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LIFE TABLE REPORT

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PREFACE

This Life Table Report is the fifth edition to be prepared and published for the Bahamas. The tables therein are based on the mortality events, which occurred during the calendar years 2009, 2010 and 2011 along with population data compiled during the 2010 Census of Population.

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HIGHLIGHTS OF LIFE TABLES REPORT: 2009 - 2011

Data from the most recent Census of Population and Housing (2010) have been utilized in the production of a new set of Life Tables for The Bahamas, which covers the years 2009 - 2011. The most important piece of information derived from these tables is the life expectancy at birth, which is a major socio-economic indicator. The findings of the life tables indicate that the average life expectancy for males and females increased, but at a slower pace than in the previous years (see pg. iii). Females are expected to live 76.8 years, a gain of about one third of a year longer than in 2000. Bahamian males, whose life expectancy is lower than that of the females, are expected to live 70.6 years or six months longer than a decade ago.

INTRODUCTION

Demography is the science of a population defined as the natural and social history of the human species, of their general changes and of their physical, civil, intellectual and moral conditions.

Death is a principal "vital event" of demography. Death statistics is one of the tools that have afforded demographers and actuaries access into the study of mortality. For most of human history, the fate of a population whether it grew, stagnated or failed to survive depended more on mortality than on fertility or migration.

The construction of a life table requires reliable data on a population's mortality rates, by age and sex. The most reliable source of such data is a functioning vital registration system where all deaths are registered. Deaths at each age are related to the size of the population censuses. The resulting age/sex-specific death rates are then used to calculate a life table.

A life table is designed essentially to measure mortality. The rates and ratios in the life table, when combined with other demographic data, provide a useful set of measures for answering questions about the level of mortality and projecting changes in a population size.

Historical Overview

Recorded life tables for The Bahamas date back to the 1979 -1981 period, when the average life expectancy for Bahamian males was 64.3 years and for females, 72.1 years. The life span of both sexes increased noticeably by the next decade (1989 -1991) when males added four years to their lives and females three. As seen in the table below, by the 1999 -2001 period, life expectancy slowed as both sexes were expected to live only one additional year over the previous period. A decade later the life expectancy slowed even further as both sexes added less than one year to their life span.

	1979- 1981	1989- 1991	1999- 2001	2009- 2011
Male	64.3	68.2	69 9	70.6
Female	72.1	75.3	76.4	76.8

AVERAGE LIFE EXPECTANCY AT BIRTH



THE LIFE TABLE

DEFINITION

A life table is designed essentially to measure the level of mortality of a population. George Barclay defines it as a life history of a hypothetical group, or cohort of people, as it is diminished gradually by deaths. This process he says is governed by a number of assumptions, namely:-

- (a) That the cohort is "closed" against migration in or out. Hence there are no changes in membership except the losses due to death.
- (b) People die at each age according to a schedule that is fixed in advance and does not change.
- (c) The cohort originates from some standard number of births (always set at a round figure like 1,000, 10,000, or 100,000) called the "radix" of the life table.
- (d) At each age (except the first few years of life) deaths are evenly distributed between one birthday and the next. That is to say, half the deaths expected between age 10 and age 15 occur by the time everyone reached age 12 ½.
- (e) The cohort normally contains members of only one sex because of the difference between male and female morality.

The life tables then represent very clearly the effects of mortality by age on the size of a cohort, without interference by the complicating factors of the actual world. The cumulative effect of mortality is to reduce the original cohort; a large number is removed by death immediately after birth, and others die at each age until eventually the last person has died.

The pattern of depletion is determined by the schedule of proportions dying. At the ages where these proportions are high, they take away a large share of the cohort's survivors; where they are low, the cohort is diminished less rapidly.

The typical pattern then is that a life table cohort loses many of its original members at a very early period of life when deaths among infants are relatively high. The loss of life is least during the years of later childhood and young adulthood, but increases again at advanced ages.

POPULATION

This set of Life-Tables for The Bahamas is based on the mortality experience during the calendar years 2009, 2010 and 2011. The population data used relate to the middle of this period, the 2010 Census. These data do not represent the mortality experience of the actual cohorts, but assume hypothetical cohorts subject to the age-specific death rates observed during the period.

These Life-Tables are 'Abridged'; that means, that the tables contain data intervals of (5) years of age, [e.g. age between exact age 5 and exact 10 (5-10)], with the exception of under one year (0) and one to four (1-4), which are presented separately.

The 'not stated' ages recorded during the 2010 census were distributed among the 20 and over age groups proportionately, using a 'factor r' method. (Table 1).

DEATHS

Mortality rates are produced from the annual data compiled for the calendar years (2009-2011). Late registrations of all deaths for these years were included in the revised totals.

USES OF A LIFE TABLE

The life table is principally used to measure the level of mortality of the population involved. Other users of a life table include a variety of specialists such as demographers, and actuaries. It is employed in the studies of public health and educational services, longevity, fertility, migration and population. The life table is also a necessary tool for the studies of vital events and population projections; widowhood, orphan hood, length of married and working life.

A life table provides answers to questions for planners and decision makers, in the projections of future population needs such as the number of schools or hospitals required. Mortality statistics play a major part in determining administrative and research needs of public health agencies, as they relate to the development, operation, and evaluation of public health programs. Life insurance companies need accurate answers to questions about average life expectancy, to enable the construction of actuarial tables. Life table indicators help public and private administrators to strategically, and effectively administer programs of economic and social development, in either developed or under-developed areas.

FUNCTIONS AND INTERPRETATION OF THE LIFE TABLE

The Life Tables are presented in Tables 4 & 5. The columns with their functions are explained below:

Column 1. Exact Age (x) and Age Interval (x to x + n)

The first column of the life table is the "age" Column. Each of the life table functions refers to a specific age or age interval. The first column of the life table specifies the age to which the later columns refer. In the life table the word "age" is used very precisely, and the precision is emphasized by the addition of the modifier "exact". When a person is said to be exact age 0, that means that he/she was just born. When a person is exact age 5, he/she has lived exactly five full years. (In contrast to say that someone is "5 years old" means that the person is between exact age 5 and exact age 6 i.e., age 5 on the last birthday).

x to x + n The interval between two exact ages. For example, "30-35" refers to the 5-year period between the 30^{th} and 35^{th} birthdays.

Column 2. $_nq_x$ The proportion of persons in the cohort alive at the beginning of the age interval dying during interval.

The second column of the life table $_nq_x$ represents the portion of persons in the cohort alive at the beginning of an indicated age interval (*x*) that will die before reaching the end of the age interval (*x* + *n*). Expressed in terms of probability, that is the proportion of persons who reach exact age *x*, who will die before their next birthday (*x* + *n*).

Column 3. l_x The number of survivors to exact Age x

The third column of the life table 1_x represents the number of persons who have survived from birth to exact age *x* out of an initial cohort, assumed as the radix (100,000 newborn babies) of the life table.

Column 4. $_{n}d_{x}$ The number of deaths between age interval x to x + n

The fourth column of the life table symbolizes the $_nd_x$, or that function which refers to the number of persons out of an original cohort of 100,000 newborn babies who will die in the age interval x to x + n.

Column 5. ${}_{n}L_{x}$ Represents persons-years that will be lived within the age interval

The fifth column of the life table ${}_{n}L_{x}$ represent the number of person -years that will be lived or the stationary population during an age interval x to x + n.

Column 6. T_x Total number of person-years lived at beginning of age interval

The sixth column of the life table gives the exact number of person – years that would be lived by the cohort after reaching exact age x (i.e. the beginning of the age interval).

Column 7. e^0 Expectation of life or average number of years lived after exact age x

The last column in the life table is the one most commonly used. The symbol e^0 is a life table function used to indicate the expected average number of years to be lived by a newborn baby. This value of e^0 shows the average remaining life time (in years) for a person who survives to exact age x (column 1). This is called the complete expectation of life or life expectancy or the average length of life.

CONSTRUCTION OF THE LIFE TABLE

The fundamental step in life table construction is one of converting observed age-specific death rates M_x into their corresponding mortality rate or probabilities of dying. The method used for this short cut procedure is that illustrated by Reed Merrell (The Methods and Materials of Demography). In this method rates are read off from a set of standard conversion tables showing the mortality rates associated with various observed central death rates M_x .

The standard table for $3m_2$, $5m_x$ and $10m_x$ have been prepared on assumption that following exponential equation holds: ${}_n\mathbf{q}_x = 1 \cdot \mathbf{e}^{-n} \cdot {}_n\mathbf{m}_x \cdot \mathbf{an}^3 {}_n\mathbf{m}^{2/x}$ Where n is size of age interval

- $_{n}M_{x}$ is the central death rate
 - a is a constant
 - e is the base of the system of natural logarithms.

Reed and Merrell found that a value of a = 0.008 would produce acceptable results.

Conversion of ${}_{n}M_{x}$ to ${}_{n}q_{x}$ by use of the Reed-Merrell tables was applied to the 5-year data and for the special age-group under 1 and 1-4. (Appendix A).

Once the life table mortality rates $(_nq_x)$ had been calculated, the construction of the life table continues with the computation of each entry in the survivor's column (l_x) and the death column $_nd_x$. The l_x column contains the numbers that survive (to an exact age) from an initial cohort of 100,000 births according to the mortality rates at each exact age.

Example: (Males)

- (a) Multiply q_0 (.008580) by the radix l_0 (100,000) to get d_0 (858)
- (b) Subtract d_0 from l_0 to get l_1 (99,142)
- (c) Continue multiplying the successive value of l_x to corresponding ${}_nq_x$ value to get ${}_nd_x$, and subtracting the successive value of ${}_nd_x$ from l_x to get $l_x + n$.

In the Reed-Merrell method, T_x for ages 10 years and over is calculated first. This was done directly from the l_x 's by application of the following equation:

 $T_x = -.20833 * l_x - 5 + 2.5 * l_x + .20833 * l_x + 5$

For calculation it was convenient to include a column. l_x+5 a (sum of the values of l_x from the end of the life to age x). (Table 4).

In calculating the l_x column, Reed-Merrell's linear equation was applied for ages under 10 years. These equations used standard separation factors appropriate for each situation. The values were suitably applicable to generate this portion of the abridged tables.

$$\begin{split} L_0 &= .276 \ l_0 + .724 \ l_1. \\ _4L_1 &= .034 \ l_0 + 1.184 \ l_1 + 2.782 \ l_5 \\ _5L_5 &= -.003 \ l_0 + 2.242 \ l_5 + 2.761 \ l_{10} \end{split}$$

 $_{n}L_{x}$ for ages 10 and over may be derived by differencing the T_x's i.e. $_{5}L_{20} = T_{20} - T_{25}$.

The final column of the life table, $e^{0}x$, is computed as the ratio T_{x} to L_{x} . (Table 4).

2010 CENSUS POPULATION BY AGE-GROUP AND SEX

Table 1					
	MAI	LES	FEMALES		
AGE GROUP	2010 CENSUS POPULATION	ADJUSTED 2010 CENSUS POPULATION	2010 CENSUS POPULATION	ADJUSTED 2010 CENSUS POPULATION	
0	3171	3171	3002	3002	
1-4	12205	12205	12352	12352	
5-9	15704	15704	15827	15827	
10-14	15942	15942	15916	15916	
15-19	15686	15686	15496	15496	
20-24	13140	13203	13359	13411	
25-29	12627	12687	13839	13893	
30-34	13102	13165	14081	14135	
35-39	13935	14002	15120	15178	
40-44	12629	12689	13609	13662	
45-49	12038	12096	12950	13000	
50-54	9025	9068	10241	10281	
55-59	6502	6533	7226	7254	
60-64	4747	4770	5392	5413	
65-69	3702	3720	4472	4489	
70-74	2610	2622	3279	3292	
75-79	1545	1552	2110	2118	
80-84	885	889	1324	1329	
85-89	367	369	661	664	
90+	183	184	491	493	
SUB - TOTAL	169745		180747		
NOT - STATED	512		457		
TOTAL	170257	170257	181204	181204	

Note: Totals maybe off due to rounding.

MALE FACTOR = 107549/107037 = 1.004783 **Factor "R" is applied to 20+years only. FEMALE FACTOR = 118611/118154 = 1.003868

AGE-SPECIFIC DEATH RATES BY AGE-GROUP: MALES 2009 - 2011

Table 2						
MALES						
AGE GROUP	DEATHS		S	AVERAGE ANNUAL	ADJUSTED	AGE SPECIFIC
	2009	2010	2011	DEATHS 2009 - 2011	2010 CENSUS POPULATION	DEATH RATE MX
0	32	39	26	32	3171	0.010197
1-4	5	5	9	6	12205	0.000519
5-9	2	4	2	3	15704	0.000170
10-14	8	4	5	6	15942	0.000355
15-19	24	18	12	18	15686	0.001148
20-24	41	39	41	40	13203	0.003055
25-29	38	34	55	42	12687	0.003337
30-34	40	39	58	46	13165	0.003469
35-39	67	71	57	65	14002	0.004642
40-44	76	69	68	71	12689	0.005595
45-49	91	77	87	85	12096	0.007027
50-54	89	74	95	86	9068	0.009484
55-59	71	92	86	83	6533	0.012705
60-64	79	89	92	87	4770	0.018169
65-69	99	92	102	98	3720	0.026254
70-74	100	103	101	101	2622	0.038647
75-79	91	94	100	95	1552	0.061211
80-84	65	68	73	69	889	0.077240
85-89	63	41	61	55	369	0.149051
90-94	23	39	30	31	143	0.214452
95-99	8	14	17	13	35	0.371429
100+	1	3	3	2	6	0.388889
NOT-STATED	0	0	0	0		
TOTAL	1113	1108	1180	1134	170257	

AGE-SPECIFIC DEATH RATES BY AGE-GROUP: FEMALES 2009 - 2011

ABRIDGED LIFE TABLES FOR BAHAMAS - MALES: 2009 - 2011

Table 4						
Age Interval	Proportion Dying	of 100,000 Born Alive		Stationary Population		Average Remaining Lifetime
Period of	Proportion of Persons Alive	Number	Number Dying	In The Age	In This And All	Average
Life Between Two Exact Ages	Life Between At Two Exact Beginning of Ages Age		During Age Interval	intreval	Subsequent Age Intervals	Number of Years Of Life Remaining
Stated in Year	Interval Dying During Interval	Interval				At Beginning of Age Interval
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
x - x + n	n q x	I _x	_n d _x	_n L _x	T _x	e°
0-1	0.009623	100,000	962	99303	7057193	70.57
1-5	0.002031	99,038	201	395624	6957889	70.25
5-10	0.000850	98,837	84	493947	6562266	66.40
10-15	0.001774	98,753	175	493425	6068318	61.45
15-20	0.005725	98,577	564	491749	5574894	56.55
20-25	0.015168	98,013	1487	486564	5083144	51.86
25-30	0.016558	96,526	1598	478667	4596580	47.62
30-35	0.017207	94,928	1633	470670	4117913	43.38
35-40	0.022964	93,295	2142	461302	3647243	39.09
40-45	0.027618	91,152	2517	449660	3185941	34.95
45-50	0.034573	88,635	3064	435816	2736282	30.87
50-55	0.046399	85,571	3970	418337	2300465	26.88
55-60	0.061701	81,600	5035	395977	1882128	23.07
60-65	0.087142	76,565	6672	366898	1486152	19.41
65-70	0.123623	69,893	8640	328733	1119254	16.01
70-75	0.176942	61,253	10838	280167	790521	12.91
75-80	0.266408	50,415	13431	218738	510354	10.12
80-85	0.324408	36,984	11998	154915	291617	7.88
85-90	0.535815	24,986	13388	90587	136701	5.47
90-95	0.673149	11,598	7807	36366	46114	3.98
95-100	0.864001	3,791	3275	9249	9748	2.57
100+	1.000000	516	516	499	499	0.97
1			1		1	

NOTE: The ${}_{n}q_{x}$ in the Life-Table may differ from the ${}_{n}q_{x}$ in Appendix A due to computer rounding.

ABRIDGED LIFE TABLES FOR BAHAMAS - FEMALES: 2009 – 2011

Table 5

Age Interval	Proportion Dying	of 100,000 Born Alive		Stationary Population		Average Remaining Lifetime
Period of Life Between Two Exact	Proportion of Persons Alive At	Number Living at Beginning	Number Dying During	In The Age intreval	In This And All Subsequent	Average Number of Years
Ages Stated in Year	Beginning of Age Interval Dying During Interval	of Age Interval	Age Interval		Age Intervals	Of Life Remaining At Beginning of Age Interval
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
x - x + n	n q x	I _x	_n d _x	_n L _x	T _x	e°
0-1	0.009329	100,000	933	99325	7682801	76.83
1-5	0.002219	99,067	220	395689	7583477	76.55
5-10	0.001159	98,847	115	493917	/18//88	72.72
10-15	0.001044	98,733	103	493450	6200421	67.80
20-25	0.003330	98,030	427	492394	5708027	58.07
25-30	0.006103	97.874	597	487987	5217532	53.31
30-35	0.009741	97,277	948	484096	4729545	48.62
35-40	0.010162	96,329	979	479316	4245449	44.07
40-45	0.015745	95,351	1501	473171	3766134	39.50
45-50	0.019189	93,849	1801	464990	3292963	35.09
50-55	0.029108	92,048	2679	453863	2827973	30.72
55-60	0.037256	89,369	3330	439000	2374110	26.57
60-65	0.057827	86,040	4975	418412	1935110	22.49
65-70	0.079713	81,064	6462	389775	1516698	18.71
70-75	0.105845	74,602	7896	354775	1126923	15.11
75-80	0.205056	66,706	13678	301019	772148	11.58
80-85	0.301383	53,028	15982	225821	471129	8.88
85-90	0.451819	37,046	16738	142326	245308	6.62
90-95	0.536734	20,308	10900	72307	102982	5.07
95-100	0.767644	9,408	7222	27170	30675	3.26
100+	1.000000	2,186	2186	3505	3505	1.60

NOTE: The ${}_nq_x$ in the Life-Table may differ from the ${}_nq_x$ in Appendix A due to computer rounding.

CONVERSION OF $M_{\rm x}$ TO $Q_{\rm x}$ VALUES, MALES: 2010

M ₀	q ₀	
.016188	.015008 + .000173 .015181	.000921 x .188 = .000173
₄ M ₁	4 q 1	
.000519	.000000 + .002027 .002027	.003906 x .519 = .002027
₅ M ₅	5 q 5	
.000170	.000000 <u>+ .000848</u> .000848	.004989 x .170 = .000848
₅ M ₁₀	5 q 10	
.000355	.000000 + .001771 .001771	.004989 x .355 = .001771
₅ M ₁₅ .001148	5q15 .004989 + .000735 .005724	.004965 x .148 = .000735
₅M ₂₀ .003055	5q20 .014897 <u>+ .000271</u> .015168	.004920 x .055 = .000271

CONVERSION OF $M_{\rm X}$ TO $Q_{\rm X}$ VALUES, MALES: 2010

₅ M ₂₅	5 q 25	
		.004920 x
.003337	.004989	.337
	+ .001658	= .001658
	.016555	
5M30	5 0 30	
	5 150	
		.004920 x
.003469	.014897	.469
	+ .002307	= .002307
	.017204	
₅ M ₃₅	5 q 35	
		004007
004642	010917	.004897 x
.004042	.019817 + 003144	.042 - 0031 <i>11</i>
	022961	005144
	.022901	
₅ M ₄₀	5 q 40	
005505	024744	.004876 x
.005595	.024714	- 002001
	+ :002901	002901
	.027615	
5M45	5 q 45	
		.004830 x
.007027	.034442	.027
	+ .000130	= .000130
	.034572	
₅ M ₅₀	5 q 50	
		.004786 x
.009484	.044080	.484
	+ .002316	= .002316
	.046396	

CONVERSION OF $M_{\rm X}$ TO $Q_{\rm X}$ VALUES, MALES: 2010

₅ M ₅₅	5 q 55	
012705	058271	.004/20 x
.012705	+ 003328	= 003328
	061699	005528
	.001033	
- Mco	50.00	
514160	5960	
		.004590 x
.018169	.086365	.169
	+ .000776	= .000776
	.087141	
₅ M ₆₅	5 q 65	
00.0054	100.000	.004423 x
.026254	.122498	.254
	+.001123	= .001123
	.123621	
N 4	-	
5 IVI 70	5970	
		.004182 x
.038647	.174234	.647
	+ .002706	= .002706
	.176940	
₅ M ₇₅	5 q 75	
		.003755 x
.061211	.265614	.211
	+ .000792	= .000792
	.266406	
54	~	
514180	5480	
		.003478 x
.077240	.323572	.240
	+ .000835	= .000835
	.324407	

CONVERSION OF MX TO QX VALUES, MALES: 2010

₅ M ₈₅	₅ q ₈₅	
		.002454 x
.149051	.535689	.051
	+ .000125	= .000125
	.535814	
-M	-0	
511190	5 4 90	
		.001774 x
.214452	.672346	.452
	+ .000802	= .000802
	.673148	
₅ M ₉₅	5 q 95	
		.000781 x
.371429	.863665	.429
	+ .000335	= .000335
	.864000	

Mo	Q ₀	
.015656	.014085	.000923 x .656
	 .000605 .014690	= .000605
₄ M ₁	₄ Q ₁	
.000567	.000000 +.002215 .002215	.003906 x .567 = .002215
₅ M ₅	₅ Q ₅	
.000232	.000000 <u>+.001157</u> .001157	.004989 x .232 = .001157
₅ M ₁₀	₅ Q ₁₀	
.000209	.000000 <u>+.001043</u> .001043	.004989 x .209 = .001043
₅ M ₁₅	₅ Q ₁₅	
.000667	.000000 <u>+.003328</u> .003328	.004989 x .667 = .003328
₅ M ₂₀	₅ Q ₂₀	
.000870	.000000 <u>+.004340</u> .004340	.004989 x .870 = .004340

₅ M ₂₅	₅ Q ₂₅	
.001224	.014897 <u>+.001112</u> .006101	.004965 x .224 = .001112
₅ M ₃₀	₅ Q ₃₀	
.001957	.004989 <u>+.004752</u> .009741	.004965 x .957 = .004752
₅ M ₃₅	₅ Q ₃₅	
.002042	.009954 <u>+.000208</u> .010162	.004943 x .042 = .000208
₅ M ₄₀	₅ Q ₄₀	
.003172	.014897 +.000846 .015743	.004920 x .172 = .000846
₅ M ₄₅	₅ Q ₄₅	
.003872	.014897 +.004290 .019187	.004920 x .872 = .004290

₅ M ₅₀	₅ Q ₅₀	
.005901	.024714 +.004393 .029107	.004876 x .901 = .004393
₅ M ₅₅	₅ Q ₅₅	
.007582	.034442 .002811 .037253	.004830 x .580 = .002811
₅ M ₆₀	₅ Q ₆₀	
.011885	.053629 <u>+.004197</u> .057826	.004742 x .885 = .004197
₅ M ₆₅	₅ Q ₆₅	
.016559	.077120 +.002590 .079710	.004633 x .559 = .002590
₅ M ₇₀	₅ Q ₇₀	
.022276	.104599 _+.001244 .10584	.004506 x .276 = .001244

₅ M ₇₅	₅ Q ₇₅	
.045483	.203099 +.001955 .205054	.004047 x .483 = .001955
₅ M ₈₀	₅ Q ₈₀	
.070730	.298756 +.002625 .301381	.003596 x .730 = .002625
₅ M ₈₅	₅ Q ₈₅	
.117470	.450568 +.001349 .451817	.002870 x .470 = .001349
₅ M ₉₀	₅ Q ₉₀	
.149425	.535689 +.001043 .536732	.002454 x .425 = .001043
₅ M ₉₅	₅ Q ₉₅	
.276596	.766874 +.000769 .767643	.001291 x .596 = .000769