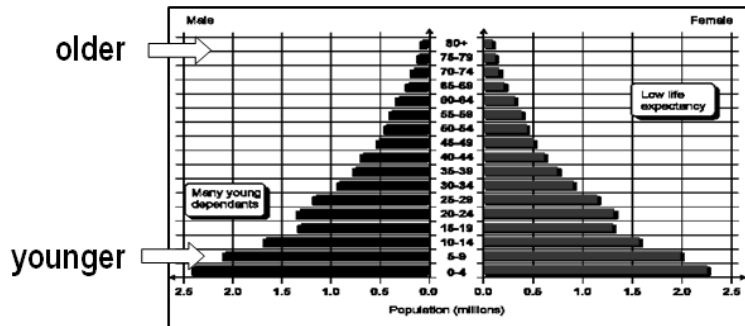


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## MODERN POPULATION ISSUES: European Trends



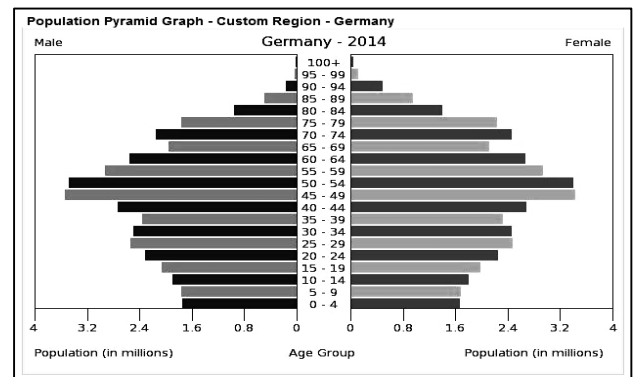
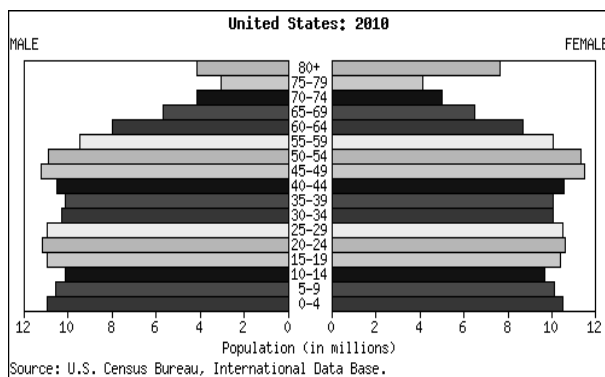
← Lower level developing countries usually have a high birth rate. All those little kids make their population pyramid really look pyramid shaped.

← Their population pyramids look like this.

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### Population pyramids for the U.S. and for Germany are below.

Both the U.S. and Germany are **highly developed countries**. The U.S. has a pretty good birth rate. But Germany's birth rate is so low that they are worried about their population drop.



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1. What is happening to the **U.S. birth rate**? Is it growing? Some? A little? Shrinking? Some? A little? Staying the same?
2. **What about Germany**? Is their birth rate growing? Some? A little? Shrinking? Some? A little? Staying the same?
3. Which country is **more likely to face a shortage of workers** and face **problems trying to take care of a large population of elderly people** in the future – **Germany or the U.S.**?

Several European countries are worried about the drop in their population. They need to find a way to get their birth rates up. **Analyze the population pyramids on the tablets and decide:**

**4-12.** Eight European countries are clearly showing **decreasing** birth rates. So the bottom part of their pyramids is getting **smaller**. Which ones are they?



**13-14. HOMEWORK:** Ask parents (yours and others) **what might make people choose to have no children or have fewer children.**

Write down two responses here:

ONE:

TWO:

→ Bring this info to class tomorrow, and we'll keep talking about it.