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# Agenda

- US and UK are seeing improvements slowing down.  
Where else?
- Possible causes and drivers
- Is this a trend or a blip? Similarities internationally?
- What are actuaries doing about it?
- Questions



## US and UK are seeing improvements slowing down

- "So what"?
- estimated Aggregate Deficit in UK Pension Funds: £780 billion on a full buyout basis
- small changes to longevity assumptions can make big differences to reserves



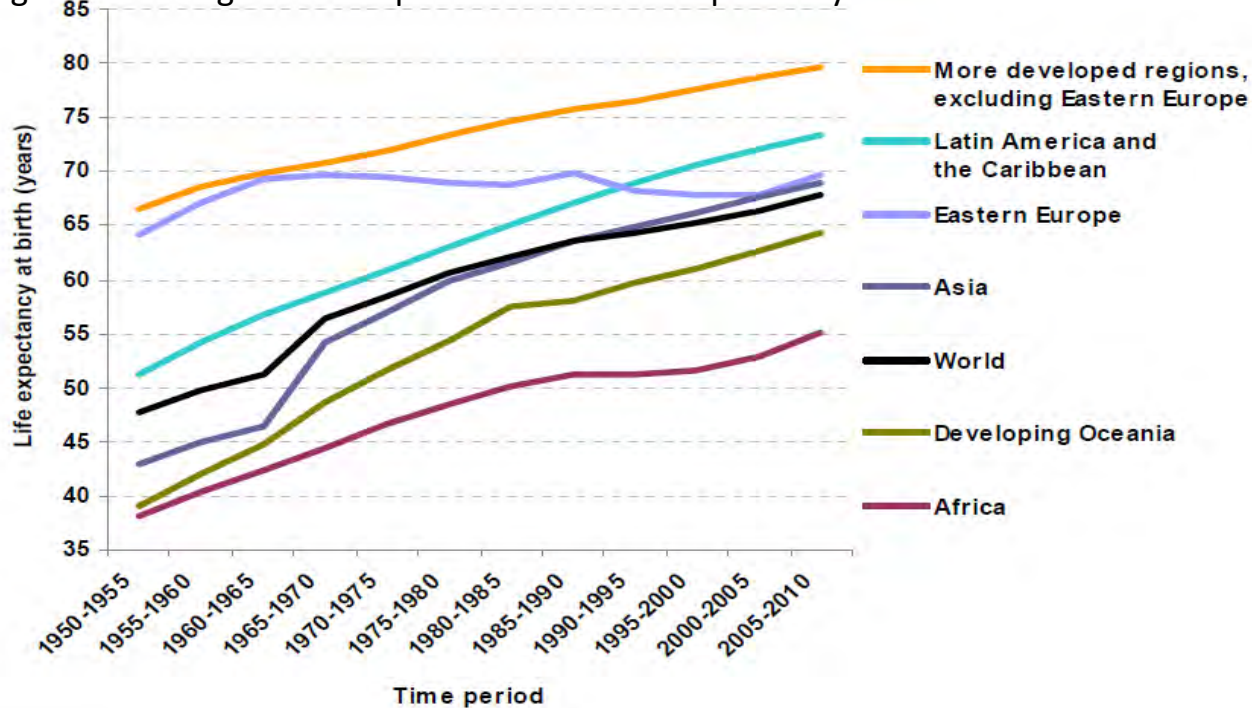
Pension  
Protection  
Fund

The Pensions  
Regulator



# Past 70 years – the world

In most parts of the world with the notable exception of Eastern Europe, the last 70 years have seen gradual but significant improvements in life expectancy.

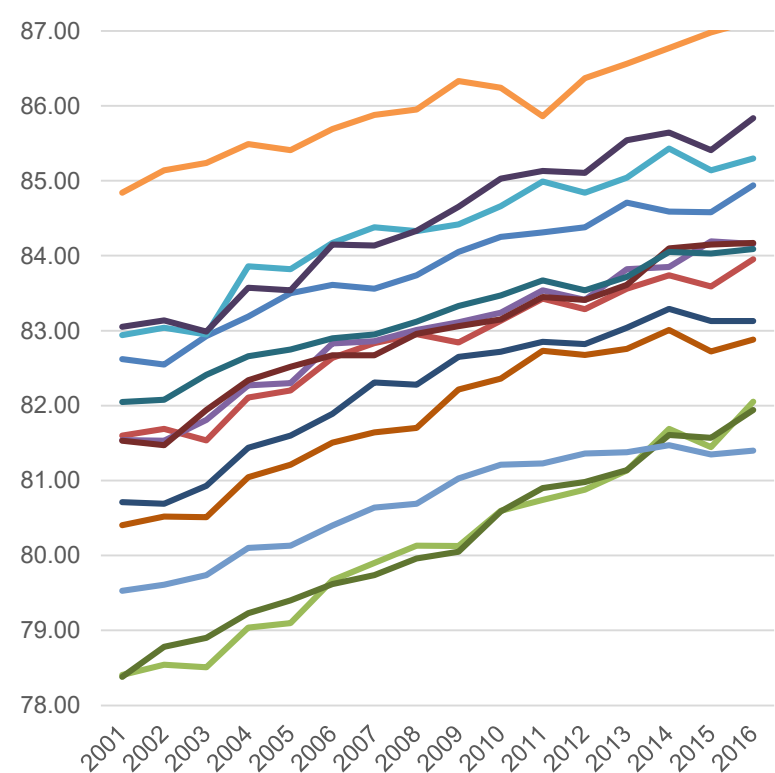
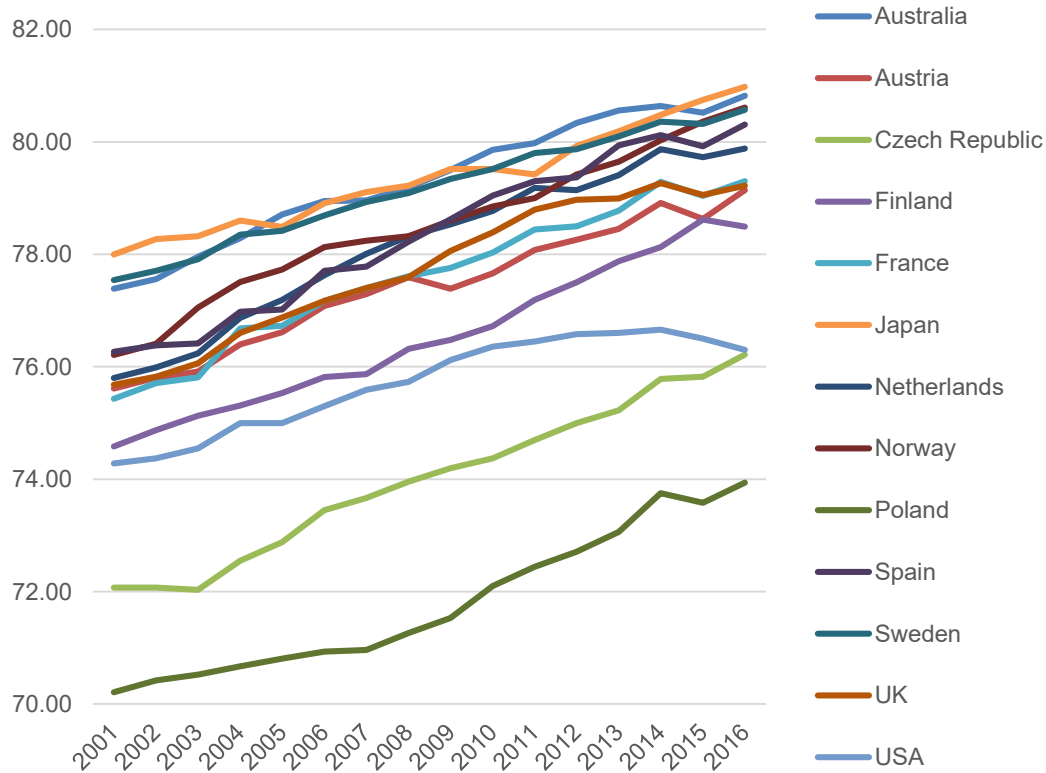




# Period life expectancy at birth 2001 to 2016

## Males

## Females

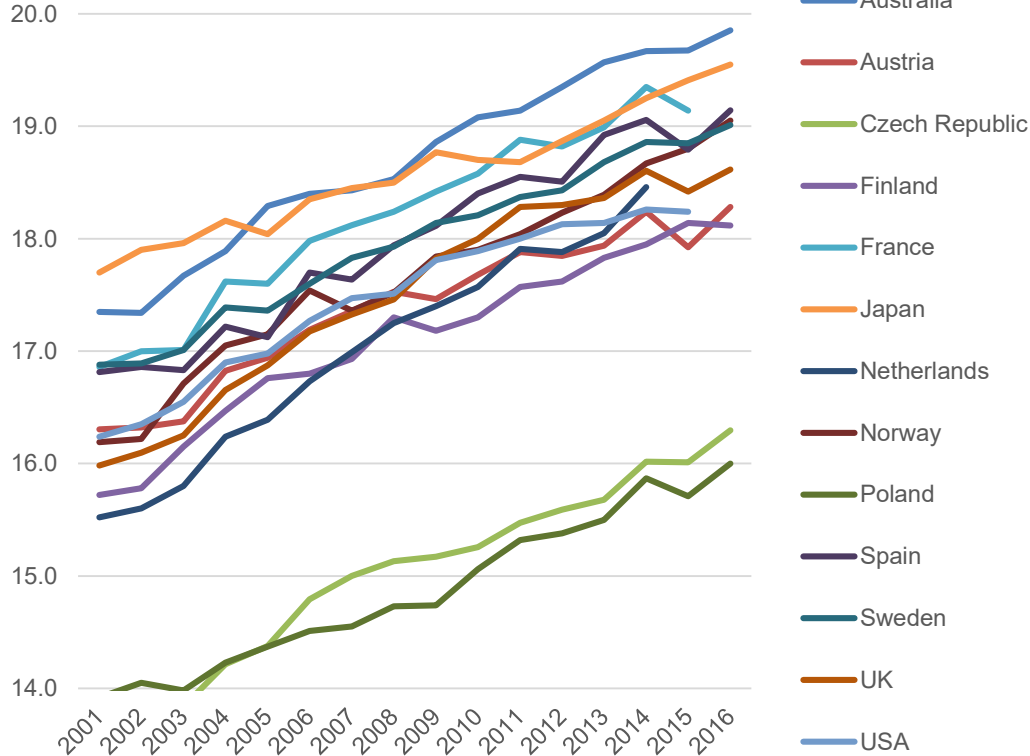


Source: [Eurostat](#)

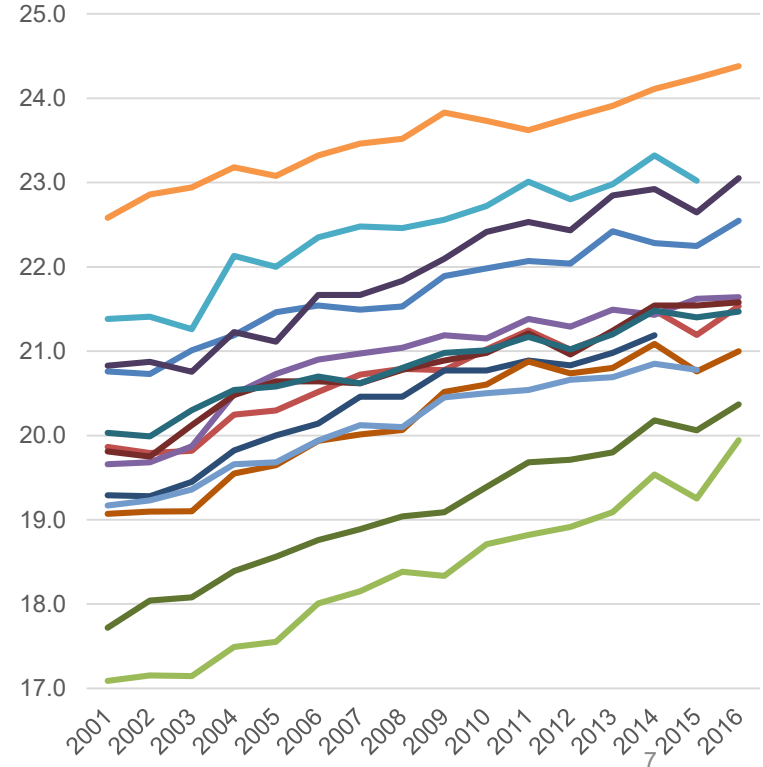


# Period life expectancy at age 65 2001 to 2016

## Males



## Females



Source: [Eurostat](http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat)

## A word about our methodology

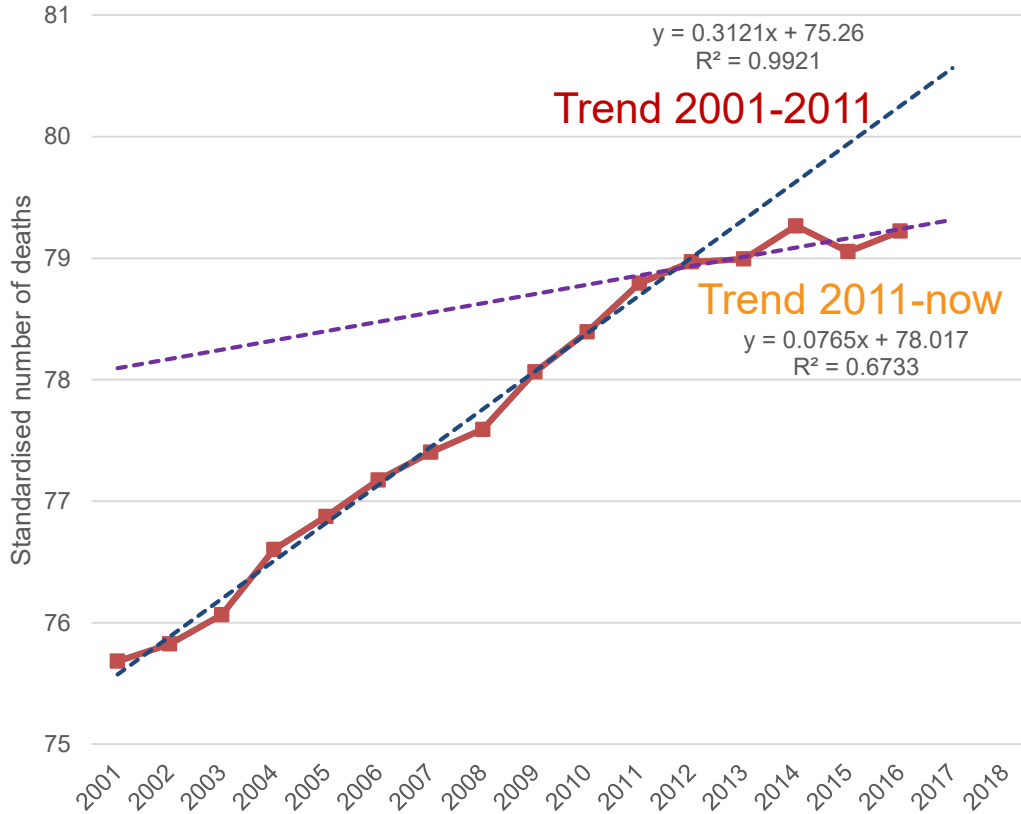
We wanted to compare the trend of recent improvements (2011 until “now”) against the trend from 2001-2011





# UK Period life expectancy Trends

Period life expectancy at birth, Males, UK



Methodology:

Compare

Trend [2011-most recent year]

against

Trend 2001-2011

Next: the details



## Methodology for comparisons – data sources

- Compare progress in different countries when we have different data sources, different final years for data
- Main data source is the Human Mortality Database (HMD)
- However, data available for some countries to 2016, others to 2015 (the “bad” year) and some only to 2014
- For the latter cases data from national statistical offices (NSO) was used, if available
- In some cases HMD data was extended with data from NSOs, where not too different from HMD results



# Methodology for comparisons

- Wishing to compare annual improvement rates against a common base we chose to use the period [2011-most recent year] against a base of [2001-2011].
- Method fits trend lines to 2001-11 and 2011 onwards using linear regression.
- In the selection of high-income countries in Europe we considered population size and availability of recent data.
  - Comparing rate of increase in longevity:
  - Green = increase      Red = decrease

US and UK are seeing longevity improvements slowing down. Where else?

# Period life expectancy at birth: Months gained per year elapsed

Average trend annual increase in period life expectancy at birth

Country	Last	Male		Female		Difference	
		2011+	2001-11	2011+	2001-11	M	F
Australia	2016	1.7	3.1	1.2	2.2	-1.5	-0.9
Austria	2016	2.4	3.0	1.3	2.3	-0.6	-1.0
Belgium	2015	3.0	3.4	1.5	2.1	-0.3	-0.6
Canada	2013/15	1.6	2.9	1.2	2.1	-1.4	-0.9
Czech Republic	2016	3.6	3.5	3.0	3.0	0.1	0.0
Denmark	2015	3.0	3.5	2.8	2.9	-0.4	-0.1
Finland	2016	3.5	2.9	1.9	2.5	0.5	-0.6
France	2015	2.4	3.6	1.1	2.5	-1.2	-1.4
Germany	2015	1.4	3.1	0.8	2.0	-1.7	-1.1
Italy	2014	3.4	3.6	2.6	2.2	-0.1	0.4
Japan	2016	3.6	1.9	2.9	1.5	1.7	1.3
Netherlands	2014	2.0	4.2	0.9	2.9	-2.2	-2.0
Norway	2016	3.9	3.3	2.2	2.3	0.5	-0.1
Poland	2016	3.7	2.4	2.5	2.7	1.3	-0.2
Portugal	2015	2.8	4.3	2.2	3.4	-1.5	-1.2
Spain	2016	2.4	3.9	1.6	2.7	-1.5	-1.2
Sweden	2016	1.9	2.7	1.3	1.9	-0.8	-0.6
UK	2016	0.9	3.7	0.4	2.8	-2.8	-2.4
USA	2015	0.2	2.8	0.4	2.2	-2.6	-1.8

Data source

HMD
NSO
HMD+NSO

Green = better  
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# Selected high-income countries

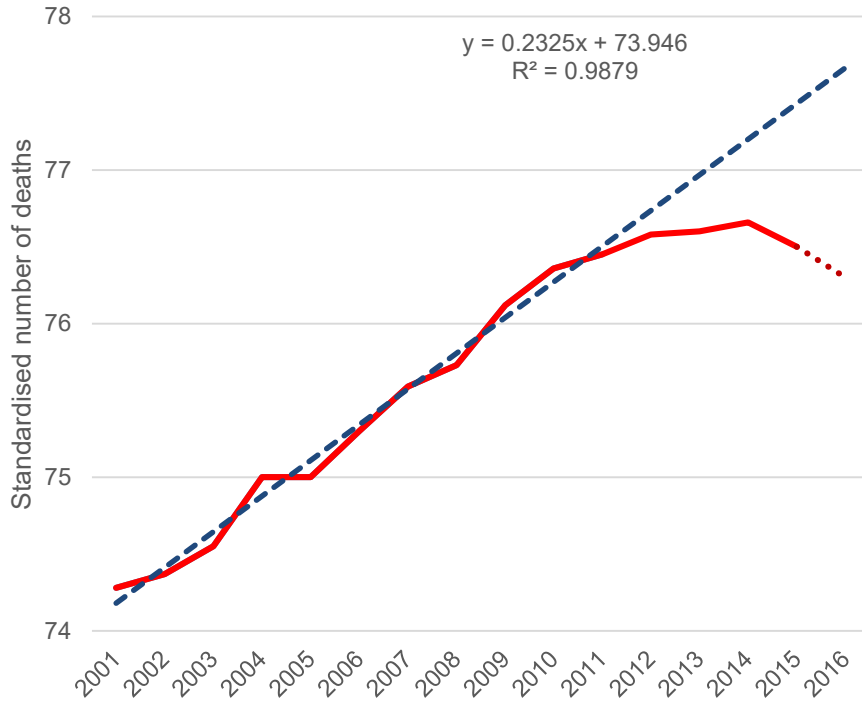
Where are there signs of a fallback – and why?

- US
- UK
- Other European countries
- Canada
- Australia
- Japan

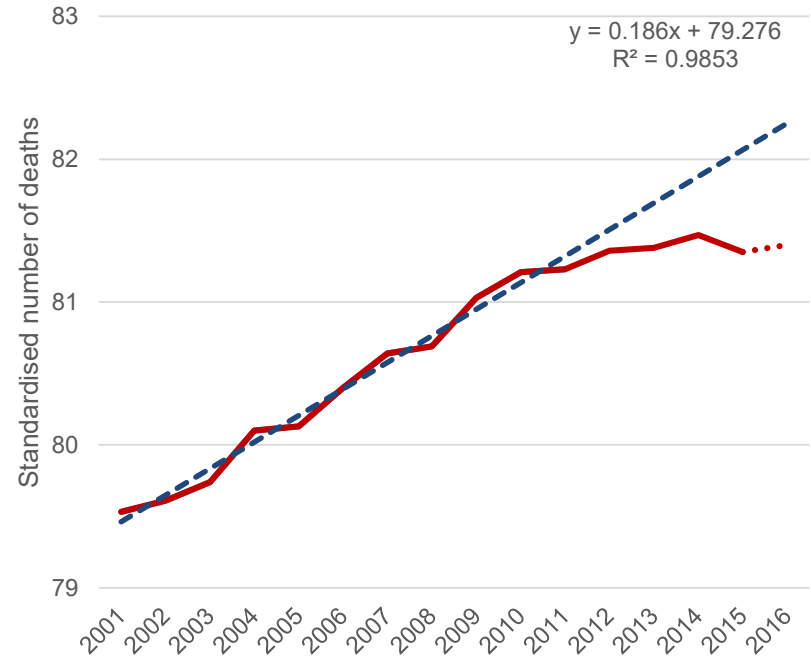


# US Period life expectancy at birth

Period life expectancy at birth, Males, USA



Period life expectancy at birth, Females, USA



2016: Mortality in the United States, 2016, National Center for Health Statistics <https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/products/databriefs/db293.htm>  
Extension to 2016 done by applying difference between 2015 and 2016 figures from NHSC to HMD data used for analysis

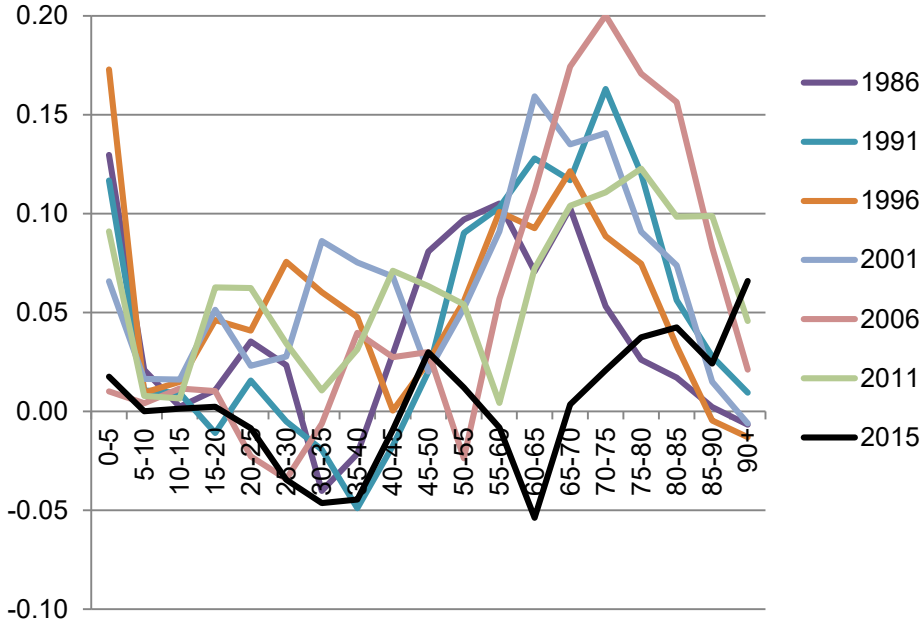
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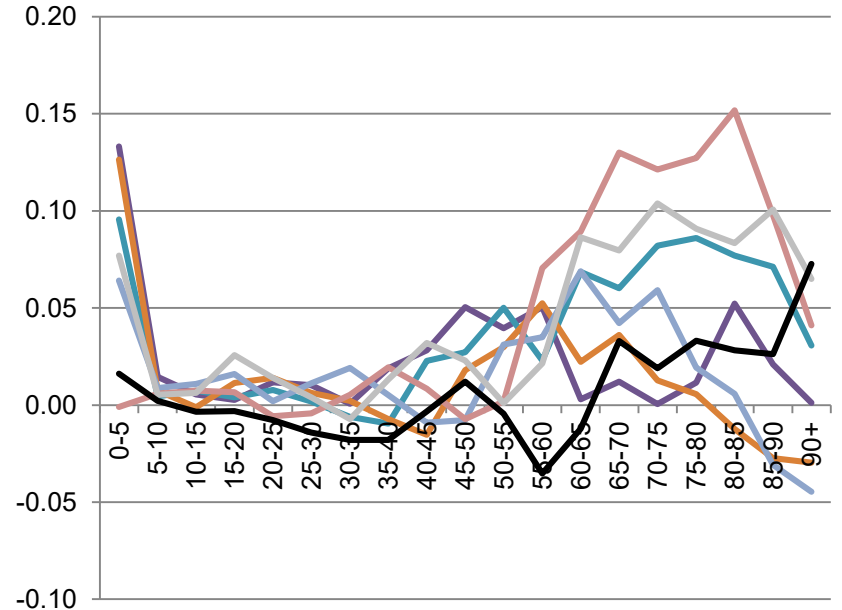


# US increase in partial life expectancy by 5-year age bands, for 5-year periods ending 1986 to 2011 and 4-year to 2015

## USA, Male five year change



## USA, Female five year change

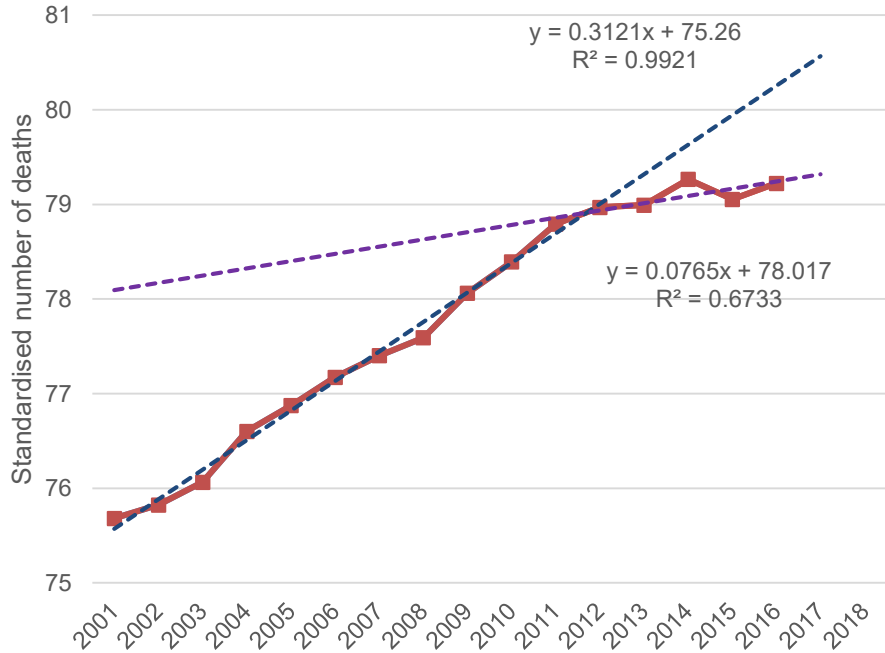


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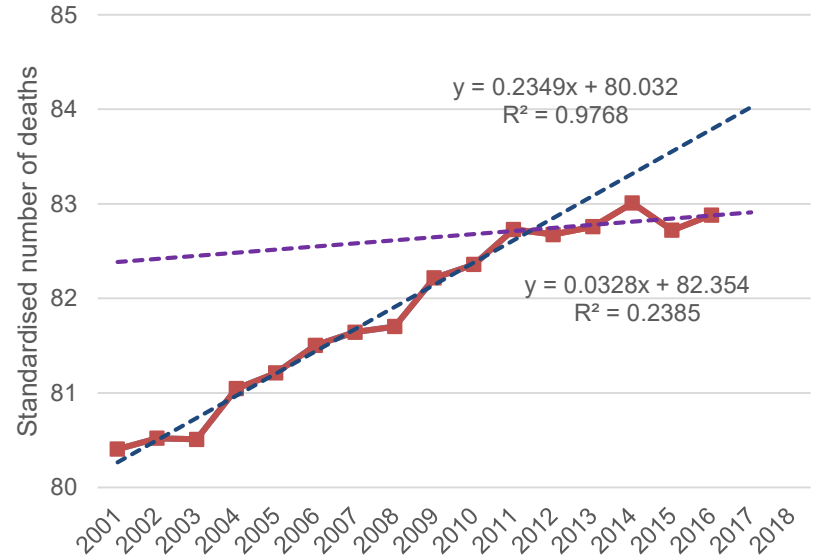


# UK: Period life expectancy at birth 2001 to 2016

## Period life expectancy at birth, Males, UK



## Period life expectancy at birth, Females, UK

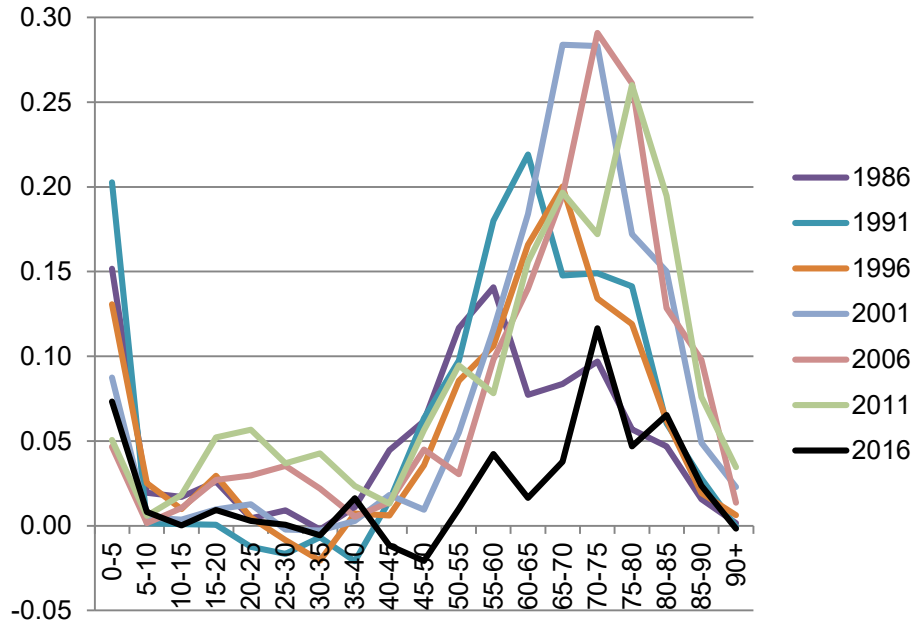


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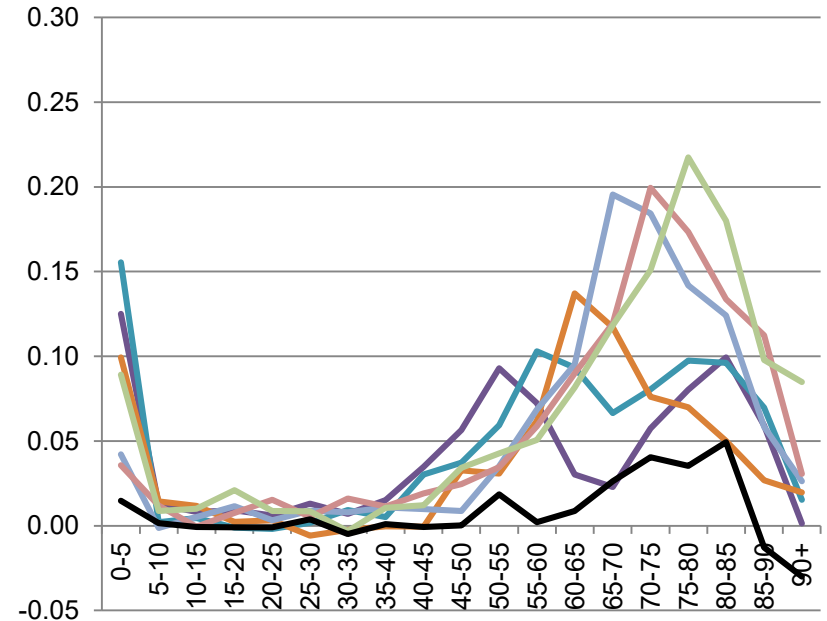


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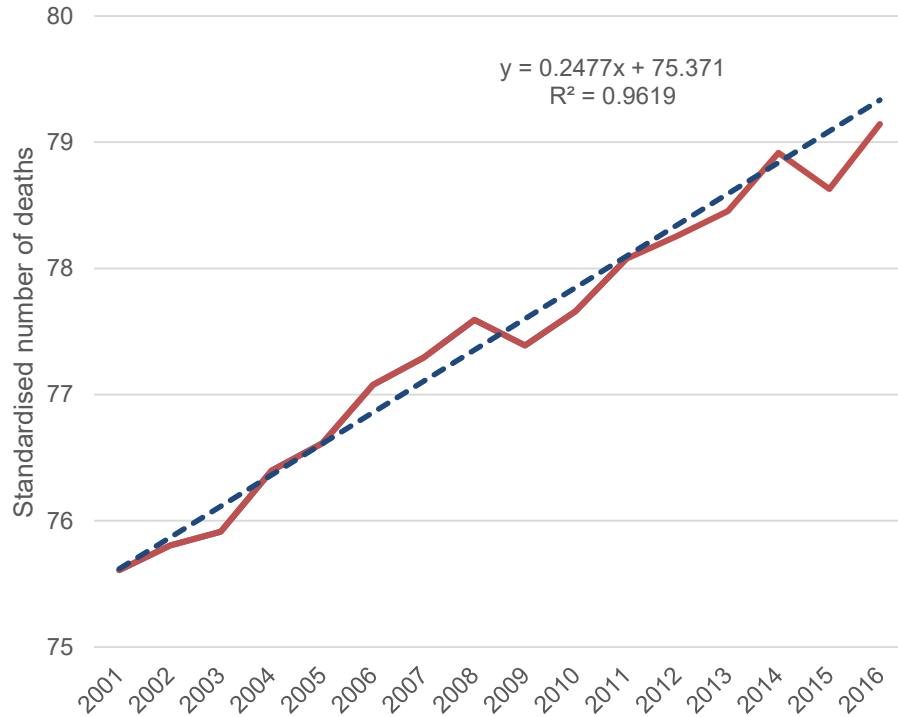


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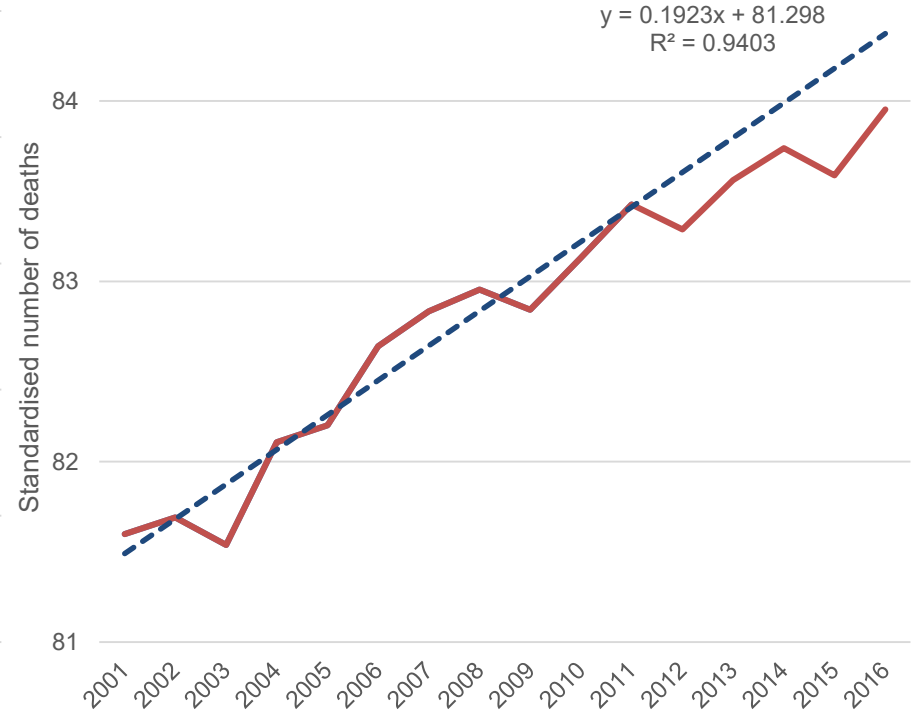


# Austria Period life expectancy growth fell in 2012 for females, in 2015 and is recovering better for males than for females

### Males, Austria



### Females, Austria

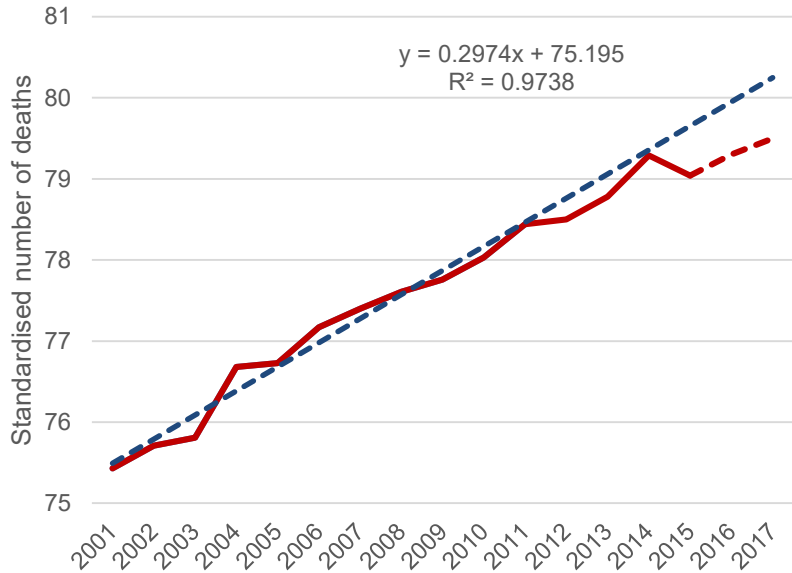


Next: France

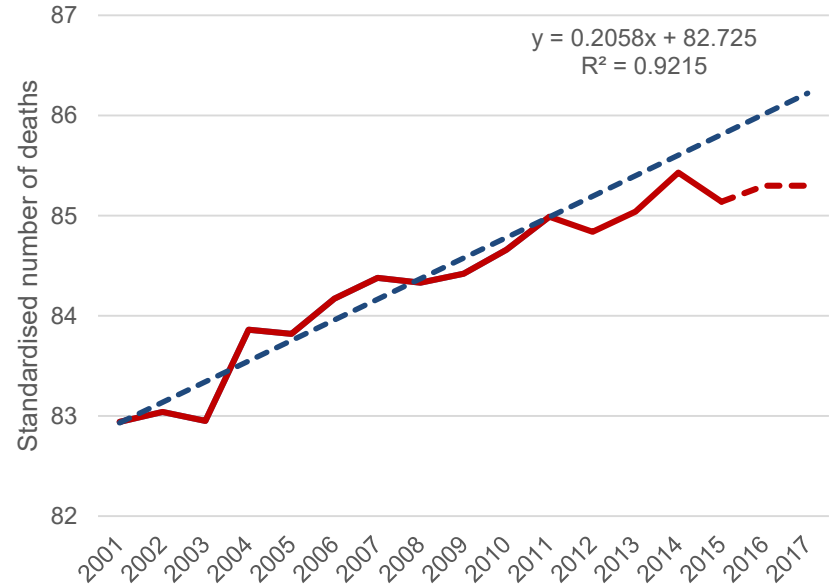


# France: Period life expectancy at birth from 2001

Period life expectancy at birth, Males, France



Period life expectancy at birth, Females, France



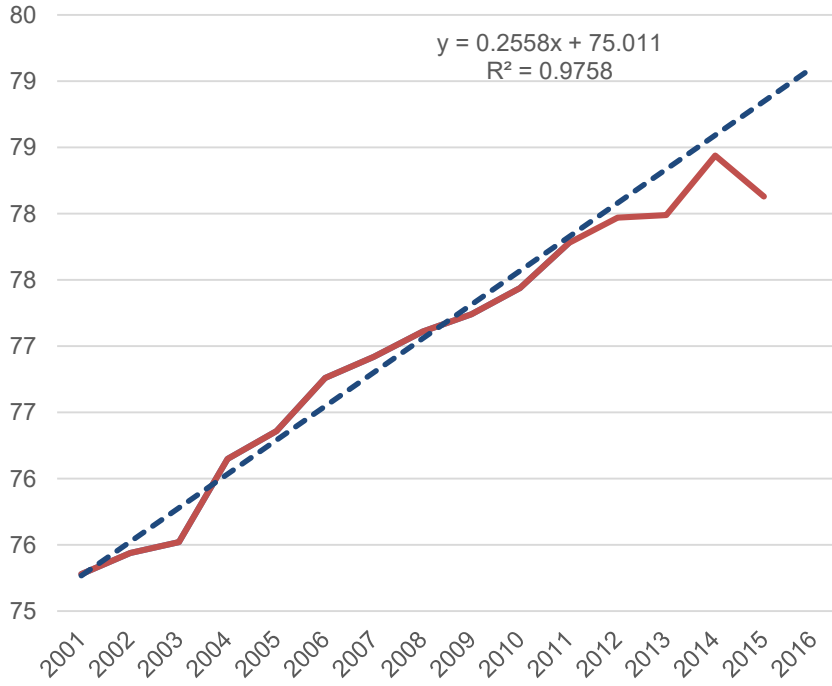
See also *Espérance de vie à divers âges en 2017 Données annuelles de 1994 à 2017*, Insee  
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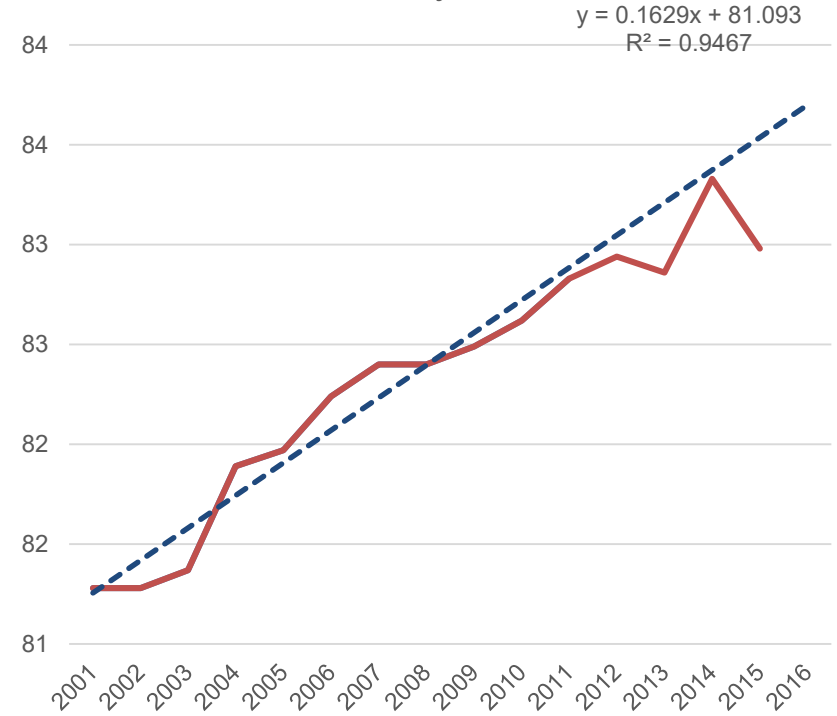


# Germany Period life expectancy at birth

## Males, Germany



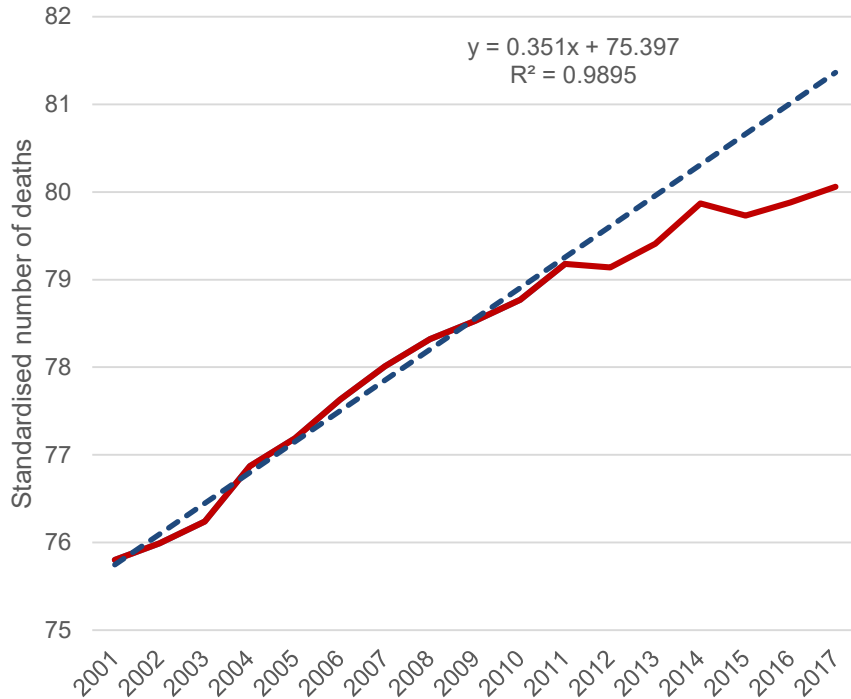
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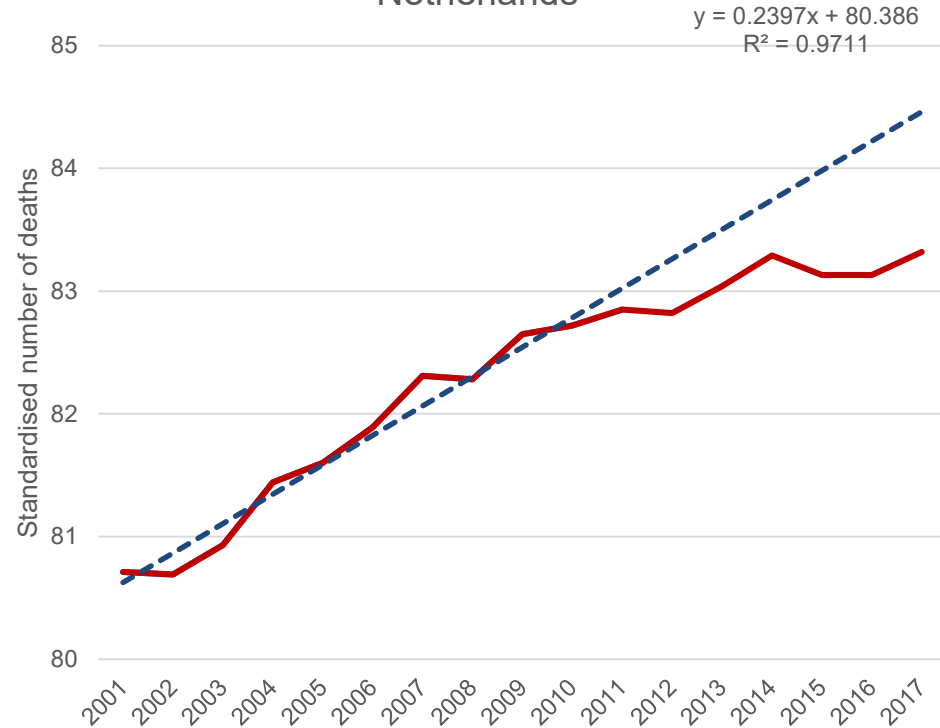


# The Netherlands: Period life expectancy at birth

Period life expectancy at birth, Males, Netherlands



Period life expectancy at birth, Females, Netherlands



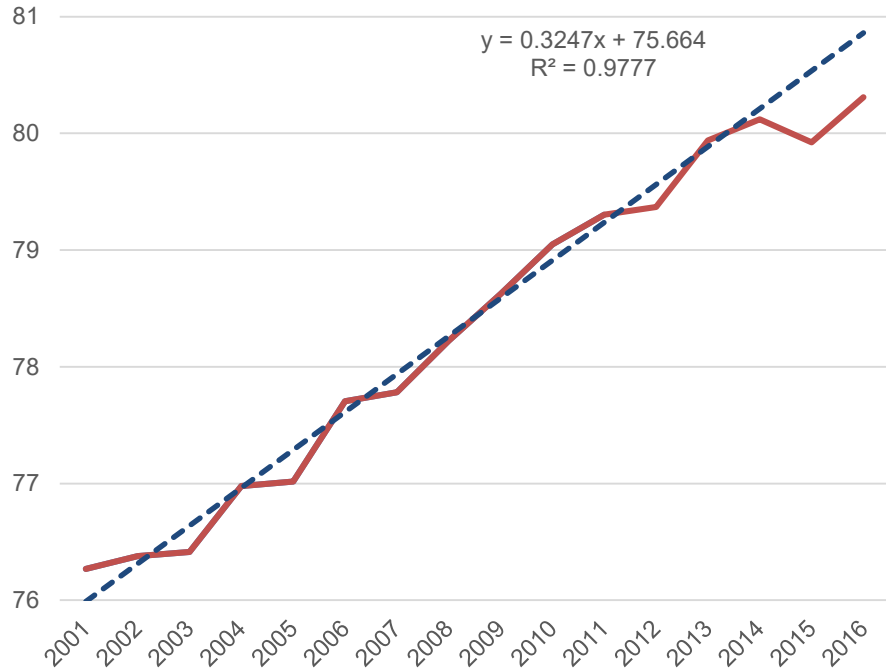
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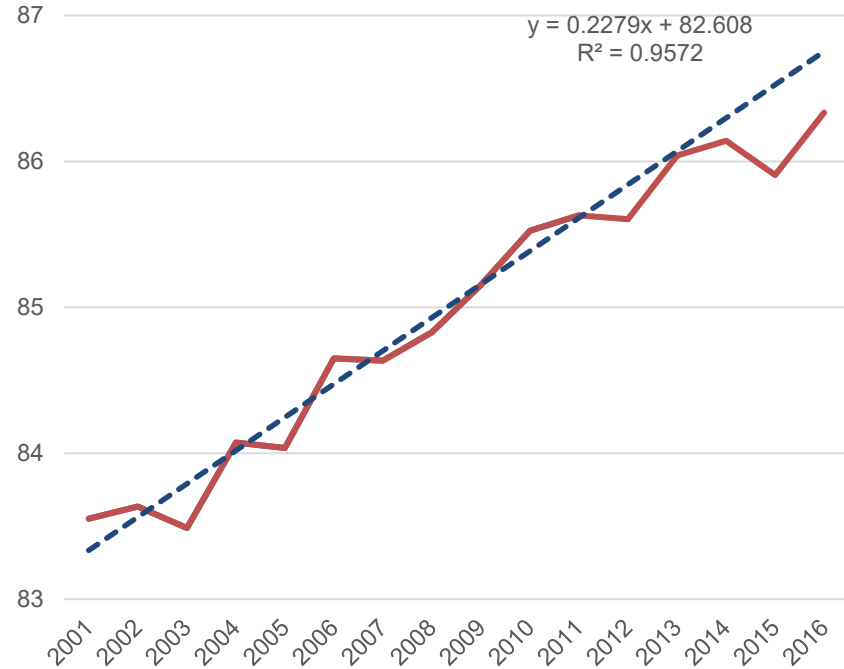


# Spain Period life expectancy at birth

## Males, Spain



## Females, Spain



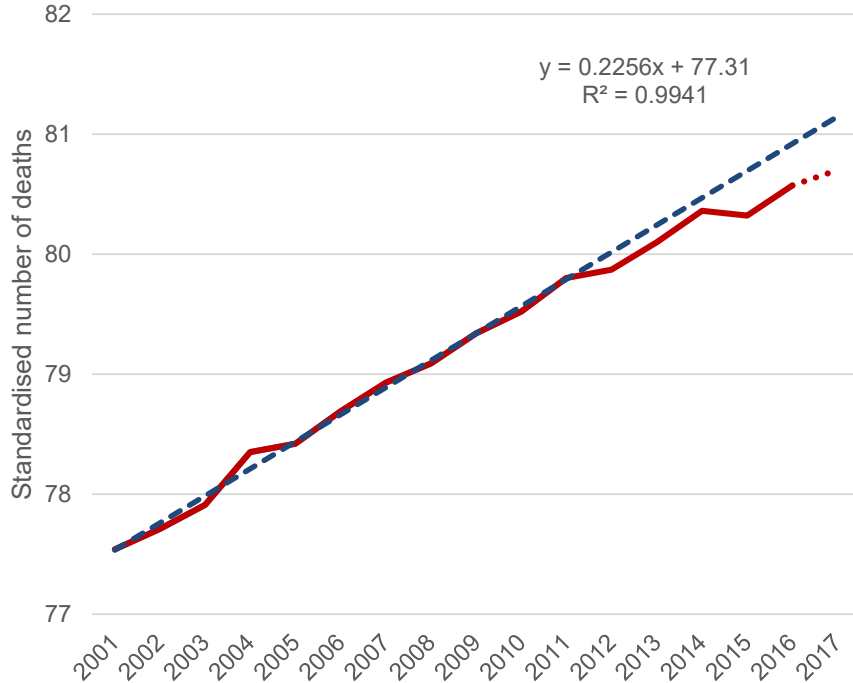
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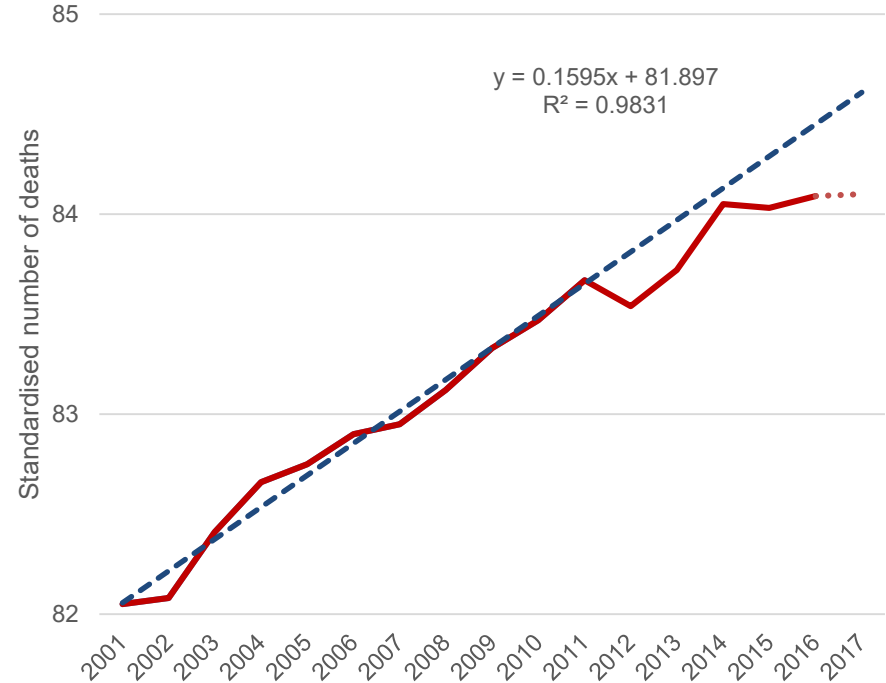


# Sweden: Period life expectancy at birth

Period life expectancy at birth, Males, Sweden



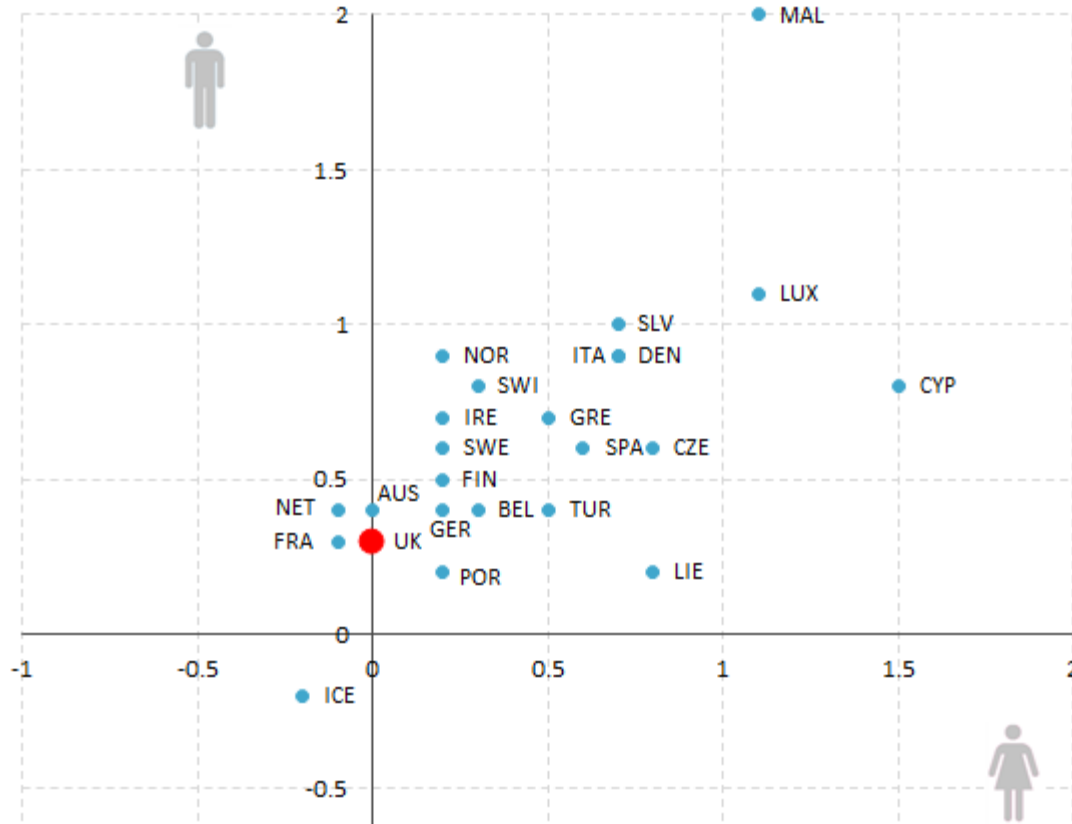
Period life expectancy at birth, Females, Sweden



Source for 2017: [http://www.statistikdatabasen.scb.se/pxweb/en/ssd/START\\_BE\\_BE0101\\_BE0101/LivslangdEttariga/?rxid=984223ab-5d2a-4259-a8eb-6bb54a495f6e](http://www.statistikdatabasen.scb.se/pxweb/en/ssd/START_BE_BE0101_BE0101/LivslangdEttariga/?rxid=984223ab-5d2a-4259-a8eb-6bb54a495f6e) Courtesy Rikard Bergstrom

Next: *European countries combined*

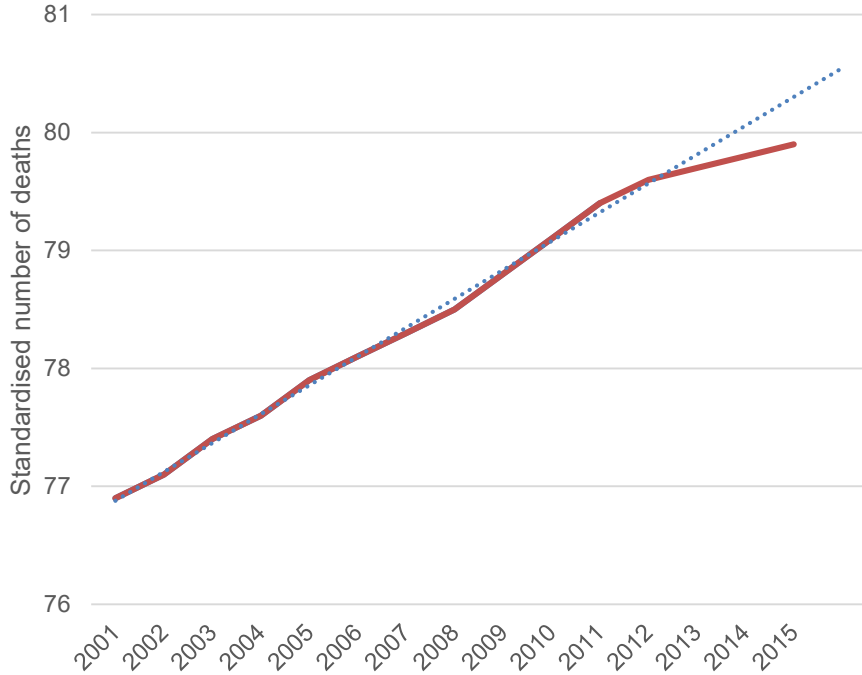
# European countries Period life expectancy growth 2011-2016



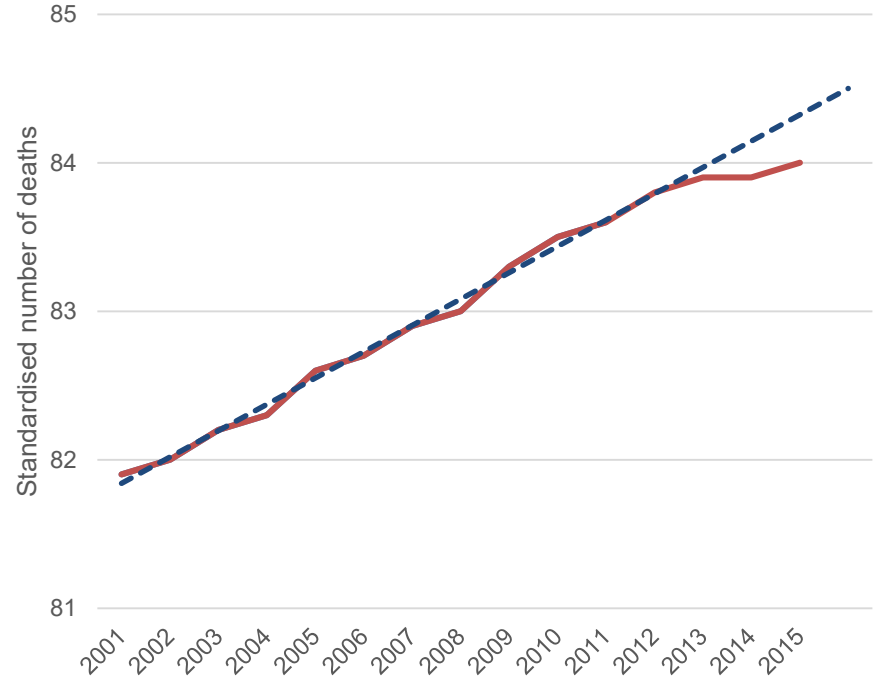


# Canada Period life expectancy at birth

## Period life expectancy at birth, Males



## Period life expectancy at birth, Females



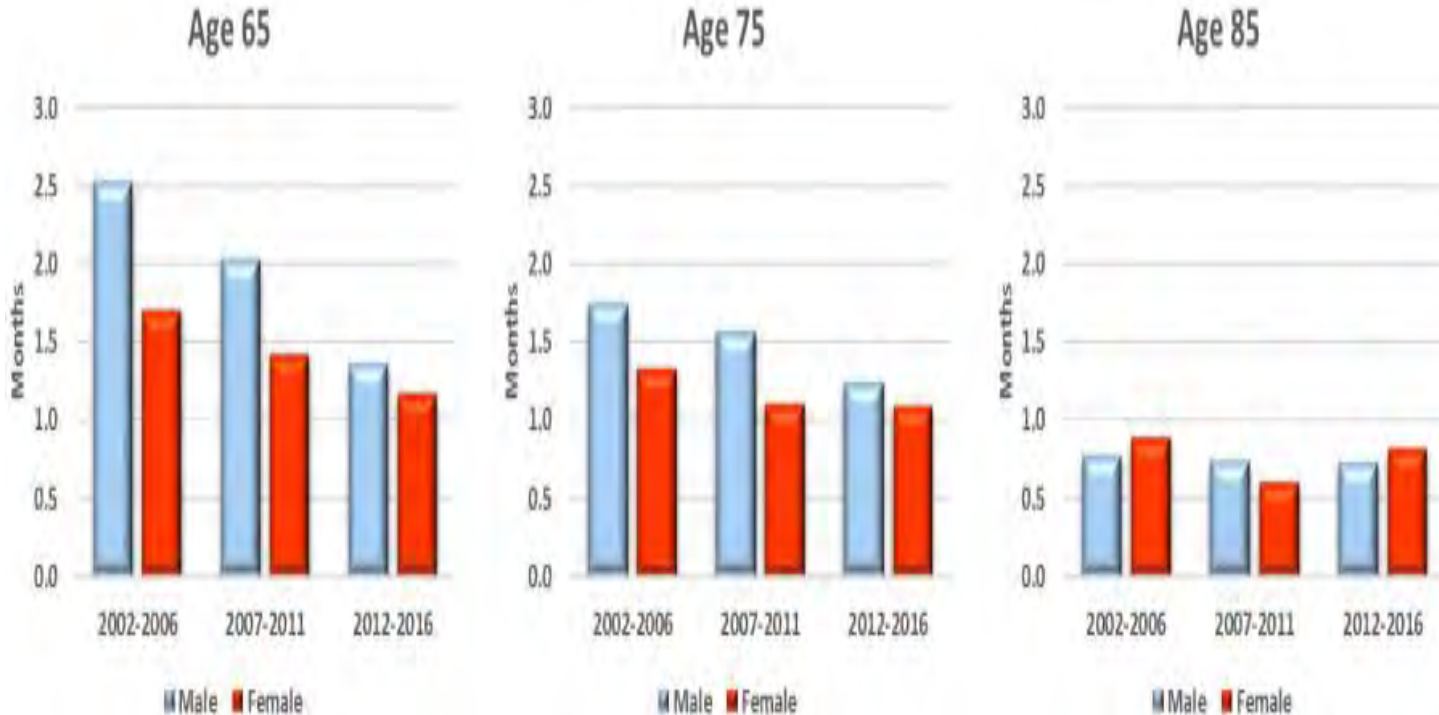
Source: [Report on the Demographic Situation in Canada Mortality: Overview, 2014 to 2016 by Ruffeen Shumanty](#)

Next: *Canada Old Age Security experience*



# Canada Old Age Security (OAS) Program

Average Annual Increase in Life Expectancy of OAS Beneficiaries (in months)



Canada, Old Age Security (OAS) Program Mortality Experience Fact Sheet, Office of the Superintendent of

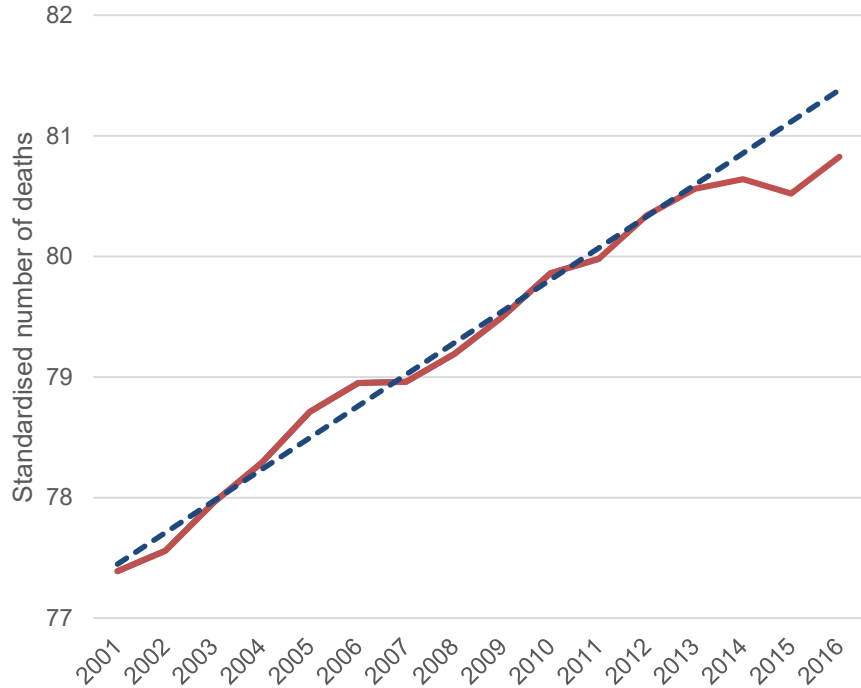
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*Next: Australia*<sup>28</sup>

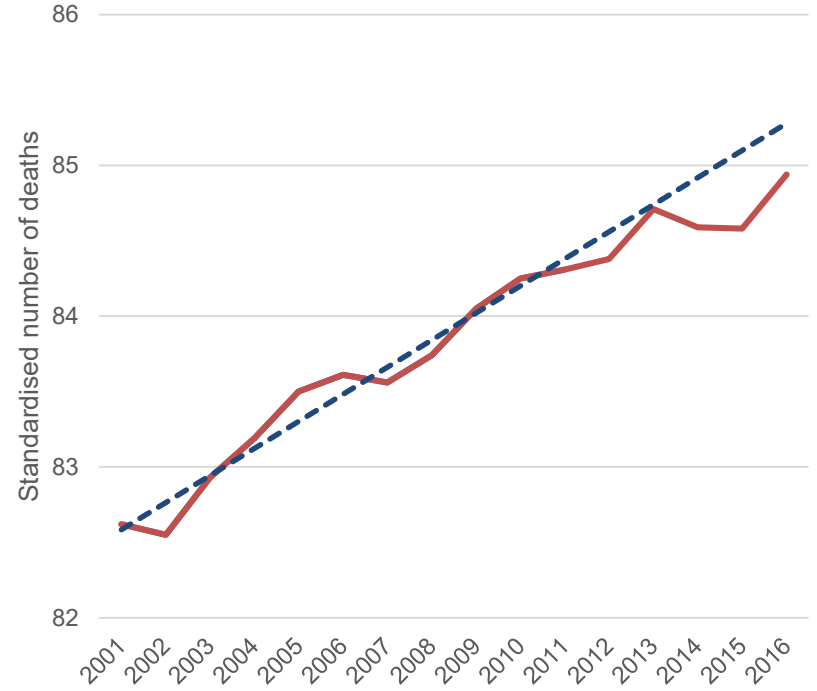


# Australia Period life expectancy

## Males, Australia

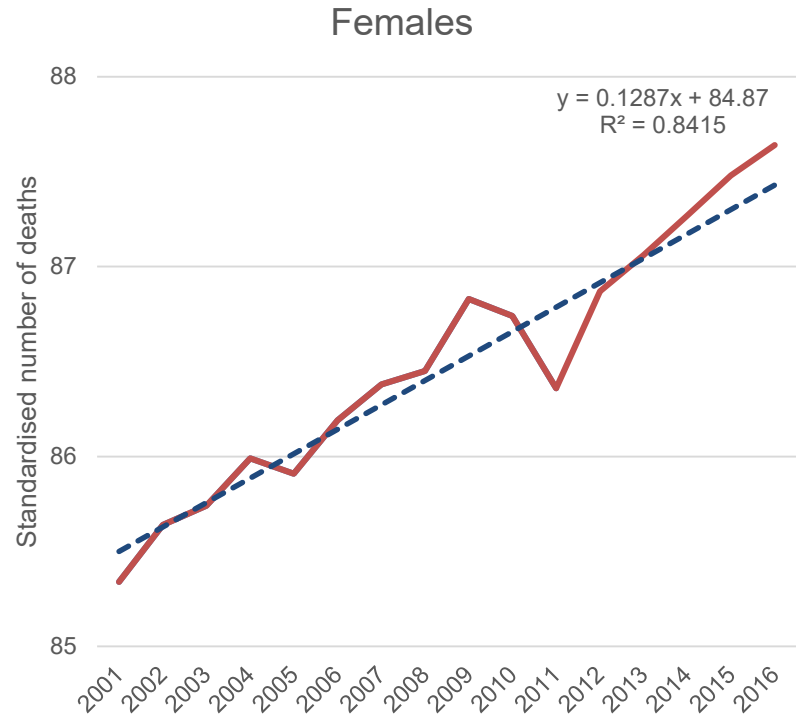
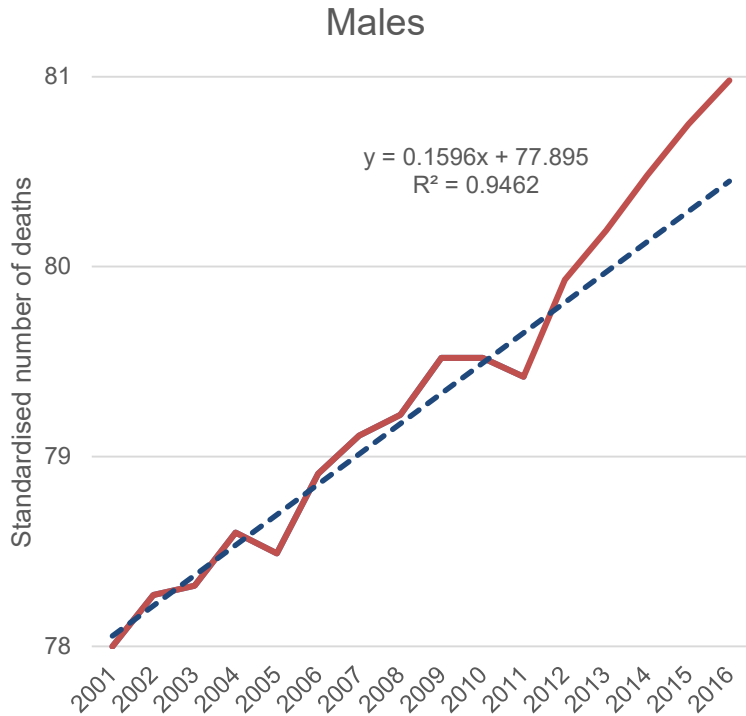


## Females, Australia





# Japan period life expectancy



Next: summary

# Selected high-income countries

Where are there signs of a fallback – and why?

- US   
- UK  
- Other European countries 
- Canada  
- Australia 
- Japan – the exception  

Now, what about causes and drivers? –

## Possible causes and drivers

Looking for **major** causes and drivers that might have contributed to the recent changes

How about ***your*** country/experience? Are there the same influences?





# Groupings, Causes and drivers

Seasonal factors (eg winter mortality)

Causes of death

“working age” causes (15-64 )

cardiovascular/circulatory/stroke

dementia

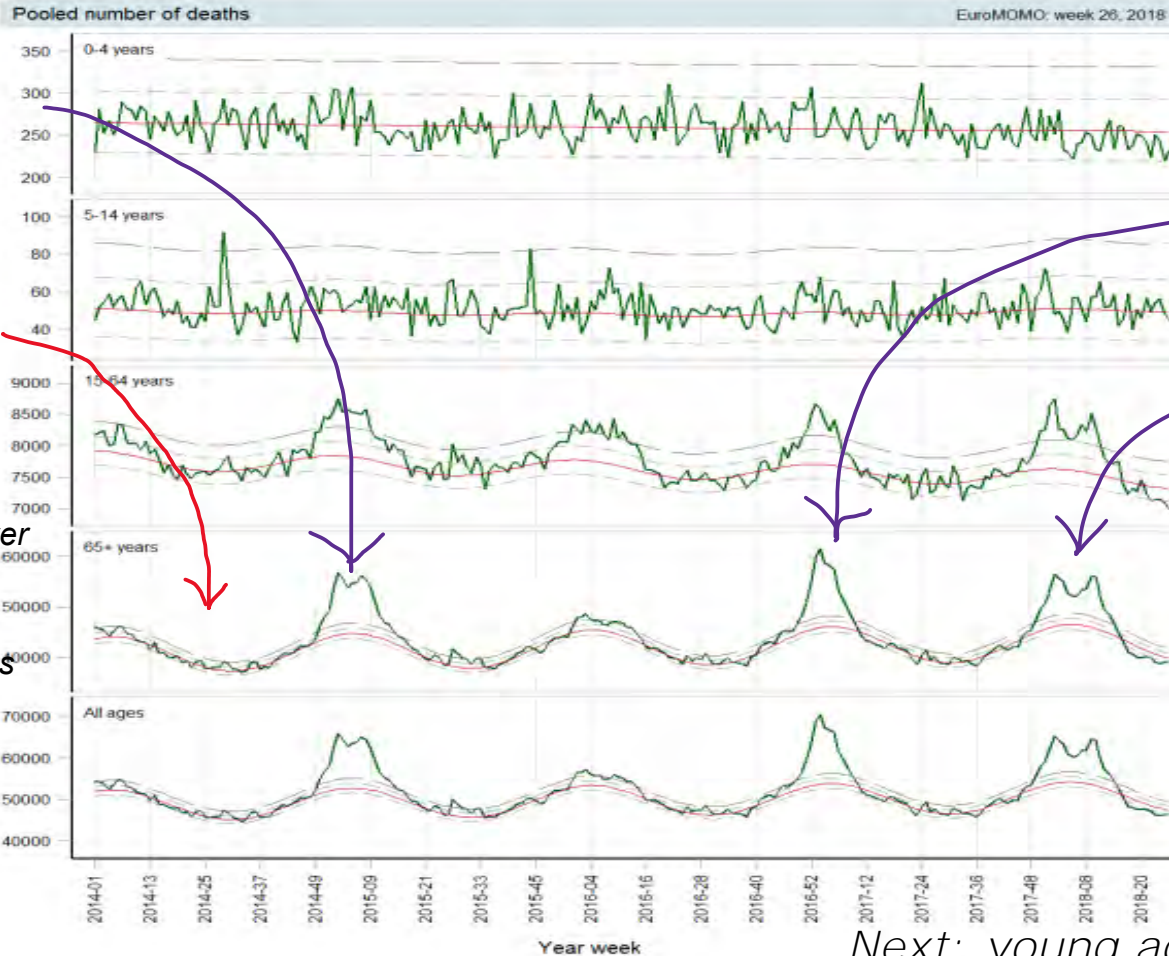
Drivers: behaviours - smoking – obesity

Socio-economic groups and deprivation

Austerity



# Seasonal mortality – Europe excess winter mortality



Winter 2014/15

Normal excess Winter mortality 2013/14

Scandinavian countries normally experience lower excess winter mortality

... and southern countries (Spain, Portugal) often higher!

Age band

0 – 4

5 – 14

15 – 64

65 +

all ages

Winter 2016/17

Winter 2017/18

Influenza A(H3N2)  
inter alia

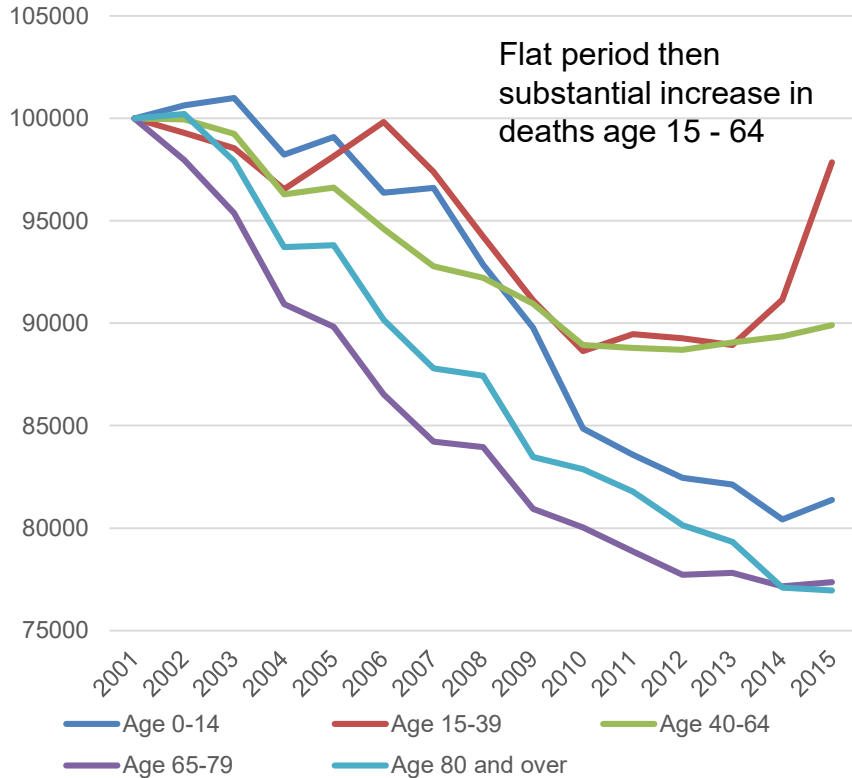
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Next: young age mortality US

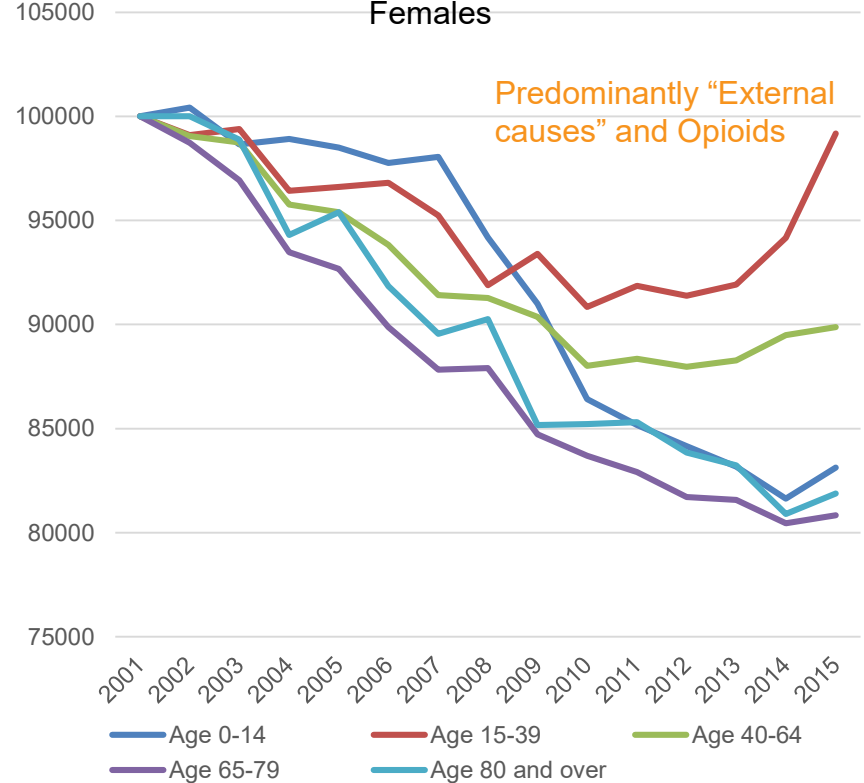


# US Standardised deaths indexed to 100k in 2001

## Males



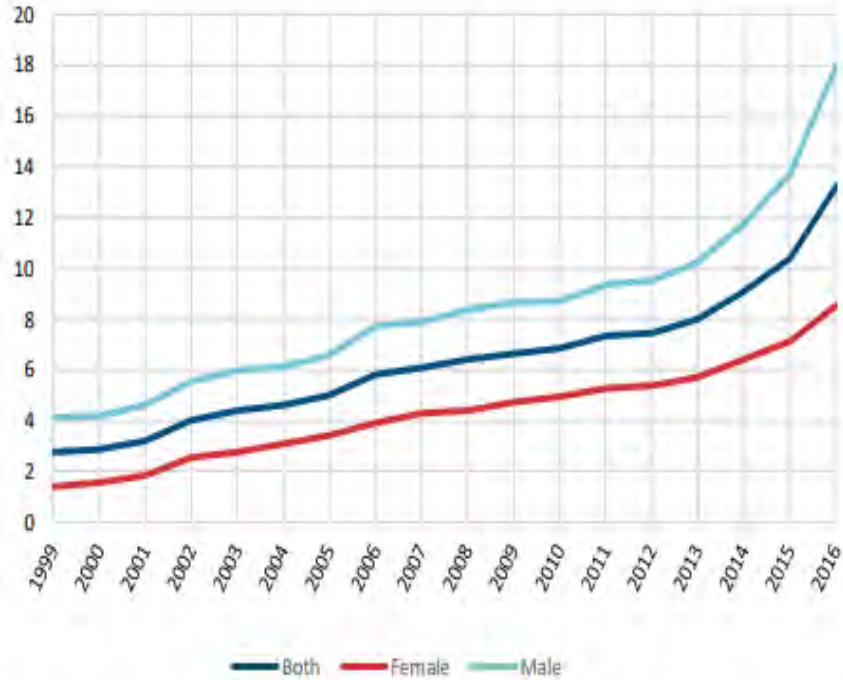
## Females



Next: opioids



# US Opioids: Age adjusted mortality 1999-2016 Deaths per 100,000



All Ages	Annual Improvement		
	1999-2016	2011-2016	2015-2016
Both	-9.7%	-12.5%	-27.4%
Female	-11.2%	-10.1%	-19.9%
Male	-9.0%	-13.9%	-31.1%
Age Group*			
< 1	**	**	**
1 - 4	**	**	**
5 - 14	**	**	**
15 - 24	-10.9%	-9.8%	-31.7%
25 - 34	-11.4%	-15.4%	-33.2%
35 - 44	-7.4%	-14.1%	-30.6%
45 - 54	-8.3%	-8.7%	-20.6%
55 - 64	-14.7%	-14.5%	-22.5%
65 - 74	-13.1%	-15.6%	-20.8%
75 - 84	-6.1%	-9.7%	-3.2%
85+	-5.8%	0.6%	6.5%

\*includes both genders

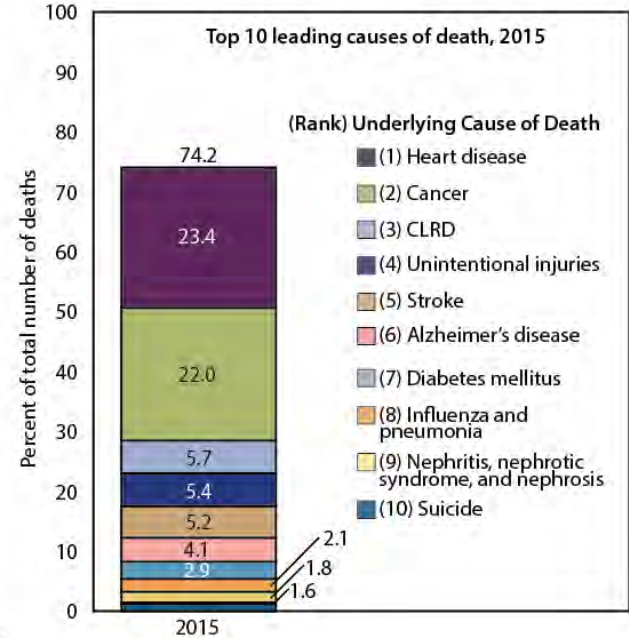
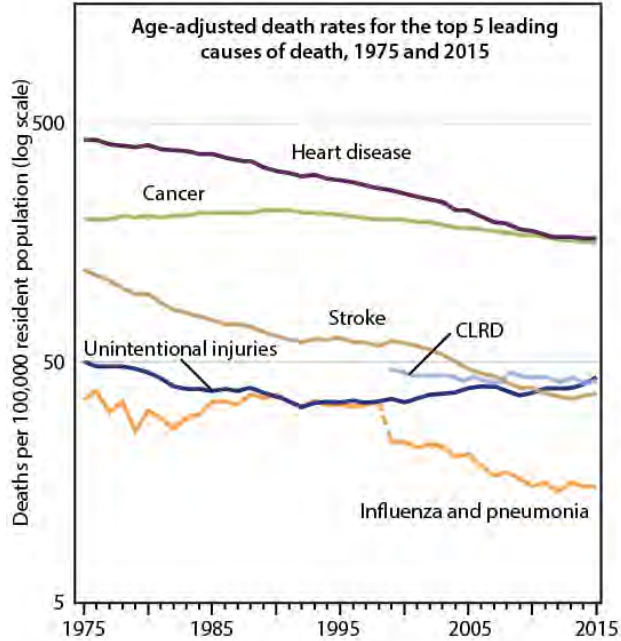
\*\*Less than 10 deaths. See section 3.

overall mortality rate (both genders) due to opioid drug overdose increased 27.4% in 2016



# US top 5 causes of death (all ages)

NB – logarithmic scale



Cardiovascular/  
circulatory/  
Stroke

Substantial  
improvements  
(reduced by 1/3)  
now slowing

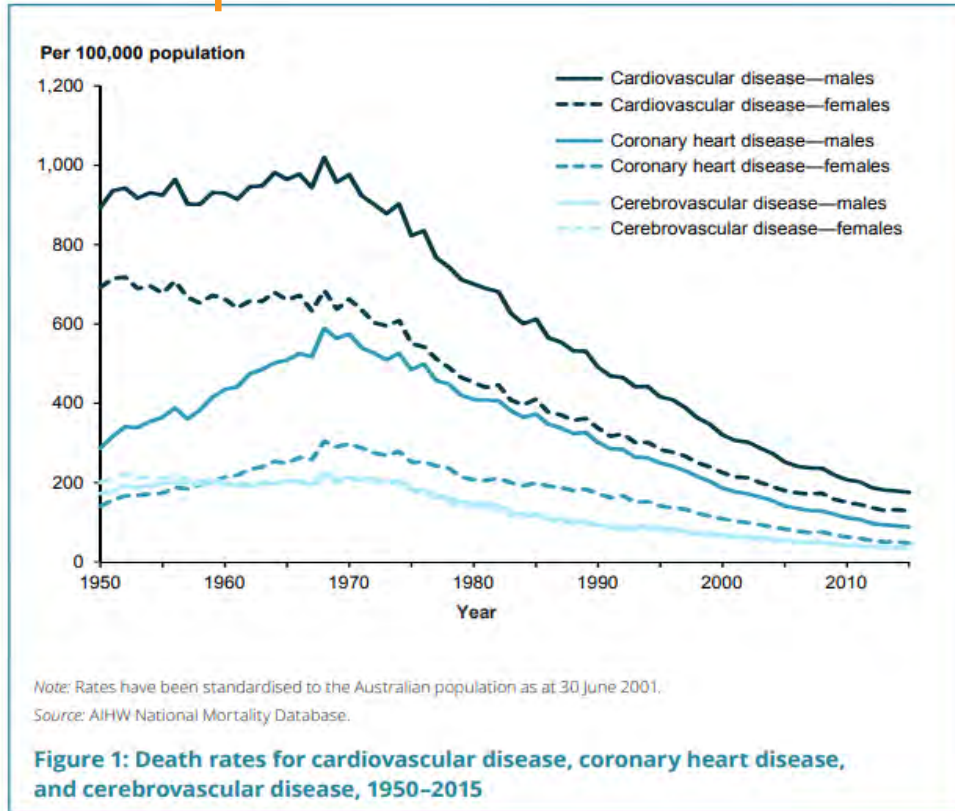


# Australia top causes of death

Cardiovascular

CHD

Cerebrovascular



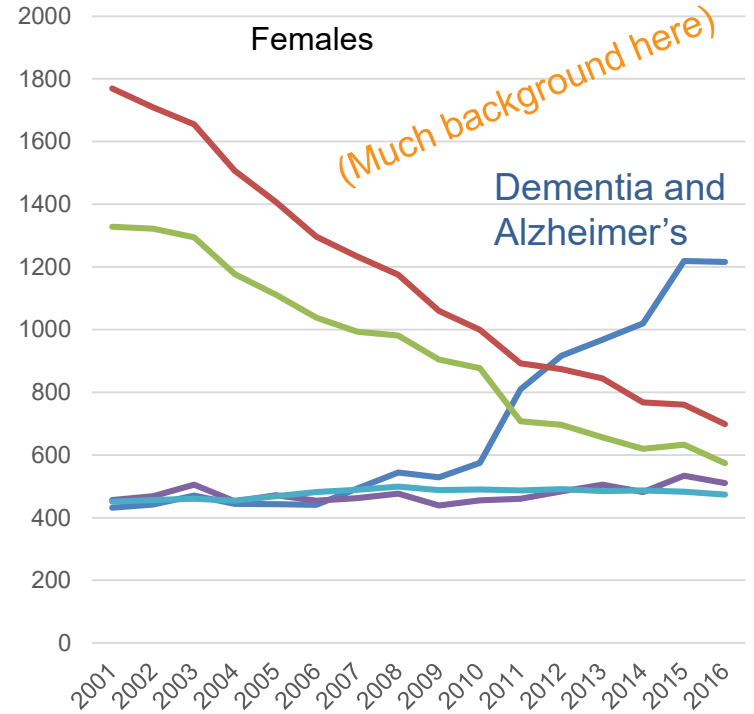
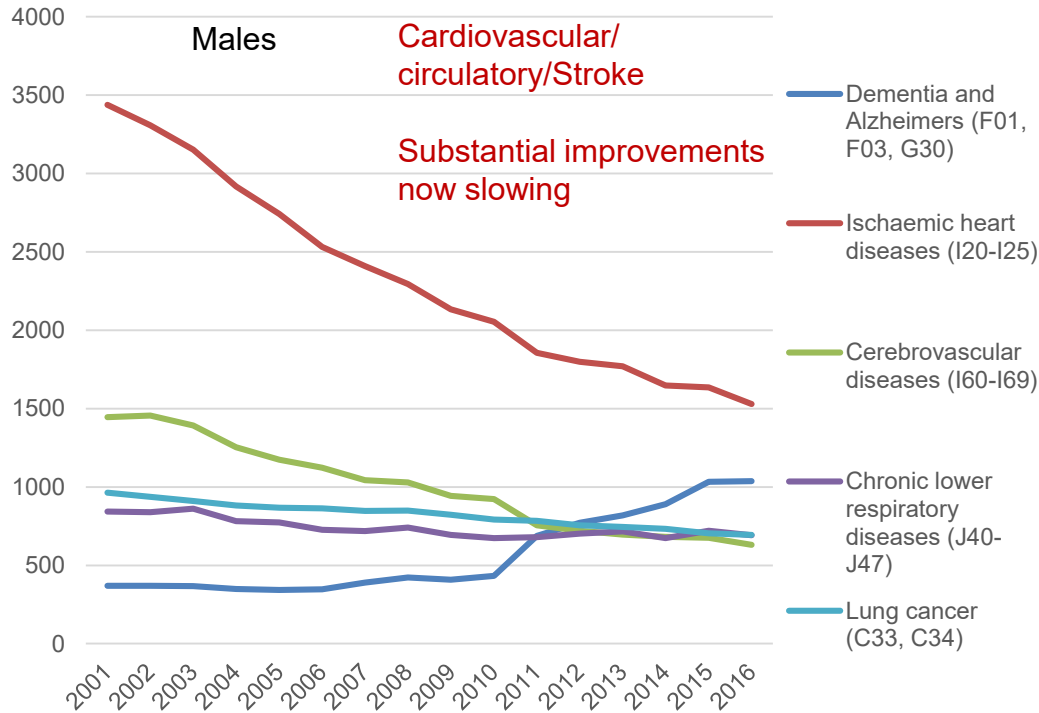
“As the death rate from cardiovascular disease fell, rates from other diseases, such as dementia rose. Dementia might soon overtake coronary heart disease as the single leading cause of death in Australia (ABS 2016).”

There are close associations between dementia and cardiovascular disease—cardiovascular disease itself is a major cause of dementia, and it is often listed as an associated cause when dementia is the underlying cause of death.”





# E&W Age standardised mortality rates for top five leading causes of death M, F (per million population)



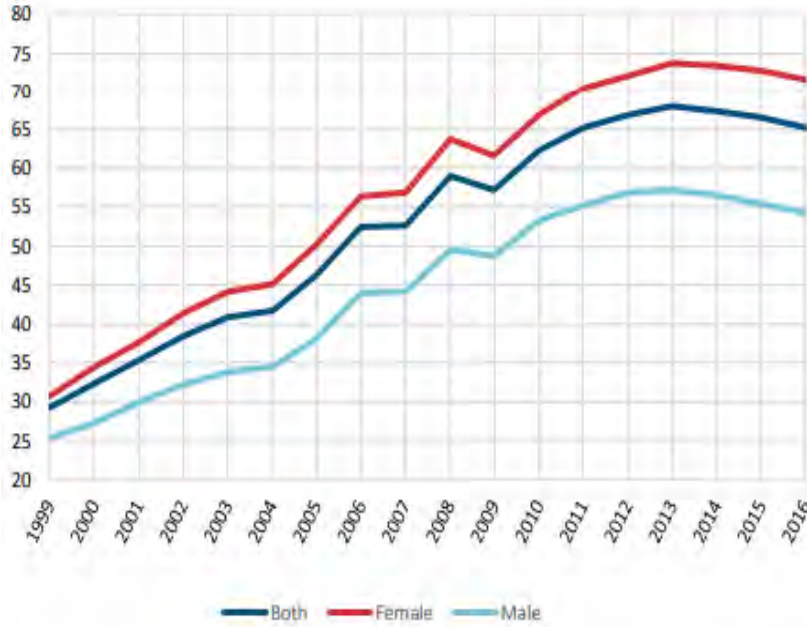
Source: Deaths registered in England and Wales (series DR): 2016

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/birthsdeathsandmarriages/deaths/bulletins/deathsregisteredineEnglandandWalesseriesdr/2016#dementia-and-alzheimer-disease-remained-the-leading-cause-of-death-in-2016>

Next: US Dementia and Alzheimer's



# US Alzheimer's/Dementia, age adjusted mortality 1999-2016



All Ages	Annual Improvement		
	1999-2016	2011-2016	2015-2016
Both	-4.8%	0.0%	1.8%
Female	-5.1%	-0.3%	1.5%
Male	-4.6%	0.4%	2.0%
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15 - 24	**	**	**
25 - 34	**	**	**
35 - 44	-1.4%	6.1%	30.2%
45 - 54	-3.8%	3.2%	-8.0%
55 - 64	-4.2%	0.1%	-4.3%
65 - 74	-3.6%	0.0%	-1.5%
75 - 84	-4.4%	0.9%	2.6%
85+	-5.1%	-0.4%	1.7%

\*includes both genders

\*\*Less than 10 deaths. See section 3.

U.S. Population Mortality Observations Updated with 2016 Experience, Holman et al. SOA 2018 <https://www.soa.org/Files/resources/research-report/2018/us-population-mortality.pdf>

*Next: trend or blip?*



# Summarising Causes.

Is this a trend or a blip? Similarities internationally?

How about *your* country/experience? Are there the same influences?



# Groupings, Causes and drivers *summary so far*

Seasonal factors (eg winter mortality)

Blip? - 3 years in past 4 (Europe)

Causes of death

“working age” causes (15-64 ) US

Blip? Opioids Hard to reverse

cardiovascular/circulatory/stroke

Blip? Only if the decline in improvements reversed

Dementia

Mixed

NB Considerable variations between countries

Drivers: behaviours - smoking – obesity

Socio-economic groups and deprivation

Austerity

*Next: Drivers*



# Drivers

- Behaviours
- Smoking
- Obesity
- Socio-economic factors
- Austerity

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*Next: Socio-economic groups and deprivation: US*



# Drivers: behaviours - smoking – obesity

Look at the big ones for clues on trends or blip

- Behaviours account for up to 50% of all deaths.  
What effects recently? US deaths from drug and alcohol poisoning, suicide, and chronic liver disease and cirrhosis
- Smoking: Is the effect of past generations quitting smoking now fading out?
- Obesity is the effect increasing?

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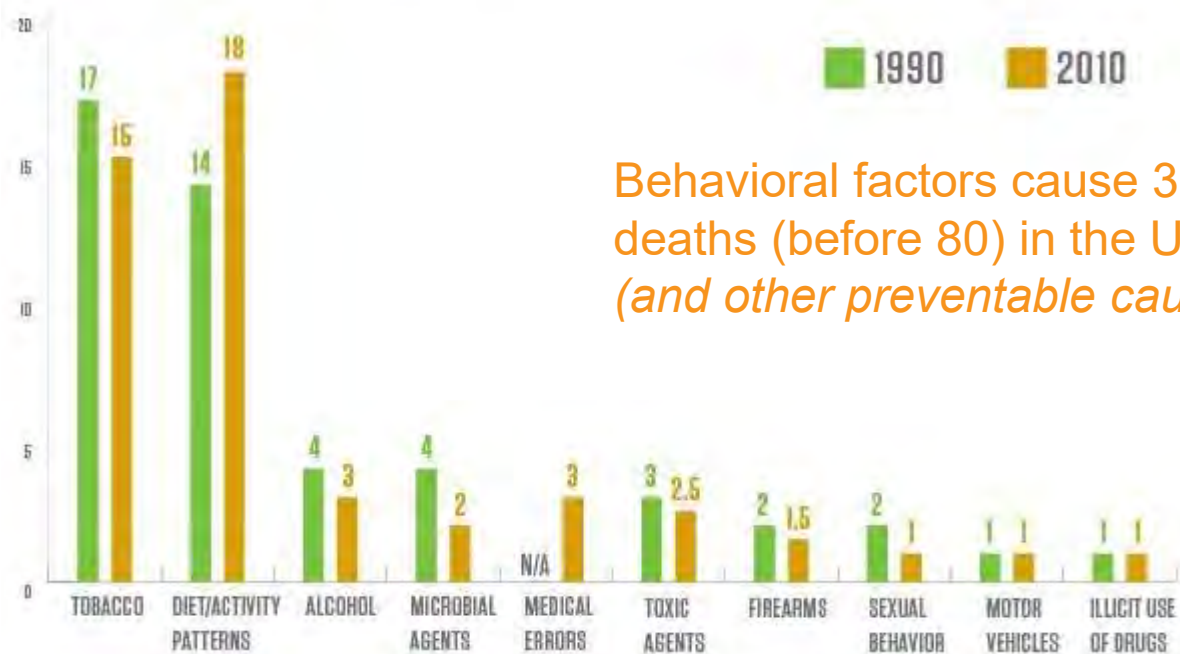
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# US Behaviors: Smoking and dietary deaths 2010

PERCENT OF EARLY DEATHS (BEFORE AGE 80) BY CAUSE, 1990 AND 2010



Behavioral factors cause 35 percent of all premature deaths (before 80) in the United States  
*(and other preventable causes another 13%)*

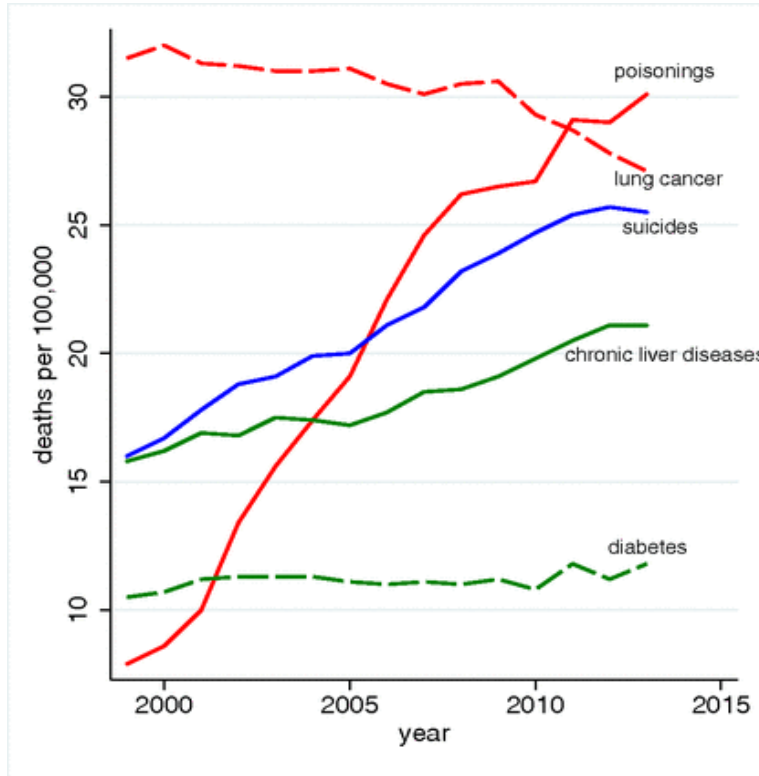
Source: Up to Half of U.S. Premature Deaths Are Preventable; Behavioral Factors Key: Mather and Scommegna 2015

<https://www.prb.org/us-premature-deaths/>

**Next: white non-Hispanics US**



# US Behaviors: white non-Hispanics 45-54 deaths

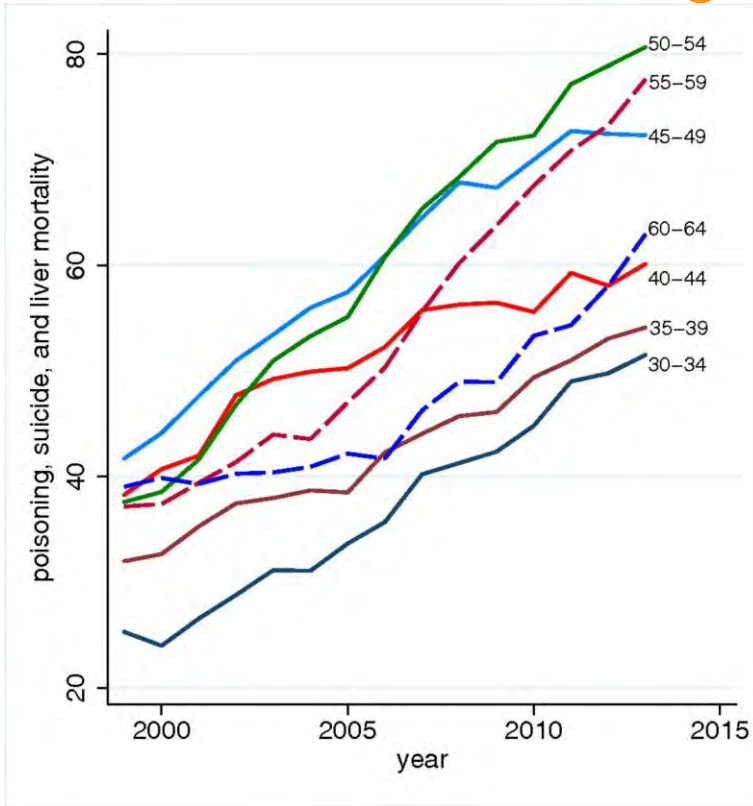


The change in all-cause mortality for white non-Hispanics 45–54 is largely accounted for by an increasing death rate from external causes.

Source: Case, A.; Deaton, A. (2015). [Rising morbidity and mortality in midlife among white non-Hispanic Americans in the 21st century](#). Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (2015) 112



# US Behaviors: it's all age groups from 30-64



*All 5-y age groups between 30–34 and 60–64 have witnessed marked and similar increases in mortality from the sum of drug and alcohol poisoning, suicide, and chronic liver disease and cirrhosis over the period 1999–2013*  
Case and Deaton

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*Next: England*

# Behaviours: Smoking and dietary risk factors England

## Behavioural risk factors

Dietary risks

Tobacco smoke

Low physical activity

Alcohol & drug use

## Metabolic risk factors

High systolic blood pressure

High body mass index

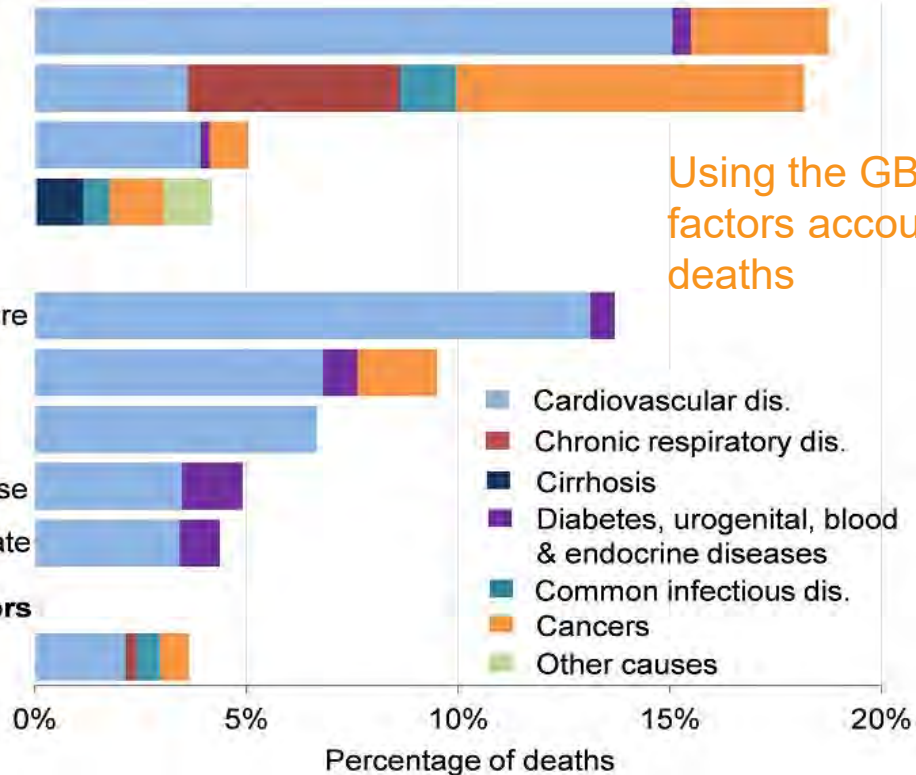
High total cholesterol

High fasting plasma glucose

Low glomerular filtration rate

## Environmental risk factors

Air pollution



Source: Health profile for England, Chapter 2: major causes of death and how they have changed July 2017

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/health-profile-for-england/chapter-2-major-causes-of-death-and-how-they-have-changed>

*Next: age group 15-49*





# Behaviours: risk factors age 15-49 England

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Alcohol & drug use

Dietary risks

Tobacco smoke

Low physical activity

## Metabolic risk factors

High body mass index

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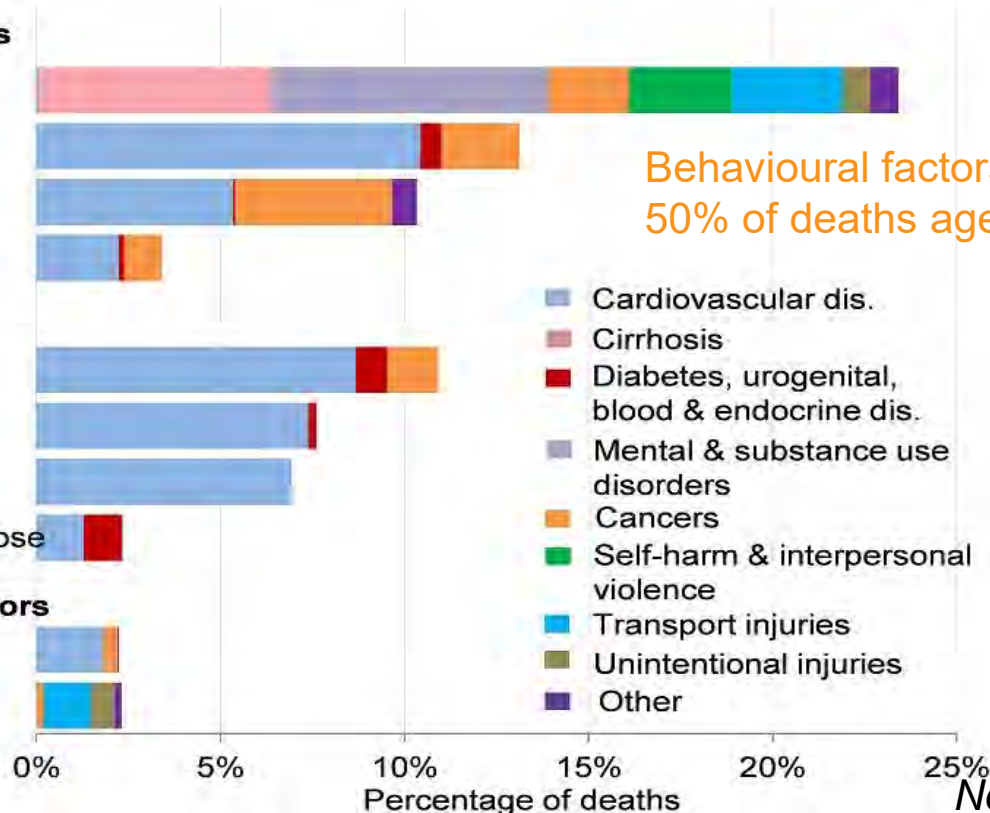
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Air pollution

Occupational risks



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# Drivers: socio-economic factors - austerity

- Socio-economic factors: US, UK, France – Socio-economic gap increasing
- Austerity: Europe, US

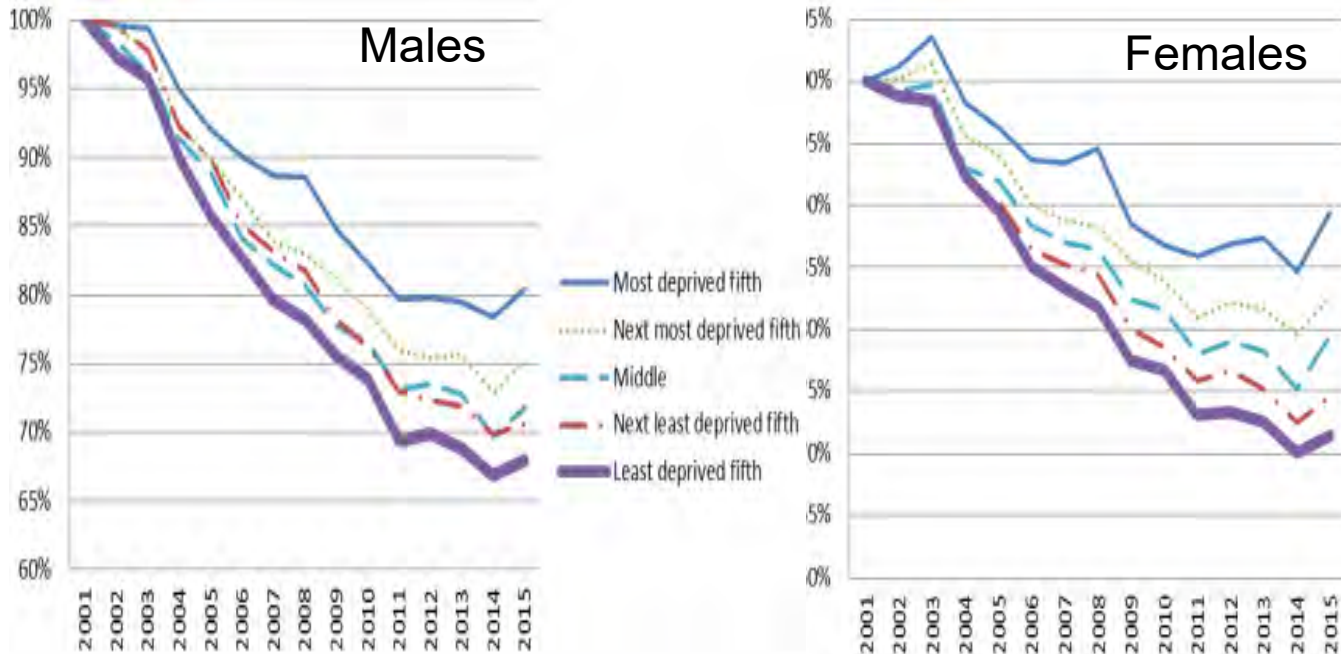
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# England: Socio-economic gap.

Progression of death rates for those aged 60-89 of each socioeconomic circumstances quintile – mortality given as a percentage of that in 2001



**It's mainly about money**

“Of the many factors including income, education, crime, health, housing, environment and unemployment, **income deprivation** is the strongest independent predictor of mortality rates”

Life expectancy: is the socioeconomic gap narrowing? Longevity Science Panel Feb 2018

[http://www.longevitypanel.co.uk/files/LSP\\_Report.pdf](http://www.longevitypanel.co.uk/files/LSP_Report.pdf)

*Next: Austerity*



# Austerity – mixed messages

EUROPE: “The slowing down of improvements in life expectancy, correlated to the level of austerity, raises uncomfortable questions as to whether we are beginning to transition **from** the era of consistently improving population health **to** a new age characterised by an **instability in population health largely dictated by the social and political determinants of health.**”

“While **income inequality** has increased in both the United States and France, **inequality in mortality** in France remained remarkably low and stable”

Source: [Austerity and the new age of population health?](#) Mark A Green, Scandinavian Journal of Public Health

Source: [Mortality \(in\)equality in France and the United States](#), J Currie et al National Bureau of Economic Research, Cambridge, MA

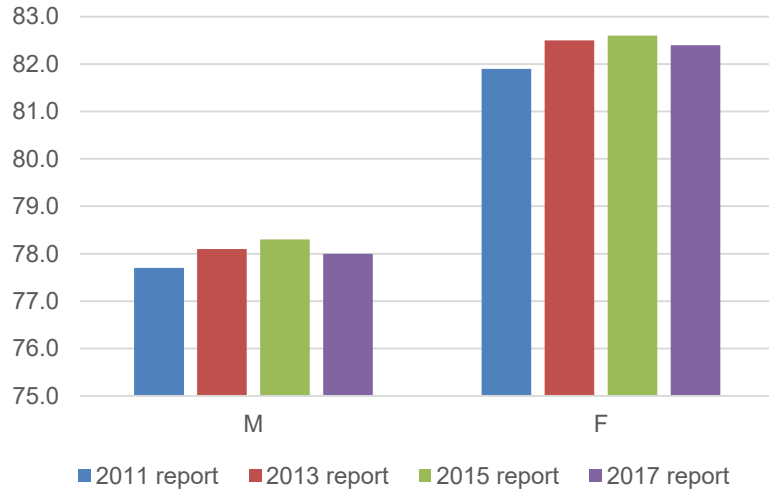
# What are actuaries doing about it?

Projections

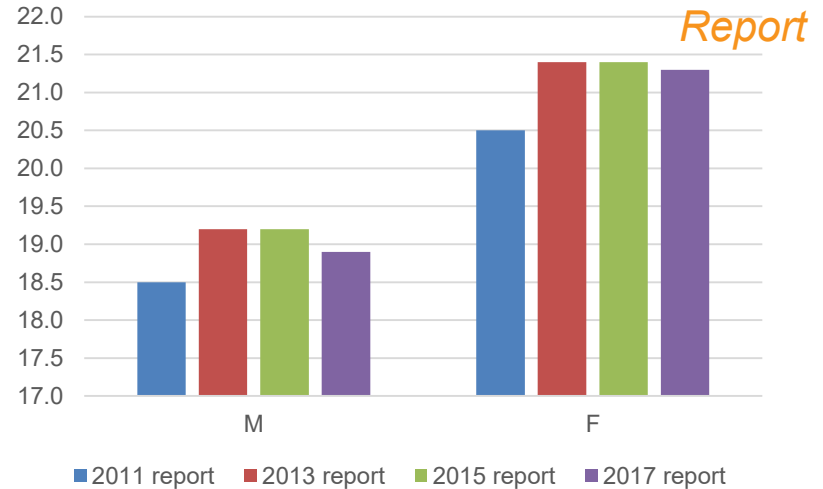


# US OASDI: Successive projected period life expectancies in 2025

Projected period life expectancy at **birth** in 2025



Projected period life expectancy at **age 65** in 2025

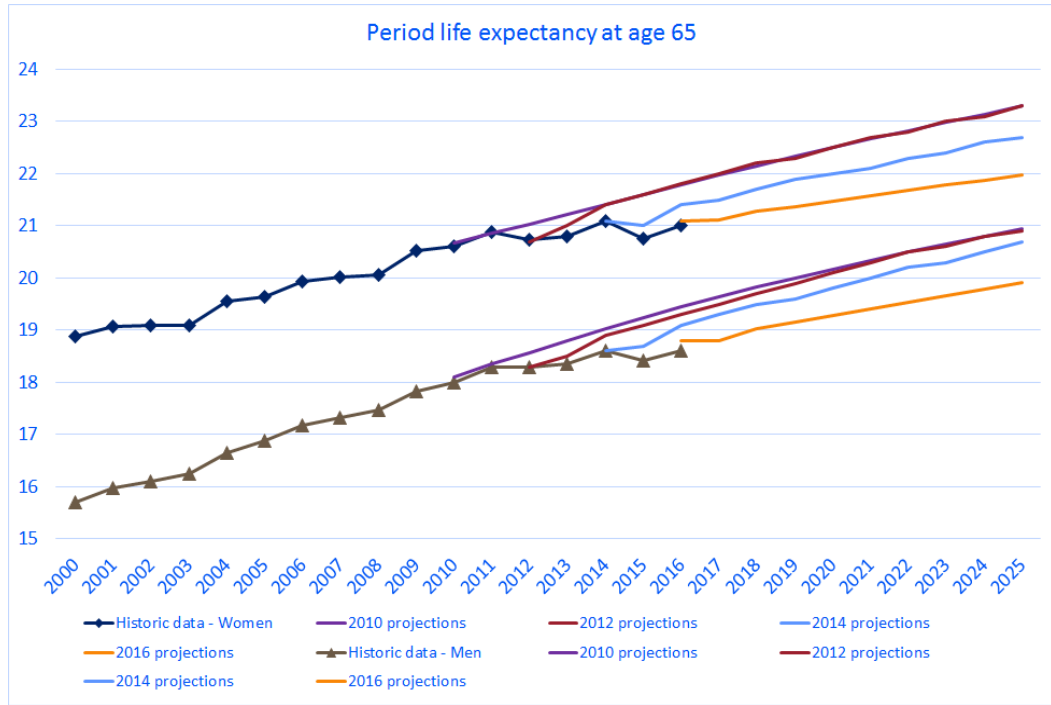


Source: [USA Federal Old-age and Survivors insurance and federal Disability insurance trust funds \(OASDI\)](#)

Next: UK ONS



# UK Office for National Statistics: period life expectancy projections age 65 from 2010 to 2016



**Female:**

2010 2012  
2014  
2016

**Male**

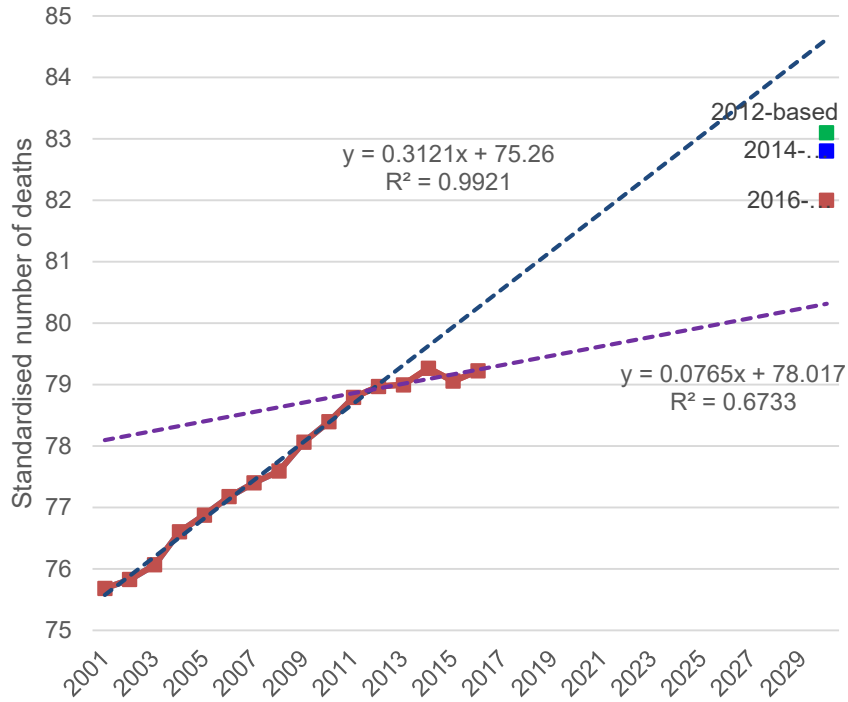
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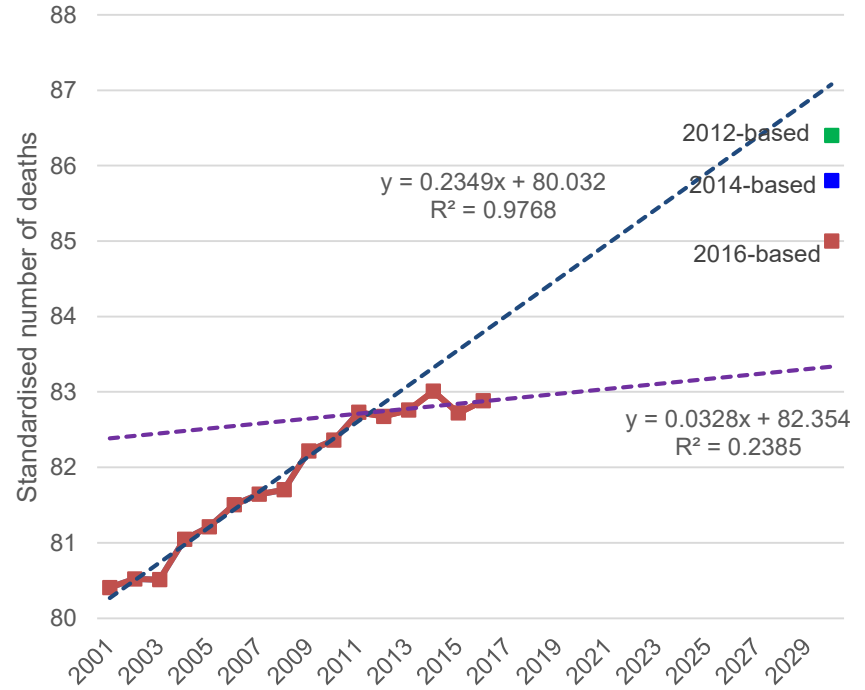


# UK: Historical and projected period life expectancy at birth

## Period life expectancy at birth, Males, UK



## Period life expectancy at birth, Females, UK

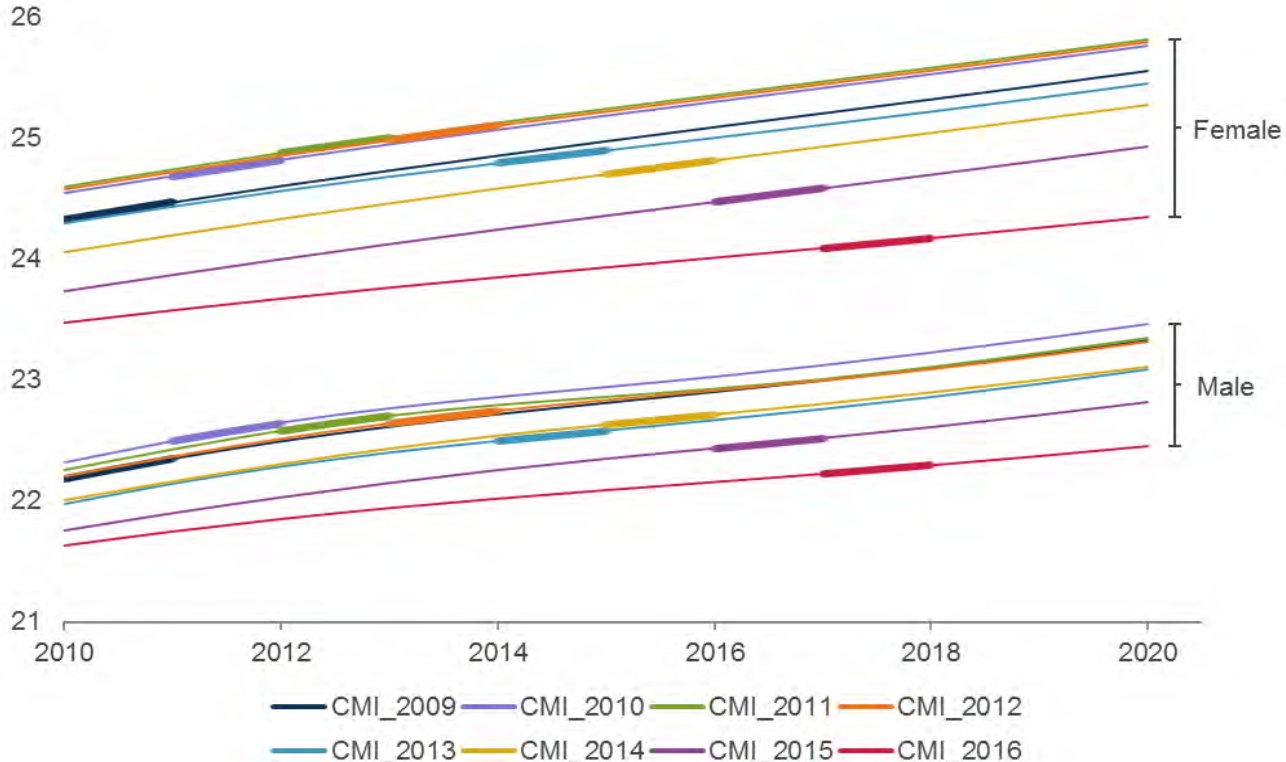






# The CMI Model – Life expectancy age 65

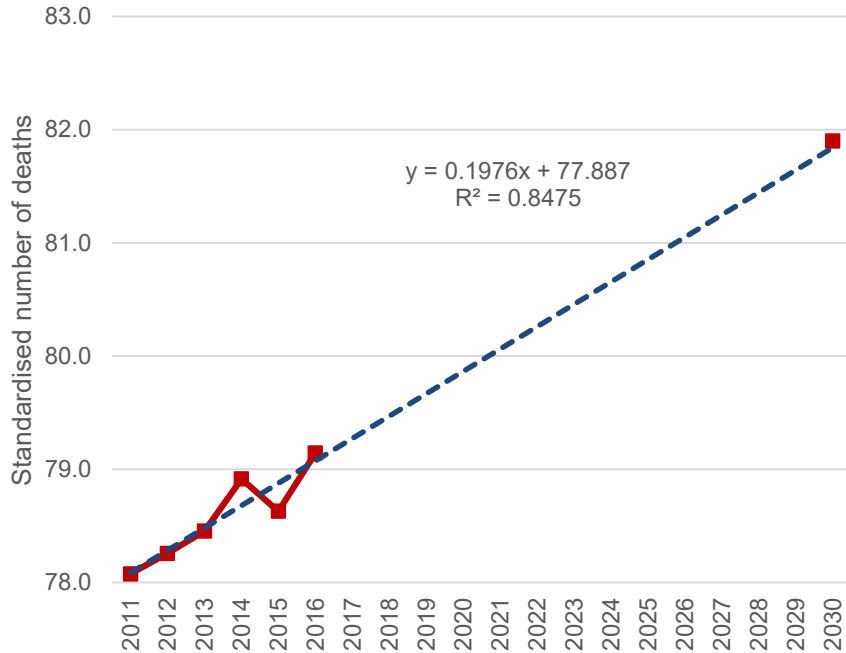
CMI life expectancy projections have been reduced in successive iterations of the model – age 65 shown



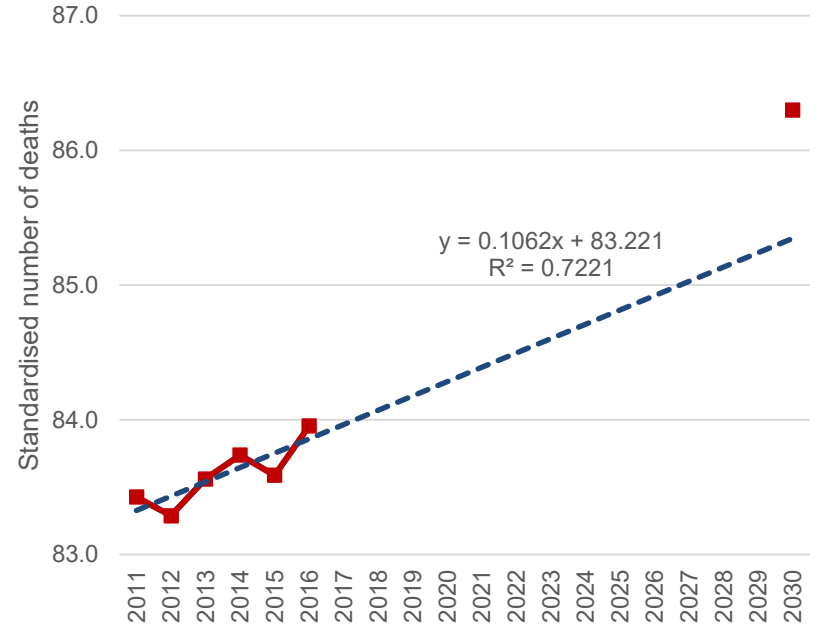


# Austria: projected life expectancy at birth for 2030

Period life expectancy at birth, Males, Austria



Period life expectancy at birth, Females, Austria

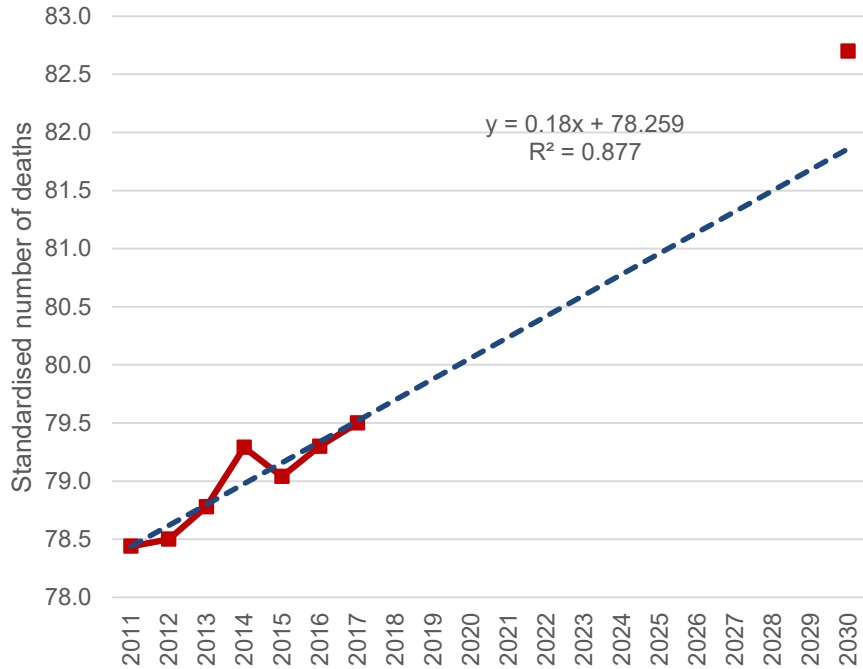


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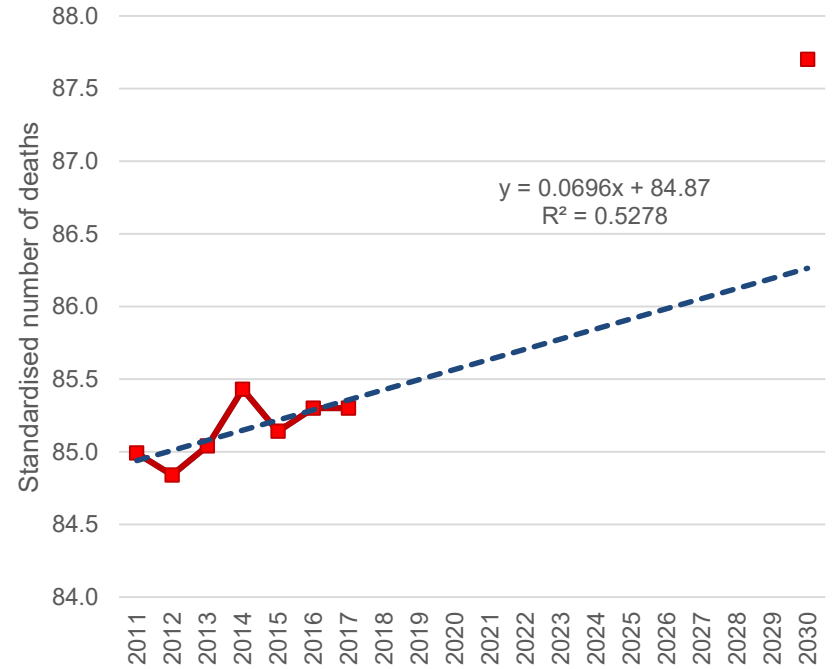


# France: projected life expectancy at birth for 2030

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## Period life expectancy at birth, Females, France

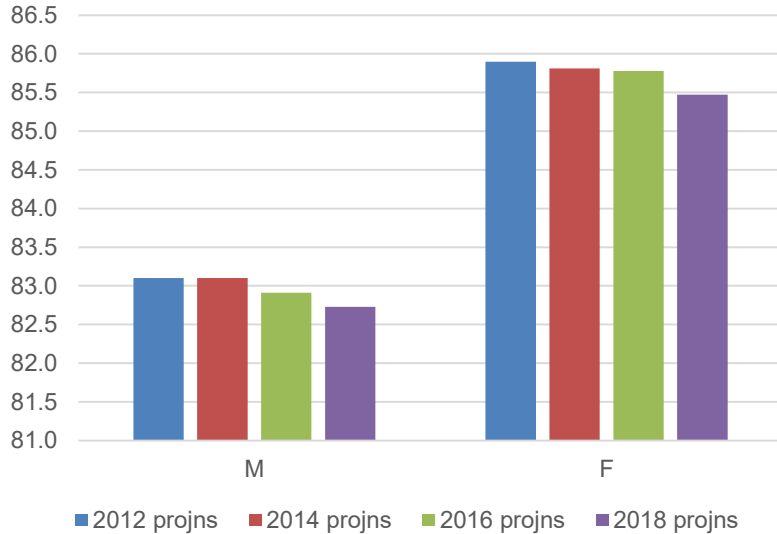


Trend line extrapolated to 2030 and the projected period life expectancy for males and females in 2030 from the latest population projections for France (2031-2070) is also shown. Source: INSEE

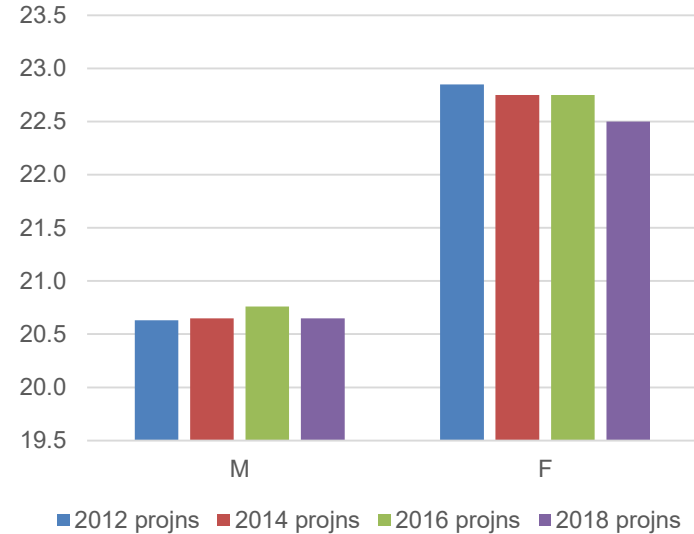


# Sweden population: Projected period life expectancies in 2025

Projected period life expectancy at birth in 2030, Sweden



Projected period life expectancy at age 65 in 2030, Sweden

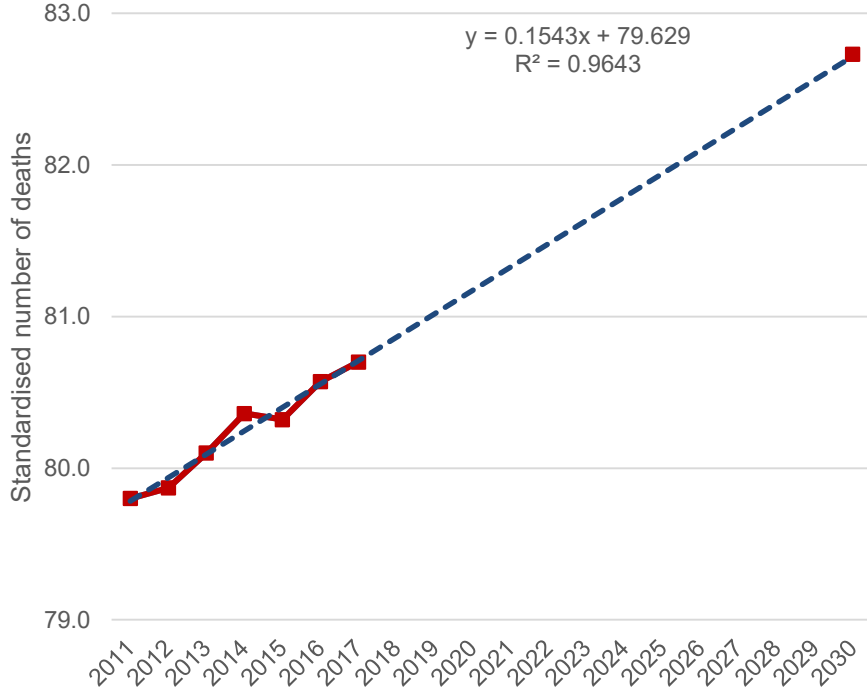


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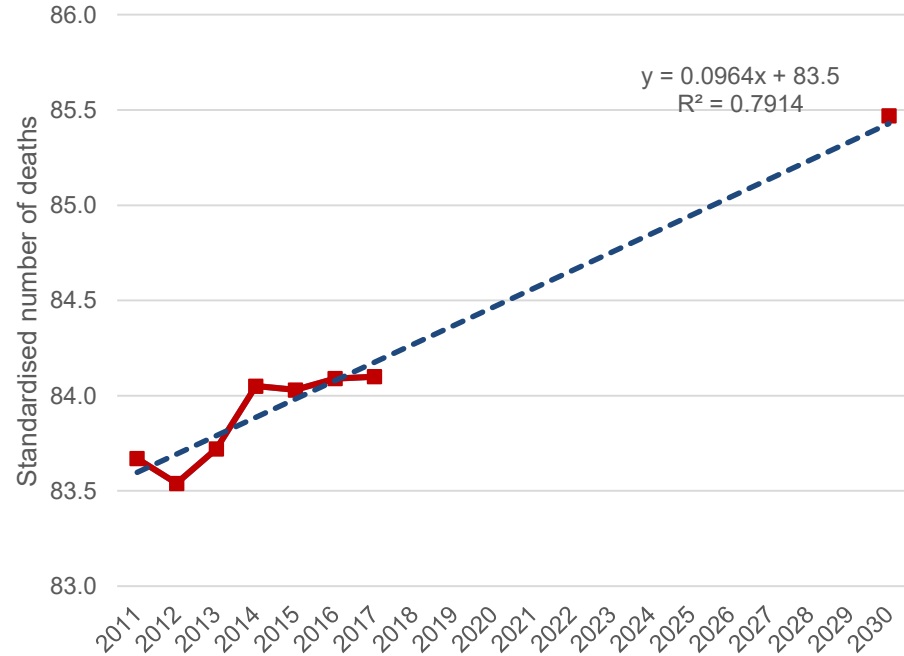


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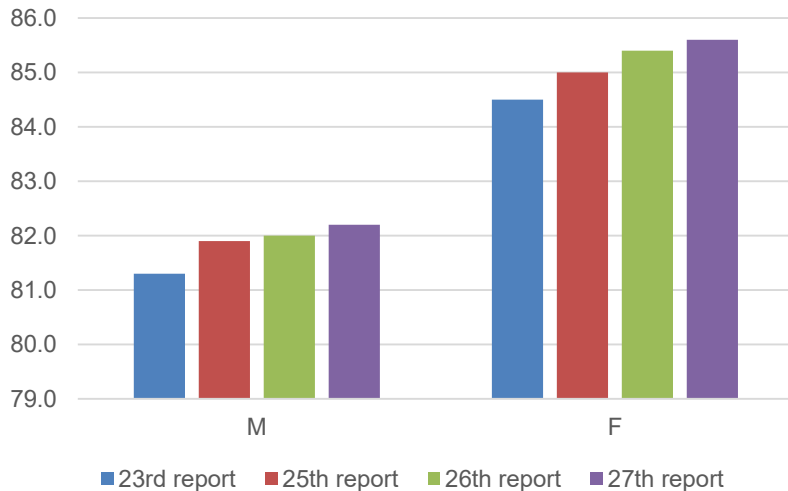
2018-2060 projections

Next: Canada Projections

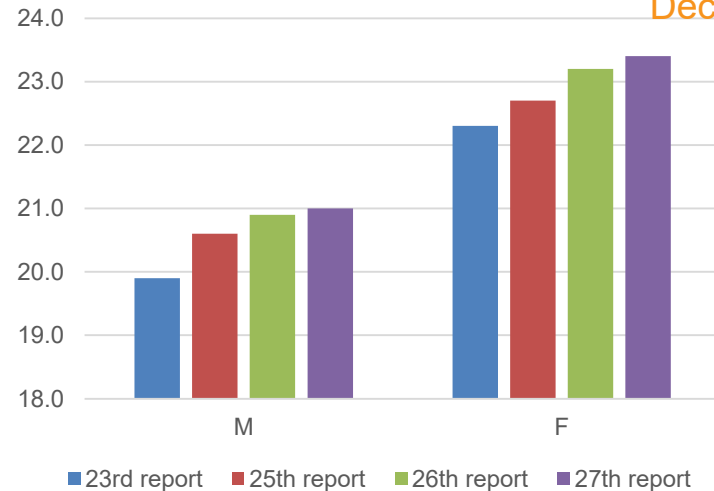


# Canada Pension Plan: Successive projected period life expectancies in 2025

Projected period life expectancy at birth in 2025, CPP Reports



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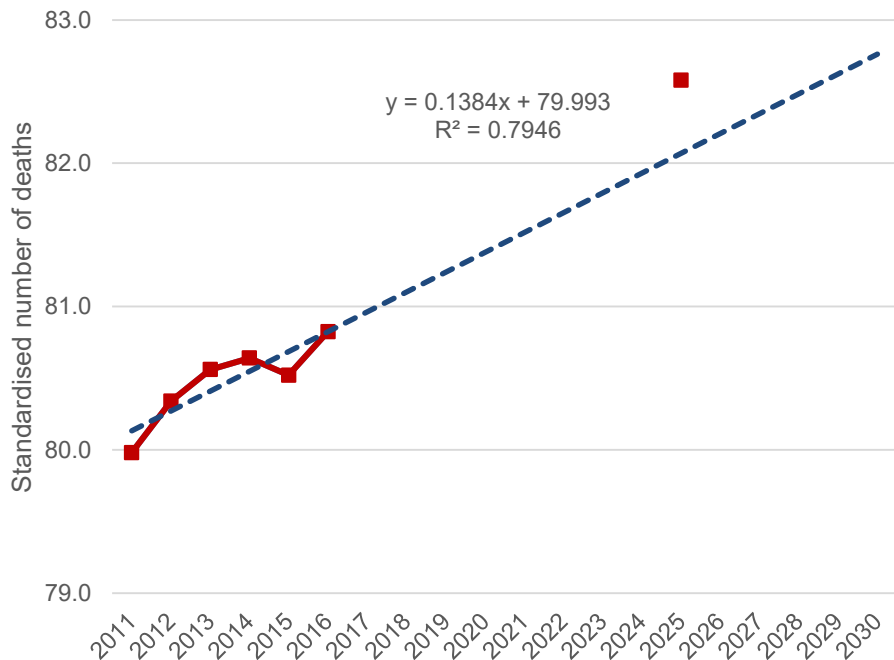


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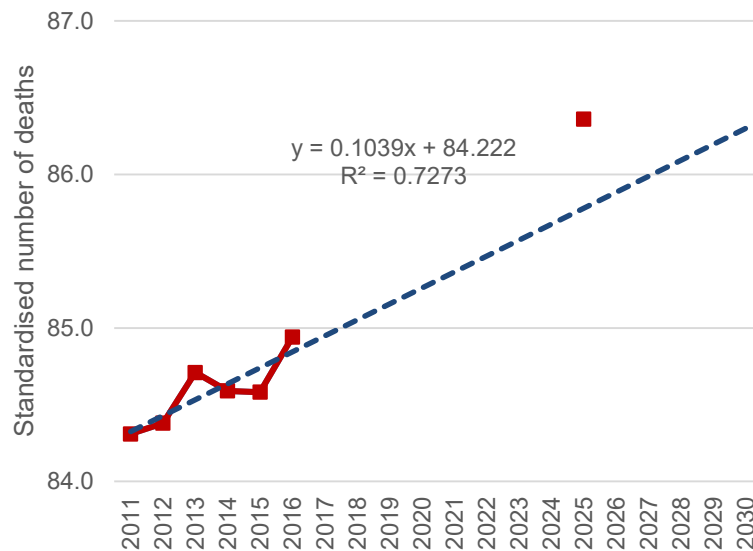


# Australia: with projected life expectancy at birth for 2025/6

### Period life expectancy at birth, Males, Australia



### Period life expectancy at birth, Females, Australia



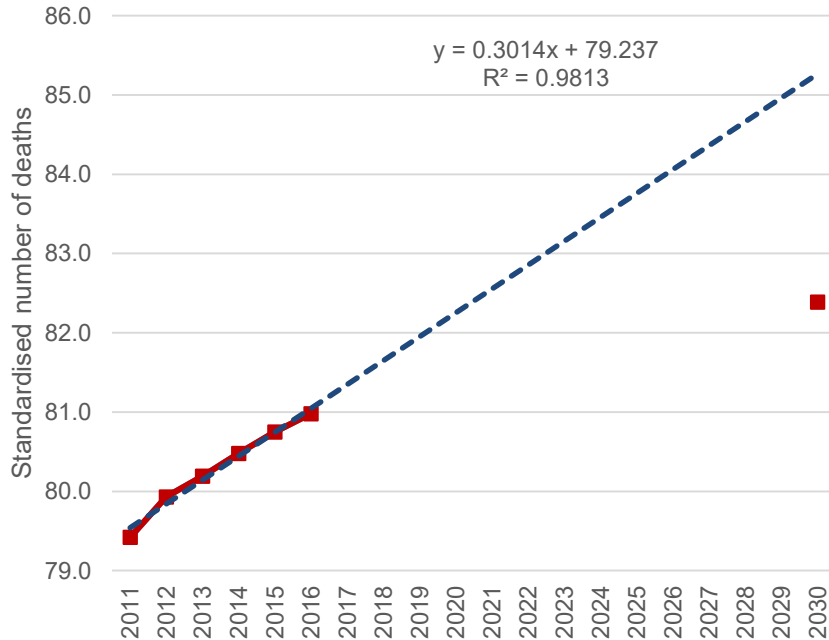
Projected year here is 2025/6; data not readily available for 2030. These are from the 2011-2060 projections so reasonably old – can't find more recent projections

*Next: Japan*



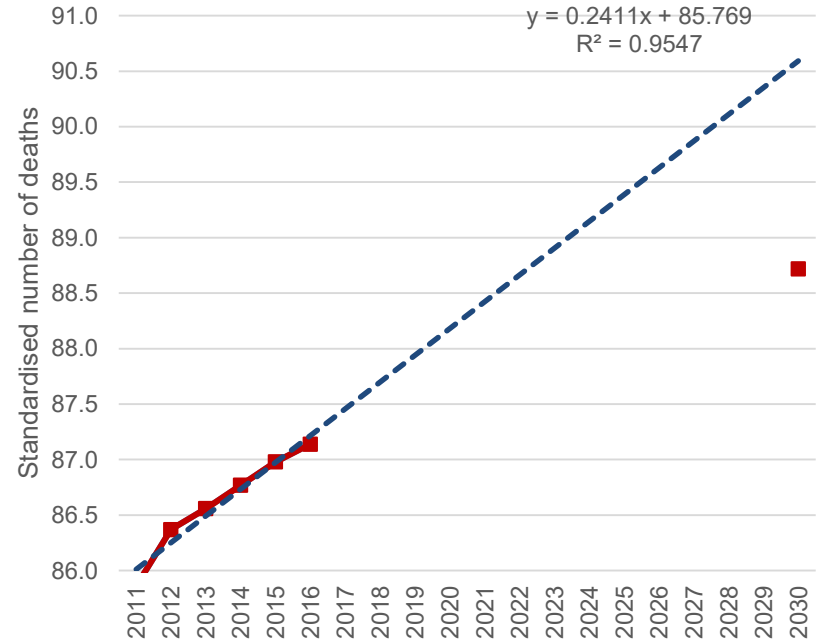
# Japan: with projected life expectancy at birth for 2030

Period life expectancy at birth, Males, Japan



2017 – 2015 projections.

Period life expectancy at birth, Females, Japan



*Next: Conclusions*





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*My views only  
Please bring your views to the Discussion  
Session at the end (after Assia’s paper)*

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# Thank you



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## Terminology etc

ONS Office for National Statistics (UK)

ASMR Age-Standardised Mortality Rate

E & W England and Wales

NHS UK National Health Service, providing medical care to 100% of the population

*“Medical treatment covering all requirements will be provided for all citizens by a national health service”. Sir William Beveridge (1942)*

NHCS US National Center for Health Statistics

EOL “Life expectancy” = Period life expectancy  
(unless specifically mentioned)

*We have chosen here to focus on life expectancy at birth, as “recent” EOLs at other ages are often not available*

European Standard Population: Used to prepare age-standardised deaths on the same basis

Sources are [hyperlinked](#) from the relevant slide

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