



LIFE EXPECTANCY AT BIRTH IN THE PERIOD 2011 – 2013

Life expectancy at birth¹ of Bulgarian population calculated for the period 2011 - 2013 is 74.5 years. Compared to the previous period (2010 – 2012) it has increased by 0.5 years.

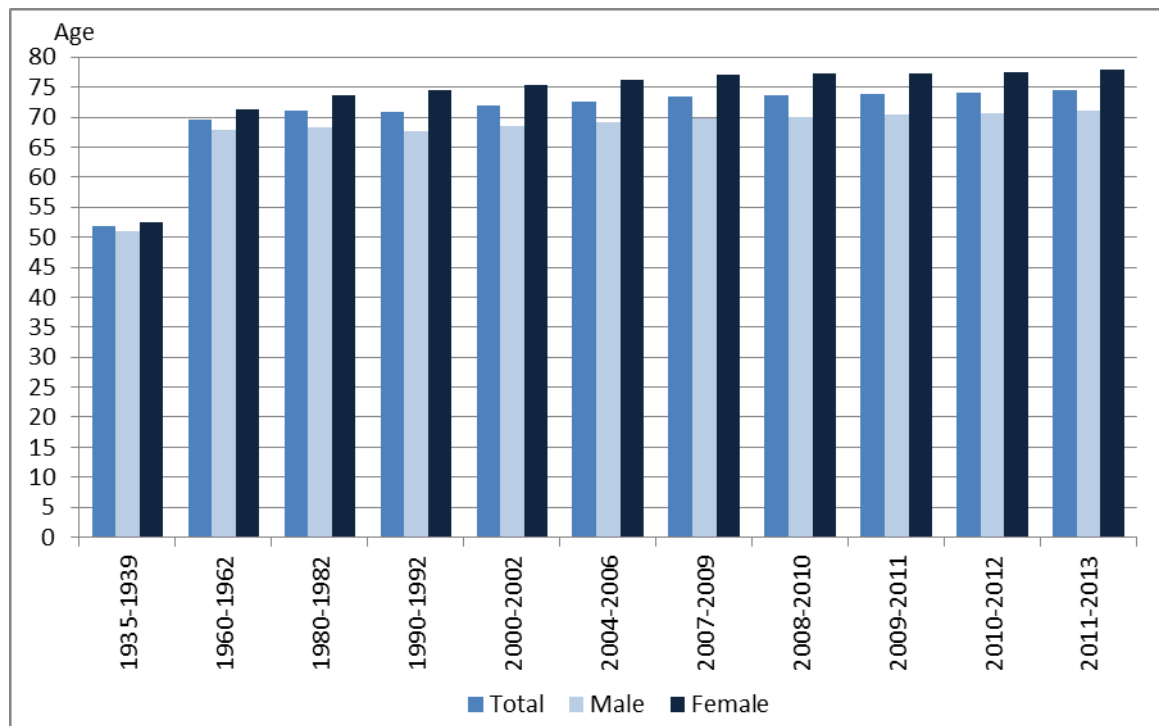
Bulgaria is one of the EU countries with a lowest life expectancy. The only countries where the life expectancy is lower than in Bulgaria are Lithuania and Latvia - 71.1 years in both. Highest life expectancy at birth is registered in Spain (82.5) and Italy (82.4).

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

Life expectancy at birth for male population is 71.0 years, while for female - it is 7 years higher - 78.0 years.

In the ten years between 2003 and 2013, life expectancy at birth rose by 2.4 years for women and by 2.3 years for man.

Graph 1. Life expectancy at birth by sex and periods



Life expectancy for urban population (75.3 years) is 2.7 years higher than for rural (72.6 years). Compared to 2003, increase of 2.8 years is observed for urban population and of 1.6 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".



1. Life expectancy at birth by residence

Periods	Total	Urban areas	Rural areas
1992-1994	70.91	71.33	69.50
2000-2002	71.87	72.34	70.68
2001-2003	72.07	72.47	70.96
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

Life expectancy at age 65 is 15.8 years. The respective values for men and women are 14.0 and 17.4 years. In the ten years between 2003 and 2013, life expectancy at age 65 rose by 1.4 years - 1.1 for men and 1.7 years for women.

2. Life expectancy at birth at age 65 by sex

Periods	Total	Male	Female
2001-2003	14.40	12.90	15.66
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

In regional aspect, life expectancy at birth varies from 72.3 years in district Vratsa to 76.0 years in district Sofia-stolitsa. Life expectancy is higher than the country average in eight districts. Women live longer than men in all country districts, but highest gap between the sexes is observed in districts Sliven (7.9 years) and Kyustendil (7.7), and smallest in district Kardzhali – 5.7 years.



Graph 2. Life expectancy at birth by districts

