

1 **13-1831. Mortality tables.**

2 According to a table of mortality, the life expectancy of persons aged \_\_\_\_\_  
3 years is \_\_\_\_\_ additional years. This figure is not conclusive. It is the average life  
4 expectancy of persons who have reached that age. This figure may be considered by you in  
5 connection with other evidence relating to the probable life expectancy of \_\_\_\_\_,  
6 including evidence of ~~[[his] [her]]~~ their occupation, health, habits and other activities, bearing in  
7 mind that some persons live longer and some live shorter than the average.

8 USE NOTES

9 Care should be exercised in completing the blank spaces to conform to the evidence.

10 This instruction may be used in conjunction with UJI 13-1830 NMRA in wrongful death  
11 cases.

12 This instruction may also be used in conjunction with ~~[UJI 13-1802]~~ UJI 13-1802 NMRA  
13 and ~~[13-1806 NMRA]~~ UJI 13-1806 NMRA in permanent injury cases.

14 [As amended, effective November 1, 1991; as amended by Supreme Court Order No. S-1-RCR-  
15 2025-00126, effective for all cases pending or filed on or after December 31, 2025.]

16 **Committee commentary.** — Mortality tables need not be read into evidence or read to the jury  
17 during the course of the trial. It is sufficient that the court fill in the blanks above with the proper  
18 figures. The court can take judicial notice of the mortality tables which are included in the New  
19 Mexico Statutes.

20 For New Mexico law, *see Padilla v. Atchison, T. & S.F. Ry.*, 61 N.M. 115, 295 P.2d 1023 (1956);  
21 *Dominguez v. Albuquerque Bus Co.*, 58 N.M. 562, 273 P.2d 756, 50 A.L.R.2d 414 (1954). This  
22 instruction was cited in *Higgins v. Hermes*, 89 N.M. 379, 384, 552 P.2d 1227 (Ct. App.), cert.  
23 denied, 90 N.M. 8, 558 P.2d 620 (1976).