Figure 2. Women at birth (A: LE; B: HLE)

Life expectancy at birth is a summary measure of the age-specific all cause mortality rates in an area in a given period. It is the average number of years a new-born child could expect to live if mortality patterns prevailing at a particular time were to remain constant throughout life.

Healthy Life Years at birth - Women, from 2004 onwards, shown between 2004 and 2009 (5 years)

The Healthy Life Years (HLY) indicator is the expected remaining years lived from a particular age without long-term activity limitation. Health Expectancies extend the Life Expectancy at Birth indicators by reflecting differences in health at different ages.