

# Life Expectancy and Premature Death

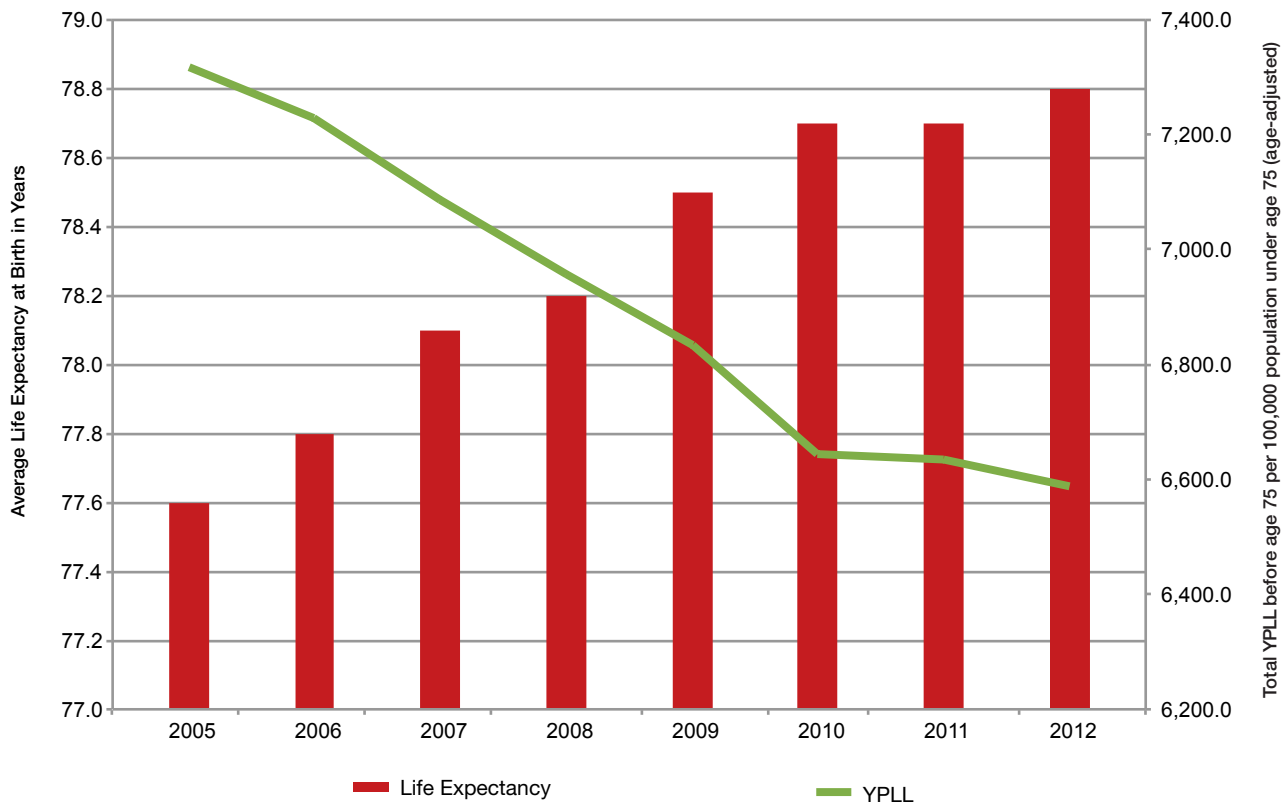
We have reached an all-time-high life expectancy in the U.S., due in part to improvements in the prevention and control of key diseases. Americans are living longer, with declines in premature mortality across most of the leading causes of death.

## Trends in Key Indicators of Life Expectancy and Premature Death, 2005-2012

Key Indicator	Baseline 2005	Status 2012	Progress
<b>Life Expectancy</b>			
Life expectancy at birth, in years	77.6	78.8	●
<b>Premature Death</b>			
Number of premature deaths (before age 80)	1,365,816	1,389,330	▲
<b>Years of Potential Life Lost<sup>1</sup></b>			
Total years of potential life lost before age 75 (rate per 100,000 persons under age 75 age adjusted)	7,315.7	6,588.0	●

■ Trend in wrong direction     
 ▲ Insufficient Progress     
 ● Progress

## Trends in Life Expectancy and Years of Potential Life Lost (YPLL) in the United States, 2005–2012



Years of potential life lost (YPLL) is a measure of the extent of premature mortality in a population. This estimate is based on the approximate age at death as well as the number of people who died in that age group in a given year.