
Graphic detail

Daily chart

In many rich countries covid-19 has slashed life expectancy to below 2015 levels

Life expectancy at birth dropped in all but two of the countries studied between 2019 and 2020. Only in Denmark and Norway, and for women in Finland, did it rise. America, which has reported the world's highest covid-19 death toll, fared worst, with male life expectancy at birth falling by more than two years. But in many other countries, including Italy, Poland and Spain, more than one year was wiped off expected lifespans.