

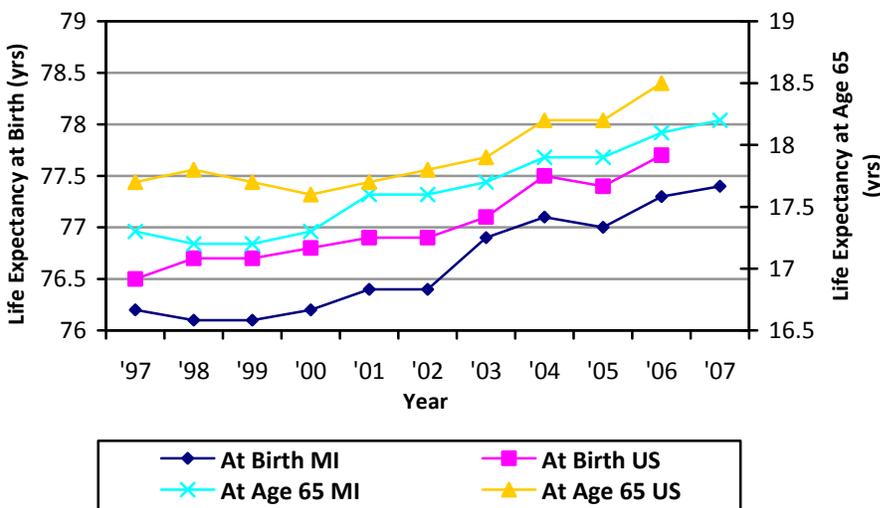
Life Expectancy at Birth and at Age 65

Indicator Definition: Life Expectancy at Birth is the number of years that a newborn is expected to live if current mortality rates continue to apply. Life Expectancy at Age 65 is the number of years of life remaining to a person at age 65 if current mortality rates continue to apply.

Indicator Overview:

- Life Expectancy at Birth is a standard for comparing populations both within countries and internationally. It reflects the overall mortality pattern of a population across all age groups and is often used as an overall measure of the state of a population's general health. Life Expectancy at Birth is also commonly used to identify disparities among populations.
- Life Expectancy at Age 65 is a measure used as a general indicator of the overall health of those over 65, as well as the quality of, and access to, health care services among the elderly. It is also an indicator used to examine inequalities across populations and for international comparisons.

Life Expectancy at Birth and at Age 65, United States and Michigan, 1997-2007



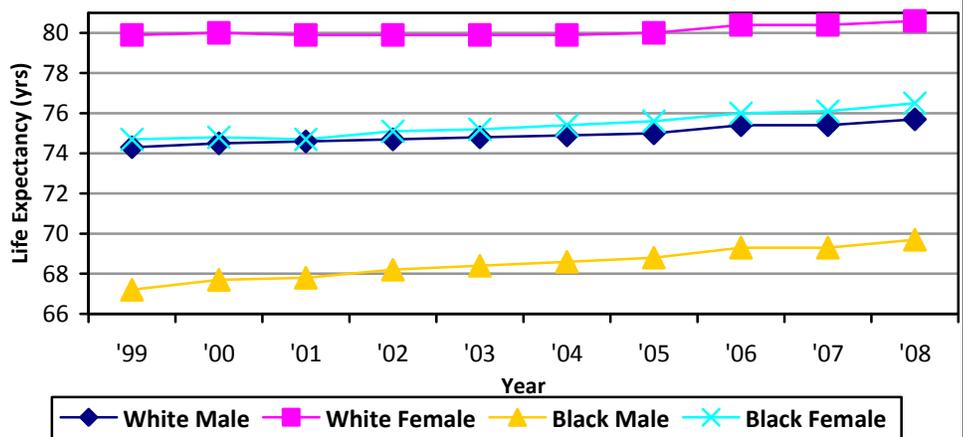
← Trends:

Life expectancy at Birth and Life Expectancy at Age 65 are both trending upward. In 1997, life expectancy at Birth for Michigan and the US was at 76.3 and 76.5, respectively and then increased to 77.3 and 77.7 years by 2006. Similarly, the life expectancy at age 65 increased from 17.3 to 18.1 years in Michigan and 17.7 years to 18.5 years for the US. Michigan residents continue to have a slightly lower life expectancy than the United States population as a whole, both at birth and at age 65.

→ Health Disparities:

Gender and racial disparities continue to exist in life expectancy. White women in Michigan have the longest life expectancy. Black women and white men have a life expectancy of about four years less than white women, while black men have a shorter life expectancy than white women by more than 10 years.

Life Expectancy at Birth by sex and race, Michigan, 1999 - 2008



Links to Other Sources of Information:

FastStats Life Expectancy in U.S., CDC: <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/fastats/lifexpec.htm>

Life Expectancy at birth by sex and race in Michigan, MDCH: <http://www.mdch.state.mi.us/pha/osr/deaths/lifexrctrend.asp>

Links to Related Public Health Programs:

MDCH: Physical Health & Prevention Programs: http://www.michigan.gov/mdch/0,1607,7-132-2940_2955---,00.html

CDC: Chronic Disease Prevention & Health Promotion: <http://www.cdc.gov/chronicdisease/index.htm>