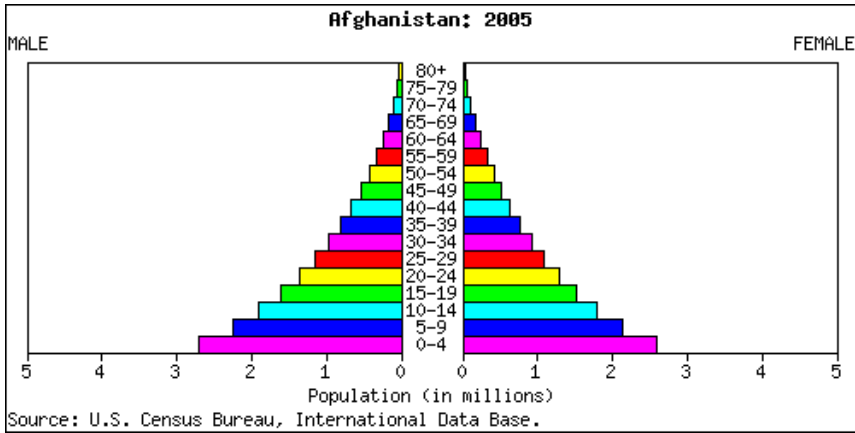# Population Pyramids

Population pyramids illustrate the distribution of a countries population based on age and sex. Displaying these characteristics allow us to better understand the structure of a countries population as well as its stage of development.

∗ Although these examples display the population in millions (Population (in millions)), the population can also be displayed as a percentage.

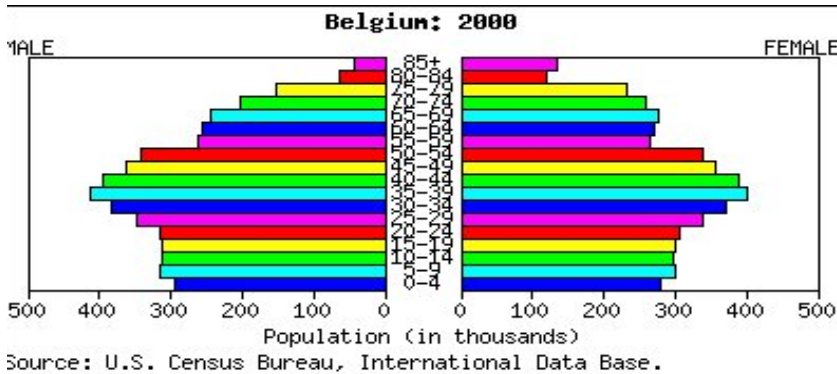1. **Expansive Population Pyramid**

Pyramid displays:
- High proportion of children
- Low proportion of older people
- High birth rate, high death rate, low life expectancy

Typical of a **developing country**

EX: Countries in Africa and Asia – Canada: Nunavut

What would cause this scenario?

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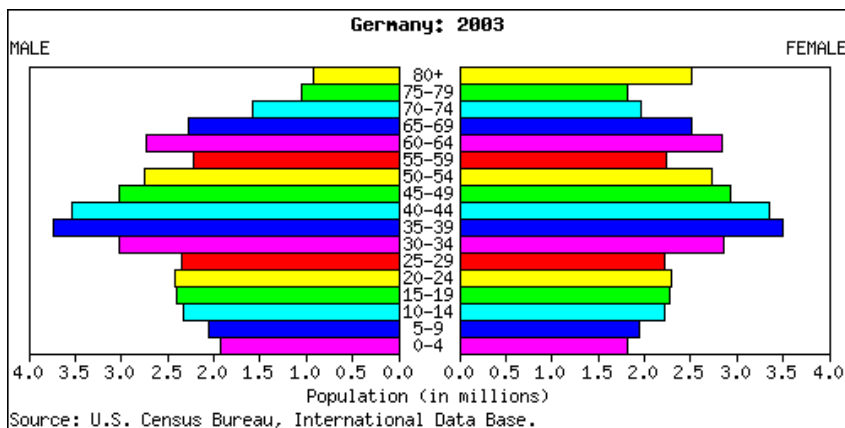2. **Stable Population Pyramid**

Pyramid displays:
- Equal, or close to equal percentages of all age groups.
- Low birth rate and a low death rate
- Country has an unchanging pattern of births and deaths

Typical of a **developed country**

EX: Sweden, Norway, etc. – Canada: Manitoba

What factors would contribute to this scenario?

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3. **Constrictive Population Pyramid**

Pyramid displays:
- Lower percentages of younger people
- Low birth rates and low death rates
- Country has a 'graying' population

Typical of a **developed country**

EX: United States, Germany, etc. – Canada: Nfld.

What factors would contribute to this scenario?

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