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Population projections 2004-2050 - EU25 Population Rises until 2025, then Falls

Area

Demography

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Eurostat (European Commission)

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Short summary

The report by Eurostat, the Statistical Office of the European Communities, presents population projections for the period 2004-2050 in the EU25 and Bulgaria and Romania. This information has been derived from the analysis and extrapolation of demographic trends such as fertility, mortality and migration.

Key trends

• Over the next two decades, the total population of the EU25 is expected to increase by more than 13 million inhabitants, from 456.8 million on 1 January 2004 to 470.1 million on 1 January 2025. Population growth in the EU25 until 2025 will be mainly due to net migration, since total deaths in the EU25 will outnumber total births from 2010. The effect of net migration will no longer outweigh the natural decrease after 2025, when the population will start to decline gradually. The population will reach 449.8 million on 1 January 2050, which is a decrease of more than 20 million inhabitants compared to 2025.

• The share of the population of working age (between 15 and 64) in the total population is expected to decrease strongly in the EU25, from 67.2 per cent in 2004 to 56.7 per cent in 2050, which is a fall of 52 million inhabitants of working age.

• The share of the population aged between 0 and 14 will also be reduced, from 16.4 per cent in 2004 to 13.4 per cent in 2050, while the proportion of elderly people (aged 65 and more) is expected to almost double over this period, from 16.4 per cent in 2004 to 29.9 per cent in 2050.

Suggestions

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Methodology

Modelling

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

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