

## Annex 11.1

### Tables on perceptions of ageing

**Table 11A.1. Experience of ageing, by age in 2004–05**

<b>On the whole, has growing older been ...</b>	<b>52–54</b>	<b>55–59</b>	<b>60–64</b>	<b>65–69</b>	<b>70–74</b>	<b>75–79</b>	<b>80+</b>	<b>All</b>
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
... negative experience?	8.8	9.6	7.9	8.7	6.9	6.3	10.1	8.4
... neither positive nor negative	37.3	37.7	35.8	33.9	34.3	39.0	35.8	36.3
... positive experience?	53.9	52.7	56.3	57.4	58.8	54.7	54.1	55.3
<i>Weighted N</i>	746	1,678	1,260	1,181	950	868	739	7,423
<i>Unweighted N</i>	666	1,663	1,330	1,262	1,039	774	782	7,516

**Table 11A.2. Experience of ageing, by age in 2004–05 and sex**

<b>On the whole, has growing older been ...</b>	<b>52–59</b>	<b>60–74</b>	<b>75+</b>	<b>All</b>
	%	%	%	%
<b>Men</b>				
... negative experience?	10.0	7.8	7.8	8.5
... neither positive nor negative?	34.6	34.1	34.9	34.4
... positive experience?	55.4	58.1	57.3	57.0
<b>Women</b>				
... negative experience?	8.7	8.0	8.2	8.3
... neither positive nor negative?	40.4	35.3	39.3	37.9
... positive experience?	50.8	56.7	52.5	53.9
<b>Weighted N</b>				
<i>Men</i>	1,193	1,625	636	3,455
<i>Women</i>	1,231	1,766	971	3,968
<b>Unweighted N</b>				
<i>Men</i>	1,069	1,683	651	3,403
<i>Women</i>	1,260	1,948	905	4,113

**Table 11A.3. Experience of ageing, by age in 2004–05 and age-specific wealth**

<b>On the whole, has growing older been ...</b>	<b>52–59</b>	<b>60–74</b>	<b>75+</b>	<b>All</b>
	%	%	%	%
<b>Poorest quintile</b>				
... negative experience?	17.4	9.6	11.0	12.7
... neither positive nor negative?	38.8	37.8	37.5	38.1
... positive experience?	43.8	52.6	51.4	49.2
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> quintile</b>				
... negative experience?	10.1	13.0	5.5	10.4
... neither positive nor negative?	37.0	35.0	38.9	36.5
... positive experience?	52.9	52.0	55.6	53.1
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> quintile</b>				
... negative experience?	6.2	8.1	8.6	7.6
... neither positive nor negative?	41.9	33.4	36.2	36.8
... positive experience?	51.9	58.5	55.2	55.7
<b>4<sup>th</sup> quintile</b>				
... negative experience?	6.4	6.7	9.3	7.1
... neither positive nor negative?	32.8	33.9	35.2	33.8
... positive experience?	60.8	59.4	55.6	59.1
<b>Wealthiest quintile</b>				
... negative experience?	8.4	4.0	5.6	5.7
... neither positive nor negative?	37.0	34.1	40.5	36.3
... positive experience?	54.6	61.8	53.9	58.0
<b>Weighted N</b>				
<i>Poorest quintile</i>	430	501	297	1,228
<i>2<sup>nd</sup> quintile</i>	457	605	307	1,369
<i>3<sup>rd</sup> quintile</i>	519	715	344	1,577
<i>4<sup>th</sup> quintile</i>	504	764	330	1,598
<i>Wealthiest quintile</i>	481	784	323	1,588
<b>Unweighted N</b>				
<i>Poorest quintile</i>	394	516	273	1,183
<i>2<sup>nd</sup> quintile</i>	430	637	288	1,355
<i>3<sup>rd</sup> quintile</i>	490	753	334	1,577
<i>4<sup>th</sup> quintile</i>	492	831	320	1,643
<i>Wealthiest quintile</i>	490	873	334	1,697

**Table 11A.4. Experience of ageing, by age in 2004–05 and self-perceived health**

<b>On the whole, has growing older been ...</b>	<b>52–59</b>	<b>60–74</b>	<b>75+</b>	<b>All</b>
	%	%	%	%
<b>Fair or poor self-perceived health</b>				
... negative experience?	21.5	16.1	14.5	17.1
... neither positive nor negative?	40.3	37.4	40.5	39.0
... positive experience?	38.2	46.5	44.9	43.9
<b>Good self-perceived health</b>				
... negative experience?	7.6	6.5	6.1	6.7
... neither positive nor negative?	43.0	36.5	39.0	39.0
... positive experience	49.4	57.0	54.9	54.2
<b>Excellent or very good self-perceived health</b>				
... negative experience?	5.1	3.7	2.9	4.1
... neither positive nor negative?	33.2	31.7	32.6	32.4
... positive experience	61.7	64.6	64.5	63.4
<b>Weighted N</b>				
<i>Fair or poor self-perceived health</i>	518	892	552	1,963
<i>Good self-perceived health</i>	700	1,095	565	2,360
<i>Excellent or very good self-perceived health</i>	1,203	1,403	490	3,096
<b>Unweighted N</b>				
<i>Fair or poor self-perceived health</i>	494	937	527	1,958
<i>Good self-perceived health</i>	681	1,177	552	2,410
<i>Excellent or very good self-perceived health</i>	1,152	1,516	476	3,144

**Table 11A.5. Perceptions of ageing, by age in 2004–05**

Whether respondent ...	52–59	60–74	75+	All
	%	%	%	%
<b>... expects to get more lonely as they get older</b>				
Disagree	35.9	35.3	29.9	34.3
Neither agree nor disagree	28.6	24.9	26.1	26.4
Agree	35.5	39.8	44.0	39.3
<b>... thinks that old age is a time of loneliness</b>				
Disagree	43.8	45.5	40.0	43.8
Neither agree nor disagree	25.7	25.7	20.9	24.6
Agree	30.6	28.8	39.1	31.6
<b>... thinks that old age is a time of ill health</b>				
Disagree	26.0	29.2	25.7	27.4
Neither agree nor disagree	23.5	23.3	22.9	23.3
Agree	50.5	47.4	51.5	49.3
<b>... worries their health will get worse as they get older</b>				
Disagree	11.9	15.5	18.7	15.0
Neither agree nor disagree	16.0	16.7	20.2	17.3
Agree	72.1	67.8	61.1	67.8
<b>... does not think of themselves as old</b>				
Disagree	12.2	12.1	18.1	13.5
Neither agree nor disagree	10.7	11.2	15.5	12.0
Agree	77.1	76.7	66.4	74.6
<b>... expects to do what they have always done as they get older</b>				
Disagree	41.2	38.9	42.0	40.3
Neither agree nor disagree	16.7	15.8	15.9	16.1
Agree	42.1	45.3	42.1	43.5
<b>... is not bothered by growing older</b>				
Disagree	31.7	22.6	18.9	24.7
Neither agree nor disagree	18.0	17.3	20.4	18.2
Agree	50.4	60.1	60.7	57.1
<b>... thinks of old people as generally grumpy and miserable</b>				
Disagree	52.9	55.4	57.4	55.0
Neither agree nor disagree	26.5	24.1	23.4	24.7
Agree	20.6	20.5	19.1	20.2
<b>... thinks old people do not get respect in society</b>				
Disagree	15.1	15.4	20.1	16.3
Neither agree nor disagree	16.3	18.8	20.5	18.3
Agree	68.7	65.8	59.4	65.4
<b>... thinks that retirement is a time of leisure</b>				
Disagree	9.6	10.3	13.9	10.8
Neither agree nor disagree	15.0	13.9	15.3	14.5
Agree	75.4	75.8	70.9	74.6
<b>... feels we can learn a lot from older people</b>				
Disagree	1.0	1.0	1.7	1.2
Neither agree nor disagree	8.9	8.2	9.9	8.8
Agree	90.1	90.7	88.4	90.0
<b>... thinks that as they get older they become more tolerant</b>				
Disagree	20.9	18.7	14.0	18.4
Neither agree nor disagree	21.7	20.6	20.4	20.9
Agree	57.4	60.7	65.5	60.7
<i>Weighted N</i>	<i>2,423</i>	<i>3,378</i>	<i>1,604</i>	<i>7,405</i>
<i>Unweighted N</i>	<i>2,328</i>	<i>3,618</i>	<i>1,554</i>	<i>7,500</i>

Table 11A.6. Perceptions of ageing, by sex and age in 2004–05

	52–59	60–74	75+	All
	% of respondents in agreement with the following statements:			
<b>Men</b>				
Whether respondent ...				
... expects to get more lonely as they get older	35.6	38.7	47.6	39.3
... thinks that old age is a time of loneliness	29.3	26.4	37.5	29.5
... thinks that old age is a time of ill health	53.0	49.3	57.3	52.1
... worries their health will get worse as they get older	69.6	66.1	61.0	66.4
... thinks of themselves as old	73.5	72.4	66.4	71.7
... expects to do what they have always done as they get older	38.2	42.5	41.7	40.9
... is not bothered by growing older	49.4	61.9	62.7	57.8
... thinks of old people as generally grumpy and miserable	22.0	21.0	21.9	21.5
... thinks old people do not get respect in society	70.1	67.7	64.9	68.0
... thinks that retirement is a time of leisure	74.0	74.8	73.0	74.2
... feels we can learn a lot from older people	90.6	91.9	89.1	90.9
... thinks that as they get older they become more tolerant	52.9	54.8	62.7	55.6
<b>Women</b>				
Whether respondent ...				
... expects to get more lonely as they get older	35.4	40.8	41.7	39.4
... thinks that old age is a time of loneliness	31.8	31.0	40.1	33.5
... thinks that old age is a time of ill health	48.0	45.7	47.7	46.9
... worries their health will get worse as they get older	74.4	69.4	61.2	68.9
... thinks of themselves as old	80.5	80.6	66.4	77.1
... expects to do what they have always done as they get older	45.8	47.8	42.4	45.8
... is not bothered by growing older	51.3	58.4	59.5	56.5
... thinks of old people as generally grumpy and miserable	19.2	20.1	17.4	19.1
... thinks old people do not get respect in society	67.2	64.1	55.9	63.1
... thinks that retirement is a time of leisure	76.8	76.8	69.5	75.0
... feels we can learn a lot from older people	89.7	89.7	87.9	89.3
... thinks that as they get older they become more tolerant	61.8	66.2	67.4	65.1
<b>Weighted N</b>				
Men	1,194	1,614	633	3,441
Women	1,229	1,764	971	3,964
<b>Unweighted N</b>				
Men	1,069	1,673	648	3,390
Women	1,259	1,945	906	4,110

**Table 11A.7. Perceptions of ageing, by age in 2004–05 and age-specific wealth**

	52–59	60–74	75+	All
	% of respondents in agreement with the following statements:			
<b>Whether respondent ...</b>				
<b>... expects to get more lonely as they get older</b>				
Poorest quintile	43.2	42.0	45.3	43.2
2 <sup>nd</sup> quintile	35.7	40.9	47.3	40.6
3 <sup>rd</sup> quintile	35.1	38.4	44.0	38.5
4 <sup>th</sup> quintile	29.2	41.3	43.1	37.9
Wealthiest quintile	35.1	37.4	40.6	37.3
<b>... thinks that old age is a time of loneliness</b>				
Poorest quintile	38.0	36.7	48.3	40.0
2 <sup>nd</sup> quintile	28.5	31.6	42.2	33.0
3 <sup>rd</sup> quintile	29.5	26.0	41.2	30.5
4 <sup>th</sup> quintile	25.3	27.5	33.9	28.1
Wealthiest quintile	32.0	25.7	30.5	28.6
<b>... thinks that old age is a time of ill health</b>				
Poorest quintile	52.7	50.2	57.1	52.7
2 <sup>nd</sup> quintile	51.7	52.5	51.9	52.1
3 <sup>rd</sup> quintile	47.6	46.0	50.5	47.5
4 <sup>th</sup> quintile	45.3	46.2	49.4	46.6
Wealthiest quintile	55.4	44.6	48.8	48.7
<b>... worries their health will get worse as they get older</b>				
Poorest quintile	72.2	69.7	65.4	69.5
2 <sup>nd</sup> quintile	75.4	71.3	61.1	70.4
3 <sup>rd</sup> quintile	71.7	69.5	62.1	68.6
4 <sup>th</sup> quintile	69.0	67.7	59.3	66.4
Wealthiest quintile	71.9	62.8	57.7	64.5
<b>... does not think of themselves as old</b>				
Poorest quintile	71.5	73.9	61.7	70.1
2 <sup>nd</sup> quintile	77.0	73.1	72.8	74.3
3 <sup>rd</sup> quintile	76.1	76.1	66.1	73.9
4 <sup>th</sup> quintile	79.3	77.3	66.7	75.7
Wealthiest quintile	80.7	81.1	64.7	77.6
<b>... expects to do what they have always done as they get older</b>				
Poorest quintile	40.9	48.8	48.3	45.9
2 <sup>nd</sup> quintile	40.8	42.3	42.6	41.9
3 <sup>rd</sup> quintile	44.1	44.3	42.4	43.8
4 <sup>th</sup> quintile	42.5	47.7	41.6	44.8
Wealthiest quintile	40.2	44.0	35.9	41.2
<b>... is not bothered by growing older</b>				
Poorest quintile	50.6	60.3	63.9	57.8
2 <sup>nd</sup> quintile	51.0	61.0	65.2	58.6
3 <sup>rd</sup> quintile	50.4	61.9	61.7	58.1
4 <sup>th</sup> quintile	50.6	58.3	62.4	56.7
Wealthiest quintile	49.0	59.9	51.0	54.8

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Table 11A.7 continued

	52–59	60–74	75+	All
	% of respondents in agreement with the following statements:			
<b>Whether respondent ...</b>				
<b>... thinks of old people as generally grumpy and miserable</b>				
Poorest quintile	25.1	23.8	28.3	25.4
2 <sup>nd</sup> quintile	23.8	25.6	20.8	23.9
3 <sup>rd</sup> quintile	19.0	19.5	17.2	18.8
4 <sup>th</sup> quintile	18.2	20.5	16.0	18.9
Wealthiest quintile	18.1	15.4	14.1	15.9
<b>... thinks that retirement is a time of leisure</b>				
Poorest quintile	68.1	70.6	69.5	69.5
2 <sup>nd</sup> quintile	72.2	71.0	71.1	71.4
3 <sup>rd</sup> quintile	74.4	76.0	71.3	74.4
4 <sup>th</sup> quintile	79.6	79.2	72.5	78.0
Wealthiest quintile	82.5	79.9	70.3	78.7
<b>... feels we can learn a lot from older people</b>				
Poorest quintile	88.8	91.2	90.3	90.1
2 <sup>nd</sup> quintile	92.0	90.3	86.1	89.9
3 <sup>rd</sup> quintile	90.8	92.5	88.9	91.2
4 <sup>th</sup> quintile	88.9	91.2	89.7	90.2
Wealthiest quintile	90.1	89.1	86.6	88.9
<b>... thinks that as they get older they become more tolerant</b>				
Poorest quintile	57.7	66.9	63.9	62.9
2 <sup>nd</sup> quintile	66.9	64.9	70.3	66.8
3 <sup>rd</sup> quintile	56.9	60.7	67.1	60.8
4 <sup>th</sup> quintile	52.1	61.7	66.0	59.6
Wealthiest quintile	54.8	52.8	60.1	54.9
<b>Weighted N</b>				
Poorest quintile	427	496	298	1,221
2 <sup>nd</sup> quintile	456	598	307	1,361
3 <sup>rd</sup> quintile	520	711	339	1,570
4 <sup>th</sup> quintile	505	764	326	1,595
Wealthiest quintile	482	786	328	1,596
<b>Unweighted N</b>				
Poorest quintile	391	511	275	1,177
2 <sup>nd</sup> quintile	429	629	287	1,345
3 <sup>rd</sup> quintile	491	750	330	1,571
4 <sup>th</sup> quintile	493	831	317	1,641
Wealthiest quintile	491	875	338	1,704

**Table 11A.8. Mean value of ‘when old age starts’, by age in 2002–03 and sex**

	50–54	55–59	60–64	65–69	70–74	75–80	80+	All
All	68.2	69.0	70.2	71.9	72.8	73.5	74.7	71.3
Men	66.8	67.3	68.6	70.8	72.0	73.2	74.4	69.9
Women	69.7	70.6	71.7	73.0	73.5	73.7	74.9	72.4
<i>Weighted N</i>	849	1,886	1,404	1,324	1,113	1,128	1,034	8,737
<i>Unweighted N</i>	744	1,853	1,477	1,397	1,212	1,115	982	8,780

Note: The variable about the beginning of old age and the w1 weight used for this table have been taken from the wave 1 ELSA data-set.

**Table 11A.9. Mean value of ‘when old age starts’, by age in 2002–03, sex and age-specific wealth**

	50–59	60–74	75+	All
<b>Men</b>				
Poorest quintile	66.0	68.1	73.4	68.1
2 <sup>nd</sup> quintile	64.7	68.3	72.8	68.0
3 <sup>rd</sup> quintile	68.0	70.3	72.9	70.0
4 <sup>th</sup> quintile	67.4	70.9	74.2	70.3
Wealthiest quintile	69.1	72.3	74.9	71.9
<b>Women</b>				
Poorest quintile	68.0	71.7	73.7	71.2
2 <sup>nd</sup> quintile	69.3	71.5	73.6	71.5
3 <sup>rd</sup> quintile	70.4	72.5	74.5	72.4
4 <sup>th</sup> quintile	71.2	73.6	75.2	73.3
Wealthiest quintile	72.9	74.1	75.1	73.9
<i>Weighted N</i>	2,691	3,819	2,153	8,664
<i>Unweighted N</i>	2,554	4,063	2,088	8,705

Note: The variable about the beginning of old age and the w1 weight used for this table have been taken from the wave 1 ELSA data-set.

**Table 11A.10. Mean value of ‘when old age starts’, by age in 2002–03, sex and self-perceived health**

	50–59	60–74	75+	All
<b>Men</b>				
Fair/poor health	64.7	67.9	72.4	68.2
Good health	66.8	70.6	73.2	70.0
Excellent/very good health	68.4	71.8	76.1	71.0
<b>Women</b>				
Fair/poor health	68.5	70.7	73.5	71.2
Good health	69.9	72.5	74.5	72.3
Excellent/very good health	71.4	74.2	75.2	73.3
<i>Weighted N</i>	2,718	3,814	2,101	8,632
<i>Unweighted N</i>	2,582	4,057	2,043	8,682

Note: The variable about the beginning of old age and the w1 weight used for this table have been taken from the wave 1 ELSA data-set.

**Table 11A.11. Mean value of ‘when middle age ends’, by age in 2002–03 and sex**

	50–54	55–59	60–64	65–69	70–74	75–80	80+	All
All	62.9	63.3	63.2	62.9	62.6	63.4	63.5	63.1
Men	61.6	61.6	61.4	61.8	61.1	62.1	62.5	61.7
Women	64.3	65.0	64.8	63.9	63.8	64.3	64.0	64.4
<i>Weighted N</i>	849	1,886	1,404	1,324	1,113	1,128	1,034	8,737
<i>Unweighted N</i>	744	1,853	1,477	1,397	1,212	1,115	982	8,780

Note: The variable about the end of middle age and the w1 weight used for this table have been taken from the wave 1 ELSA data-set.

**Table 11A.12. Mean value of ‘when middle age ends’, by age in 2002–03, sex and age-specific wealth**

	50–59	60–74	75+	All
<b>Men</b>				
Poorest quintile	60.3	58.3	61.5	59.7
2 <sup>nd</sup> quintile	59.8	58.2	60.8	59.3
3 <sup>rd</sup> quintile	61.7	60.8	61.4	61.3
4 <sup>th</sup> quintile	62.5	62.1	63.0	62.4
Wealthiest quintile	63.4	64.9	63.9	64.3
<b>Women</b>				
Poorest quintile	62.4	62.3	63.1	62.6
2 <sup>nd</sup> quintile	63.7	63.0	63.6	63.4
3 <sup>rd</sup> quintile	64.9	64.3	65.0	64.7
4 <sup>th</sup> quintile	66.0	65.8	64.8	65.6
Wealthiest quintile	67.0	65.5	64.8	65.8
<i>Weighted N</i>	2,691	3,819	2,153	8,664
<i>Unweighted N</i>	2,554	4,063	2,088	8,705

Note: The variable about the end of middle age and the w1 weight used for this table have been taken from the wave 1 ELSA data-set.

**Table 11A.13. Mean value of ‘when middle age ends’, by self-reported health, sex and age in 2002–03**

	50–59	60–74	75+	All
<b>Men</b>				
Fair/poor health	59.0	58.5	61.3	59.4
Good health	61.4	61.5	61.6	61.5
Excellent/very good health	62.8	63.4	64.6	63.4
<b>Women</b>				
Fair/poor health	63.0	62.2	62.8	62.6
Good health	64.3	63.6	65.1	64.2
Excellent/very good health	65.8	66.0	65.0	65.7
<i>Weighted N</i>	2,718	3,814	2,101	8,632
<i>Unweighted N</i>	2,582	4,057	2,043	8,682

Note: The variable about the end of middle age and the w1 weight used for this table have been taken from the wave 1 ELSA data-set.

**Table 11A.14. Mean self-perceived age, by actual age in 2004–05 and sex**

	52–54	55–59	60–64	65–69	70–74	75–79	80+	All
All	46.4	49.1	53.4	57.1	61.7	65.7	73.8	56.7
Men	46.8	50.0	54.4	57.9	63.0	66.0	73.6	56.9
Women	46.1	48.2	52.5	56.4	60.5	65.5	73.9	56.6
<i>Weighted N</i>	840	1,883	1,411	1,317	1,120	1,134	1,075	8,780
<i>Unweighted N</i>	744	1,853	1,477	1,397	1,212	1,115	982	8,780

**Table 11A.15. Mean self-perceived age, by actual age in 2004–05, age-specific wealth and sex**

	52–59	60–74	75+	All
<b>Men</b>				
Poorest quintile	51.8	60.2	66.6	57.6
2 <sup>nd</sup> quintile	49.3	58.8	68.2	57.0
3 <sup>rd</sup> quintile	48.6	57.9	68.1	56.5
4 <sup>th</sup> quintile	47.1	58.1	70.4	56.4
Wealthiest quintile	49.3	56.8	70.2	57.4
<b>Women</b>				
Poorest quintile	49.2	56.6	68.9	57.8
2 <sup>nd</sup> quintile	47.4	57.0	70.0	57.2
3 <sup>rd</sup> quintile	46.7	56.1	69.6	56.2
4 <sup>th</sup> quintile	47.7	55.8	69.9	56.7
Wealthiest quintile	47.3	55.1	69.8	55.5
<i>Weighted N</i>	2,677	3,824	2,201	8,702
<i>Unweighted N</i>	2,554	4,063	2,088	8,705

**Table 11A.16. Perception of own age, by actual age in 2004–05 and sex**

	52–59	60–74	75+	All
<i>% of the respondents perceiving themselves to be ...</i>				
<b>Men</b>				
... older than their actual age	13.3	8.0	6.4	9.5
... of the same age as their actual age	19.3	20.4	20.7	20.1
... younger than their actual age	67.4	71.6	72.9	70.4
<b>Women</b>				
... older than their actual age	10.8	7.2	6.9	8.3
... of the same age as their actual age	17.2	15.0	18.1	16.4
... younger than their actual age	72.0	77.8	75.0	75.3
<b>Weighted N</b>				
<i>Men</i>	1,168	1,584	607	3,359
<i>Women</i>	1,197	1,696	891	3,785
<b>Unweighted N</b>				
<i>Men</i>	1,048	1,640	623	3,311
<i>Women</i>	1,226	1,870	832	3,928

**Table 11A.17. Perception of own age, by actual age in 2004–05 and age-specific wealth**

	52–59	60–74	75+	All
	<i>% of the respondents perceiving themselves to be ...</i>			
<b>Poorest quintile</b>				
... older than their actual age	57.6	70.2	71.4	66.0
... of the same age as their actual age	22.4	12.5	8.2	15.0
... younger than their actual age	19.9	17.3	20.4	19.0
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> quintile</b>				
... older than their actual age	69.5	72.0	71.8	71.1
... of the same age as their actual age	13.5	10.9	9.3	11.5
... younger than their actual age	17.0	17.1	18.9	17.5
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> quintile</b>				
... older than their actual age	72.1	78.0	75.6	75.5
... of the same age as their actual age	10.4	7.5	5.9	8.2
... younger than their actual age	17.5	14.5	18.5	16.3
<b>4<sup>th</sup> quintile</b>				
... older than their actual age	75.0	76.8	68.4	74.5
... of the same age as their actual age	8.1	5.1	7.3	6.5
... younger than their actual age	16.9	18.2	24.3	19.0
<b>Wealthiest quintile</b>				
... older than their actual age	72.6	76.9	76.0	75.4
... of the same age as their actual age	6.7	3.7	4.3	4.7
... younger than their actual age	20.7	19.4	19.8	19.9
<b>Weighted N</b>				
<i>Poorest quintile</i>	400	463	261	1,123
<i>2<sup>nd</sup> quintile</i>	442	568	273	1,283
<i>3<sup>rd</sup> quintile</i>	513	693	309	1,515
<i>4<sup>th</sup> quintile</i>	509	759	313	1,581
<i>Wealthiest quintile</i>	496	794	317	1,608
<b>Unweighted N</b>				
<i>Poorest quintile</i>	385	496	253	1,134
<i>2<sup>nd</sup> quintile</i>	416	608	265	1,289
<i>3<sup>rd</sup> quintile</i>	477	732	305	1,514
<i>4<sup>th</sup> quintile</i>	481	807	307	1,595
<i>Wealthiest quintile</i>	484	848	318	1,650

**Table 11A.18. Perception of own age, by actual age in 2004–05 and self-assessed health**

	52–59	60–74	75+	All
<i>% of the respondents perceiving themselves to be ...</i>				
<b>Fair or poor self-perceived health</b>				
... older than their actual age	29.7	18.1	13.3	19.9
... of the same age as their actual age	19.9	24.7	26.1	23.8
... younger than their actual age	50.4	57.2	60.6	56.3
<b>Good self-perceived health</b>				
... older than their actual age	10.6	5.1	4.3	6.6
... of the same age as their actual age	22.0	18.9	19.0	19.8
... younger than their actual age	67.3	76.0	76.8	73.6
<b>Excellent or very good self-perceived health</b>				
... older than their actual age	5.1	2.8	2.0	3.6
... of the same age as their actual age	15.4	12.1	11.6	13.3
... younger than their actual age	79.4	85.1	86.5	83.1
<b>Weighted N</b>				
<i>Fair or poor self-perceived health</i>	506	858	519	1,883
<i>Good self-perceived health</i>	675	1,065	518	2,259
<i>Excellent or very good self-perceived health</i>	1,181	1,357	461	2,999
<b>Unweighted N</b>				
<i>Fair or poor self-perceived health</i>	483	901	497	1,881
<i>Good self-perceived health</i>	659	1,143	510	2,312
<i>Excellent or very good self-perceived health</i>	1,130	1,465	447	3,042

**Table 11A.19. Mean desired age, by actual age in 2004–05 and sex**

	52–54	55–59	60–64	65–69	70–74	75–79	80+	All
All	36.9	38.3	40.8	42.8	45.5	46.3	51.7	42.4
Men	36.3	37.4	39.2	40.5	43.8	44.0	50.5	40.6
Women	37.4	39.1	42.3	45.0	47.1	48.0	52.4	44.0
<i>Weighted N</i>	840	1,883	1,411	1,317	1,120	1,134	1,075	8,780
<i>Unweighted N</i>	744	1,853	1,477	1,397	1,212	1,115	982	8,780

**Table 11A.20. Mean desired age, by actual age in 2004–05 and age-specific wealth**

	52–59	60–74	75+	All
<b>Men</b>				
Poorest quintile	34.9	36.8	42.5	36.8
2 <sup>nd</sup> quintile	36.2	38.6	44.0	38.6
3 <sup>rd</sup> quintile	36.5	40.1	46.3	39.9
4 <sup>th</sup> quintile	38.0	41.4	46.2	41.0
Wealthiest quintile	39.1	44.6	50.0	44.0
<b>Women</b>				
Poorest quintile	36.0	42.6	49.3	42.5
2 <sup>nd</sup> quintile	36.5	43.9	50.0	43.0
3 <sup>rd</sup> quintile	38.7	45.1	50.8	44.3
4 <sup>th</sup> quintile	41.0	45.3	49.6	45.0
Wealthiest quintile	41.0	45.9	51.0	45.2
<i>Weighted N</i>	2,677	3,824	2,201	8,702
<i>Unweighted N</i>	2,554	4,063	2,088	8,705

**Table 11A.21. Age preference, by actual age in 2004–05 and sex**

	52–59	60–74	75+	All
<i>% of the respondents wishing themselves to be ...</i>				
<b>Men</b>				
... younger than their actual age	85.9	89.1	89.2	88.0
... of the same age as their actual age	9.4	8.4	5.6	8.3
<b>Women</b>				
... younger than their actual age	87.3	90.0	92.7	89.8
... of the same age as their actual age	10.3	8.2	5.4	8.2
<b>Weighted N</b>				
<i>Men</i>	1,166	1,540	574	3,280
<i>Women</i>	1,179	1,664	871	3,714
<b>Unweighted N</b>				
<i>Men</i>	1,045	1,598	590	3,233
<i>Women</i>	1,207	1,835	814	3,856

**Table 11A.22. Age preference, by actual age in 2004–05 and age-specific wealth**

	52–59	60–74	75+	All
<i>% of the respondents wishing themselves to be ...</i>				
<b>Poorest quintile</b>				
... younger than their actual age	87.5	90.2	92.3	89.7
... of the same age as their actual age	9.1	6.1	5.7	7.1
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> quintile</b>				
... younger than their actual age	89.7	90.5	89.2	90.0
... of the same age as their actual age	7.2	6.8	7.6	7.1
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> quintile</b>				
... younger than their actual age	84.5	91.6	89.6	88.8
... of the same age as their actual age	11.4	6.3	5.4	7.9
<b>4<sup>th</sup> quintile</b>				
... younger than their actual age	85.2	89.7	92.8	88.9
... of the same age as their actual age	10.5	9.6	4.2	8.8
<b>Wealthiest quintile</b>				
... younger than their actual age	86.3	86.5	93.3	87.8
... of the same age as their actual age	10.8	11.3	4.5	9.8
<b>Weighted N</b>				
<i>Poorest quintile</i>	413	477	271	1,161
<i>2<sup>nd</sup> quintile</i>	439	566	266	1,272
<i>3<sup>rd</sup> quintile</i>	503	659	301	1,464
<i>4<sup>th</sup> quintile</i>	488	731	306	1,524
<i>Wealthiest quintile</i>	472	750	295	1,516
<b>Unweighted N</b>				
<i>Poorest quintile</i>	379	494	248	1,121
<i>2<sup>nd</sup> quintile</i>	413	595	251	1,259
<i>3<sup>rd</sup> quintile</i>	475	694	295	1,464
<i>4<sup>th</sup> quintile</i>	475	795	298	1,568
<i>Wealthiest quintile</i>	481	835	305	1,621

**Table 11A.23. Age preference, by actual age in 2004–05 and self-assessed health**

	52–59	60–74	75+	All
	<i>% of the respondents wishing themselves to be ...</i>			
<b>Fair or poor self-perceived health</b>				
... younger than their actual age	19.9	24.7	26.1	23.8
... of the same age as their actual age	50.4	57.2	60.6	56.3
<b>Good self-perceived health</b>				
... younger than their actual age	22.0	18.9	19.0	19.8
... of the same age as their actual age	67.3	76.0	76.8	73.6
<b>Excellent or very good self-perceived health</b>				
... younger than their actual age	15.4	12.1	11.6	13.3
... of the same age as their actual age	79.4	85.1	86.5	83.1
<b>Weighted N</b>				
<i>Fair or poor self-perceived health</i>	506	858	519	1,883
<i>Good self-perceived health</i>	675	1,065	518	2,259
<i>Excellent or very good self-perceived health</i>	1,181	1,357	461	2,999
<b>Unweighted N</b>				
<i>Fair or poor self-perceived health</i>	483	901	497	1,881
<i>Good self-perceived health</i>	659	1,143	510	2,312
<i>Excellent or very good self-perceived health</i>	1,130	1,465	447	3,042