

Why I Hate Humans

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JAPAN



Vs Old People

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What is the issue?

In recent years, Japan has experienced a major population loss due to falling birth rates and almost no immigration

High death and emigration rates and a low birth and immigration rates (Stage 4 in the demographic transition model/theory)

Results into a declining population. However the issue is more severe in Japan



Japan

Located: Asia

Total population: 126.9 million

Total fertility rate: 1.4

Birth rate: 8.6 per 1000

Death rate: 10 per 1000

Life expectancy: 86.6 years for women 80 years for Men



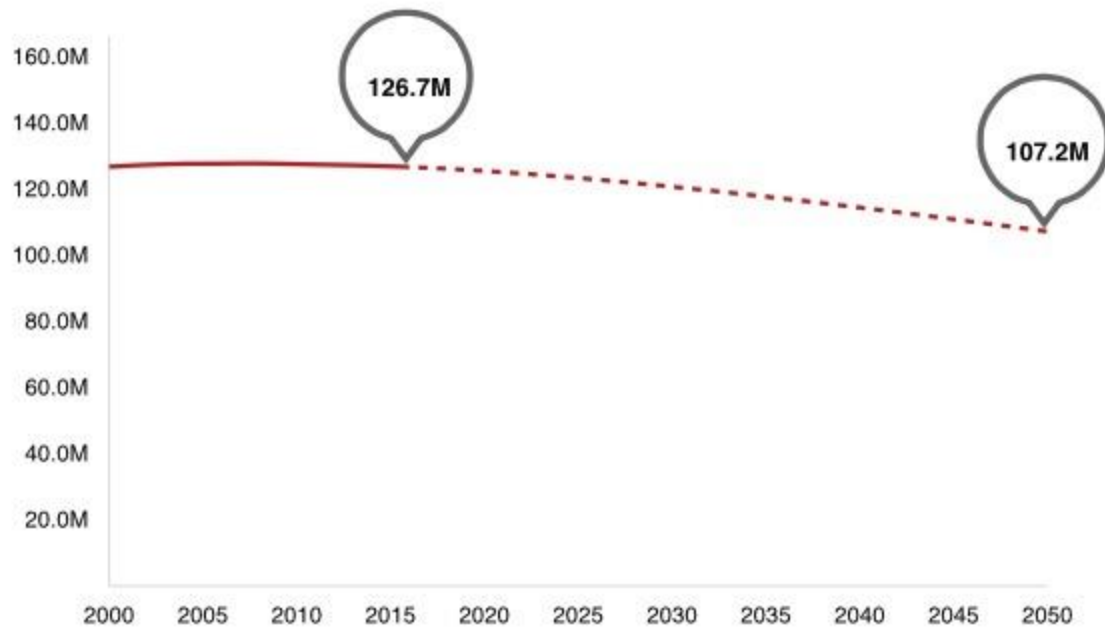
A scenic view of a Japanese river with a wooden bridge and cherry blossoms. The river is calm, reflecting the surrounding greenery and the vibrant pink cherry blossoms that line the banks. A traditional wooden bridge with a railing made of dark wood and light-colored rope spans the river. The cherry blossoms are in full bloom, their delicate petals creating a soft, pinkish glow. In the background, misty mountains rise above the trees, adding a sense of depth and tranquility to the scene. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and picturesque, capturing the essence of a traditional Japanese landscape.

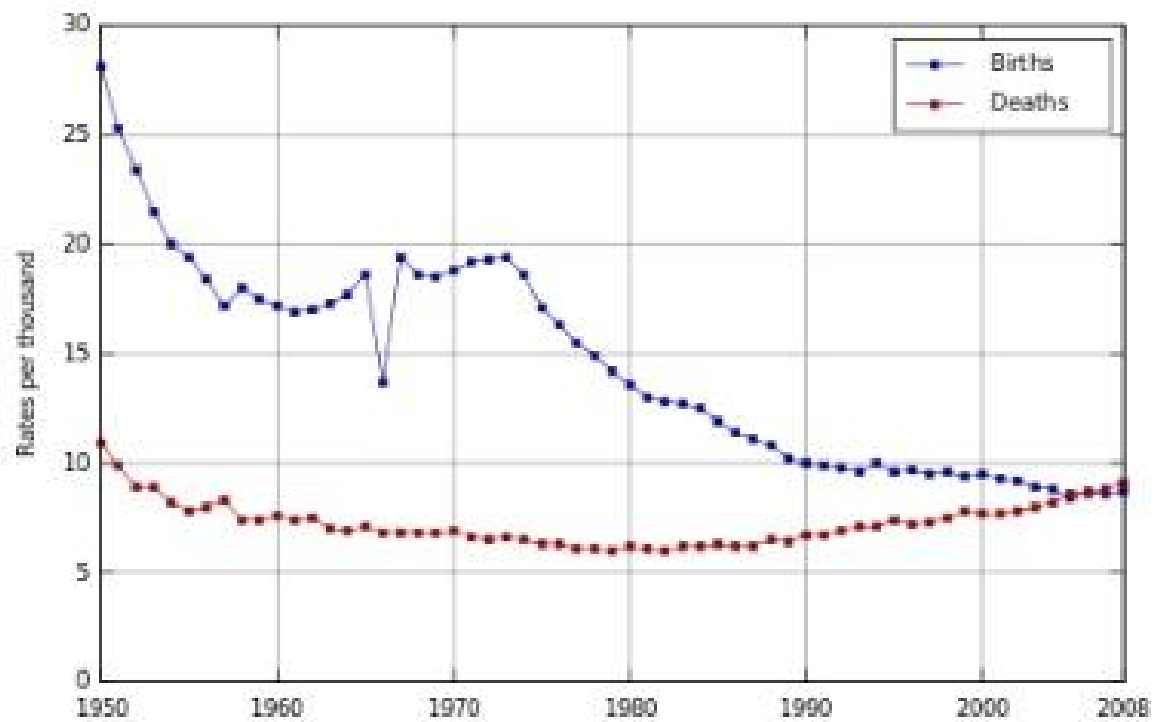
Japan's population shrank by its largest amount on record in 2014. Approximately 1.001 million people were born and 1.269 million people died last year

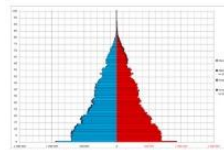
In 2013, more than 20 percent of the population was age 65 and over.(LOTS OF OLD PEOPLE)

The proportion of people aged 65+ years in the total population is highest in the world: 23% (2009)

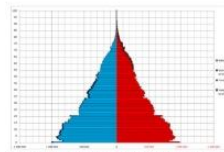
By 2030, one in every three people will be 65+ years and one in five people 75+ years



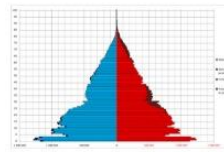




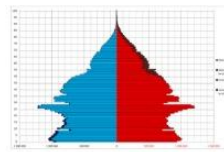
Population of Japan by age and sex (demographic pyramid)
as on 1920-10-01 (1st national census of population)



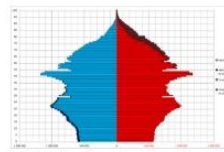
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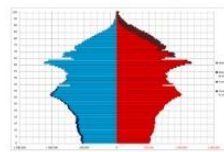
Population of Japan by age and sex (demographic pyramid)
as on 1950-10-01 (7th national census of population)



Population of Japan by age and sex (demographic pyramid)
as on 1975-10-01 (12th national census of population)

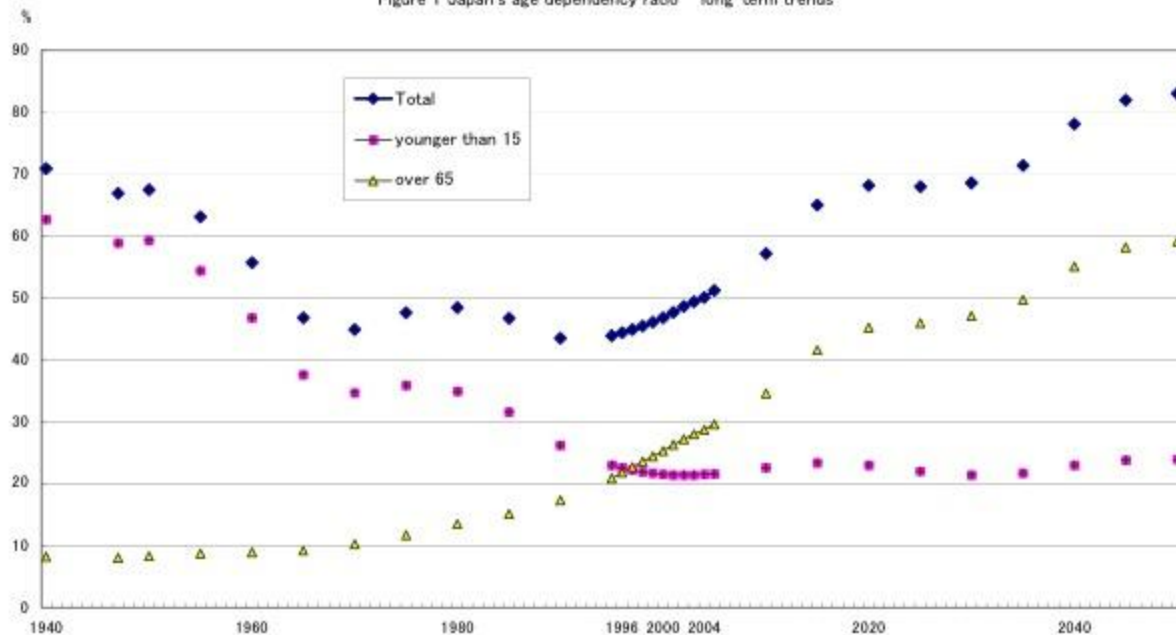


Population of Japan by age and sex (demographic pyramid)
as on 2000-10-01 (17th national census of population)



Population of Japan by age and sex (demographic pyramid)

Figure 1 Japan's age dependency ratio long-term trends



Source: Statistics Bureau, Management and Coordination Agency, Population Census of Japan, Various Years (1940-1996)
 Population Estimates in 1997 by National Institute of Population and Social Security Research (1997-2050)



Why is this happening?

Various reasons have been cited for the population decline, including:

The rising cost of childbirth and child-raising

The increasing number of women in the workforce

The later average age of marriage

The increasing number of unmarried people

Social stigmas

Competition for job promotions

Impacts

Evidence of depopulation

Declining population thus there is less consumption

Medical cost will rise tremendously ,consume large part of economy through pension

No one to take care of elderly

Not enough to space in shelters

Universities are going bankrupt



What's being done?

The government of Japan is encouraging young people to mingle by funding matchmaking and dating services to get more young people married and produce babies.

Local officials arrange “konkatsu” parties where singles can meet and mingle, after having bought tickets that allow them to drink and eat at bars and restaurants.

The government is viewing this as only a slight dip

Many find it risky to talk about this issue and do not say anything

What can be done?

Government needs to make the idea of having children “attractive”

Create an supporting environment

Offering maternity leave and not letting pregnancy affect a promotion

A battle against social stigmas, government needs to address cohabitation children born out of wedlock, supporting single mother and fatherhood as well as surrogacy

The most effective policy would be immigration

Immigration will increase the population and help build a labor force.

However this might be a problem as there is a “core Essences on what it means to be Japanese and most surrounds blood and soil.

Other solutions

Increasing production of Alcohol

“Accidentally” selling defective condoms

Any questions?



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