Mortality by Sex and Race

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Source: CDC/NCHS/ Health, US, 2015: Life Expectancy at Birth, 65 and 85 Years of Age, US, Selected Years 1900-2014 (Source: NVSS) Obtained 6-9-16

The life expectancy at birth for the U.S. total population was 78.8 years in 2014. This chart is based on data released by CDC in 2016.

Native Americans and Asian/Pacific Islanders are not charted because of reporting problems. However, Native American men have the lowest life expectancy, 70.4 (65.8 on the Great Plains) (2007-09).⁺ The life expectancy of black males continues to improve, 72.5 years in 2014, up from 72.3 in 2013. Life expectancy for females exceeds that of males in every category.



Life Expectancy at Birth, 2014

Life Expectancy at Birth	2014	1970	1950 [*]	1920[*]
Classification		Life Expectancy		
Population ^{**}	78.8	70.8	68.2	54.1
All females	81.2	74.7	71.1	54.6
All males	76.4	67.1	65.6	53.6
Hispanic females	84.0	***	***	***
White females Non-Hispanic W females	81.4 81.1	75.6	72.2	55.6 ***
Black females Non-Hispanic B females	78.4 78.1	68.3	62.9	45.2 ***
Hispanic males	79.2	***	***	***
White males Non-Hispanic W males	76.7 76.5	68.0 ***	66.5	54.4
Black males Non-Hispanic B males	72.5 72.0	60.0	59.1	45.5 ***

^{*} Life Expectancy, American Indians and Alaska Natives, Data Years: 2007-2009. Indian Health Service, Dec. 2014. Retrieved 6-10-16

^{***} Prior to 2006, data on life expectancy by Hispanic origin were not available



^{*} Life expectancies for the black population for years prior to 1970 are estimated using figures for the total nonwhite population.

^{**} Includes all races.