


POPULATION PYRAMID ANALYSIS CARDS


Cut out the cards and use them to analyse population pyramids.

1 SHAPE




Describe the overall shape of the pyramid. (Expansive, Stationary, Constrictive or Irregular)

2 BASE




How wide or narrow is the base? What does this suggest about birth rates?

3 TOP




How wide or narrow is the top? What does this suggest about life expectancy?

4 MIDDLE




What does the shape of the middle section tell you about the working-age population?

5 DEPENDENCY RATIO




Based on the pyramid, is the dependency ratio likely to be high, medium or low? Explain your answer.

6 POPULATION GROWTH




Is the population likely to be growing, stable or declining? Explain your answer.

7 LIFE STAGE



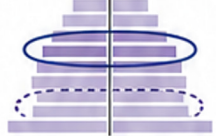
Which life stage group is the largest? What might this mean for the future?

8 GENDER BALANCE




Is there a balance between males and females in most age groups? Give examples.

9 COHORT BULGES OR GAPS




Identify any bulges or gaps in the pyramid. What might have caused them?

10 HISTORICAL EVENTS




What historical events could have influenced the shape of this population pyramid?

11 SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC FACTORS




What social or economic factors might explain the shape of this population pyramid?

12 FUTURE IMPACTS




What challenges or opportunities might this population face in the future?

13 COMPARE




How is this pyramid similar to or different from another pyramid you have studied?

14 COUNTRY CONTEXT




What do you know about this country (e.g. level of development, healthcare, education)? How might this relate to the pyramid?

15 KEY MESSAGE



What is the key message this population pyramid is telling you in one sentence?

16 EVIDENCE



Quote or describe specific evidence from the pyramid that supports your analysis.

KEY

■ STRUCTURE

■ PEOPLE

■ INTERPRETATION

♂ = MALES

♀ = FEMALES