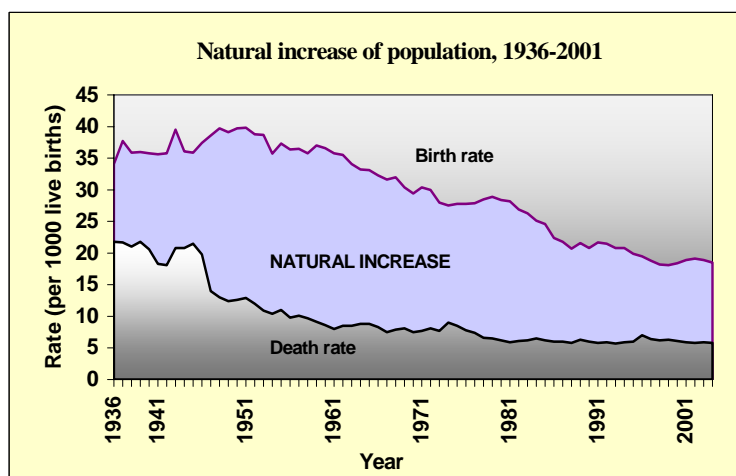


Vital Statistics

Until mid 1940s, birth rate and death rate were both high; hence the natural increase, which is the difference between the two rates remained at moderate levels. Rapidly falling death rates and almost stable birth rates prevailed during 1940s to early 1960s resulted a high level to natural increase. A steady decline in fertility, started around early 1960s has largely accounted for narrowing the gap between birth and death rates, which resulted in lowering the natural increase of population.

Birth rates and death rates, 1936 - 2005

Year	Crude birth rate	Crude death rate
1936	34.1	21.8
1937	37.7	21.7
1938	35.9	21.0
1939	36.0	21.8
1940	35.8	20.6
1941	35.6	18.3
1942	35.8	18.1
1943	39.5	20.8
1944	36.1	20.8
1945	35.9	21.5
1946	37.4	19.8
1947	38.6	14.0
1948	39.7	13.0
1949	39.1	12.4
1950	39.7	12.6
1951	39.8	12.9
1952	38.8	12.0
1953	38.7	10.9
1954	35.7	10.4
1955	37.3	11.0
1956	36.4	9.8
1957	36.5	10.1
1958	35.8	9.7
1959	37.0	9.1
1960	36.6	8.6
1961	35.8	8.0
1962	35.5	8.5
1963	34.1	8.5
1964	33.2	8.8
1965	33.1	8.8
1966	32.3	8.3
1967	31.9	7.5
1968	32.0	7.9
1969	30.4	8.1
1970	29.4	7.5
1971	30.4	7.7
1972	30.0	8.1
1973	28.0	7.7
1974	27.5	9.0
1975	27.8	8.5
1976	27.8	7.8
1977	27.9	7.4
1978	28.5	6.6
1979	28.9	6.5
1980	28.4	6.2
1981	28.2	5.9
1982	26.9	6.1
1983	26.3	6.2
1984	25.1	6.5
1985	24.6	6.2
1986	22.4	6.0
1987	21.8	6.0
1988	20.7	5.8
1989	21.6	6.3
1990	20.8	6.0
1991	21.7	5.8
1992	21.5	5.9
1993	20.8	5.7
1994	20.8	5.9
1995	19.9	6.0
1996	19.5	7.0
1997	18.8	6.4
1998	18.2	6.2
1999	18.1	6.3
2000	18.4	6.1
2001	18.9	5.9
2002	19.1	5.8
2003	18.9	5.9
2004	18.5	5.8
2005	18.1	6.5



A rapid decline of infant mortality (IMR) and maternal mortality rates (MMR) could be seen between 1946 – 1951 period and thereafter it is a gradual but continuous declining trend. The current levels of IMR and MMR are 11.0 and 0.1 respectively.

Infant mortality rates and maternal mortality rates (per 1000 live births), 1947 - 2003

Year	Infant mortality rate	Maternal mortality rate	Year	Infant mortality rate	Maternal mortality rate	Year	Infant mortality rate	Maternal mortality rate
1947	101	10.6	1966	54	2.2	1985	24	0.5
1948	92	8.3	1967	48	1.7	1986	23	0.5
1949	87	6.5	1968	50	1.8	1987	23	0.4
1950	82	5.6	1968	53	1.5	1988	20	0.4
1951	78	5.8	1970	48	1.2	1989	18	0.3
1952	82	5.8	1971	45	1.4	1990	19	0.3
1953	71	4.9	1972	46	1.3	1991	18	0.4
1954	72	4.6	1973	46	1.2	1992	18	0.3
1955	71	4.1	1974	51	1.0	1993	16	0.3
1956	67	3.8	1975	45	1.0	1994	17	0.2
1957	68	3.7	1976	44	0.9	1995	17	0.2
1958	64	3.9	1977	42	1.1	1996	17	0.2
1959	58	3.4	1978	37	0.8	1997	16	0.3
1960	57	3.0	1979	38	0.8	1998	14	0.3
1961	52	2.5	1980	34	0.6	1999	13	0.2
1962	53	3.0	1981	30	0.6	2000	13	0.2
1963	56	2.4	1982	31	0.6	2001	12	0.1
1964	57	2.8	1983	28	0.6	2002	11	0.1
1965	53	2.4	1984	27	0.4	2003	11	N.A.

