

Reading

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

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Population Change in Italy

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Italy 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) _____ in 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. Italy 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? _____