A circular inset photograph showing a group of approximately ten young children, likely of African descent, looking directly at the camera. They are of various ages, from toddlers to teenagers. Some are smiling, while others have more serious expressions. The background is slightly blurred.

# HUMAN AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

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A Demographic Perspective of the youth  
in South Africa

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# AIMS OF THE PRESENTATION

To understand the salient demographic features of the youth development in South Africa, in the context of the youth bulge

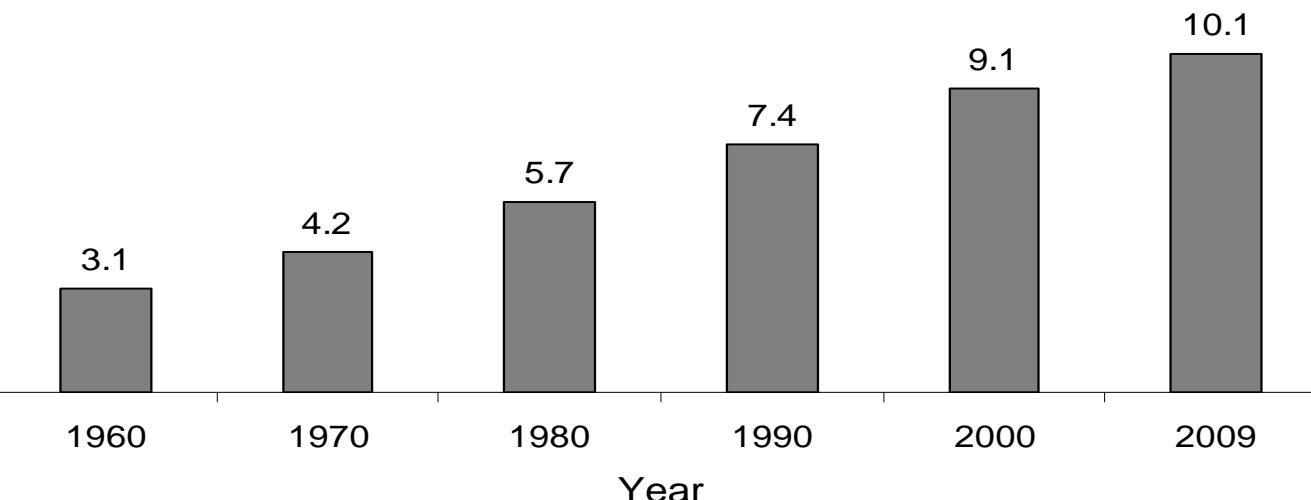


# Size and Distribution

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

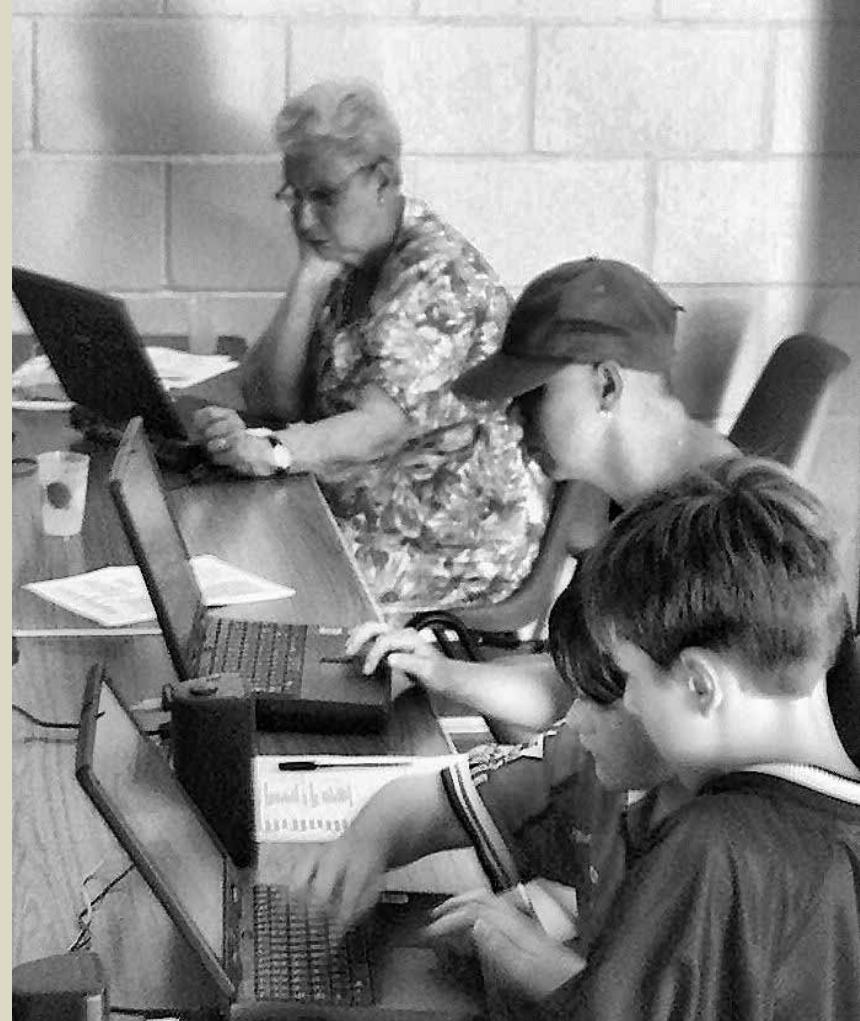


**Fig. 1. The size of the youth population (millions)  
1960-2009**

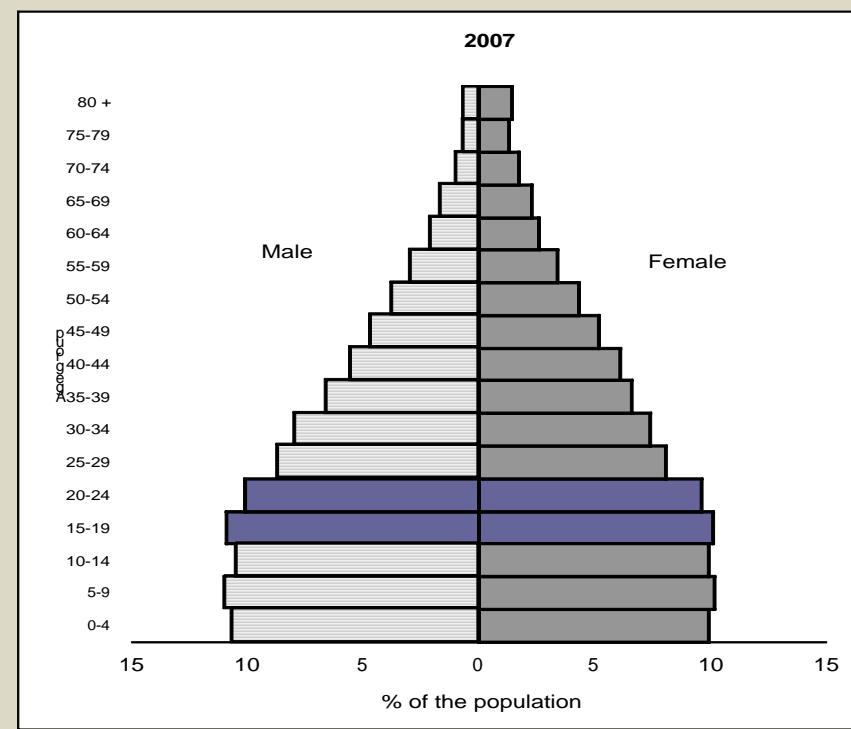
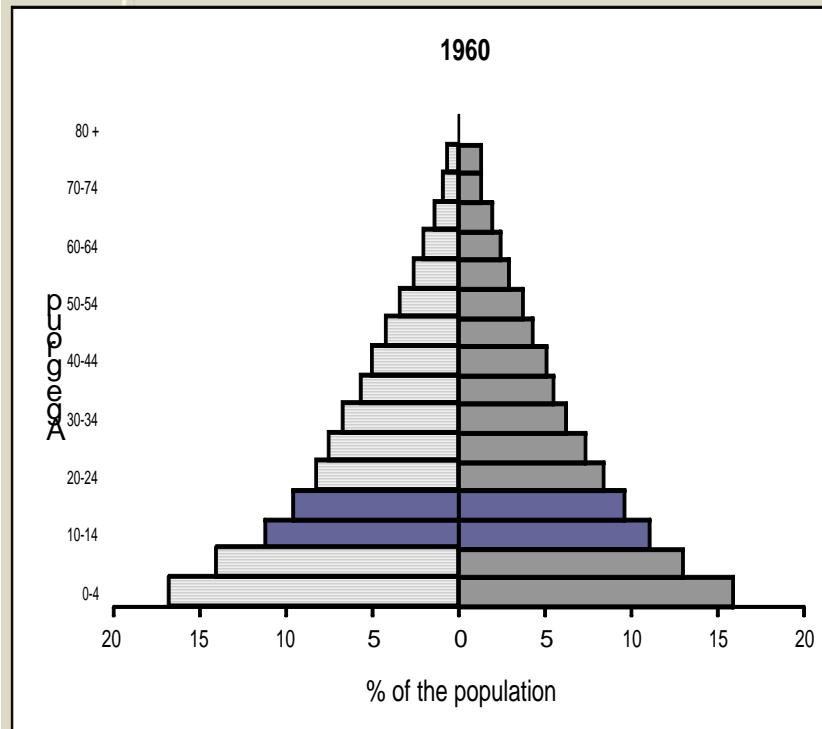


# Household Residence

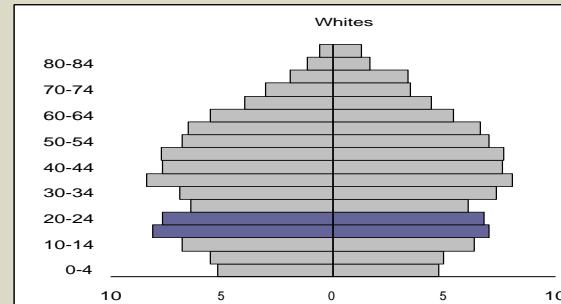
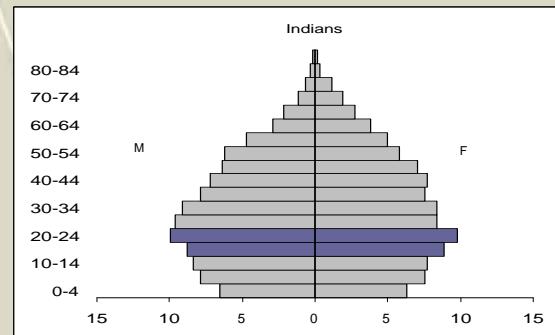
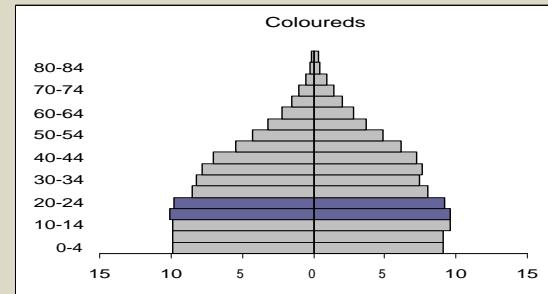
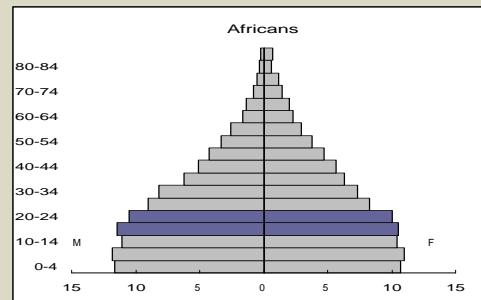
- 59% of 15-19 group live with biological parents
- 50.2% of 20-24 group live with biological parents
- 2.9% of teens are heads
- 11.5% of 20-24



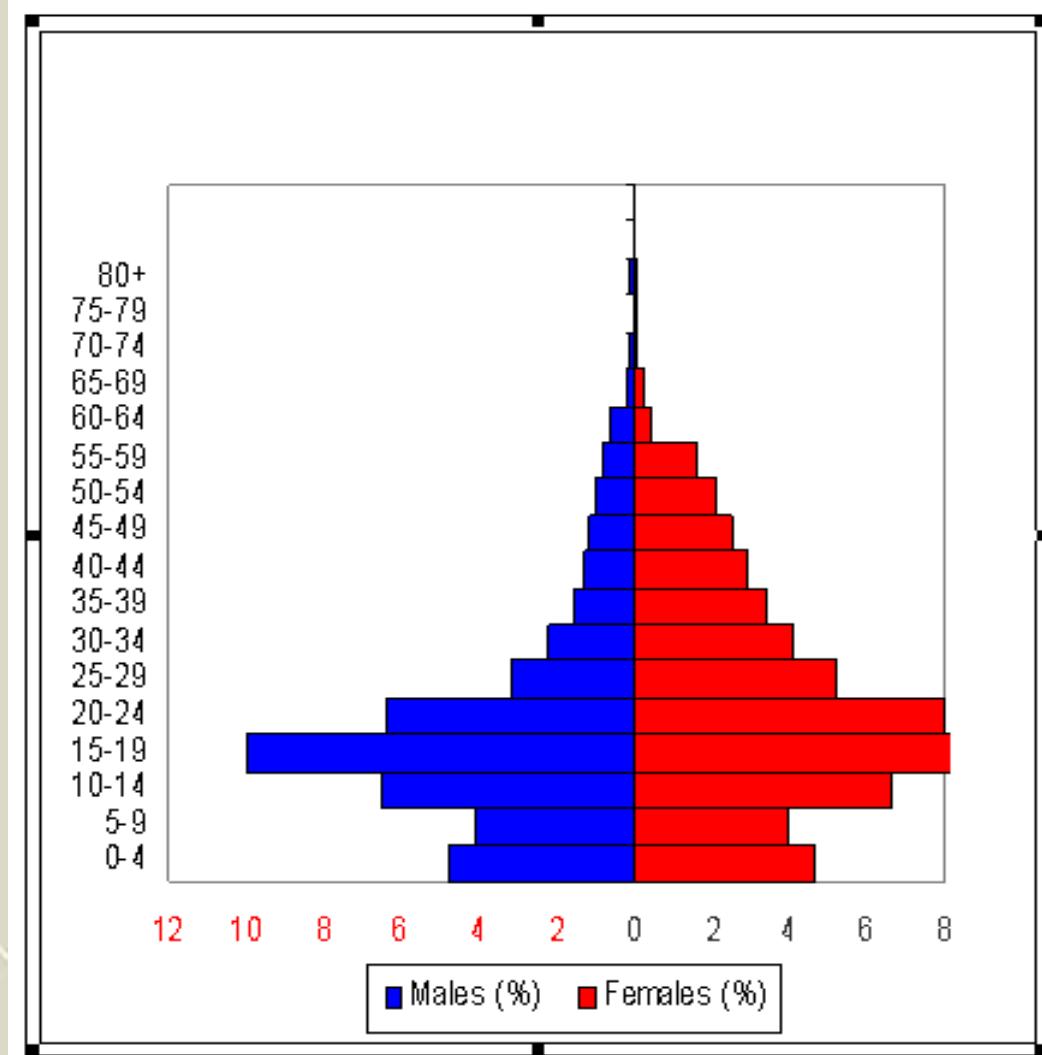
# YOUTH BULGE



# Youth Bulge by population group



# Young People and Indigent Households



# Dependency Burden

Ratio

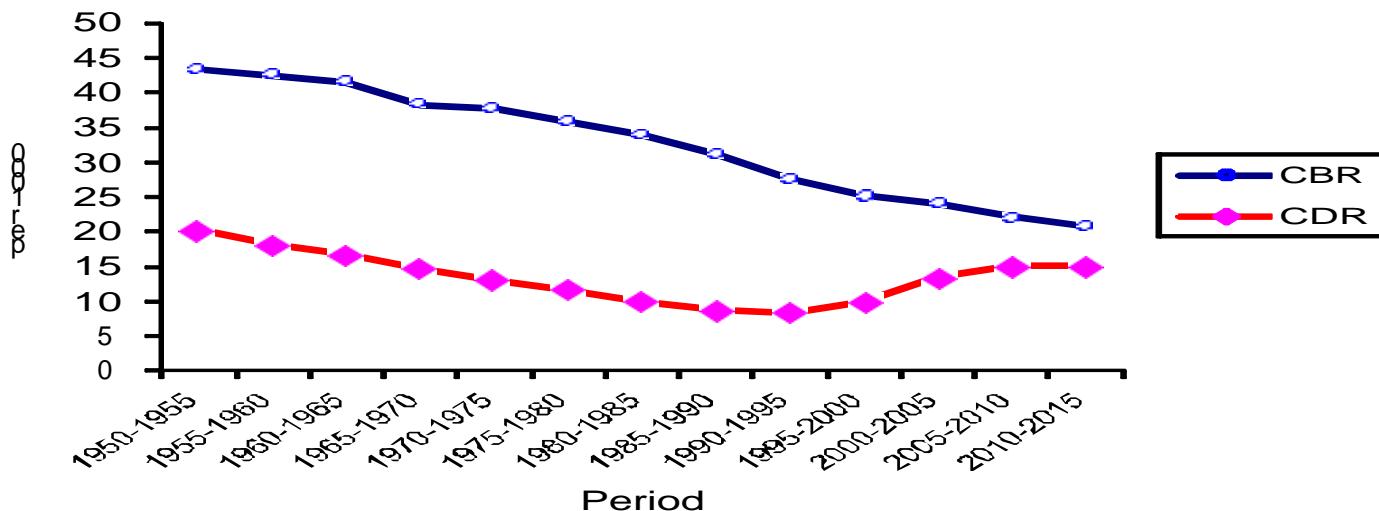
	All*	Youth**	Old age***
1960	81	74	7
1970	84	77	6
1980	81	75	6
1990	73	67	6
2000	56	49	6
2009	54	47	7

\* (pop 0-14 + pop 65+)/pop15-64\*100

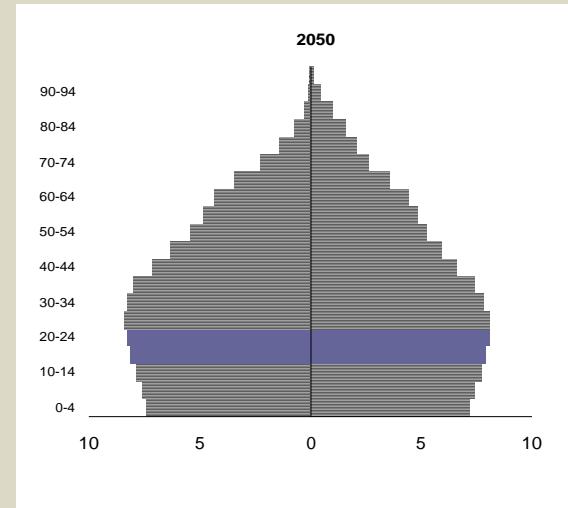
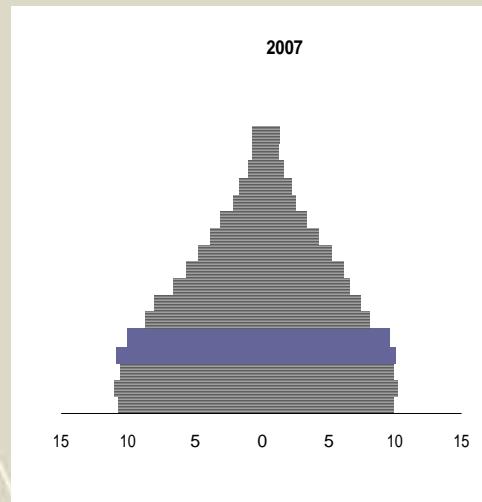
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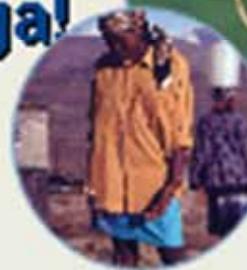
**Figure 7. Trend in crude birth and death rates,  
South Africa 1950-2010**



# Population Projection 2007-2050



**Thank you!  
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