Average cost of whole life insurance by age

These annual life insurance rates are based on a \$500,000 policy for preferred applicants in good health.

Whole life insurance rates for **nonsmokers**

Age	Average annual rates for men	Average annual rates for women
20	\$3,014	\$2,695
30	\$4,311	\$3,959
40	\$6,387	\$5,860
50	\$10,069	\$9,037
60	\$16,698	\$14,635
70	\$29,302	\$25,631

Source: Covr Financial Technologies. Lowest three rates for each age averaged. Data valid as of April 29, 2025.

Whole life insurance rates for smokers

Age	Average annual rates for men	Average annual rates for women

20	\$3,623	\$3,275
30	\$5,283	\$4,839
40	\$7,985	\$7,222
50	\$12,680	\$11,211
60	\$21,040	\$18,400
70	\$36,728	\$32,380

Source: Covr Financial Technologies. Lowest three rates for each age averaged. Data valid as of April 29, 2025.

https://www.nerdwallet.com/article/insurance/average-life-insurance-rates