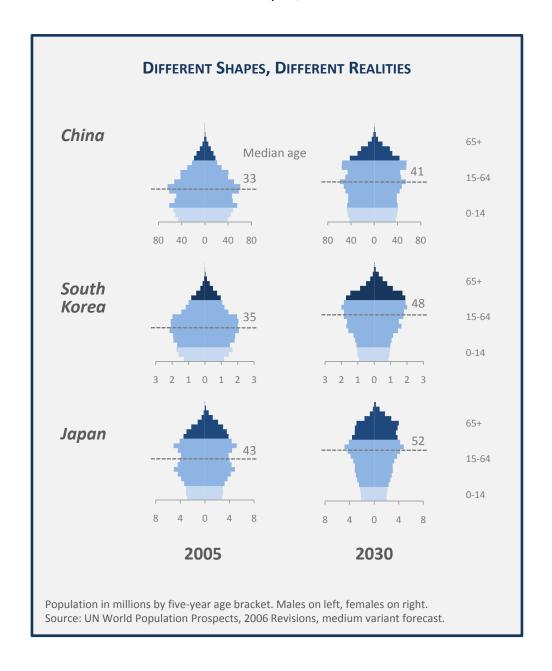


Critical Demographics: Rapid Aging and the Shape of the Future in China, South Korea, and Japan

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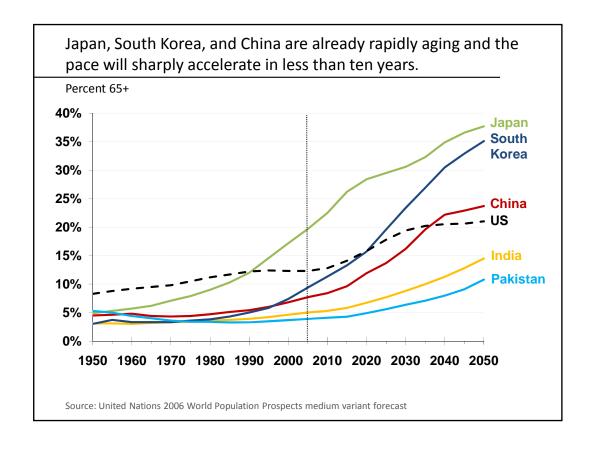
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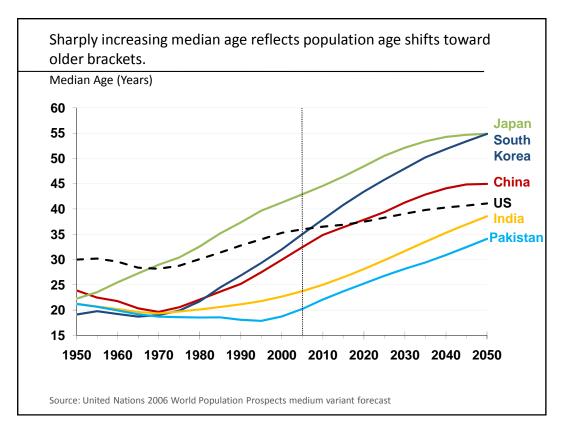
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- South Korea is already rapidly aging and beginning in 2020 the percent 65+ will increase even more sharply. By 2020 total population will have peaked, seniors will outnumber children, and the working-age population will be declining.
- Japan's shrinking population is quickly becoming top-heavy with old people. Seniors already outnumber children and the working-age population has been declining since the mid-1990s.

The attached charts, based on the UN 2006 medium variant, provide background on the critical demographics that will reshape the cultural, economic and security futures of Asia over the next ten to twenty years. The first set of charts provide crossnational comparison of the three countries, the US, and other Asian nations. Following that are a set of graphics focused on each of the three countries: China, South Korea, and Japan.

We know that huge demographic shifts are underway; what we don't know is whether countries will adapt their policies and cultures to the new realities in time to take advantage of opportunities presented by these population age shifts.

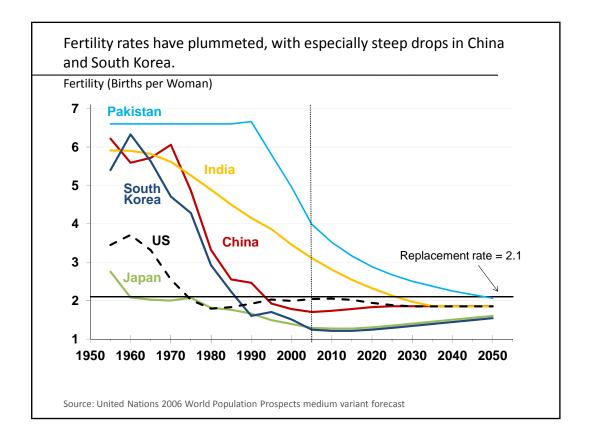


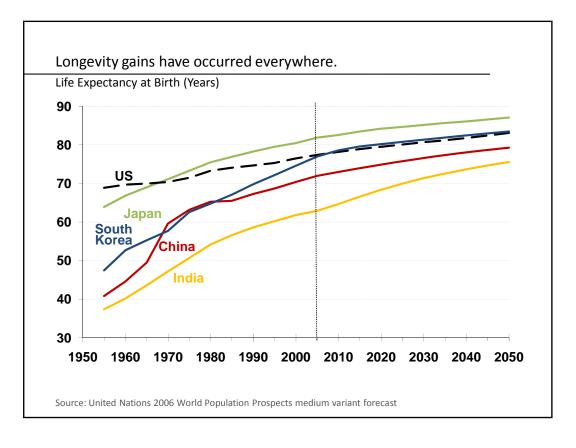






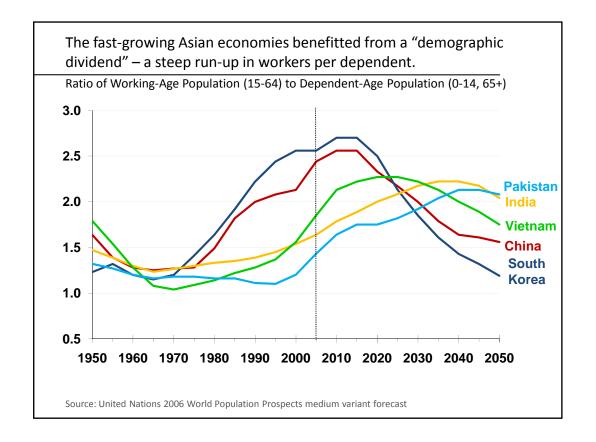
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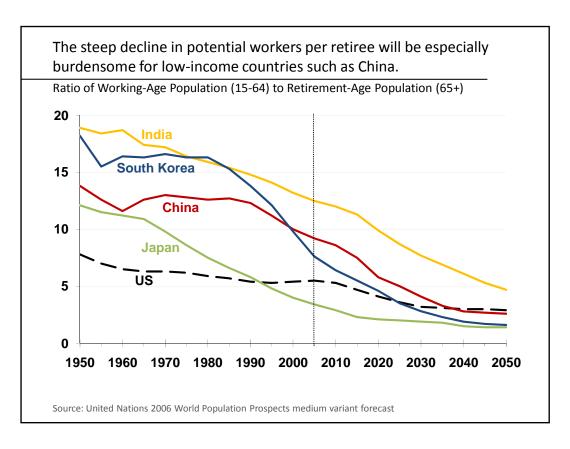






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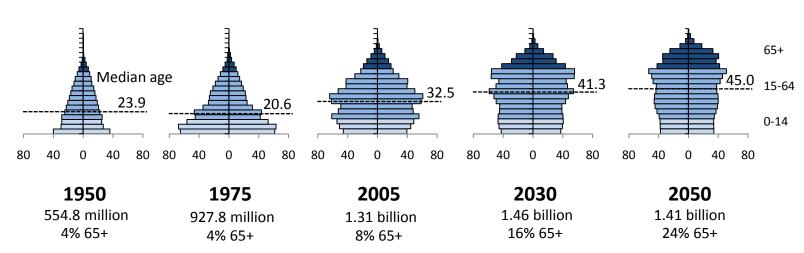






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China

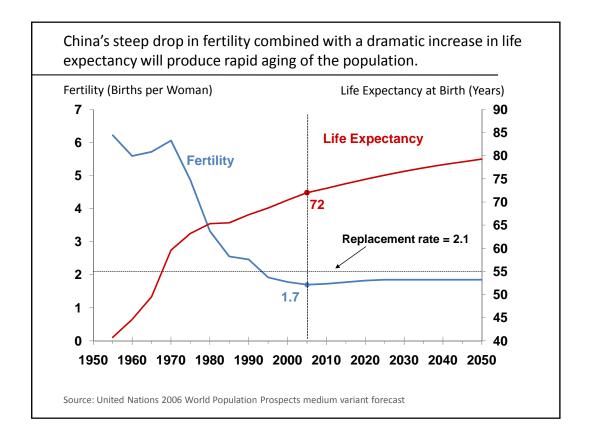


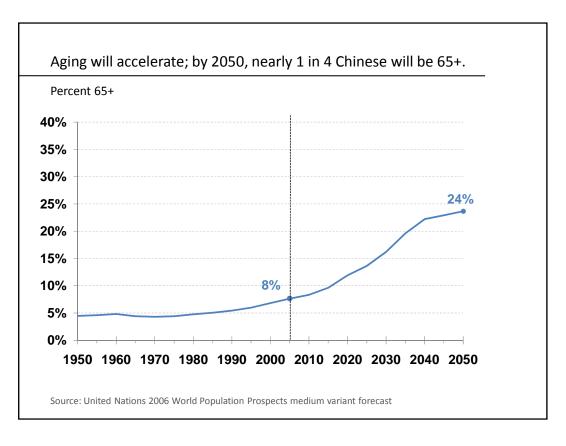
These histograms show population in millions by five-year age bracket. Males on left, females on right. Source: UN World Population Prospects, 2006 Revisions, medium variant forecast

Because of its early and steep fertility decline, China will age sooner and faster than most other developing countries. China's workforce is aging and will start to shrink in 2015. Total population is projected to begin shrinking by 2030.

- China's steep drop in fertility from 6 births per woman in the 1950s to 1.7 in 2005, combined with a dramatic increase in life expectancy will lead to rapid aging of the population.
- The share of old people is rapidly increasing and is projected to increase from 8% in 2005 to 24% by 2050. Over the next 25 years, the number of old people (65+) will more than double, increasing from 100 million to 236 million by 2030. The number will triple to 334 million by 2050, when nearly 1 in 4 people will be 65+.
- China's working-age population will likely peak around 2015 at about 1 billion, with total population projected to peak around 2030.
- China's workforce will rapidly age; the number of young workers is already declining.
- Over the next 25 years, the population age 65+ will increase by 135% while the
 working-age population will increase by just 4.4%. Thus, the ratio of potential
 workers per retiree will fall from 9.2 to 4.1. By 2050 this support ratio is projected
 to be only 2.6.

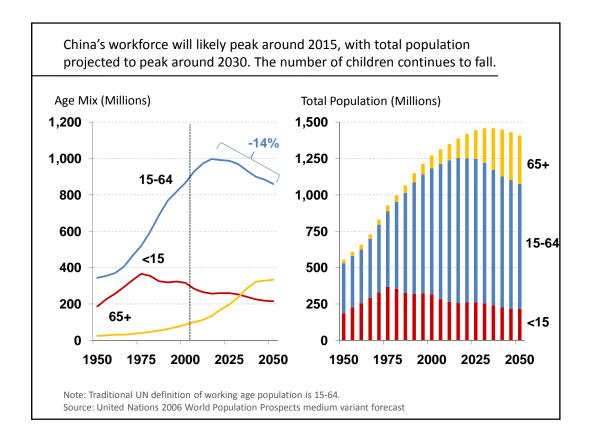
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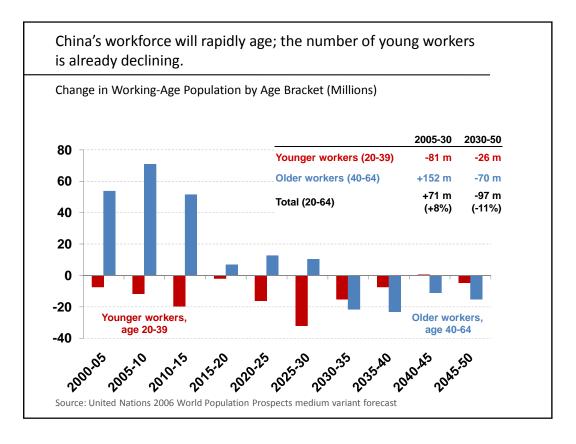






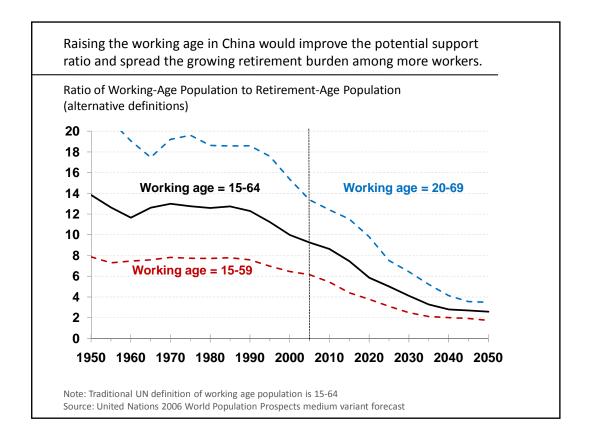
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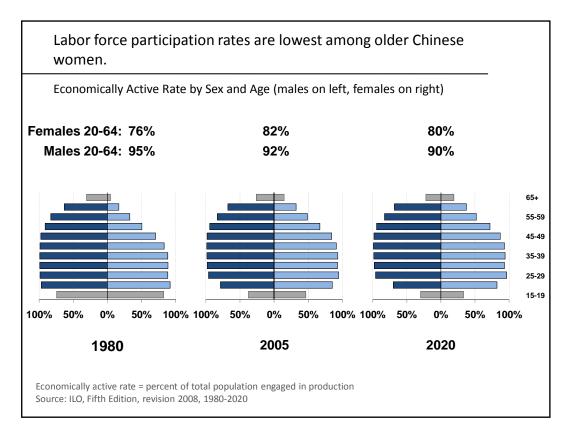






China: Workforce







Demographic Reference

China		1950	1975	2005	2010	2020	2030	2050
Population (millio	ns)	•						
Total	·	554.76	927.81	1312.98	1351.51	1421.26	1458.42	1408.85
<15		186.05	366.38	283.77	265.09	259.79	252.48	215.40
15-64		343.86	520.60	928.74	973.48	991.90	969.53	859.78
65+		24.85	40.83	100.46	112.94	169.57	236.41	333.67
65-79		23.29	35.73	85.06	93.46	141.02	194.81	230.65
80+		1.56	5.10	15.40	19.48	28.55	41.61	103.02
Share of Total Pop	oulation (%)							
<15		33.5%	39.5%	21.6%	19.6%	18.3%	17.3%	15.3%
15-64		62.0%	56.1%	70.7%	72.0%	69.8%	66.5%	61.0%
65+		4.5%	4.4%	7.7%	8.4%	11.9%	16.2%	23.7%
65-79		4.2%	3.9%	6.5%	6.9%	9.9%	13.4%	16.4%
80+		0.3%	0.6%	1.2%	1.4%	2.0%	2.9%	7.3%
Support Ratios								
Working-Age t	o Retirement-Age	13.8	12.8	9.2	8.6	5.8	4.1	2.6
Working-Age t	o Dependent-Age	1.6	1.3	2.4	2.6	2.3	2.0	1.6
Median Age		23.9	20.6	32.5	34.9	37.9	41.3	45.0
Urbanization								
Percent Urban		13.0%	17.4%	40.4%	44.9%	53.2%	60.3%	72.9%
Urban Populat	ion (millions)	72.12	161.44	530.66	607.23	756.34	879.89	1027.29
Rural Population	on (millions)	482.64	766.37	782.32	744.28	664.92	578.53	381.55
5-Year Average (e	nding year)		1975	2005	2010	2020	2030	2050
Fertility Rate (birt	hs/woman)		4.86	1.70	1.73	1.83	1.85	1.85
Life Expectancy (y	ears at birth)		63.2	72.0	73.0	74.9	76.6	79.3
Life Expectancy (r	nales)		62.5	70.5	71.3	73.2	74.8	77.4
Life Expectancy (f	emales)		63.9	73.7	74.8	76.9	78.6	81.3
Economically Acti	ve (percent)	1980	1990	2005	2010	2020		
Total Population	on (all ages)	63.2%	63.4%	75.6%	74.7%	71.8%		
Age:	20-24	69.8%	70.6%	93.2%	92.8%	92.1%		
	25-29	72.9%	73.8%	94.3%	94.3%	94.4%		
	30-34	73.0%	73.7%	94.4%	94.5%	94.7%		
	35-39	77.8%	78.9%	94.4%	94.6%	94.8%		
	40-44	80.8%	83.6%	95.0%	95.4%	96.1%		
	45-49	80.4%	81.4%	87.0%	87.6%	88.8%		
	50-54	77.4%	80.7%	80.9%	81.8%	83.2%		
	55-59	68.7%	69.2%	61.3%	62.1%	63.6%		
	60-64	55.8%	55.5%	50.6%	51.3%	52.8%		
	65+	26.3%	25.5%	17.1%	17.5%	18.4%		
	Male	30.6%	32.7%	26.0%	24.2%	21.9%		
	Female	4.5%	8.0%	14.5%	16.4%	19.0%		
	20-64	85.8%	87.9%	87.4%	86.2%	85.2%		
	Male	95.0%	94.0%	92.4%	91.2%	90.4%		
	Female	75.8%	81.3%	82.0%	81.0%	79.7%		
	ically active data from							
Population Growt			1950-1975	1975-2005	2005-10	2010-30	2005-30	2030-50
Total:	Period Growth (%)		67.2%	41.5%	2.9%	7.9%	11.1%	-3.4%
	Avg annual growth (9	6 per year)	2.1%	1.2%	0.6%	0.4%	0.4%	-0.2%
Working-Age:	Period Growth (%)		51.4%	78.4%	4.8%	-0.4%	4.4%	-11.3%
(15-64)	Avg annual growth (9	6 per year)	1.7%	1.9%	0.9%	0.0%	0.2%	-0.6%
Retirement-Age:	Period Growth (%)		64.3%	146.1%	12.4%	109.3%	135.3%	41.1%
(65+)	Avg annual growth (%	6 per year)	2.0%	3.0%	2.4%	3.8%	3.5%	1.7%

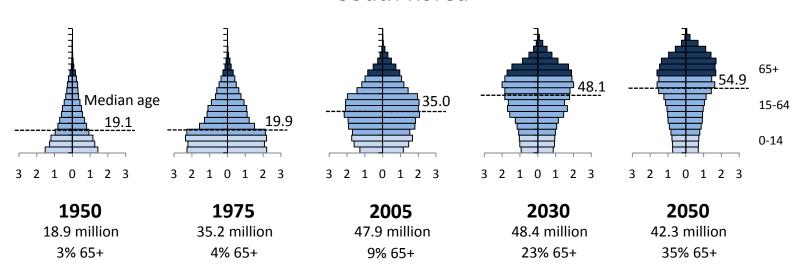
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South Korea

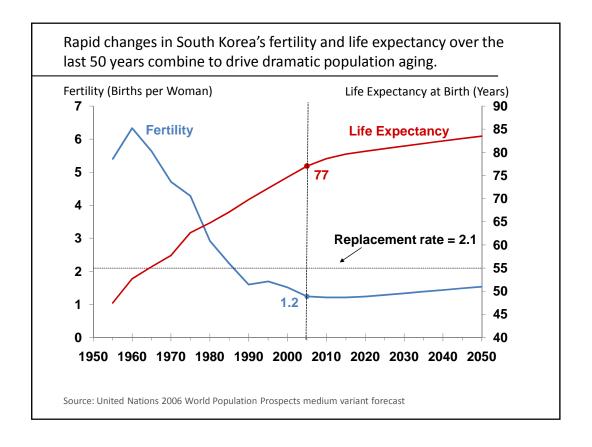


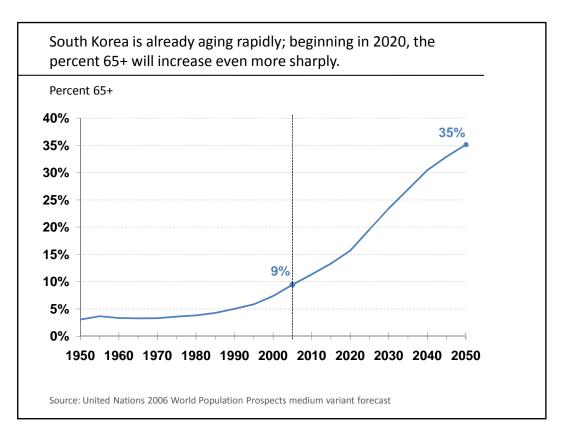
These histograms show population in millions by five-year age bracket. Males on left, females on right. Source: UN World Population Prospects, 2006 Revisions, medium variant forecast

South Korea is already rapidly aging, and beginning in 2020 the percent 65+ will increase even more sharply. By 2020 total population will peak, seniors will outnumber children, and the working-age population will be declining.

- South Korea's dramatic population aging is driven by an increase in life expectancy and the swift decline in fertility, which fell from 6 children per woman in the 1960s to 1.2 in 2005, one of the world's lowest rates.
- By 2050 South Korea will be the world's second oldest population with 35% of its population 65+.
- The South Korean working-age population 15-64 is growing but aging and will start to shrink rapidly in 2015. From 2005 to 2030 the working-age population is projected to decline by 9%; this will accelerate from 2030 to 2050 when the projected decline is 26%.
- There are currently 7.6 potential workers per retiree; this ratio is projected to fall to 2.8 by 2030 and 1.6 by 2050.
- South Korean female workforce participation rates have risen significantly in recent decades, though they still remain low by developed world standards. In 2005, only 59 percent of the female population ages 20-64 were economically active, compared with 64 percent in Japan and 72 percent in the US.

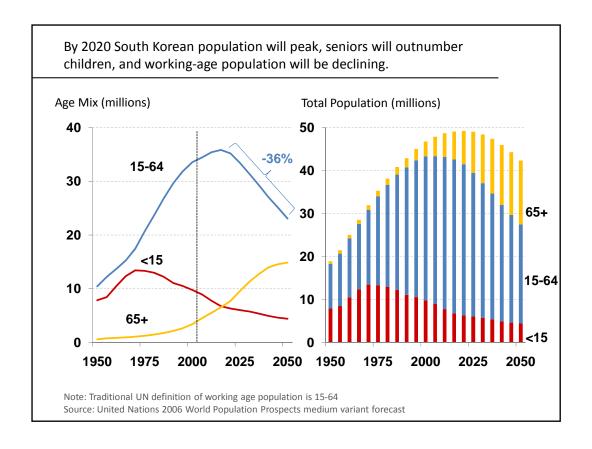
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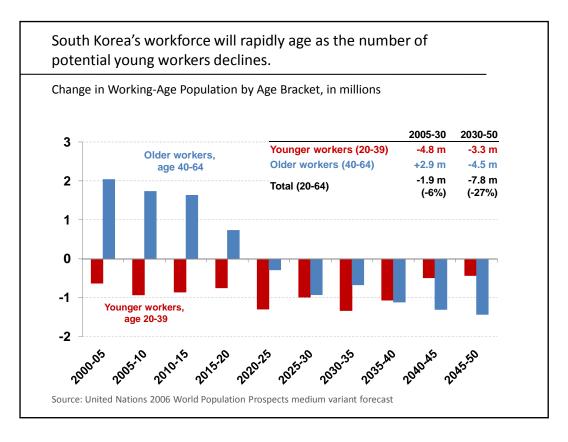






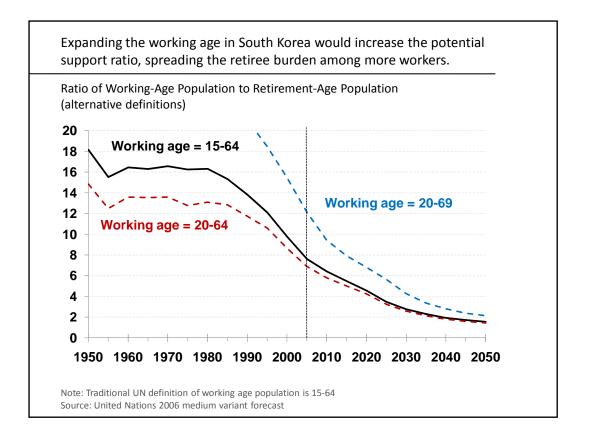
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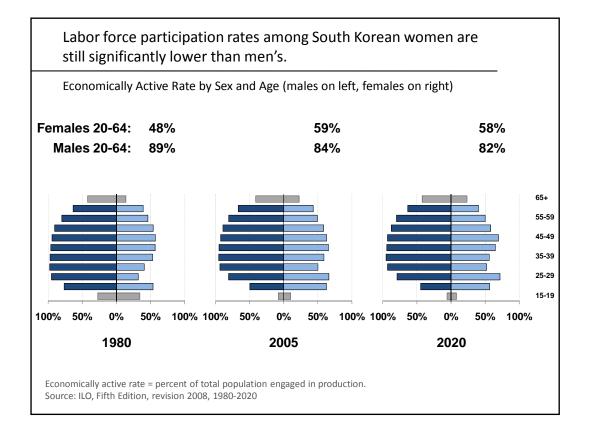






South Korea: Workforce







Demographic Reference

South Kor	ea	1950	1975	2005	2010	2020	2030	2050
Population (million	ns)	•						
Total		18.86	35.28	47.87	48.67	49.22	48.41	42.33
<15		7.86	13.32	8.92	7.74	6.29	5.73	4.40
15-64		10.43	20.69	34.43	35.42	35.20	31.33	23.05
65+		0.57	1.27	4.52	5.52	7.73	11.34	14.87
65-79		0.53	1.14	3.85	4.60	5.95	8.80	9.48
80+		0.04	0.13	0.67	0.92	1.78	2.54	5.39
Share of Total Pop	ulation (%)		0.20	0.01				
<15	()	41.7%	37.7%	18.6%	15.9%	12.8%	11.8%	10.4%
15-64		55.3%	58.6%	71.9%	72.8%	71.5%	64.7%	54.5%
65+		3.0%	3.6%	9.4%	11.3%	15.7%	23.4%	35.1%
65-79		2.8%	3.2%	8.0%	9.4%	12.1%	18.2%	22.4%
80+		0.2%	0.4%	1.4%	1.9%	3.6%	5.3%	12.7%
Support Ratios		0.270	0.170	2.170	1.570	3.070	3.370	12.770
	Retirement-Age	18.2	16.2	7.6	6.4	4.6	2.8	1.6
	Dependent-Age	1.2	1.4	2.6	2.7	2.5	1.8	1.2
Median Age	Dependent Age	19.2	19.9	35.0	38.0	43.4	48.1	54.9
Urbanization		19.2	19.9	33.0	36.0	45.4	40.1	54.5
Percent Urban		21.4%	48.0%	80.8%	81.9%	84.2%	86.3%	89.8%
Urban Populati	on (millions)	4.03	16.95	38.67	39.88	41.43	41.76	38.00
Rural Population	•	14.83	18.33	9.20	8.79	7.79	6.65	4.33
5-Year Average (e		14.05	1975	2005	2010	2020	2030	2050
Fertility Rate (birt			4.28	1.24	1.21	1.24	1.34	1.54
Life Expectancy (y			62.6	77.0	78.6	80.2	81.4	83.5
Life Expectancy (n	•		59.3	73.5	75.0	76.6	77.8	79.9
Life Expectancy (fe			66.1	80.6	82.2	83.8	85.0	87.1
Economically Activ		1980	1990	2005	2010	2020	03.0	07.1
Total Population		63.2%	63.4%	61.4%	60.3%	59.4%		
Age:	20-24	69.8%	70.6%	59.3%	60.2%	60.5%		
Age.	25-29	72.9%	73.8%	63.3%	63.6%	65.4%		
	30-34	72.5%	73.7%	70.8%	72.0%	72.8%		
	35-39	73.0% 77.8%	78.9%	70.8% 75.4%	76.0%	77.4%		
	40-44	80.8%	83.6%	80.3%	70.0%	77.4%		
	45-49							
	50-54	80.4% 77.4%	81.4% 80.7%	76.5% 73.9%	76.7% 73.2%	78.3% 72.8%		
	55-59							
		68.7%	69.2%	60.8%	60.0%	63.3%		
	60-64	55.8%	55.5%	54.6%	52.4%	51.5%		
	65+	26.3%	25.5%	25.2%	25.4%	25.8%		
	Male	42.2%	39.3%	41.2%	41.8%	56.4%		
	Female	13.9%	18.4%	22.5%	23.0%	23.3%		
	20-64	68.7%	71.1%	71.4%	71.0%	69.9%		
	Male	89.2%	86.9%	83.9%	83.4%	81.9%		
Noto, France:	Female	48.0%	55.1%	58.6%	58.2%	57.6%		
	cally active data from	LO, Fifth edition			2005.40	2010 20	2005 20	2020 50
Population Growt			1950-1975	1975-2005	2005-10	2010-30	2005-30	2030-50
Total:	Period Growth (%)	(87.1%	35.7%	1.7%	-0.5%	1.1%	-12.6%
MAZ and the second	Avg annual growth (%	per year)	2.5%	1.0%	0.3%	0.0%	0.0%	-0.7%
Working-Age:	Period Growth (%)	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	98.4%	66.4%	2.9%	-11.5%	-9.0%	-26.4%
(15-64)	Avg annual growth (%	per year)	2.8%	1.7%	0.6%	-0.6%	-0.4%	-1.5%
Retirement-Age:	Period Growth (%)	,	121.7%	254.9%	22.1%	105.6%	151.0%	31.1%
(65+) Avg annual growth (% per year)		3.2%	4.3%	4.1%	3.7% ast; except wh	3.7%	1.4%	

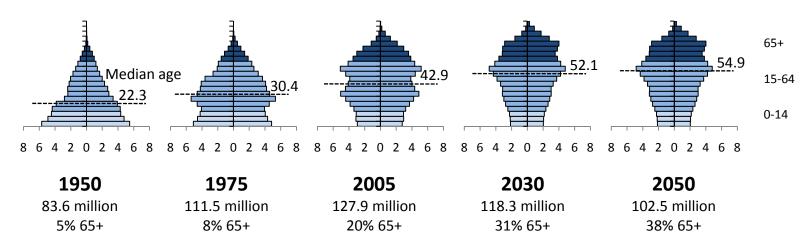
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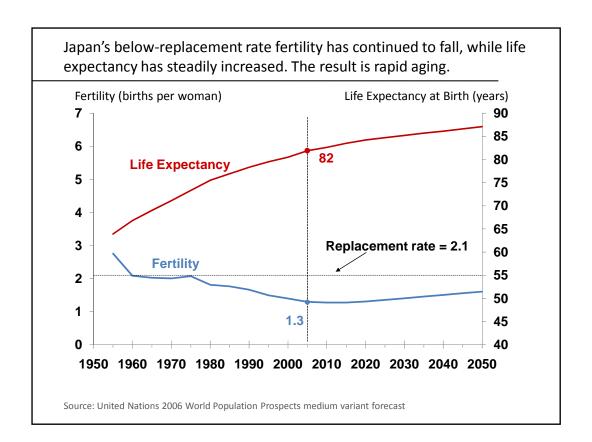
Japan

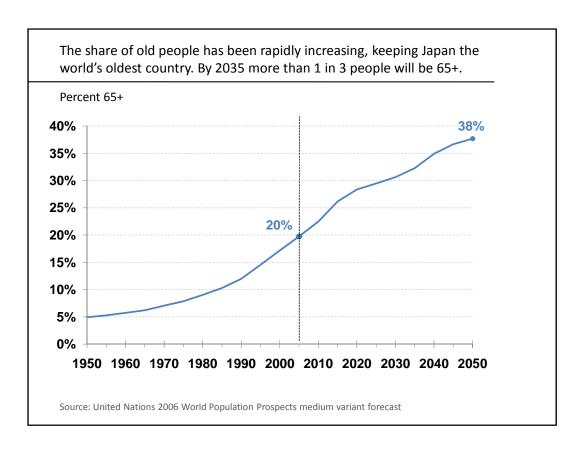


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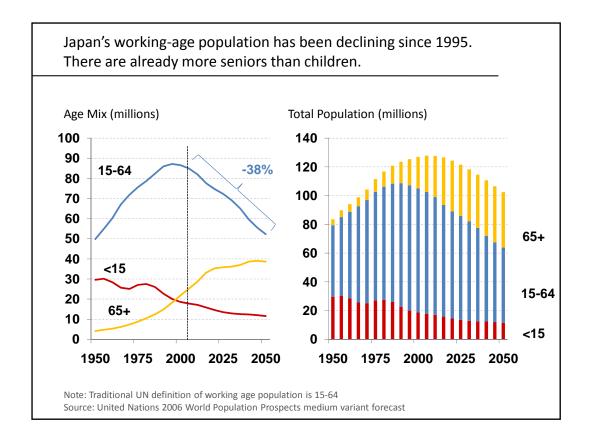
- Japan's below-replacement rate fertility has continued to fall since the 1970s, while life expectancy has steadily increased. The result is a rapid increase in the share of people 65 and older, from 5% in 1950 to 20% in 2005. By 2050 nearly 38% of the population will be 65+ and half the population will be age 55 or over.
- Japan's total population began to shrink in 2005 and is projected to decline by 7.5%, or 10 million, by 2030.
- The working-age population has been declining since the mid-nineties and is expected to decline 18.5%, or 16 million, between 2005 and 2030.
- There are currently 3.4 potential workers per retiree; this ratio will fall to 1.9 by 2030.
- Japanese female workforce participation rates have risen significantly in recent decades, though they remain low compared to men. In 2005, 64 percent of the female population ages 20-64 were economically active, compared with 90 percent of the male population in the same age bracket.

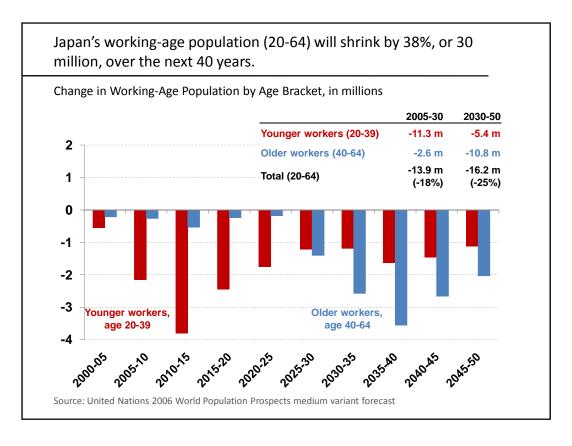






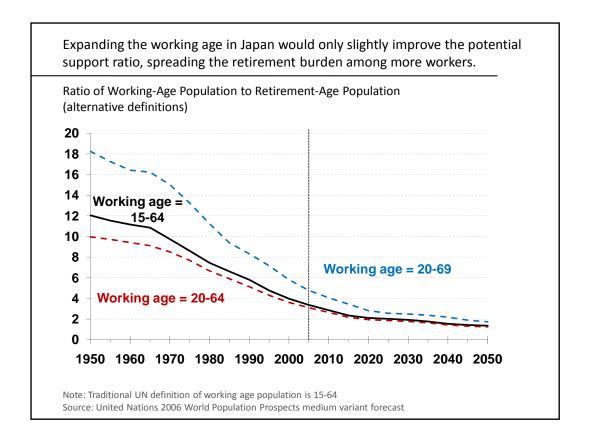
Japan: Changing Age Mix

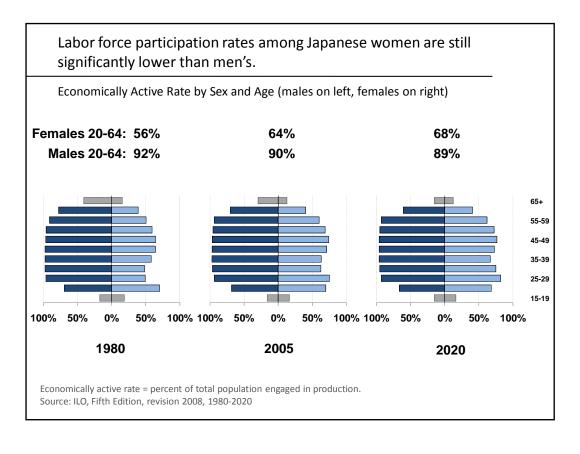






Japan: Workforce







Demographic Reference

Japan		1950	1975	2005	2010	2020	2030	2050
Population (million	ns)							
Total		83.63	111.52	127.90	127.76	124.49	118.25	102.51
<15		29.64	27.11	17.76	17.07	14.53	12.83	11.55
15-64		49.85	75.63	84.88	81.94	74.64	69.21	52.33
65+		4.14	8.79	25.26	28.75	35.32	36.21	38.63
65-79		3.76	7.60	19.08	20.75	23.96	21.09	22.79
80+		0.38	1.19	6.18	7.99	11.36	15.12	15.84
Share of Total Pop	ulation (%)							
<15		35.4%	24.3%	13.9%	13.4%	11.7%	10.8%	11.3%
15-64		59.6%	67.8%	66.4%	64.1%	60.0%	58.5%	51.1%
65+		4.9%	7.9%	19.7%	22.5%	28.4%	30.6%	37.7%
65-79		4.5%	6.8%	14.9%	16.2%	19.3%	17.8%	22.2%
80+		0.5%	1.1%	4.8%	6.3%	9.1%	12.8%	15.5%
Support Ratios								
Working-Age to	Retirement-Age	12.1	8.6	3.4	2.9	2.1	1.9	1.4
	Dependent-Age	1.5	2.1	2.0	1.8	1.5	1.4	1.0
Median Age		22.3	30.4	42.9	44.6	48.5	52.1	54.9
Urbanization								
Percent Urban		34.9%	56.8%	65.8%	66.8%	69.8%	73.7%	80.7%
Urban Populati	on (thousands)	29.15	63.37	84.36	85.39	86.42	86.30	82.09
Rural Populatio	•	54.48	48.15	43.53	42.37	38.07	31.95	20.43
5-Year Average (er			1975	2005	2010	2020	2030	2050
Fertility Rate (birth			2.07	1.29	1.27	1.30	1.40	1.60
Life Expectancy (ye	•		73.3	81.9	82.6	84.2	85.2	87.1
Life Expectancy (m			70.6	78.3	79.0	80.5	81.5	83.3
Life Expectancy (fe	•		75.9	85.2	86.1	87.9	88.9	90.9
Economically Activ		1980	1990	2005	2010	2020		
Total Populatio	,, ,	63.2%	63.4%	60.6%	58.2%	54.6%		
Age:	20-24	69.8%	70.6%	71.0%	72.3%	72.3%		
	25-29	72.9%	73.8%	75.1%	75.4%	77.4%		
	30-34	73.0%	73.7%	74.0%	73.6%	74.1%		
	35-39	77.8%	78.9%	78.9%	79.3%	79.5%		
	40-44	80.8%	83.6%	84.1%	84.0%	84.6%		
	45-49	80.4%	81.4%	82.4%	82.3%	83.2%		
	50-54	77.4%	80.7%	82.2%	82.6%	83.7%		
	55-59	68.7%	69.2%	70.1%	69.8%	70.7%		
	60-64	55.8%	55.5%	54.8%	53.3%	50.6%		
	65+	26.3%	25.5%	24.3%	23.8%	23.8%		
	Male	41.0%	36.5%	29.4%	23.1%	15.5%		
	Female	15.6%	16.2%	12.7%	12.6%	12.6%		
	20-64	74.1%	77.0%	77.5%	77.2%	78.8%		
	Male	92.3%	91.8%	90.4%	89.1%	88.9%		
	Female	56.3%	62.1%	64.5%	65.1%	68.5%		
Note: Economic	cally active data from					33.370		
Population Growtl	· ·		1950-1975	1975-2005	2005-10	2010-30	2005-30	2030-50
Total:	Period Growth (%)		33.4%	14.7%	-0.1%	-7.4%	-7.5%	-13.3%
i otai.	Avg annual growth (% ner vear\	1.2%	0.5%	0.0%	-0.4%	-0.3%	-0.7%
Working-Age:	Period Growth (%)	, o per year,	51.7%	12.2%	-3.5%	-15.5%	-18.5%	-24.4%
(15-64)	Avg annual growth (% ner vearl	1.7%	0.4%	-3.5% -0.7%	-13.3%	-18.5%	-24.4%
Retirement-Age:	Period Growth (%)	70 per year,	112.6%	187.3%	13.8%	26.0%	43.4%	6.7%
(65+)		% ner vear\	3.1%	3.6%	2.6%	1.2%	1.5%	0.7%
(65+) Avg annual growth (% per year) 3.1% 3.6 % Source: United Nations, <i>World Population Prospects, The 2006 Revision</i> , med								0.3/0

Source: United Nations, World Population Prospects, The 2006 Revision, medium variant forecast; except where noted.





Global Population Age Shifts directly affect the major global and national issues of today: economic prosperity, social well-being, and national security. We know the world is getting older. What's important is that different countries are aging at different speeds and in different ways. The "developed" world is steadily graying, and in some cases, workforces and even total populations are actually shrinking. In the "developing" world there are some startling changes in store over the next 20 to 40 years. Some countries will age with unprecedented speed, while others will increase their proportion of young adults dangerously quickly. These often surprising developments present both major challenges and real opportunities.

The Global Aging Program at the Stanford Center on Longevity focuses on the economic and political implications of longevity. The program specifically addresses the risks and opportunities of Population Age Shifts around the world. Understanding the implications of these Population Age Shifts will be critical for effective policy making. For Congress and the Obama administration, failing to look at policy decisions through this "lens" of Population Age Shifts would result in choices made with incomplete information.

The Stanford Center on Longevity (SCL) seeks to transform the culture of human aging using science and technology. Working as a catalyst for change, the Center identifies challenges associated with increased life expectancy, supports scientific and technological research concerning those challenges, and coordinates efforts among researchers, policymakers, entrepreneurs, and the media to find effective solutions. SCL was founded in 2006 by **Professor Laura Carstensen** and received its initial funding from Richard Rainwater. The SCL Advisory Council includes George Shultz, former U.S. Secretary of State, and Jack Rowe, former Chairman and CEO of Aetna.

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