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**Mortality**

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Demography

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### Type of the Reporter

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<http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu>

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### Short summary

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The article provides information relating to mortality in the European Union (EU). Life expectancy at birth rose rapidly during the last century due to a number of factors, including reductions in infant mortality, rising living standards, improved lifestyles and better education, as well as advances in healthcare and medicine.

The most commonly used indicator for analysing mortality is that of life expectancy at birth (the mean number of years that a person can expect to live at birth if subjected throughout the rest of his or her life to current mortality conditions). Life expectancy in the EU-27 is generally higher than in most other regions of the world. However, there are differences within the EU itself. The lowest infant mortality rate within the EU-27 in 2011 occurred in Sweden (2.1 deaths per 1 000 live births), Finland (2.4 ‰) and Estonia (2.5 ‰). By contrast, infant mortality rates were approximately four times higher in Romania (9.4 ‰) and Bulgaria (8.5 ‰).

	Total					Men					Women							
	1980	1990	2000	2009	2010	2011	1980	1990	2000	2009	2010	2011	1980	1990	2000	2009	2010	2011
EU-27				19.3						17.3						20.9		
Belgium	15.0	16.8	17.8	19.5	19.6		12.9	14.3	15.6	17.5	17.6		16.8	18.8	19.7	21.1	21.3	
Bulgaria	13.6	14.0	14.1	15.5	15.4	15.8	12.6	12.7	12.7	13.8	13.6	14.0	14.6	15.2	15.3	17.0	17.0	17.3
Czech Republic	13.0	13.7	15.7	17.2	17.4	17.6	11.2	11.7	13.8	15.2	15.5	15.6	14.4	15.3	17.3	18.8	19.0	19.2
Denmark	15.7	16.1	16.9	18.2	18.4	18.8	13.6	14.0	15.2	16.8	17.0	17.3	17.7	17.9	18.3	19.5	19.7	20.1
Germany	14.9	16.3	18.0	19.3	19.5	19.8	12.8	14.0	15.8	17.6	17.8	18.2	16.3	17.7	19.6	20.8	20.9	21.2
Estonia		14.4	15.3	17.1	17.3	17.9		12.0	12.6	14.0	14.2	14.7		15.8	17.0	19.2	19.4	20.0
Ireland		15.2	16.4	19.0	19.7	19.4		13.3	14.6	17.2	18.1	17.9		17.0	18.0	20.6	21.1	20.7
Greece	16.2	16.9	17.3	19.2	19.5	19.7	15.2	15.7	16.1	18.1	18.5	18.5	17.0	18.0	18.4	20.2	20.4	20.7
Spain	16.4	17.6	18.9	20.5	20.8	20.9	14.6	15.5	16.7	18.3	18.6	18.7	17.8	19.3	20.8	22.4	22.7	22.9
France (1)		18.2	19.3	21.2	21.4			15.7	16.8	18.7	18.9			20.2	21.4	23.2	23.4	
Italy		17.2	18.9	20.4				15.2	16.7	18.3				18.9	20.7	22.1		
Cyprus			17.2	19.5	19.7	19.3			15.9	18.1	18.3	18.2			18.3	20.9	21.0	20.3
Latvia				16.3	16.3	16.6				13.4	13.3	13.4				18.2	18.2	18.7
Lithuania	15.3	15.6	16.2	16.4	16.4	17.0	13.4	13.3	13.7	13.4	13.5	14.0	16.6	17.0	17.9	18.4	18.4	19.2
Luxembourg	14.7	16.7	18.1	19.7	19.6	19.8	12.6	14.3	15.5	17.6	17.3	17.8	16.5	18.5	20.1	21.4	21.6	21.6
Hungary	13.3	13.9	15.1	16.4	16.5	16.6	11.6	12.1	13.0	14.0	14.1	14.3	14.7	15.4	16.7	18.2	18.2	18.3
Malta	11.8		16.9	18.8	19.9		10.7		15.1	16.8	18.4		12.8		18.5	20.6	21.1	
Netherlands		17.0	17.5	19.4	19.5	19.8		14.4	15.4	17.6	17.7	18.1		19.1	19.3	21.0	21.0	21.2
Austria	14.9	16.6	18.1	19.6	19.8	20.1	12.9	14.4	16.0	17.7	17.9	18.1	16.3	18.1	19.6	21.2	21.4	21.7
Poland		14.6	15.8	17.3	17.6	17.9		12.4	13.5	14.8	15.1	15.4		16.2	17.5	19.2	19.5	19.9
Portugal	14.7	15.7	17.3	18.9	19.0	20.1	13.1	14.0	15.4	17.1	17.1	18.1	16.1	17.1	18.9	20.5	20.6	21.8
Romania	13.4	14.3	14.8	15.8	15.8	16.1	12.5	13.2	13.4	14.0	14.0	14.3	14.2	15.2	15.9	17.2	17.2	17.5
Slovenia		15.6	16.9	18.8	19.2	19.3		13.3	14.2	16.4	16.8	16.9		17.1	18.7	20.5	21.0	21.1
Slovakia	13.7	14.3	15.0	16.3	16.3	16.8	12.0	12.3	12.9	14.1	14.0	14.5	15.2	16.0	16.7	18.0	18.0	18.4
Finland	15.1	16.2	17.8	19.6	19.7	19.9	12.6	13.8	15.5	17.3	17.5	17.7	17.0	17.8	19.5	21.5	21.5	21.7
Sweden	16.3	17.4	18.6	19.8	19.8	20.0	14.3	15.4	16.7	18.2	18.3	18.5	18.1	19.2	20.2	21.2	21.2	21.3
United Kingdom		17.6	19.6	19.7					15.8	18.1	18.3				19.0	20.8	20.9	
Iceland	17.5	18.1	18.9	19.8	19.9	20.3	15.7	16.4	17.8	18.6	18.3	18.9	19.3	19.8	19.8	21.0	21.5	21.5
Liechtenstein			17.5	20.4	20.7	19.9			15.2	18.4	19.6	17.9			19.5	22.0	21.8	21.8
Norway	16.4	16.8	18.1	19.6	19.7	19.8	14.3	14.6	16.1	18.0	18.0	18.2	18.2	18.7	19.9	21.1	21.2	21.4
Switzerland	16.5	17.7	19.2	20.8	20.8	21.0	14.3	15.3	17.0	19.0	19.0	19.2	18.2	19.7	20.9	22.2	22.4	22.6
Montenegro				15.9	16.2					14.7	15.0					16.9	17.1	
Croatia				16.4	16.6					14.5	14.6					17.9	18.2	
FYR of Macedonia			14.1	14.9	15.0	15.0			13.1	13.9	13.9	14.0			15.1	15.8	16.0	15.9
Turkey				16.9						15.2						18.4		

(1) Excluding French overseas departments before 1991.  
Source: Eurostat (online data code: demo\_mexpec)

## Key trends

- Life expectancy is growing.
- Life expectancy in the EU is higher than in most other regions in the world.
- Life expectancy differs greatly among member states.

## Suggestions

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## Methodology

### Survey

### Reference to other trends reports? If yes, which reports?

EU employment and social situation:

[http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page/portal/product\\_details/publication?p\\_product\\_code=KE-BH-13-0S2](http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page/portal/product_details/publication?p_product_code=KE-BH-13-0S2)

Highly educated men and women likely to live longer:

[http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page/portal/product\\_details/publication?p\\_product\\_code=KS-SF-10-024](http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page/portal/product_details/publication?p_product_code=KS-SF-10-024)

Demographic outlook:

[http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page/portal/product\\_details/publication?p\\_product\\_code=KS-RA-08-013](http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page/portal/product_details/publication?p_product_code=KS-RA-08-013)

Population grows in twenty EU member states:

[http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page/portal/product\\_details/publication?p\\_product\\_code=KS-QA-09-031](http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page/portal/product_details/publication?p_product_code=KS-QA-09-031)

The greying of the baby boomers:

[http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page/portal/product\\_details/publication?p\\_product\\_code=KS-SF-11-023](http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/portal/page/portal/product_details/publication?p_product_code=KS-SF-11-023)