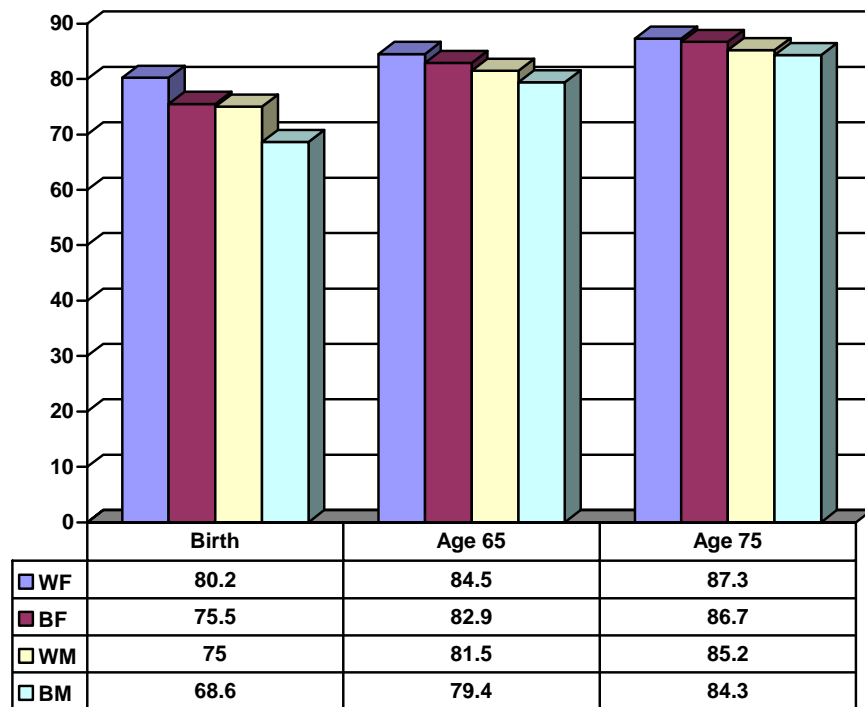


## Life Expectancy by Age: 2001

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|--------------|----|
| White female | WF |
| Black female | BF |
| White male   | WM |
| Black male   | BM |

**Table 27. Life expectancy at birth, at 65 years of age, and at 75 years of age, according to race and sex: United States, selected years 1900–2001**

[Data are based on death certificates]

| Specified age and year | All races  |      |                                    | White      |      |        | Black or African American <sup>1</sup> |      |        |
|------------------------|------------|------|------------------------------------|------------|------|--------|--|------|--------|
|                        | Both sexes | Male | Female                             | Both sexes | Male | Female | Both sexes                             | Male | Female |
| At birth               |            |      | Remaining life expectancy in years |            |      |        |  |      |        |
| 1900 <sup>2,3</sup>    | 47.3       | 46.3 | 48.3                               | 47.6       | 46.6 | 48.7   | 33.0                                   | 32.5 | 33.5   |
| 1950 <sup>3</sup>      | 68.2       | 65.6 | 71.1                               | 69.1       | 66.5 | 72.2   | 60.8                                   | 59.1 | 62.9   |
| 1960 <sup>3</sup>      | 69.7       | 66.6 | 73.1                               | 70.6       | 67.4 | 74.1   | 63.6                                   | 61.1 | 66.3   |
| 1970                   | 70.8       | 67.1 | 74.7                               | 71.7       | 68.0 | 75.6   | 64.1                                   | 60.0 | 68.3   |
| 1980                   | 73.7       | 70.0 | 77.4                               | 74.4       | 70.7 | 78.1   | 68.1                                   | 63.8 | 72.5   |
| 1985                   | 74.7       | 71.1 | 78.2                               | 75.3       | 71.8 | 78.7   | 69.3                                   | 65.0 | 73.4   |
| 1990                   | 75.4       | 71.8 | 78.8                               | 76.1       | 72.7 | 79.4   | 69.1                                   | 64.5 | 73.6   |
| 1991                   | 75.5       | 72.0 | 78.9                               | 76.3       | 72.9 | 79.6   | 69.3                                   | 64.6 | 73.8   |
| 1992                   | 75.8       | 72.3 | 79.1                               | 76.5       | 73.2 | 79.8   | 69.6                                   | 65.0 | 73.9   |
| 1993                   | 75.5       | 72.2 | 78.8                               | 76.3       | 73.1 | 79.5   | 69.2                                   | 64.6 | 73.7   |
| 1994                   | 75.7       | 72.4 | 79.0                               | 76.5       | 73.3 | 79.6   | 69.5                                   | 64.9 | 73.9   |
| 1995                   | 75.8       | 72.5 | 78.9                               | 76.5       | 73.4 | 79.6   | 69.6                                   | 65.2 | 73.9   |
| 1996                   | 76.1       | 73.1 | 79.1                               | 76.8       | 73.9 | 79.7   | 70.2                                   | 66.1 | 74.2   |
| 1997                   | 76.5       | 73.6 | 79.4                               | 77.1       | 74.3 | 79.9   | 71.1                                   | 67.2 | 74.7   |
| 1998                   | 76.7       | 73.8 | 79.5                               | 77.3       | 74.5 | 80.0   | 71.3                                   | 67.6 | 74.8   |
| 1999                   | 76.7       | 73.9 | 79.4                               | 77.3       | 74.6 | 79.9   | 71.4                                   | 67.8 | 74.7   |
| 2000 <sup>4</sup>      | 77.0       | 74.3 | 79.7                               | 77.6       | 74.9 | 80.1   | 71.9                                   | 68.3 | 75.2   |
| 2001 <sup>5</sup>      | 77.2       | 74.4 | 79.8                               | 77.7       | 75.0 | 80.2   | 72.2                                   | 68.6 | 75.5   |
| At 65 years            |            |      |                                    |            |      |        |  |      |        |
| 1950 <sup>3</sup>      | 13.9       | 12.8 | 15.0                               | ---        | 12.8 | 15.1   | 13.9                                   | 12.9 | 14.9   |
| 1960 <sup>3</sup>      | 14.3       | 12.8 | 15.8                               | 14.4       | 12.9 | 15.9   | 13.9                                   | 12.7 | 15.1   |
| 1970                   | 15.2       | 13.1 | 17.0                               | 15.2       | 13.1 | 17.1   | 14.2                                   | 12.5 | 15.7   |
| 1980                   | 16.4       | 14.1 | 18.3                               | 16.5       | 14.2 | 18.4   | 15.1                                   | 13.0 | 16.8   |
| 1985                   | 16.7       | 14.5 | 18.5                               | 16.8       | 14.5 | 18.7   | 15.2                                   | 13.0 | 16.9   |
| 1990                   | 17.2       | 15.1 | 18.9                               | 17.3       | 15.2 | 19.1   | 15.4                                   | 13.2 | 17.2   |
| 1991                   | 17.4       | 15.3 | 19.1                               | 17.5       | 15.4 | 19.2   | 15.5                                   | 13.4 | 17.2   |
| 1992                   | 17.5       | 15.4 | 19.2                               | 17.6       | 15.5 | 19.3   | 15.7                                   | 13.5 | 17.4   |
| 1993                   | 17.3       | 15.3 | 18.9                               | 17.4       | 15.4 | 19.0   | 15.5                                   | 13.4 | 17.1   |
| 1994                   | 17.4       | 15.5 | 19.0                               | 17.5       | 15.6 | 19.1   | 15.7                                   | 13.6 | 17.2   |
| 1995                   | 17.4       | 15.6 | 18.9                               | 17.6       | 15.7 | 19.1   | 15.6                                   | 13.6 | 17.1   |
| 1996                   | 17.5       | 15.7 | 19.0                               | 17.6       | 15.8 | 19.1   | 15.8                                   | 13.9 | 17.2   |
| 1997                   | 17.7       | 15.9 | 19.2                               | 17.8       | 16.0 | 19.3   | 16.1                                   | 14.2 | 17.6   |
| 1998                   | 17.8       | 16.0 | 19.2                               | 17.8       | 16.1 | 19.3   | 16.1                                   | 14.3 | 17.4   |
| 1999                   | 17.7       | 16.1 | 19.1                               | 17.8       | 16.1 | 19.2   | 16.0                                   | 14.3 | 17.3   |
| 2000 <sup>4</sup>      | 18.0       | 16.2 | 19.3                               | 18.0       | 16.3 | 19.4   | 16.2                                   | 14.2 | 17.7   |
| 2001 <sup>5</sup>      | 18.1       | 16.4 | 19.4                               | 18.2       | 16.5 | 19.5   | 16.4                                   | 14.4 | 17.9   |
| At 75 years            |            |      |                                    |            |      |        |  |      |        |
| 1980                   | 10.4       | 8.8  | 11.5                               | 10.4       | 8.8  | 11.5   | 9.7                                    | 8.3  | 10.7   |
| 1985                   | 10.6       | 9.0  | 11.7                               | 10.6       | 9.0  | 11.7   | 10.1                                   | 8.7  | 11.1   |
| 1990                   | 10.9       | 9.4  | 12.0                               | 11.0       | 9.4  | 12.0   | 10.2                                   | 8.6  | 11.2   |
| 1991                   | 11.1       | 9.5  | 12.1                               | 11.1       | 9.5  | 12.1   | 10.2                                   | 8.7  | 11.2   |
| 1992                   | 11.2       | 9.6  | 12.2                               | 11.2       | 9.6  | 12.2   | 10.4                                   | 8.9  | 11.4   |
| 1993                   | 10.9       | 9.5  | 11.9                               | 11.0       | 9.5  | 12.0   | 10.2                                   | 8.7  | 11.1   |
| 1994                   | 11.0       | 9.6  | 12.0                               | 11.1       | 9.6  | 12.0   | 10.3                                   | 8.9  | 11.2   |
| 1995                   | 11.0       | 9.7  | 11.9                               | 11.1       | 9.7  | 12.0   | 10.2                                   | 8.8  | 11.1   |
| 1996                   | 11.1       | 9.8  | 12.0                               | 11.1       | 9.8  | 12.0   | 10.3                                   | 9.0  | 11.2   |
| 1997                   | 11.2       | 9.9  | 12.1                               | 11.2       | 9.9  | 12.1   | 10.7                                   | 9.3  | 11.5   |
| 1998                   | 11.3       | 10.0 | 12.2                               | 11.3       | 10.0 | 12.2   | 10.5                                   | 9.2  | 11.3   |
| 1999                   | 11.2       | 10.0 | 12.1                               | 11.2       | 10.0 | 12.1   | 10.4                                   | 9.2  | 11.1   |
| 2000 <sup>4</sup>      | 11.4       | 10.1 | 12.3                               | 11.4       | 10.1 | 12.3   | 10.7                                   | 9.2  | 11.6   |
| 2001 <sup>5</sup>      | 11.5       | 10.2 | 12.4                               | 11.5       | 10.2 | 12.3   | 10.8                                   | 9.3  | 11.7   |

<sup>1</sup>Data shown for 1900–60 are for the nonwhite population.

<sup>2</sup>Death registration area only. The death registration area increased from 10 States and the District of Columbia in 1900 to the coterminous United States in 1933. See Appendix II, Registration area.

<sup>3</sup>Includes deaths of persons who were not residents of the 50 States and the District of Columbia.

<sup>4</sup>Life expectancies (LEs) for 2000 were revised and may differ from those shown previously. LEs for 2000 were computed using population counts from Census 2000 and replace LEs for 2000 using 1990-based postcensal estimates.

<sup>5</sup>Life expectancies for 2001 were computed using 2000-based postcensal estimates.

NOTES: Populations used for computing life expectancy and other life table values for 1991–1999 are postcensal estimates of U.S. resident population, based on the 1990 census. See Appendix I, Population Census and Population Estimates. Beginning in 1997 life table methodology was revised to construct complete life tables by single years of age that extend to age 100. (Anderson RN. Method for Constructing Complete Annual U.S. Life Tables. National Center for Health Statistics. Vital Health Stat 2(129). 1999.) Previously abridged life tables were constructed for 5-year age groups ending with the age group 85 years and over. Life table values for 2000 and 2001 were computed using a slight modification of the new life table method due to a change in the age detail of populations received from the U.S. Census Bureau. Data for additional years are available. See Appendix III.

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