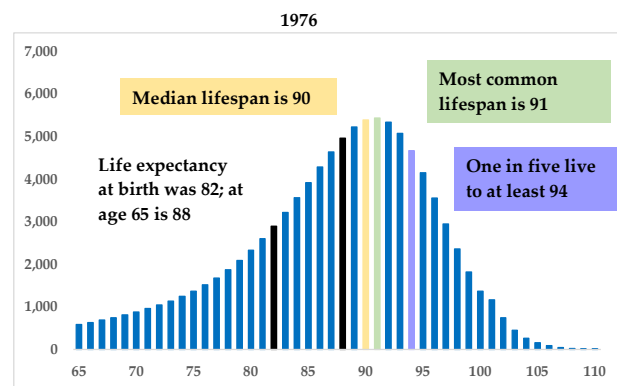
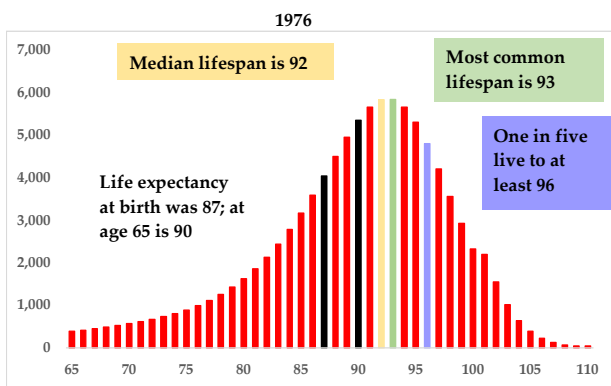
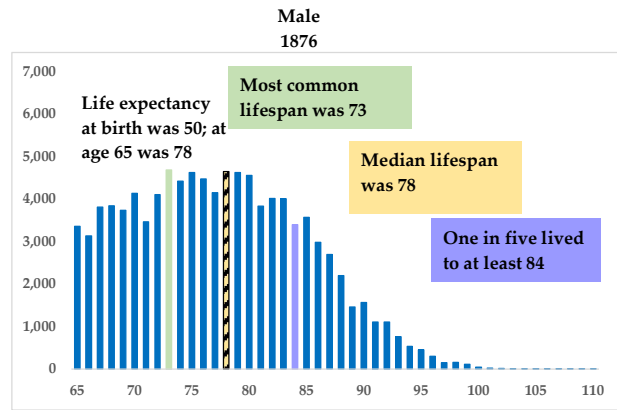
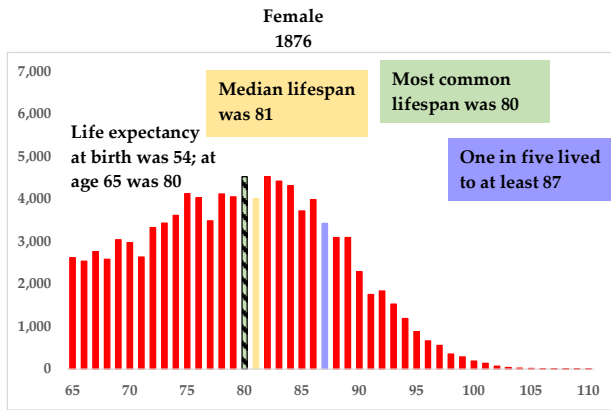


Estimated number of deaths at each age from 100,000 New Zealanders born in year shown, who reached (or are expected to reach) age 65



**Probability of living to age 65 from birth**

	Female	Male
1876	53%	47%
1976	93%	89%

100 years ago the chances of reaching age 65 were fifty-fifty.

Public health and medical improvements mean that we are now very unlucky not to reach age 65.

**Probability of living to age 100 from age 65**

	Female	Male
1876	0.4%	0.1%
1976	8.6%	4.4%

100 years ago hardly anyone reached age 100, even if they had survived to age 65.

Now there's a reasonable chance of reaching age 100, especially for women.

Life expectancy used to be a reasonable indicator of population lifespan, close to both median and most common age at death.

Now, life expectancy falls well below median and mode as the distribution extends to the right.

Uncertainty in how long we might live is extending to higher ages.

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Calculated using StatsNZ cohort life tables published April 2021, using the median scenario of the 2020-base National population projections