

# LIFE EXPECTANCY DASHBOARD INSTRUCTIONS

## A Community Excellence Journey Resource

Life expectancy is one of the most used summary indicators for the overall health of a community. Gains in life expectancy at birth can be attributed to several factors, including rising living standards, improved lifestyle, and better education, as well as greater access to quality health services. Being able to predict how populations will age has implications for the planning of programs and services in a community. The instructions below explain how to access life expectancy data using the interactive dashboard. The dashboard contains four types of views: Region, State, County, and Census Tract each allow you to search for and compare life expectancy estimates.

For each type of view, you can manually select groupings allowing you to make more meaningful comparisons. The dashboard will automatically recalculate total averages based on the grouping selected.

### Accessing the Interactive Dashboard

To access the dashboard, click on the “View Interactive Content” button.



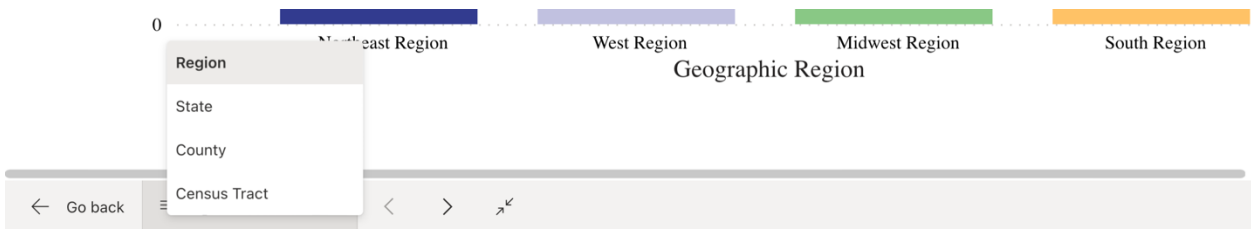
Then click on the double arrow to enable full screen view of the dashboard.



The full screen view will default to the Region view. At the bottom of your screen, you may select any of the dashboard views by clicking on the arrow next to “Region” as seen below.



You may select any of the four Dashboard views. Repeat process to go from one view to the other.



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Below are descriptions of each Dashboard view.

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| <b>Regional View</b>     | This allows you to view the life expectancy of each region in the country. By using the filters on the top of the screen, you may view all the regions or select specific regions. Once you have selected the regions you may include or exclude specific states or counties that make up those regions. The life expectancy rate will be re-calculated based on your selections. Hold down the control or command key on your keyboard when selecting or de-selecting multiple options in the drop-down menu filters on the top of your screen. |
| <b>State View</b>        | This allows you to view the life expectancy rate of each state in a selected region. By using the filters on the top of the screen, you may view all the states or select specific states within a region. The life expectancy rate will be re-calculated based on your selections. Hold down the control or command key on your keyboard when selecting or de-selecting multiple options in the drop-down menu filters on the top of your screen.   |
| <b>County View</b>       | This allows you to view the life expectancy rate for each county in a selected state. By using the filters on top of the screen, you may view all the counties or select specific counties within the state. Hold down the control or command key on your keyboard when selecting or de-selecting multiple options in the drop-down menu filters on the top of your screen.  |
| <b>Census Tract View</b> | This allows you to view the life expectancy rate for each Census tract in the selected state and county. By using the filters on top of the screen you may select one or multiple states and counties. The screen will populate with the life expectancy rates for all applicable Census tracts. Hold down the control or command key on your keyboard when selecting or de-selecting multiple options in the drop-down menu filters on the top of your screen.  |

## Resources

The link below is for the interactive United States map showing estimates of U.S. life expectancy at birth by state and Census tract for the period 2010-2015. Estimates were produced for 67,148 Census tracts, covering all states and the District of Columbia (D.C.). These estimates are the result of the collaborative project, “U.S. Small-area Life Expectancy Estimates Project (USALEEP).

<https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data-visualization/life-expectancy/index.html#>

To look up a Census tract code based on an address, use the link below.

The search will also provide Census demographic data for the Census tract.

<https://geomap.ffiec.gov/FFIECGeocMap/GeocodeMap1.aspx>