

Overview

Trends in Mean Life Expectancy

(Years)

Calendar Year	Men					Women				
	Age 0	Age 20	Age 40	Age 65	Age 90	Age 0	Age 20	Age 40	Age 65	Age 90
1947	50.06	40.89	26.88	10.16	2.56	53.96	44.87	30.39	12.22	2.45
1950-52	59.57	46.43	29.65	11.35	2.70	62.97	49.58	32.77	13.36	2.72
1955	63.60	48.47	30.85	11.82	2.87	67.75	52.25	34.34	14.13	3.12
1960	65.32	49.08	31.02	11.62	2.69	70.19	53.39	34.90	14.10	2.99
1965	67.74	50.18	31.73	11.88	2.56	72.92	54.85	35.91	14.56	2.96
1970	69.31	51.26	32.68	12.50	2.75	74.66	56.11	37.01	15.34	3.26
1975	71.73	53.27	34.41	13.72	3.05	76.89	58.04	38.76	16.56	3.39
1980	73.35	54.56	35.52	14.56	3.17	78.76	59.66	40.23	17.68	3.55
1985	74.78	55.74	36.63	15.52	3.28	80.48	61.20	41.72	18.94	3.82
1990	75.92	56.77	37.58	16.22	3.51	81.90	62.54	43.00	20.03	4.18
1995	76.38	57.16	37.96	16.48	3.58	82.85	63.46	43.91	20.94	4.64
1997	77.19	57.86	38.62	17.02	3.81	83.82	64.36	44.79	21.75	5.03
1998	77.16	57.85	38.66	17.13	3.86	84.01	64.56	45.01	21.96	5.15
1999	77.10	57.74	38.56	17.02	3.76	83.99	64.50	44.94	21.89	5.05
2000	77.72	58.33	39.13	17.54	4.10	84.60	65.08	45.52	22.42	5.29
2001	78.07	58.64	39.43	17.78	4.19	84.93	65.39	45.82	22.68	5.41
2002	78.32	58.87	39.64	17.96	4.29	85.23	65.69	46.12	22.96	5.56
2003	78.36	58.89	39.67	18.02	4.26	85.33	65.79	46.22	23.04	5.57
2004	78.64	59.15	39.93	18.21	4.36	85.59	66.01	46.44	23.28	5.69
2005	78.56	59.08	39.86	18.13	4.15	85.52	65.93	46.38	23.19	5.53
2006	79.00	59.49	40.25	18.45	4.32	85.81	66.22	46.66	23.44	5.66
2007	79.19	59.66	40.40	18.56	4.40	85.99	66.39	46.82	23.59	5.72
2008	79.29	59.75	40.49	18.60	4.36	86.05	66.45	46.89	23.64	5.71

Sources : "Complete Life Tables"(until 1995, 2000 and 2005), "Abridged Life Tables"(other years), Statistics and Information Department, Minister's Secretariat, MHLW.

Note: The numbers before 1970 exclude those for Okinawa Prefecture. The mean life expectancy at birth (Age 0) is "average life expectancy."

International Comparison of Average Life Expectancy at birth

(years old)

Area	Country	Reference period for the data	Men	Women
North America	Japan	2008	79.29	86.05
	U. S	2006	75.1	80.2
Asia	Israel	2007	78.8	82.5
	Korea	2007	76.1	82.7
Europe	France	2008	77.5	84.3
	Iceland	2008	79.6	83.0
	Italy	2006	78.44	83.98
	Norway	2008	78.31	82.95
	Sweden	2008	79.10	83.15
	Switzerland	2007	79.4	84.2
	U. K.	2005-2007	77.2	81.5
Oceania	Australia	2005-2007	79.0	83.7

Note: Sources are provided by the relevant governments