

The Developmental Stages of the European Honey Bee (In Days)

	Time spent as an egg	The combined time as a larva and as a pupa	Total development time: from egg laid until emergence as adult	Total Life Span of adult (during summer)
Worker	3	5 larva + 13 capped = 18 days	21 days	28 - 42 days (4 to 6 weeks)
Queen	3	5 larva + 8 capped = 13 - 14 days	16-17 days	1 - 3 up to 5 years
Drone	3	7 larva + 14 capped = 21 days	24 days	21 - 35 days (3 to 5 weeks)