

Definition/Description:

Life expectancy is recognized as an indicator of the overall health of the community. Life expectancy is the number of years a person could be expected to live, starting from birth (for life expectancy at birth) on the basis of the mortality statistics for a given time period.

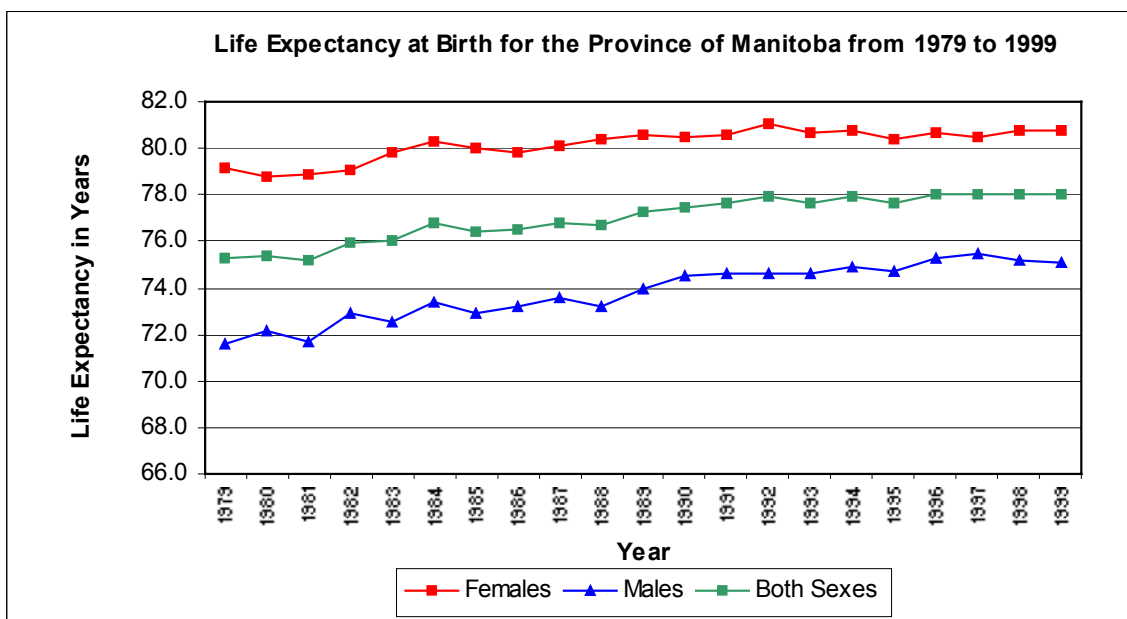
Source:

Vital Statistics Agency, Consumer and Corporate Affairs, Manitoba Finance 1990-2002.

Findings:

Life Expectancy at Birth for the Winnipeg Health Region, Manitoba and Canada, 1997

Sex	Geography	Years	Low 95% confidence interval - per cent	High 95% confidence interval - per cent
Both	Canada	78.5	78.5	78.6
	Manitoba	77.9	77.8	78.1
	Winnipeg Health Region	78.2	78.0	78.4
Life Expectancy at Birth Female	Canada	81.3	81.3	75.8
	Manitoba	80.6	80.4	75.5
	Winnipeg Health Region	80.6	80.3	76.1
Male	Canada	75.7	75.7	81.3
	Manitoba	75.3	75.1	80.8
	Winnipeg Health Region	75.8	75.5	80.9



Highlights:

- A higher life expectancy at birth exists for residents living in the WHR compared to the Province of Manitoba, yet lower compared to the rest of Canada. In Winnipeg, a life expectancy at birth of 75.8 years for males and 80.6 years for females in 1997.
- In 1999, life expectancy at birth is 78.0 years in the Province of Manitoba, which reflects a steady increase in life expectancy since 1979. Life expectancy at birth was 75.1 years for males and 80.8 years for females in the Province of Manitoba in 1999. Life expectancy for women is increasing at a smaller rate than the rate of increase for men in the WHR.
- Globally, life expectancies vary by ethnic origin. Of local importance is the recognition of health disparities among Aboriginal peoples in the WHR (WRHA Board Measures 2002-2005). Very little information exists on the health outcomes of Aboriginal peoples living in the WHR. A recent report by the Manitoba Centre for Health Policy focussed on Aboriginal Health in which a variety of measures were reported. Life expectancy was one of these measures. Life expectancy for Aboriginal peoples is lower than for non-Aboriginal people. Aboriginal peoples in the WHR have a life expectancy of 66 years for males and 71 years for females (MCHP, 2002).