# Gender-Specific Racial/Ethnic Differences in Adult Mortality: New Evidence from the National Longitudinal Mortality Survey

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## **Abstract**

This paper investigates racial/ethnic differences in U.S. mortality, using data from the 2013 release of the National Longitudinal Mortality Survey. We estimate period life tables at survey baseline (1983) and follow selected birth cohorts (1923-24, 1927-28, 1931-32) from working age into retirement. Period life tables reveal sizeable black-white gaps in remaining lifespans for women, and smaller and potentially vanishing gaps (at older ages) for men. Life expectancy at age 65 is 19.1 years for black (non-Hispanic) women compared to 21.9 years for white (non-Hispanic) women. For black (non-Hispanic) men, e65 is 15.7 years compared to 15.6 years for white men. The presence of large and gender-specific racial/ethnic mortality gaps is confirmed by cohort analysis, but there is no evidence of a mortality "cross-over" during retirement age. We discuss the findings in the context of previous estimates and the debate about raising the earliest eligibility age for Social Security retirement benefits.

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#### I. Introduction

The United States experienced an unprecedented decline in mortality rates in the twentieth century (Cutler et al. 2006). This remarkable decline increased average life expectancy at birth by almost 30 years (White & Preston 1996). At the end of the 1990s more than three quarters of the U.S. population were expected to survive to age 65 (Anderson 1999).

However, the gains in survivorship and their concentration over the lifecourse have been uneven across gender and racial/ethnic lines. Mortality has declined more rapidly for women than men for most of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, and the stark gender differences are expected to continue (Crimmins et al. 1996, Horiuchi 1999, Elo 2001). Racial/ethnic gaps in life expectancy at birth are at least as pronounced as the gender-gaps (Kitagawa & Hauser 1973, Hayward & Heron 1999, Elo 2001, Arias et al. 2010). Some studies suggest that racial/ethnic gaps may become more narrow at older ages (Zelnik 1969, Bayo 1972, Ladika and Wolf 1998), but the evidence of a "black-white cross-over" in mortality rates at older ages has been questioned on the ground of data quality concerns (Elo & Preston 1994, Preston & Elo 2006).

Understanding gender-specific racial/ethnic gaps in mortality is important, as they speak to fundamental differences in individuals' lives. Non-Hispanic black men may be significantly less likely to reach traditional retirement ages than any other gender-race/ethnic group. The presence of gender-gaps suggests that many women will outlive their partners by a substantial margin. The implications for economic wellbeing and retirement planning are profound and the practical significance is heightened by the fact that longevity and socio-economic status are positively correlated (Geruso 2012).

This paper presents new evidence on the gender-specificity of the racial/ethnic gaps in mortality, using data from the 2013 release of the National Longitudinal Mortality Survey

(NLMS). We obtain estimates of the gender-specific gaps in adult life expectancy (e25, e45, e62, and e65) and study the gender-race/ethnicity patterns of the transition from working age to retirement age using life tables for three birth cohorts (1923-24, 1927-28, and 1931-32).

The NLMS data are well-suited for this analysis, as the sample is unusually large, deaths are linked from official records, and race/ethnicity information is available. Few studies have analyzed mortality differentials with NLMS data (Geruso 2012, Rogot et al. 1992, Sorlie et al. 1995, Elo & Preston 1996, Johnson et al. 1999). Previous studies have given short shrift to cohort analysis. The present study is the first to estimate gender-specific racial/ethnic gaps in adult mortality using the NLMS cohort data. Moreover, our estimates are based on the latest data release (February 2013), which carefully updated and revised all measures.

### II. Background

### Literature

Almost all studies in demography show that, like many other industrialized rich countries, the U.S. experienced an unprecedented decline in mortality rates in the twentieth century (Cutler et al. 2006). This remarkable decline in turn increased the life expectancy at birth by almost 30 years from 1900 to 1997 (White & Preston 1996). At the end of the 1990s more than three quarters of the U.S. population were expected to survive to age 65 (Anderson 1999).

However, not all groups benefitted equally from the decline in mortality. The overall mortality decline favored women (Elo 2001). Hence sex differentials in mortality increased in the U.S.. Horiuchi (1999) finds that while the female-male gap in life expectancy was around three years in the 1900s, it had increased to about eight years by the late 1990s.

Racial/ethnic differences in mortality are even more pronounced. Elo (2001) analyzes data from the National Center on Health Statistics Report of 1998 and concludes: "African Americans and individuals from low socioeconomic backgrounds face greater odds against reaching old age than individuals from other racial/ethnic groups and higher socioeconomic back-grounds" (p.97). Similarly, Hayward and Heron (1999) show that, across all racial/ethnic groups, non-Hispanic blacks have the lowest life expectancy at birth. Compared to whites, Hispanics have lower life expectancy although the gap is not as wide as the gap between blacks and white (Hayward & Heron 1999:85). Asian American men have the highest life expectancy, 59 years at age 20, and black men have the lowest, 48 years at age 20 (p.84).

Differences in socio-economic status are often cited as the main driver of racial/ethnic mortality gaps in the U.S.. As a result, educational attainment—used as a proxy for SES—has been the focus of a growing body of research. Most recently, Hummer and Hernandez (2013), for instance, examine the educational differences in adult mortality and life expectancy. While avoiding causal language on the relationship between education and mortality, the authors show that adults with higher levels of education have lower age-specific mortality rates than those with less education, across every age, gender and racial/ethnic population group (Hummer & Hernandez 2013: 3). This is consistent with earlier studies. For example, Jemal et al. (2008) find that women age 24-65 who did not complete high school have mortality rates that are four times higher than women who have sixteen or more years of education.

There is evidence that the relationships vary by gender and race/ethnicity. Among men, mortality rates are more than four times higher between these two groups (Hummer & Hernandez 2013: 3). Citing evidence on differences in mortality by education, sex and race from Hummer and Lariscy (2011), Hummer and Hernandez (p. 3) write: "Educational differences in

mortality are wider among U.S. white adults than among either black or Hispanic adults." They also report that compared to whites with low levels of education, whites with higher education have far lower mortality rates and longer life expectancies (Hummer & Hernandez 2013: 5).

Marital status, which has also been used to proxy for SES, has been linked to mortality as well: Longer life expectancy is observed for individuals who are married compared to other marital status groups (Kitagawa & Hauser, Lin et al. 2003, Elo & Preston 1996, Sorlie et al. 1995). Together, the differences in education attainment and the likelihood to be married can explain much of the gap in life expectancy between white (non-Hispanics) and black (non-Hispanics) (Geruso 2012).

While most studies suggest that whites have greater life expectancy at birth than other races/ethnicities in the U.S., some studies report a black-white cross-over in mortality rates at older ages, which clearly challenges the convention of simplistic patterns. Early work by Bayo (1972) and Zelnik (1969), for instance, suggests that recorded death rates for African-Americans were lower than whites at oldest ages. Ladika and Wolf (1998) too find that among older males (70+ years), the life expectancies for blacks exceed those for whites. Similarly, in their study on Piedmont residents in North Carolina Crimins et al. (1996) find that at ages 75 and 85, blacks can be expected to live longer than whites.

Evidence of a cross-over in black-white mortality rates at older ages has fueled speculation that blacks' may experience strong selection effects ("survival of the fittest") (Manton & Stallord 1981). However, some of the earlier findings have been questioned. Elo and Preston argue in three different papers (Elo & Preston 1994; Preston & Elo 2006, Preston et al. 1999) that the observed lower mortality rates of blacks may be an artifact of poor data. Concerns

regarding data quality have plagued this literature going back to Zelnik (1969) and Coale and Kisker (1990).

### Present Study

The previous literature contends that a) higher educational attainment has an impact on longer life expectancies and lower mortality rates and b) whites have an advantage over blacks and Hispanics. In this paper, we analyze the National Longitudinal Mortality Study (NLMS) Public Use Microdata Sample (PUMS) File Release 4 from February 28, 2013. We provide new estimates of the gender-specificity of the racial/ethnic patterns in adult mortality, using evidence from period and (partial) cohort life tables.

The NLMS PUMS provides longitudinal data for the period 1983-1994. Combining data from Current Population Surveys (CPS) and a subset of the 1980 Census, the NLMS PUMS follows these individuals for 11 years and matches the deceased cases with information from death certificates, which are provided by the National Center for Health Statistics. Due to data limitations we are only able to create partial life tables by race, gender and educational attainment level and compare our results with previous literature. Unlike previous literature, this paper focuses on the educational, racial and gender differences in older adult mortality, especially during retirement years. Findings indicate that NLMS PUMS offers similar mortality patterns. However different from Hayward and Heron (1999), we find that Hispanics have similar mortality rates to whites.

While the follow-up period for NLMS PUMS is relatively short, it spans an interesting recent period of rising inequality (Elo et al. 2006). We do not look at income or wealth measures in this paper, but we use education, which is one of the three elements of typical SES

measurement—income and occupation are the other two (Christenson & Johnson 1995).

Following Elo et al. (2006), using education instead of SES provides a more robust comparison since educational attainment is usually set at an earlier age in human life (around age 25) and is unlikely to change, although more people tend to get more education later in life. Elo et al. (2006) also highlight that, unlike occupation, educational attainment "can be used equally well to classify men and women, economically active and inactive individuals, and working-aged people and the elderly" (p.181).

This paper also contributes to the existing literature on mortality differences at older ages by offering evidence on the transition to retirement ages from (partial) cohort life tables, conditional attaining peak-working ages, in addition to period life tables. In the cohort perspective, we are subject to age-limitations given by the 10-year follow-up period in the NLMS File 11. We can create partial cohort life tables, where we follow a birth cohort for ten years. Since our focus is on racial/ethnic gaps in the transition from peak working to retirement age, we focus on three birth cohorts: those born in 1923-24, 1927-28, and 1931-32. We follow the three cohorts from ages 60-70, 56-66, and 52-62, respectively.

The remainder of the paper is organized as follows: In the next section, we describe our data and methods. Then we show the results from our period and cohort analyses. Finally, we provide some discussion and conclusion.

#### III. Data and Methods

Data Set

The NLMS PUMS is a collection of three large national longitudinal mortality data sets, each representative of the non-institutionalized population in the U.S. for a particular period. The NLMS PUMS is public-use and protects respondents' identity. These data contain basic demographic variables selected from a larger list of variables available in the original NLMS. The availability of information on individuals' characteristics including race/ethnicity and educational attainment is a key advantage of the NLMS data over other sources for mortality data by gender such as the Human Mortality Database.

There are three different files in the NLMS PUMS. The first one, which also has the largest number of observations (individuals), follows the respondents for 11 years. The other two files follow individuals only for six years. In order to have the largest sample size and longest period of follow-up, we are using the first file, which is also called File 11 in the NLMS PUMS documentation. NLMS PUMS contains approximately 2.7 million observations and the sample in File 11 used here has approximately 1.2 million individuals.

As a quick robustness check on the NLMS PUMS data, we compared age-specific death rates for males, females and the total population from the Human Mortality Database with the NLMS PUMS numbers for the birth cohort 1923-24. The results indicate that the NLMS PUMS file might not be as representative as researchers thought. Appendix Figure 1 shows the graphs

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Exclusion of the institutionalized population in the NLMS will yield estimates of mortality that are systematically lower than in the population overall. We expect it to affect male mortality more than female mortality, and to play a greater role when looking at African American men than white men. During the 1970s and 80s the incarceration rate more than doubled from 96 people per 100,000 to 227 per 100,000 (Blumstein 1988). By the end of 2004 the rate had reached 737 per 100,000 (Patterson 2010). According to 2000 census estimates even though African-Americans account for less than 15% of the U.S. population, they make up almost 50% of the incarcerated population (Beck and Karberg 2001). Massey and Denton (1993) show that prisoners are much more likely to have a socioeconomically disadvantaged background, which increases their chances of having higher mortality rates. Harlow (2003) estimates that "in 1997, 44% of prisoners in state correctional facilities did not have a high school education prior to admission, compared with 18% of their non-prison counterparts".

for HMD and NLMS PUMS side by side. We see that our analysis based on the NLMS PUMS data overall underestimate the age-specific death rates for the given cohort, especially for males and the whole 1923-24 cohort. This finding supports our claim that the NLMS PUMS introduces a bias by not including the institutionalized population, which has more males than females. Not surprisingly the most closely aligned graphs between the HMD and NLMS PUMS data are for females.

#### Measures

The NLMS PUMS contains 37 variables. The ones used in this paper are: age, sex, race, Hispanic origin, highest grade completed, death indicator and length of follow-up.

Age in File 11 is age at last birthday reported based on the interview report. Sex represents the respondent's stated gender, male or female. People whose gender could not be determined in the Current Population Surveys are not included in File 11. The race variable has five categories: White, Black, American Indian or Eskimo, Asian or Pacific Islander and Other nonwhite. The Hispanic origin variable divides the answers into three groups: Mexicans, Other Hispanics and Non-Hispanics. Information on educational attainment is provided in a variable on highest grade completed.<sup>2</sup>

The death indicator variable tells whether or not the respondent has died in the follow-up period. The length of follow-up the number of days respondents lived during the follow-up period. "Persons who were alive at the end of the 11 year follow-up period are given a value of 4018," which is the maximum follow-up period considered (NLMS PUMS documentation 2013). This allows researcher to calculate the exact age at death.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The CPS changed the way it measured education. Prior to 1992, the CPS used the "years of schooling approach," asking respondents about their highest grade level attended. In 1992 they started asking about degrees earned instead. The NLMS PUMS translated the latter information into years of school for comparability. This is illustrated in Appendix Table1 show the detailed categorization of the highest grade completed variable in NLMS. Appendix Table 2 shows our categorization used in the analyses.

The goal of this paper is to examine racial/ethnic gaps in adult mortality by gender. In our cohort analysis, we construct our sample to include individuals from birth cohorts that overlap with age 62 during the follow-up period. Specifically, for the first birth cohort we limit our sample to those who were 60 years old in 1983, at the beginning of the NLMS PUMS follow-up period. This corresponds to the 1923-24 birth cohort. For the second birth cohort we limit our sample to those who were 56 years in 1983. This corresponds to the 1927-28 birth cohort. We proceed in a similar fashion for the 1931-32 birth cohort.

For all three cohorts, by selecting cases based on the length of the follow-up period, we obtain the exact number of those who were still alive in 1984, 1985, or 1986 and do the same calculation until the end of the follow-up period. Then we select cases based on race, gender and educational attainment to perform (partial) cohort life table calculations. (See Appendix Tables 4a-4d for the partial life tables of the 1923-24 cohort by gender and race/ethnicity).

We recode some of the variables to get appropriate information for the life tables. We create dummy variables for non-Hispanic whites and non-Hispanic blacks using the race variable and information on Hispanic origin. We also recode the variable on highest grade completed. (See Appendix Tables 1 and 2 for the new categories.) Basic sample descriptives of the birth cohort data are provided in Table 1.

#### Methods

We apply standard period and cohort life table techniques (without smoothing). Standard errors and 95% confidence intervals are calculated but not shown here for expositional ease. Given the large sample sizes in the NLMS, they are consistently small. They are available from the authors upon request. We begin by estimating Period Life Tables for the year 1983, using

deaths that occurred within the first 12 months of the beginning of the survey period. Period Life Tables capture mortality conditions of many different birth cohorts at the same moment in time. To analyze racial/ethnic mortality gaps over actual life courses, we then estimate (partial) cohort life tables, following respondents born in 1923-24, 1927-28, and 1931-32 into retirement age.

For the numerator of the nmx (number of people who die in the age interval from x to x+n), we first compute a new variable called "age at death." Age at death is the summation of the initial age and the length of follow-up divided by 365. Since the unit for the length of follow-up is days we divide the value for the "follow" variable by 365 to compute its equivalent value in years. Then by adding this value to the age at the time of the interview we get the age at death.

To illustrate with an example, assume that a person stated to be 55 years old in 1983 and this person did not die during the follow-up period. Then the age at death value for this person would be 55+(4018/365) which equals 66.08 years. If this person had died at the 3065<sup>th</sup> days of the follow-up period then s/he would have 63.39 years for the age at death value. So unlike the age variable, which represents age at last birthday, age at death is continuous. This allows us to have a more accurate number of people who died at exact ages (e.g. 56.7 or 63.8). Although it provides a better estimate of the number who died in that age interval, because the exact age in 1983 is not known, it unwillingly skews the nmx's to some degree.

#### IV. Main Results

We begin with a discussion of the period life table results. Table 2 provides a summary of our estimated life expectancies at ages 25, 45, 62, and 65 for key demographic groups by gender: Non-Hispanic blacks ("NHB"), non-Hispanic whites ("NHW"), married, less than a high school education, completed high school, more than a high school education. The complete NLMS File 11 (1983) life tables by gender and race/ethnicity are shown in Appendix Tables 3a-d. Figures 1 and 2 show the corresponding gender-specific survival curves by race-ethnicity and education.

As shown in Table 2, there are sizeable racial/ethnic gaps in average remaining life spans for women at all ages. We estimate that life expectancy at age 25 is 52.3 years for black (non-Hispanic) women compared to 58.1 years for white (non-Hispanic) women. At age 65 (62), that figure is 19.1 (21.2) years for black women and 21.9 (24.2) years for white women. Notice that while the gap declines in absolute terms when comparing e65 to e25, it actually widens from 111% to 115% when measured using a more meaningful metric of relative years, e<sup>white</sup>/e<sup>black</sup> (in %).

For men, the estimated black-white gaps are much smaller than for women and vanish at retirement age. At age 25, life expectancy is 46.4 years for black (non-Hispanic) men and 49.8 years for white (non-Hispanic) men. At age 65 (62), the corresponding values are 15.7 (17.0) years and 15.6 (17.5) years for white men. The (slight) reversal of the black-white mortality gap for men reflects a "cross-over" in age-specific mortality at age 63 as shown in Appendix Tables 3a and b. Looking at Figure 1, the cross-over occurs when the (vertical) gap between the survival curves for black and white men starts to narrow.

Looking across gender lines, the racial/ethnic patterns just described imply that the gender gaps in remaining life span are smaller among blacks than whites and they narrow more

among blacks in age (but only in absolute terms). Table 2 shows that the gender-specific black-white gaps are similar in size to male-female life expectancy gaps, but they are larger than the gaps across educational groups (for a given sex).

As discussed above, our cohort analysis follows three birth cohorts for 10 years each, conditional on survival to age 52, 56, 60: 1923-24 (age 60-70), 1927-28 (56-66), and 1931-32 (52-62). Figures 3a-c show the survivorship curves by sex and race/ethnicity for the three cohorts. For the 1923-24 birth cohort, the (partial) cohort life table estimates by race/ethnicity are shown in Appendix Tables 4a-d.

Looking at the survival curves in Figures 3a-c, for all three birth cohorts we observe a similar pattern of widening black-white survival differentials (indicated in the figures by widening vertical differences between pairs of survival curves at higher age). This implies that there is no evidence from our cohort analysis to suggest a "cross-over" in mortality at these ages. Comparing black and white men, the divergence of the survival curves is particularly marked, with the generations of blacks dying at noticeably higher rates than their white counterparts.

Across birth cohorts, keeping in mind that the age ranges do not overlap perfectly, there is no evidence that the racial/ethnic mortality gaps during the transition to retirement age are narrowing. In fact, the black-white divergence of the survival curves appears to be most pronounced in the most recent cohort considered (1931-32). It appears that white men have enjoyed greater improvements in survival across these generations than have black men.

The cohort survival curves confirm that white females experienced the lowest mortality risk of all four groups. In the 1923-24 and 1927-28 cohorts, black females are a clear second behind white females. However, our results indicate that this pattern may be breaking down.

Looking at the 1931-32 birth cohorts, black women in that generation are trailing white men in

cumulative survival between age 52 and 58, and the curves are very close to each other and essentially move in parallel after that.

Age 62 is of particular significance as it the earliest eligibility age for Social Security retirement benefits. In light of that and the fact that Social Security provides incentives to delay benefit take-up until at least age 65, the normal retirement age for the cohorts investigated here, we did some additional analysis of survival to ages 62 and 65. The results are shown in Table 3; they are based on the (partial) cohort life table estimates.

The conditional survival probabilities to ages 62 and 65 help illustrate the magnitudes of the mortality gaps across gender and racial/ethnic lines discussed above. Among men born in 1923-24 who live to age 60, white men are 2.2 percentage points more likely to live to age 62 than black men. For the 1931-32 cohort this gap is 2.3 points. Among women the corresponding figures are 1 point and 0.5 points, consistent with greater racial/ethnic cohort mortality differentials among men than women.

Looking across identical age ranges, we see evidence of declining mortality across cohorts: Among black women born in 1923-24, 97.2% of those who reached aged 60 survived to age 62, 93.0% survived to age 65. 94.3% of black men who reached age 60 survived to age 62, 91.4% survived to age 65. This compares to conditional survival probabilities to age 62 of 97.8% for black women and 95.2% for black men born in 1931-32.

Lastly, survivorship curves by educational attainment show that the gap is wider for the 1923-24 cohort. As expected those with highest level of educational attainment, college degree in our analysis, have the highest change of surviving (not shown). It is not surprising that the gap between different educational attainment levels is smaller for the 1927-28 cohort as we are examining a younger cohort, whose chances of surviving is higher simply because death occurs

more at older ages. Although the no-education group seems to catch up with the most highly educated group at older ages for both cohorts, this result should not be taken too seriously for reasons we will discuss later.

#### V. Discussion

This paper provides new evidence on racial/ethnic differences in U.S. mortality. Using data from the 2013 release of the NLMS, we estimate period life tables and follow selected birth cohorts (1923-24, 1927-28, 1931-32) from working age into retirement. We find sizeable black-white gaps in remaining lifespans for women, and smaller and potentially vanishing gaps (at older ages) for men. The presence of large and gender-specific racial/ethnic mortality gaps is confirmed by our cohort analysis and there is no indication that they may be narrowing.

The analysis contributes to a better understanding of the magnitude of the differences in survivorship across gender and racial/ethnic lines and their persistence over the lifecourse and across cohorts. Our findings are largely consistent with previous evidence of stark gender and racial/ethnic gaps in mortality (Crimmins et al. 1996, Horiuchi 1999, Elo 2001, Kitagawa & Hauser 1973, Hayward & Heron 1999, Elo 2001, Arias et al. 2010). Analysis of cohort mortality provides no evidence of a narrowing of these gaps.

Some studies suggest that racial/ethnic gaps may become more narrow at older ages (Zelnik 1969, Bayo 1972, Ladika and Wolf 1998), but previous evidence of a 'black-white cross-over' in mortality rates at older ages has been questioned on the basis of data quality concerns (Elo & Preston 1994, Preston & Elo 2006). Our analysis of individuals' vital transitions from working age to retirement age did not provide any support for a mortality "cross-over" during retirement age. However, further cohort analysis is needed to put our findings into

perspective. It would be desirable to examine additional cohorts, including older cohorts to perhaps relate better to earlier studies including Preston and Elo (1994), whose focus is on the overstatement of age in the oldest age groups, which extends past the retirement-age-related cut-offs considered here.

### VI. Conclusion

Population aging and rising old-age dependency ratios are now evident in many countries. This trend is expected to accelerate dramatically in the coming decades, especially in developed and transition countries (e.g., Bloom and Canning 2008). Estimates for the U.S. suggest that there are currently 2.8 workers for each Social Security beneficiary. By 2033 there will be 2.1 workers for each beneficiary. Longer average life spans for each successive cohort due to declining mortality profiles are contributing to this aging phenomenon (Cutler et al. 2006).

The amount of resources societies will have to make available for future generations of retirees will crucially depend on the distribution of remaining life spans at retirement age. For example, estimates for the United States suggest that every year in life expectancy increases the outlays of the Social Security program by approximately 1 billion dollars. Without adjustments, the Trustees of Social Security expect that over a 75-year period, the program would require additional revenue equivalent to \$8.6 trillion in present value dollars to pay all scheduled benefits (SSA-T 2012).

Looking at life expectancy overall, however, provides an incomplete picture of how individuals with above-average mortality and their families are affected. Most notably black men face a substantially greater risk of not even reaching their pensionable age, resulting in lost personal utility and financial instability for their families. The impact will be exacerbated given that individuals who live longer tend to be healthier and have higher lifetime earnings (e.g., De

Nardi et al. 2009).<sup>3</sup> For these reasons, the variation mortality across racial/ethnic and gender lines should be of great importance to researchers and policymakers alike.

In December 2010, President Obama's National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform (NCFRR, 2010) proposed steps to address the long-run solvency problems of Social Security. The commission recommended that retirement benefits be reduced by indexing the retirement ages to gains in life expectancy. Specifically, the NCFRR suggested that the earliest age of retirement benefit eligibility should be increased by one month every two years.. According to their calculations, the earliest retirement age would increase to 63 by 2046 and 64 by 2070, while the full retirement age would reach 68 and 69 in those years. Raising the early retirement age in that fashion would be highly regressive and likely hit African American families the hardest.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Using data on individuals' pension wealth (Primary Insurance Amount, PIA) and longevity from the Health and Retirement Survey (HRS), a survey of a recent cohort of American retirees, we observe a correlation coefficient of 0.14 between PIA and remaining lifespan. While this is a modest level of correlation, it does suggest that longevity gains disproportionately benefit those who are better off.

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Table 1. Total Sample Sizes and Frequency Distribution by Birth Cohorts

Ns	1923-24	%	1927-28	%	1931-32	%
Race						
Non-Hispanic White	10,323	83.4%	10,658	82.6%	10,482	81.6%
Non-Hispanic Black	1,013	8.2%	1,027	8.0%	1060	8.3%
Other/Unknown/Missing	1,039	8.4%	1,219	9.4%	1,303	10.1%
Hispanic Origin						
Non-Hispanic	11,602	93.8%	11,994	92.9%	11,887	92.5%
Hispanic	549	4.4%	669	5.2%	714	5.6%
Unknown/missing	224	1.8%	241	1.9%	244	1.9%
Gender						
Non-Hispanic Female	6,065		6,163		6,074	
Non-Hispanic White	5,498	90.7%	5,548	90.0%	5,450	89.7%
Non-Hispanic Black	567	9.3%	615	10.0%	624	10.3%
Non-Hispanic Male	5,271		5,522		5,468	
Non-Hispanic White	4,825	91.5%	5,110	92.5%	5,032	92.0%
Non-Hispanic Black	446	8.5%	412	7.5%	436	8.0%
Mortality						
Non-Hispanic White Deceased	1,861	87.7%	1,395	87.1%	965	87.1%
Non-Hispanic Black Deceased	262	12.3%	207	12.9%	143	12.9%
Deceased Total	2,123		1,602		1,108	
Total	12,375		12,904		12,845	

*Notes:* The Ns represent the sample size as they appear in the NLMS file. For life tables we apply different restrictions (e.g. limiting sample size to cases which provide valid answer for educational attainment).

Table 2. Life Expectancy for Key Demographics (Period Life Tables, 1983)

Demographic	Averag	e Years o	f Life Re	maining
	e25	e45	e62	e65
All	53.57	34.77	20.84	18.81
Non-Hispanic Black ("NHB") Female	52.25	34.00	21.19	19.12
Non-Hispanic Black Male	46.37	28.32	17.03	15.67
Non-Hispanic White ("NHW") Female	58.06	38.99	24.17	21.91
Non-Hispanic White Male	49.79	31.08	17.46	15.56
Married	53.41	34.26	19.96	17.82
Female	60.97	41.80	27.10	24.80
Male	50.78	31.73	17.98	16.03
Less Than High School	51.19	33.13	20.09	18.23
Female	55.63	37.08	23.29	21.24
Male	47.13	29.53	16.97	15.22
High School	54.35	35.65	21.51	19.44
Female	57.76	38.82	23.95	21.61
Male	50.03	31.57	18.20	16.38
More Than High School	55.74	36.58	21.97	19.74
Female	58.75	39.49	24.67	22.21
Male	52.14	33.04	18.66	16.51

*Notes:* Females in bold font. Life Expectancy at ages 25 (e25), 45 (e45), 62 (e62), and 65 (e65) are calculated from Period Life Tables (1983) estimated from NLMS File 11 data.

Table 3. Conditional Survival at Retirement Age (Cohort Life Tables, partial)

Demographic		y of Living to on attaining age 60)
	Age 62	Age 65
1923-24 Birth Cohort	1280 02	1250
NHB Female	0.972	0.930
NHB Male	0.943	0.848
NHW Female	0.982	0.950
NHW Male	0.965	0.914
1927-28 Birth Cohort		
NHB Female	0.973	0.919
NHB Male	0.956	0.891
NHW Female	0.983	0.953
NHW Male	0.969	0.911
1931-32 Birth Cohort		
NHB Female	0.978	N/A
NHB Male	0.952	N/A
NHW Female	0.983	N/A
NHW Male	0.975	N/A

*Notes:* Females in bold font. Survival probabilities are calculated from Cohort Life Tables (partial) estimated from NLMS File 11 data.

Figure 1. Survival Curves by Race/Ethnicity and Sex

(Period Life Tables, 1983, NLMS File 11)

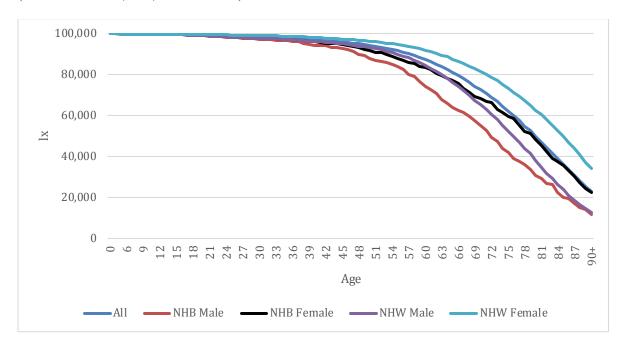


Figure 2. Survival Curves by Education and Sex

(Period Life Tables, 1983, NLMS File 11)

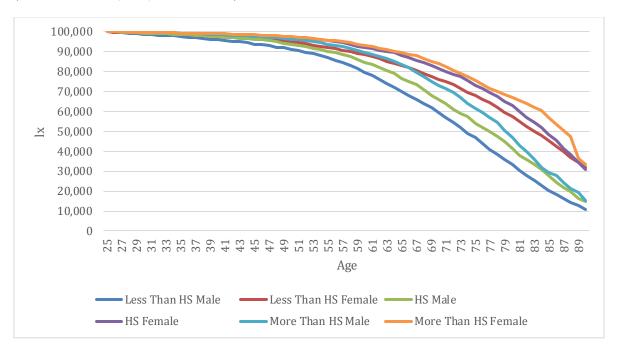


Figure 3a. Survival Curves by Race/Ethnicity and Sex, Birth Cohort 1931-32

(Partial Cohort Life Tables, Conditional on Survival to Age 52, NLMS File 11)

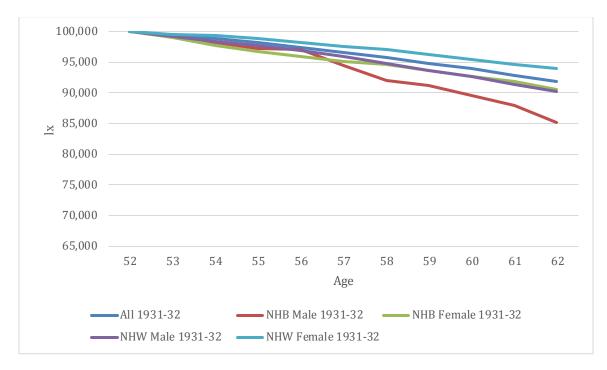


Figure 3b. Survival Curves by Race/Ethnicity and Sex, Birth Cohort 1927-28

(Partial Cohort Life Tables, Conditional on Survival to Age 56, NLMS File 11)

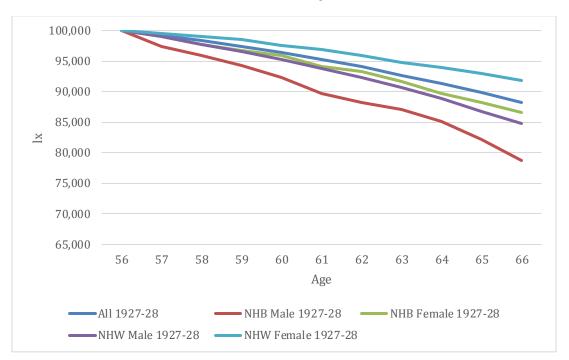
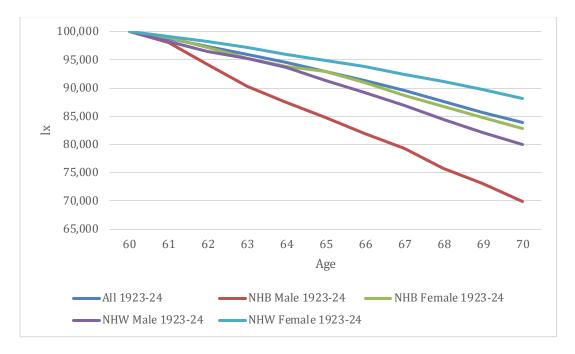


Figure 3c. Survival by Race/Ethnicity and Sex, Birth Cohort 1923-24

(Partial Cohort Life Tables, Conditional on Survival to Age 60, NLMS File 11)



Appendix Table 1: Education Variable Original Categories

Highest	Grade Completed Variable
Value	Categories
1	None, LT E1
2	Completed E1, E2, E3, E4
3	Completed E5, E6
4	Completed E7, E8
5	Completed H1
6	Completed H2
7	Completed H3
8	Completed H4
9	Completed C1
10	Completed C2
11	Completed C3
12	Completed C4
13	Completed C5
14	Completed C6

Appendix Table 2: Recoded Education Variable Categories

Value in the paper	Value in NLMS
1= Less than high school	0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7
2= High school	8
3= More than high school	9,10,11,12,13,14

Appendix Table 3a: Period Life Table for Black (non-Hispanic) Males (1983, NLMS File 11)

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Age	n	nDx	nPYx	nax	nMx	nqx	lx	ndx	nLx	Tx	ex	Age
0	1	1	840	0.048	0.001190	0.001189	100,000	119	99,887	7,033,292	70.3329	0
1-4	4	0	3,495	1.648	0.000000	0.000000	99,881	0	399,524	6,933,405	69.4166	1-4
5	1	0	809	0.500	0.000000	0.000000	99,881	0	99,881	6,533,881	65.4166	5
6	1	0	802	0.500	0.000000	0.000000	99,881	0	99,881	6,434,000	64.4166	6
7	1	0	885	0.500	0.000000	0.000000	99,881	0	99,881	6,334,119	63.4166	7
8	1	0	909	0.500	0.000000	0.000000	99,881	0	99,881	6,234,237	62.4166	8
9	1	2	897	0.500	0.002230	0.002227	99,881	222	99,770	6,134,356	61.4166	9
10	1	0	895	0.500	0.000000	0.000000	99,659	0	99,659	6,034,587	60.5526	10
11	1	1	950	0.500	0.001053	0.001052	99,659	105	99,606	5,934,928	59.5526	11
12	1	0	897	0.500	0.000000	0.000000	99,554	0		5,835,322		12
13	1	0	943	0.500	0.000000	0.000000	99,554	0		5,735,768		13
14	1	0	1,068	0.500	0.000000	0.000000	99,554	0	99,554	5,636,214	56.6148	14
15	1	1	1,307	0.500	0.000765	0.000765	99,554	76	99,516	5,536,660	55.6148	15
16	1	2	1,303	0.500	0.001535	0.001534	99,478	153		5,437,145		16
17	1	0	1,275	0.500	0.000000	0.000000	99,325	0	99,325	5,337,743	53.7401	17
18	1	2	1,198			0.001668	99,325	166		5,238,418		18
19	1	0	1,075	0.500	0.000000	0.000000	99,159	0		5,139,176		19
20	1	3	959			0.003123	99,159	310		5,040,017	50.8274	20
21	1	3	883			0.003392	98,850	335		4,941,012		21
22	1	0	878			0.000000	98,514	0		4,842,330		22
23	1	2	927			0.002155	98,514	212		4,743,816		23
24	1	2	860			0.002323	98,302	228		4,645,407		24
25	1	1	928			0.002323	98,074	106		4,547,219		25
						0.001077	97,968			4,449,198		
26 27	1	1 2	865 821					113 238				26
	1		821			0.002433	97,855			4,351,287		27
28	1	0	793			0.000000	97,617	222		4,253,551		28
29	1	2	840				97,617	232		4,155,934		29
30	1	1	848			0.001179	97,385	115		4,058,433		30
31	1	0	795			0.000000	97,270	0	-	3,961,106		31
32	1	4	765			0.005215	97,270	507		3,863,836		32
33	1	0	750			0.000000	96,763	0		3,766,820		33
34	1	1	667			0.001498	96,763	145	-	3,670,057		34
35	1	3	652		0.004601		96,618	444	-	3,573,367		35
36	1	1	626			0.001596	96,174	154		3,476,971		36
37	1	5	624			0.007981	96,021	766	95,637	3,380,874	35.2099	37
38	1	3	619	0.500	0.004847	0.004835	95,254	461	95,024	3,285,236	34.4891	38
39	1	3	611	0.500	0.004910	0.004898	94,794	464	94,562	3,190,212	33.6542	39
40	1	1	555	0.500	0.001802	0.001800	94,329	170	94,245	3,095,651	32.8174	40
41	1	1	577	0.500	0.001733	0.001732	94,160	163	94,078	3,001,406	31.8757	41
42	1	4	544	0.500	0.007353	0.007326	93,997	689	93,652	2,907,328	30.9301	42
43	1	1	552	0.500	0.001812	0.001810	93,308	169	93,224	2,813,676	30.1547	43
44	1	2	524	0.500	0.003817	0.003810	93,139	355		2,720,452		44
45	1	2	533	0.500	0.003752	0.003745	92,784	348		2,627,490		45
46	1	5	416			0.011947	92,437	1,104		2,534,880		46
47	1	7	473			0.014690	91,332	1,342		2,442,995		47
48	1	4	485			0.008214	89,991	739		2,352,334		48
49	1	7	461			0.015070	89,252	1,345		2,262,713		49
50	1	5	497			0.010010	87,907	880		2,174,133		50
51	1	3	476			0.006283	87,027	547	-	2,086,667		51
52	1	3	436			0.006857	86,480	593		1,999,914		52
53	1	6	430		0.013953		85,887	1,190		1,913,730		53
54	1	4	428			0.009302	84,697	788		1,828,439		54
55	1	8	434			0.018265	83,909	1,533		1,744,136		55
56	1	11	412			0.016263	82,376	2,170		1,660,993		56
57	1	7	452			0.015368	80,206	1,233		1,579,702		57
58	1	14	433			0.013308	78,973	2,513		1,500,113		58
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59	1	12	431			0.027460	76,460	2,100		1,422,396		59 60
60	1	9	446			0.019978	74,361	1,486		1,346,985		60
61	1	13	406			0.031515	72,875	2,297		1,273,367		61
62	1	14	346			0.039660	70,579	2,799		1,201,640		62
63	1	11	351			0.030856	67,779	2,091		1,132,461		63
64	1	10	355			0.027778	65,688	1,825		1,065,727		64
65	1	8	383			0.020672	63,863	1,320		1,000,951		65
66	1	6	353			0.016854	62,543	1,054		937,748		66
67	1	11	314			0.034429	61,489	2,117		875,732		67
68	1	11	315			0.034321	59,372	2,038		815,301		68
69	1	10	260			0.037736	57,334	2,164				69
70	1	15	303			0.048309	55,171	2,665		700,695		70
71	1	17	267			0.061706	52,506	3,240		646,857		71
72	1	13	283			0.044905	49,266	2,212		595,971		72
73	1	14	199			0.067961	47,053	3,198		547,812		73
74	1	11	217			0.049438	43,856	2,168		502,357	11.4548	74
75	1	14	195	0.500	0.071795	0.069307	41,687	2,889	40,243	459,586	11.0245	75
76	1	7	180	0.500	0.038889	0.038147	38,798	1,480	38,058	419,343	10.8083	76
77	1	6	145	0.500	0.041379	0.040541	37,318	1,513	36,562	381,285		77
78	1	8	117			0.066116	35,805	2,367		344,723		78
79	1	12	137			0.083916	33,438	2,806		310,101		79
80	1	6	114			0.051282	30,632	1,571		278,066		80
81	1	6	81			0.071429	29,061	2,076		248,220		81
82	1	2	57			0.071423	26,985	931		220,196		82
83	1	9	60			0.139535	26,055	3,636		193,676		83
84	1	6	55			0.103448						84
							22,419	2,319		169,439		
85	1	2	56			0.035088	20,100	705		148,179		85
86	1	5	38			0.123457	19,395	2,394		128,432		86
87	1	6	44			0.127660	17,000	2,170		110,235		87
	1	1	26			0.037736	14,830	560		94,319		88
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Appendix Table 3b: Period Life Table for White (non-Hispanic) Males (1983, NLMS File 11)

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Age	n	nDx	nPYx	nax	nMx	nqx	lx	ndx	nLx	Tx	ex	Ag
0	1	8	5,178	0.040	0.001545	0.001543	100,000	154	00 953	7,376,225	72 7622	0
1-4	4	7	20,577		0.001343		99,846	136		7,376,223		1-4
5	1	3	5,068		0.000592		99,710	59		6,877,308		5
6	1	0	4,921		0.000000		99,651	0		6,777,628		6
7	1	1	5,000		0.000200		99,651	20		6,677,977		7
8	1	1	5,111		0.000196		99,631	19		6,578,336		8
9	1	2	5,620		0.000356		99,612	35		6,478,715		9
10	1	2	5,528		0.000362		99,576	36		6,379,121		10
11	1	1	5,525		0.000181		99,540	18		6,279,563		11
12	1	1	5,448		0.000184		99,522	18		6,180,032		12
13	1	1	5,594		0.000179		99,504	18		6,080,519		13
14	1	3	6,437		0.000466		99,486	46		5,981,024		14
15	1	4	8,333		0.000480		99,440	48		5,881,561	59.1470	15
16	1	7	7,992		0.000876		99,392	87		5,782,145		16
17	1	10	8,223		0.001216		99,305	121		5,682,797		17
18	1	11	7,896		0.001393		99,184	138		5,583,552		18
19	1	9	7,539		0.001194		99,046	118		5,484,437	55.3725	19
20	1	7	7,479	0.500	0.000936	0.000936	98,928	93	98,882	5,385,450	54.4381	20
21	1	12	7,373		0.001628		98,835	161		5,286,568		21
22	1	8	7,839		0.001021		98,675	101		5,187,813		22
23	1	9	7,967		0.001130		98,574	111		5,089,189		23
24	1	16	8,034		0.001992		98,463	196		4,990,670		24
25	1	10	8,104		0.001334		98,267	121		4,892,305		25
26	1	9	8,273		0.001088		98,146	107		4,794,099		26
27	1	7	8,152		0.000859		98,039	84		4,696,007	47.8994	27
28	1	7	8,201		0.000854		97,955	84		4,598,010		28
29	1	9	8,237		0.001093		97,871	107		4,500,097	45.9798	29
30	1	10	8,233		0.001215		97,764	119		4,402,279		30
31	1	11	8,137		0.001352		97,646	132		4,304,574		31
32	1	10	8,158		0.001226		97,514	119		4,206,994		32
33	1	8	8,086		0.000989		97,394	96		4,109,540		33
34	1	12	7,472		0.001606		97,298	156		4,012,194		34
35	1	12	7,080		0.001695		97,142	165		3,914,974		35
36	1	14	7,160		0.001955		96,977	189		3,817,915		36
37	1	10	7,002	0.500	0.001428	0.001427	96,788	138	96,719	3,721,032	38.4452	37
38	1	21	6,817	0.500	0.003081	0.003076	96,650	297	96,501	3,624,313	37.4994	38
39	1	10	6,329	0.500	0.001580	0.001579	96,353	152	96,276	3,527,812	36.6136	39
40	1	14	6,203	0.500	0.002257	0.002254	96,200	217	96,092	3,431,535	35.6707	40
41	1	11	5,970	0.500	0.001843	0.001841	95,984	177	95,895	3,335,443	34.7502	41
42	1	16	5,775	0.500	0.002771	0.002767	95,807	265	95,674	3,239,548	33.8133	42
43	1	15	5,469	0.500	0.002743	0.002739	95,542	262	95,411	3,143,874	32.9058	43
44	1	14	5,341	0.500	0.002621	0.002618	95,280	249	95,155	3,048,463	31.9948	44
45	1	13	5,167	0.500	0.002516	0.002513	95,031	239	94,911	2,953,308	31.0774	45
46	1	21	5,097	0.500	0.004120	0.004112	94,792	390	94,597	2,858,396	30.1544	46
47	1	24	5,054	0.500	0.004749	0.004737	94,402	447	94,179	2,763,799	29.2769	47
48	1	16	4,903	0.500	0.003263	0.003258	93,955	306	93,802	2,669,621	28.4139	48
49	1	29	4,833	0.500	0.006000	0.005982	93,649	560	93,369	2,575,819	27.5051	49
50	1	29	5,128	0.500	0.005655	0.005639	93,089	525	92,826	2,482,450	26.6676	50
51	1	25	4,973	0.500	0.005027	0.005015	92,564	464	92,332	2,389,624	25.8160	51
52	1	37	5,032	0.500	0.007353	0.007326	92,099	675	91,762	2,297,293	24.9436	52
53	1	41	4,917	0.500	0.008338	0.008304	91,425	759	91,045	2,205,531	24.1240	53
54	1	52	5,085		0.010226		90,666	922		2,114,486	23.3218	54
55	1	40	4,999		0.008002		89,743	715		2,024,281	22.5564	55
56	1	52	5,110		0.010176		89,028	901		1,934,896		56
57	1	66	5,009		0.013176		88,126	1,154		1,846,319		57
58	1	71	5,092		0.013943		86,973	1,204		1,758,769		58
59	1	84	5,025		0.016716		85,769	1,422		1,672,398		59
50	1	83	4,825		0.017202		84,347	1,439		1,587,341		60
51	1	83	4,634		0.017911		82,908	1,472		1,503,713		61
62	1	93	4,687		0.019842		81,436	1,600		1,421,541		62
53	1	93	4,532		0.020521		79,836	1,622		1,340,904		63
64	1	114	4,224		0.026989		78,215	2,083		1,261,879		64
55	1	107	4,339		0.024660		76,132	1,855		1,184,706		65
56	1	119	4,078		0.029181		74,277	2,136		1,109,501		66
57	1	121	3,883		0.031161		72,141	2,214		1,036,292		67
58	1	137	3,689		0.037137		69,928	2,550		965,257		68
59	1	113	3,565		0.031697		67,378	2,102		896,605		69
70	1	127	3,328		0.038161		65,276	2,444		830,278		70
71	1	118	3,099		0.038077		62,831	2,348		766,225		71
72	1	134	3,029		0.044239		60,484	2,618		704,567		72
73	1	131	2,726		0.048056		57,866	2,716		645,393		73
74	1	129	2,490		0.051807		55,150 52,365	2,785		588,885		74
75	1	119	2,365		0.050317			2,570		535,127		75
76	1	125	2,094		0.059694		49,795	2,886		484,047	9.7208	76
77	1	113	1,823		0.061986		46,909	2,820		435,695		77
78	1	109	1,671		0.065230		44,088	2,785		390,197		78
79	1	126	1,545		0.081553		41,303	3,236		347,501		79
80	1	132	1,379		0.095722		38,067	3,477		307,816		80
81	1	101	1,150		0.087826		34,589	2,910		271,488		81
82	1	92	1,072		0.085821		31,679	2,607		238,353		82
83	1	95	893		0.106383		29,072	2,937	27,604	207,978		83
84	1	76	759		0.100132		26,136	2,492		180,373		84
85	1	77	660		0.116667		23,644	2,606		155,484		85
0.0	1	57	468		0.121795		21,037	2,415		133,143		86
		51	423	0.500	U.120567	0.113712	18,622	2,118	17,563	113,314	6.0849	87
87	1							4	4 = ==	or	F 0	-
86 87 88 89	1 1 1	46 42	367 271	0.500	0.125341 0.154982	0.117949	16,505 14,558	1,947 2,094		95,750 80,219		88 89

Appendix Table 3c: Period Life Table for Black (non-Hispanic) Females (1983, NLMS File 11)

Age	n	nDx	nPYx	nax	nMx	nqx	lx	ndx	nLx	Tx	ex	Age
												_
0	1	1	828		0.001208		100,000	121		7,640,741		0
1-4	4	1	3,484		0.000287		99,879	115		7,540,856	75.4996	1-4
5	1	1	864		0.001157		99,765	115		7,141,608	71.5845	5
6	1	0	835		0.000000		99,649	0		7,041,901	70.6668	6
7	1	0	844		0.000000		99,649	0		6,942,251	69.6668	7
8 9	1	0	865 871		0.000000		99,649 99,649	0		6,842,602 6,742,953	68.6668 67.6668	9
10	1	0	894		0.000000		99,649	0		6,643,303		10
11	1	0	928		0.000000		99,649	0		6,543,654		11
12	1	0	955		0.000000		99,649	0		6,444,005	64.6668	12
13	1	1	923		0.001083		99,649	108		6,344,355		13
14	1	0	1,166		0.000000		99,541	0		6,244,760	62.7353	14
15	1	0	1,322	0.500	0.000000	0.000000	99,541	0	99,541	6,145,218	61.7353	15
16	1	1	1,317	0.500	0.000759	0.000759	99,541	76	99,504	6,045,677	60.7353	16
17	1	2	1,411	0.500	0.001417	0.001416	99,466	141	99,395	5,946,173	59.7810	17
18	1	0	1,330		0.000000		99,325	0	99,325	5,846,778	58.8651	18
19	1	1	1,295		0.000772		99,325	77		5,747,453	57.8651	19
20	1	2	1,301		0.001537		99,248	152		5,648,166	56.9094	20
21	1	1	1,213		0.000824		99,096	82		5,548,994	55.9962	21
22	1	3	1,293		0.002320		99,014	229		5,449,939	55.0420	22
23	1	0	1,282		0.000000		98,785	0		5,351,039	54.1687	23
24	1	2	1,271		0.001574 0.003690		98,785	155		5,252,254	53.1687	24
25 26	1	5 0	1,355 1,240		0.003690		98,629 98,266	363 0		5,153,547 5,055,100	52.2516 51.4429	25 26
27	1	1	1,240		0.000805		98,266	79		4,956,833	50.4429	27
28	1	0	1,127		0.000000		98,187	0		4,858,607	49.4832	28
29	1	1	1,197		0.000835		98,187	82		4,760,420	48.4832	29
30	1	5	1,135		0.004405		98,105	431		4,662,274	47.5233	30
31	1	2	1,168		0.001712		97,674	167		4,564,384	46.7309	31
32	1	0	1,115		0.000000		97,507	0		4,466,794	45.8101	32
33	1	2	1,056	0.500	0.001894	0.001892	97,507	184	97,415	4,369,287	44.8101	33
34	1	1	959		0.001043		97,322	101		4,271,872	43.8941	34
35	1	1	917		0.001091		97,221	106		4,174,601	42.9394	35
36	1	3	891		0.003367		97,115	326		4,077,433	41.9857	36
37	1	3	916		0.003275		96,788	316		3,980,481	41.1256	37
38	1	2	823		0.002430		96,472	234		3,883,851	40.2589	38
39 40	1	2	778 802		0.002571 0.003741		96,238 95,991	247		3,787,496 3,691,382	39.3556 38.4556	39 40
41	1	2	787		0.003741		95,632	358 243		3,595,571	37.5979	41
42	1	3	737		0.002541		95,390	388		3,500,060	36.6923	42
43	1	0	711		0.000000		95,002	0		3,404,864	35.8399	43
44	1	3	653		0.004594		95,002	435		3,309,862	34.8399	44
45	1	4	700	0.500	0.005714	0.005698	94,567	539		3,215,077	33.9980	45
46	1	3	611	0.500	0.004910	0.004898	94,028	461	93,798	3,120,780	33.1900	46
47	1	3	605	0.500	0.004959	0.004946	93,567	463	93,336	3,026,983	32.3509	47
48	1	4	614		0.006515		93,104	605		2,933,647	31.5092	48
49	1	5	629		0.007949		92,500	732		2,840,845	30.7119	49
50	1	6	677		0.008863		91,767	810		2,748,711	29.9530	50
51	1	2	602		0.003322		90,958	302		2,657,348	29.2152	51
52 53	1	6 7	624 603		0.009615 0.011609		90,656 89,789	868 1,036		2,566,541 2,476,319	28.3107 27.5794	52 53
54	1	7	566		0.011003		88,752	1,091		2,387,049	26.8956	54
55	1	5	618		0.008091		87,661	706		2,298,842	26.2241	55
56	1	6	615		0.009756		86,955	844		2,211,534	25.4331	56
57	1	5	560		0.008929		86,111	765		2,125,001	24.6775	57
58	1	8	581	0.500	0.013769	0.013675	85,345	1,167		2,039,273	23.8944	58
59	1	6	539	0.500	0.011132	0.011070	84,178	932	83,712	1,954,511	23.2187	59
60	1	6	567		0.010582		83,246	876		1,870,799	22.4730	60
61	1	11	493		0.022312		82,370	1,818		1,787,990	21.7068	61
62	1	7	485		0.014433		80,552	1,154		1,706,529	21.1853	62
63	1	8	478		0.016736		79,398	1,318		1,626,554	20.4860	63
64 6E	1	10	464		0.015086		78,080	1,169		1,547,815		64 6E
65 66	1	10 15	530 517		0.018868		76,911 75,474	1,438 2,158		1,470,319		65 66
67	1	11	432		0.025463			1,843		1,394,126		67
68	1	12	413		0.029056			2,047		1,247,338		68
69	1	8	425		0.018824			1,295		1,176,890		69
70	1	8	412		0.019417		68,130	1,310		1,108,112		70
71	1	3	372		0.008065		66,820	537		1,040,637		71
72	1	16	329	0.500	0.048632	0.047478		3,147	64,710			72
73	1	7	284		0.024648		63,136	1,537	62,368	909,375		73
74	1	10	306		0.032680		61,599	1,981	60,609			74
75	1	5	266		0.018797		59,618	1,110	59,063			75
76	1	15	262		0.057252		58,508	3,256	56,880			76
77	1	13	234		0.055556			2,987	53,759			77
78	1	4	183		0.021858			1,130	51,700			78
79 80	1	11	198 200		0.055556			2,764	49,753		11.0491	79 80
81	1	13	136		0.065000 0.066176		48,371 45,326	3,045 2,903	46,849 43,874			81
82	1	11	122		0.090164			3,660	40,593		10.3339	82
83	1	4	110		0.036364			1,384	38,070		9.9046	83
84	1	6	108		0.055556			2,020	36,368		9.2529	84
85	1	5	70		0.071429			2,438	34,138			85
86	1	6	73		0.082192		32,919	2,599	31,620		8.3645	86
87	1	5	49		0.102041			2,944	28,848		8.0386	87
88	1	5	46		0.108696			2,822	25,965	214,883		88
89	1	4	47		0.085106		24,554	2,004	23,552	188,918	7.6939	89
90+		24	176	0.000	0.136364	1.000000	22,550	22,550	165,366	165,366	7.3333	90+

Appendix Table 3d: Period Life Table for White (non-Hispanic) Females (1983, NLMS File 11)

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Age	n	nDx	nPYx	nax	nMx	nqx	lx	ndx	nLx	Tx	ex	Ag
		2	4.015	0.047	0.000610	0.000610	100.000	<b>C1</b>	00.043	0.250.217	02 5022	
0	1	3	4,915		0.000610			61		8,258,217		
1-4	4	6	19,553		0.000307			123		8,158,275	81.6325	
5	1	0	4,553		0.000000			0		7,758,807	77.7308	
6	1	1	4,567		0.000219			22		7,658,991	76.7308	
7	1	0	4,569		0.000000			0		7,559,185	75.7475	
8	1	1	4,941	0.500	0.000202	0.000202	99,795	20	99,784	7,459,391	74.7475	8
9	1	0	5,063	0.500	0.000000	0.000000	99,774	0	99,774	7,359,606	73.7625	9
10	1	1	5,295	0.500	0.000189	0.000189	99,774	19	99,765	7,259,832	72.7625	10
11	1	1	5,242	0.500	0.000191	0.000191	99,756	19	99,746	7,160,067	71.7761	11
12	1	2	5,168	0.500	0.000387	0.000387		39		7,060,321	70.7897	12
13	1	1	5,316		0.000188			19		6,960,604	69.8169	
14	1	2	6,179		0.000324			32		6,860,915		
15	1	2	7,764		0.000321			26		6,761,252	67.8521	
		0	7,736				-					
16	1				0.000000			0		6,661,618		
17	1	3	8,083		0.000371			37		6,561,997	65.8695	
18	1	2	7,986		0.000250			25		6,462,394	64.8937	
19	1	4	8,127		0.000492		-	49		6,362,822	63.9099	
20	1	3	8,291		0.000362		-	36		6,263,288		
21	1	8	8,326	0.500	0.000961	0.000960	99,474	96	99,427	6,163,795	61.9637	21
22	1	1	8,322	0.500	0.000120	0.000120	99,379	12	99,373	6,064,369	61.0228	22
23	1	1	8,520	0.500	0.000117	0.000117	99,367	12	99,361	5,964,996	60.0300	23
24	1	3	8,604	0.500	0.000349	0.000349	99,355	35		5,865,635	59.0370	24
25	1	4	8,767		0.000456			45		5,766,297	58.0574	
26	1	4	8,840		0.000452			45		5,666,999	57.0837	
27	1	9	8,714		0.001033			102		5,567,746	56.1093	
					0.001033					5,468,567		
28	1	1	8,715				,	11			55.1668	
29	1	6	8,719		0.000688			68		5,369,445	54.1730	
30	1	4	8,686		0.000461			46		5,270,362	53.2100	
31	1	3	8,583		0.000350			35		5,171,337	52.2343	
32	1	6	8,413		0.000713			71		5,072,351	51.2524	32
33	1	9	8,719	0.500	0.001032	0.001032	98,898	102		4,973,418	50.2886	33
34	1	10	8,096	0.500	0.001235	0.001234	98,796	122	98,735	4,874,572	49.3400	34
35	1	9	7,581	0.500	0.001187	0.001186	98,674	117	98,615	4,775,837	48.4003	35
36	1	6	7,422	0.500	0.000808	0.000808		80	98,517	4,677,222	47.4572	
37	1	5	7,337	0.500	0.000681	0.000681	98,477	67		4,578,705	46.4952	37
38	1	13	6,971		0.001865			183		4,480,262	45.5266	
39	1	10	6,740		0.001484			146		4,381,944	44.6106	
40	1	13	6,553		0.001984			194		4,283,790	43.6761	
41	1	8	6,069		0.001304			129		4,285,790	42.7619	
42	1	10	5,864		0.001705			167		4,087,985	41.8176	
43	1	8	5,820		0.001375			134		3,990,311	40.8881	
44	1	7	5,652		0.001238			121		3,892,787	39.9437	
45	1	5	5,591		0.000894			87		3,795,390	38.9926	
46	1	6	5,272	0.500	0.001138	0.001137	97,249	111	97,194	3,698,097	38.0270	46
47	1	16	5,411	0.500	0.002957	0.002953	97,139	287	96,995	3,600,903	37.0697	47
48	1	9	5,217	0.500	0.001725	0.001724	96,852	167	96,768	3,503,908	36.1780	48
49	1	15	5,204	0.500	0.002882	0.002878	96,685	278	96,546	3,407,140	35.2396	49
50	1	21	5,455	0.500	0.003850	0.003842	96,407	370	96,221	3,310,594	34.3399	50
51	1	13	5,234		0.002484			238		3,214,373	33.4704	
52	1	21	5,450		0.003853			368		3,118,456	32.5524	
53	1	14	5,288		0.002648			252		3,022,842	31.6762	
54	1	22	5,390		0.004082			388		2,927,538	30.7588	
											29.8826	
55	1	31	5,479		0.005658			535		2,832,555		
56	1	23	5,548		0.004146			390		2,738,033	29.0493	
57	1	33	5,509		0.005990			561		2,643,973		
58	1	44	5,456		0.008065		-	749		2,550,389	27.3341	
59	1	44	5,403		0.008144			751		2,457,459	26.5514	
60	1	44	5,498	0.500	0.008003	0.007971	91,804	732	91,438	2,365,280	25.7644	60
61	1	43	5,206	0.500	0.008260	0.008226	91,072	749	90,698	2,273,842	24.9674	61
62	1	48	5,293	0.500	0.009069	0.009028		815		2,183,144	24.1704	62
63	1	51	5,047		0.010105			900		2,093,228		
64	1	65	4,939		0.013161			1,159		2,004,171	22.6184	
65	1	62	5,225		0.011866			1,032		1,916,142		
66	1	62	4,855		0.011000			1,097		1,829,208		
67	1	68	4,626		0.012770			1,245		1,743,339		
68	1	67	4,631		0.014768			1,243		1,658,640		
	1				0.014468							
69 70		85	4,444				-	1,570		1,575,168		
70	1	67	4,312		0.015538			1,253		1,493,084		
71	1	75	4,090		0.018337			1,454		1,412,413		
72	1	83	4,032		0.020585			1,601		1,333,095		
73	1	92	3,644		0.025247			1,920		1,255,305		
74	1	91	3,469		0.026232			1,944		1,179,275		
75	1	83	3,355	0.500	0.024739	0.024437	73,126	1,787	72,232	1,105,178	15.1133	75
76	1	88	3,101	0.500	0.028378	0.027981	71,339	1,996	70,341	1,032,945	14.4794	76
77	1	93	2,924		0.031806			2,171	68,257	962,604		
78	1	90	2,616		0.034404			2,272	66,036	894,347		
79	1	87	2,504		0.034744			2,216	63,792	828,311	12.7629	
80	1	88	2,347		0.037495			2,307	61,530	764,519		
81	1	84	1,960		0.042857			2,533	59,110	702,989		
82	1	83	1,807		0.045932			2,597	56,545	643,879		
83	1	72	1,556		0.046272			2,499	53,997	587,335		
84	1	76	1,373		0.055353			2,841	51,327	533,338		
85	1	76	1,224	0.500	0.062092	0.060222	49,906	3,005	48,404	482,011	9.6583	85
86	1	69	1,027	0.500	0.067186	0.065002		3,049	45,377	433,607	9.2452	
87	1	61	819		0.074481			3,149	42,278	388,231	8.8532	
	1	56	627		0.089314			3,480	38,963	345,953		
88		50	J-/	0.500								
88 89	1	50	577	0.500	0.086655	0.083056	37,223	3,092	35,678	306,990	8.2472	89

# **Appendix Table 4a:** Partial Cohort Life Table for Black (non-Hispanic) Males (1923-24 Birth Cohort, Conditional on Survival to Age 60, NLMS File 11)

Age	n	nDx	nPYx	nax	nMx	SE(nMx)	nqx	SE(nqx)	lx	SE(Ix)	ndx	nLx
60	1	9	446	0.5	0.020179	0.006659	0.019978	0.006592	100000	0	1998	99001
61	1	17	437	0.5	0.038902	0.009253	0.038159	0.009077	98002	659	3740	96132
62	1	18	420	0.5	0.042857	0.009887	0.041958	0.00968	94263	1092	3955	92285
63	1	13	402	0.5	0.032338	0.008825	0.031824	0.008685	90307	1388	2874	88870
64	1	12	389	0.5	0.030848	0.008769	0.03038	0.008636	87434	1556	2656	86105
65	1	13	377	0.5	0.034483	0.0094	0.033898	0.009241	84777	1687	2874	83340
66	1	12	364	0.5	0.032967	0.009361	0.032432	0.009209	81904	1809	2656	80575
67	1	16	352	0.5	0.045455	0.011108	0.044444	0.010861	79247	1906	3522	77486
68	1	12	336	0.5	0.035714	0.010127	0.035088	0.00995	75725	2014	2657	74397
69	1	14	324	0.5	0.04321	0.011301	0.042296	0.011062	73068	2084	3090	71523
70	1	15	310	0.5	0.048387	0.012195	0.047244	0.011907	69978	2154	3306	68325

# **Appendix Table 4b:** Partial Cohort Life Table for White (non-Hispanic) Males (1923-24 Birth Cohort, Conditional on Survival to Age 60, NLMS File 11)

Age	n	nDx	nPYx	nax	nMx	SE(nMx)	nqx	SE(nqx)	lx	SE(lx)	ndx	nLx
60	1	83	4825	0.5	0.017202	0.001872	0.017055	0.001856	100000	0	1706	99147
61	1	86	4742	0.5	0.018136	0.001938	0.017973	0.001921	98294	186	1767	97411
62	1	66	4656	0.5	0.014175	0.001733	0.014075	0.00172	96528	262	1359	95848
63	1	76	4590	0.5	0.016558	0.001884	0.016422	0.001868	95169	307	1563	94388
64	1	110	4514	0.5	0.024369	0.002295	0.024075	0.002268	93606	351	2254	92480
65	1	105	4404	0.5	0.023842	0.002299	0.023561	0.002272	91353	403	2152	90277
66	1	114	4299	0.5	0.026518	0.002451	0.026171	0.002419	89200	445	2334	88033
67	1	122	4185	0.5	0.029152	0.002601	0.028733	0.002564	86866	484	2496	85618
68	1	105	4063	0.5	0.025843	0.00249	0.025513	0.002458	84370	520	2153	83294
69	1	109	3958	0.5	0.027539	0.002602	0.027165	0.002566	82217	548	2233	81101
70	1	105	3849	0.5	0.02728	0.002626	0.026913	0.002591	79984	573	2153	78908

# **Appendix Table 4c:** Partial Cohort Life Table for Black (non-Hispanic) Females (1923-24 Birth Cohort, Conditional on Survival to Age 60, NLMS File 11)

Age	n	nDx	nPYx	nax	nMx	SE(nMx)	nqx	SE(nqx)	lx	SE(Ix)	ndx	nLx
60	1	6	567	0.5	0.010582	0.004297	0.010526	0.004275	100000	0	1053	99474
61	1	10	561	0.5	0.017825	0.005587	0.017668	0.005537	98947	427	1748	98073
62	1	11	551	0.5	0.019964	0.005959	0.019766	0.005901	97199	690	1921	96239
63	1	8	540	0.5	0.014815	0.005199	0.014706	0.005161	95278	887	1401	94577
64	1	5	532	0.5	0.009398	0.004183	0.009355	0.004164	93877	1003	878	93438
65	1	12	527	0.5	0.02277	0.006499	0.022514	0.006426	92999	1068	2094	91952
66	1	13	515	0.5	0.025243	0.006913	0.024928	0.006827	90905	1203	2266	89772
67	1	11	502	0.5	0.021912	0.006535	0.021675	0.006464	88639	1327	1921	87678
68	1	11	491	0.5	0.022403	0.00668	0.022155	0.006606	86717	1419	1921	85757
69	1	11	480	0.5	0.022917	0.006831	0.022657	0.006754	84796	1501	1921	83836
70	1	13	469	0.5	0.027719	0.007582	0.02734	0.007478	82875	1575	2266	81742

# **Appendix Table 4d:** Partial Cohort Life Table for White (non-Hispanic) Females (1923-24 Birth Cohort, Conditional on Survival to Age 60, NLMS File 11)

Age	n	nDx	nPYx	nax	nMx	SE(nMx)	nqx	SE(nqx)	lx	SE(Ix)	ndx	nLx
60	1	44	5498	0.5	0.008003	0.001202	0.007971	0.001197	100000	0	797	99601
61	1	57	5454	0.5	0.010451	0.001377	0.010397	0.00137	99203	120	1031	98687
62	1	58	5397	0.5	0.010747	0.001404	0.010689	0.001396	98172	180	1049	97647
63	1	61	5339	0.5	0.011425	0.001455	0.01136	0.001446	97122	225	1103	96570
64	1	59	5278	0.5	0.011178	0.001447	0.011116	0.001439	96019	263	1067	95485
65	1	60	5219	0.5	0.011496	0.001476	0.011431	0.001467	94951	295	1085	94409
66	1	76	5159	0.5	0.014732	0.001677	0.014624	0.001665	93866	323	1373	93180
67	1	74	5083	0.5	0.014558	0.00168	0.014453	0.001668	92493	354	1337	91825
68	1	82	5009	0.5	0.016371	0.001793	0.016238	0.001779	91157	382	1480	90416
69	1	88	4927	0.5	0.017861	0.001887	0.017703	0.00187	89676	409	1588	88883
70	1	118	4839	0.5	0.024385	0.002218	0.024091	0.002191	88089	435	2122	87028

**Appendix Figure 1.** Age-Specific Mortality, NLMS vs, Human Mortality Database (HMD) (Birth Cohort 1923-24, Conditional on Survival to Age 60)

