

New Zealand Abridged Period Life Table: 2014–16 (final)

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Table

Based on death rates in New Zealand in 2014–16:

- Life expectancy at birth is 83.4 years for females and 79.9 years for males.
- Life expectancy at birth has increased by 0.2 years for females and 0.4 years for males since 2012–14.
- Female life expectancy at birth is 3.5 years higher than male life expectancy at birth.

See the Excel table in the 'Downloads' box on this page. If you have problems viewing the files, see [opening files and PDFs](#).

1. [New Zealand abridged period life table, 2014–16 \(final\), using resident deaths and at 30 June 2015 estimated resident population \(2013-base\)](#)

Next release

New Zealand Abridged Period Life Table: 2015–17 (provisional) will be released in February 2018.

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General information

Life tables are a basic demographic tool for analysing mortality and survival. They show death and survivorship rates at each age of life.

The life tables in this release are based on death rates during a specific period. Such tables are called period, current, or cross-sectional life tables. Period life tables are based on the age-specific death rates of the population during a specific period of time. Life expectancy is a summary measure of those age-specific death rates, but it is a hypothetical life expectancy assuming people experience the age-specific death rates of that period over their lifetime.

[New Zealand abridged period life tables](#) for the total New Zealand male and female populations indicate the trends in life expectancy between the construction of [New Zealand complete period life tables](#). Abridged life tables are available in February (provisional) and May (final) of each year.

We also produce [subnational period life tables](#) about every five years, using average mortality rates for three successive years centred on a census year. They are available for all 16 regions and for 67 territorial authority areas.

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General methodology used to produce New Zealand's abridged period life statistics, and related metadata.

Definitions of terms used in this release:

- [Age measures – concepts – DataInfo+](#)
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Life expectancy

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