

Table VI.1. Government views on the level of life expectancy at birth,¹ 1976–2011

Year	By level of development					
	Number of countries			Percentage		
	Acceptable	Unacceptable	Total	Acceptable	Unacceptable	Total
<i>World</i>						
1976	55	95	150	37	63	100
1986	60	104	164	37	63	100
1996	77	116	193	40	60	100
2005	83	111	194	43	57	100
2011	86	110	196	44	56	100
<i>More developed regions</i>						
1976	27	7	34	79	21	100
1986	27	7	34	79	21	100
1996	30	18	48	63	38	100
2005	31	17	48	65	35	100
2011	32	17	49	65	35	100
<i>Less developed regions</i>						
1976	28	88	116	24	76	100
1986	33	97	130	25	75	100
1996	47	98	145	32	68	100
2005	52	94	146	36	64	100
2011	54	93	147	37	63	100
<i>Least developed countries</i>						
1976	2	40	42	5	95	100
1986	3	45	48	6	94	100
1996	1	48	49	2	98	100
2005	0	50	50	0	100	100
2011	1	48	49	2	98	100

Table VI.1. (Continued)

Year	By major area					
	Number of countries			Percentage		
	Acceptable	Unacceptable	Total	Acceptable	Unacceptable	Total
<i>Africa</i>						
1976	2	46	48	4	96	100
1986	4	47	51	8	92	100
1996	7	46	53	13	87	100
2005	6	47	53	11	89	100
2011	6	48	54	11	89	100
<i>Asia</i>						
1976	13	24	37	35	65	100
1986	15	23	38	39	61	100
1996	19	27	46	41	59	100
2005	22	25	47	47	53	100
2011	24	23	47	51	49	100
<i>Europe</i>						
1976	22	7	29	76	24	100
1986	22	7	29	76	24	100
1996	28	15	43	65	35	100
2005	27	16	43	63	37	100
2011	28	16	44	64	36	100
<i>Latin America and the Caribbean</i>						
1976	11	16	27	41	59	100
1986	13	20	33	39	61	100
1996	17	16	33	52	48	100
2005	19	14	33	58	42	100
2011	21	12	33	64	36	100
<i>Northern America</i>						
1976	2	0	2	100	0	100
1986	2	0	2	100	0	100
1996	1	1	2	50	50	100
2005	1	1	2	50	50	100
2011	1	1	2	50	50	100
<i>Oceania</i>						
1976	5	2	7	71	29	100
1986	4	7	11	36	64	100
1996	5	11	16	31	69	100
2005	8	8	16	50	50	100
2011	6	10	16	38	63	100

¹ In previous revisions, "life expectancy at birth" was referred to as "mortality level".