

LESSON 3: DEMOGRAPHIC INDICATORS

Activity 3 – The Future of the Family



Find out what the experts have to say about consequences of the current birth rate and the future of our families. Look at the chapter “We are family – aren’t we?” in the app *A Life Journey*. **Answer the following questions:**

Why do you think Europeans have fewer children than before? Can you name factors that have an influence on the declining birth rate?

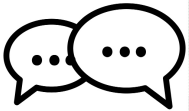
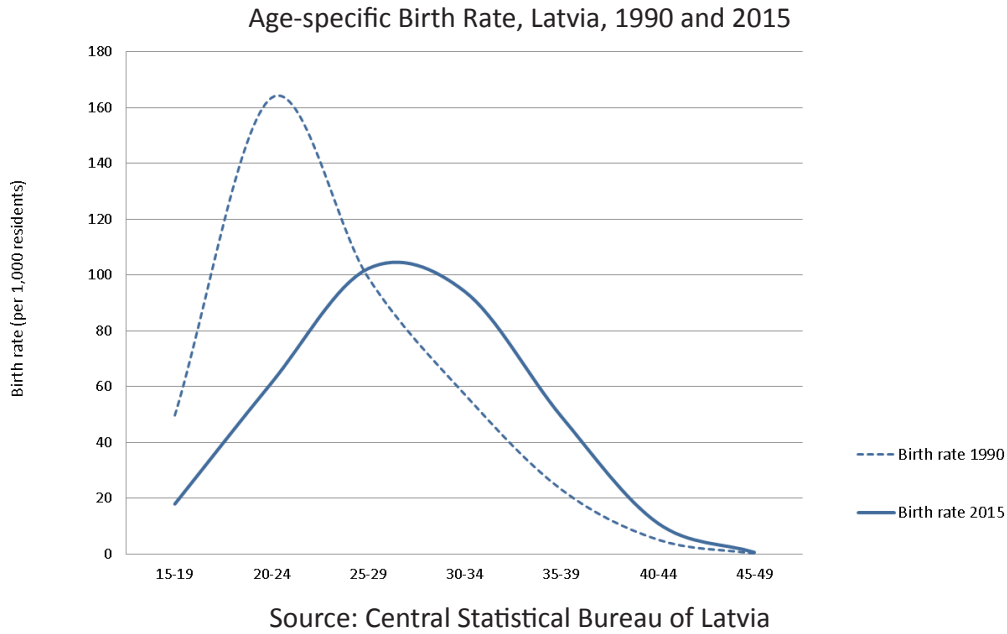
In your opinion, is it important that the fertility rate maintains the replacement level (see glossary)?

Which family form, besides a married couple, do you know?

Are singles really always single?



The following graph represents the age-specific birth rate in Latvia in the last 25 years. **Explain what happened to the birth rate in 2015 in comparison to 1990.**



Discuss the following questions related to the graph:

Which factors contribute to the average age at which women have children?

Is this phenomenon of a declining birth rate also happening in your country?

What do you think: Why do women delay having children?

What do you think is the ideal age to have a child?
