

+ 2026 World Cup Countries' Macro- Demographics

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Introduction

Sharing multidimensional aspects of the countries competing starting on the 11th June 2026. This chart-book based report highlights the **changing macro-demographics of the 48 countries** that have qualified for the 2026 FIFA men's Football World Cup. It is a *historical first in terms of the number of countries* in the World Cup, to be held in venues across Canada, Mexico and the USA over 11 June – 19 July, 2026. We spotlight the changes in core demographics and economic variables for each country. We also include a few qualitative societal progress and governance variables too. This provides insights into the underlying macro-demographics as they affect *growth, debt sustainability, asset prices and pensions as shown in previous research summarised in the book*¹. Implications for asset allocations and risks follow from those too. This report provides macro-demographic colour on the countries participating in the World Cup, this *background helps with underlying knowledge for policy implementation and investments*. We do not predict success or failure of countries on the football field.

Over the last twenty-six years, I have adopted a Peter Drucker inspired broader perspective of demographics, while being critical of standard myopic and misleading characterisations of demographics as being age-related only. In my view demographics is about “**people characteristics**”. From an economic or market standpoint, the characteristics that matter are those as **consumers** (from birth until death) and **workers** (over our working life). Consumers and workers are changing, leading to historically unprecedented challenges to growth, welfare, policies, theories and societies. From a World Cup perspective, we shed light on the participating countries which contain the **consumers of sports entertainment** (the fans and citizens) and **workers too** that work as players/playing staff representing their country on the world stage to provide that entertainment.

The 48 countries in the largest-ever men's World Cup Finals this year are alphabetically ordered as: Algeria, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Brazil, Cabo Verde, Canada, Colombia, Congo DR, Cote d'Ivoire, Croatia, Curacao, Czechia, Ecuador, Egypt, England, France, Germany, Ghana, Haiti, Iran, Iraq, Japan, Jordan, Mexico, Morocco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Panama, Paraguay, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Saudi Arabia, Scotland, Senegal, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Tunisia, Turkey, Uruguay, USA and Uzbekistan.

We illustrate and briefly discuss the evolution of core demographic and economic variables over 45-years for each country, and cross-country comparisons. The demographic data are based on UN classifications and economics data on those from UN/ILO/IMF. We present below the **highs and lows** of select demographic and economic indicators across the 48 countries:

2025 Nominal GDP per capita in USD: Switzerland (115620 USD), Congo DR (871 USD)

Population growth: Congo DR (3.26 % p.a.), Spain (0.02% p.a.)

Life Expectancy at Birth: Japan (84.7 years), Congo DR (61.9 years)

Fertility rates: Congo DR (6.05 births per woman), Republic of Korea (0.72 births per woman)

Old age dependency ratios: Japan 50.3, Qatar (1.9 lowest), Cote d'Ivoire (4.6 2nd lowest)

¹A. Roy, “Demographics Unravelled (2022)”, Wiley Finance

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Changing Demographics of the World Cup 2026 Countries

The 2026 Football (read “soccer” if in the US) men’s World Cup to be contested among 48 countries across seven regions is one of the most followed sports events every four years. This 23rd men’s World Cup is the largest to feature 1248 players across 48 national squads. The men’s World Cup Finals are now contested among 48 countries instead of the 32 which competed for the honours in 2022. The competitors range from a whole range of countries, rich to poor, young to old, developed to developing in regions from the following: 1. Africa 2. Europe 3. Asia 4. Middle-East 5. North America, Central America & Caribbean 6. Oceania and 7. South America.

The list of 48 countries in the 2026 World Cup Finals (in alphabetical order) are:

Algeria, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Brazil, Cape Verde, Canada, Colombia, Congo DR, Cote d’Ivoire, Croatia, Curacao, Czechia, Ecuador, Egypt, England, France, Germany, Ghana, Haiti, Iran, Iraq, Japan, Jordan, Mexico, Morocco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Panama, Paraguay, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Saudi Arabia, Scotland, Senegal, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Tunisia, Turkey, Uruguay, USA and Uzbekistan.

To keep things simple, we present a snapshot of each country’s demographic profile focusing on core demographic and economic variables over 1980- 2025. The representation by regions has created a greater parity of representation across regions.

Also, as we rely on the UN for the core data, instead of the data for England and Scotland, we use the overall aggregate for UK. We appreciate that this may be less than ideal but it facilitates better cross-country comparisons. IMF does not publish economic data for Curacao and also the ILO data is sparse, so data may not be comparable for that country.

The core demographic and economic variables that we choose to present for each country are:

- Population (000s of numbers) and Population growth per annum
- Total Fertility rate (children per woman of child-bearing age)
- Life expectancy at birth
- Old-age dependency ratio (no. of old people aged 65+ years for 100 people of child-bearing age)
- Age distribution of the population represented by population pyramids: 2025
- GDP growth and GDP per capita (real USD), inflation, Exchange rates, Debt ratio

The additional qualitative variables that we include are:

- Human Development Index score and rank
- Gender Inequality Index score and rank
- Corruption perception Index score and rank
- Sustainability Score and rank

We also present comparisons of current levels of net migration rates across the countries. The increasingly globalized world and movement of people across boundaries has led to a changed mix of players representing countries in sports over the last few decades.

In this report, we present the core demographic and economic indicators in terms of ranks to facilitate comparisons across the 48 countries at a glance. Then we present five sections with tables and charts on a page for each country. We present below a short description of how to read and interpret the charts for each country.

A guide to the country-specific charts

Apart from the flag on the right, we present the number of men's World Cup appearances along with the latest FIFA ranking. In addition, we show how many members of the current squad play in foreign football leagues - a measure of commercialisation of the game as well as globalisation. The first chart on Core Demographic Variables: In keeping with the spirit of our report, this chart shows the changing demographics of a country for six indicators over 2000-2025. For each country the layout includes three tables (one each for demographics, economics and qualitative indicators)

First section, demographic core Indicators show the following characteristics:

- a. Population (in millions) how that has changed. For **Algeria** (first country in alphabetical order), the population has **increased** from 18.61 m people to 46.16 m people over 1980 to 2023.
- b. Population growth: The growth rate (Algeria) **slowed** from 3.19 % p.a. (1980) to 1.44% p.a. (2023).
- c. Total Fertility rate (children per woman of child-bearing age): the fertility rate for Algeria **decreased** from 6.99 (1980) to 10.12 (2023)
- d. Old-age dependency ratio: reflects the number of 65+ people per 100 working age population. The old-age dependency ratio **increased slightly** from 6.45 (1980) to 10.12 (2023) in Algeria.
- e. Life expectancy in years: This indicator reflects the **increased** longevity of the average person in Algeria, from 54.5 years in 1980 to 76.3 years in 2023.
- f. Median age (years): **Increased** from 15.5 years in 1980 to 28.2 years in Algeria in 2023

The second section represents the changing **age distribution of the population** with both the male and female age distribution - indicating how many males and females belong to each 5-year age group of the age distribution. The increased life expectancy is reflected in the changing shape of the population pyramids (flattening of pyramid).

The third chart, shows the **labour force participation rates** across both men and women. We emphasize the labour force participation rate gaps (males less females) as an indicator of gender disparity in the work place. In Algeria, the gap is lower than in 1990, but still quite high and correlates with its fertility rate being nearly 3 children per woman.

The fourth chart, presents the **core economic variables** at an aggregate basis GDP per capita adjusted the growth rates of real GDP and inflation as well as debt ratios.

The next part of the report presents selected variables on a cross-country comparison basis. Exhibit 1 presents the differences across the countries in terms of GDP per capita. Exhibit 2 presents population growth rates with some countries having negative population growth rates, i.e., decreasing populations. Exhibit 3 presents net migration rate differences across the 32 countries. Net migration is defined as number of immigrants less the number of emigrants per 1000 population. Immigrant players contribute to clubs' success, their own livelihoods and making sport popular in their country and beyond.

Beyond GDP, how do countries rank overall? This is important as it governs institutions and overall development. Economics Nobel laureates¹ accepted that lack of attention by macroeconomists to sociological, historical and other qualitative measures contributed to the Global Financial Crisis. Contribution of institutions to growth and development was researched by three MIT scholars who won the Nobel prize too. Governance and Behaviour are today cornerstones of modern investment and finance.

¹“Animal Spirits” by George Akerlof and Robert J Shiller

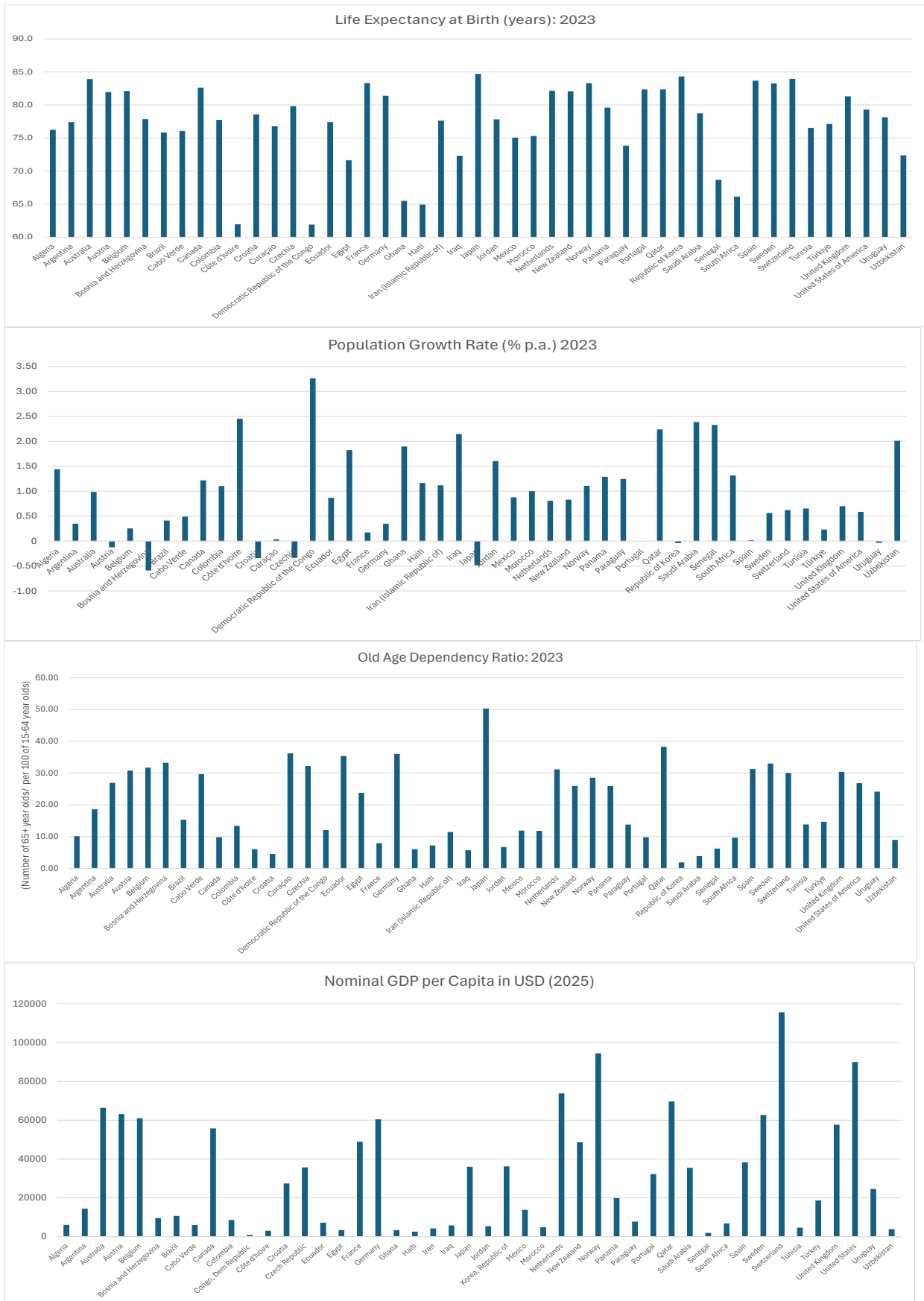
The next Table displays the qualitative indicators that affect growth, investments, equality and rule of law.

How good are countries OVERALL? On Gender Equality, Quality Of Life, Corruption and SDG progress								
Country	Gender Inequality Index		Human Development Index		Corruption Perception Index		Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Progress	
	GII Score	GII Rank	HDI Score	HDI rank	CPI Score	CPI Rank	SDG Score	SDG Rank
Algeria	0.443	114	0.763	96	34	109	70.07	79
Argentina	0.264	70	0.865	47	36	109	74.84	46
Australia	0.056	20	0.958	7	76	12	77.88	36
Austria	0.033	10	0.930	22	69	21	83.01	6
Belgium	0.031	8	0.951	10	69	21	80.67	18
Bosnia & Herzegovina	0.157	43	0.804	74	34	109	73.75	57
Brazil	0.390	96	0.788	84	35	109	73.81	54
Cabo Verde	0.298	77	0.668	135	62	35	67.28	95
Canada	0.052	18	0.939	16	75	16	79.17	25
Colombia	0.393	98	0.788	83	37	99	70.46	75
Congo DR	0.604	162	0.522	171	20	163	48.24	162
Cote d'Ivoire	0.589	159	0.582	157	43	76	63.16	119
Croatia	0.074	25	0.889	41	47	63	82.39	8
Curacao	Not reported by international sources cited below.							
Czechia	0.088	32	0.915	29	59	39	81.94	10
Ecuador	0.358	88	0.777	88	33	116	70.09	78
Egypt	0.398	101	0.754	100	30	130	68.09	91
England	0.083	31	0.946	13	70	20	81.85	11
France	0.034	11	0.920	26	66	27	83.14	5
Germany	0.057	21	0.959	5	77	10	83.67	4
Ghana	0.514	138	0.628	143	43	76	63.13	120
Haiti	0.618	165	0.554	166	16	169	52.55	156
Iran	0.482	123	0.799	75	23	153	69.56	83
Iraq	0.558	148	0.695	126	28	136	63.94	113
Japan	0.059	22	0.925	23	71	18	80.66	19
Jordan	0.433	111	0.754	100	50	56	70.99	71
Mexico	0.358	88	0.789	81	27	141	70.8	72
Morocco	0.438	113	0.710	120	39	91	71.68	68
Netherlands	0.013	5	0.955	8	78	8	79.98	23
New Zealand	0.082	30	0.938	17	81	4	78.96	28
Norway	0.004	2	0.970	2	81	4	82.72	7
Panama	0.374	94	0.839	59	33	116	68.17	89
Paraguay	0.412	104	0.756	99	24	150	68.13	90
Portugal	0.076	26	0.890	40	56	46	80.64	20
Qatar	0.195	52	0.886	43	58	41	65.09	107
Republic of Korea	0.038	12	0.937	20	63	31	78.12	34
Saudi Arabia	0.228	61	0.900	37	57	45	65.19	105
Scotland	0.083	31	0.946	13	70	20	81.85	11
Senegal	0.490	127	0.530	169	46	65	63.51	117
South Africa	0.388	95	0.741	106	41	81	64.11	111
Spain	0.043	15	0.918	28	55	49	81.04	14
Sweden	0.007	3	0.959	5	80	6	85.74	2
Switzerland	0.010	4	0.970	2	80	6	79.16	26
Tunisia	0.238	62	0.746	105	39	91	72	66
Turkey	0.227	59	0.853	51	31	124	70.61	73
Uruguay	0.218	56	0.862	48	73	17	77.4	38
USA	0.169	45	0.938	17	64	29	75.19	11
Uzbekistan	0.291	74	0.740	107	31	124	73.08	62

Source: UN HDR, SDG Centre, Transparency International

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Cross-Country Comparisons—Select indicators



We present the relative ranks of few indicators versus the FIFA rankings - differences in rankings reflect different dynamics underlying these variables.

World Cup 2026 Countries Rank differently to their FIFA rankings on other indicators				
	FIFA Rank	GDP per capita rank	Life Exp rank	Total Fertility Rate rank
Algeria	26	35	34	7
Argentina	3	27	29	32
Australia	24	6	4	24
Austria	21	7	15	44
Belgium	9	9	13	42
Bosnia & Herzegovina	43	30	25	33
Brazil	6	29	36	27
Cabo Verde	44	38	35	30
Canada	27	13	9	43
Colombia	12	31	27	22
Congo DR	36	48	48	1
Cote d'Ivoire	30	45	47	2
Croatia	11	22	23	34
Curacao	47	24	32	47
Czechia	33	19	19	35
Ecuador	22	33	30	18
Egypt	25	43	42	8
England	4	11	17	28
France	1	14	6	23
Germany	10	10	16	36
Ghana	45	44	45	5
Haiti	46	47	46	9
Iran	19	37	28	20
Iraq	39	41	41	6
Japan	17	18	1	46
Jordan	42	38	26	10
Mexico	14	28	38	16
Morocco	8	39	37	13
Netherlands	7	4	12	38
New Zealand	48	15	14	21
Norway	28	2	7	41
Panama	29	25	20	15
Paraguay	32	32	39	11
Portugal	5	21	11	31
Qatar	38	5	10	19
Republic of Korea	23	17	2	48
Saudi Arabia	41	20	22	12
Scotland	34	11	17	28
Senegal	13	47	43	3
South Africa	40	34	44	14
Spain	2	16	5	45
Sweden	31	8	8	39
Switzerland	18	1	3	37
Tunisia	35	40	33	17
Turkey	20	26	31	25
Uruguay	16	23	24	40
USA	15	3	21	26
Uzbekistan	37	42	40	4

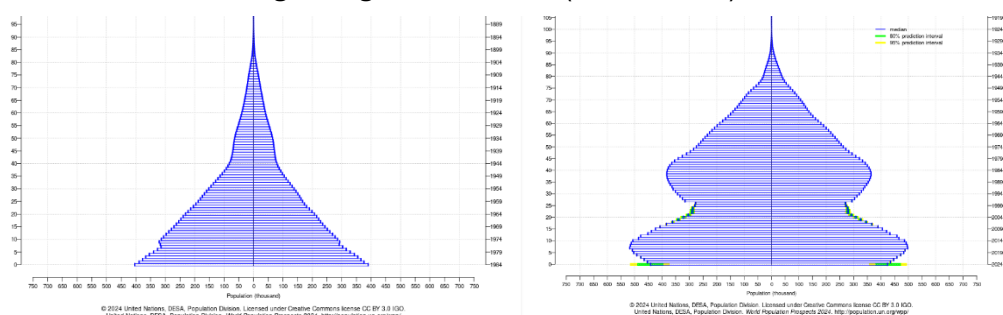
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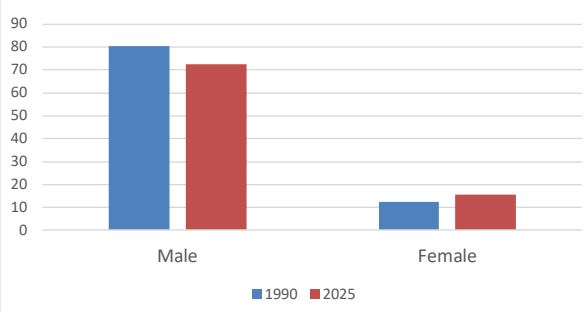
No of WC appearances 5
 FIFA Ranking: 29; Confederation: CAF
 No of professional players/No. of professional clubs: 549/32.
 Average squad age/ number of players under 23 years: 26.46 years / 5
 Source: FIFA www.fifa.com, Wikimedia, RotoWire

Algeria: Core Demographic Indicators						
Years	Total Population, as of 1 January (thousands)	Median Age, as of 1 July (years)	Population Growth Rate (percentage)	Total Fertility Rate (live births per woman)	Life Expectancy at Birth, both sexes (years)	Old Age Dependency Ratio (pers 65+/pers 15-64)
1980	18607.2	15.49	3.19	6.99	54.51	6.45
2000	30903.9	20.77	1.39	2.59	70.58	7.08
2023	46164.2	28.19	1.44	2.77	76.26	10.12

Algeria Age Distributions (1980 & 2025)



Algeria: Labour Force Participation Rate



Algeria--Core Economic Variables, 2000, 2025, 2031 (fc)						
Year	Real GDP growth rate	GDP per capita, current prices, USD	Exchange Rate, LCU per USD	Gross national savings, Percent of GDP	Consumer price index (CPI), End-of-year, change	Gross General Debt as share of GDP
	percent	USD	LCU per USD	percent	percent	percent
2000	3.8	1947.8	75.32	37.1	0.3	53.4
2025	3.8	6046.9	131.43	39.3	1.4	54.1
2031 (fc)	2.6	6450.8	164.96	39.6	3.3	85.9

Sources: UNPD, ILO, IMF

Argentina



No of WC appearances 19

FIFA Ranking: 3; Confederation: CONMEBOL

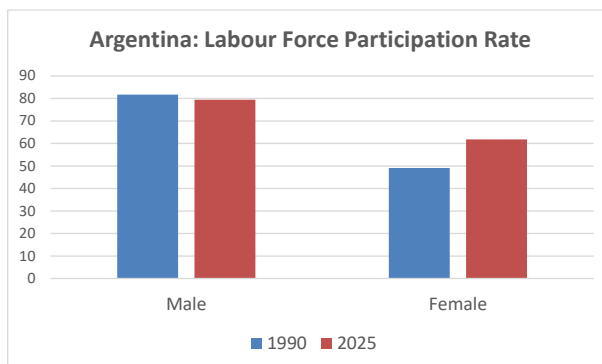
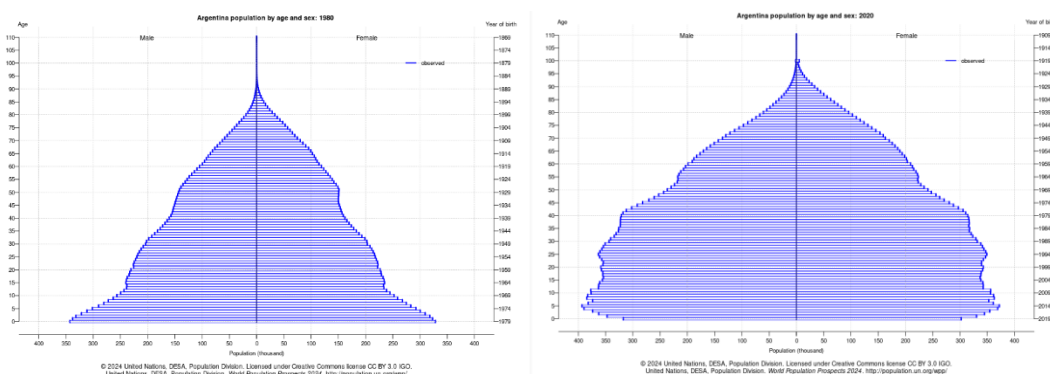
No of professional players/No. of professional clubs: 3613/18

Average squad age/ number of players under 23 years: 28.62 years / 2

Source: FIFA www.fifa.com, Wikimedia, RotoWire

Argentina: Core Demographic Indicators						
Years	Total Population, as of 1 January (thousands)	Median Age, as of 1 July (years)	Population Growth Rate (percentage)	Total Fertility Rate (live births per woman)	Life Expectancy at Birth, both sexes (years)	Old Age Dependency Ratio (pers 65+/pers15-64)
1980	28011.6	26.0	1.6	3.3	68.6	12.5
2000	37214.0	26.8	1.1	2.6	73.9	15.5
2023	45538.4	32.1	0.3	1.5	77.4	18.6

Argentina Age Distributions (1980 & 2025)



Argentina--Core Economic Variables, 2000, 2025, 2031 (fc)						
	Real GDP growth rate	GDP per capita, current prices,	Exchange Rate,	Gross national savings, Percent of GDP	Consumer price index (CPI), End-of-year, change	Gross General Debt as share of GDP
Year	percent	USD	LCU per USD	percent	percent	percent
2000	3.8	1947.8	1.00	37.1	0.3	53.4
2025	3.8	6046.9	1243.79	39.3	1.4	54.1
2031 (fc)	2.6	6450.8	2478.33	39.6	3.3	85.9

Sources: UNPD, ILO, IMF

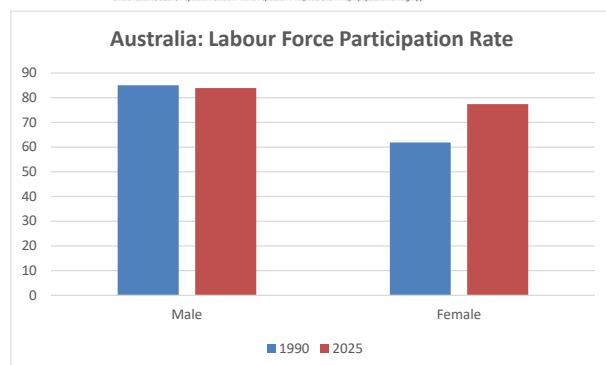
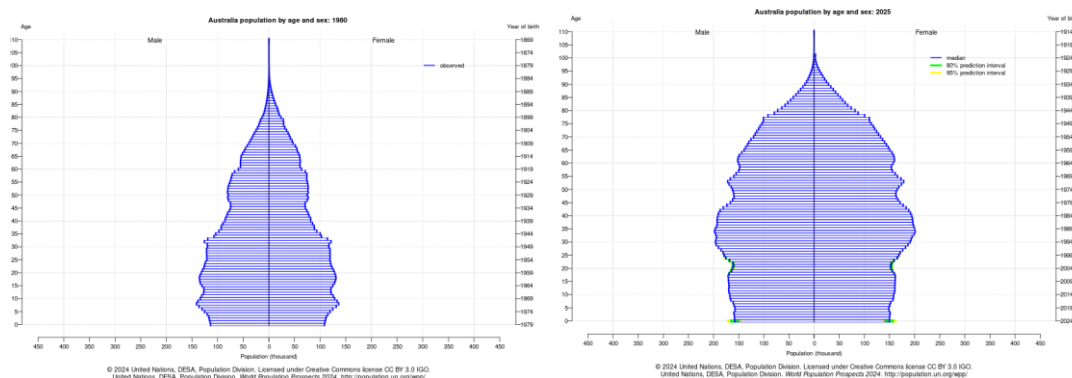
Australia



No of WC appearances 7
 FIFA Ranking: 27; Confederation: AFC
 No of professional players/No. of professional clubs: 1597/12
 Average squad age/ number of players under 23 years: 26.88 years/ 4
 Source: FIFA www.fifa.com, Wikimedia, RotoWire

Australia: Core Demographic Indicators						
Years	Total Population, as of 1 January (thousands)	Median Age, as of 1 July (years)	Population Growth Rate (percentage)	Total Fertility Rate (live births per woman)	Life Expectancy at Birth, both sexes (years)	Old Age Dependency Ratio (pers 65+/pers 15-64)
1980	14721.3	28.4	1.4	1.9	74.6	14.7
2000	19132.5	34.4	1.2	1.8	79.6	18.4
2023	26451.1	37.8	1.0	1.6	83.9	26.9

Australia Age Distributions (1980 & 2025)



Australia--Core Economic Variables, 2000, 2025, 2031 (fc)						
	Real GDP growth rate	GDP per capita, current prices, USD	Exchange Rate, LCU per USD	Gross national savings, Percent of GDP	Consumer price index (CPI), End-of-year, change	Gross General Debt as share of GDP
Year	percent	USD	LCU per USD	percent	percent	percent
2000	-0.8	8638.5	1.72	12.5	5.8	40.8
2025	4.4	14355.0	1.55	13.2	3.7	80.3
2031 (fc)	3.0	17423.6	1.44	20.2	2.4	52.2

Sources: UNPD, ILO, IMF

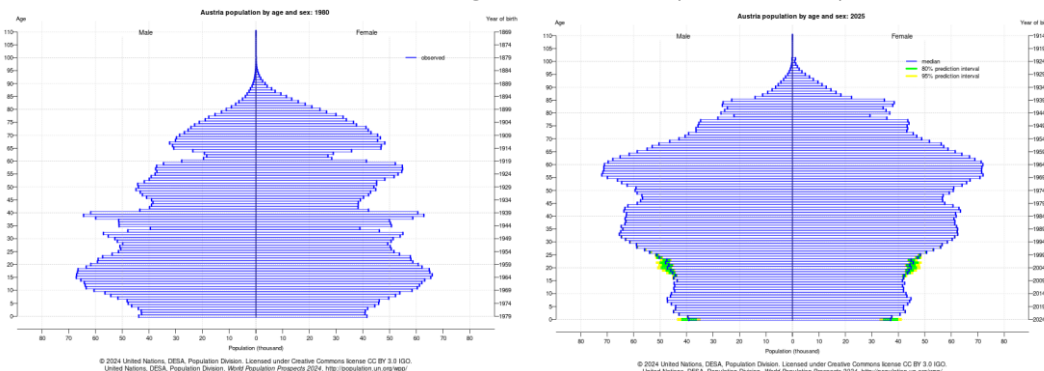
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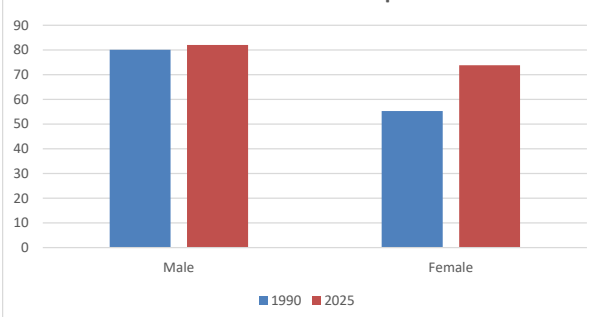
No of WC appearances 8
 FIFA Ranking: 23; Confederation: UEFA
 No of professional players/No. of professional clubs:814/28
 Average squad age/ number of players under 23 years: 28.12 years / 2
 Source: FIFA www.fifa.com, Wikimedia, RotoWire

Austria: Core Demographic Indicators						
Years	Total Population, as of 1 January (thousands)	Median Age, as of 1 July (years)	Population Growth Rate (percentage)	Total Fertility Rate (live births per woman)	Life Expectancy at Birth, both sexes (years)	Old Age Dependency Ratio (pers 65+/pers 15-64)
1980	7,548.4	33.6	1.0	1.6	72.7	24.0
2000	8,012.9	37.1	0.1	1.7	78.2	22.9
2023	9,130.4	43.1	0.2	1.4	82.0	30.8

Austria Age Distributions (1980 & 2025)



Austria: Labour Force Participation Rate



Austria--Core Economic Variables, 2000, 2025, 2031 (fc)						
Year	Real GDP growth rate	GDP per capita, current prices, USD	Exchange Rate, LCU per USD	Gross national savings, Percent of GDP	Consumer price index (CPI), End-of-year, change	Gross General Debt as share of GDP
	percent	USD	LCU per USD	percent	percent	percent
2000	3.2	24498.1	1.08	25.2	1.8	66.1
2025	0.6	63161.4	0.89	24.7	3.8	80.5
2031 (fc)	0.8	77918.1	0.85	26.4	2.1	86.4

Sources: UNPD, ILO, IMF

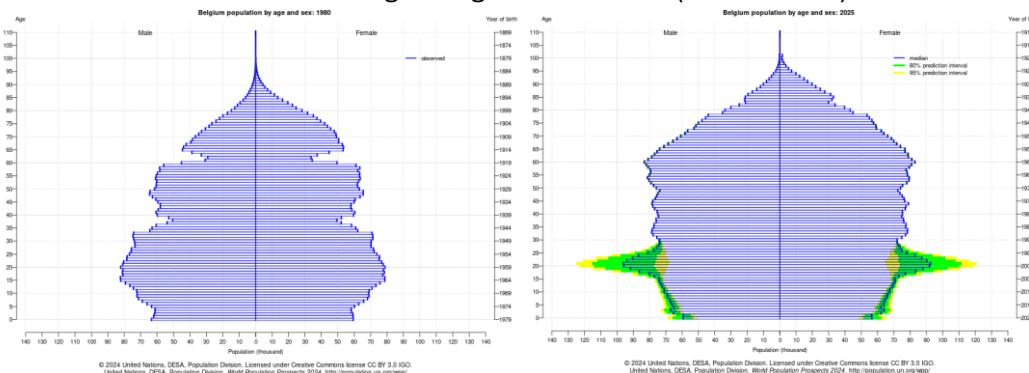
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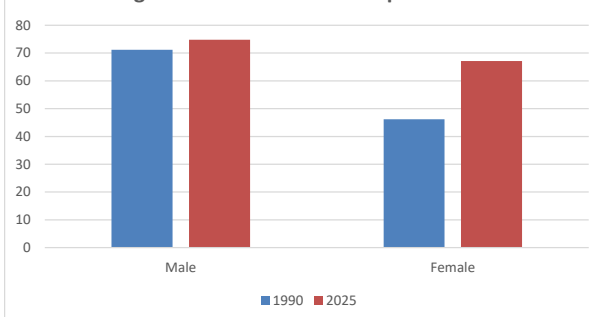
No of WC appearances 15
 FIFA Ranking: 9; Confederation: UEFA
 No of professional players/No. of professional clubs:1491/28
 Average squad age/ number of players under 23 years: 27.12 years / 4
 Source: FIFA www.fifa.com, Wikimedia, RotoWire

Belgium: Core Demographic Indicators						
Years	Total Population, as of 1 January (thousands)	Median Age, as of 1 July (years)	Population Growth Rate (percentage)	Total Fertility Rate (live births per woman)	Life Expectancy at Birth, both sexes (years)	Old Age Dependency Ratio (pers 65+/pers15-64)
1980	9,833.1	33.1	0.2	1.7	73.2	22.1
2000	10,251.7	37.9	0.2	1.7	77.8	25.6
2023	11,712.9	41.4	0.3	1.4	82.1	31.7

Belgium Age Distributions (1980 & 2025)



Belgium: Labour Force Participation Chart



Belgium--Core Economic Variables, 2000, 2025, 2031 (fc)						
Year	Real GDP growth rate <i>percent</i>	GDP per capita, current prices, <i>USD</i>	Exchange Rate, <i>LCU per USD</i>	Gross national savings, Percent of GDP <i>percent</i>	Consumer price index (CPI), End-of-year, change <i>percent</i>	Gross General Debt as share of GDP <i>percent</i>
2000	3.7	23136.5	1.08	26.2	3.0	109.6
2025	1.0	61002.0	0.89	23.5	2.2	106.3
2031 (fc)	1.3	73356.5	0.85	24.3	2.3	122.3

Sources: UNPD, ILO, IMF

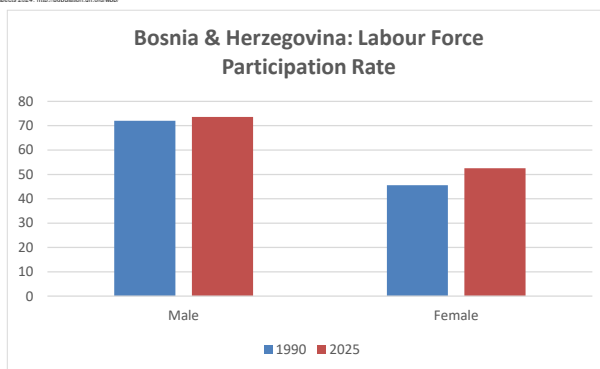
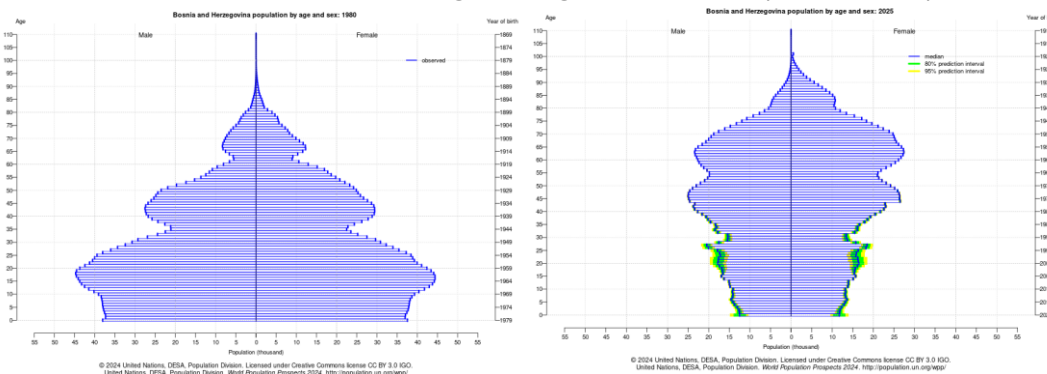
Bosnia & Herzegovina



No of WC appearances 2
 FIFA Ranking: 65; Confederation: UEFA
 No of professional players/No. of professional clubs:387/12
 Average squad age/ number of players under 23 years: 25.92 years / 6
 Source: FIFA www.fifa.com, Wikimedia, , RotoWire

Bosnia & Herzegovina: Core Demographic Indicators						
Years	Total Population, as of 1 January (thousands)	Median Age, as of 1 July (years)	Population Growth Rate (percentage)	Total Fertility Rate (live births per woman)	Life Expectancy at Birth, both sexes (years)	Old Age Dependency Ratio (pers 65+/pers15-64)
1980	4,148.4	24.7	0.9	2.0	69.6	9.3
2000	4,159.8	32.7	0.5	1.3	75.3	15.9
2023	3,185.1	44.9	-0.6	1.5	77.9	33.2

Bosnia & Herzegovina Age Distributions (1980 & 2025)



Bosnia & Herzegovina--Core Economic Variables, 2000, 2025, 2031 (fc)						
	Real GDP growth rate	GDP per capita, current prices, USD	Exchange Rate, LCU per USD	Gross national savings, Percent of GDP	Consumer price index (CPI), End-of-year, change	Gross General Debt as share of GDP
Year	percent	USD	LCU per USD	percent	percent	percent
2000	4.4	1484.3	2.12	20.3	7.0	34.6
2025	2.0	9567.7	1.73	23.6	3.2	29.9
2031 (fc)	3.0	14083.8	1.67	23.4	2.0	41.7

Sources: UNPD, ILO, IMF

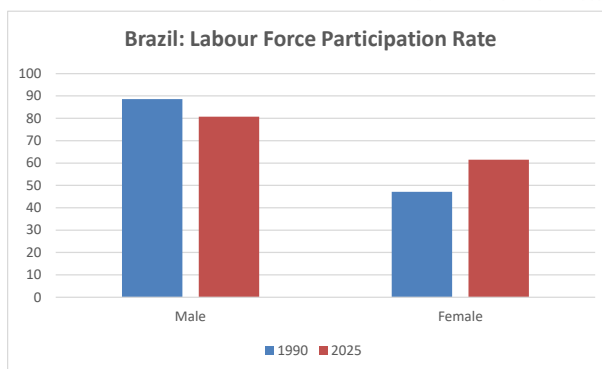
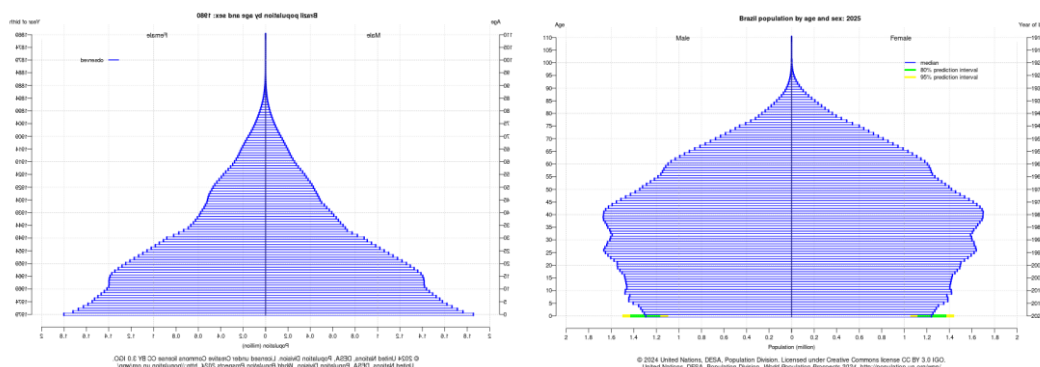
Brazil



No of WC appearances:23
 FIFA Ranking: 6; Confederation: CONMEBOL
 No of professional players/No. of professional clubs:2123/60
 Average squad age/ number of players under 23 years: 28.65 years / 3
 Source: FIFA www.fifa.com, Wikimedia, RotoWire

Years	Total Population, as of 1 January (thousands)	Median Age, as of 1 July (years)	Population Growth Rate (percentage)	Total Fertility Rate (live births per woman)	Life Expectancy at Birth, both sexes (years)	Old Age Dependency Ratio (pers 65+/pers15-64)
1980	121,207.5	19.2	2.4	4.0	61.8	6.1
2000	174,018.3	24.2	1.3	2.2	69.6	7.9
2023	211,140.7	33.9	0.4	1.6	75.8	15.3

Brazil Age Distributions (1980 & 2025)



Year	Real GDP growth rate <i>percent</i>	GDP per capita, current prices, <i>USD</i>	Exchange Rate, <i>LCU per USD</i>	Gross national savings, Percent of GDP <i>percent</i>	Consumer price index (CPI), End-of-year, change <i>percent</i>	Gross General Debt as share of GDP <i>percent</i>
2000	4.4	3752.0	1.83	14.9	6.0	62.2
2025	2.3	10685.7	5.59	13.8	4.3	93.3
2031 (fc)	2.5	15571.7	5.43	14.6	3.0	106.5

Sources: UNPD, ILO, IMF

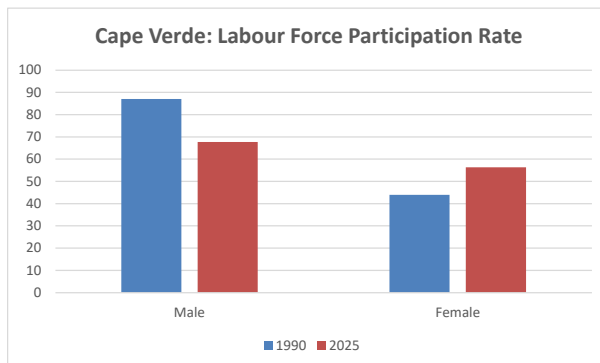
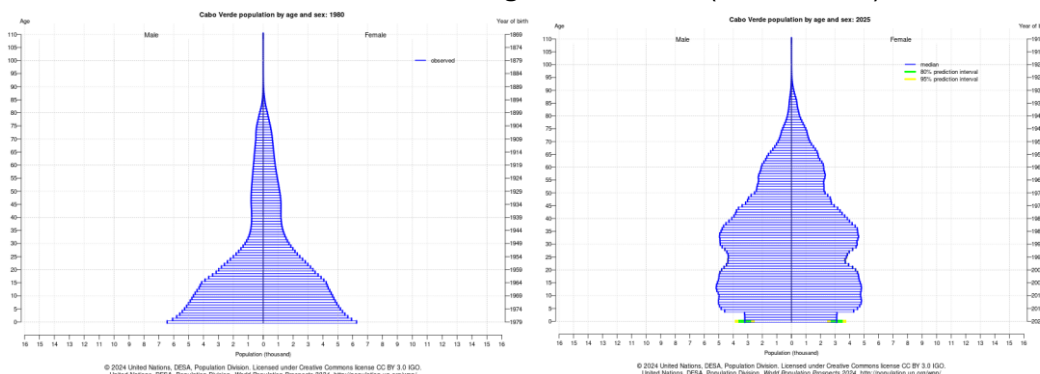
Cabo Verde



No of WC appearances 1
 FIFA Ranking: 68; Confederation: CAF
 No of professional players/No. of professional clubs:-/
 Average squad age/ number of players under 23 years: 29.23 years / 0
 Source: FIFA www.fifa.com, Wikimedia, RotoWire

Cabo Verde: Core Demographic Indicators						
Years	Total Population, as of 1 January (thousands)	Median Age, as of 1 July (years)	Population Growth Rate (percentage)	Total Fertility Rate (live births per woman)	Life Expectancy at Birth, both sexes (years)	Old Age Dependency Ratio (pers 65+/pers 15-64)
1980	323.3	15.0	1.3	6.4	61.0	11.4
2000	453.3	17.4	1.5	3.5	68.1	9.1
2023	522.3	27.9	0.5	1.5	76.1	9.8

Cabo Verde Age Distributions (1980 & 2025)



Cabo Verde--Core Economic Variables, 2000, 2025, 2031 (fc)						
Year	Real GDP growth rate	GDP per capita, current prices, USD	Exchange Rate, LCU per USD	Gross national savings, Percent of GDP	Consumer price index (CPI), End-of-year	Gross General Debt as share of GDP
	percent	USD	LCU per USD	percent	Index	percent
2000	7.3	1689.5	115.91	15.8	-1.0	71.9
2025	5.5	5994.8	97.65	26.0	3.3	101.0
2031 (fc)	5.1	9217.5	94.02	18.7	2.0	71.4

Sources: UNPD, ILO, IMF

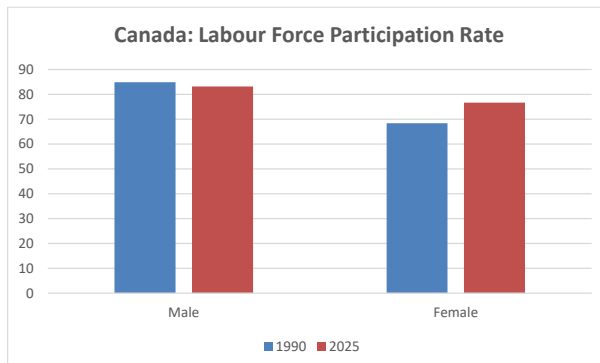
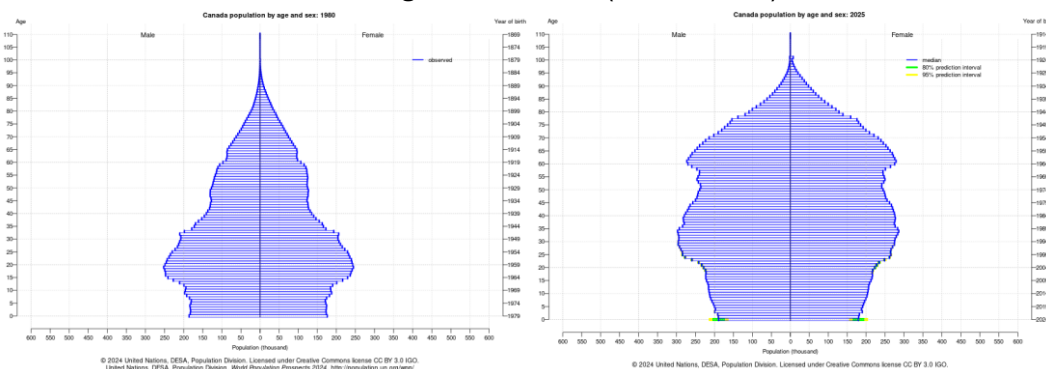
Canada



No of WC appearances 3
 FIFA Ranking: 30; Confederation: CONCACAF
 No of professional players/No. of professional clubs:189/8
 Average squad age/ number of players under 23 years: 26.42 years / 5
 Source: FIFA www.fifa.com, [Wikimedia, RotoWire](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/RotoWire)

Canada: Core Demographic Indicators						
Years	Total Population, as of 1 January (thousands)	Median Age, as of 1 July (years)	Population Growth Rate (percentage)	Total Fertility Rate (live births per woman)	Life Expectancy at Birth, both sexes (years)	Old Age Dependency Ratio (pers 65+/pers15-64)
1980	24,533.8	28.1	1.3	1.7	75.1	13.8
2000	30,891.8	35.8	1.0	1.5	79.2	18.4
2023	39,299.1	40.3	1.2	1.3	82.6	29.6

Canada Age Distributions (1980 & 2025)



Canada--Core Economic Variables, 2000, 2025, 2031 (fc)						
Year	Real GDP growth rate <i>percent</i>	GDP per capita, current prices, <i>USD</i>	Exchange Rate, <i>LCU per USD</i>	Gross national savings, Percent of GDP <i>percent</i>	Consumer price index (CPI), End-of-year, change <i>percent</i>	Gross General Debt as share of GDP <i>percent</i>
2000	5.1	24296.7	1.49	23.2	3.1	80.4
2025	1.7	55764.7	1.40	22.2	2.2	113.5
2031 (fc)	1.8	73536.1	1.32	23.5	2.0	103.5

Sources: UNPD, ILO, IMF

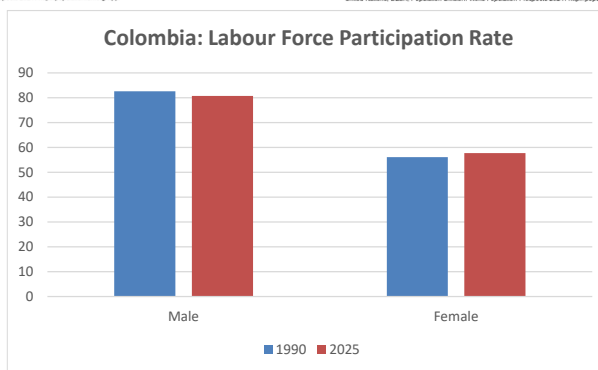
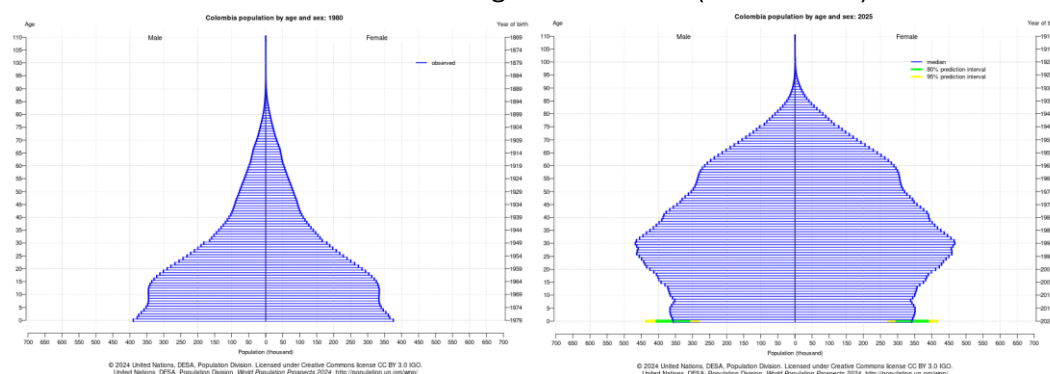
Colombia



No of WC appearances 7
 FIFA Ranking: 13; Confederation: CONMEBOL
 No of professional players/No. of professional clubs:1163/36
 Average squad age/ number of players under 23 years: 29.58 years / 1
 Source: FIFA www.fifa.com, Wikimedia, RotoWire

Colombia: Core Demographic Indicators						
Years	Total Population, as of 1 January (thousands)	Median Age, as of 1 July (years)	Population Growth Rate (percentage)	Total Fertility Rate (live births per woman)	Life Expectancy at Birth, both sexes (years)	Old Age Dependency Ratio (pers 65+/pers15-64)
1980	26,104.5	17.9	2.3	3.8	66.7	6.1
2000	39,089.9	23.2	1.6	2.6	70.9	7.2
2023	52,321.2	31.6	1.1	1.6	77.7	13.4

Colombia Age Distributions (1980 & 2025)



Colombia--Core Economic Variables, 2000, 2025, 2031 (fc)						
	Real GDP growth rate	GDP per capita, current prices, USD	Exchange Rate, LCU per USD	Gross national savings, Percent of GDP	Consumer price index (CPI), End-of-year, change	Gross General Debt as share of GDP
Year	percent	USD	LCU per USD	percent	percent	percent
2000	2.9	2535.5	2087.92	15.8	8.7	38.0
2025	2.6	8622.6	4053.14	14.3	5.1	59.9
2031 (fc)	2.8	12076.1	4134.13	14.8	3.0	59.2

Sources: UNPD, ILO, IMF

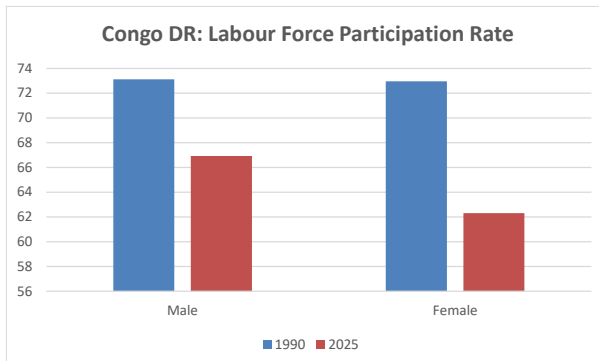
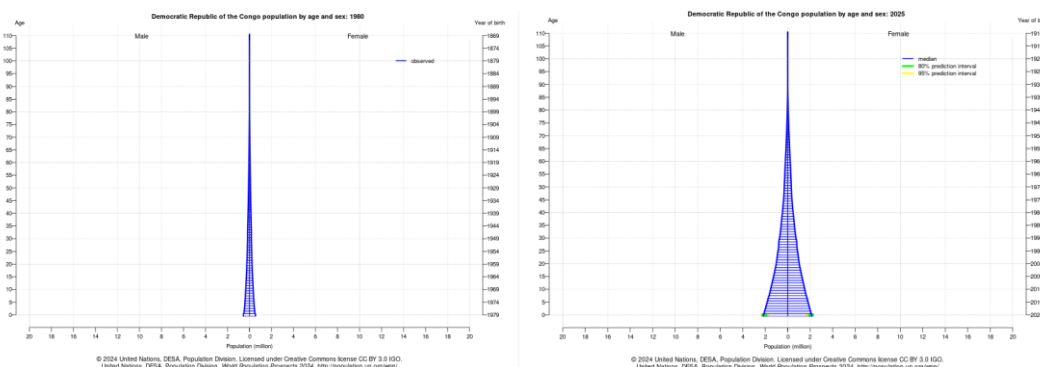
Congo DR



No of WC appearances 2
 FIFA Ranking:46; Confederation: CAF
 No of professional players/No. of professional clubs:800/5
 Average squad age/ number of players under 23 years: 28.5 years / 2
 Source: FIFA www.fifa.com, Wikimedia, RotoWire

Congo DR: Core Demographic Indicators						
Years	Total Population, as of 1 January (thousands)	Median Age, as of 1 July (years)	Population Growth Rate (percentage)	Total Fertility Rate (live births per woman)	Life Expectancy at Birth, both sexes (years)	Old Age Dependency Ratio (pers 65+/pers15-64)
1980	26,711.1	16.8	2.9	6.5	45.5	5.4
2000	50,507.4	16.0	3.2	6.7	51.9	5.8
2023	105,789.7	15.8	3.3	6.1	61.9	6.0

Congo DR Age Distributions (1980 & 2025)



Congo, Democratic Republic--Core Economic Variables, 2000, 2025, 2031 (fc)						
Year	Real GDP growth rate	GDP per capita, current prices, USD	Exchange Rate, LCU per USD	Gross national savings, Percent of GDP	Consumer price index (CPI), End-of-year, change	Gross General Debt as share of GDP
	percent	USD	LCU per USD	percent	percent	percent
2000	-8.1	397.0	69.04	8.1	509.8	135.0
2025	5.7	871.2	2676.74	9.6	2.3	20.2
2031 (fc)	5.4	1358.0	2835.49	12.6	7.0	33.5

Sources: UNPD, ILO, IMF

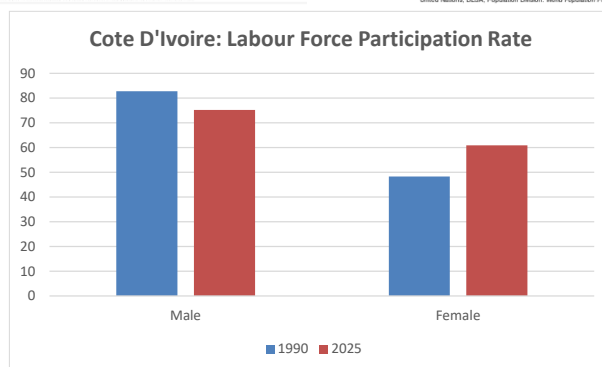
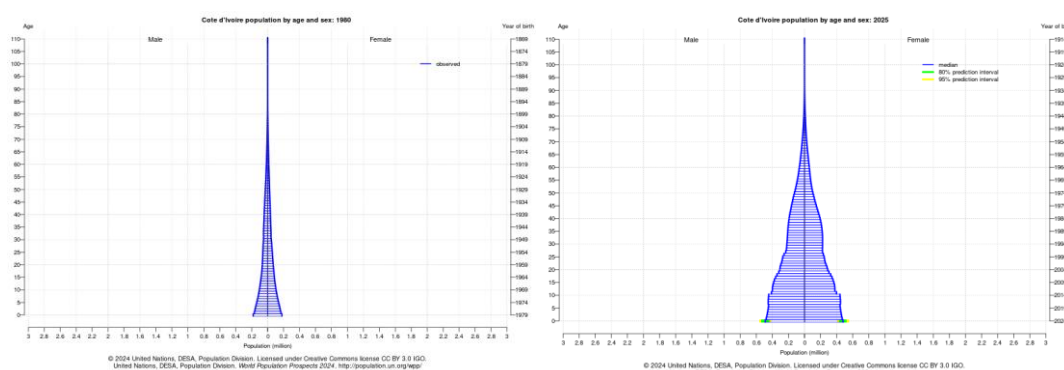
Cote D'Ivoire



No of WC appearances 4
 FIFA Ranking:34; Confederation: CAF
 No of professional players/No. of professional clubs:-/16
 Average squad age/ number of players under 23 years: 25.35 years / 6
 Source: FIFA www.fifa.com, Wikimedia, RotoWire

Cote D'Ivoire: Core Demographic Indicators						
Years	Total Population, as of 1 January (thousands)	Median Age, as of 1 July (years)	Population Growth Rate (percentage)	Total Fertility Rate (live births per woman)	Life Expectancy at Birth, both sexes (years)	Old Age Dependency Ratio (pers 65+/pers15-64)
1980	8,220.7	15.4	4.0	7.6	51.4	4.9
2000	17,699.0	15.7	2.7	5.8	51.4	4.7
2023	31,165.7	18.1	2.5	4.3	61.9	4.6

Cote d'Ivoire Age Distributions: 1980 & 2025



Cote D'Ivoire--Core Economic Variables, 2000, 2025, 2031 (fc)						
Year	Real GDP growth rate	GDP per capita, current prices, USD	Exchange Rate, LCU per USD	Gross national savings, Percent of GDP	Consumer price index (CPI), End-of-year, change	Gross General Debt as share of GDP
	percent	USD	LCU per USD	percent	percent	percent
2000	-2.1	913.4	710.20	5.6	3.6	74.0
2025	6.5	3005.9	580.83	20.3	0.1	56.3
2031 (fc)	6.5	4357.4	559.36	21.4	2.0	48.6

Sources: UNPD, ILO, IMF

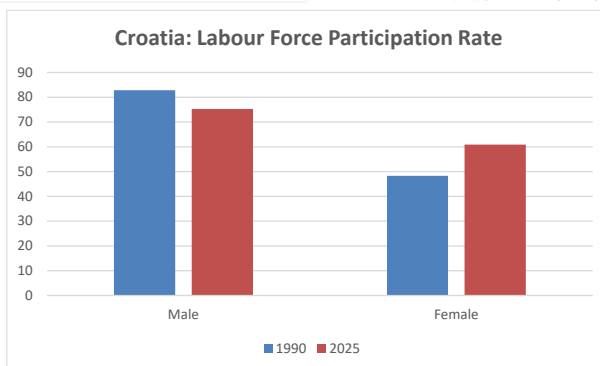
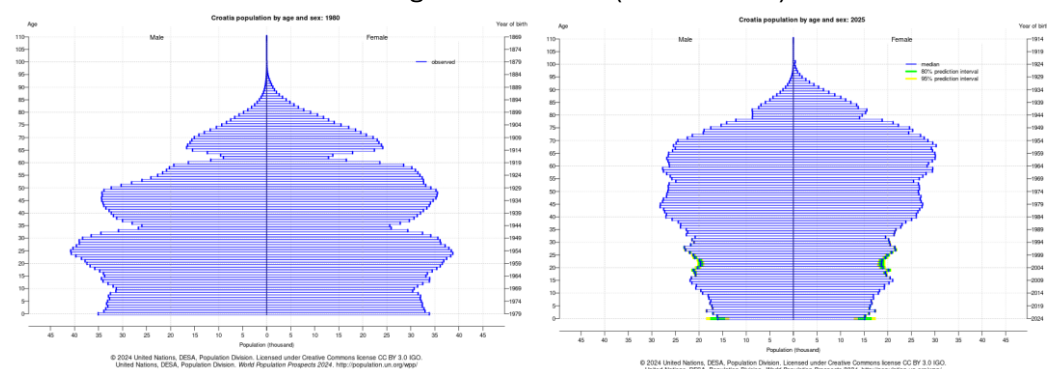
Croatia



No of WC appearances 7
 FIFA Ranking:11; Confederation: UEFA
 No of professional players/No. of professional clubs:1188/38
 Average squad age/ number of players under 23 years: 27.88 years / 3
 Source: FIFA www.fifa.com, Wikimedia, RotoWire

Croatia: Core Demographic Indicators						
Years	Total Population, as of 1 January (thousands)	Median Age, as of 1 July (years)	Population Growth Rate (percentage)	Total Fertility Rate (live births per woman)	Life Expectancy at Birth, both sexes (years)	Old Age Dependency Ratio (pers 65+/pers 15-64)
1980	4,643.9	32.2	0.3	1.9	71.0	17.1
2000	4,326.1	38.6	-1.4	1.4	74.0	23.7
2023	3,896.0	44.8	-0.3	1.5	78.6	36.2

Croatia Age Distributions (1980 & 2025)



Croatia--Core Economic Variables, 2000, 2025, 2031 (fc)						
Year	Real GDP growth rate	GDP per capita, current prices, USD	Exchange Rate, LCU per USD	Gross national savings, Percent of GDP	Consumer price index (CPI), End-of-year, change	Gross General Debt as share of GDP
	percent	USD	LCU per USD	percent	percent	percent
2000	3.7	5054.8	1.08	18.0	5.4	35.4
2025	3.2	27376.5	0.89	22.2	3.8	55.9
2031 (fc)	2.5	37558.3	0.85	23.3	2.5	58.7

Sources: UNPD, ILO, IMF

Curacao



No of WC appearances 1

FIFA Ranking: 83; Confederation: CONCACAF

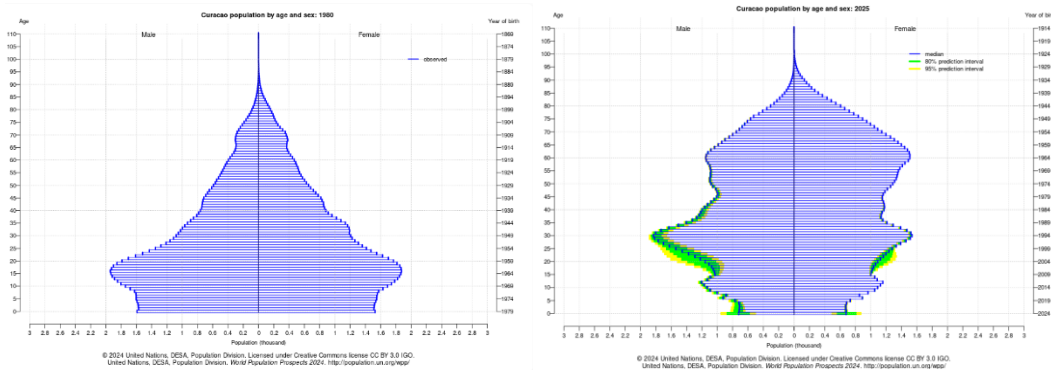
No of professional players/No. of professional clubs:-/

Average squad age/ number of players under 23 years: 27.54 years / 2

Source: FIFA www.fifa.com, Wikimedia, RotoWire

Curacao: Core Demographic Indicators						
Years	Total Population, as of 1 January (thousands)	Median Age, as of 1 July (years)	Population Growth Rate (percentage)	Total Fertility Rate (live births per woman)	Life Expectancy at Birth, both sexes (years)	Old Age Dependency Ratio (pers 65+/pers 15-64)
1980	156.66	22.11	0.11	2.27	70.95	9.46
2000	145.53	32.70	-1.22	2.34	73.28	14.20
2023	185.43	38.23	0.04	1.07	76.80	23.78

Curacao Age Distribution: (1980 & 2025)



Sources: UNPD

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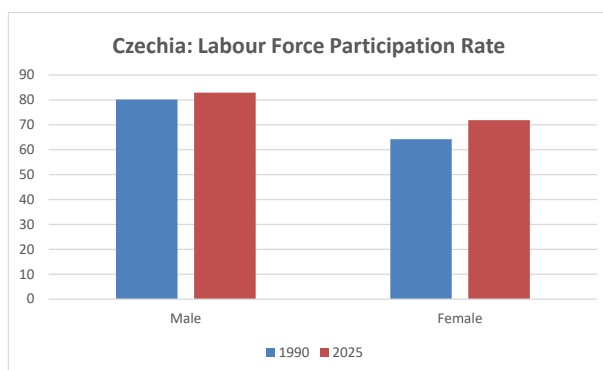
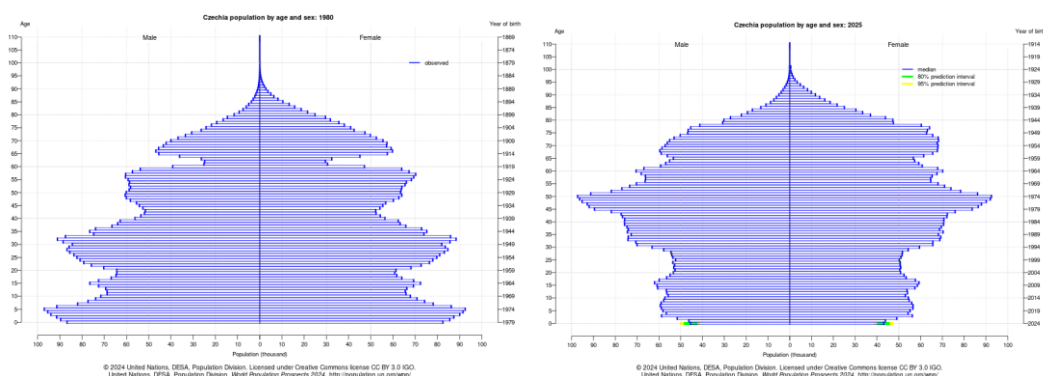
Czechia



No of WC appearances 10
 FIFA Ranking: 41; Confederation: UEFA
 No of professional players/No. of professional clubs:2959/30-
 Average squad age/ number of players under 23 years: 27.23 years / 3
 Source FIFA www.fifa.com, Wikimedia, RotoWire

Czechia: Core Demographic Indicators						
Years	Total Population, as of 1 January (thousands)	Median Age, as of 1 July (years)	Population Growth Rate (percentage)	Total Fertility Rate (live births per woman)	Life Expectancy at Birth, both sexes (years)	Old Age Dependency Ratio (pers 65+/pers 15-64)
1980	10,275.4	32.0	0.2	2.1	70.3	21.3
2000	10,236.8	36.4	-0.1	1.1	75.0	19.7
2023	10,809.7	42.7	-0.3	1.4	79.8	32.2

Czechia Age Distribution (1980 & 2025)



Croatia--Core Economic Variables, 2000, 2025, 2031 (fc)						
Year	Real GDP growth rate <i>percent</i>	GDP per capita, current prices, <i>USD</i>	Exchange Rate, <i>LCU per USD</i>	Gross national savings, Percent of GDP <i>percent</i>	Consumer price index (CPI), End-of-year, change <i>percent</i>	Gross General Debt as share of GDP <i>percent</i>
2000	3.7	5054.8	1.08	18.0	5.4	35.4
2025	3.2	27376.5	0.89	22.2	3.8	55.9
2031 (fc)	2.5	37558.3	0.85	23.3	2.5	58.7

Sources: UNPD, ILO, IMF

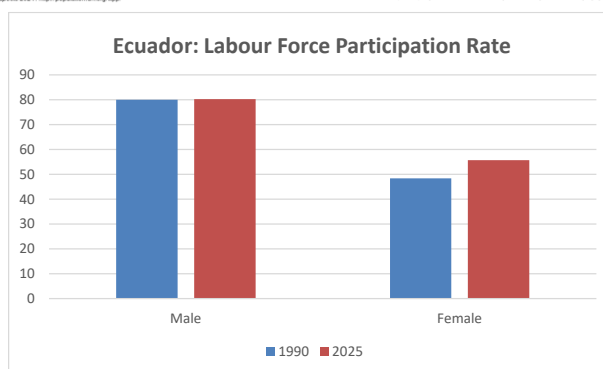
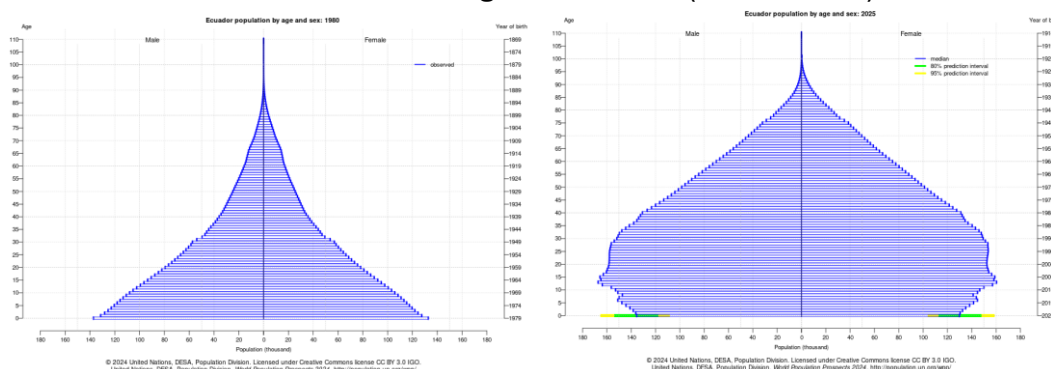
Ecuador



No of WC appearances 5
 FIFA Ranking: 24; Confederation: CONMEBOL
 No of professional players/No. of professional clubs: 897/26
 Average squad age/ number of players under 23 years: 25.58 years / 7
 Source: FIFA www.fifa.com, Wikimedia, RotoWire

Ecuador: Core Demographic Indicators						
Years	Total Population, as of 1 January (thousands)	Median Age, as of 1 July (years)	Population Growth Rate (percentage)	Total Fertility Rate (live births per woman)	Life Expectancy at Birth, both sexes (years)	Old Age Dependency Ratio (pers 65+/pers 15-64)
1980	8,165.9	17.4	2.7	4.7	63.3	6.8
2000	12,689.2	21.1	1.7	3.1	72.1	7.9
2023	17,980.1	28.4	0.9	1.8	77.4	12.1

Ecuador Age Distribution (1980 & 2025)



Ecuador--Core Economic Variables, 2000, 2025, 2031 (fc)						
	Real GDP growth rate	GDP per capita, current prices,	Exchange Rate,	Gross national savings, Percent of GDP	Consumer price index (CPI), End-of-year, change	Gross General Debt as share of GDP
Year	percent	USD	LCU per USD	percent	percent	percent
2000	1.1	1404.6	1.00	23.5	91.0	
2025	3.7	7198.6	1.00	25.4	1.9	54.4
2031 (fc)	3.0	9035.9	1.00	26.8	1.6	

Sources: UNPD, ILO, IMF

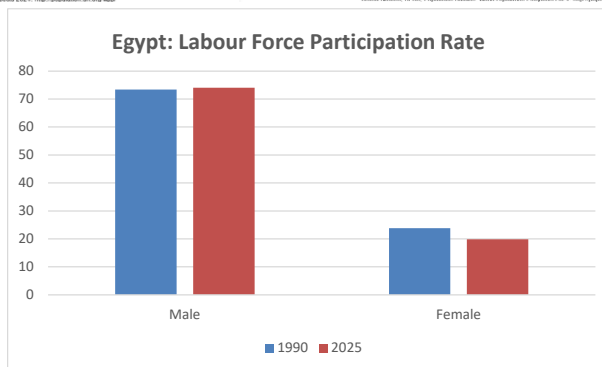
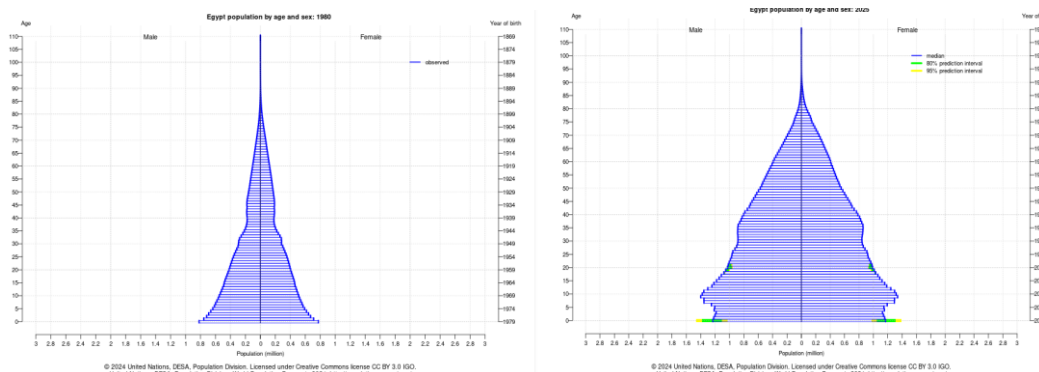
Egypt



No of WC appearances 4
 FIFA Ranking: 28; Confederation: CAF
 No of professional players/No. of professional clubs: 642/18-
 Average squad age/ number of players under 23 years: 28.69 years / 1
 Source: FIFA www.fifa.com, Wikimedia, RotoWire

Egypt: Core Demographic Indicators						
Years	Total Population, as of 1 January (thousands)	Median Age, as of 1 July (years)	Population Growth Rate (percentage)	Total Fertility Rate (live births per woman)	Life Expectancy at Birth, both sexes (years)	Old Age Dependency Ratio (pers 65+/pers 15-64)
1980	43,950.4	18.2	2.7	5.5	55.7	7.3
2000	73,083.3	20.1	2.1	3.5	67.3	6.8
2023	114,535.8	24.0	1.8	2.8	71.6	7.9

Egypt Age Distribution (1980 & 2025)



Egypt--Core Economic Variables, 2000, 2025, 2031 (fc)						
Year	Real GDP growth rate	GDP per capita, current prices, USD	Exchange Rate, LCU per USD	Gross national savings, Percent of GDP	Consumer price index (CPI), End-of-year, change	Gross General Debt as share of GDP
	percent	USD	LCU per USD	percent	percent	percent
2000	5.4	1636.8	3.41	17.5	2.5	71.7
2025	4.4	3379.4	49.74	9.7	14.9	86.8
2031 (fc)	4.8	5320.1	58.45	8.7	5.3	70.9

Sources: UNPD, ILO, IMF

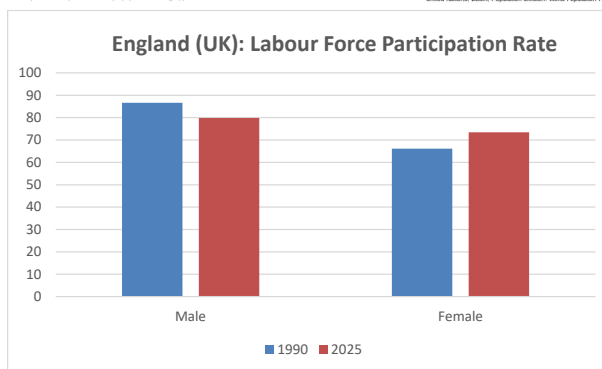
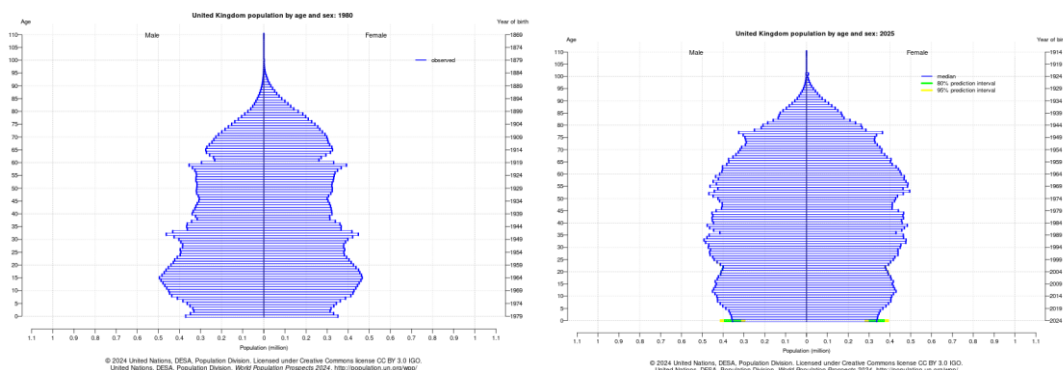
England (UK data as proxy)



No of WC appearances 17
 FIFA Ranking: 4; Confederation: UEFA
 No of professional players/No. of professional clubs: 5582/92
 Average squad age/ number of players under 23 years: 26.62 years / 4
 Source: FIFA www.fifa.com, Wikimedia, RotoWire

England (proxied by UK): Core Demographic Indicators						
Years	Total Population, as of 1 January (thousands)	Median Age, as of 1 July (years)	Population Growth Rate (percentage)	Total Fertility Rate (live births per woman)	Life Expectancy at Birth, both sexes (years)	Old Age Dependency Ratio (pers 65+/pers15-64)
1980	56,282.1	33.3	0.1	1.9	73.6	23.4
2000	59,057.3	36.6	0.4	1.6	77.8	24.4
2023	68,683.0	39.8	0.7	1.6	81.3	30.4

England Age Distribution (1980 & 2025)...UK proxy data



England (UK proxy) --Core Economic Variables, 2000, 2025, 2031 (fc)						
Year	Real GDP growth rate (percent)	GDP per capita, current prices, USD	Exchange Rate, LCU per USD	Gross national savings, Percent of GDP	Consumer price index (CPI), End-of-year, change (percent)	Gross General Debt as share of GDP (percent)
2000	4.5	28440.8	0.66	17.0	0.8	37.5
2025	1.3	57608.2	0.76	15.4	3.4	102.3
2031 (fc)	1.4	75760.8	0.69	18.2	2.0	102.6

Sources: UNPD, ILO, IMF

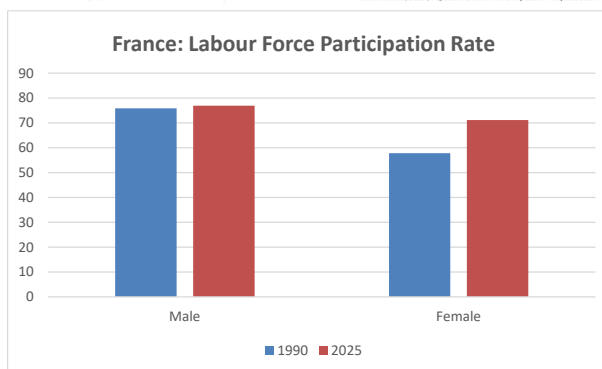
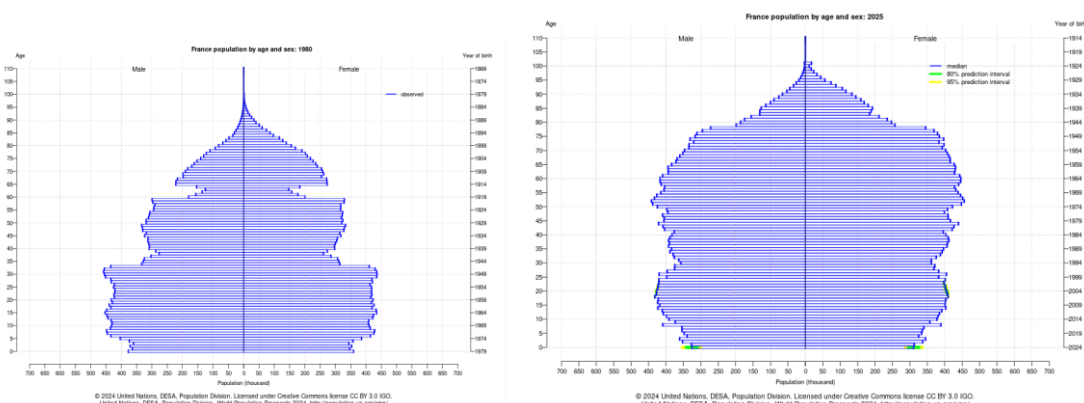
France



No of WC appearances 17
 FIFA Ranking: 1; Confederation: UEFA
 No of professional players/No. of professional clubs: 2906/47
 Average squad age/ number of players under 23 years: 26.58 years / 5
 Source: FIFA www.fifa.com, Wikimedia, RotoWire

France: Core Demographic Indicators						
Years	Total Population, as of 1 January (thousands)	Median Age, as of 1 July (years)	Population Growth Rate (percentage)	Total Fertility Rate (live births per woman)	Life Expectancy at Birth, both sexes (years)	Net Migration Rate (per 1,000 population)
1980	53,941.1	31.3	0.6	2.0	74.2	21.9
2000	59,483.7	36.7	0.7	1.9	79.0	24.6
2023	66,438.8	41.8	0.2	1.6	83.3	35.4

France Age Distribution (1980 & 2025)



France--Core Economic Variables, 2000, 2025, 2031 (fc)						
Year	Real GDP growth rate	GDP per capita, current prices, USD	Exchange Rate, LCU per USD	Gross national savings, Percent of GDP	Consumer price index (CPI), End-of-year, change	Gross General Debt as share of GDP
	percent	USD	LCU per USD	percent	percent	percent
2000	4.4	22502.1	1.08	23.0	1.8	59.7
2025	0.9	48929.9	0.89	21.6	0.8	116.0
2031 (fc)	1.1	58797.0	0.85	21.3	1.4	120.7

Sources: UNPD, ILO, IMF

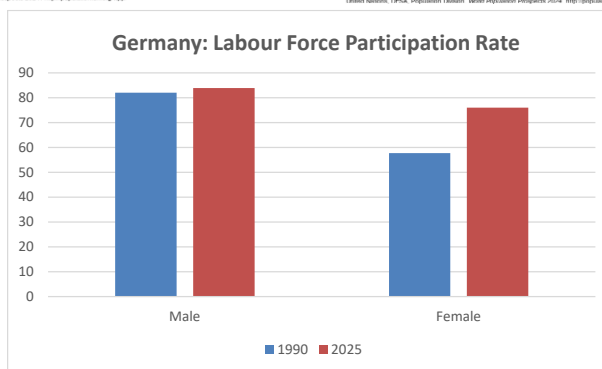
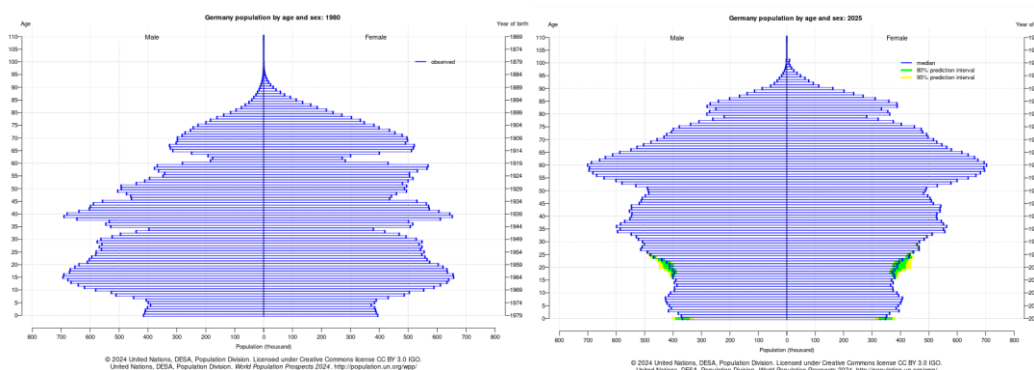
Germany



No of WC appearances 21
 FIFA Ranking:10; Confederation: UEFA
 No of professional players/No. of professional clubs: 1562/56
 Average squad age/ number of players under 23 years: 27.54 years / 5
 Source: FIFA www.fifa.com, Wikimedia, RotoWire

Germany: Core Demographic Indicators						
Years	Total Population, as of 1 January (thousands)	Median Age, as of 1 July (years)	Population Growth Rate (percentage)	Total Fertility Rate (live births per woman)	Life Expectancy at Birth, both sexes (years)	Old Age Dependency Ratio (pers 65+/pers15-64)
1980	78,315.4	35.7	0.3	1.6	73.1	23.7
2000	81,797.3	39.0	0.1	1.4	78.1	24.2
2023	84,548.2	45.1	0.3	1.4	81.4	36.0

Germany Age Distribution (1980 & 2025)



Germany--Core Economic Variables, 2000, 2025, 2031 (fc)						
Year	Real GDP growth rate <i>percent</i>	GDP per capita, current prices, <i>USD</i>	Exchange Rate, <i>LCU per USD</i>	Gross national savings, Percent of GDP <i>percent</i>	Consumer price index (CPI), End-of-year, change <i>percent</i>	Gross General Debt as share of GDP <i>percent</i>
2000	2.9	24158.2	1.08	22.4	2.1	59.2
2025	0.2	60438.8	0.89	26.3	2.3	62.9
2031 (fc)	0.6	76425.9	0.85	25.6	2.1	73.7

Sources: UNPD, ILO, IMF

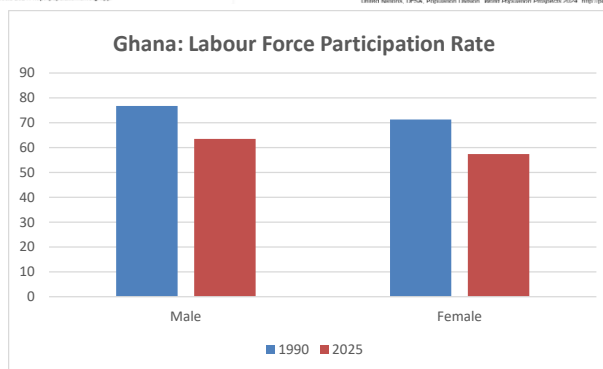
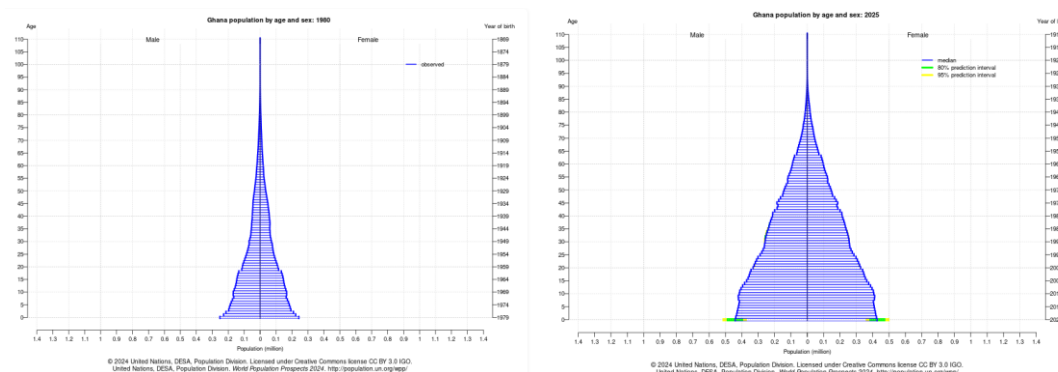
Ghana



No of WC appearances 5
 FIFA Ranking:73; Confederation: CAF
 No of professional players/No. of professional clubs:704/18
 Average squad age/ number of players under 23 years: 26.42 years / 7
 Source: FIFA www.fifa.com, Wikimedia, RotoWire

Ghana: Core Demographic Indicators						
Years	Total Population, as of 1 January (thousands)	Median Age, as of 1 July (years)	Population Growth Rate (percentage)	Total Fertility Rate (live births per woman)	Life Expectancy at Birth, both sexes (years)	Old Age Dependency Ratio (pers 65+/pers15-64)
1980	11,941.4	15.6	2.8	6.5	51.1	5.2
2000	19,637.1	17.3	2.6	4.8	58.1	5.8
2023	33,787.9	20.9	1.9	3.4	65.5	6.0

Ghana Age Distribution (1980 & 2025)



Ghana--Core Economic Variables, 2000, 2025, 2031 (fc)						
	Real GDP growth rate	GDP per capita, current prices, USD	Exchange Rate, LCU per USD	Gross national savings, Percent of GDP	Consumer price index (CPI), End-of-year, change	Gross General Debt as share of GDP
Year	percent	USD	LCU per USD	percent	percent	percent
2000	3.6	628.9	0.54	29.4	40.5	74.5
2025	6.0	3271.4	12.50	16.7	5.4	48.8
2031 (fc)	5.0	3900.5	19.65	23.5	8.0	42.3

Sources: UNPD, ILO, IMF

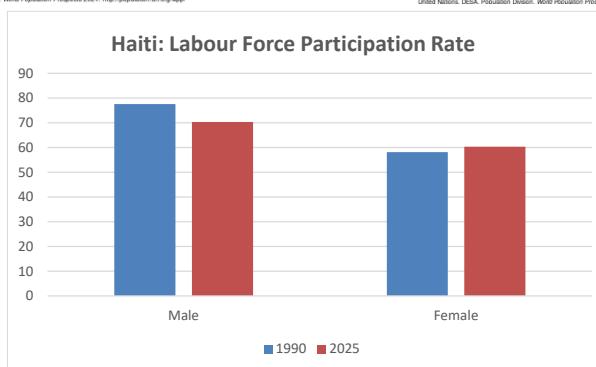
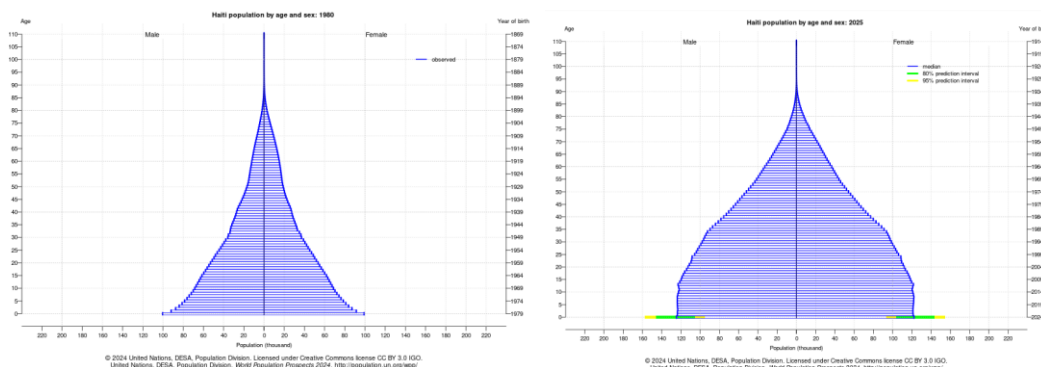
Haiti



No of WC appearances 2
 FIFA Ranking:82; Confederation: CONCACAF
 No of professional players/No. of professional clubs:720/-
 Average squad age/ number of players under 23 years: 27.08 years / 2
 Source: FIFA www.fifa.com, Wikimedia, RotoWire

Haiti: Core Demographic Indicators						
Years	Total Population, as of 1 January (thousands)	Median Age, as of 1 July (years)	Population Growth Rate (percentage)	Total Fertility Rate (live births per woman)	Life Expectancy at Birth, both sexes (years)	Old Age Dependency Ratio (pers 65+/pers 15-64)
1980	5,614.5	18.2	1.9	5.6	50.0	7.6
2000	8,303.2	18.4	1.9	4.4	58.2	6.4
2023	11,637.4	23.5	1.2	2.7	64.9	7.2

Haiti Age Distribution (1980 & 2025)



Haiti--Core Economic Variables, 2000, 2025, 2031 (fc)						
	Real GDP growth rate	GDP per capita, current prices, USD	Exchange Rate, LCU per USD	Gross national savings, Percent of GDP	Consumer price index (CPI), End-of-year, change	Gross General Debt as share of GDP
Year	percent	USD	LCU per USD	percent	percent	percent
2000	0.9	794.1	19.63	6.9	9.9	32.5
2025	-2.7	2556.5	130.59	13.9	31.9	12.3
2031 (fc)	1.5	3719.4	190.22	13.1	6.6	11.8

Sources: UNPD, ILO, IMF

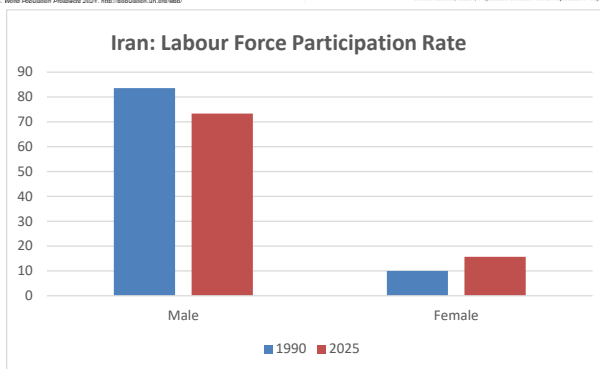
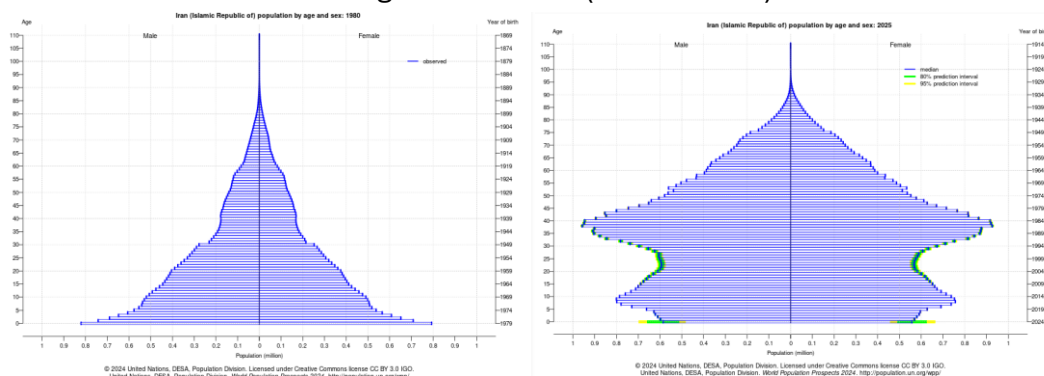
Iran



No of WC appearances 7
 FIFA Ranking:21; Confederation: AFC
 No of professional players/No. of professional clubs:1800/16
 Average squad age/ number of players under 23 years: 29.81 years / 2
 Source: FIFA www.fifa.com, Wikimedia, RotoWire

Iran: Core Demographic Indicators						
Years	Total Population, as of 1 January (thousands)	Median Age, as of 1 July (years)	Population Growth Rate (percentage)	Total Fertility Rate (live births per woman)	Life Expectancy at Birth, both sexes (years)	Old Age Dependency Ratio (pers 65+/pers 15-64)
1980	39,842.3	17.2	3.7	6.6	58.4	5.9
2000	66,418.7	20.2	1.6	2.0	70.2	6.7
2023	90,608.7	32.9	1.1	1.7	77.7	11.4

Iran Age Distribution (1980 & 2025)



Iran--Core Economic Variables, 2000, 2025, 2031 (fc)						
Year	Real GDP growth rate	GDP per capita, current prices, USD	Exchange Rate, LCU per USD	Gross national savings, Percent of GDP	Consumer price index (CPI), End-of-year, change	Gross General Debt as share of GDP
	percent	USD	LCU per USD	percent	percent	percent
2000	5.8	7050.4	1755.00	40.3	11.1	18.2
2025	-1.5	4263.8	853241.02	45.1	74.4	37.3
2031 (fc)	2.1	3936.1	5724089.82	46.4	25.0	44.1

Sources: UNPD, ILO, IMF

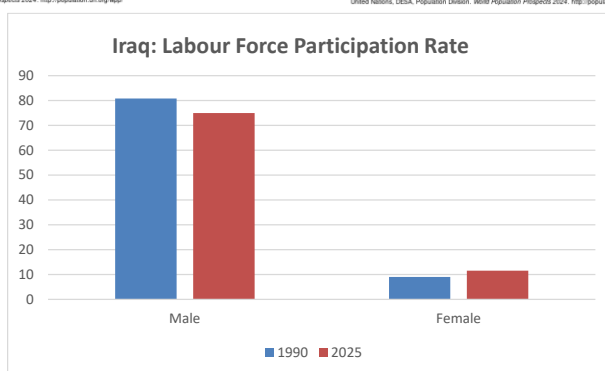
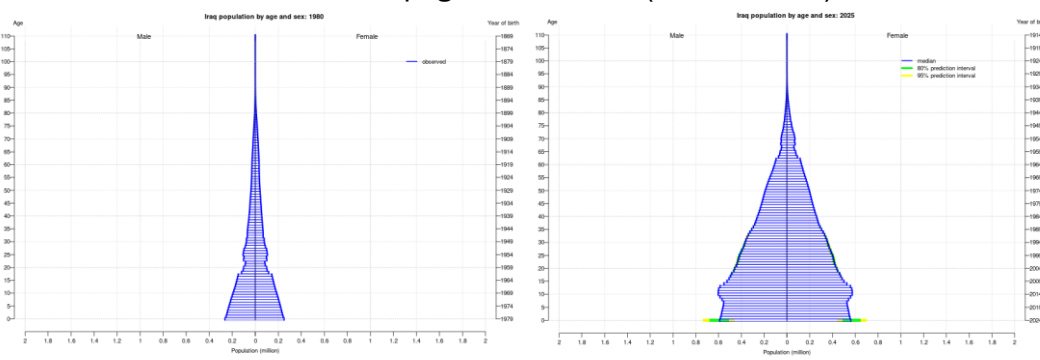
Iraq



No of WC appearances 2
 FIFA Ranking:73; Confederation: AFC
 No of professional players/No. of professional clubs:-/20
 Average squad age/ number of players under 23 years: 26.65 years / 4
 Source: FIFA www.fifa.com, Wikimedia, RotoWire

Iraq: Core Demographic Indicators						
Years	Total Population, as of 1 January (thousands)	Median Age, as of 1 July (years)	Population Growth Rate (percentage)	Total Fertility Rate (live births per woman)	Life Expectancy at Birth, both sexes (years)	Old Age Dependency Ratio (pers 65+/pers15-64)
1980	13,591.99	15.35	3.20	6.59	60.92	9.03
2000	24,424.06	16.85	3.29	4.92	64.86	5.79
2023	45,074.05	20.35	2.15	3.25	72.32	5.71

Iraq Age Distribution (1980 & 2025)



Iraq--Core Economic Variables, 2000, 2025, 2031 (fc)						
Year	Real GDP growth rate <i>percent</i>	GDP per capita, current prices, <i>USD</i>	Exchange Rate, <i>LCU per USD</i>	Gross national savings, Percent of GDP <i>percent</i>	Consumer price index (CPI), End-of-year, change <i>percent</i>	Gross General Debt as share of GDP <i>percent</i>
2000			1930.00		5.0	
2025	-0.4	5803.3	1300.00	11.3	-1.2	53.9
2031 (fc)	3.5	6861.2	1300.00	8.6	4.8	70.6

Sources: UNPD, ILO, IMF

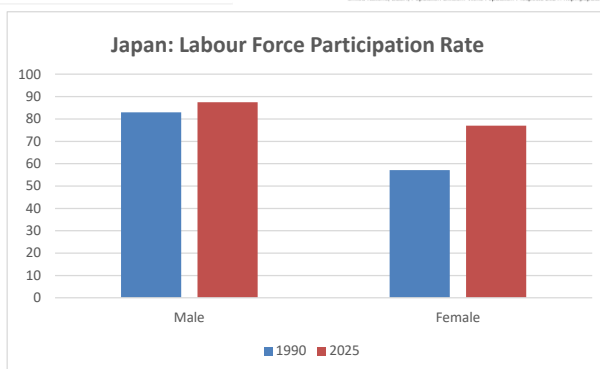
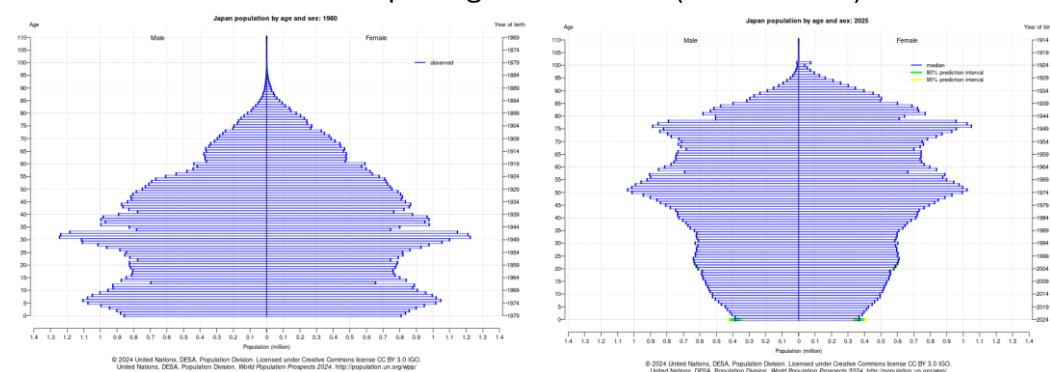


Japan

No of WC appearances: 8
 FIFA Ranking:18; Confederation: AFC
 No of professional players/No. of professional clubs:2126/60
 Average squad age/ number of players under 23 years: 27.19 years/ 3
 Source: FIFA www.fifa.com, Wikimedia, RotoWire

Japan: Core Demographic Indicators						
Years	Total Population, as of 1 January (thousands)	Median Age, as of 1 July (years)	Population Growth Rate (percentage)	Total Fertility Rate (live births per woman)	Life Expectancy at Birth, both sexes (years)	Old Age Dependency Ratio (pers 65+/pers 15-64)
1980	118,358.8	31.7	0.6	1.7	76.1	13.4
2000	127,027.8	40.8	0.2	1.3	81.2	25.6
2023	124,370.9	49.0	-0.5	1.2	84.7	50.3

Japan Age Distribution (1980 & 2025)



Japan--Core Economic Variables, 2000, 2025, 2031 (fc)						
Year	Real GDP growth rate <i>percent</i>	GDP per capita, current prices, <i>USD</i>	Exchange Rate, <i>LCU per USD</i>	Gross national savings, Percent of GDP <i>percent</i>	Consumer price index (CPI), End-of-year, change <i>percent</i>	Gross General Debt as share of GDP <i>percent</i>
2000	4.4	3752.0	107.77	14.9	-0.8	62.2
2025	2.3	10685.7	149.66	13.8	2.7	93.3
2031 (fc)	2.5	15571.7	152.35	14.6	2.0	106.5

Sources: UNPD, ILO, IMF

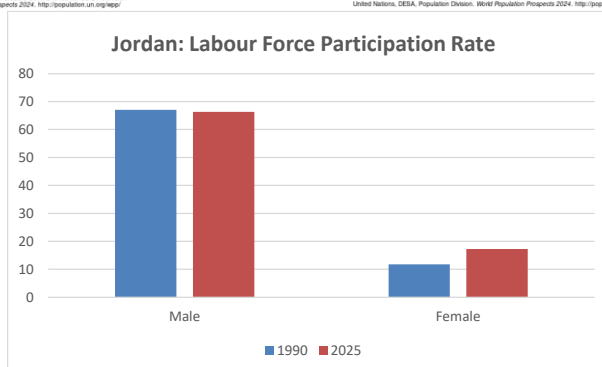
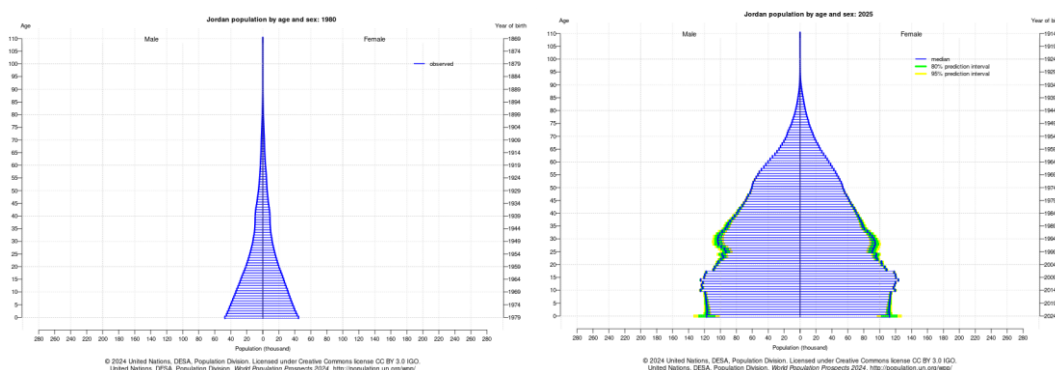
Jordan



No of WC appearances: 1
 FIFA Ranking:63; Confederation: AFC
 No of professional players/No. of professional clubs:-/12
 Average squad age/ number of players under 23 years: 28.08 years / 1
 Source: FIFA www.fifa.com, Wikimedia, RotoWire

Jordan: Core Demographic Indicators						
Years	Total Population, as of 1 January (thousands)	Median Age, as of 1 July (years)	Population Growth Rate (percentage)	Total Fertility Rate (live births per woman)	Life Expectancy at Birth, both sexes (years)	Old Age Dependency Ratio (pers 65+/pers 15-64)
1980	2,234.2	14.1	3.9	7.3	66.5	5.2
2000	5,386.9	19.0	2.0	3.9	71.9	4.7
2023	11,439.2	24.3	1.6	2.6	77.8	6.7

Jordan Age Distribution (1980 & 2025)



Jordan--Core Economic Variables, 2000, 2025, 2031 (fc)						
Year	Real GDP growth rate	GDP per capita, current prices, USD	Exchange Rate, LCU per USD	Gross national savings, Percent of GDP	Consumer price index (CPI), End-of-year, change	Gross General Debt as share of GDP
	percent	USD	LCU per USD	percent	percent	percent
2000	4.2	1906.0	0.71	41.7	-1.9	89.9
2025	2.7	5354.9	0.71	27.4	1.3	82.8
2031 (fc)	3.0	6669.8	0.71	31.6	2.2	75.7

Sources: UNPD, ILO, IMF

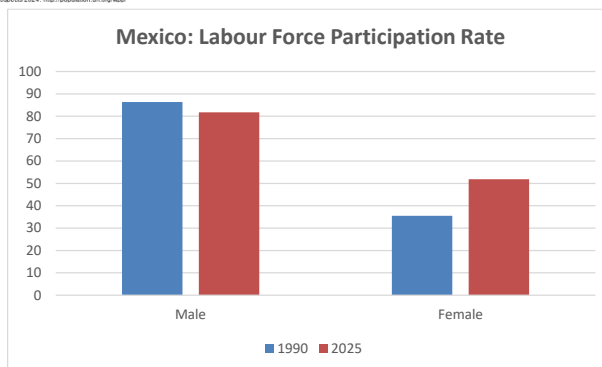
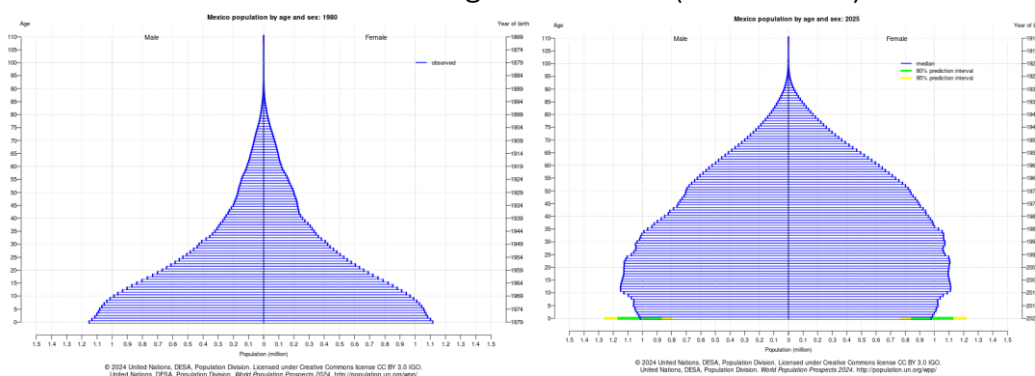
Mexico



No of WC appearances: 18
 FIFA Ranking:15; Confederation: CONCACAF
 No of professional players/No. of professional clubs: 9464/244
 Average squad age/ number of players under 23 years: 27.5 years / 3
 Source: FIFA www.fifa.com, Wikimedia, RotoWire

Mexico: Core Demographic Indicators						
Years	Total Population, as of 1 January (thousands)	Median Age, as of 1 July (years)	Population Growth Rate (percentage)	Total Fertility Rate (live births per woman)	Life Expectancy at Birth, both sexes (years)	Old Age Dependency Ratio (pers 65+/pers 15-64)
1980	67,300.3	15.7	2.4	4.7	64.3	5.8
2000	98,625.6	21.8	1.5	2.7	72.6	8.3
2023	129,739.8	28.9	0.9	1.9	75.1	11.9

Mexico Age Distribution (1980 & 2025)



Mexico-Core Economic Variables, 2000, 2025, 2031 (fc)						
	Real GDP growth rate	GDP per capita, current prices, USD	Exchange Rate, LCU per USD	Gross national savings, Percent of GDP	Consumer price index (CPI), End-of-year, change	Gross General Debt as share of GDP
Year	percent	USD	LCU per USD	percent	percent	percent
2000	5.0	7467.7	9.46	19.7	9.0	38.5
2025	0.6	13741.3	19.24	22.0	3.7	61.8
2031 (fc)	2.0	19212.7	18.54	21.8	3.0	63.6

Sources: UNPD, ILO, IMF

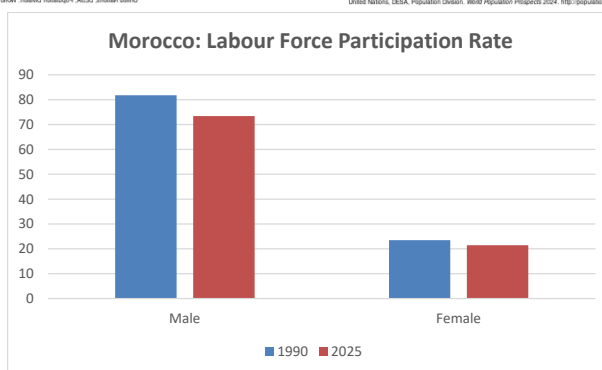
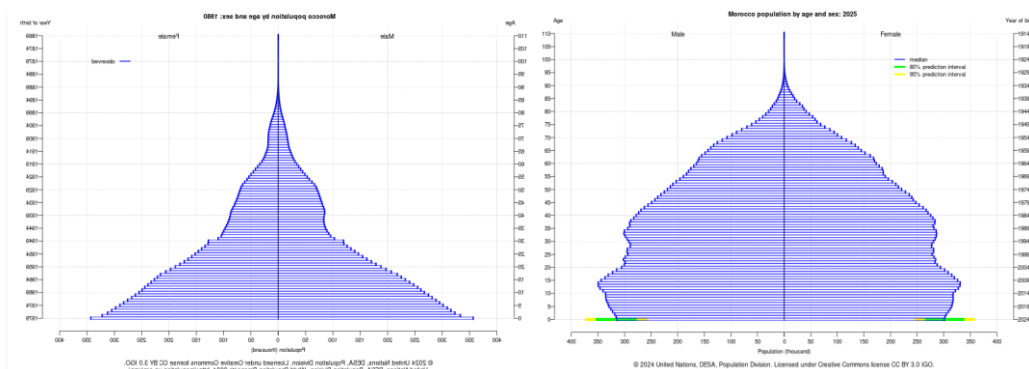
Morocco



No of WC appearances: 7
 FIFA Ranking:8; Confederation: CAF
 No of professional players/No. of professional clubs:-/32
 Average squad age/ number of players under 23 years: 25.92 years / 7
 Source: FIFA www.fifa.com, Wikimedia, RotoWire

Morocco: Core Demographic Indicators						
Years	Total Population, as of 1 January (thousands)	Median Age, as of 1 July (years)	Population Growth Rate (percentage)	Total Fertility Rate (live births per woman)	Life Expectancy at Birth, both sexes (years)	Old Age Dependency Ratio (pers 65+/pers 15-64)
1980	19459.9	2.7	3.2	5.8	55.2	5.1
2000	28423.4	1.4	1.4	2.8	66.8	7.0
2023	37712.5	1.0	1.4	2.2	75.3	11.8

Morocco Age Distribution (1980 & 2025)



Morocco--Core Economic Variables, 2000, 2025, 2031 (fc)						
Year	Real GDP growth rate <i>percent</i>	GDP per capita, current prices, <i>USD</i>	Exchange Rate, <i>LCU per USD</i>	Gross national savings, Percent of GDP <i>percent</i>	Consumer price index (CPI), End-of-year, change <i>percent</i>	Gross General Debt as share of GDP <i>percent</i>
2000	1.6	1477.3	10.63	18.4	1.7	64.9
2025	4.9	4841.6	9.35	25.0	-0.3	67.1
2031 (fc)	4.0	7152.1	8.73	27.3	2.0	61.0

Sources: UNPD, ILO, IMF

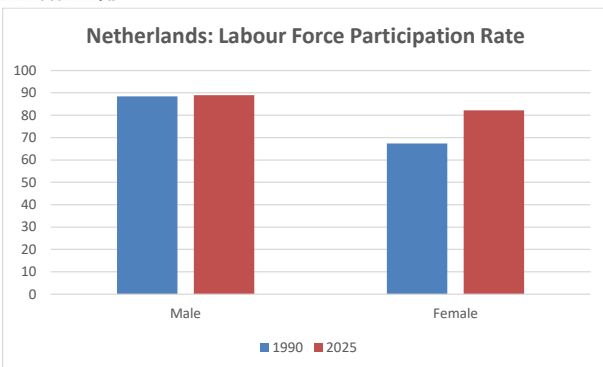
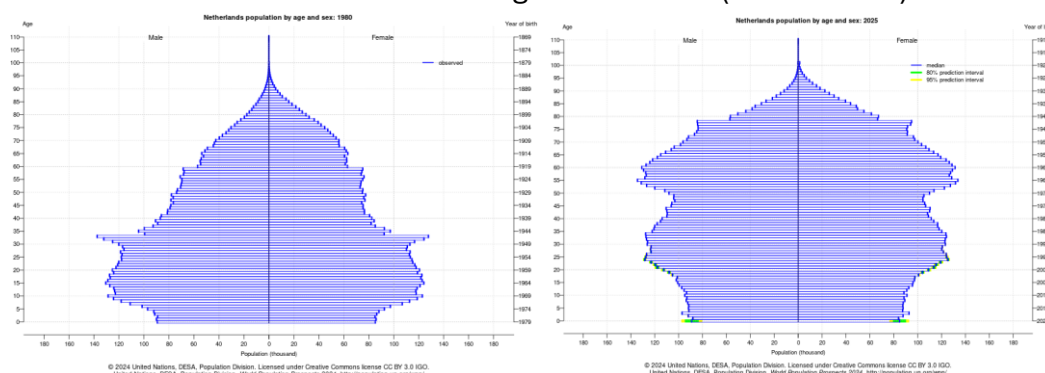
Netherlands



No of WC appearances: 12
 FIFA Ranking:7; Confederation: UEFA
 No of professional players/No. of professional clubs:1150/34
 Average squad age/ number of players under 23 years: 27.27 years / 4
 Source: FIFA www.fifa.com, Wikimedia, RotoWire

Netherlands: Core Demographic Indicators						
Years	Total Population, as of 1 January (thousands)	Median Age, as of 1 July (years)	Population Growth Rate (percentage)	Total Fertility Rate (live births per woman)	Life Expectancy at Birth, both sexes (years)	Old Age Dependency Ratio (pers 65+/pers 15-64)
1980	14,162.7	30.3	0.8	1.6	75.8	17.4
2000	16,058.8	36.2	0.8	1.7	78.1	19.9
2023	18,092.5	41.4	0.8	1.4	82.2	31.2

Netherlands Age Distribution (1980 & 2025)



Netherlands--Core Economic Variables, 2000, 2025, 2031 (fc)						
Year	Real GDP growth rate	GDP per capita, current prices, USD	Exchange Rate, LCU per USD	Gross national savings, Percent of GDP	Consumer price index (CPI), End-of-year, change	Gross General Debt as share of GDP
	percent	USD	LCU per USD	percent	percent	percent
2000	4.2	26338.6	1.08	24.2	3.1	52.2
2025	1.9	73832.8	0.89	28.5	2.7	43.3
2031 (fc)	1.2	92175.6	0.85	28.4	2.0	48.0

Sources: UNPD, ILO, IMF

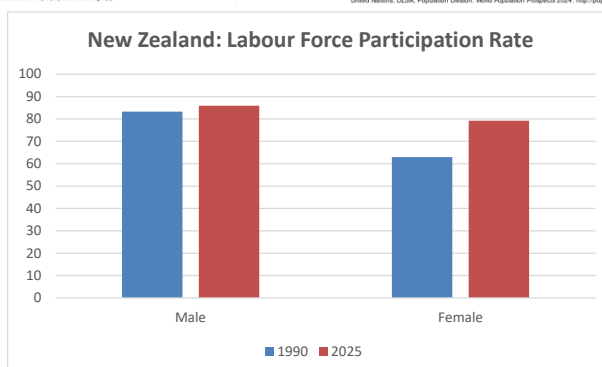
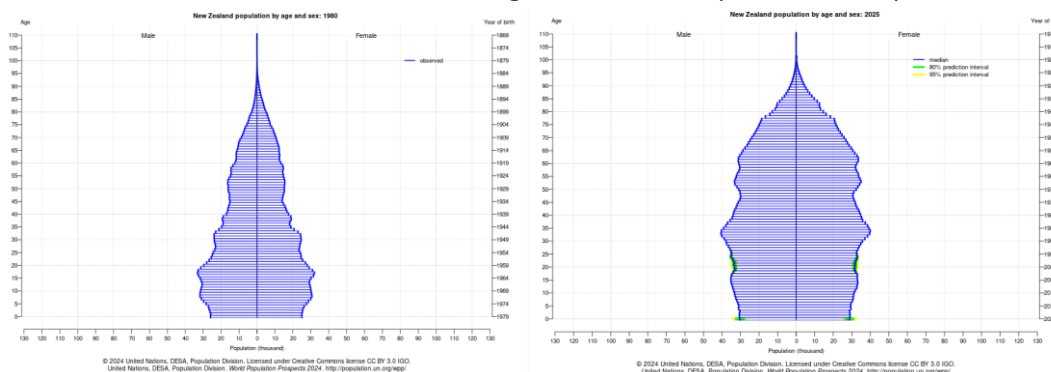
New Zealand



No of WC appearances:3
 FIFA Ranking: 85; Confederation: OFC
 No of professional players/No. of professional clubs:963/32
 Average squad age/ number of players under 23 years: 27.62 years / 2
 Source: FIFA www.fifa.com, Wikimedia, RotoWire

New Zealand: Core Demographic Indicators						
Years	Total Population, as of 1 January (thousands)	Median Age, as of 1 July (years)	Population Growth Rate (percentage)	Total Fertility Rate (live births per woman)	Life Expectancy at Birth, both sexes (years)	Old Age Dependency Ratio (pers 65+/pers15-64)
1980	3,146.3	26.9	0.3	2.0	72.9	15.4
2000	3,857.6	33.3	0.6	2.0	78.7	18.0
2023	5,172.8	37.3	0.8	1.7	82.1	25.9

New Zealand Age Distribution (1980 & 2025)



New Zealand--Core Economic Variables, 2000, 2025, 2031 (fc)						
	Real GDP growth rate	GDP per capita, current prices,	Exchange Rate,	Gross national savings, Percent of GDP	Consumer price index (CPI), End-of-year, change	Gross General Debt as share of GDP
Year	percent	USD	LCU per USD	percent	percent	percent
2000	4.2	14021.9	2.19	19.3	4.0	30.0
2025	0.2	48620.7	1.72	16.1	3.1	54.7
2031 (fc)	2.2	61564.1	1.70	19.0	0.5	54.8

Sources: UNPD, ILO, IMF

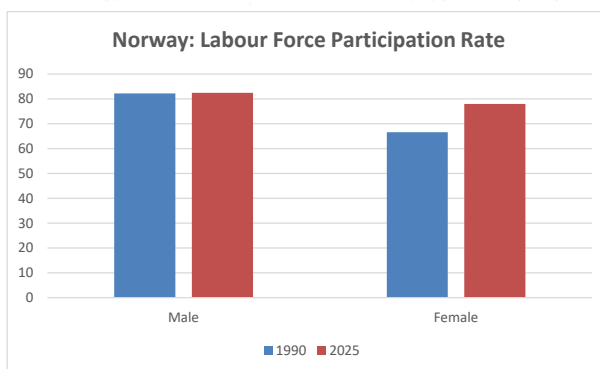
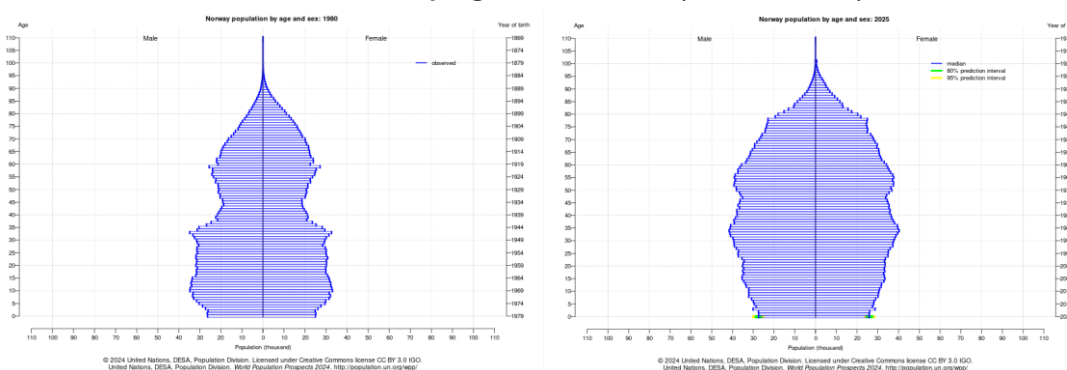
Norway



No of WC appearances: 4
 FIFA Ranking: 31; Confederation: UEFA
 No of professional players/No. of professional clubs: 420/32
 Average squad age/ number of players under 23 years: 26.35 years / 3
 Source: FIFA www.fifa.com, Wikimedia, RotoWire

Norway: Core Demographic Indicators						
Years	Total Population, as of 1 January (thousands)	Median Age, as of 1 July (years)	Population Growth Rate (percentage)	Total Fertility Rate (live births per woman)	Life Expectancy at Birth, both sexes (years)	Old Age Dependency Ratio (pers 65+/pers 15-64)
1980	4,085.6	32.4	0.3	1.7	75.7	23.4
2000	4,490.9	35.8	0.6	1.9	78.7	23.4
2023	5,519.2	39.5	1.1	1.4	83.3	28.5

Norway Age Distribution (1980 & 2025)



Norway--Core Economic Variables, 2000, 2025, 2031 (fc)						
	Real GDP growth rate	GDP per capita, current prices, USD	Exchange Rate, LCU per USD	Gross national savings, Percent of GDP	Consumer price index (CPI), End-of-year, change	Gross General Debt as share of GDP
Year	percent	USD	LCU per USD	percent	Index	percent
2000	3.4	37908.6	8.80	35.6	3.0	28.8
2025	1.1	94468.2	10.40	37.3	3.2	45.0
2031 (fc)	1.1	105024.9	10.97	33.8	2.0	25.5

Sources: UNPD, ILO, IMF

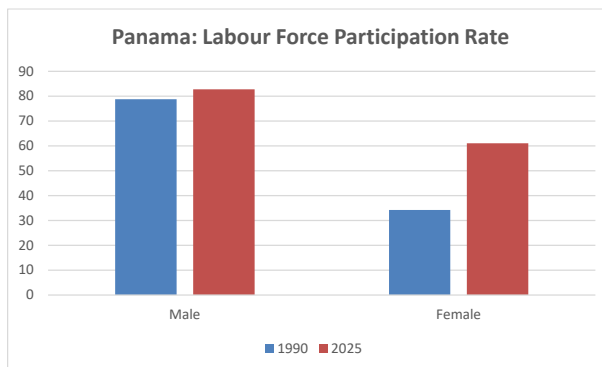
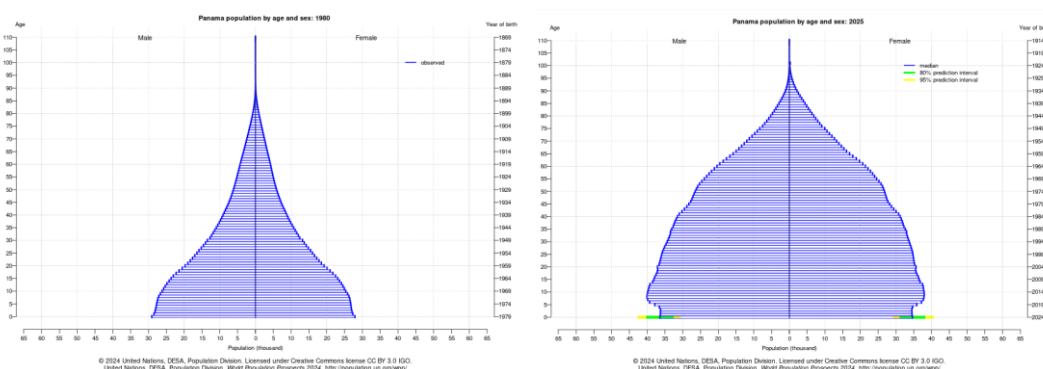
Panama



No of WC appearances: 2
 FIFA Ranking:33; Confederation: CONCACAF
 No of professional players/No. of professional clubs: 396/12
 Average squad age/ number of players under 23 years: 30 years / 0
 Source: FIFA www.fifa.com, Wikimedia, RotoWire

Panama: Core Demographic Indicators						
Years	Total Population, as of 1 January (thousands)	Median Age, as of 1 July (years)	Population Growth Rate (percentage)	Total Fertility Rate (live births per woman)	Life Expectancy at Birth, both sexes (years)	Old Age Dependency Ratio (pers 65+/pers 15-64)
1980	1,957.5	18.0	2.4	3.8	69.5	6.8
2000	3,010.4	23.3	2.0	2.7	73.4	7.9
2023	4,458.8	29.6	1.3	2.1	79.6	13.8

Panama Age Distribution (1980 & 2025)



Panama--Core Economic Variables, 2000, 2025, 2031 (fc)						
Year	Real GDP growth rate	GDP per capita, current prices, USD	Exchange Rate, LCU per USD	Gross national savings, Percent of GDP	Consumer price index (CPI), End-of-year, change	Gross General Debt as share of GDP
	percent	USD	LCU per USD	percent	percent	percent
2000	4.2	3935.4	1.00	17.7	0.7	58.0
2025	4.4	19814.1	1.00	33.9	0.4	56.6
2031 (fc)	4.5	27395.6	1.00	35.0	2.0	53.9

Sources: UNPD, ILO, IMF

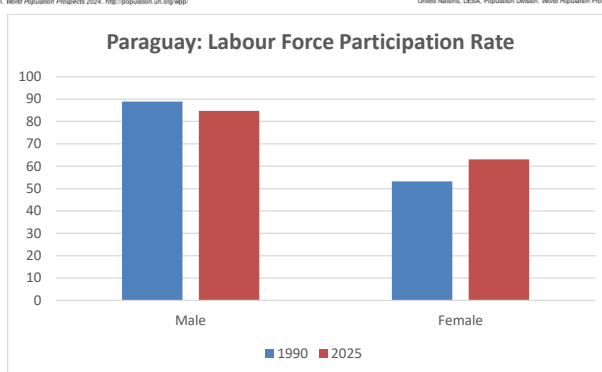
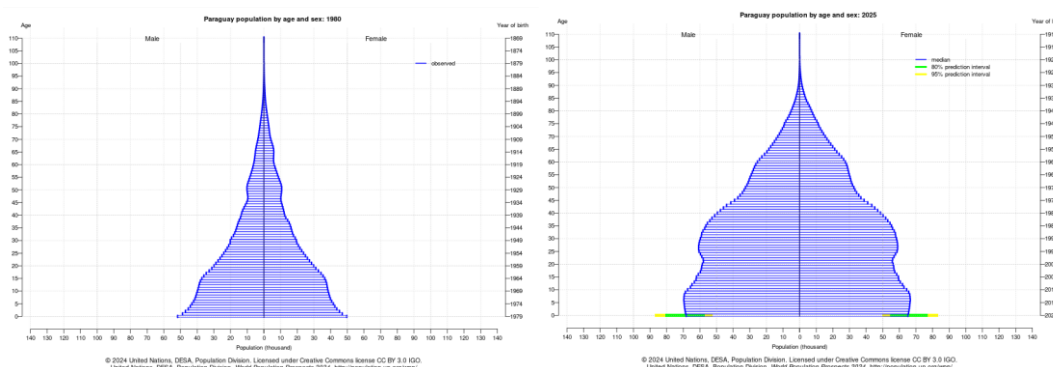
Paraguay



No of WC appearances: 9
 FIFA Ranking: 40; Confederation: CONMEBOL
 No of professional players/No. of professional clubs: 492/12
 Average squad age/ number of players under 23 years: 28.54 years / 2
 Source: FIFA www.fifa.com, Wikimedia, RotoWire

Paraguay: Core Demographic Indicators						
Years	Total Population, as of 1 January (thousands)	Median Age, as of 1 July (years)	Population Growth Rate (percentage)	Total Fertility Rate (live births per woman)	Life Expectancy at Birth, both sexes (years)	Old Age Dependency Ratio (pers 65+/pers 15-64)
1980	3,053.2	17.6	2.7	5.1	64.6	7.9
2000	5,100.9	19.0	1.8	3.5	70.0	7.0
2023	6,844.1	26.3	1.2	2.4	73.8	9.8

Paraguay Age Distribution (1980 & 2025)



Paraguay--Core Economic Variables, 2000, 2025, 2031 (fc)						
Year	Real GDP growth rate <i>percent</i>	GDP per capita, current prices, <i>USD</i>	Exchange Rate, <i>LCU per USD</i>	Gross national savings, Percent of GDP <i>percent</i>	Consumer price index (CPI), End-of-year, change <i>percent</i>	Gross General Debt as share of GDP <i>percent</i>
2000	-2.3	1717.9	3486.23	14.5	8.6	33.6
2025	6.0	7691.6	7545.42	22.0	3.1	38.1
2031 (fc)	3.5	11989.0	7035.01	29.5	3.5	36.6

Sources: UNPD, ILO, IMF

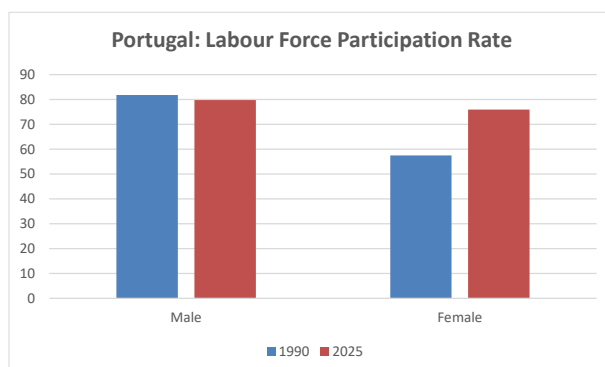
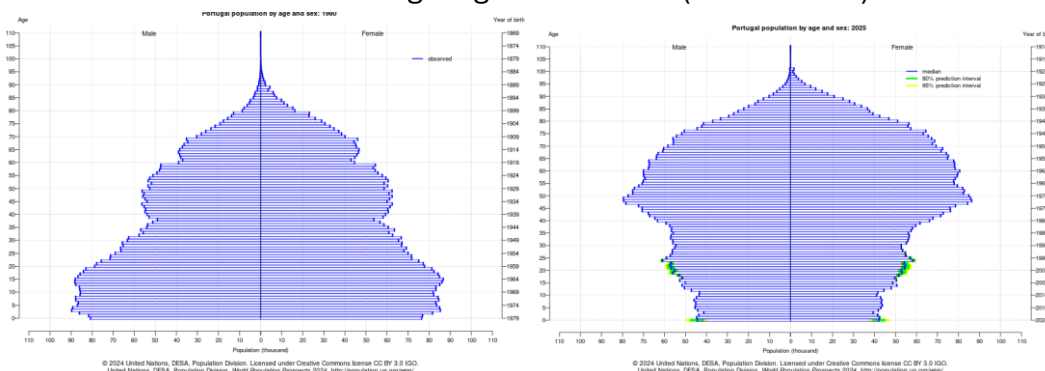
Portugal



No of WC appearances:9
 FIFA Ranking: 5; Confederation: UEFA
 No of professional players/No. of professional clubs:2074/36
 Average squad age/ number of players under 23 years: 27.54 years / 5
 Source: FIFA www.fifa.com, Wikimedia, RotoWire

Portugal: Core Demographic Indicators						
Years	Total Population, as of 1 January (thousands)	Median Age, as of 1 July (years)	Population Growth Rate (percentage)	Total Fertility Rate (live births per woman)	Life Expectancy at Birth, both sexes (years)	Old Age Dependency Ratio (pers 65+/pers 15-64)
1980	9,763.6	29.5	1.0	2.2	71.7	17.9
2000	10,283.2	36.7	0.7	1.5	76.8	23.9
2023	10,430.7	46.2	0.0	1.5	82.4	38.3

Portugal Age Distribution (1980 & 2025)



Portugal--Core Economic Variables, 2000, 2025, 2031 (fc)						
Year	Real GDP growth rate <i>percent</i>	GDP per capita, current prices, <i>USD</i>	Exchange Rate, <i>LCU per USD</i>	Gross national savings, Percent of GDP <i>percent</i>	Consumer price index (CPI), End-of-year, change <i>percent</i>	Gross General Debt as share of GDP <i>percent</i>
2000	3.8	11531.5	1.08	17.9	3.8	54.2
2025	1.9	32165.9	0.89	22.3	2.2	89.9
2031 (fc)	1.6	43407.9	0.85	22.7	2.6	74.4

Sources: UNPD, ILO, IMF

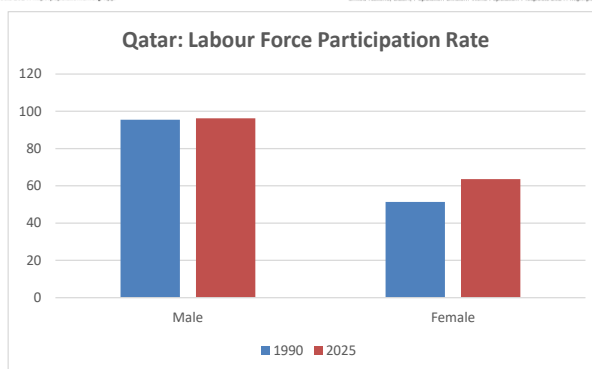
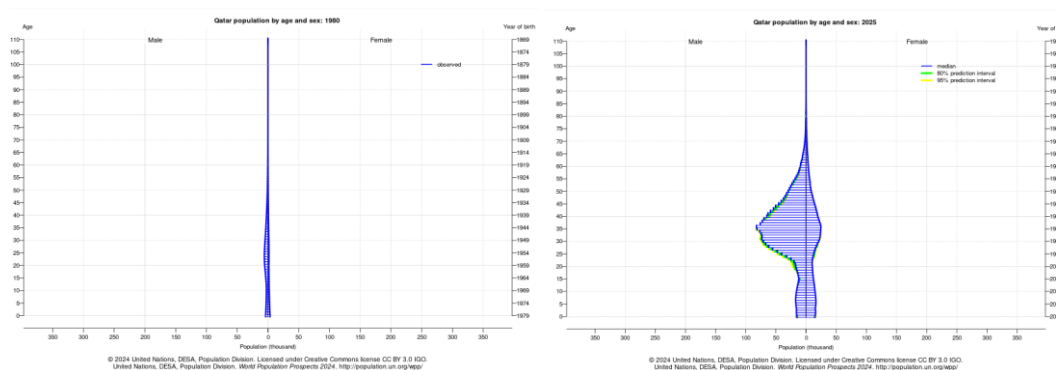
Qatar



No of WC appearances 2
 FIFA Ranking:55; Confederation: AFC
 No of professional players/No. of professional clubs: 430/12
 Average squad age/ number of players under 23 years: 28.92 years / 3
 Source: FIFA www.fifa.com, Wikimedia, RotoWire

Qatar: Core Demographic Indicators						
Years	Total Population, as of 1 January (thousands)	Median Age, as of 1 July (years)	Population Growth Rate (percentage)	Total Fertility Rate (live births per woman)	Life Expectancy at Birth, both sexes (years)	Old Age Dependency Ratio (pers 65+/pers 15-64)
1980	275.9	22.5	6.3	5.3	69.9	1.9
2000	645.0	28.9	5.1	3.1	75.3	1.7
2023	2,979.1	33.2	2.2	1.7	82.4	1.9

Qatar Age Distribution (1980 & 2025)



Qatar--Core Economic Variables, 2000, 2025, 2031 (fc)						
	Real GDP growth rate	GDP per capita, current prices,	Exchange Rate,	Gross national savings, Percent of GDP	Consumer price index (CPI), End-of-year, change	Gross General Debt as share of GDP
Year	percent	USD	LCU per USD	percent	percent	percent
2000	6.9	30461.3	3.64	50.2		51.6
2025	2.8	69680.1	3.64	46.1	2.0	41.4
2031 (fc)	5.0	93232.4	3.64	18.0	2.0	35.5

Sources: UNPD, ILO, IMF

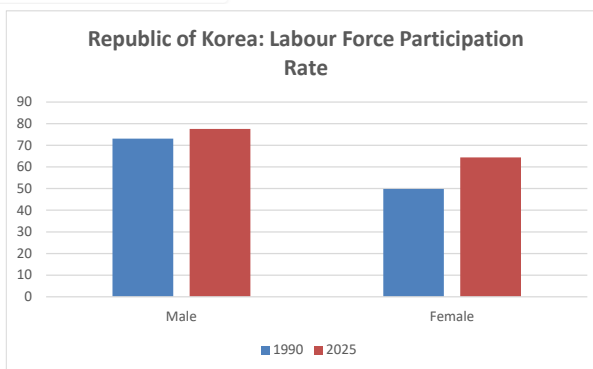
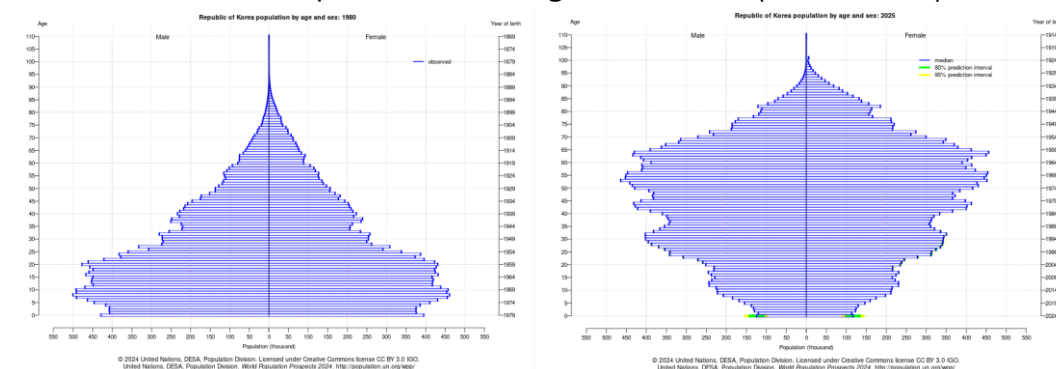
Republic of Korea



No of WC appearances: 13
 FIFA Ranking:25; Confederation: AFC
 No of professional players/No. of professional clubs:780/25
 Average squad age/ number of players under 23 years: 27.46 years / 3
 Source: FIFA www.fifa.com, Wikimedia, RotoWire

Republic of Korea: Core Demographic Indicators						
Years	Total Population, as of 1 January (thousands)	Median Age, as of 1 July (years)	Population Growth Rate (percentage)	Total Fertility Rate (live births per woman)	Life Expectancy at Birth, both sexes (years)	Old Age Dependency Ratio (pers 65+/pers 15-64)
1980	38,141.11	20.92	1.12	2.73	64.85	6.16
2000	46,766.66	30.65	0.59	1.47	76.24	9.86
2023	51,748.74	44.49	-0.04	0.72	84.33	25.94

Republic of Korea Age Distribution (1980 & 2025)



Republic of Korea--Core Economic Variables, 2000, 2025, 2031 (fc)						
Year	Real GDP growth rate <i>percent</i>	GDP per capita, current prices, <i>USD</i>	Exchange Rate, <i>LCU per USD</i>	Gross national savings, Percent of GDP <i>percent</i>	Consumer price index (CPI), End-of-year, change <i>percent</i>	Gross General Debt as share of GDP <i>percent</i>
2000	9.2	12717.0	1130.36	34.2	2.8	16.1
2025	1.0	36227.0	1422.44	35.7	2.3	52.3
2031 (fc)	1.9	46019.2	1443.01	35.0	2.0	63.1

Sources: UNPD, ILO, IMF

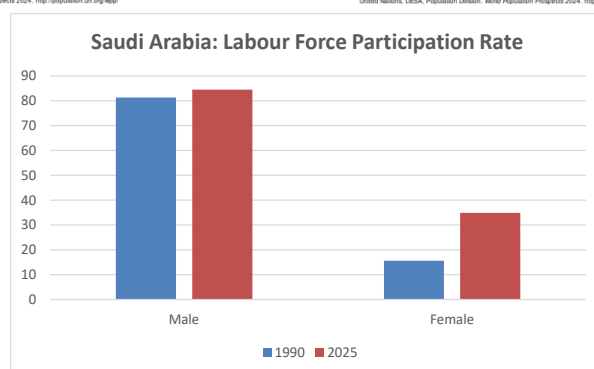
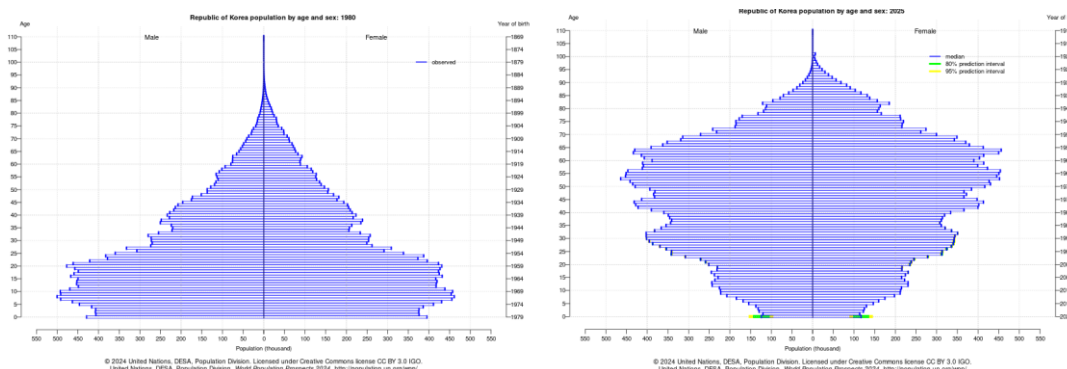
Saudi Arabia



No of WC appearances 7
 FIFA Ranking: 61; Confederation: AFC
 No of professional players/No. of professional clubs: 1505/108
 Average squad age/ number of players under 23 years: 27.96 years / 3
 Source: FIFA www.fifa.com, Wikimedia, RotoWire

Saudi Arabia: Core Demographic Indicators						
Years	Total Population, as of 1 January (thousands)	Median Age, as of 1 July (years)	Population Growth Rate (percentage)	Total Fertility Rate (live births per woman)	Life Expectancy at Birth, both sexes (years)	Old Age Dependency Ratio (pers 65+/pers 15-64)
1980	6,048.0	17.1	5.9	7.1	62.4	4.1
2000	16,177.7	19.7	5.3	4.2	72.6	3.7
2023	33,264.3	29.2	2.4	2.3	78.7	3.9

Saudi Arabia Age Distribution (1980 & 2025)



Saudi Arabia--Core Economic Variables, 2000, 2025, 2031 (fc)						
Year	Real GDP growth rate	GDP per capita, current prices, USD	Exchange Rate, LCU per USD	Gross national savings, Percent of GDP	Consumer price index (CPI), End-of-year	Gross General Debt as share of GDP
	percent	USD	LCU per USD	percent	percent	percent
2000	4.7	10448.6	3.75	26.9	-1.7	86.7
2025	4.5	35464.4	3.75	28.7	0.5	31.7
2031 (fc)	3.6	42666.4	3.75	26.7	2.0	42.2

Sources: UNPD, ILO, IMF

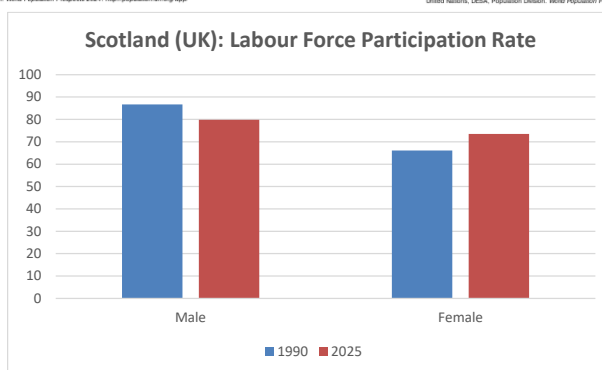
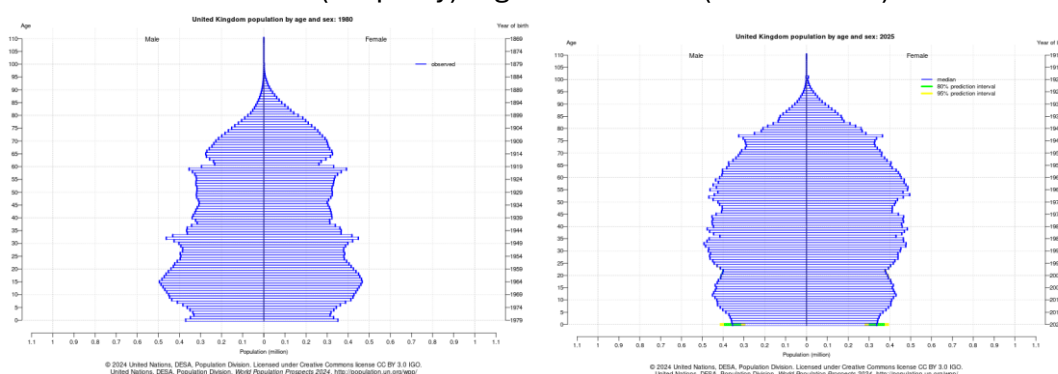
Scotland (proxied by UK data)



No of WC appearances 9
 FIFA Ranking:44; Confederation: UEFA
 No of professional players/No. of professional clubs:704/18
 Average squad age/ number of players under 23 years: 28.73 years / 3
 Source: FIFA www.fifa.com, Wikimedia, RotoWire

Scotland (proxied by UK): Core Demographic Indicators						
Years	Total Population, as of 1 January (thousands)	Median Age, as of 1 July (years)	Population Growth Rate (percentage)	Total Fertility Rate (live births per woman)	Life Expectancy at Birth, both sexes (years)	Old Age Dependency Ratio (pers 65+/pers15-64)
1980	56,282.1	33.3	0.1	1.9	73.6	23.4
2000	59,057.3	36.6	0.4	1.6	77.8	24.4
2023	68,683.0	39.8	0.7	1.6	81.3	30.4

Scotland (UK proxy): Age Distribution (1980 & 2025)



Scotland (UK proxy)--Core Economic Variables, 2000, 2025, 2031 (fc)						
	Real GDP growth rate	GDP per capita, current prices, USD	Exchange Rate, CU per USD	Gross national savings, Percent of GDP	Consumer price index (CPI), End-of-year, change	Gross General Debt as share of GDP
Year	percent	USD	CU per USD	percent	percent	percent
2000	4.5	28440.8	0.66	17.0	0.8	37.5
2025	1.3	57608.2	0.76	15.4	3.4	102.3
2031 (fc)	1.4	75760.8	0.69	18.2	2.0	102.6

Sources: UNPD, ILO, IMF

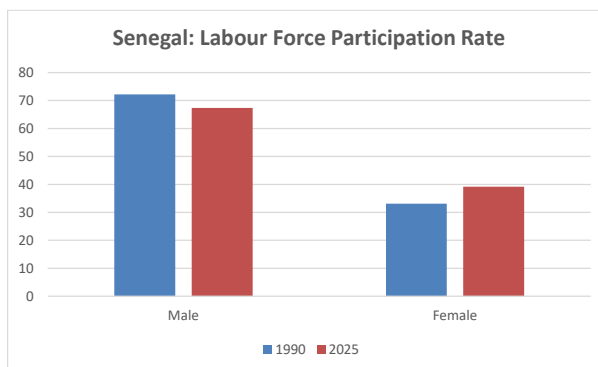
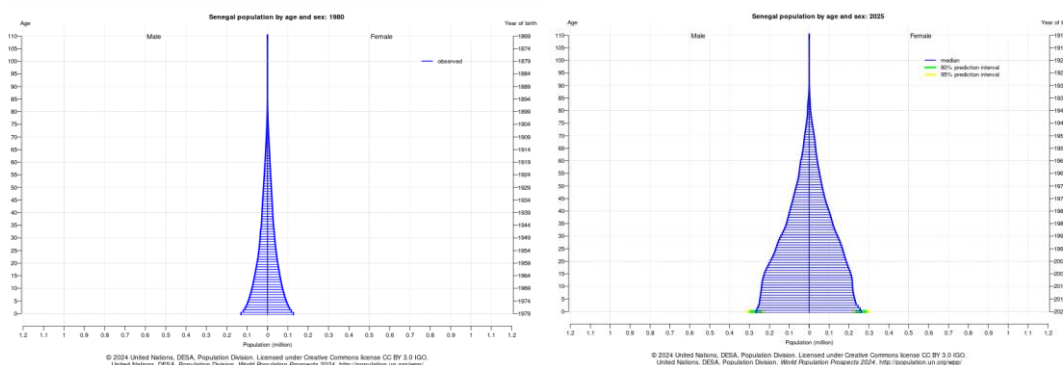
Senegal



No of WC appearances 4
 FIFA Ranking:14; Confederation: CAF
 No of professional players/No. of professional clubs:-/18
 Average squad age/ number of players under 23 years: 26.62 years / 5
 Source: FIFA www.fifa.com, Wikimedia, RotoWire

Senegal: Core Demographic Indicators						
Years	Total Population, as of 1 January (thousands)	Median Age, as of 1 July (years)	Population Growth Rate (percentage)	Total Fertility Rate (live births per woman)	Life Expectancy at Birth, both sexes (years)	Old Age Dependency Ratio (pers 65+/pers 15-64)
1980	5,845.64	15.72	2.52	7.29	48.29	5.38
2000	9,968.26	16.52	2.42	5.50	57.62	6.11
2023	18,077.57	19.13	2.33	3.82	68.68	6.21

Senegal Age Distribution (1980 & 2025)



Senegal--Core Economic Variables, 2000, 2025, 2031 (fc)						
Year	Real GDP growth rate <i>percent</i>	GDP per capita, current prices, <i>USD</i>	Exchange Rate, <i>LCU per USD</i>	Gross national savings, Percent of GDP <i>percent</i>	Consumer price index (CPI), End-of-year <i>percent</i>	Gross General Debt as share of GDP <i>percent</i>
2000	3.9	614.0	709.88	16.7	1.4	57.5
2025	7.9	1935.9	580.84	23.5	2.8	130.2
2031 (fc)	4.6	2332.3	559.53	20.1	2.0	121.4

Sources: UNPD, ILO, IMF

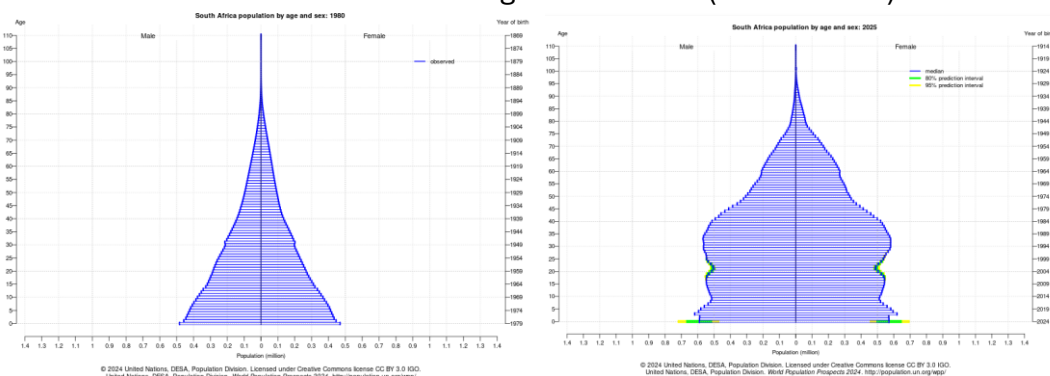
South Africa



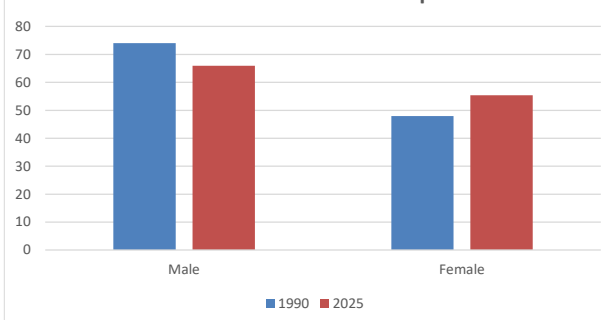
No of WC appearances: 4
 FIFA Ranking:60; Confederation: CAF
 No of professional players/No. of professional clubs: 541/16
 Average squad age/ number of players under 23 years: 26.35 years / 7
 Source: FIFA www.fifa.com, Wikimedia, RotoWire

South Africa: Core Demographic Indicators						
Years	Total Population, as of 1 January (thousands)	Median Age, as of 1 July (years)	Population Growth Rate (percentage)	Total Fertility Rate (live births per woman)	Life Expectancy at Birth, both sexes (years)	Old Age Dependency Ratio (pers 65+/pers 15-64)
1980	29,518.9	18.4	3.4	4.8	60.0	6.9
2000	47,159.7	20.8	0.8	2.4	58.4	7.9
2023	63,212.4	28.2	1.3	2.2	66.1	9.7

South Africa Age Distribution (1980 & 2025)



South Africa: Labour Force Participation Rate



South Africa--Core Economic Variables, 2000, 2025, 2031 (fc)						
Year	Real GDP growth rate	GDP per capita, current prices, USD	Exchange Rate, LCU per USD	Gross national savings, Percent of GDP	Consumer price index (CPI), End-of-year, change	Gross General Debt as share of GDP
	percent	USD	LCU per USD	percent	percent	percent
2000	4.2	3382.1	6.94	14.9	6.4	37.9
2025	1.1	6769.2	17.89	13.3	3.6	78.6
2031 (fc)	1.8	8437.8	17.50	12.7	3.0	82.6

Sources: UNPD, ILO, IMF

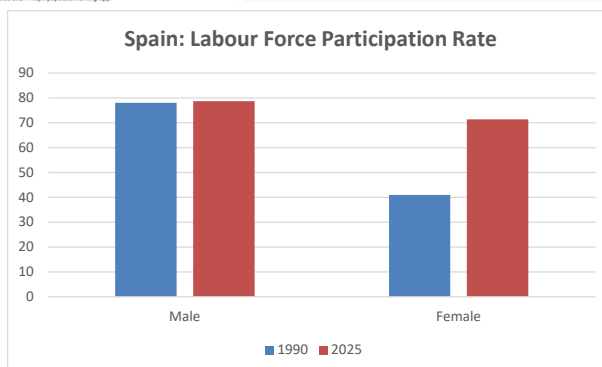
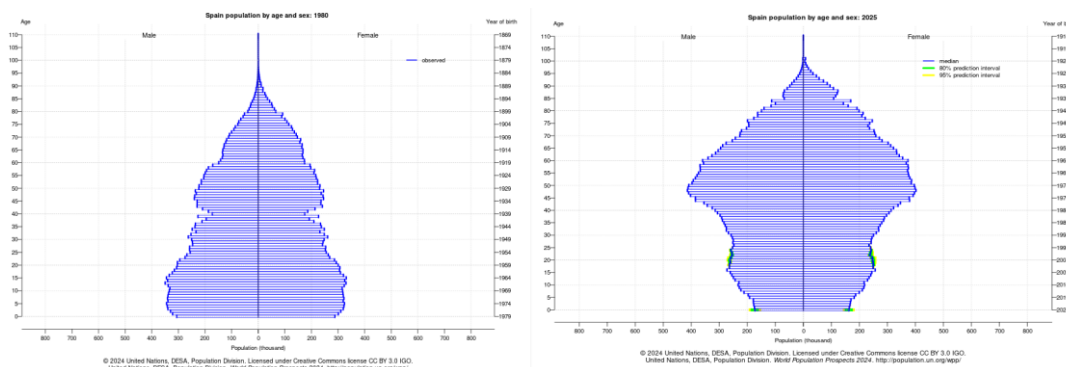


Spain

No of WC appearances 17
 FIFA Ranking: 2; Confederation: UEFA
 No of professional players/No. of professional clubs: 8560/41
 Average squad age/ number of players under 23 years: 26.19 years / 5
 Source: FIFA www.fifa.com, Wikimedia, RotoWire

Spain: Core Demographic Indicators						
Years	Total Population, as of 1 January (thousands)	Median Age, as of 1 July (years)	Population Growth Rate (percentage)	Total Fertility Rate (live births per woman)	Life Expectancy at Birth, both sexes (years)	Old Age Dependency Ratio (pers 65+/pers 15-64)
1980	37,537.6	29.8	0.8	2.2	75.5	17.7
2000	41,019.8	36.3	0.5	1.2	79.4	24.1
2023	47,911.6	44.9	0.0	1.2	83.7	31.3

Spain Age Distribution (1980 & 2025)



Spain--Core Economic Variables, 2000, 2025, 2031 (fc)						
Year	Real GDP growth rate (percent)	GDP per capita, current prices, USD	Exchange Rate, LCU per USD	Gross national savings, Percent of GDP	Consumer price index (CPI), End-of-year (percent)	Gross General Debt as share of GDP (percent)
2000	5.1	14714.4	1.08	22.4	4.0	57.8
2025	2.8	38290.4	0.89	24.4	3.0	100.4
2031 (fc)	1.7	49205.4	0.85	22.9	2.0	90.4

Sources: UNPD, ILO, IMF

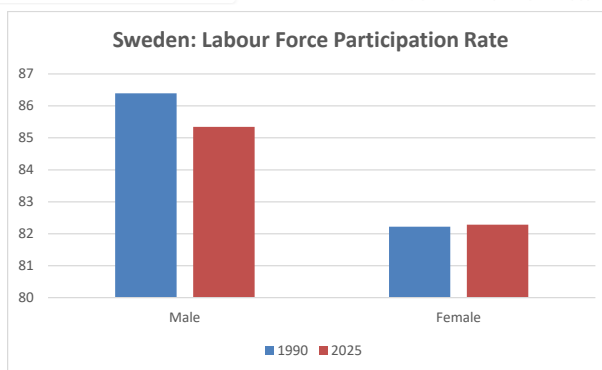
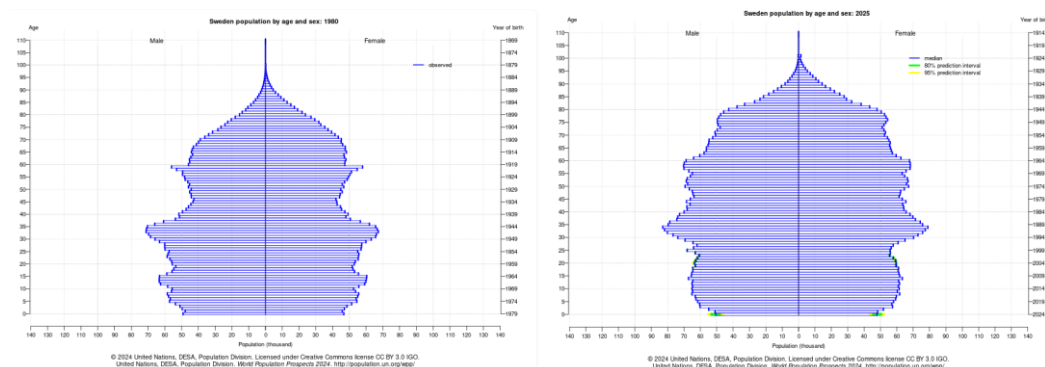
Sweden



No of WC appearances 13
 FIFA Ranking:38; Confederation: UEFA
 No of professional players/No. of professional clubs:3092/32
 Average squad age/ number of players under 23 years: 27 years / 3
 Source: FIFA www.fifa.com, Wikimedia, RotoWire

Sweden: Core Demographic Indicators						
Years	Total Population, as of 1 January (thousands)	Median Age, as of 1 July (years)	Population Growth Rate (percentage)	Total Fertility Rate (live births per woman)	Life Expectancy at Birth, both sexes (years)	Old Age Dependency Ratio (pers 65+/pers15-64)
1980	8,310.5	35.1	0.2	1.7	75.7	25.4
2000	8,872.1	38.4	0.2	1.5	79.7	26.8
2023	10,551.5	39.9	0.6	1.4	83.3	33.0

Sweden Age Distribution (1980 & 2025)



Sweden--Core Economic Variables, 2000, 2025, 2031 (fc)						
Year	Real GDP growth rate	GDP per capita, current prices, USD	Exchange Rate, LCU per USD	Gross national savings, Percent of GDP	Consumer price index (CPI), End-of-year	Gross General Debt as share of GDP
	percent	USD	LCU per USD	percent	percent	percent
2000	4.6	29596.8	9.16	26.0	1.5	50.4
2025	1.5	62661.8	9.82	31.6	2.5	34.9
2031 (fc)	1.8	85389.2	8.89	30.2	2.0	36.6

Sources: UNPD, ILO, IMF

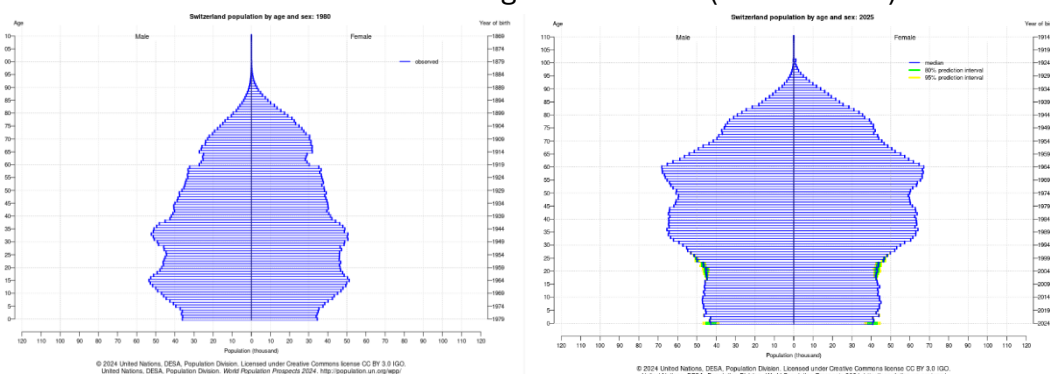
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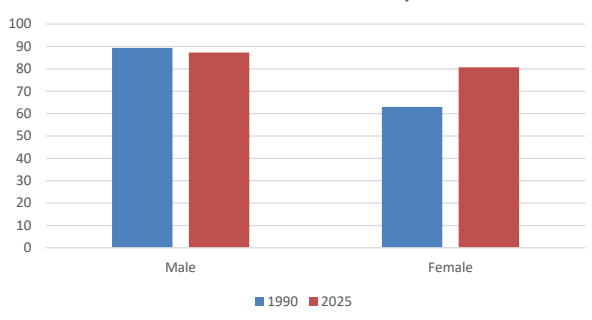
No of World Cup appearances 13
 FIFA Ranking:19; Confederation: UEFA
 No of professional players/No. of professional clubs: 1140/22
 Average squad age/ number of players under 23 years: 27.81 years / 3
 Source: FIFA www.fifa.com, Wikimedia, RotoWire

Switzerland: Core Demographic Indicators						
Years	Total Population, as of 1 January (thousands)	Median Age, as of 1 July (years)	Population Growth Rate (percentage)	Total Fertility Rate (live births per woman)	Life Expectancy at Birth, both sexes (years)	Old Age Dependency Ratio (pers 65+/pers15-64)
1980	6,319.8	33.8	0.5	1.5	75.6	20.9
2000	7,184.0	37.7	0.5	1.5	79.8	22.8
2023	8,870.6	42.3	0.6	1.4	84.0	30.0

Switzerland Age Distribution (1980 & 2025)



Switzerland: Labour Force Participation Rate



Switzerland--Core Economic Variables, 2000, 2025, 2031 (fc)						
	Real GDP growth rate	GDP per capita, current prices,	Exchange Rate,	Gross national savings, Percent of GDP	Consumer price index (CPI), End-of-year, change	Gross General Debt as share of GDP
Year	percent	USD	LCU per USD	percent	percent	percent
2000	3.7	39416.9	1.69	39.1	1.5	51.7
2025	1.3	115620.1	0.83	36.6	0.1	39.4
2031 (fc)	1.2	148483.2	0.70	35.7	0.7	33.5

Sources: UNPD, ILO, IMF

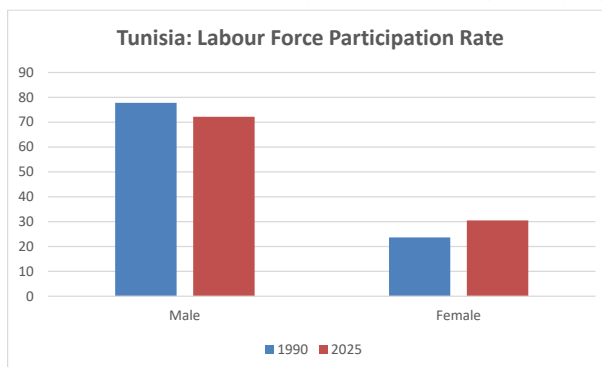
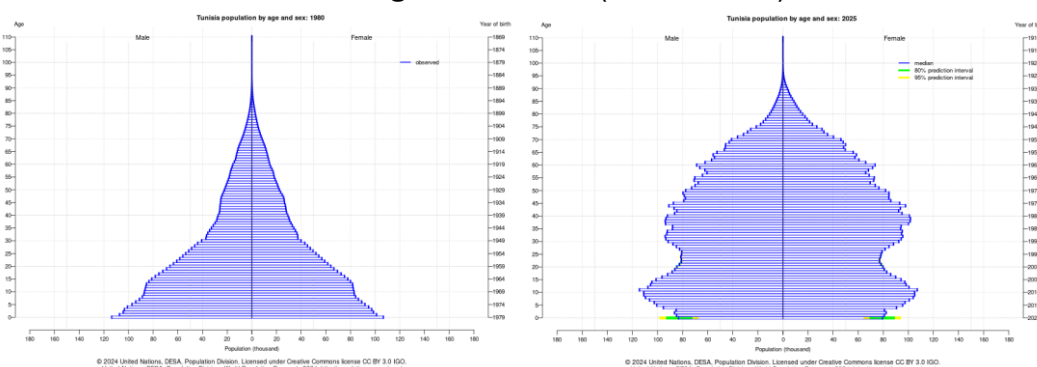


Tunisia

No of World Cup appearance including 2026: 7
 FIFA Ranking:45; Confederation: CAF
 No of professional players/No. of professional clubs:-/40
 Average squad age/ number of players under 23 years: 26.15 years / 3
 Source: FIFA www.fifa.com, Wikimedia, RotoWire

Tunisia: Core Demographic Indicators						
Years	Total Population, as of 1 January (thousands)	Median Age, as of 1 July (years)	Population Growth Rate (percentage)	Total Fertility Rate (live births per woman)	Life Expectancy at Birth, both sexes (years)	Old Age Dependency Ratio (pers 65+/pers15-64)
1980	6,606.2	17.4	1.4	5.0	63.7	6.7
2000	9,764.9	23.4	1.3	2.0	72.6	8.5
2023	12,200.4	32.1	2.2	1.8	76.5	13.8

Tunisia Age Distribution (1980 & 2025)



Tunisia--Core Economic Variables, 2000, 2025, 2031 (fc)						
Year	Real GDP growth rate <i>percent</i>	GDP per capita, current prices, <i>USD</i>	Exchange Rate, <i>LCU per USD</i>	Gross national savings, Percent of GDP <i>percent</i>	Consumer price index (CPI), End-of-year <i>percent</i>	Gross General Debt as share of GDP <i>percent</i>
2000	4.3	2306.6	1.37	21.8	1.7	62.9
2025	2.5	4663.6	3.00	7.9	4.9	81.3
2031 (fc)	1.5	4946.3	4.51	3.3	9.9	91.1

Sources: UNPD, ILO, IMF

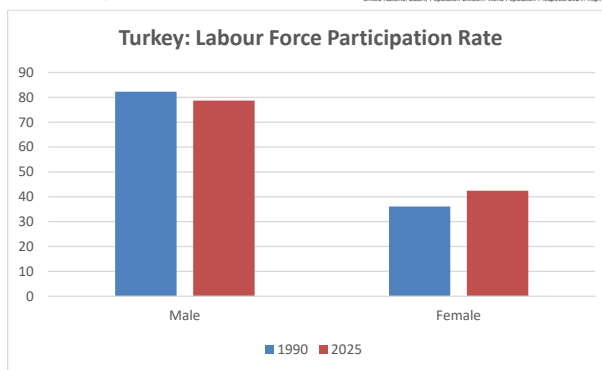
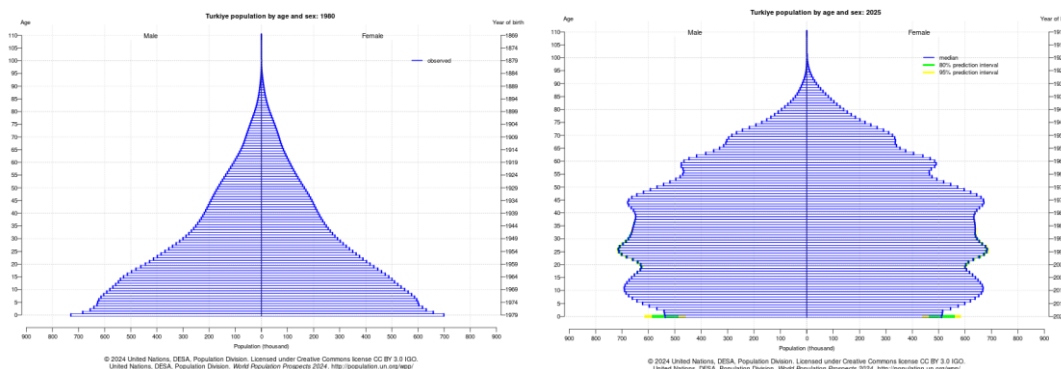


Turkey

No of World Cup appearances: 3
 FIFA Ranking: 22; Confederation: UEFA
 No of professional players/No. of professional clubs:3917/136
 Average squad age/ number of players under 23 years: 27.23 years / 3
 Source: FIFA www.fifa.com, Wikimedia, RotoWire

Turkey: Core Demographic Indicators						
Years	Total Population, as of 1 January (thousands)	Median Age, as of 1 July (years)	Population Growth Rate (percentage)	Total Fertility Rate (live births per woman)	Life Expectancy at Birth, both sexes (years)	Old Age Dependency Ratio (pers 65+/pers15-64)
1980	45,408.82	18.76	2.07	4.45	62.74	8.41
2000	65,425.96	24.02	1.26	2.49	71.93	9.09
2023	87,270.50	32.52	0.23	1.63	77.16	14.67

Turkey Age Distribution (1980 & 2025)



Turkey--Core Economic Variables, 2000, 2025, 2031 (fc)						
Year	Real GDP growth rate <i>percent</i>	GDP per capita, current prices, <i>USD</i>	Exchange Rate, <i>LCU per USD</i>	Gross national savings, Percent of GDP <i>percent</i>	Consumer price index (CPI), End-of-year <i>percent</i>	Gross General Debt as share of GDP <i>percent</i>
2000	7.0	4256.6	0.63	21.7	39.0	51.2
2025	3.6	18611.1	39.45	29.9	30.9	23.5
2031 (fc)	4.0	22954.7	102.05	32.3	15.0	27.5

Sources: UNPD, ILO, IMF

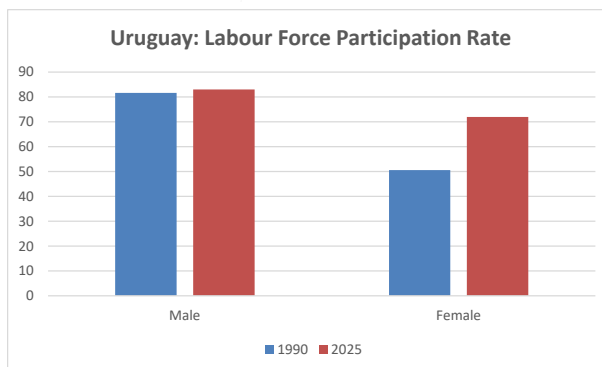
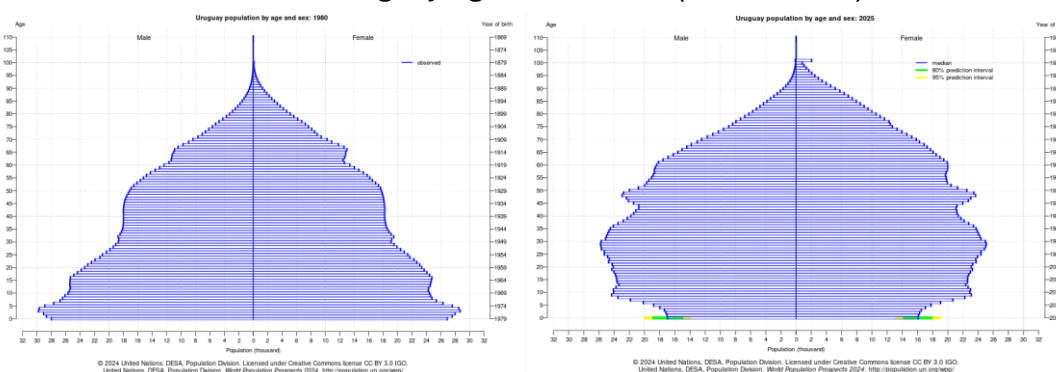
Uruguay



No of World Cup appearances including 2026: 15
 FIFA Ranking: 17; Confederation: CONMEBOL
 No of professional players/No. of professional clubs:516/30
 Average squad age/ number of players under 23 years: 28.19 years / 2
 Source: FIFA www.fifa.com, Wikimedia, RotoWire

Uruguay: Core Demographic Indicators						
Years	Total Population, as of 1 January (thousands)	Median Age, as of 1 July (years)	Population Growth Rate (percentage)	Total Fertility Rate (live births per woman)	Life Expectancy at Birth, both sexes (years)	Old Age Dependency Ratio (pers 65+/pers15-64)
1980	2,951.95	29.07	0.38	2.59	70.51	16.84
2000	3,266.21	31.00	0.31	2.20	74.69	20.88
2023	3,388.08	35.78	-0.04	1.41	78.14	24.14

Uruguay Age Distribution (1980 & 2025)



Uruguay--Core Economic Variables, 2000, 2025, 2031 (fc)						
Year	Real GDP growth rate	GDP per capita, current prices, USD	Exchange Rate, LCU per USD	Gross national savings, Percent of GDP	Consumer price index (CPI), End-of-year, change	Gross General Debt as share of GDP
	percent	USD	LCU per USD	percent	percent	percent
2000	-1.9	7432.3	12.10	16.3	5.1	30.5
2025	1.8	24548.8	41.08	15.7	3.7	65.7
2031 (fc)	2.2	34985.4	44.66	14.4	4.5	67.3

Sources: UNPD, ILO, IMF

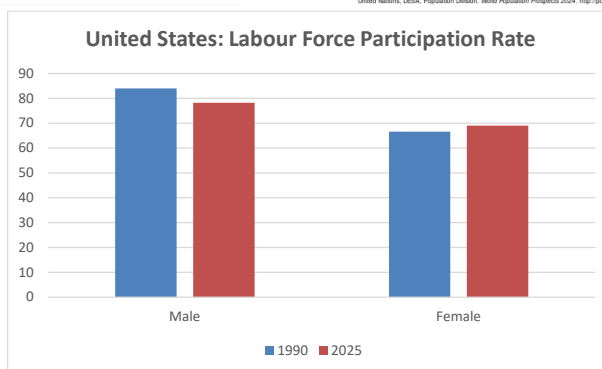
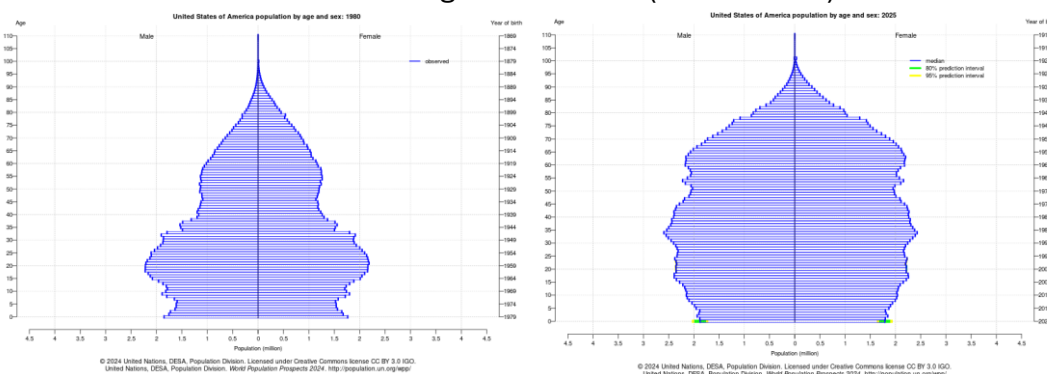
USA



No of World Cup appearances: 12
 FIFA Ranking:16; Confederation: CONCACAF
 No of professional players/No. of professional clubs: 2791/101
 Average squad age/ number of players under 23 years: 26.42 years / 4
 Source: FIFA www.fifa.com, Wikimedia, RotoWire

USA: Core Demographic Indicators						
Years	Total Population, as of 1 January (thousands)	Median Age, as of 1 July (years)	Population Growth Rate (percentage)	Total Fertility Rate (live births per woman)	Life Expectancy at Birth, both sexes (years)	Old Age Dependency Ratio (pers 65+/pers15-64)
1980	229,858.66	29.12	3.13	1.86	73.73	16.65
2000	281,484.13	34.29	1.41	2.03	76.81	18.28
2023	343,477.34	38.02	2.47	1.62	79.30	26.83

USA Age Distribution (1980 & 2025)



USA--Core Economic Variables, 2000, 2025, 2031 (fc)						
	Real GDP growth rate	GDP per capita, current prices, USD	Exchange Rate, LCU per USD	Gross national savings, Percent of GDP	Consumer price index (CPI), End-of-year, change	Gross General Debt as share of GDP
Year	percent	USD	LCU per USD	percent	percent	percent
2000	4.1	36312.8	1.00	20.7	3.4	
2025	2.1	89991.2	1.00	16.8	2.9	123.9
2031 (fc)	1.8	112241.9	1.00	17.2	2.2	142.1

Sources: UNPD, ILO, IMF

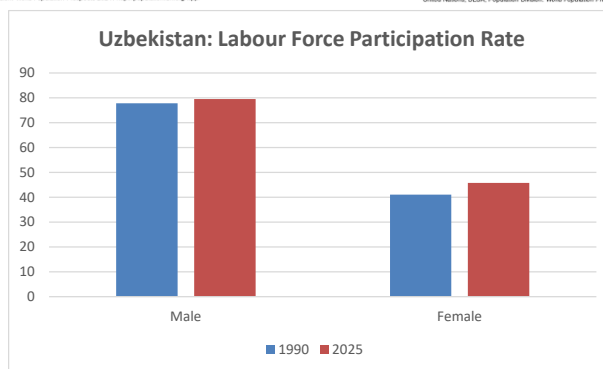
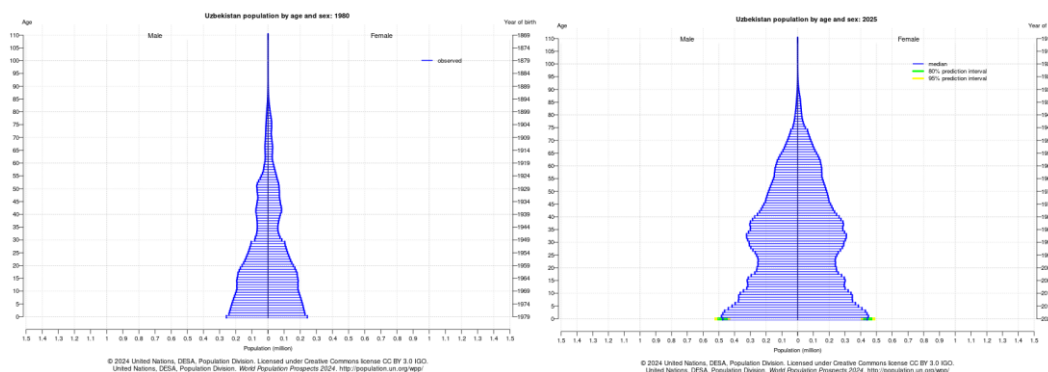
Uzbekistan

No of WC appearances 1
 FIFA Ranking:50; Confederation: AFC
 No of professional players/No. of professional clubs: 611/25
 Average squad age/ number of players under 23 years: 27.96 years / 2
 Source: FIFA www.fifa.com, Wikimedia, RotoWire



Uzbekistan: Core Demographic Indicators						
Years	Total Population, as of 1 January (thousands)	Median Age, as of 1 July (years)	Population Growth Rate (percentage)	Total Fertility Rate (live births per woman)	Life Expectancy at Birth, both sexes (years)	Old Age Dependency Ratio (pers 65+/pers 15-64)
1980	15,619.94	17.86	2.63	5.04	62.98	7.60
2000	24,787.05	20.35	1.21	2.70	65.46	7.89
2023	35,652.31	26.91	2.01	3.50	72.39	8.98

Uzbekistan Age Distribution (1980 & 2025)



Uzbekistan--Core Economic Variables, 2000, 2025, 2031 (fc)						
Year	Real GDP growth rate (percent)	GDP per capita, current prices, USD	Exchange Rate, LCU per USD	Gross national savings, Percent of GDP	Consumer price index (CPI), End-of-year, change (percent)	Gross General Debt as share of GDP (percent)
2000	3.8	779.8	237.34	16.9	28.2	26.5
2025	7.7	3846.3	12576.75	29.6	7.3	28.6
2031 (fc)	5.7	7057.4	13639.31	31.2	5.0	26.8

Sources: UNPD, ILO, IMF

Conclusions

This report highlights **the heterogeneous macro-demographics** of the countries competing in the men's Football World Cup 2026 in North America (Canada, Mexico and USA). As we have been arguing that demographics has far-reaching and multi-faceted implications for growth, fiscal sustainability, asset prices, pensions, urbanisation, inequality and youth unemployment, this background information is critical on both an absolute and comparative basis for policy-making as well as investments.

Our research emphasises and uses the fact that demographics is about “**consumers and workers**”, who are core to the economic, financial and market development of countries. This report is about the changing demographics and economics of the 48 countries that are competing and are represented by a squad of 26 players and a coach in Canada, Mexico and the USA. We illustrate the changes over time across these countries and present a holistic comparative picture.

The men's Football World Cup exemplifies the fact that the “Beautiful Game” allows for participation from a very wide range of countries that are very dissimilar. **Understanding the macro, demographics and social indicators provides investment, policy, commercial and general insights into all these countries competing at the world stage.** Not to mention the value of sports and entertainment globally created, once in every four years. Many players competing in this World Cup and many countries too may not compete in the next one.

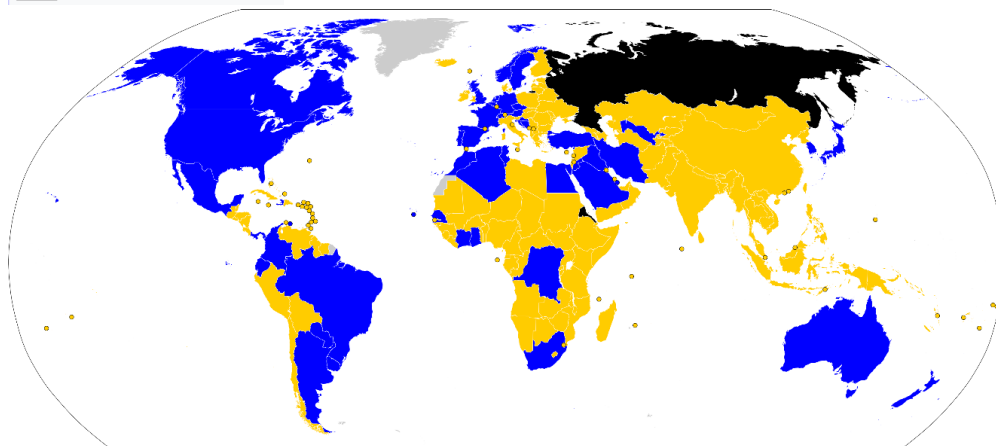
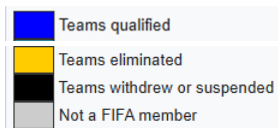
For the 48 countries in our sample, variations are quite stark: high population growth differentials to those in life expectancy, fertility rate, and net migration rate differences - the **heterogeneity is wide and huge** as shown in cross comparative charts at the start of the report before country pages

On the football field it may be 11 players representing their country (or a squad size of 26 or maybe team staff of up to 40-50) but the countries they represent are very different on many core characteristics. We present for each country a statistic on the number of players in the World Cup squads that play in foreign leagues, a testimony to the globalisation of the world as well as the commercialisation of football. The Appendix presents the global spread of countries that competed at different stages of the competition, along with the median age of the country vs the average age of the 26-member squad age.

Appendix

Exhibit A. Countries Geographically in World Cup 2026

Status of countries with respect to FIFA world Cup 2026



Source: Wikimedia Commons

World Cup 2026: Macro-Demographics

Exhibit B1. World Cup 2026 Countries: Population Median age vs. Average Squad Age (differences)

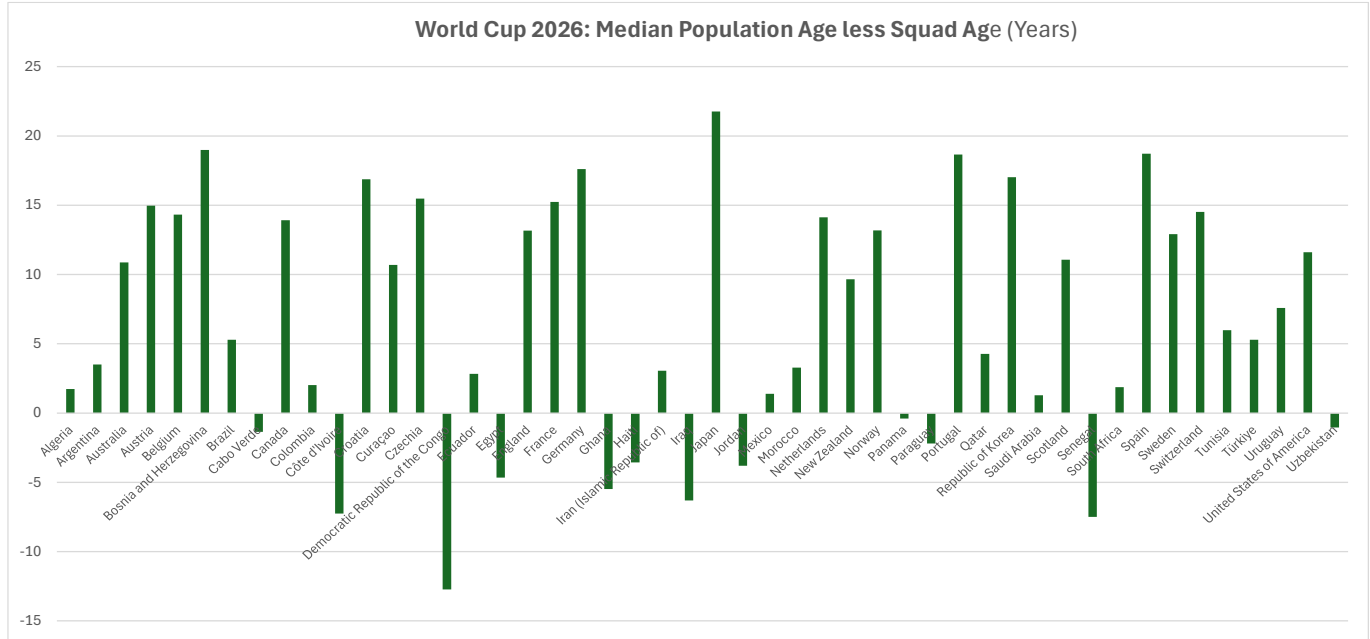
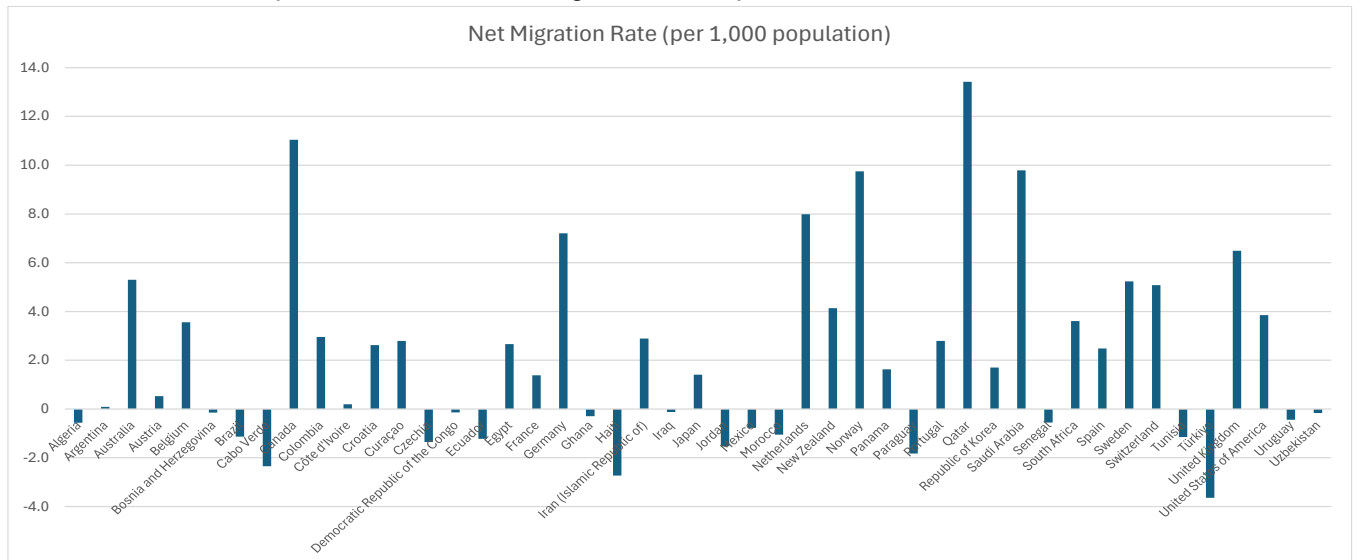


EXHIBIT B2: World Cup 2026 Countries: Net Migration Rates per 1000



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