

South African life tables, 1985-1994 and 1996

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The report contains two sets of life tables, one for 1985-1994 and one for 1996. The figures in the first set are derived from 1996 census data; those in the second set are derived from recorded deaths, which are grossly incomplete. The report contains explanations of the techniques used to correct for incompleteness.

For the period 1985-1994, life expectancy at birth has been estimated at about 54,12 years for males and 64,38 for females. For 1996 the estimates are 52,11 years for males and 61,6 for females. The first set of figures provides a pre-AIDS baseline, whilst the second set falls within the period when HIV/AIDS is emerging as a serious health problem.

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