



LIFE EXPECTANCY AT BIRTH IN THE PERIOD 2013 - 2015

Life expectancy at birth¹ of the Bulgarian population calculated for the period 2013 - 2015 is 74.5 years. Compared to the previous period (2012 - 2014) it decreased by 0.2 years.

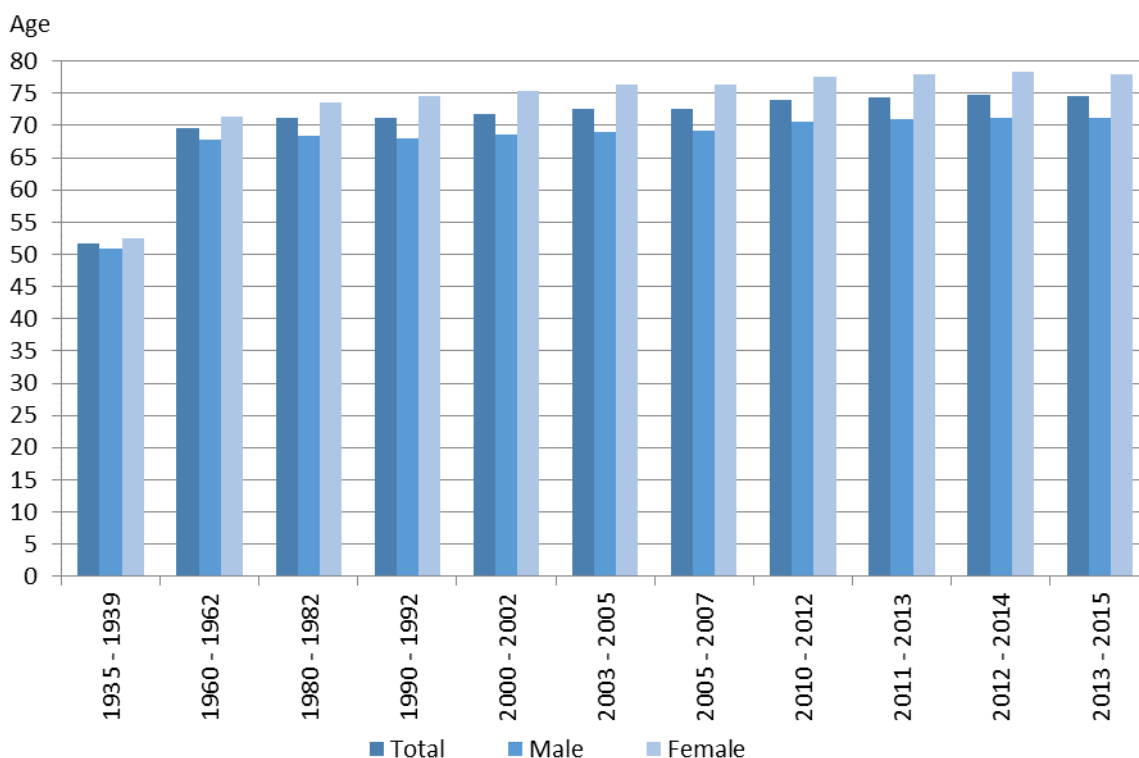
Bulgaria is one of the EU countries with a lowest life expectancy. The only countries where the life expectancy is lower than in Bulgaria are Latvia - 74.5 and Lithuania - 74.7 years. Highest life expectancy at birth is registered in Spain (83.3) and Italy (83.2 years).

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 71.1 years, while for female it is 6.9 years higher - 78.0 years.

Between 2005 and 2015, the life expectancy at birth increased by 2.0 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 (75.3 years) is 2.7 years higher than of rural (72.6 years). Compared to 2005, an increase of 2.4 years is observed for the urban population while for rural it remains the same.

1. Life expectancy at birth by residence

Period	Total	Urban	Rural
2003 - 2005	72.6	72.9	72.6
2004 - 2006	72.6	73.0	71.5
2005 - 2007	72.7	73.0	71.5
2006 - 2008	73.0	73.4	71.8
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

Life expectancy at age 65 is 16.0 years. The respective values for male and female are 14.1 and 17.5 years. For the ten-year period between 2005 and 2015, the life expectancy at age 65 increased by 1.4 years - 1.0 for male and 1.2 years for female.

2. Life expectancy at birth at age 65 by sex

Period	Total	Male	Female
2003 - 2005	14.6	13.1	16.3
2004 - 2006	14.7	13.1	16.1
2005 - 2007	14.8	13.1	16.2
2006 - 2008	14.9	13.2	16.3
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	17.2
2012 - 2014	16.1	14.2	17.6
2013 - 2015	16.0	14.1	17.5



Life expectancy at birth varies from 72.6 years in district Vidin to 76.5 years in district Kardzhali. Life expectancy is higher than the country average in nine districts. Women live longer than men in all country districts, but highest is the difference between sexes in districts Vratsa (8.3) and Montana (8.0 years), while smallest - in district Kardzhali (6.0 years).

Figure 2. Life expectancy at birth by districts

