

AVERAGE AGE AT DEATH, AND EXPECTATION OF LIFE.

The average age at death of persons of either sex, in each of the ten years 1898–1907, was as follows:—

		Males.		Females.				Males.		Females.	
1898	...	...	39.29 years	...	35.69 years.	1903	...	...	39.56 years	...	35.43 years.
1899	...	...	37.73 "	...	33.54 "	1904	...	...	41.47 "	...	38.44 "
1900	...	...	40.31 "	...	36.14 "	1905	...	...	43.03 "	...	39.13 "
1901	...	...	41.64 "	...	37.68 "	1906	...	...	44.39 "	...	39.35 "
1902	...	...	41.07 "	...	34.88 "	1907	...	...	40.43 "	...	36.66 "

The average expectation of life at each year of age has been compiled from a table given in a paper on the rates of mortality in New Zealand which was published by Mr. George Leslie. This is the best and most up-to-date information procurable, but it is not guaranteed by the authorities of the Government Life Insurance Department.

The table shows, on comparison with New South Wales figures (Coghlan's), that at birth the expectation of life to the male infant in New Zealand is considerably greater than in that State, the figures being 54.44 years (N.Z.), against 49.60 (N.S.W.), and for females 57.26 and 52.90.

At 21 years of age the expectation in New Zealand for males is 43.77 years, as against 41.35 (N.S.W.), and for females 45.59, against 43.62.

At age 45 the comparison is, for males, 25.23 years (N.Z.), 23.27 (N.S.W.); females, 27.46 years (N.Z.), against 25.34 (N.S.W.).

At the age of 70, the limit of a normal life, the figures for New Zealand are—males 9.48 years, females 10.23, against 8.64 for both sexes in New South Wales.

Throughout the comparison is in favour of this country.

Expectation of Life in New Zealand.

Age.	Average Duration of Life: Years.		Age.	Average Duration of Life: Years.		Age.	Average Duration of Life: Years.	
	Male.	Female.		Male.	Female.		Male.	Female.
0	54.444	57.260	35	32.829	34.954	70	9.481	10.227
1	59.102	61.214	36	32.054	34.215	71	8.988	9.673
2	59.169	61.220	37	31.282	33.475	72	8.504	9.130
3	58.626	60.647	38	30.511	32.734	73	8.035	8.604
4	57.924	59.934	39	29.744	31.990	74	7.586	8.095
5	57.167	59.148	40	28.979	31.243	75	7.160	7.614
6	56.396	58.343	41	28.220	30.493	76	6.758	7.164
7	55.606	57.520	42	27.465	29.739	77	6.379	6.742
8	54.791	56.680	43	26.715	28.981	78	6.022	6.349
9	53.956	55.825	44	25.971	28.221	79	5.683	5.982
10	53.094	54.953	45	25.231	27.458	80	5.362	5.636
11	52.212	54.069	46	24.499	26.694	81	5.055	5.312
12	51.315	53.180	47	23.773	25.927	82	4.765	5.005
13	50.425	52.294	48	23.055	25.163	83	4.489	4.714
14	49.539	51.415	49	22.344	24.399	84	4.229	4.439
15	48.663	50.545	50	21.636	23.640	85	3.982	4.180
16	47.803	49.690	51	20.932	22.885	86	3.747	3.935
17	46.960	48.847	52	20.231	22.135	87	3.525	3.705
18	46.139	48.016	53	19.530	21.392	88	3.313	3.487
19	45.336	47.198	54	18.836	20.655	89	3.110	3.283
20	44.551	46.393	55	18.150	19.926	90	2.914	3.089
21	43.775	45.593	56	17.478	19.202	91	2.723	2.905
22	43.005	44.803	57	16.822	18.485	92	2.525	2.731
23	42.235	44.021	58	16.183	17.776	93	2.323	2.564
24	41.463	43.244	59	15.560	17.077	94	2.101	2.400
25	40.684	42.474	60	14.949	16.386	95	1.843	2.238
26	39.899	41.708	61	14.348	15.705	96	1.553	2.082
27	39.108	40.946	62	13.754	15.037	97	1.247	1.931
28	38.319	40.187	63	13.170	14.386	98	0.960	1.774
29	37.526	39.431	64	12.600	13.752	99	0.677	1.600
30	36.736	38.678	65	12.046	13.135	100	0.500	1.424
31	35.949	37.928	66	11.512	12.534	101	...	1.195
32	35.165	37.181	67	10.994	11.954	102	...	0.889
33	34.384	36.438	68	10.486	11.365	103	...	0.500
34	33.605	35.695	69	9.981	10.792			