

Romania's demographic decline: Current situation, possible scenarios and solutions

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Abstract:

The negative natural growth rate has been a major problem for Romania for the last 35 years, entailing a series of important economic and social consequences. The study on the demographic decline of Romania is important to explain and identify the main defining coordinates, causes and trends, being a pressing problem of the modern contemporary world.

In order to obtain an accurate radiography of the phenomenon of demographic decline, a series of secondary data are used, mainly provided by the National Institute of Statistics of Romania and Eurostat. More precisely, a series of relevant indicators are analyzed, including: birth and mortality rates, fertility rates, natural growth rates, life expectancy at birth, dependency rate and emigration. Thus, the main purpose of the research is to answer the following question: What are the main causes and effects of the negative natural growth rate in Romania?

The main objective of the research consists in providing a series of answers to several questions, such as: What is the exact demographic situation of Romania?; What are the main causes of negative natural growth in Romania?; What are the general socio-economic effects of negative natural growth and population aging?; What are the possible scenarios and related consequences of future trends in negative natural growth?; What possible solutions exist to respond to the problem of demographic decline in Romania?.

The most important limitation lies in the unavailability of recent demographic information that could accurately reveal the current trend and allow for better demographic projection into the future.

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