

U.S. life expectancy to reach 85 by 2060

February 15 2020



(HealthDay)—Nearly a quarter of all U.S. residents will be older than 65 by 2060, and life expectancy will reach an all-time high of 85 by that year, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

The bureau says that the increase in [life expectancy](#) during the next four decades is likely to be slower than in the previous four decades, the *Associated Press* reported.

Life expectancy rose by almost eight years between 1970 and 2015 but is expected to increase by about six years between 2017 and 2060.

The Census Bureau noted that in the latter half of the 20th century, [infectious diseases](#) and cardiovascular deaths declined, while vaccinations increased and there were campaigns to reduce smoking and encourage physical activity, the *AP* reported.

More information: [AP News Article](#)

Copyright © 2020 [HealthDay](#). All rights reserved.

Citation: U.S. life expectancy to reach 85 by 2060 (2020, February 15) retrieved 6 May 2024 from <https://medicalxpress.com/news/2020-02-life.html>

<p>This document is subject to copyright. Apart from any fair dealing for the purpose of private study or research, no part may be reproduced without the written permission. The content is provided for information purposes only.</p>
--