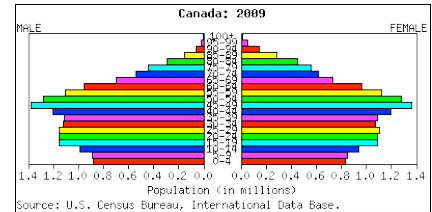


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Social Studies 11: Human Geography

Assignment: Demographic Case Study¹



References

- Counterpoints Chapter 11
- US Census Bureau website -- search “us census bureau population pyramid” or click this link: <http://www.census.gov/population/international/data/idb/informationGateway.php>
- other websites (or books) as necessary

Task

Conduct some demographic research on a country from the list below (you will be assigned a number). Prepare your results on an informative, clear, and concise 1 page “poster” summary

Focus

To generate a pyramid from the US Census site, pick population pyramid from the Report drop-down menu, pick year, pick country, and click Submit. Take a close look at the 1990, 2015, and 2040 population pyramids for the country you have been assigned... think about what they mean for the age structure of the population. Realize that the pyramids are the result of geographic, economic, political, and cultural factors.

Your one page demographic study should have:

- small labelled map of the country
- very brief description of the country (population, language, etc.)
- a labelled population pyramid for 1992 (use the graph from the census site)
- a labelled population pyramid for 2017 (use the graph from the census site)
- a labelled population pyramid for 2043 (use the graph from the census site)
- If there is no data for the country, change years until you can get it to work
- for each pyramid, indicate the stage of population development (based on the shape - early expanding, expanding, stable, contracting)
- for each pyramid, indicate the stage of demographic transition (based on the 5-stage Demographic Transition Model or DTM)²
- describe in your own words how the population changes from 1990 to 2040
- very brief, relevant facts about the country which have an impact on population (e.g. health issues, state of the economy, life expectancy, income, dependency ratio, GDP, etc.)
- any other observations or insights which relate to population change and development issues in the country, including pressures they will face and what they might have to do to address them
- use your own words for the written part -- don't copy and paste a bunch of junk off the internet³
- your sources (the census site and at least one other)

Data

¹ Note - this handout is also in the **HANDOUT** folder as a Word file

² Generally speaking, early expanding pyramids = DTM Stage 2, expanding pyramids = DTM Stage 3 or 4, stable pyramids = DTM Stage 4 or 5, contracting pyramids = DTM Stage 5

³ By the way, are you familiar with our school's rules about plagiarism? If not, ask your teacher

You can get the graphs and data from pretty much anywhere, just search for it, but the US Census Bureau site is the most versatile. Wikipedia is a good source for learning basic facts about a country. The CIA has a great site called “The World Fact Book” -- google it or check it out at <https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/>. There are plenty of other sites you can use for this assignment. Finding info isn’t the hard part -- sorting it and using it to answer questions is the point.

Format

Place all of your demographic study elements on to a one-page word document. Adjust the document size to be 11”x17”. Keep the poster clean, simple, and readable. Start by saving the document as YOURNAME YOURCOUNTRY in your own home folder (H Drive) so that it does not get lost if you have to log off. and submit it to the teacher’s **HANDIN** folder. Don’t forget: save early, save often, and close the file before handing in.

Assessment -- We’re looking for:

- 1) understanding of population issues and demographic concepts,
- 2) balanced, concise evidence of this from one country,
- 3) ability to construct a clear/clean demonstration of learning using graphs and writing

Countries

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| 1. Afghanistan | 12. Germany | 23. Philippines |
| 2. Argentina | 13. Great Britain | 24. Russia |
| 3. Australia | 14. Haiti | 25. Rwanda |
| 4. Austria | 15. India | 26. Singapore |
| 5. Bolivia | 16. Indonesia | 27. Sweden |
| 6. Botswana | 17. Iraq | 28. Syria |
| 7. Brazil | 18. Israel | 29. USA |
| 8. Chad | 19. Japan | 30. Vietnam |
| 9. China | 20. Kenya | |
| 10. Egypt | 21. Mexico | |
| 11. France | 22. New Zealand | |

Rough Notes: