Life Expectancy at Birth (Total)

This dataset provides Period Life Expectancy at birth per country and year. The overall aim of the dataset is to cover the entire world for the period 1500-2000. The current version (version 2) was build as part of the OECD "How was life" project. The dataset has nearly global coverage for the post 1950 period, while pre 1950 the coverage decreases the more historic the time period. Depending on sources, the data are annual estimates, 5 yearly or decadal estimates.

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Dataset Info

Spatial / Geographical Coverage Location world

Indicator Life Expectancy at Birth (Total)

Temporal Coverage 1500 to 2000

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Unit of analysis Period Life Expectancy at birth for the total

population

Methodologies Bibliographical research, research of published

and Online Databases, and cross-analysis of

various datasets

Period of collection September 2013 - April 2014.

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Sources

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http://esa.un.org/wpp/

- Human Mortality Database: http://www.mortality.org

- GAPMINDER: http://www.gapminder.org

- OECD: http://stats.oecd.org

- Montevideo-Oxford Latin America Economic History Database: http://www.lac.ox.ac.uk/moxlad-database

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