SSA/Trustees Reports Fertility Projections

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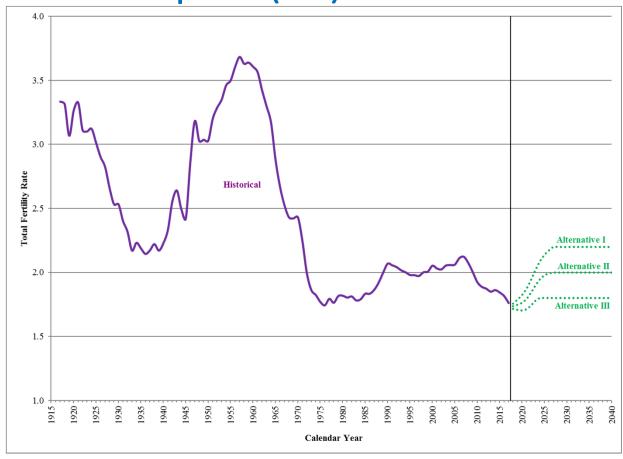
Overview of SSA/Trustees Report Projections

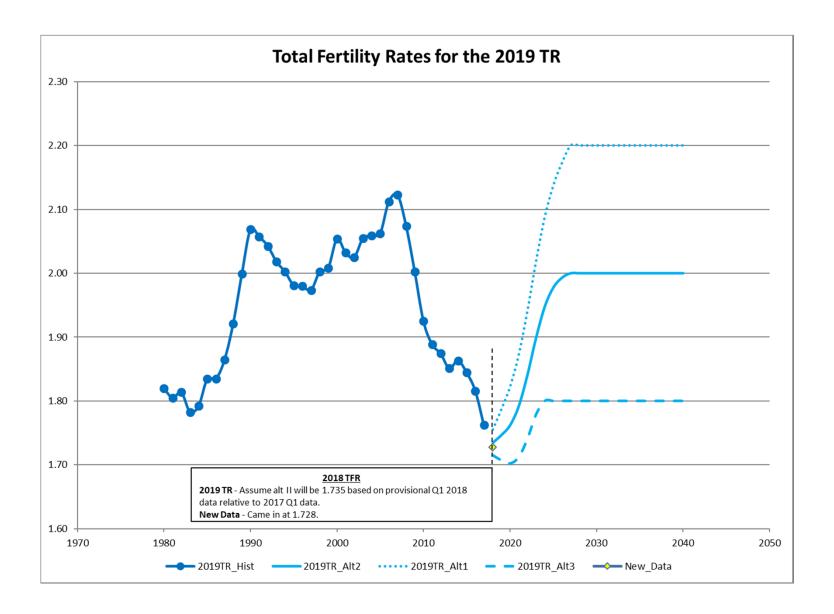
- Objective: assess the actuarial status of the Trust Funds as required by law
 - Ability to pay scheduled benefits with scheduled revenue
 - Shortfall, if any, over the long-range (75 years) and after reserve depletion
 - Baseline is current law
- Actuarial model reflecting the population in the Social Security coverage area
 - U.S. population and workforce, authorized and unauthorized, and abroad
 - Earnings in the economy, and those covered and taxable
 - Workers insured for benefit coverage, and numbers becoming entitled
 - Average benefit levels by type of benefit and duration since becoming entitled
 - Accumulation of starting reserves, income, and outgo for trust fund reserve status
- Demographic assumptions shape the age distribution for the future
 - Birth rates are most critical factor for age distribution

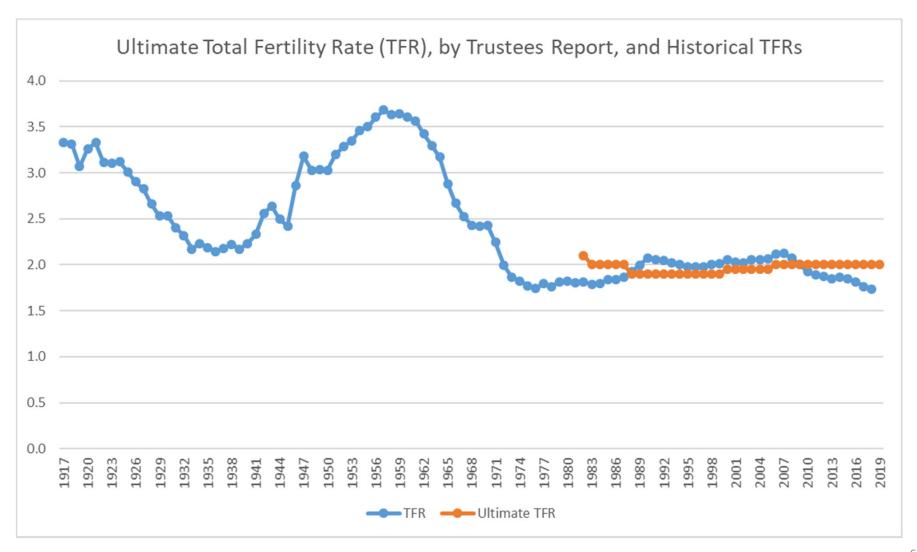
Birth Data Background

- Age-specific central birth rates
 - Births during the year to mothers at the specified age divided by the midyear female population at that age
 - Births from National Center for Health Statistics
 - Resident population from Census Bureau
- Total fertility rate (TFR)
 - Sum of the age-specific central birth rates during the year
 - Can be interpreted as the average number of children that would be born to a
 woman if she were to experience, at each age of her life, the birth rate
 observed in, or assumed for, a specified year, and if she were to survive the
 entire childbearing period

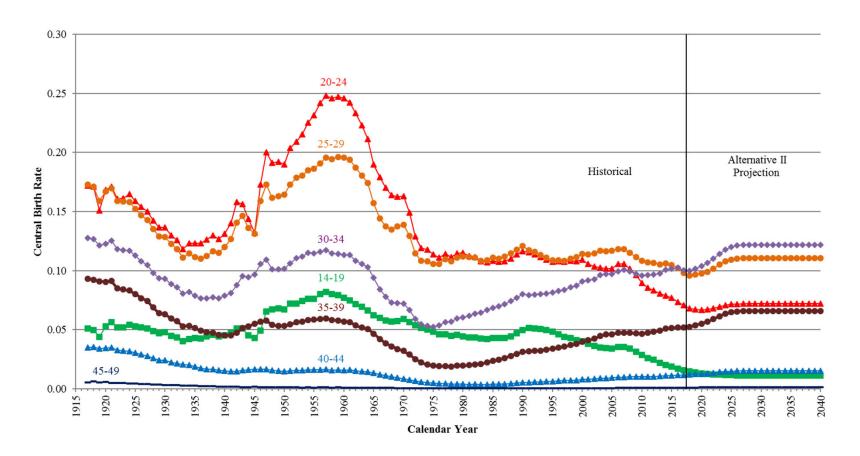
Total Fertility Rate, Historical and Projected, 2019 Trustees Report (TR)



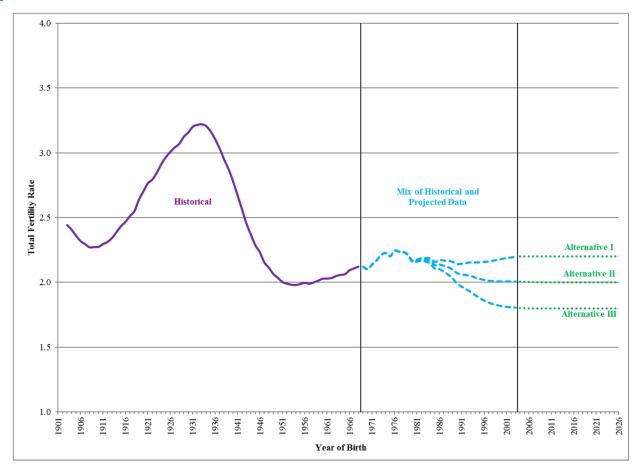




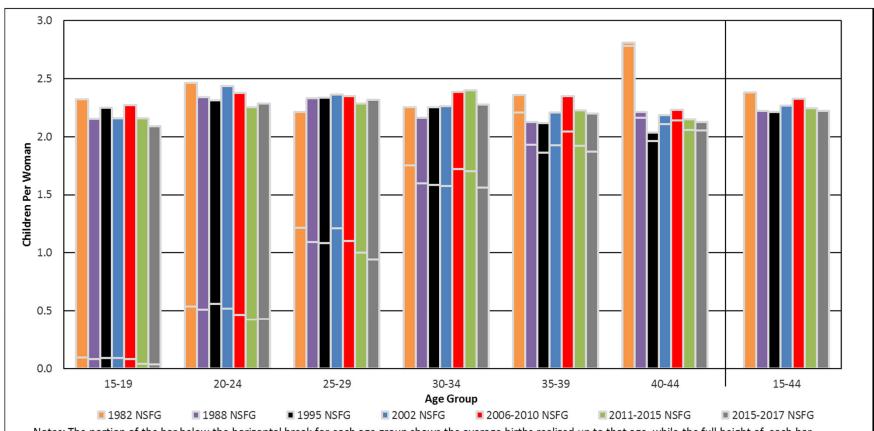
Central Birth Rates, 5-Year Age Groups, 2019 TR



Cohort Total Fertility Rate, Historical and Projected, 2019 TR

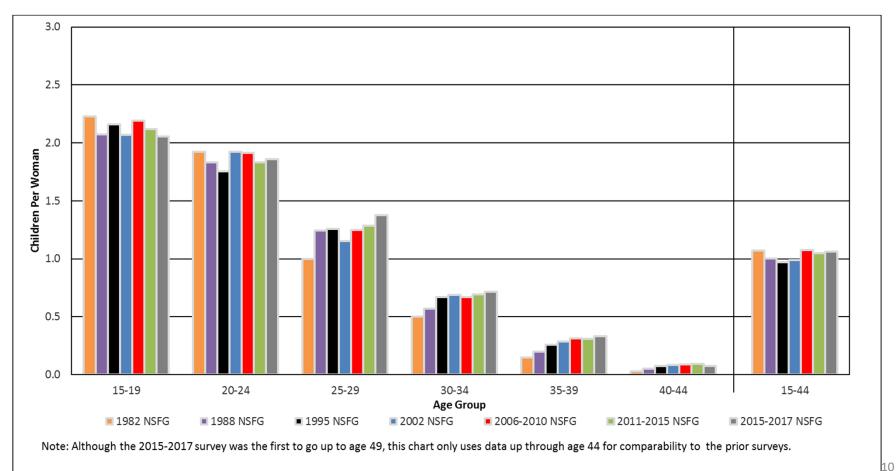


Fertility Expectations

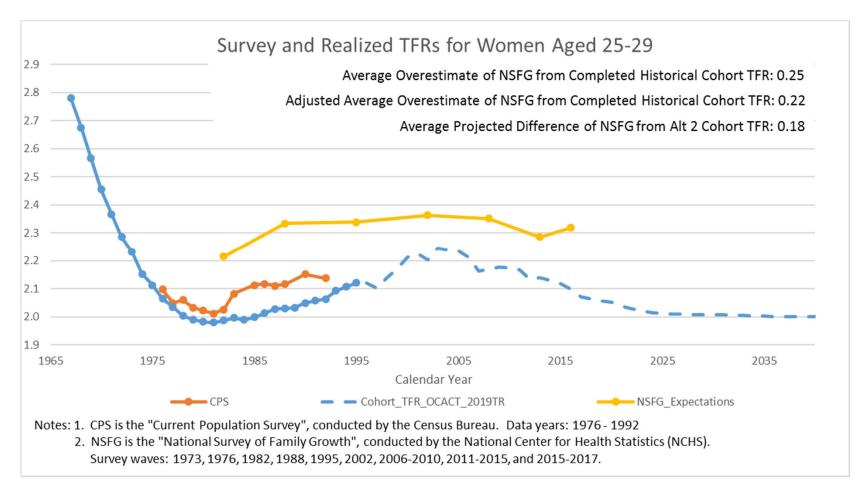


Notes: The portion of the bar below the horizontal break for each age group shows the average births realized up to that age, while the full height of each bar indicates the average of total births expected at that age. In addition, although the 2015-2017 survey was the first to go up to age 49, this chart only uses data up through age 44 for comparability to the prior surveys.

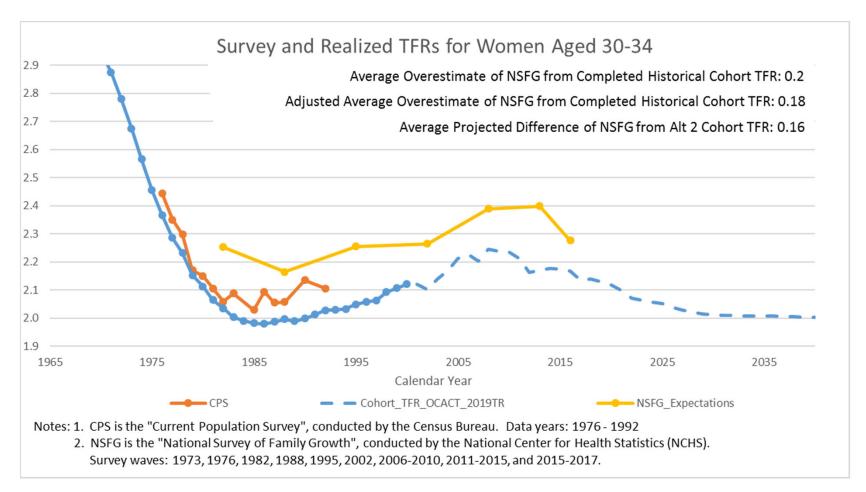
Future Expected Additional Births Only

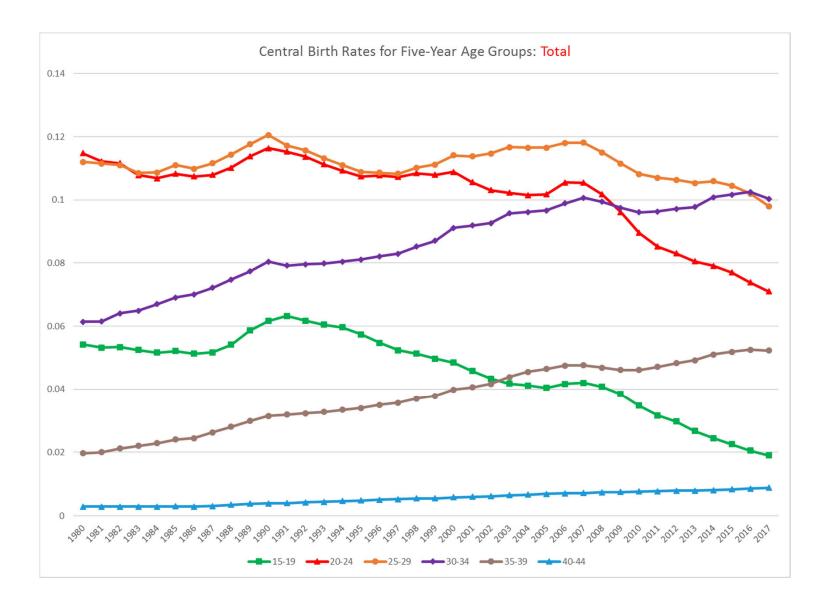


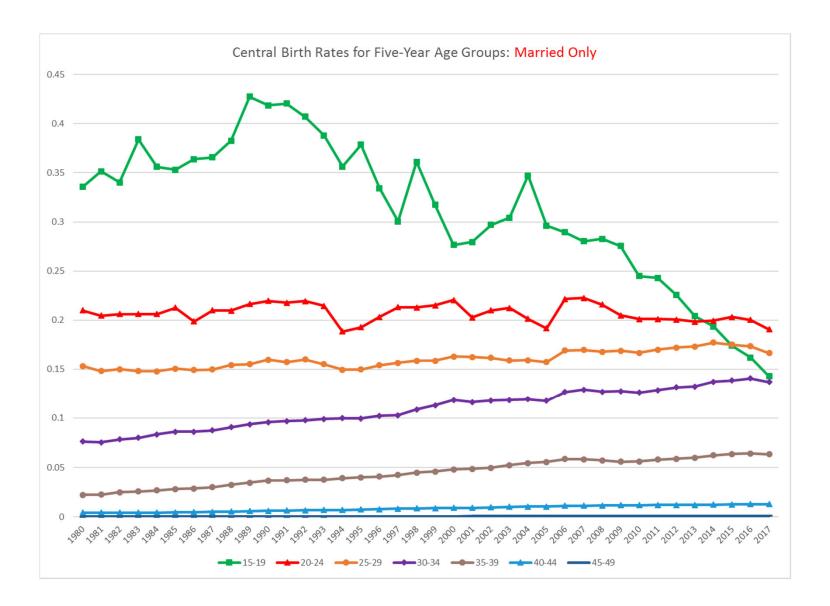
Compare to Cohort TFR (25-29)

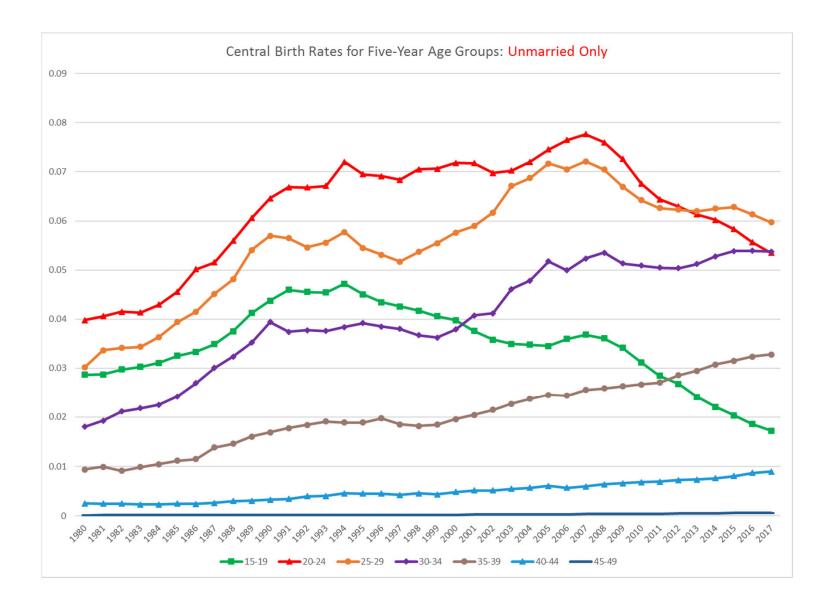


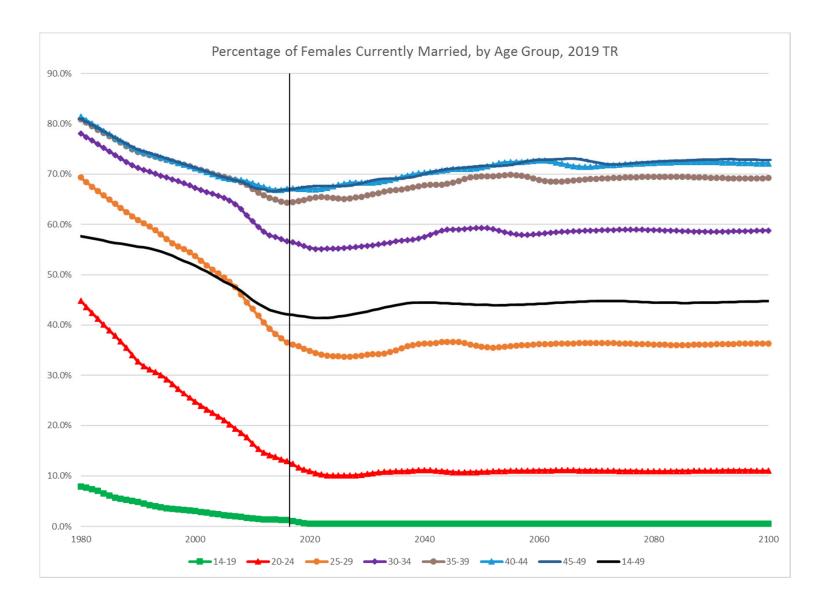
Compare to Cohort TFR (30-34)







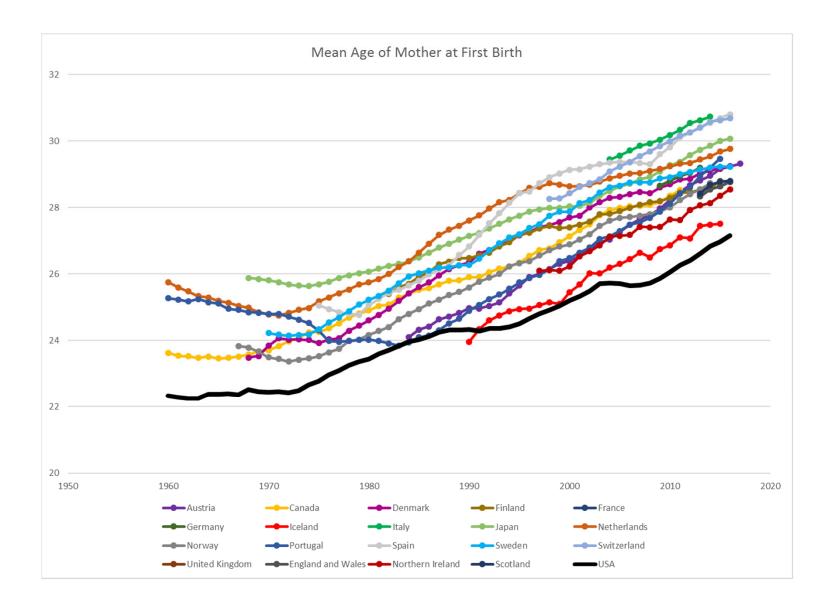




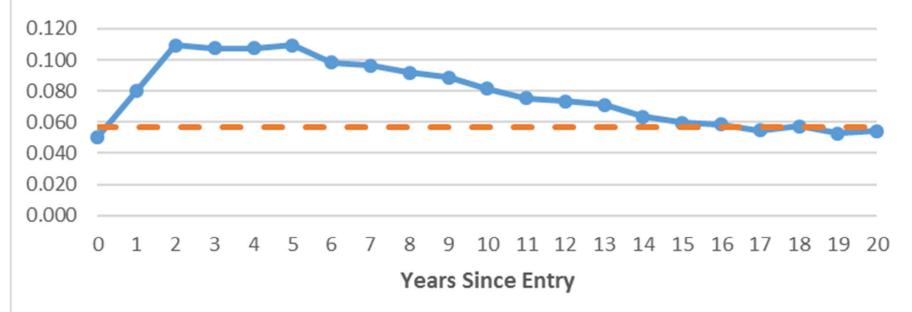
Historical Total Fertility Rates, by Country

Country	1980	1985	1990	1995	2000	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Most Recent TFR	Latest 10-Year Change
Australia	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.9	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	-0.1
Austria	1.7	1.5	1.5	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	0.1
Belgium	1.7	1.5	1.6	1.5	1.6	1.7	1.8	1.8	1.9	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	-0.1
Canada	1.7	1.6	1.7	1.6	1.5	1.5	1.6	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.5	1.5	-0.1
China	2.6	2.7	2.4	1.6	1.5	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	0.0
Denmark	1.5	1.4	1.7	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.9	1.8	1.9	1.8	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.8	1.8	0.0
Finland	1.6	1.6	1.8	1.8	1.7	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.7	1.7	1.6	1.6	-0.2
France	1.9	1.8	1.8	1.7	1.9	1.9	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	1.9	1.9	1.9	-0.1
Germany	1.6	1.4	1.5	1.2	1.4	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.5	1.5	1.6	1.6	0.3
Greece	2.2	1.7	1.4	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.4	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.4	0.0
India	4.8	4.5	4.0	3.7	3.3	3.0	2.9	2.8	2.7	2.7	2.6	2.5	2.5	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.3	2.3	-0.6
Ireland	3.2	2.5	2.1	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	2.0	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	1.9	1.9	1.9	0.0
Italy	1.7	1.4	1.4	1.2	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.3	1.3	-0.1
Japan	1.8	1.8	1.5	1.4	1.4	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.5	1.4	1.4	0.1
Mexico	4.7	3.9	3.4	3.0	2.6	2.5	2.4	2.4	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	-0.2
Netherlands	1.6	1.5	1.6	1.5	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	0.0
New Zealand	2.0	1.9	2.2	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.2	2.2	2.1	2.2	2.1	2.1	2.0	1.9	2.0	1.9	1.9	-0.1
Norway	1.7	1.7	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.8	1.9	1.9	2.0	2.0	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.8	1.8	1.7	1.7	1.7	-0.2
Portugal	2.2	1.7	1.6	1.4	1.6	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.4	0.0
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Sweden	1.7	1.7	2.1	1.7	1.5	1.8	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	2.0	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	0.0
Switzerland	1.6	1.5	1.6	1.5	1.5	1.4	1.4	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	0.1
United Kingdom	1.9	1.8	1.8	1.7	1.6	1.8	1.8	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	0.0
United States	1.8	1.8	2.1	2.0	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.0	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.8	1.8	1.8	-0.3

Source: United States: Social Security Administration Office of the Chief Actuary calculations based on data from the National Center for Health Statistics and the Census Bureau Other countries: Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development website at: https://data.oecd.org/pop/fertility-rates.htm







 The rate for women that are native born, or are foreign born and have entered over 20 years ago

