

Introduction to Demography
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Question about April 26 class: Projection

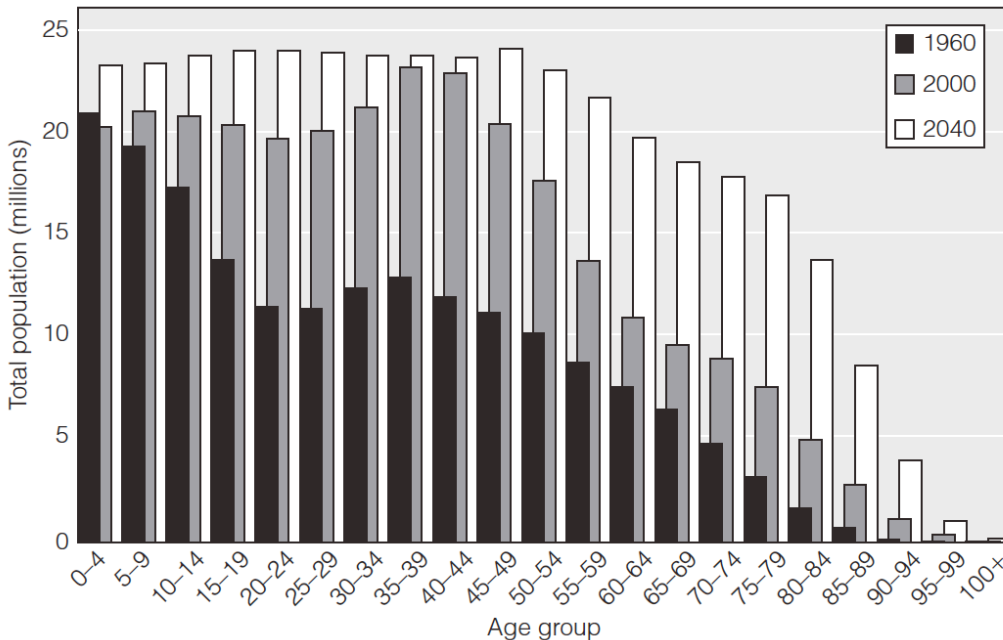
Instructions

Students are required to answer one question prior to each of the five classes. These questions are going to be related to the main readings about demographic concepts and methods. Answers should be no more than 350 words and students must email their answers to the professor by the Monday before each class.

Question

Discuss how the changing age structure of the United States as shown in Figure 1 has altered American society. How is this process related to the baby boom cohort? What changes do you foresee if the age structure changes in the way suggested by the projection to 2040? What might cause the actual age structure in 2040 to be different than projected?

Figure 1. The age transition in the United States



Source: Weeks 2015, p.322.

Extra material

Population Bulletin: Aging in the United States

Mark Mather, Linda A. Jacobsen, Kelvin M. Pollard – December, 2015

<http://www.prb.org/pdf16/aging-us-population-bulletin.pdf>

New PRB Report on Aging in America

John Weeks – February 7, 2016

<http://weekspopulation.blogspot.com/2016/02/new-prb-report-on-aging-in-america.html>