

# Welcome to Today's Class!

## Today's Topic: Birth Rate Crisis

The United Nations (U.N.) has said the world is having a birth rate crisis. The U.N. has released a report called "State of World Population 2025". It highlights how fewer babies are being born worldwide. At the same time, people are living longer. Will this create a crisis for the world?

### Agenda:

1. Review video and vocabulary
2. Breakout room discussions
3. Large group wrap-up



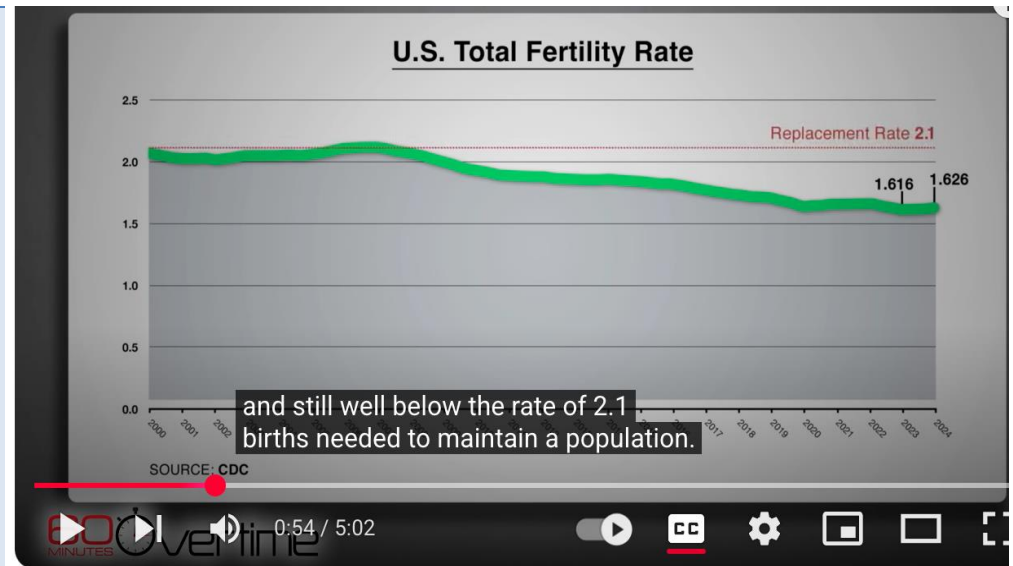
# Watch & Learn



U.S. birth rate hovers above historic low

Key Vocabulary:

1. shrinking
2. "alarming rate"
3. "canary in the coal mine"
4. barometer
5. demographics
6. "dynamic environment"
7. "patchy"



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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1M6gyZETQPU>

# Let's Talk: Discussion Questions

1. What are some reasons people are having fewer children today than in the past?
2. What are some long-term consequences of a shrinking population (for example, in healthcare, education, or the economy)?
3. Should countries with low birth rates allow more immigration to balance population decline? Why or why not?
4. Are children seen as a financial burden or a source of happiness in your home culture?