

Length of Life Inequality Around the Globe
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Life tables by country and period

Country	Year first table	Year last table	Total number of life tables	Source of life table
Afghanistan	1979	2000	2	2,5
Albania	1950	2000	3	2,6
Algeria	1977	2000	5	2,5
Andorra	2000	2000	1	2
Angola	2000	2000	1	2
Antigua and Barbuda	1966	2000	3	1,2
Argentina	1963	2000	26	1,2,5
Armenia	2000	2000	1	2
Australia	1886	2001	58	1,7
Austria	1869	2002	61	1,3,4
Azerbaijan	2000	2000	1	2
Bahamas	1972	2000	16	1,2
Bahrain	1985	2000	4	1,2
Bangladesh	1965	2000	3	2,5
Barbados	1955	2000	42	1,2
Belarus	1981	2001	19	1
Belgium	1892	2000	61	1,2,3,10
Belize	1972	2000	13	1,2
Benin	2000	2000	1	2
Bermuda	1968	1980	3	1
Bhutan	2000	2000	1	2
Bolivia	1973	2000	2	2,5
Bosnia and Herzegovina	1985	2000	8	1,2
Botswana	1968	2000	3	2,5
Brazil	1975	2000	2	2,5
Brunei Darussalam	1971	2000	1	2,5
Bulgaria	1902	2002	57	1,3,4
Burkina Faso	2000	2000	1	2
Burundi	2000	2000	1	2
Cambodia	2000	2000	1	2
Cameroon	1974	2000	2	2,5
Canada	1921	2000	80	1,3
Cape Verde	1990	2000	2	2,6
Central African Republic	2000	2000	1	2
Chad	2000	2000	1	2
Chile	1955	2000	40	1,2
China total	1968	1999	7	2,13,14
China: Anhui	1981	2000	3	14
China: Beijing	1981	2000	3	14
China: Chongqing	2000	2000	1	14
China: Fujian	1981	2000	3	14
China: Gansu	1981	2000	3	14
China: Guangdong	1981	2000	3	14
China: Guangxi	1981	2000	3	14
China: Guizhou	1981	2000	3	14
China: Hainan	1990	2000	2	14
China: Hebei	1981	2000	3	14
China: Heilongjiang	1981	2000	3	14
China: Henan	1981	2000	3	14
China: Hubei	1981	2000	3	14
China: Hunan	1981	2000	3	14
China: Inner Mongolia	1981	2000	3	14
China: Jiangsu	1981	2000	3	14
China: Jiangxi	1981	2000	3	14
China: Jilin	1981	2000	3	14
China: Liaoning	1981	2000	3	14
China: Ningxia	1981	2000	3	14
China: Qinghai	1981	2000	3	14
China: Shaanxi	1981	2000	3	14
China: Shandong	1981	2000	3	14
China: Shanghai	1981	2000	3	14
China: Shanxi	1981	2000	3	14
China: Sichuan	1981	2000	3	14
China: Tianjin	1981	2000	3	14

China: Tibet	1990	2000	2	14
China: Xinjiang	1981	2000	3	14
China: Yunnan	1981	2000	3	14
China: Zhejiang	1981	2000	3	14
China: Taiwan	1928	2002	18	5,6,7
Colombia	1955	2000	25	1,2,5
Comoros	2000	2000	1	2
Congo	2000	2000	1	2
Cook Islands	1976	2000	2	2,5
Costa Rica	1956	2000	41	1,2,5
Cote d'Ivoire	2000	2000	1	2
Croatia	1985	2002	18	1
Cuba	1970	2000	28	1,2
Cyprus	1950	2000	15	2,5,6
Czech Republic	1950	2003	54	3
Dem. Peoples's Rep. of Korea	2000	2000	1	2
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	2000	2000	1	2
Denmark	1835	2002	168	3
Djibouti	2000	2000	1	2
Dominica	2000	2000	1	2
Dominican Republic	1965	2000	17	1,2,5
Ecuador	1958	2000	15	1,2,5
Egypt	1945	2000	11	1,2,4
El Salvador	1950	2000	21	1,2,5,6
Equatorial Guinea	2000	2000	1	2
Eritrea	2000	2000	1	2
Estonia	1933	2002	21	1,4
Ethiopia	2000	2000	1	2
Fiji	1976	2000	3	2,5
Finland	1756	2002	134	3,11
France	1806	2001	196	3,4
French Guiana	1980	1980	1	5
Gabon	2000	2000	1	2
Gambia	1971	2000	2	2,5
Gaza Strip	1981	1981	1	5
Georgia	1981	2001	17	1
Germany east	1956	1999	44	3
Germany united	1875	2001	19	1,3,4
Germany west	1952	1999	48	1,3
Ghana	1970	2000	2	2,5
Greece	1928	2000	47	1,2,4
Grenada	1988	2000	2	1,2
Guadeloupe	1982	1982	1	5
Guatemala	1958	2000	8	1,2,5
Guinea-Bissau	2000	2000	1	2
Guinea	2000	2000	1	2
Guyana	1952	2000	13	1,2,5,6
Haiti	1971	2000	3	2,5,6
Honduras	1961	2000	6	1,2,5,6
Hong Kong SAR	1960	1999	40	1
Hungary	1950	2002	53	1,3
Iceland	1951	2000	45	1,2
India total	1966	2000	5	2,5,14
India: Andhra Pradesh	1956	2002	4	14
India: Assam	1956	2002	4	14
India: Bihar	1956	2002	4	14
India: Gujarat	1956	2002	4	14
India: Haryana	1988	2002	3	14
India: Himachal Pradesh	1999	2002	2	14
India: Karnataka	1956	2002	4	14
India: Kerala	1988	2002	3	14
India: Kerala & Madras	1956	1956	1	14
India: Madhya Pradesh	1956	2002	4	14
India: Maharashtra	1956	2002	4	14
India: Orissa	1956	2002	4	14
India: Punjab	1956	2002	4	14
India: Rajasthan	1988	2002	3	14
India: Tamil Nadu	1988	2002	3	14
India: Uttar Pradesh	1956	2002	4	14
India: West Bengal	1956	2002	4	14
Indonesia	1966	2000	3	2,5
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	1975	2000	2	2,5
Iraq	1974	2000	2	2,5
Ireland	1926	2001	56	1,4
Israel	1967	2000	10	2,4,5,6

Italy	1872	2001	130	1,3
Jamaica	1951	2000	9	1,2,5,6
Japan	1893	2003	61	3,7,12
Jordan	1965	2000	3	1,2
Kazakhstan	2000	2000	1	2
Kenya	1974	2000	2	2,5
Kiribati	1978	2000	2	2,5
Kuwait	1970	2002	24	1,2,6
Kyrgyzstan	2000	2000	1	2
Lao People's Dem. Republic	2000	2000	1	2
Latvia	1959	2003	45	3
Lebanon	2000	2000	1	2
Lesotho	1971	2000	2	2,5
Liberia	1971	2000	2	2,5
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	2000	2000	1	2
Lithuania	1960	2002	43	1,3
Luxembourg	1956	2002	40	1,2,6
Madagascar	2000	2000	1	2
Malawi	2000	2000	1	2
Malaysia	1970	2000	10	2,5,6
Maldives	1985	2000	3	2,6
Mali	2000	2000	1	2
Malta	1955	2002	43	1
Marshall Islands	1988	2000	2	2,5
Martinique	1982	1985	2	1,5
Mauritania	2000	2000	1	2
Mauritius	1957	2000	44	1
Mexico	1950	2000	25	1,2,5,6
Micronesia (Fed. States of)	2000	2000	1	2
Monaco	2000	2000	1	2
Mongolia	2000	2000	1	2
Morocco	1972	2000	2	2,5
Mozambique	2000	2000	1	2
Myanmar	1977	2000	2	2,5
Namibia	2000	2000	1	2
Nauru	2000	2000	1	2
Nepal	1977	2000	2	2,5
Netherlands	1850	2003	154	3
Netherlands Antilles	1960	1960	1	6
New Caledonia	1989	1989	1	6
New Zealand	1893	2003	71	3,7
Nicaragua	1973	2000	7	1,2
Niger	2000	2000	1	2
Nigeria	1950	2000	15	2,5,6
Niue	2000	2000	1	2
Norway	1846	2002	157	3
Oman	2000	2000	1	2
Pakistan	1964	2000	4	2,5,8
Palau	2000	2000	1	2
Panama	1970	2000	4	2,5
Papua New Guinea	2000	2000	1	2
Paraguay	1969	2000	7	1,2,5
Peru	1966	2000	10	1,2,5
Philippines	1960	2000	12	1,2,5,6
Poland	1922	2002	46	1,4
Portugal	1955	2002	48	1
Puerto Rico	1955	1996	19	1,6
Qatar	2000	2000	1	2
Republic of Korea	1960	2001	19	1,5,6
Republic of Moldova	1981	2002	20	1
Reunion	1982	1982	1	5
Romania	1956	2002	35	1,6
Russian Federation	1970	2002	33	1,3
Rwanda	2000	2000	1	2
Ryu Kyu Islands	1965	1965	1	1
Saint Kitts and Nevis	1970	2000	7	1,2,5
Saint Lucia	1972	2000	11	1,2
Saint Vincent and Grenadine	1970	2000	5	1,2
Samoa	2000	2000	1	2
San Marino	2000	2000	1	2
Sao Tome and Principe	2000	2000	1	2
Saudi Arabia	2000	2000	1	2
Senegal	1970	2000	2	2,5
Seychelles	1976	2000	4	1,2,5
Serbia and Montenegro	2000	2000	1	2

Sierra Leone	1974	2000	2	2,5
Singapore	1955	2001	47	1
Slovakia	1992	2001	10	1
Slovenia	1931	2002	24	1,4
Solomon Islands	2000	2000	1	2
Somalia	2000	2000	1	2
South Africa	1926	2000	4	2,4,5
Spain	1908	2001	94	3
Sri Lanka	1911	2000	29	1,2,5,9
Sudan	2000	2000	1	2
Suriname	1971	2000	5	1,2
Swaziland	1976	2000	2	2,5
Sweden	1751	2002	252	3
Switzerland	1876	2002	127	3
Syrian Arab Republic	2000	2000	1	2
Tajikistan	2000	2000	1	2
TFYR Macedonia	1991	2000	10	1
Thailand	1955	2002	14	1,2,5,6
Togo	2000	2000	1	2
Tonga	2000	2000	1	2
Trinidad and Tobago	1951	2000	33	1,2
Tunisia	1969	2000	4	2,5,6
Turkey	1967	2000	3	2,5
Turkmenistan	2000	2000	1	2
Tuvalu	1979	2000	2	2,5
Uganda	1969	2000	2	2,5
Ukraine	1981	2002	20	1
United Arab Emirates	2000	2000	1	2
United Kingdom England & Wales	1841	2002	162	1,3
United Kingdom Northern Ireland	1950	2002	53	1
United Kingdom Scotland	1931	2002	54	1,4
United Republic of Tanzania	1974	2000	2	2,5
United States of America	1850	2002	106	1,3,4,19,20
Uruguay	1955	2000	34	1,2
USSR	1926	1990	14	1,4
Uzbekistan	2000	2000	1	2
Vanuatu	2000	2000	1	2
Venezuela	1941	2000	41	1,2,4
Viet Nam	2000	2000	1	2
Virgin Islands (USA)	1980	1980	1	1
Westbank	1981	1981	1	5
Yemen	2000	2000	1	2
Yugoslavia	1950	1990	41	1,6
Zambia	2000	2000	1	2
Zanzibar	1967	1967	1	6
Zimbabwe	2000	2000	1	2

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