

Online Appendix

Employees in higher-level occupations outlive manual workers: How long do they live in retirement or (in)activity?

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Mortality by occupational category (OC) is estimated in the study using data that exclude individuals who report being inactive (but not retired) because there is no information on their previous OC in the set of annual census surveys (EAR) used. Table S1 shows the differences in population distribution with and without inactive individuals. A robustness test on the 2016–2019 EAR counting inactive individuals in their former occupational category shows that life expectancies are slightly lower and the differences between higher-level occupations and manual workers are slightly larger, but the conclusions remain unchanged.

Table S1. Proportion of male and female populations in the five OCs drawn from the Permanent Demographic Sample (including and excluding inactive non-retirees)

	Breakdown of population aged 35 and over by OC (in %):			
	Drawn from EAR 2013–2019: people inactive at the time of the census are classified as 'out of labour force' (6)*		Drawn from EAR 2018: people inactive at the time of the census are classified in their former OC if they have ever worked**	
	Men	Women	Men	Women
(1) Higher-level occupations	18.1	9.7	18.3	9.8
(2) Self-employed	13.6	6.9	14.1	7.0
(3) Intermediate occupations	21.7	23.4	21.6	23.7
(4) Skilled and unskilled clerical/sales workers	12.3	40.8	12.6	42.3
(5) Skilled and unskilled manual workers	30.4	10.1	30.9	10.5
(6) Out of labour force (no reported occupation)	4.0	9.1	2.5	6.7
Person-years	539,481	597,877	96,721	106,150

* For the data used in the mortality estimates.

** For the data used in the breakdown of years of life by employment status.

Permanent Demographic Sample. EAR 2013 to 2019 or EAR 2018 only.

Coverage: Women and men aged 35 and over at the time of the EAR and by current or former reported occupation (Box 2).