

CDC: Americans can expect to live longer

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Americans are living longer than ever before, government data show.

A typical toddler born in 2012 can expect to live 78.8 years – a new record, according to a report published Wednesday by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. That's 36.5 days longer than in 2011.

Adults who were 65 in 2012 could expect to live an additional 19.3 years, on average, the report said. That's also 36.5 days longer than in 2011.

These gains in life expectancy are the result of small but steady decreases in Americans' age-adjusted death rate (a statistic that controls for the age distribution of the population as a whole).

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