



# World Fertility Patterns • 2004

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Trends in total fertility rate and age patterns of fertility

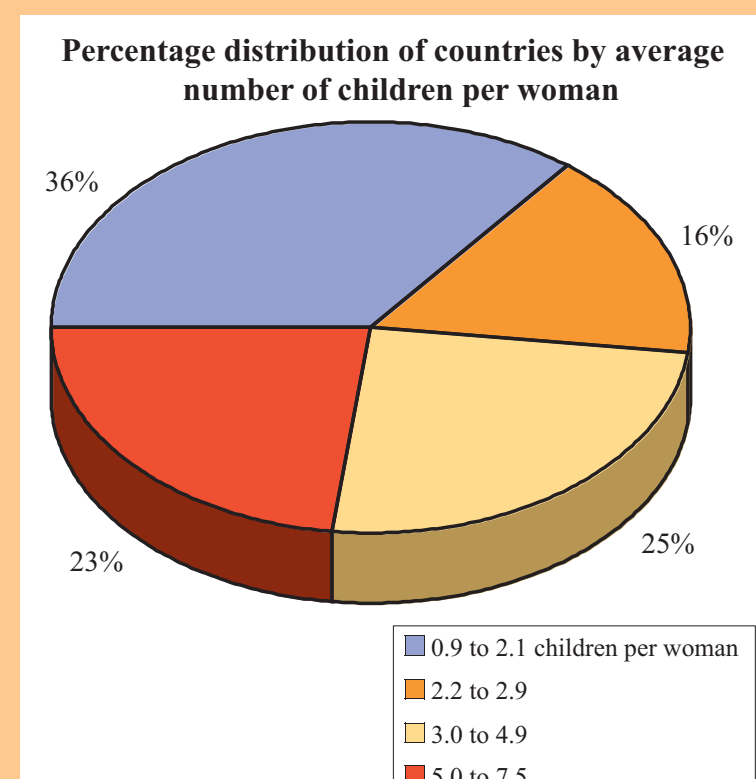
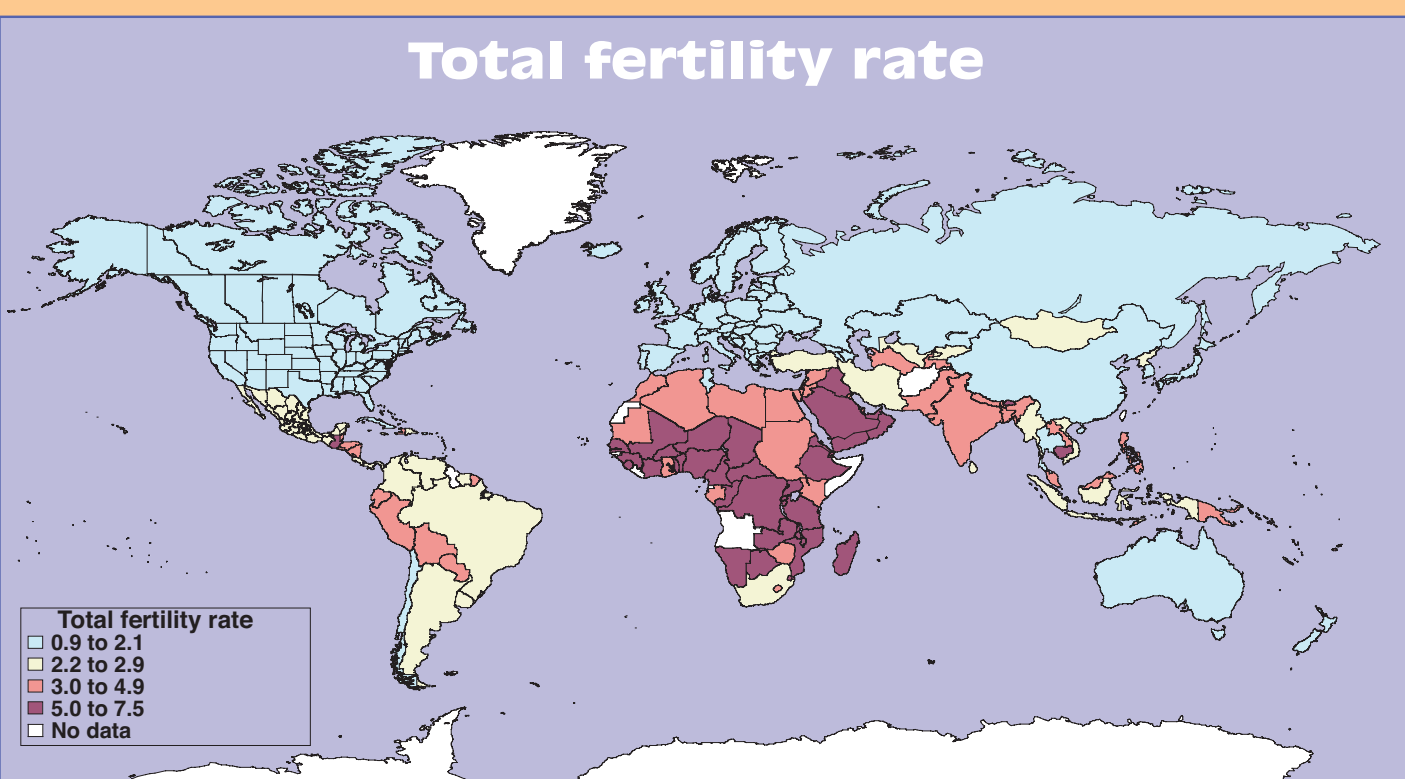
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Table with columns for Country or area, Year, Total fertility rate (per woman), Age-specific fertility rate (per 1,000 women), Total fertility rate (per woman), Age-specific fertility rate (per 1,000 women), Mean age at child-bearing, and Mean age at child-bearing. It lists data for numerous countries and regions across various years.

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Notes: The data presented in this chart are for countries whose population in 2000 was greater than 100,000. The data come from censuses, surveys and civil registration and are contained in databases maintained: (1) by the Population Division and the Statistics Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations and (2) by the United States Bureau of the Census.

The total fertility rate is the average number of children that would be born per woman if all women lived to the end of their childbearing years and bore children according to the age-specific fertility rates observed in a given period. The age-specific fertility rate is the annual number of births to women in a particular age group per 1,000 women in that age group. The mean age at childbearing is the mean age of mothers at the birth of their children if women were subject throughout their lives to the age-specific fertility rates observed in a given period. It is computed as the sum of age-specific fertility rates weighted by the midpoint of each age group.

The term "country" refers also to territories or areas, irrespective of their legal status or the delimitation of their frontiers or boundaries. The fertility indicators for major areas and sub-regions are weighted averages (using the number of women in corresponding age groups as weights) based on the number of countries for which data are available.

Two dots (..) indicate that data are not available.

- a Median year for the major areas and regions.
b For 1973, excluding the three southern regions.
c For 1997, excluding the State of Tripura.
d Data pertain to nationals of the country.
e Excluding Transnistria and south Tighina (Bender).
f The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

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