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The Youth Bulge and the Future of South Africa
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Introduction

- **The importance of Demographic transition to the future of South Africa.**
- **Conflicts and demographic transitions**
- **Development prospects in the context of the youth bulge.**
- **Youth Bulge in South Africa curse or a blessing?:
*An Asian economic miracle or an Arab spring?***

Historical Picture Depicting Youth Struggle

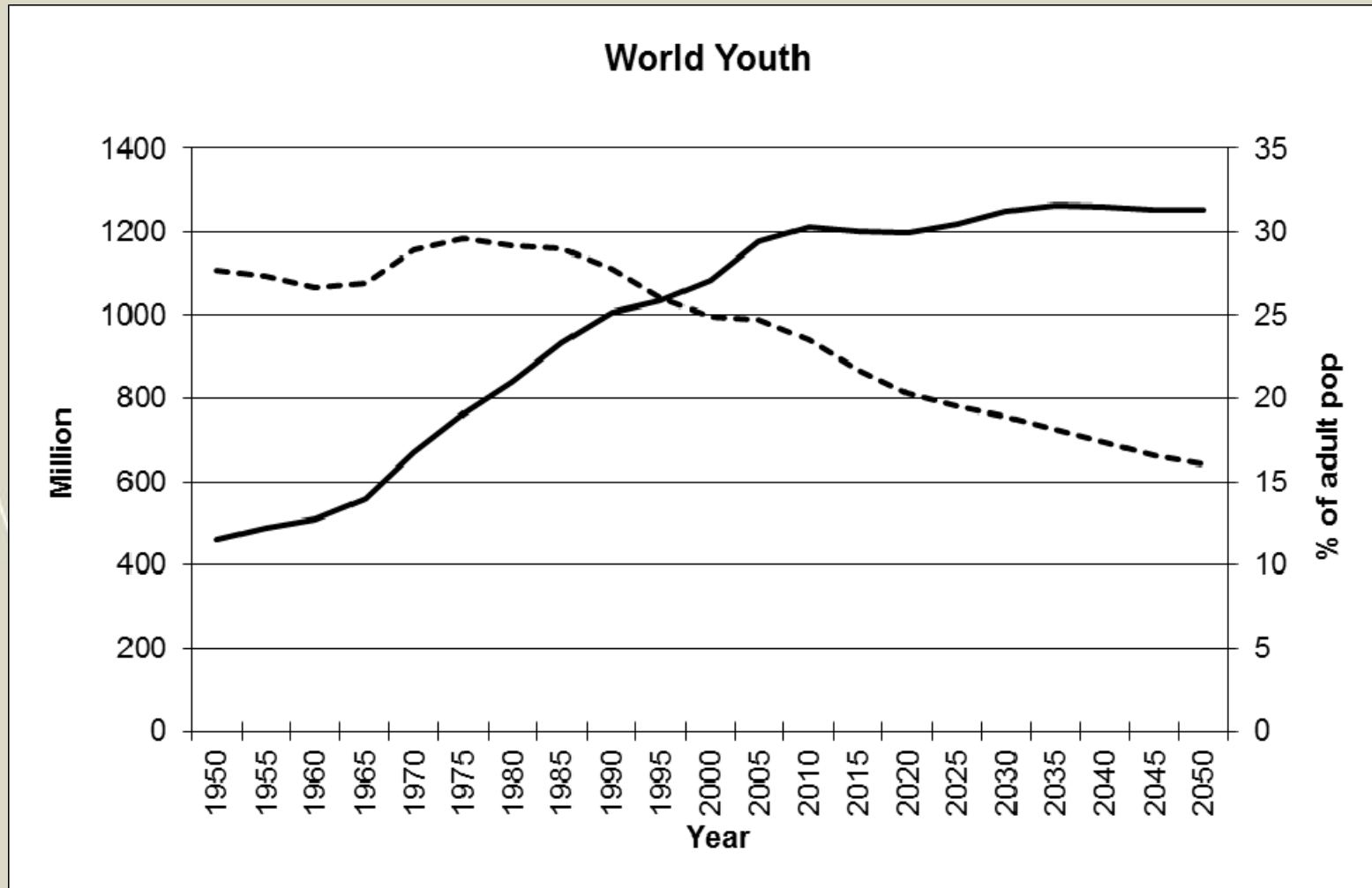


Size and Distribution

- Youth in 15-24 estimated at 10.1m
- Africans 83.7%
- Indians 7.9%
- Coloureds 2.2%
- Whites 6.2%

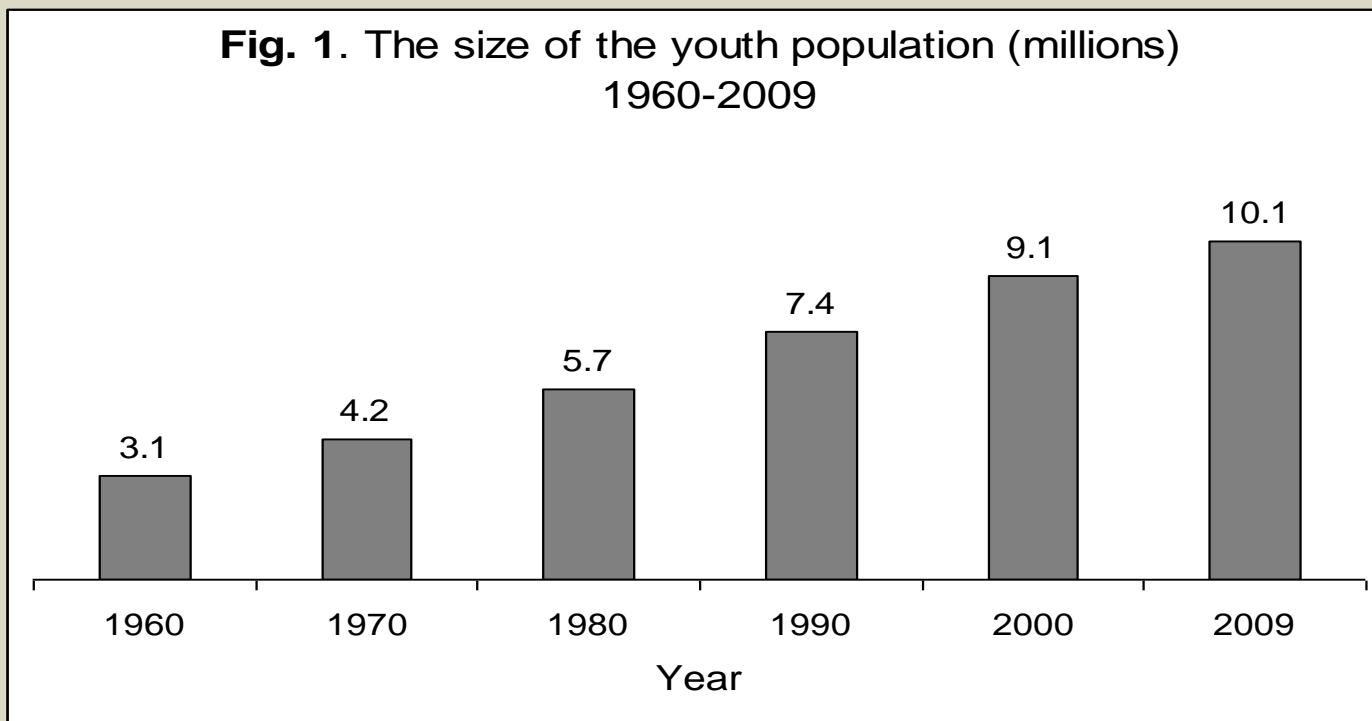


The Changing Structure of the World Population



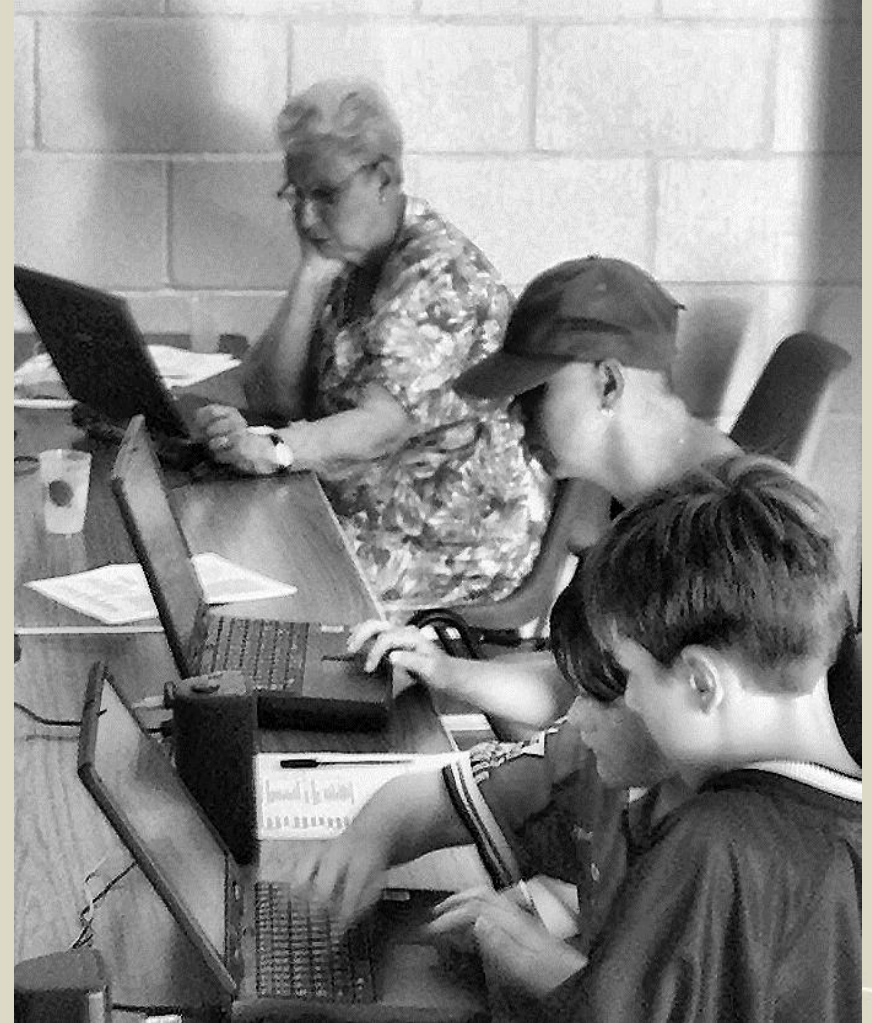
Source: United Nations Population Division (2011).

**Fig. 1. The size of the youth population (millions)
1960-2009**

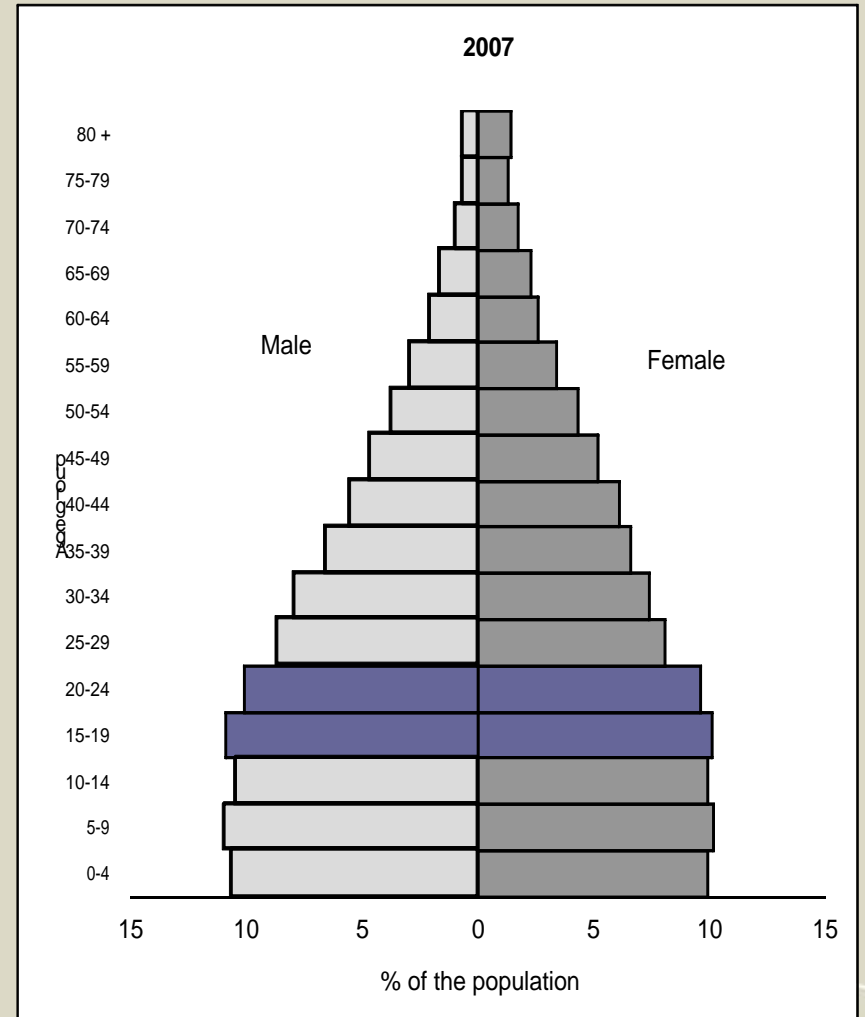
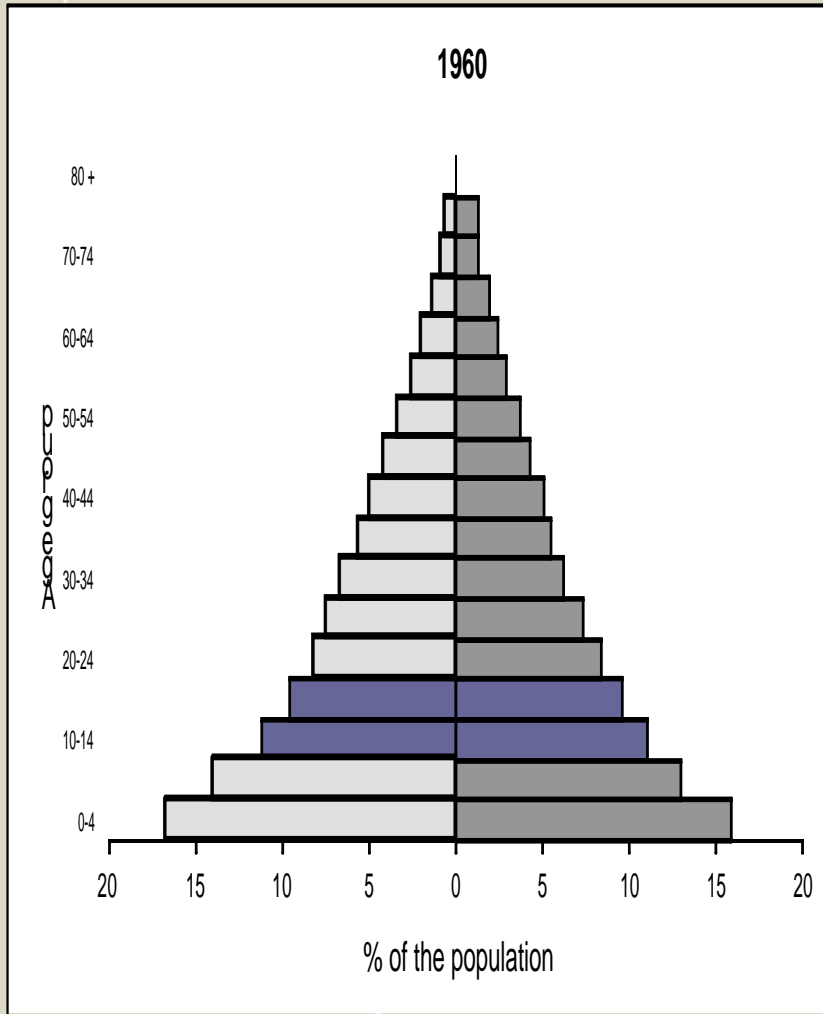


Household Residence

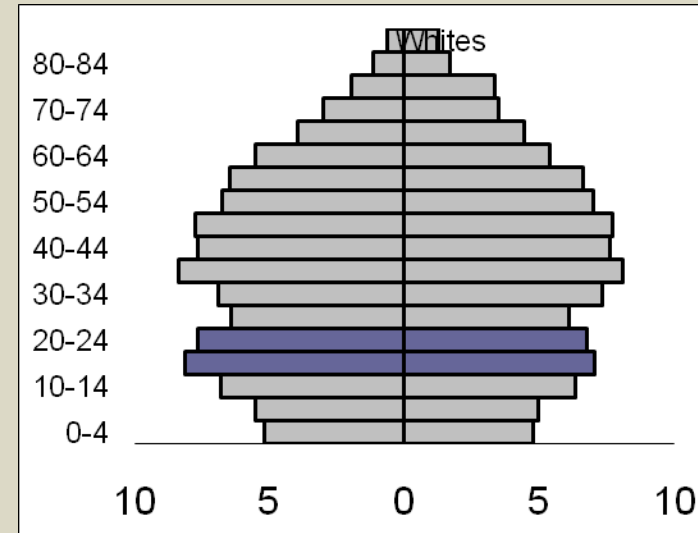
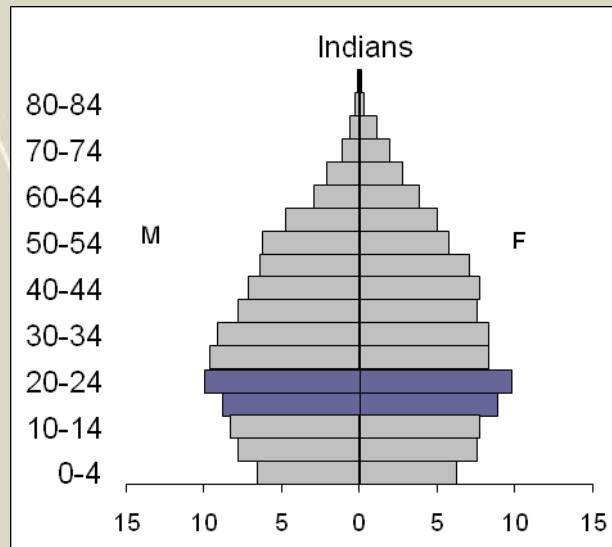
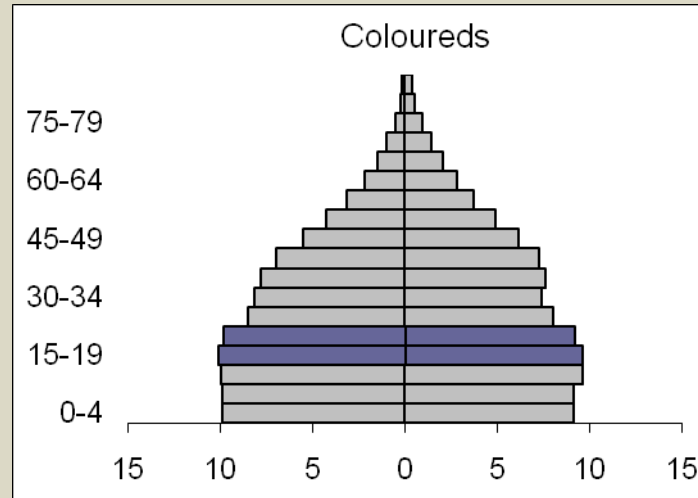
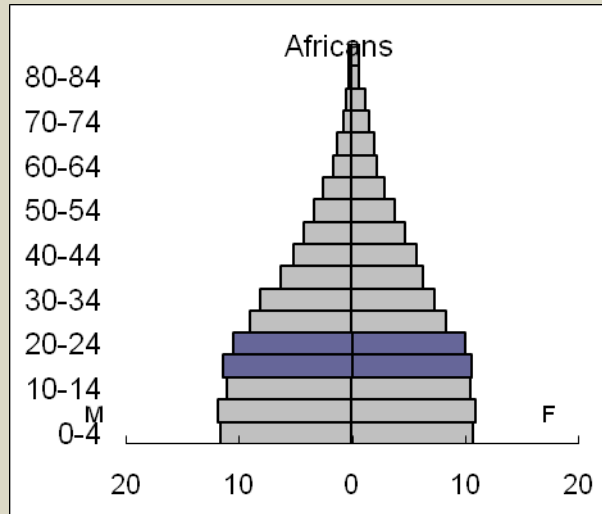
- 59% of 15-19 group live with biological parents
- 50.2% of 20-24 group live with biological parents
- 2.9% of teens are heads
- 11.5% of youth between 20-24 are heads



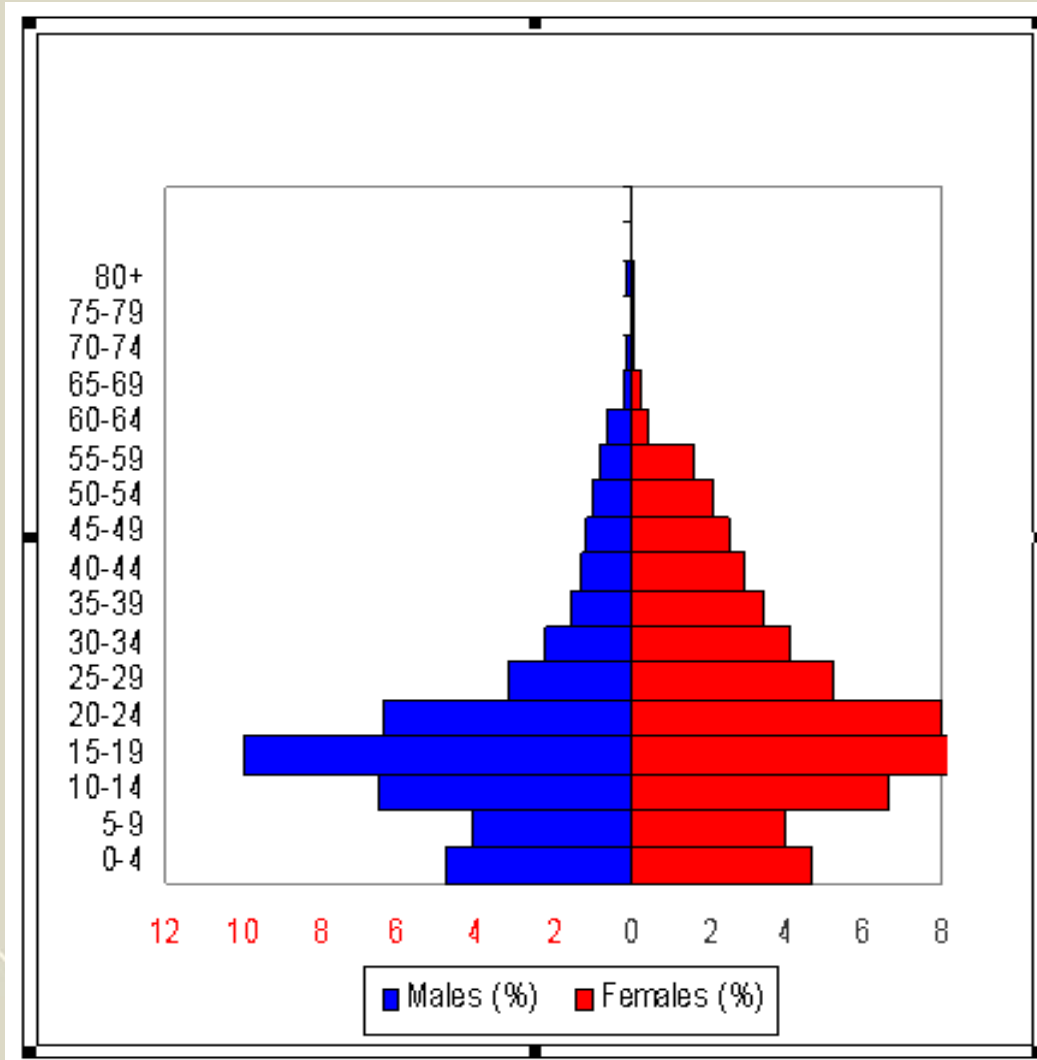
Youth Bulge



Youth Bulge by Population Group



Young People and Indigent Households



Dependency Burden

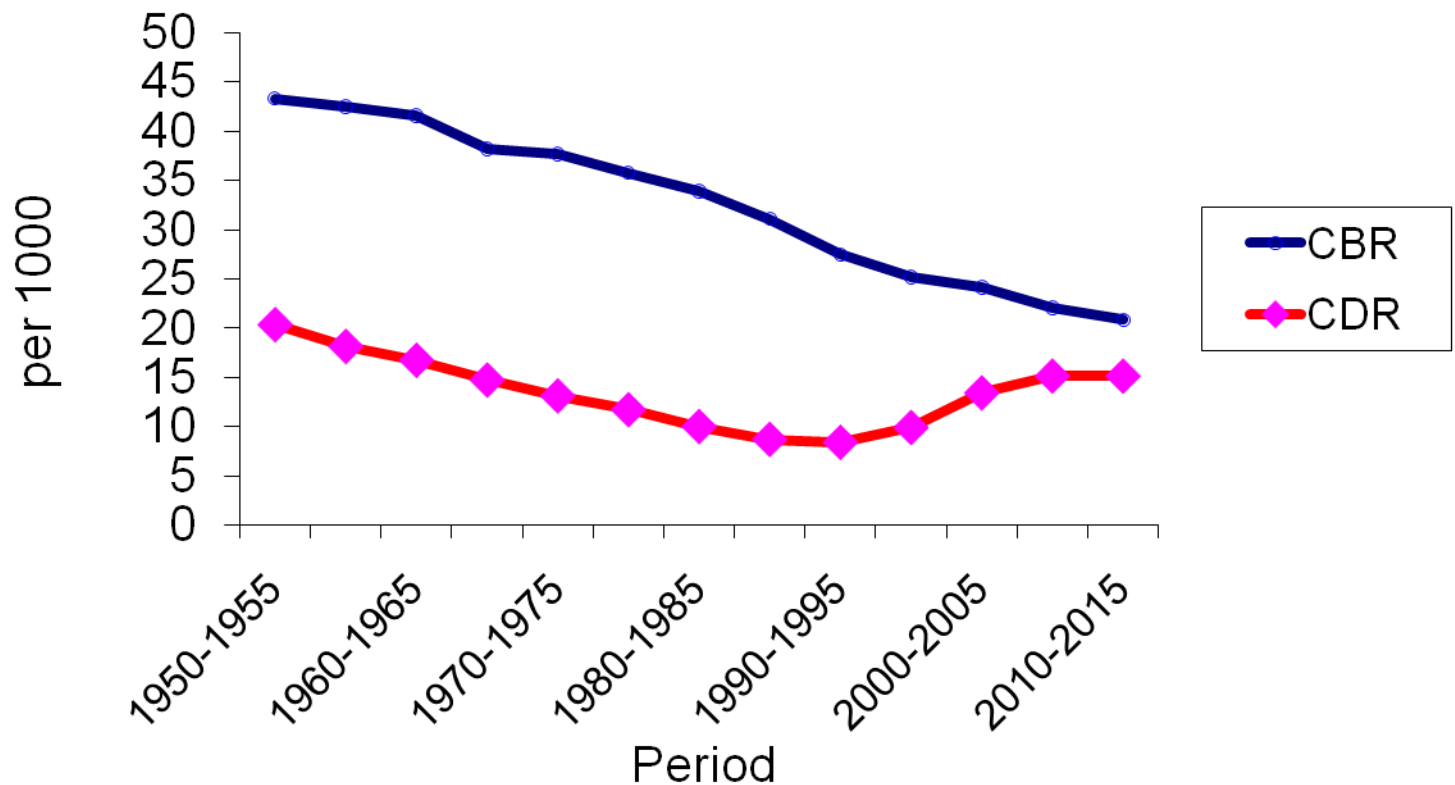
	Ratio		
	All*	Children**	Old age***
1960	81	74	7
1970	84	77	6
1980	81	75	6
1990	73	67	6
2000	56	49	6
2009	54	47	7

* $(\text{pop } 0-14 + \text{pop } 65+)/\text{pop } 15-64 * 100$

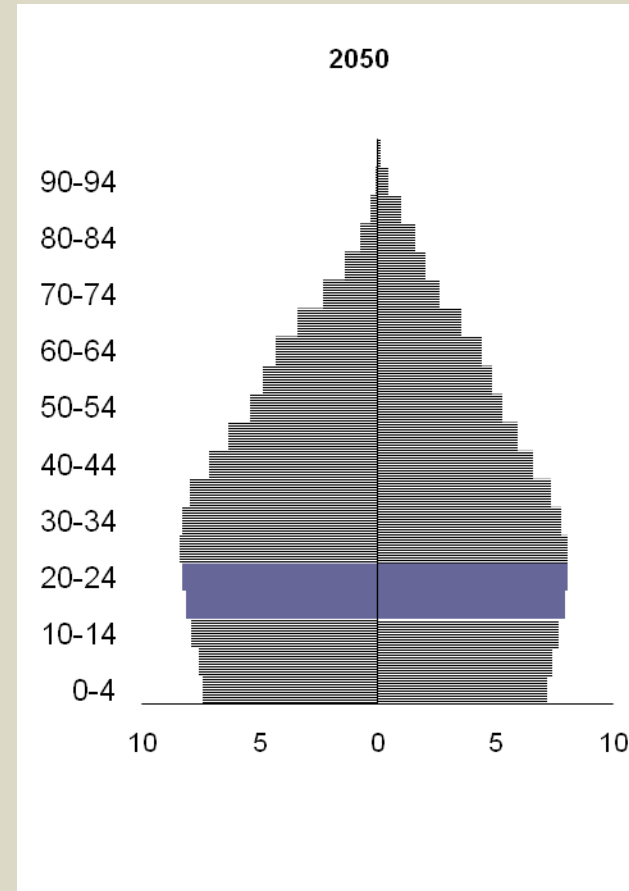
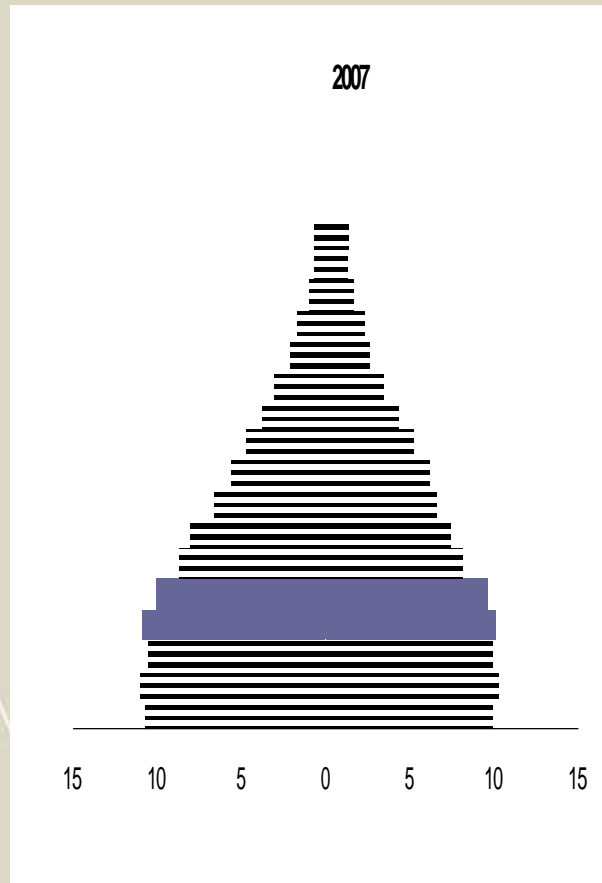
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Figure 7. Trend in crude birth and death rates, South Africa 1950-2010

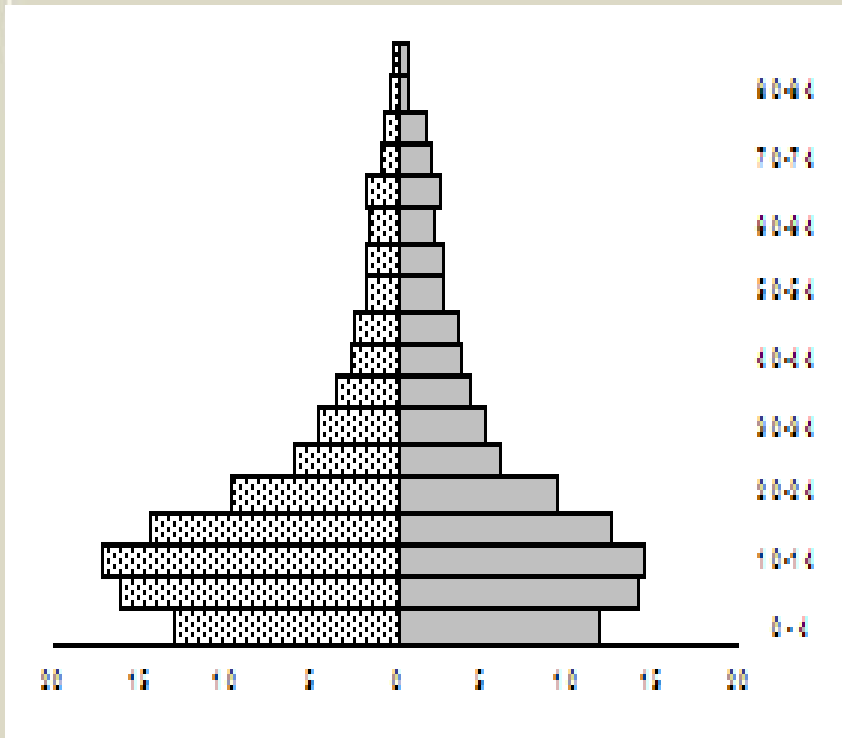


Population Projection 2007-2050

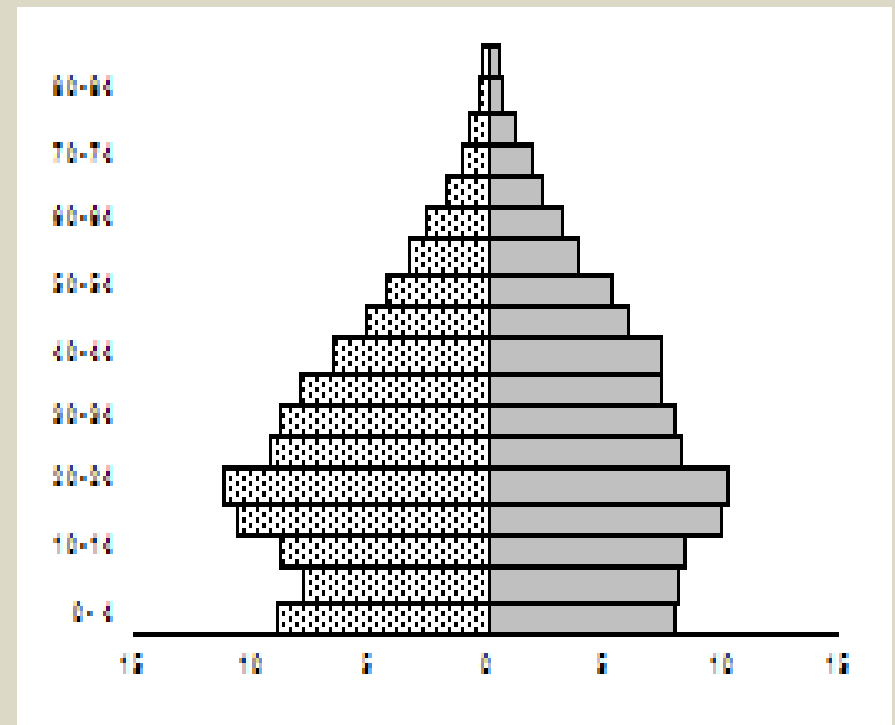


Age Structure

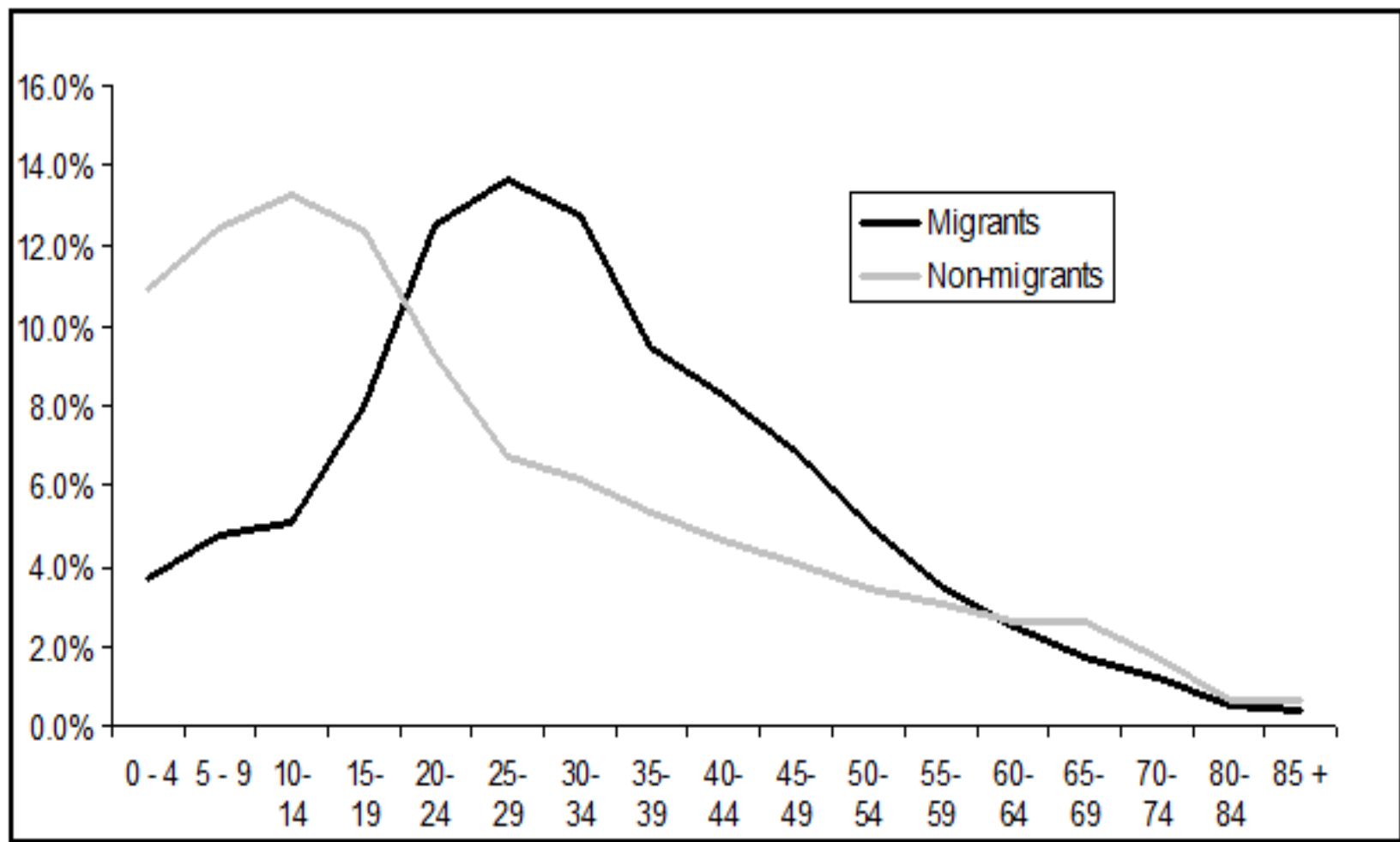
OR TAMBO (FORMER BANTUSTAN)



NELSON MANDELA (METRO)



Age Distribution of Migrants & Non-Migrants, 2007 in the Eastern Cape



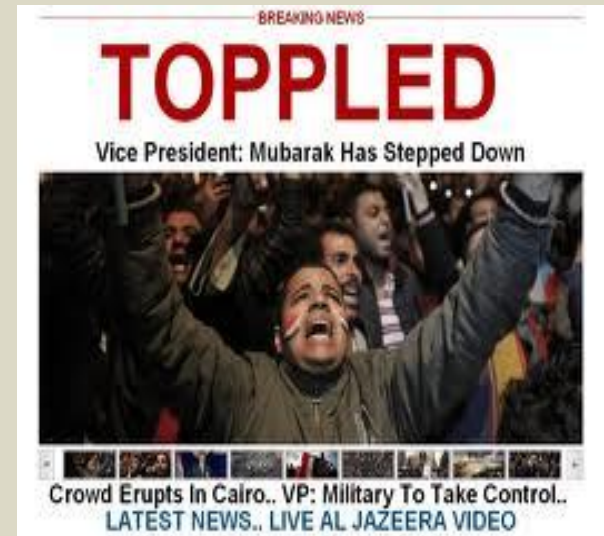
Youths Demand Right to Decent Life (Employment)



Youth Protest a Sign of Tension



Arab Uprising, Any Lesson to Learn?



Conclusion

- Youth bulge: the biggest challenge in South Africa
- Likely to take longer than in other parts of the world
- Will it spell anarchy or prosperity for South Africa?
- Must we wait for “*geriatric peace*”?



Thank you!
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Ngiyabonga!



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