

Europe's healthy old age

How many years of healthy active life people enjoy after age 50 varies greatly across countries, even in those with longer life expectancies



Life expectancy (2005) / *healthy years after age 50*

Men

Women

Austria	79.1	14.5	83.7	15.6
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Belgium	78.7	18.4	83.4	18.6
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Czech Rep.	75.6	14.8	80.7	16.3
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Denmark	78.3	23.6	81.9	24.1
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Estonia	72.4	9.1	80.5	10.4
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France	79.6	18.0	85.4	19.8
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Germany	79.0	13.6	83.4	13.6
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Ireland	79.5	18.9	83.2	20.2
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Italy	80.4	20.7	85.3	20.9
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Latvia	71.3	11.0	79.3	12.8
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Netherlands	79.1	20.2	83.3	20.4
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Portugal	78.1	14.9	82.9	12.7
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Spain	79.5	19.2	85.0	18.6
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Sweden	80.3	20.2	84.1	20.3
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UK	79.5	19.7	82.7	20.8
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Using Sullivan method, which defines "healthy life year" as not limited by disability

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