In 2002, life expectancy at birth was longer for women than for men in almost all territories. The biggest differences in female and male life expectancies were in the Russian Federation (difference of 12 years) and Kazakhstan (difference of 11 years). In both territories women live longer than men.

The five territories where men could be expected to live longer than women were: the Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, Zimbabwe and Zambia. Of these territories, the biggest difference in life expectancy was in the Maldives, where men have life expectancies 11 months longer than women.

Territory size shows the proportion of all extra years expected to be lived by women over men, that expected to be lived by women compared with men in the same territory, in 2002.

“Up until very recently in human terms, life expectancy for men was greater than for women …”

Carol J. Hogue, 2006