

• PUBLIC HEALTH

Life expectancy at birth

Average life expectancy at birth is rising for both genders, reaching 70.85 years for men and 78.73 years for women in 2008. The SR population is aging at the base of the age pyramid, i.e. from the bottom, due to a reduction in fertility and natality, as well as near the top of the age pyramid due to an increasing average life expectancy.

Structure of population by gender is the result of natality, mortality, and external migration. The secondary masculinity index, i.e. the number of born boys per 1 000 born girls, shows generally fluctuating characteristics. The most positive element in the demographic trend of 2008 was a relatively substantial increase in the number of live births, reaching the level shown in 1998.

Morbidity and mortality

In 2008, there were 27 994 deaths for men and 25 170 deaths for women. Compared to 2007, this is lower by 232 deaths in men, and 460 deaths in women. In 2008, men comprised 52.7 % of deaths, while women 47.3 %.

Greatest public mortality both in men and women over a long time period has been from **circulatory system diseases**, with 28 502 deaths in 2008, which is 46.9 % in men and 61 % in women. Second most frequent cause of death for both, men and women, are still **tumours**. Compared to the last year, cancer shows a slightly rising tendency, with 11 992 deaths in 2008, which is 24.6 % of men and 20.3 % of women. In men, third most frequent cause of death is **injuries and poisonings and other external causes** (9.2 %). In women, the third most frequent cause of death includes **other diseases** (6.5 %).

Public Health – selected indicators

Indicator	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Life expectancy at birth									
• Men	69.15	69.51	69.77	69.76	70.29	70.1	70.4	70.51	70.85
• Women	77.23	77.54	77.57	77.62	77.82	77.9	78.2	78.08	78.73
Live births per 1 000 inhabitants	10.2	9.5	9.5	9.6	10.0	10.1	10.0	10.1	10.6
Deaths within 1 year of age per 1 000 live births	8.6	6.2	7.6	7.8	6.8	7.2	6.6	6.1	5.9
Infant mortality rates	5.4	4.1	4.7	4.5	3.9	4.1	3.53	3.4	3.4
Deaths	52 724	51 980	51 532	52 230	51 852	53 475	53 301	53 856	53 164
Deaths per 1 000 inhabitants	9.9	9.7	9.6	9.7	9.6	9.9	9.9	10.0	9.8

Source: SO SR