

List of generations

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Generations are cohorts of people who were born in a certain date range and share a general cultural experience of the world.

This only lists generations that have a large number of living people; only a tiny number of people born prior to the year 1900 are still alive today.

Note: The following generations are from 1900 to present day, listed in chronological order, but without specific birth year ranges.

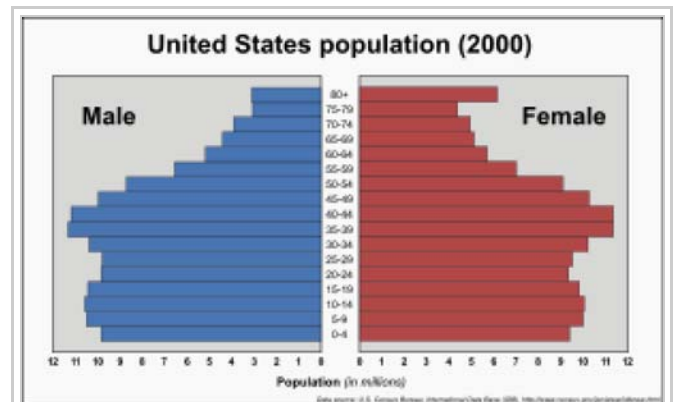
Western world

There have been many conflicting attempts to enumerate the generations of the western world.^[1] Here are a few common definitions:

- The **Interbellum Generation** is comprised of those born at the dawn of the 20th century who grew up during the 1920s.
- The **Greatest Generation** is the generation that includes the veterans who fought in World War II. They were born between World War I and the mid-1920s, coming of age during the Great Depression. Journalist Tom Brokaw dubbed this the Greatest Generation in a 1998 book of the same name.^[2]
- The **Silent Generation** is the generation that includes those who were too young to join the service during World War II. Many had fathers who served in World War I.
- The **Baby Boom Generation** is the generation that was born just after World War II, a time that included a 14-year increase in birthrate worldwide. Baby Boomers in their teenage and college years were characteristically part of the counterculture of the 1960s, but later became more ideologically divided, although the generation remained widely committed to keystone values such as gender equality, racial equality, and environmental stewardship.^[3]
- **Generation X** is the generation generally defined as those born after the baby boom ended,^[4] extending from the early-to-mid 1960s to late 1970s. They associated with the pop culture of their youth in the 1980s to the

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- Interbellum Generation
- Greatest Generation
- Silent Generation
- Baby Boom Generation
- Generation X
- Generation Y or Millennial Generation
- Generation Z or Internet Generation



The U.S. baby boom generation is seen here as the widest bulge of the 2000 Census data.

early 1990s.^[5] Other names used interchangeably with Generation X are Reagan Generation, 13th Generation, and Baby Busters. Most of this generation are children of The Baby Boomers and The Silent Generation.

- **Generation Y** is also known as Generation Next or the **Millennials**.^[6] Generation Y spans from circa 1980 to the mid 1990s.^{[7][8][9][10][11][12][13]} Until Generation Z began to come of age in the late 2000s, Generation Y was often said to end around 2000 for convenience, but it is now more common to place the threshold between Generations Y and Z somewhere in the middle of the 1990s.
- The following Generation, referred to as **Generation Z**, and various other names, is the First World or Western generation of people born between the early-1990s and end of the 2000s, depending on the definition used.^{[14][15][16]}

Eastern world

- China's Generation Y is a generation of approximately 240 million people born between 1980 and 1990 in China, although characteristics of Generation Y people have also been seen in those born after 1990 but before 2000. Growing up in modern China, China's Gen Y has been characterized by its optimism for the future, newfound excitement for consumerism and entrepreneurship and acceptance of its historic role in transforming modern China into an economic superpower.

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