Mortality Projections in the United Kingdom

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Abstract

In common with other developed countries, the United Kingdom has experienced a dramatic fall in mortality rates over the course of the 20th century. This paper discusses the key forces likely to influence U.K. mortality in the 21st century, and describes the methodology and assumptions used in the latest projections of U.K. mortality. The paper also describes recent tables of mortality rates published by the Continuous Mortality Investigation, based on the experience of people taking out insurance contracts and the approaches taken to projecting these.