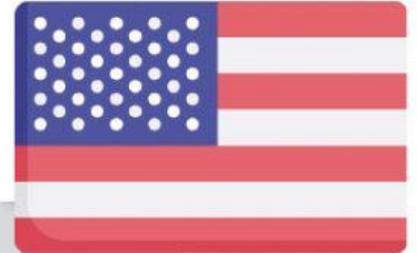


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## HOW HAS LIFE CHANGED IN THE UNITED STATES IN THE LAST 50 YEARS?



Life expectancy is longer today. Better health care has had a positive effect on how long people live. In the past, Americans <sup>1</sup> ..... to an average age of 70 years. Now it is 78.6 years.

Nowadays, work life is more relaxed, with many office workers in casual clothes. In the past, people <sup>2</sup> ..... jeans to work – men always wore suits and women wore dresses or skirts and shirts.

50 years ago, nearly everyone <sup>3</sup> ..... a home phone, but now there's a landline in only 50% of US homes.

People <sup>4</sup> ..... with their home phones, or they <sup>5</sup> ..... letters. Now, nearly 80% of Americans have smartphones, and that number is rising.

There <sup>6</sup> ..... many TV channels before – but now there are hundreds of 24-hour channels to choose from.

