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Health Expectancy

The Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) in cooperation with the European Joint Action for the establishment of a European Information System on Healthy Life Years and Life Expectancy (EHLEIS), coordinated by the National Institute of Health and Medical Research (INSERM, France), the European Commission and the Member States, announces most recent data on indicators Healthy Life Years (HLY) and Life Expectancy (LE) for Greece and the European Union. The Joint Action contributes to monitoring health expectancy and identifying the basic determinants of healthy life in Europe, offering thus new capabilities for policies targeting to increase the number of Healthy Life Years (HLY) by 2 years from 2010 to 2020.

Source data for the calculation of health expectancy is the Minimum European Health Module included in the Survey on Income and Living Conditions (EU-SILC). The indicator is calculated as the percentage of the population of a certain age with health problems of the population of the same age without health problems, and also with mortality data.

The latest results on healthy life expectancy at age 65 were announced at the second annual meeting of EHLEIS in Paris on April 18 2013. Specifically:

European Union

- In the EU as a whole **Life Expectancy at age 65** in 2011* was 18.0 years for men and 21.4 years for women, an increase of more than one year since 2005 (1.3 years for men and 1.2 years for women).

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* *Provisional Data*

- **Life expectancy in good perceived health** (years lived where people perceive themselves in good or very good health) in 2011 was 7.1 years for men and 7.0 years for women, presenting a significant increase since 2005, by 1.5 years for men and 1.6 years for women, more than the increases in Life Expectancy at age 65.
- **Life expectancy without chronic morbidity** at age 65, significantly decreased between 2005 and 2010, from 7.2 years to 6.7 years for men, and from 7.8 to 7.6 for women, and then increased in 2011 reaching 7.2 years for men and 8.0 for women.
- **Life expectancy without activity limitation - Healthy Life Years** at age 65 showed relative stability between 2005 and 2011, increasing by only 0.2 years—reaching 8.8 years—for men and decreasing by 0.2 years—reaching 8.6 years—for women.

The case of Greece

- **Life Expectancy at age 65**, in 2011* was 18.5 years for men and 20.6 years for women, presenting since 2005 an increase by 1.4 years for both men and women, which is slightly higher than the average increase for EE 25.
- **Life expectancy in good perceived health** (years lived where people perceive themselves in good or very good health) in 2011 was 8.0 years for men and 6.7 years for women, presenting since 2005 an increase by 1.2 years for men and by 0.5 years for women.
- **Life expectancy without chronic morbidity** at age 65, in 2011 was 8.0 years for men and 7.7 years for women, presenting a decrease since 2005 by 0.6 years and 1.1 years for men and women, respectively.
- **Life expectancy without activity limitation – Healthy Life Years** at age 65, in 2011 was 9.1 years for men and 7.8 years for women, presenting a decrease since 2005 by 0.6 years for men and 2.2 years for women.

In conclusion, in Greece, Life Expectancy at age 65, has increased at the pace of the European average, while a decrease is being recorded in Life expectancy without chronic morbidity and in Healthy Life Years, with the figures being more positive for men.

For more information please consult link [Health expectancy for Greece](#).

In addition, users can find in the website <http://www.eurohex.eu/> besides the indicators for Greece also life expectancy reports and tables with calculated indicators for EU countries, publications, training material and other useful links related to the subject.