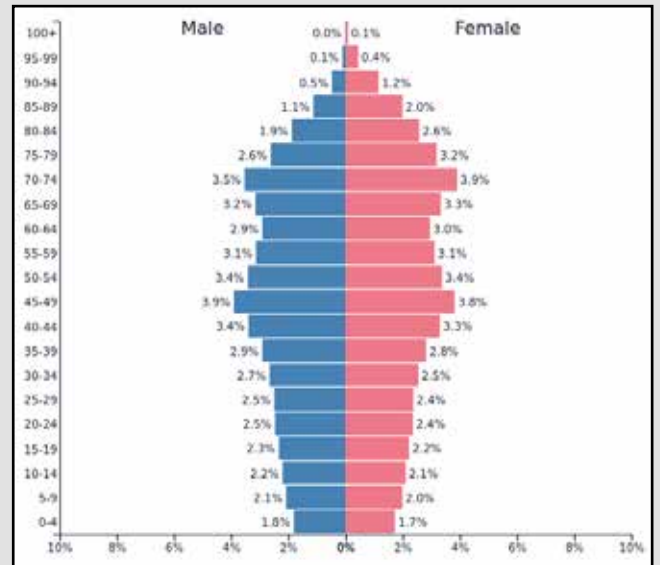
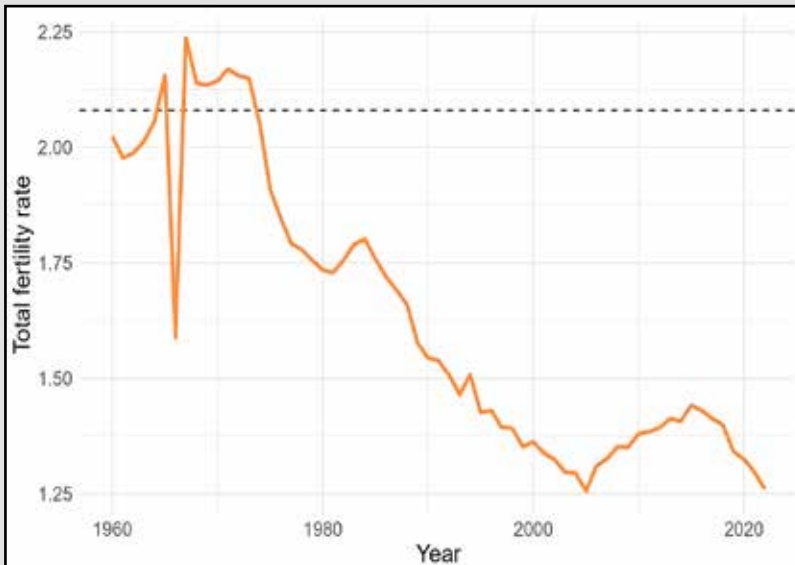
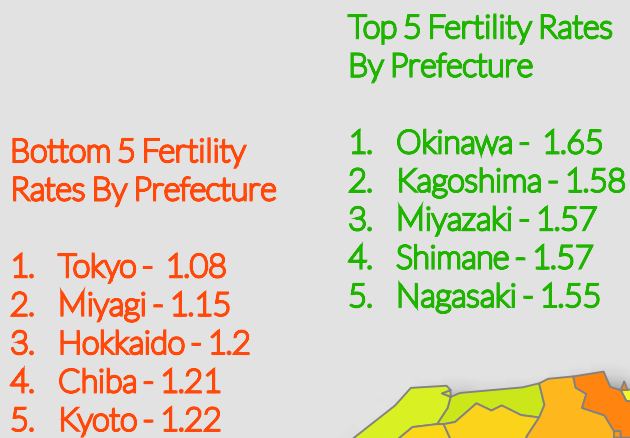


Won't Someone Please Think of the Children?



Lowering birth rates and an aging population are some of the most pressing issues facing the Japanese people, with governmental intervention proving to be alleviating the problem. Of the 47 prefectures of Japan, in 2022 the highest fertility rate was recorded in Okinawa prefecture at 1.3, still well below the 2.1 rate replacement rate



The most common self-reported reasons for not having children include:

1. Difficulty in balancing work-family life.
2. Bleak prospects for future opportunity.
3. Feeling isolated due to changing social norms.
4. Rising costs of child rearing.