

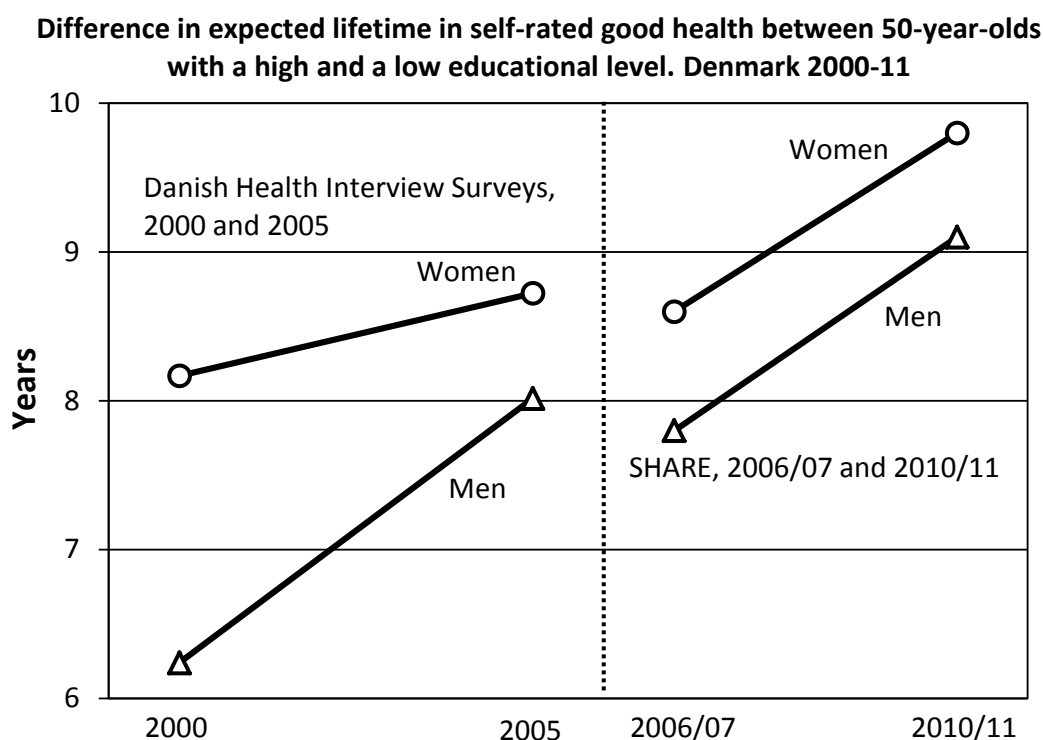
## Increasing educational differentials in health expectancy in Denmark

A Danish study estimated educational differentials in the changes from 2000 to 2011 in expected lifetime in self-rated good health at age 50.

The study was based on nationwide register data on mortality and education combined with data from the Danish Health Interview Surveys 2000 and 2005 and the Survey of Health, Ageing and Retirement in Europe (SHARE) 2006/2007 and 2010/2011.

The figure below shows continuously increasing educational differentials in expected lifetime in self-rated good health. The broken line on the graph indicates that the answer categories of the self-rated health question and the design and data collection procedure differed between the Danish Health Interview Surveys (2000 and 2005) and the SHARE surveys (2006/07 and 2010/11). This is why the absolute values cannot be compared directly.

The figure demonstrates no sign indicating a change in the persistent trend of the widening social gap during the financial crises.



More details in: Brønnum-Hansen H et al. Educational inequalities in health expectancy during the financial crisis in Denmark. *International Journal of Public Health* 2015; <http://dx.doi.org/10.1007/s00038-015-0726-3>