

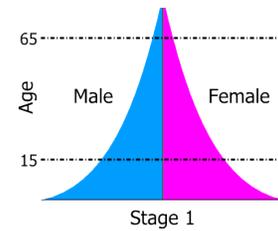
HUMAN POPULATION CONT.

Population Growth

Recent Population Growth

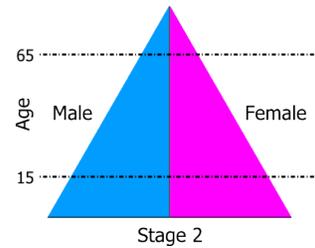
Stage 1

All countries have passed through stage 1 of demographic transition.



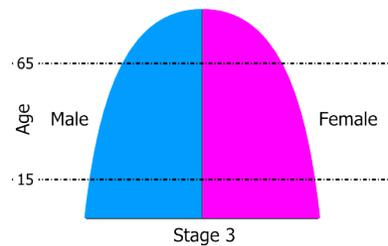
Stage 2

Many undeveloped and poor nations are stuck in stage 2 of demographic transition, where there is a high birth rate.



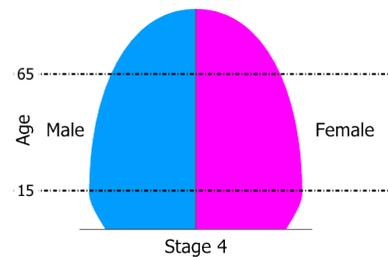
Stage 3

Third world countries are those generally stuck in stage 3 of demographic transition, where the birth rates are decreasing.



Stage 4

Most developed nations are in stage 4. Belgium is an example of a country in stage 4 because their birth rates have been low for a long period of time. Therefore, the rate of population growth is reaching zero.



Stage 5

In some countries, birth rates have dropped even lower than death rates, forming the new Stage 5 in demographic transitions. This causes the population growth to become negative.

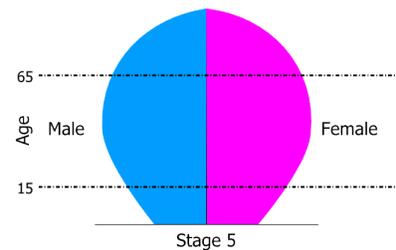


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Future Population Growth

It has been predicted that by 2050, there will be 9 billion people on planet earth.

Potential solutions:

- Use technology and better use resources to support more people.
- Change bad human habits of overusing to help control how much we consume.
- Distribute resources more equally among the world's people.