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A mortality table is a table of expected survivors at each age, given an assumed number of survivors at the starting age for the table. A mortality table is based on the mortality experience of a large sample of people.

For example, the first lines of the Table 80CNSMT mortality table look like this:

<b>Age</b>	<b>Survivors</b>
0	100000
1	98740
2	98648

A mortality table can be used to compute life expectancies or the probability that a person of a certain age will live to achieve a certain older age. For example, the likelihood that someone age 1 will survive to age 2 according to the 80CNSMT mortality table is  $98648/98740$  or 99.9068%.

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