Person—life expectancy, total years N[NN]

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| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Metadata item type: | Data Element |
| Short name: | Life expectancy |
| METEOR identifier: | 557421 |
| Registration status: | [National Health Performance Authority (retired)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/8), Retired 01/07/2016 |
| Definition: | The number of years, on average, a person is expected to live, based on current age and sex-specific death rates. |
| Data Element Concept: | [Person—life expectancy](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/574066) |
| Value Domain: | [Total years N[NN]](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/290412) |

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| Value domain attributes | | |
| Representational attributes | | |
| Representation class: | Total | |
| Data type: | Number | |
| Format: | N[NN] | |
| Maximum character length: | 3 | |
|  | **Value** | **Meaning** |
| Supplementary values: | 999 | Unknown/not stated |
| Unit of measure: | Year | |



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| Data element attributes | |
| Collection and usage attributes | |
| Guide for use: | A life table is a statistical model used to represent mortality of a population. In its simplest form, a life table is generated from age-specific death rates and the resulting values are used to measure mortality, survivorship and life expectancy. |
| Source and reference attributes | |
| Submitting organisation: | National Health Performance Authority |