75.8 years) is 3.0 years higher than of the rural (72.8 years). Compared to 2009, an increase of 1.9 years is observed for the urban population and of 0.6 years - for rural.

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'.

² In the international comparisons, data on EU member states refer to 2018. Source: Eurostat - <http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/>.

1. Life expectancy at birth by residence

Period	Total	Urban	Rural
2007 - 2009	73.4	73.9	72.2
2008 - 2010	73.6	74.0	72.3
2009 - 2011	73.8	74.6	72.0
2010 - 2012	74.0	74.9	72.0
2011 - 2013	74.5	75.3	72.6
2012 - 2014	74.7	75.5	72.8
2013 - 2015	74.5	75.3	72.6
2014 - 2016	74.7	75.5	72.6
2015 - 2017	74.8	75.6	72.8
2016 - 2018	74.8	75.7	72.8
2017 - 2019	74.9	75.8	72.8

Life expectancy at age 65 is 16.2 years. The respective values for male and female are 14.1 and 17.9 years. For the period between 2009 and 2019, the life expectancy at age 65 increased by 1.0 years - 0.6 for male and 1.2 years for female.

2. Life expectancy at birth at age 65 by sex

Period	Total	Male	Female
2007 - 2009	15.2	13.5	16.7
2008 - 2010	15.4	13.6	16.9
2009 - 2011	15.5	13.8	17.0
2010 - 2012	15.6	13.9	17.1
2011 - 2013	15.8	14.0	17.4
2012 - 2014	16.1	14.2	17.6
2013 - 2015	16.0	14.1	17.5
2014 - 2016	16.0	14.1	17.6
2015 - 2017	16.1	14.1	17.7
2016 - 2018	16.1	14.1	17.8
2017 - 2019	16.2	14.1	17.9

Life expectancy at birth varies from 72.8 years in districts Vratsa and Sliven to 76.7 years in districts Sofia (stolitsa) and Kardzhali. Life expectancy is higher than the country average in eight districts. Women live longer than men in all country districts, but highest is the difference between sexes in district Kyustendil (8.9 years), while smallest is in district Kardzhali (5.7 years).

Figure 2. Life expectancy at birth by district

