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Recent Demographic Trends in Europe and the World

Area

Demography

Reporter

Vienna Institute of Demography (VID)

Type of the Reporter

Think tank

Periodically updated?

No

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2008

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Official website

<http://www.oeaw.ac.at/vid/index.html>

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English

Short summary

The report assesses the demographic trends both in Europe and in the world, outlining the most recent trends.

Key trends

- World population is likely to peak in 2060-2080 around 9 billion. Due to continued fertility declines in Asia, this peak will be followed by a decline.
- The speed of the population aging will accelerate over the coming decades (with the proportion above age 60 increasing from currently 0.10 to 0.25-0.45 by 2100). The regions that are ageing more rapidly are Europe, East Asia and North America.
- The forces of demographic change that will shape the new scenario are: 1) mortality: life expectancy and healthy life expectancy are continuing their long term increase; 2) migration: migration gains are expected to keep many EU member states from shrinking; 3) fertility: also the total fertility rate has increased somewhat in several countries, due to the expected end of the fertility depressing tempo effect.

- There will be divergence of fertility trends in Europe: rather high in Northern Europe and France, low in Southern, Central and Eastern Europe.

Suggestions

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Methodology

Modelling

Reference to other trends reports? If yes, which reports?

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