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Summary measures of mortality – Using life tables

Data analysis and Report writing
workshop for Civil registration and
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Life expectancy at 40

- ◆ Key indicator of premature adult mortality
- ◆ can be read directly from a life table if it has been set up using 5 year age intervals.
- ◆ If the life table uses ten year age groups, then LE 40 must be calculated by averaging life expectancy at 35 and 45.

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Probability of surviving to age 40

- ◆ Important in the calculation of the Human Development Index.
- ◆ Calculated by l_{40} or the number of survivors in our theoretical cohort at age 40 divided by the radix, or the original size of the cohort.
- ◆ l_{40}/l_0

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Child and adult mortality

- ◆ ${}_5q_0$ – probability of dying from 0 years of age to 5 years
- ◆ ${}_{45}q_{15}$ – probability of dying between age 15 and 60 years (15+45 years)
- ◆ Add the years from right to left
- ◆ Consistent for all measures

Adult mortality ${}_{45}q_{15}$

- Measure of the impact of premature adult mortality.
- It is the probability of dying between the ages of 15 and 60
- The total deaths in the theoretical cohort (not the real numbers of deaths in each age group) are added together and divided by the number of people who were alive at age 15.
- ${}_{45}q_{15} = {}_{45}d_{15} / l_{15}$



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The deaths from ages 15 to 60 can be calculated by adding the cells for each age group in this interval.

In the table shown: our calculation would look like:

$${}_{45}q_{15} = \frac{(304 + 410 + 482 + 526 + 613 + 851 + 1152 + 1160 + 2456)}{99284} = 0.084$$

For every 1,000 men alive at age 15 years, 84 will die before reaching their 60th birthday

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Infant mortality

- ◆ Infant and child mortality are both measures of probability that can be estimated from a life table
- ◆ To calculate the IMR,
 - ◆ the life table must have 0-1 age group
 - ◆ probability of dying or ${}_1q_0$ is read directly off the table
 - ◆ multiplied by 1,000 in order to report the figure per 1,000 live births. $IMR = 4.78$

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Under 5 mortality

To calculate U5M

 ${}_5d_0$ = theoretical deaths in these age groups under 5/ divided by the radix

 $= ({}_1d_0 + {}_4d_1) / 100,000$

$(478+115)/100,000$ per 1,000 = 5.93

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Years of Life Lost (YLL)

- ◆ This is a measure of the time lost to early deaths in comparison to an “expected norm”.
- ◆ calculated by adding up for each age group:
 - ◆ the real deaths (d) in the age group multiplied by (the standard life expectancy minus the calculated life expectancy for each age group).
- ◆ The choice the standard is usually
 - ◆ a comparison population considered to have the “best possible” life expectancy (Japanese usually used for this standard). or
 - ◆ a theoretical “potential limit to life”

When using measures from life tables



- ◆ Consider and comment on their plausibility
- ◆ How do these compare with other data sources such as a census?
- ◆ Why might these estimates be different?
- ◆ What is happening in terms of trend?

Lab 2: Using the life table

- ◆ What is life expectancy at birth for males and females?
 - ◆ How does this compare?
 - ◆ Are the results plausible i.e. females < males?
- ◆ What is life expectancy at age 40?
- ◆ Adult mortality – what is the probability of dying between the ages of 15 and 60?
- ◆ What is the IMR from the life table? (Note you will have to make a table with both sexes combined to get a total IMR)
- ◆ What is the under 5 mortality rate from the life table?
- ◆ Repeat the analysis for your country data. Graph life expectancies (each sex on separate graphs) compared to results from other sources such as the census over time.
 - ◆ What is happening to life expectancy?
 - ◆ Are your results plausible compared to other sources?
 - ◆ How does IMR and U5M compare to your direct calculations? Why are they different?