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Inequalities in life expectancy at 65 in UK

Men in Glasgow City can expect to live a further 13.8 years at age 65, the lowest life expectancy at this age in the UK, according to local area data released for the first time by the Office for National Statistics (ONS). This was the only area in the UK where life expectancy at age 65 was less than 14 years.

The local authority with the highest male life expectancy at age 65 was Kensington and Chelsea (22.0 years), 8.2 years more than Glasgow City (Table 1).

Kensington and Chelsea also had the highest life expectancy at age 65 for females (24.8 years), 7.5 years more than Glasgow City, the lowest at 17.3 years (Table 2).

In 2004-06, for the first time all local areas in the UK had a male life expectancy at birth of more than 70 years. Glasgow City had the lowest male life expectancy at birth (70.5 years) while Kensington and Chelsea had the highest (83.1 years), 12.6 years more than Glasgow City (Table 3)

Kensington and Chelsea also had the highest female life expectancy at birth (87.2 years), 10.2 years more than Glasgow City, the area with the lowest at 77.0 years (Table 4).

The South East, South West and East of England continue to have the highest life expectancies at birth and at age 65, while figures were lowest for Scotland and the North East and North West of England.

Today ONS has also released the National Interim Life Tables 2004-06 for the UK and its constituent countries. These tables show life expectancy at age 65 in the UK is continuing to rise for both men and women.

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In the UK, men aged 65 can expect to live a further 16.9 years and women a further 19.7 years if mortality rates remain the same as they were in 2004-06 (Box 1). Women continue to live longer than men, but the gap has been closing in recent years. In 1984-86 there was a difference of 3.9 years between male and female life expectancy at age 65 in the UK (13.3 and 17.3 years respectively). In 2004-06 this had narrowed to 2.8 years (Table 5).

Life expectancy at 65 is also at its highest ever in each country of the UK. English men and women have the highest expectancy, at 17.1 years and 19.9 years respectively. Scotland, at 15.8 years and 18.6 years for men and women respectively, has the lowest life expectancy at this age.

Today's data, from the Interim Life Tables 2004-06, include life expectancy at birth. This is 76.9 years for males in the UK in 2004-06 and 81.3 years for females.

Box 1
Life expectancy, 2004-06

	Years			
	At birth		At age 65	
	Males	Females	Males	Females
England	77.2	81.5	17.1	19.9
Wales	76.6	80.9	16.7	19.5
Scotland	74.6	79.6	15.8	18.6
Northern Ireland	76.1	81.0	16.6	19.5
United Kingdom	76.9	81.3	16.9	19.7

Source: Office for National Statistics, Interim Life Tables, 2004-06

Local area life expectancy at birth also includes results for the UK and constituent countries, which are calculated using the same methods as those for regions and local authorities. These national figures differ slightly from those in the Interim Life Tables, which are calculated using complete (single year of age) life tables.

Sub-national figures are calculated using abridged (grouped years) life tables. Also, deaths of non-residents of England and Wales are included in the England mortality data in the Interim Life Table methods. These deaths are excluded at the constituent country level in the sub-national figures.



Interim Life Tables for the UK and constituent countries are available on the National Statistics website:

www.statistics.gov.uk/STATBASE/Product.asp?vlnk=14459

The report on sub-national life expectancy the UK is available at:

www.statistics.gov.uk/statbase/Product.asp?vlnk=8841

BACKGROUND NOTES

1. Interim Life Tables are produced annually for the United Kingdom and its constituent countries. Responsibility for their production was transferred from the Government Actuary's Department (GAD) to the ONS Centre for Demography on 31 January 2006.
2. All figures presented here are period life expectancies. Period expectation of life at a given age for an area in 2004-06 is the average number of years a person could be expected to live, if he or she experienced the particular area's age-specific mortality rates for that time period throughout his or her life. It is not therefore the number of years someone of that age in the area in that time period could actually expect to live, both because the death rates of the area are likely to change in the future and because people may live in other areas for at least some part of their lives.
3. Cohort life expectancies, which allow for actual or projected changes in mortality in future years, are available for the UK and constituent countries and can be found on the Government Actuary's Department website:
www.gad.gov.uk/Demography_Data/Life_Tables/Eoltable.asp

A guide to cohort and period life expectancy can be found at:
www.statistics.gov.uk/cci/nugget.asp?id=1898

4. Sub-national results for 2004-06 for England, Wales and Northern Ireland are calculated by ONS and are released for the first time today. Figures for local areas in Scotland for 2004-06 are calculated by the General Register Office for Scotland (GROS) and were published in a report released on 7 September 2007, available on the GROS website:
www.gro-scotland.gov.uk/statistics/library/life-expectancy/le2004-06/index.html
5. Two local authorities, City of London and Isles of Scilly, are excluded from the results because of small numbers of deaths and populations in these areas.
6. Details of the policy governing the release of new data are available from the press office.



7. A historical series of National Interim Life Tables is available from 1982-82 to 2004-06. The data for England and Wales from 1991-93 to 2004-06 have been updated to reflect recently revised Population Estimates, and deaths are calculated by the number of registrations during a given period instead of the number of occurrences, which these tables previously reflected. Deaths data for Scotland and Northern Ireland are calculated by the number of registrations throughout the time series. The historical series of interim life tables can be found at:
www.statistics.gov.uk/StatBase/Product.asp?vlnk=14459
8. Details of the policy governing the release of new data are available from the press office
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Table 1: Local areas with the highest and lowest male life expectancy at age 65 in the United Kingdom, 2004-06

Rank	Local area	Country/English Government Office Region	Life expectancy at age 65 (years)
Highest Life expectancy at age 65			
1	Kensington and Chelsea	London	22.0
2	Crawley	South East	20.3
3	Westminster	London	20.0
4	Rutland	East Midlands	19.9
5	East Dorset	South West	19.4
6	West Somerset	South West	19.3
7	Christchurch	South West	19.3
8	South Shropshire	West Midlands	19.2
9	Lewes	South East	19.1
10	Guildford	South East	18.9
Lowest Life expectancy at age 65			
432	Glasgow City	Scotland	13.8
431	Inverclyde	Scotland	14.9
430	North Lanarkshire	Scotland	14.9
429	West Dunbartonshire	Scotland	14.9
428	Renfrewshire	Scotland	15.0
427	Knowsley	North West	15.3
426	Manchester	North West	15.3
425	Liverpool	North West	15.3
424	Hartlepool	North East	15.4
423	Cannock Chase	West Midlands	15.4

Source: Office for National Statistics

Table 2: Local areas with the highest and lowest female life expectancy at age 65 in the United Kingdom, 2004-06

Rank	Local area	Country/English Government Office Region	Life expectancy at age 65 (years)
Highest Life expectancy at age 65			
1	Kensington and Chelsea	London	24.8
2	East Dorset	South West	22.5
3	Christchurch	South West	22.4
4	Westminster	London	22.2
5	Rutland	East Midlands	22.0
6	West Somerset	South West	22.0
7	Lewes	South East	22.0
8	Hammersmith and Fulham	London	21.9
9	New Forest	South East	21.9
10	South Cambridgeshire	East of England	21.7
Lowest Life expectancy at age 65			
432	Glasgow City	Scotland	17.3
431	Renfrewshire	Scotland	17.5
430	West Lothian	Scotland	17.6
429	North Lanarkshire	Scotland	17.6
428	East Ayrshire	Scotland	17.7
427	Liverpool	North West	17.7
426	Hartlepool	North East	17.8
425	Burnley	North West	17.8
424	West Dunbartonshire	Scotland	17.8
423	Halton	North West	17.9

Source: Office for National Statistics

Table 3: Local areas with the highest and lowest male life expectancy at birth in the United Kingdom, 2004-06

Rank	Local area	Country/English Government Office Region	Life expectancy at birth (years)
Highest Life expectancy at birth			
1	Kensington and Chelsea	London	83.1
2	East Dorset	South West	81.4
3	Hart	South East	80.7
4	Rutland	East Midlands	80.6
5	Elmbridge	South East	80.4
6	Christchurch	South West	80.3
7	Wokingham	South East	80.3
8	South Norfolk	East of England	80.2
9	Westminster	London	80.2
10	Guildford	South East	80.1
Lowest Life expectancy at birth			
432	Glasgow City	Scotland	70.5
431	West Dunbartonshire	Scotland	71.8
430	Inverclyde	Scotland	72.2
429	Eilean Siar	Scotland	73.0
428	Manchester	North West	73.0
427	North Lanarkshire	Scotland	73.0
426	Clackmannanshire	Scotland	73.2
425	Blackpool	North West	73.3
424	Renfrewshire	Scotland	73.4
423	Dundee City	Scotland	73.6

Source: Office for National Statistics

Table 4: Local areas with the highest and lowest female life expectancy at birth in the United Kingdom, 2004-06

Rank	Local area	Country/English Government Office Region	Life expectancy at birth (years)
Highest Life expectancy at birth			
1	Kensington and Chelsea	London	87.2
2	East Dorset	South West	84.7
3	Christchurch	South West	84.4
4	Rochford	East of England	84.3
5	South Cambridgeshire	East of England	84.2
6	Epsom and Ewell	South East	84.2
7	New Forest	South East	84.1
8	East Cambridgeshire	East of England	84.1
9	Rutland	East Midlands	84.0
10	Hart	South East	84.0
Lowest Life expectancy at birth			
432	Glasgow City	Scotland	77.0
431	West Dunbartonshire	Scotland	77.7
430	Inverclyde	Scotland	77.8
429	East Ayrshire	Scotland	78.2
428	North Lanarkshire	Scotland	78.2
427	Liverpool	North West	78.3
426	Hartlepool	North East	78.3
425	Halton	North West	78.4
424	Renfrewshire	Scotland	78.4
423	Manchester	North West	78.6

Source: Office for National Statistics

Table 5: Life expectancy at birth and at selected ages

	Males at age								Females at age							
	0	5	20	30	50	65	70	80	0	5	20	30	50	65	70	80
England																
1984-86	72.0	67.9	53.2	43.6	24.9	13.4	10.5	6.0	77.8	73.5	58.7	48.9	29.9	17.4	13.8	7.8
1989-91	73.1	68.9	54.2	44.6	25.9	14.1	11.0	6.3	78.6	74.3	59.5	49.6	30.6	17.9	14.3	8.2
1994-96	74.4	70.0	55.2	45.7	27.0	14.8	11.6	6.6	79.5	75.0	60.2	50.4	31.3	18.3	14.6	8.4
1999-01	75.6	71.2	56.4	46.9	28.2	15.8	12.4	7.0	80.3	75.8	61.0	51.2	32.0	19.0	15.1	8.6
2004-06	77.2	72.7	57.9	48.3	29.6	17.1	13.5	7.6	81.5	76.9	62.1	52.3	33.1	19.9	15.9	9.1
Wales																
1984-86	71.4	67.3	52.7	43.1	24.4	13.1	10.2	5.9	77.4	73.2	58.4	48.5	29.6	17.2	13.7	7.8
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1994-96	73.7	69.3	54.6	45.1	26.4	14.4	11.3	6.5	79.1	74.6	59.7	49.9	30.9	18.1	14.4	8.3
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2004-06	76.6	72.0	57.3	47.7	29.2	16.7	13.2	7.6	80.9	76.3	61.5	51.6	32.6	19.5	15.5	8.9
Scotland																
1984-86	70.0	65.9	51.3	41.8	23.4	12.5	9.8	5.7	76.0	71.8	57.0	47.2	28.3	16.3	13.0	7.4
1989-91	71.1	66.9	52.2	42.8	24.3	13.1	10.2	5.9	76.7	72.3	57.5	47.8	28.9	16.7	13.3	7.7
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Northern Ireland																
1984-86	70.6	66.5	51.9	42.4	23.9	13.0	10.3	6.1	76.9	72.7	57.9	48.1	29.2	16.8	13.3	7.7
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Source: Government Actuary's Department, Office for National Statistics: Interim life tables 1980-82 to 2004-06