

**Reading****a. Read about population change in Italy.  
Fill in the blanks.**

healthcare    birth rates    age    life expectancy    population

## Population Change in Italy

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aly has an aging population.

In 2016, 22.75% of Italy's (1) population was 65 years old or older. That number has been around 20% since 2006. One reason for this is because the (2) \_\_\_\_\_

Italy has increased. It has changed from 78.17 years old in 1995 to 83.49 years old in 2015. People live longer because they have better (3) \_\_\_\_\_ and diets. Italy also has one of the world's lowest (4) \_\_\_\_\_. In 2015, only eight babies were born for every 1,000 people. It is expected that 15% of the Italian population will be over the (5) \_\_\_\_\_ of 80 by 2050.

aly will have an increasingly elderly population over the next few years.

**b. Read the article again and answer the questions.**

1. What percentage of Italy's population was 65 or over in 2016? 22.75%
2. What was the life expectancy in 1995? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What was the life expectancy in 2015? \_\_\_\_\_
4. How many babies were born for every 1,000 people in 2015? \_\_\_\_\_
5. What percentage of people will be over 80 in 2050? \_\_\_\_\_