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## LIFE EXPECTANCY AT BIRTH OF WOMEN

The expected lifespan of a person who is born in a certain year, i. e. 2000, is termed as 'life expectancy at birth.' According to the United Nations Population Division, life expectancy at birth indicates the number of years a newborn infant would live if prevailing patterns of mortality at the time of its birth were to stay the same throughout its life.

The Millennium Development Goal (MDG) Number 4 aims to reduce child mortality while MDG Number 5 aims to improve maternal health. In relation to the MDGs 4 and 5, the life expectancy at birth will be increased by obtaining health gains from reducing child and maternal mortality including reduction of mortality from diseases and external causes of death like injuries, violence, and poisoning.

### **Females are expected to live longer by 5.53 years than males**

The life expectancy at birth for females born in the Philippines from the year 2005 to 2010 is 71.64 years. Derived from the 2000 Census-based projections, this projected life expectancy at birth for females is longer by 5.53 than the life expectancy at birth for males which is estimated at 66.11 years.

### **Life expectancy at birth for both females and males in the Philippines is 4.5 years higher than the world's average of 67.2 years**

Out of the 194 countries in the United Nations World Population Prospects' report for 2005 to 2010 (2006 revision), the life expectancy at birth for both females and males in the Philippines was higher by 4.5 years from the world average's life expectancy at birth of 67.2

years. The highest life expectancy at birth belonged to Japan with 82.6 years while the lowest life expectancy at birth belonged to Swaziland with 39.6 years.

Table 1. Life Expectancy at Birth by Country and by Sex: 2005 to 2010

Country	Life Expectancy at Birth		
	Both Sexes	Male	Female
Brunei	77.1	75.0	79.7
Cambodia	59.7	57.3	61.9
East Timor	60.8	60.0	61.7
Indonesia	70.7	68.7	72.7
Laos	64.4	63.0	65.8
Malaysia	74.2	72.0	76.7
Myanmar	62.1	59.0	65.3
Philippines	71.7	69.5	73.9
Singapore	80.0	78.0	81.9
Thailand	70.6	66.5	75.0
Vietnam	74.2	72.3	76.2

Note: Figures are from the 2006 revision of the United Nations' World Population Prospects report for 2005 to 2010. Only countries/territories with a population of 100,000 or more in 2007 are included in the United Nations' list.

**Life expectancy at birth for both females and males in the Philippines is the 5<sup>th</sup> highest among Southeast Asian countries' life expectancies at birth**

The United Nations' World Population Prospects report for 2005 to 2010 (2006 revision), which includes 194 countries/territories with 100,000 or more population revealed that the life expectancy at birth for both males and females in the Philippines was the 5<sup>th</sup> highest among those of the 11 Southeast Asian countries. Singapore had the highest (80.0 years) life expectancy at birth and Cambodia, the lowest (59.7 years).

**Life expectancy at birth for females is longest in Region I**

From the data of the 2000 Census-based projections, the life expectancy at birth for males and females differed by region. It could be noted that seven regions namely, NCR, I, II, III, IVA, VI, and VII have higher life expectancy at birth than the national figure. Among the 17 regions in the country, the longest life expectancy at birth for females which was 74.72 years was in Region I. The second longest life expectancy at birth was found in NCR which was 74.35 years while the third longest life expectancy at birth which was 74.21 years was in Region III.

On the other hand, the shortest life expectancy at birth for females was found in the Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao (ARMM) which was 60.43 years. The second shortest life expectancy at birth was in Region XIII which was 69.29 years while Region XI had the third shortest life expectancy at birth for females which was 69.91 years.

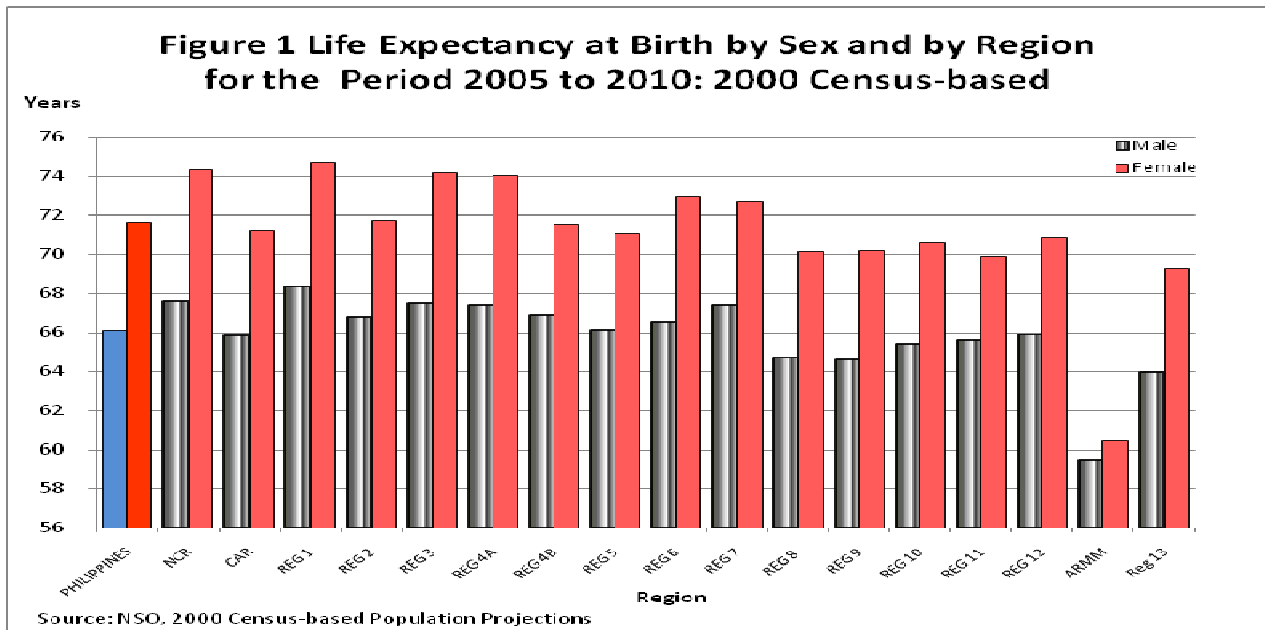
For males, the longest life expectancy at birth was in Region I which was 68.37 years. The second longest life expectancy at birth was found in NCR which was 67.61 years while the third highest life expectancy at birth which was 67.52 years was in Region III.

The shortest life expectancy at birth for males was found in ARMM which was 59.44 years. The next shortest life expectancy at birth for males was in Region XIII which was 63.94 years, followed by 64.61 years in Region IX.

Table 2. Projected Regional Life Expectancy at Birth by Sex and by Number of Years Females will Outlive Males: 2000 Census-based

Region	2000 Census-based		
	Male	Female	Difference
Philippines	66.11	71.64	5.53
NCR	67.61	74.35	6.74
CAR	65.86	71.23	5.37
Region I	68.37	74.72	6.35
Region II	66.81	71.76	4.95
Region III	67.52	74.21	6.69
Region IVA	67.39	74.02	6.63
Region IVB	66.91	71.54	4.63
Region V	66.11	71.09	4.98
Region VI	66.51	72.97	6.46
Region VII	67.41	72.69	5.28
Region VIII	64.75	70.15	5.40
Region IX	64.61	70.18	5.57
Region X	65.38	70.61	5.23
Region XI	65.62	69.91	4.29
Region XII	65.91	70.84	4.93
ARMM	59.44	60.43	0.99
Region XIII	63.94	69.29	5.35

Source: NSO, 2000 Census-based Population Projections, unpublished



**Life expectancy at birth for females is longest in Ilocos Norte at 75.95 years**

Across provinces, the longest life expectancy at birth for females was in Ilocos Norte at 75.95 years. This was followed by 75.75 years' life expectancy at birth in Batangas while the third longest life expectancy at birth for females was in La Union with 75.60 years.

In contrast, the shortest life expectancy at birth for females was in Tawi-tawi with only 57.50 years. This was followed by 58.53 years' life expectancy at birth in Sulu while the third shortest life expectancy at birth for females was in Maguindanao with only 61.65 years.

For males, the longest life expectancy at birth among provinces was in Cebu with 69.19 years. This was followed by the life expectancy at birth in Pampanga with 69.11 years and in Batangas with 69.08 years life expectancy at birth.

The shortest life expectancy at birth for males follows the life expectancy at birth pattern for females among provinces. Males in Tawi-tawi had 56.13 years, males in Sulu had 56.97 years, and males in Maguindanao had 60.30 years.

**Females in NCR will outlive men by 6.74 years**

Among the 17 regions, females born from 2005 to 2010 in NCR will outlive males by the longest number of years which is 6.74 years. It means that by the time males will have died, the females will continue to live by 6.74 years more. Females in Region III will outlive males by 6.69 years while females in Region IVA will outlive males by 6.63 years.

Conversely, females in ARMM will outlive males by almost one year (0.99 year). Females in Region XI will outlive males by 4.29 years and females Region IVB will outlive males by 4.63 years.

## Females in Ilocos Sur will outlive males by 8.37 years

Among provinces, females in Ilocos Sur born from 2005 to 2010 got the highest record who will outlive their counterparts by 8.37 years. It was followed by females in Cavite who will outlive males by 7.55 years and by females in Surigao del Norte who will outlive males by 7.52 years.

On the contrary, the least number of years that females will outlive males was found in three provinces of ARMM. Females in Lanao del Sur will outlive males by only 0.87 year. Females in Maguindanao will outlive males by 1.35 years and females in Tawi-tawi will outlive males by 1.37 years.

Table 3. Projected Provincial Life Expectancy at Birth by Sex and the Number of Years Females will Outlive Males: 2000 Census-based

Region/Province	Male	Female	Difference	Region/Province	Male	Female	Difference
PHILIPPINES	66.11	71.64	5.53				
NCR	67.61	74.35	6.74	La Union	68.82	75.60	6.78
Abra	65.54	70.89	5.35	Laguna	66.72	73.56	6.84
Agusan del Norte	63.81	69.58	5.77	Lanao del Norte	64.03	68.70	4.67
Agusan del Sur	62.39	67.56	5.17	Lanao del Sur	61.87	62.74	0.87
Aklan	64.00	70.60	6.60	Leyte	66.73	72.44	5.71
Albay	66.63	72.37	5.74	Maguindanao	60.30	61.65	1.35
Antique	63.34	69.99	6.65	Marinduque	66.94	71.84	4.90
Apayao	63.87	69.03	5.16	Masbate	64.10	68.57	4.47
Aurora	63.44	69.82	6.38	Misamis Occidental	65.17	70.41	5.24
Basilan	61.80	67.43	5.63	Misamis Oriental	66.76	72.32	5.56
Bataan	66.51	72.36	5.85	Mt. Province	63.35	68.45	5.10
Batanes	65.22	69.99	4.77	Negros Occidental	67.06	74.09	7.03
Batangas	69.08	75.75	6.67	Negros Oriental	65.00	69.72	4.72
Benguet	68.51	73.87	5.36	Northern Samar	62.75	69.05	6.30
Biliran	66.73	72.44	5.71	Nueva Ecija	67.37	73.73	6.36
Bohol	66.78	72.53	5.75	Nueva Vizcaya	66.18	71.05	4.87
Bukidnon	65.90	70.72	4.82	Occidental Mindoro	66.75	71.55	4.80
Bulacan	68.09	74.58	6.49	Oriental Mindoro	67.35	72.19	4.84
Cagayan	64.75	71.94	7.19	Palawan	65.62	70.91	5.29
Camarines Norte	63.94	68.18	4.24	Pampanga	69.11	76.22	7.11
Camarines Sur	67.70	73.45	5.75	Pangasinan	68.91	75.14	6.23
Camiguin	64.40	69.37	4.97	Quezon	66.42	71.73	5.31
Capiz	64.82	71.35	6.53	Quirino	65.31	68.80	3.49
Catanduanes	64.59	69.61	5.02	Rizal	68.39	74.70	6.31
Cavite	67.43	74.98	7.55	Romblon	66.07	71.71	5.64
Cebu	69.19	74.58	5.39	Samar	62.46	67.29	4.83
Compostela Valley	63.46	68.86	5.40	Sarangani	66.06	70.75	4.69
Cotabato	65.77	71.08	5.31	Siquijor	63.93	68.75	4.82
Cotabato City	66.23	70.70	4.47	Sorsogon	66.30	71.70	5.40
Davao	63.46	68.86	5.40	South Cotabato	66.51	71.80	5.29
Davao del Sur	67.43	71.53	4.10	Southern Leyte	65.76	71.56	5.80
Davao Oriental	64.97	70.04	5.07	Sultan Kudarat	64.45	69.22	4.77
Eastern Samar	62.68	68.31	5.63	Sulu	56.97	58.53	1.56
Guimaras	66.45	72.42	5.97	Surigao del Norte	64.96	72.48	7.52
Ifugao	62.40	67.42	5.02	Surigao del Sur	62.36	69.24	6.88
Ilocos Norte	68.97	75.95	6.98	Tarlac	66.96	72.57	5.61
Ilocos Sur	65.96	74.33	8.37	Tawi-tawi	56.13	57.50	1.37
Iloilo	68.10	74.88	6.78	Zambales	66.04	71.62	5.58
Isabela	66.84	73.61	6.77	Zamboanga del Norte	64.34	68.81	4.47
Kalinga	63.19	68.28	5.09	Zamboanga del Sur	65.51	71.11	5.60

Table 4. Life Expectancy at Birth by Country and by Sex: 2005 to 2010

Country	Life Expectancy at Birth			Country	Life Expectancy at Birth		
	Both Sexes	Male	Female		Both Sexes	Male	Female
World Average	67.2	65.0	69.5				
Afghanistan	43.8	43.9	43.8	Libya	74.0	71.7	76.9
Albania	76.4	73.4	79.7	Lithuania	73.0	67.5	78.3
Algeria	72.3	70.9	73.7	Luxembourg	78.7	75.7	81.6
Argentina	75.3	71.6	79.1	Macau	80.7	78.5	82.8
Armenia	72.0	68.4	75.1	Macedonia	74.2	71.8	76.6
Aruba	74.2	71.3	77.1	Madagascar	59.4	57.7	61.3
Australia	81.2	78.9	83.6	Malawi	48.3	48.1	48.4
Austria	79.8	76.9	82.6	Malaysia	74.2	72.0	76.7
Azerbaijan	67.5	63.8	71.2	Maldives	68.5	67.6	69.5
Bahamas	73.5	70.6	76.3	Mali	54.5	52.1	56.6
Bahrain	75.6	74.3	77.5	Malta	79.4	77.3	81.3
Bangladesh	64.1	63.2	65.0	Martinique	79.5	76.5	82.3
Barbados	77.3	74.4	79.8	Mauritania	64.2	62.4	66.0
Belarus	69.0	63.1	75.2	Mauritius	72.8	69.5	76.2
Belgium	79.4	76.5	82.3	Mexico	76.2	73.7	78.6
Belize	76.1	73.3	79.2	Moldova	68.9	65.1	72.5
Benin	56.7	55.6	57.8	Mongolia	66.8	63.9	69.9
Bhutan	65.6	64.0	67.5	Montenegro	74.5	72.4	76.8
Bolivia	65.6	63.4	67.7	Morocco	71.2	69.0	73.4
Bosnia and Herzegovina	74.9	72.2	77.4	Mozambique	42.1	41.7	42.4
Botswana	50.7	50.5	50.7	Myanmar	62.1	59.0	65.3
Brazil	72.4	68.8	76.1	Namibia	52.9	52.5	53.1
Brunei	77.1	75.0	79.7	Nepal	63.8	63.2	64.2
Bulgaria	73.0	69.5	76.7	Netherlands	79.8	77.5	81.9
Burkina Faso	52.3	50.7	53.8	Netherlands Antilles	75.1	71.3	78.8
Burundi	49.6	48.1	51.0	New Caledonia	76.1	72.8	79.7
Cambodia	59.7	57.3	61.9	New Zealand	80.2	78.2	82.2
Cameroon	50.4	50.0	50.8	Nicaragua	72.9	69.9	76.0
Canada	80.7	78.3	82.9	Niger	56.9	57.8	56.0
Cape Verde	71.7	68.3	74.5	Nigeria	46.9	46.4	47.3
Central African Republic	44.7	43.3	46.1	North Korea	67.3	65.1	69.3
Chad	50.6	49.3	52.0	Norway	80.2	77.8	82.5
Channel Islands	79.0	76.6	81.5	Oman	75.6	74.2	77.5
Chile	78.6	75.5	81.5	Pakistan	65.5	65.2	65.8
Colombia	72.9	69.2	76.6	Palestinian territories	73.4	71.8	75.0
Comoros	65.2	63.0	67.4	Panama	75.5	73.0	78.2
Costa Rica	78.8	76.5	81.2	Papua New Guinea	57.2	54.6	60.4
Cote d'Ivoire	48.3	47.5	49.3	Paraguay	71.8	69.7	73.9
Croatia	75.7	72.3	79.2	People's Republic of China	73.0	71.3	74.8
Cuba	78.3	76.2	80.4	Peru	71.4	68.9	74.0
Cyprus	79.0	76.5	81.6	Philippines	71.7	69.5	73.9
Czech Republic	76.5	73.4	79.5	Poland	75.6	71.3	79.8
Democratic Republic of the Congo	46.5	45.2	47.7	Portugal	78.1	75.0	81.2
Denmark	78.3	76.0	80.6	Puerto Rico	78.7	74.7	82.7
Djibouti	54.8	53.6	56.0	Qatar	75.6	75.2	76.4
Dominican Republic	72.2	69.3	75.5	Republic of the Congo	55.3	54.0	56.6
East Timor	60.8	60.0	61.7	Reunion	76.4	72.3	80.5
Ecuador	75.0	72.1	78.0	Romania	72.5	69.0	76.1
Egypt	71.3	69.1	73.6	Russia	65.5	61.83	72.6

Note: Figures are from the 2006 revision of the United Nations World Population Prospects report for 2005 to 2010. Only countries/territories with a population of 100,000 or more in 2007 are included in the United Nations list.

Table 4. Life Expectancy at Birth by Country and by Sex: 2005 to 2010 (continued)

Country	Life Expectancy at Birth			Country	Life Expectancy at Birth		
	Both Sexes	Male	Female		Both Sexes	Male	Female
World Average	67.2	65.0	69.5				
El Salvador	71.9	68.8	74.9	Rwanda	46.2	44.6	47.8
Equatorial Guinea	51.6	50.4	52.8	Saint Lucia	73.7	71.8	75.6
Eritrea	58.0	55.6	60.3	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	71.6	69.5	73.8
Estonia	71.4	65.9	76.8	Samoa	71.5	68.5	74.8
Ethiopia	52.9	51.7	54.3	Sao Tome and Principe	65.5	63.6	67.4
Federated States of Micronesia	68.5	67.7	69.3	Saudi Arabia	72.8	70.9	75.3
Fiji	68.8	66.6	71.1	Senegal	63.1	61.0	65.1
Finland	79.3	76.1	82.4	Serbia	74.0	71.7	76.3
France	80.7	77.1	84.1	Sierra Leone	42.6	41.0	44.1
French Guiana	75.9	72.5	79.9	Singapore	80.0	78.0	81.9
French Polynesia	74.1	71.7	76.8	Slovakia	74.7	70.7	78.5
Gabon	56.7	56.4	57.1	Slovenia	77.9	74.1	81.5
Gambia	59.4	58.6	60.3	Solomon Islands	63.6	62.7	64.5
Georgia	71.0	67.1	74.8	Somalia	48.2	46.9	49.4
Germany	79.4	76.5	82.1	South Africa	49.3	48.8	49.7
Ghana	60.0	59.6	60.5	South Korea	78.6	75.0	82.2
Greece	79.5	77.1	81.9	Spain	80.9	77.7	84.2
Grenada	68.7	67.0	70.3	Sri Lanka	72.4	68.8	76.2
Guadalupe	79.2	76.0	82.2	Sudan	58.6	57.1	60.1
Guam	75.5	73.3	77.9	Suriname	70.2	67.0	73.6
Guatemala	70.3	66.7	73.8	Swaziland	39.6	39.8	39.4
Guinea	56.0	54.4	57.6	Sweden	80.9	78.7	83.0
Guinea-Bissau	46.4	44.9	47.9	Switzerland	81.7	79.0	84.2
Guyana	66.8	64.2	69.9	Syria	74.1	72.3	76.1
Haiti	60.9	59.1	62.8	Tajikistan	66.7	64.1	69.4
Honduras	70.2	66.9	73.7	Tanzania	52.5	51.4	53.6
Hongkong	82.2	79.4	85.1	Thailand	70.6	66.5	75.0
Hungary	73.3	69.2	77.4	Togo	58.4	56.7	60.1
Iceland	81.8	80.2	83.3	Tonga	73.3	72.3	74.3
India	64.7	63.2	66.4	Trinidad and Tobago	69.8	67.8	71.8
Indonesia	70.7	68.7	72.7	Tunisia	73.9	71.9	76.0
Iran	71.0	69.4	72.6	Turkey	71.8	69.4	74.3
Iraq	59.5	57.8	61.5	Turkmenistan	63.2	59.0	67.5
Ireland	78.9	76.5	81.3	U.S. Virgin Islands	79.4	75.5	83.3
Israel	80.7	78.5	82.8	Uganda	51.5	50.8	52.2
Italy	80.5	77.5	83.5	Ukraine	67.9	62.1	73.8
Jamaica	72.6	70.0	75.2	United Arab Emirates	78.7	77.2	81.5
Japan	82.6	78.0	86.1	United Kingdom	79.4	77.2	81.6
Jordan	72.5	70.8	74.5	United States	78.3	75.6	80.8
Kazakhstan	67.0	61.6	72.4	Uruguay	76.4	72.8	79.9
Kenya	54.1	53.0	55.2	Uzbekistan	67.2	64.0	70.4
Kuwait	77.6	76.0	79.9	Vanuatu	70.0	68.3	72.1
Kyrgyzstan	65.9	62.0	69.9	Venezuela	73.7	70.9	76.8
Laos	64.4	63.0	65.8	Vietnam	74.2	72.3	76.2
Latvia	72.7	67.3	77.7	Western Sahara	65.9	64.3	68.1
Lebanon	72.0	69.9	74.2	Yemen	62.7	61.1	64.3
Lesotho	42.6	42.9	42.3	Zambia	42.4	42.1	42.5
Liberia	45.7	44.8	46.6	Zimbabwe	43.5	44.1	42.6

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## TECHNICAL NOTES

The data presented in this factsheet are based on the medium assumption of the 2000 Census-based Population Projections. It was produced by the National Statistics Office (NSO) in collaboration with the Inter-Agency Working Group (which utilized the 2000 Census of Population and Housing (CPH) as base population).

As used in this factsheet, *life expectancy at birth* reflects the overall mortality level of a population. Shryock and Siegel (1980) discussed that life expectancy at birth represents a summarization of the whole series of mortality rates for all ages combined, as weighted by the life table stationary population.

Life expectancy at birth indicates the number of years a newborn infant would live if prevailing patterns of mortality at the time of its birth were to stay the same throughout its life (United Nations Population Department). The age-specific death rates derived from the registered deaths is a component in the computation of life expectancy at birth. Since the registration of deaths in the Philippines is incomplete, the death rates for ages 5 and over had to be corrected first using the estimated level of completeness, yielded by the Preston and Coale Method, before its use in computing the life expectancy at birth.

*Source:* **National Statistics Office,  
2000 Census-based Population Projections  
Manila, Philippines**