

Table 8. Trends in perception of fertility level and relevant policies : 1976–2001

Perception / Policy Year	East Asia								Southeast Asia										
	China	Hong Kong	Macao	North Korea	Japan	Mongolia	South Korea	Taiwan	Brunei	Cambodia	East Timor	Indonesia	Laos	Malaysia	Myanmar	Philippines	Singapore	Thailand	Vietnam
Perception of fertility level																			
1976	Too high			Satisfactory	Satisfactory	Satisfactory	Too high		-	Too low		Too high	Satisfactory	Too high	Satisfactory	Too high	Satisfactory	Too high	Too high
1985	Too high			Satisfactory	Satisfactory	Too low	Too high		Satisfactory	Too low		Too high	Satisfactory	Satisfactory	Satisfactory	Too high	Too low	Too high	Too high
1996	Satisfactory			Satisfactory	Too low	Satisfactory	Satisfactory		Satisfactory	Too high		Too high	Satisfactory	Too high	Too high	Too high	Too low	Too high	Too high
2001	Satisfactory			Satisfactory	Too low	Satisfactory	Satisfactory		Satisfactory	Too high		Too high	Too high	Too high	Satisfactory	Too high	Too low	Satisfactory	Too high
Fertility policy																			
1976	Lower			Maintain	No-intervention	Maintain	Lower		-	Raise		Lower	Maintain	Lower	No-intervention	Lower	No-intervention	Lower	Lower
1985	Lower			Maintain	No-intervention	Raise	Lower		No-intervention	Raise		Lower	Maintain	Maintain	No-intervention	Lower	Raise	Lower	Lower
1996	Lower			Maintain	No-intervention	Maintain	No-intervention		No-intervention	Lower		Lower	Maintain	Lower	No-intervention	Lower	Raise	Lower	Lower
2001	Maintain			Maintain	No-intervention	No-intervention	No-intervention		No-intervention	Lower		Lower	Lower	Lower	Maintain	Lower	Raise	Maintain	Lower
Access to contraceptives																			
1976	Direct support			Direct support	Direct support	Direct support	Direct support		-			Direct support	Limits	Direct support	No support	Direct support	Direct support	Direct support	Direct support
1985	Direct support			Direct support	Direct support	Direct support	Direct support		No support			Direct support	Limits	Direct support	Indirect support	Direct support	Direct support	Direct support	Direct support
1996	Direct support			Direct support	Direct support	Direct support	Direct support		No support			Direct support	No support	Direct support	Direct support	Direct support	Direct support	Direct support	Direct support
2001	Direct support			Direct support	Indirect support	Direct support	Direct support		No support			Direct support	No support	Direct support	Direct support	Direct support	Direct support	Direct support	Direct support
Total fertility rate																			
1970–75	4.86	2.89	3.20	3.87	2.07	7.33	4.28		5.40	5.54	6.15	5.20	6.15	5.15	5.75	6.00	2.62	4.97	6.70
1980–85	2.55	1.80	2.90	2.83	1.76	5.74	2.23		3.80	6.60	5.39	4.11	6.69	4.24	4.70	4.95	1.69	3.05	4.90
1990–95	1.92	1.22	1.55	2.31	1.49	3.40	1.70		3.09	5.45	4.75	3.00	5.80	3.62	3.80	4.14	1.76	2.10	3.30
1995–2000	1.80	1.10	1.15	2.05	1.39	2.70	1.51		2.70	5.25	4.35	2.60	5.30	3.26	3.30	3.64	1.57	1.96	2.90

(Note) Part of Table 7 is re-listed for the total fertility rate.

(Source) United Nations (2002,2003).

Table 9. Trends in infant mortality rate : 1950–2050 (%)

Year	East Asia								Southeast Asia										
	China	Hong Kong	Macao	North Korea	Japan	Mongolia	South Korea	Taiwan	Brunei	Cambodia	East Timor	Indonesia	Laos	Malaysia	Myanmar	Philippines	Singapore	Thailand	Vietnam
1950–55	195.0	78.5	100.0	94.2	50.6	148.1	115.0	78.1	68.0	165.1	264.3	201.2	180.0	98.8	178.3	134.2	66.0	110.7	158.0
1955–60	178.7	54.3	85.0	74.9	36.8	134.3	100.0	51.3	64.0	132.0	241.7	183.4	160.0	82.2	152.0	114.2	41.1	97.6	143.7
1960–65	120.7	32.5	66.0	65.7	24.5	121.0	70.0	39.2	62.0	139.5	220.6	165.8	150.0	62.7	141.4	96.2	30.2	83.9	130.4
1965–70	80.8	22.6	49.0	57.4	15.6	108.1	57.5	30.9	61.0	130.0	201.1	144.1	147.0	49.6	131.6	87.9	23.6	74.5	117.9
1970–75	61.1	17.1	43.0	45.2	11.5	97.7	38.0	23.6	54.0	180.9	183.3	125.5	145.0	42.4	122.0	79.7	18.9	65.7	106.7
1975–80	52.0	12.9	31.0	33.9	8.7	87.7	30.0	16.9	23.0	263.2	253.6	106.4	135.0	33.8	116.6	70.3	12.5	56.3	82.5
1980–85	52.0	9.6	16.0	28.0	6.5	77.9	23.0	13.7	14.0	109.7	183.3	88.8	128.0	28.0	111.2	61.2	8.4	47.2	70.4
1985–90	50.0	6.8	12.0	24.0	4.9	68.4	14.3	9.9	11.5	100.6	166.2	69.8	115.9	17.0	104.6	52.2	7.4	38.0	55.9
1990–95	46.7	5.0	9.8	27.9	4.4	68.1	12.6	6.9	7.7	91.4	149.9	58.6	104.4	15.1	96.1	42.5	5.7	28.8	47.4
1995–2000	41.5	4.2	9.3	45.1	3.8	65.8	7.8	6.9	6.7	82.0	135.0	49.5	96.6	11.6	90.8	34.4	3.5	23.4	40.1
2000–2005	36.6	4.1	8.6	45.1	3.2	58.2	5.0	6.4	6.1	73.2	123.7	41.6	88.0	10.1	83.5	29.0	2.9	19.8	33.6
2005–2010	32.7	4.0	7.9	42.9	3.2	51.0	3.8	5.5	5.5	64.2	112.6	34.3	79.6	9.1	76.3	24.8	3.0	17.3	28.9
2010–2015	29.0	3.9	7.2	35.5	3.1	44.8	3.7	4.5	5.3	55.5	99.5	29.2	69.6	8.1	69.0	20.8	3.0	15.0	25.5
2015–2020	25.8	3.8	6.9	29.3	3.0	39.8	3.5	4.3	5.2	47.2	86.9	25.3	60.1	7.4	61.7	17.8	3.0	13.3	22.3
2020–2025	22.7	3.7	6.5	25.9	2.9	35.5	3.5	4.3	5.0	39.7	75.0	21.9	51.9	6.7	54.7	15.4	3.0	11.8	20.0
2025–2030	20.4	3.6	6.2	23.3	2.8	31.4	3.4	4.3	4.8	32.7	63.5	18.5	44.5	6.1	49.5	13.4	3.0	10.3	17.8
2030–2035	18.2	3.5	5.8	21.0	2.7	28.3	3.4	4.3	4.7	27.9	53.8	15.9	37.8	5.9	44.9	11.8	3.0	9.6	16.2
2035–2040	16.1	3.4	5.5	19.0	2.6	25.0	3.3	4.3	4.6	23.8	44.5	13.8	32.2	5.7	41.3	10.3	3.0	9.1	14.6
2040–2045	14.9	3.3	5.2	17.3	2.5	22.2	3.3	4.2	4.4	19.9	35.6	12.1	28.1	5.5	38.1	9.6	2.9	8.6	13.1
2045–2050	13.7	3.2	4.9	15.7	2.5	19.8	3.2	4.2	4.3	17.6	29.1	10.5	24.7	5.3	35.2	9.0	2.9	8.1	12.2

(Note) The figures for China include Taiwan.

(Source) United Nations (2003) and Republic of China (2002a).

Table 10. Trends in life expectancy at birth : 1950–2050 (years)

Year	East Asia								Southeast Asia										
	China	Hong Kong	Macao	North Korea	Japan	Mongolia	South Korea	Taiwan	Brunei	Cambodia	East Timor	Indonesia	Laos	Malaysia	Myanmar	Philippines	Singapore	Thailand	Vietnam
1950–55	40.8	61.0	54.0	49.0	63.9	42.2	47.5	59.6	60.4	39.4	30.0	37.5	37.8	48.5	36.8	47.8	60.4	52.0	40.4
1955–60	44.6	64.8	57.0	54.1	66.8	45.2	52.6	62.7	61.5	41.4	32.5	39.9	40.4	52.1	42.4	51.3	63.2	54.5	42.9
1960–65	49.5	67.7	61.0	56.7	69.0	48.3	55.2	65.6	63.0	43.4	35.0	42.5	40.4	55.7	44.7	54.8	65.8	57.2	45.4
1965–70	59.6	70.0	65.0	59.1	71.1	51.3	57.6	67.9	64.9	45.4	37.5	46.0	40.4	59.4	47.0	56.4	67.9	59.1	47.8
1970–75	63.2	72.0	66.4	63.0	73.3	53.8	62.6	69.9	68.3	40.3	40.0	49.2	40.4	63.0	49.3	58.1	69.5	61.0	50.3
1975–80	65.3	73.6	69.4	66.9	75.5	55.5	64.8	71.5	69.7	31.2	31.2	52.7	43.5	65.3	50.6	60.1	70.8	63.1	55.8
1980–85	66.6	75.5	74.0	69.1	76.9	57.5	67.2	72.5	71.6	52.1	39.9	56.2	45.8	68.0	51.8	62.1	71.8	65.0	58.7
1985–90	67.1	76.2	76.0	70.7	78.3	60.2	69.8	73.6	73.2	53.8	42.5	60.1	48.3	69.5	53.4	64.2	73.6	66.6	62.6
1990–95	68.2	77.6	77.3	69.1	79.5	61.2	72.4	74.6	74.5	55.5	45.0	62.6	50.8	70.7	55.2	66.5	75.8	67.4	64.9
1995–2000	69.7	79.1	78.1	63.1	80.5	61.9	74.4	75.1	75.5	57.2	47.5	64.9	52.5	71.9	56.4	68.6	77.2	68.1	67.2
2000–2005	71.0	79.9	78.9	63.1	81.6	63.9	75.5	76.2	76.3	57.4	49.5	66.8	54.5	73.1	57.3	70.0	78.1	69.3	69.2
2005–2010	71.8	80.6	79.7	63.9	82.6	65.9	76.6	77.5	77.1	57.7	51.5	68.5	56.5	74.1	57.9	71.2	78.9	71.1	70.7
2010–2015	72.0	81.1	80.5	66.5	83.5	67.7	77.5	78.9	77.7	59.2	54.0	69.9	59.0	75.2	58.8	72.4	79.7	72.9	71.9
2015–2020	72.3	81.7	80.9	68.7	84.3	69.2	78.4	80.2	78.2	61.3	56.5	71.0	61.5	76.0	60.4	73.5	80.5	74.1	73.1
2020–2025	73.0	82.2	81.5	70.1	85.1	70.5	79.2	81.2	78.6	63.1	59.0	72.0	63.7	76.8	62.4	74.5	81.0	74.8	74.1
2025–2030	73.8	82.7	82.0	71.2	85.9	71.9	79.9	81.4	79.1	64.8	61.5	73.1	65.9	77.6	64.1	75.5	81.4	75.5	75.1
2030–2035	74.7	83.3	82.5	72.2	86.6	73.0	80.5	81.7	79.7	66.2	63.7	74.2	67.9	78.1	65.7	76.3	81.8	76.1	75.9
2035–2040	75.5	83.8	83.1	73.1	87.2	74.1	81.2	81.9	80.2	67.5	66.0	75.2	69.6	78.6	67.1	77.1	82.2	76.7	76.7
2040–2045	76.1	84.3	83.6	73.9	87.7	75.1	81.7	82.1	80.7	68.7	68.1	76.1	71.0	79.1	68.3	77.7	82.6	77.4	77.5
2045–2050	76.7	84.8	84.2	74.7	88.1	75.9	82.2	82.3	81.2	69.8	69.9	76.9	72.2	79.6	69.5	78.4	83.0	78.2	78.2

(Note) The figures are the average of life expectancy at birth for men and women (years).

The figures for China include Taiwan.

Table 11. Trends in proportion of child population (aged below 15) : 1950–2050 (%)

Year	East Asia								Southeast Asia										
	China	Hong Kong	Macao	North Korea	Japan	Mongolia	South Korea	Taiwan	Brunei	Cambodia	East Timor	Indonesia	Laos	Malaysia	Myanmar	Philippines	Singapore	Thailand	Vietnam
1950	33.5	30.3	28.9	40.7	35.4	41.9	41.7	42.2	35.4	42.2	40.6	39.2	41.9	40.9	37.8	43.6	40.5	42.1	31.7
1955	37.1	35.4	35.9	38.0	33.6	42.5	39.4	43.2	39.7	42.3	40.9	38.9	41.8	42.6	39.7	45.1	41.4	42.7	34.9
1960	38.9	40.9	41.0	35.7	30.2	43.0	41.9	45.1	43.9	42.5	41.3	40.0	42.1	45.3	40.8	45.9	43.2	44.4	39.4
1965	40.2	40.5	42.6	34.7	25.9	43.4	43.2	45.2	46.6	42.8	41.9	41.4	42.4	46.2	40.9	46.2	43.7	45.5	43.5
1970	39.7	37.0	38.6	39.0	24.0	43.7	42.1	40.1	43.1	43.2	42.1	42.1	42.3	44.6	40.9	45.3	38.8	44.9	44.1
1975	39.5	30.3	29.6	38.2	24.3	43.7	37.7	35.7	40.4	42.3	42.1	41.4	42.1	42.1	40.9	44.2	32.8	42.8	43.1
1980	35.5	25.5	24.2	34.7	23.6	43.2	34.0	32.4	38.3	40.2	39.8	40.4	42.0	39.3	40.6	43.1	27.1	39.4	41.7
1985	30.3	23.4	25.2	29.9	21.5	42.3	30.0	29.9	37.7	44.1	39.9	38.3	43.3	38.7	39.2	42.1	24.3	35.6	40.1
1990	27.7	21.5	25.8	26.9	18.4	41.7	25.8	27.6	34.6	45.3	41.5	36.0	43.8	36.5	37.2	40.9	21.5	32.0	38.9
1995	26.4	19.1	26.2	27.1	16.0	39.0	23.4	24.1	33.2	47.8	41.7	33.4	43.7	35.8	35.2	39.4	22.3	28.7	36.9
2000	24.8	16.6	22.2	26.5	14.6	35.2	20.9	21.3	31.4	43.2	43.7	30.9	42.7	33.7	33.1	37.5	21.8	26.3	33.4
2005	21.8	14.6	17.4	25.0	14.0	30.4	19.4	19.5	29.7	40.7	32.0	28.7	40.8	32.3	31.1	35.0	19.6	24.7	29.4
2010	20.2	13.4	14.5	22.5	13.6	27.9	17.2	17.7	27.2	39.0	28.8	26.9	38.8	29.5	28.7	32.3	15.5	23.3	26.3
2015	19.4	12.9	13.7	20.9	13.0	26.6	15.5	16.3	25.4	37.4	30.2	25.3	36.8	27.2	26.8	29.9	12.8	22.0	25.3
2020	18.8	12.9	13.7	20.2	12.4	25.2	14.5	15.6	23.1	35.8	31.7	23.8	34.6	25.5	25.2	27.9	12.2	20.6	24.3
2025	18.1	13.1	14.2	20.1	11.9	23.3	14.0	14.9	21.6	33.4	29.9	22.3	32.2	24.3	23.8	26.2	12.8	19.6	22.8
2030	17.2	13.4	14.2	19.8	11.8	21.3	13.9	14.3	20.6	31.1	26.3	20.9	29.9	23.2	22.5	24.5	13.7	18.8	21.0
2035	16.5	13.7	14.0	18.9	12.1	19.8	13.8	13.7	20.1	29.2	23.5	19.8	27.8	21.9	21.1	22.8	13.8	18.2	19.4
2040	16.2	14.0	13.7	17.9	12.6	18.9	13.7	13.1	19.6	27.7	22.7	19.0	26.0	20.5	20.0	21.1	13.2	17.7	18.5
2045	16.2	14.2	13.7	17.3	12.9	18.3	13.6	12.9	18.8	26.3	22.8	18.5	24.3	19.3	19.2	19.9	12.6	17.2	18.1
2050	16.1	14.5	14.2	17.3	13.0	17.8	13.8	13.0	18.2	24.9	22.4	18.0	22.7	18.4	18.7	19.0	12.6	16.9	17.8

(Note) The figures for China include Taiwan.

(Source) United Nations (2003) and Republic of China (2002a).

Table 12. Trends in proportion of aged population (aged 65+): 1950–2050 (%)

Year	East Asia								Southeast Asia										
	China	Hong Kong	Macao	North Korea	Japan	Mongolia	South Korea	Taiwan	Brunei	Cambodia	East Timor	Indonesia	Laos	Malaysia	Myanmar	Philippines	Singapore	Thailand	Vietnam
1950	4.5	2.5	3.2	3.1	4.9	3.3	3.0	2.5	4.2	2.7	3.2	4.0	2.8	5.1	3.2	3.6	2.3	3.2	4.2
1955	4.6	2.5	3.9	3.7	5.3	3.3	3.7	2.5	4.8	2.7	3.2	3.7	2.7	4.3	3.4	3.3	2.2	3.0	4.4
1960	4.8	2.8	5.2	3.8	5.7	3.2	3.3	2.5	3.7	2.7	2.6	3.4	2.4	3.4	3.6	3.0	2.1	2.9	4.5
1965	4.4	3.3	4.8	3.7	6.2	3.1	3.3	2.6	3.9	2.7	2.6	3.1	2.4	3.2	3.8	2.9	2.7	2.9	4.6
1970	4.3	4.0	4.7	3.5	7.1	3.0	3.3	2.9	3.8	2.8	2.6	3.1	2.6	3.4	4.0	2.9	3.4	3.0	4.9
1975	4.4	5.4	5.5	3.6	7.9	2.9	3.6	3.4	3.7	2.8	2.7	3.3	2.7	3.7	4.1	3.1	4.1	3.2	4.9
1980	4.7	6.4	7.5	4.1	9.0	2.9	3.8	4.2	3.1	2.8	2.4	3.5	2.8	3.7	4.1	3.2	4.7	3.3	5.0
1985	5.2	7.4	6.9	4.4	10.3	3.0	4.3	5.0	2.7	2.9	2.3	3.6	4.5	3.7	4.3	3.2	5.3	3.6	4.9
1990	5.6	8.5	6.5	4.9	12.0	4.0	5.0	6.2	2.7	2.7	2.0	3.8	3.8	3.7	4.5	3.2	5.6	3.9	4.9
1995	6.1	9.7	7.0	5.4	14.6	3.7	5.8	7.5	2.7	2.8	2.3	4.3	3.9	3.9	4.6	3.2	6.2	4.6	5.0
2000	6.8	10.7	7.1	5.9	17.2	3.8	7.1	8.5	3.0	2.9	2.7	4.8	3.5	4.1	4.6	3.5	7.1	5.4	5.3
2005	7.5	11.4	7.4	7.1	19.7	3.8	8.8	9.5	3.2	2.9	3.2	5.5	3.6	4.6	4.7	3.9	8.4	6.3	5.4
2010	8.1	11.7	8.1	8.3	22.4	4.0	10.3	10.3	3.4	3.2	3.5	5.9	3.5	5.1	5.2	4.3	9.9	7.1	5.3
2015	9.4	13.6	10.8	9.2	26.0	4.1	11.9	11.7	4.2	3.6	3.9	6.4	3.7	6.1	5.9	4.9	13.1	8.1	5.5
2020	11.7	16.4	14.9	8.9	28.1	4.7	14.0	14.8	5.7	3.9	4.3	7.1	3.9	7.4	6.9	5.7	17.4	9.7	6.6
2025	13.4	20.3	19.9	10.1	29.2	6.1	17.6	18.3	7.4	4.4	5.1	8.4	4.6	8.9	8.0	6.7	22.2	11.7	8.2
2030	16.0	24.1	23.4	11.6	30.4	8.1	21.0	21.7	8.5	4.9	6.0	9.7	5.2	10.4	9.1	7.9	26.6	13.8	10.2
2035	19.3	26.2	25.7	14.2	31.9	10.0	24.1	24.4	10.1	5.4	6.7	11.5	5.8	11.7	10.5	9.2	29.7	16.1	12.2
2040	21.8	27.8	26.9	16.2	34.4	12.0	27.2	26.2	11.3	5.8	7.1	13.3	6.7	12.9	12.0	10.6	31.0	18.1	14.1
2045	22.4	28.9	27.0	16.6	35.9	14.0	29.1	28.2	12.8	5.6	7.6	15.2	7.6	14.2	13.6	12.3	30.8	20.0	16.0
2050	22.9	29.6	28.0	17.3	36.5	16.1	30.5	29.7	14.3	7.5	10.3	16.9	8.8	15.7	15.0	14.0	30.5	21.5	18.0

(Note) The figures for China include Taiwan.

(Source) United Nations (2003) and Republic of China (2002a).

Table 13. Trends in dependency ratio : 1950–2050

Year	East Asia								Southeast Asia										
	China	Hong Kong	Macao	North Korea	Japan	Mongolia	South Korea	Taiwan	Brunei	Cambodia	East Timor	Indonesia	Laos	Malaysia	Myanmar	Philippines	Singapore	Thailand	Vietnam
1950	61.3	48.9	46.9	78.0	67.8	82.5	80.8	80.8	67.9	81.6	78.2	75.8	80.8	85.0	69.6	89.3	75.0	83.1	56.1
1955	71.6	61.0	66.1	71.4	63.6	84.4	75.6	84.1	77.8	81.7	79.1	73.9	80.2	88.0	75.9	93.5	77.3	84.2	64.7
1960	77.7	77.5	87.0	65.4	56.1	85.9	82.7	90.8	90.7	82.5	78.6	76.5	80.1	94.9	79.8	95.6	82.8	89.7	78.2
1965	80.4	77.7	90.0	62.3	47.5	87.0	87.0	91.5	102.0	83.7	80.0	80.2	81.1	97.5	80.9	96.7	86.3	94.1	92.6
1970	78.7	69.4	76.4	73.8	45.1	87.7	83.0	75.3	88.4	85.3	80.6	82.5	81.5	92.3	81.3	93.2	72.9	92.1	96.1
1975	78.2	55.6	54.3	71.8	47.5	87.4	70.5	64.4	78.0	82.0	80.9	80.6	81.0	84.6	81.6	89.7	58.6	85.0	92.2
1980	67.4	47.0	46.5	63.3	48.4	85.6	60.8	57.7	70.8	75.6	72.7	78.3	81.3	75.4	80.8	86.2	46.6	74.8	87.6
1985	55.0	44.6	47.1	52.3	46.7	83.0	52.1	33.4	67.7	88.7	73.0	72.2	91.5	73.6	77.1	82.7	42.0	64.4	81.9
1990	49.8	42.8	47.6	46.6	43.7	84.2	44.6	30.8	59.6	92.3	77.0	66.2	90.6	67.2	71.3	79.1	37.1	56.0	78.0
1995	48.2	40.5	49.8	48.2	43.9	74.6	41.2	46.2	55.8	102.3	78.3	60.4	90.6	65.7	65.9	74.4	39.8	30.0	72.2
2000	46.4	37.5	41.6	47.9	46.7	63.9	39.0	42.4	52.5	85.5	86.7	55.5	86.0	60.8	60.5	69.7	40.7	46.5	63.2
2005	41.6	35.2	33.1	47.2	50.7	52.1	39.2	40.8	49.0	77.2	54.1	51.8	79.9	58.5	55.9	63.7	38.8	45.0	53.3
2010	39.6	33.6	29.1	44.5	56.3	46.8	37.9	38.9	44.3	73.0	47.7	48.9	73.3	52.9	51.3	57.8	34.2	43.6	46.3
2015	40.3	36.0	32.3	43.0	63.9	44.3	37.8	38.8	41.9	69.5	51.6	46.3	68.1	49.9	48.8	53.2	35.1	43.1	44.5
2020	43.9	41.6	40.0	40.9	68.1	42.6	39.8	43.6	40.5	65.8	56.3	44.8	62.7	49.0	47.3	50.7	41.9	43.6	44.6
2025	46.1	50.2	51.5	43.2	69.9	41.6	46.2	49.8	40.9	60.7	53.8	44.3	58.1	49.6	46.7	49.1	54.0	45.5	44.9
2030	49.6	59.8	60.6	45.7	73.0	41.7	53.7	56.3	41.2	56.3	47.8	44.2	54.0	50.5	46.3	47.8	67.5	48.4	45.3
2035	55.8	66.4	66.0	49.6	78.8	42.4	61.2	61.4	43.2	52.8	43.2	45.7	50.8	50.5	46.3	46.9	77.1	52.1	46.1
2040	61.3	71.8	68.4	51.9	88.6	44.6	69.3	64.8	44.6	50.2	42.3	47.9	48.6	50.2	47.1	46.5	79.4	55.8	48.3
2045	62.8	75.9	68.7	51.4	95.2	47.7	74.6	69.9	46.2	46.8	43.8	50.8	47.0	50.3	48.8	47.3	76.8	59.5	51.9
2050	63.9	78.9	72.8	52.9	98.2	51.3	79.4	74.5	48.2	47.9	48.5	53.6	46.0	51.9	50.8	49.3	75.8	62.4	55.8

(Note) The figures for China include Taiwan.

(Source) United Nations (2003) and Republic of China (2002a).

Table 14. Trends in indicators of poverty and unequal income distribution since the 1970s.

Year / Indicator	East Asia								Southeast Asia										
	China	Hong Kong	Macao	North Korea	Japan	Mongolia	South Korea	Taiwan	Brunei	Cambodia	East Timor	Indonesia	Laos	Malaysia	Myanmar	Philippines	Singapore	Thailand	Vietnam
Most recent year	1997/99					1998	1995	1999		1999		1999	1997/98	1999	1997	2000		1998	1998
Proportion of population in poverty (%)						35.6	7.4	0.6		35.9		23.4	38.6	8.1	22.9	39.4		12.9	37.0
Urban areas	3.1					38.4				25.2		19.5	26.9	3.8		24.3		1.5	9.0
Rural areas	3.7					32.6				40.0		26.1	41.0	13.2		54.0		17.2	45.0
Most recent year	1999						1993			1997		1999	1997					1998	
Proportion of population below \$1 a day (%)	18.8						<2			26.3		7.7	26.3					<2	
Most recent year	1998	1996			1993	1998	2000	1999		1999		1999	1997	1997		2000	1992/93	2000	1998
Income ratio of highest 20% to lowest 20%	7.9	9.0					5.3	5.5		4.7		4.0	5.9	12.3		12.5	8.5	9.3	5.6
Gini coefficient	0.40	0.52			0.25	0.35	0.32	0.33		0.40		0.32	0.37	0.49		0.45	0.39	0.44	0.35
Around 1990	1994					1995				1993/94		1990	1993	1989		1991		1992	1993
Proportion of population in poverty (%)		8.4				35.3				39.0		15.1	46.1	15.5		54.0		13.1	50.9
Urban areas		<2				38.5				24.8		16.8	24.0			39.0		10.2	25.9
Rural areas		11.8				33.1				43.1		14.3	33.0			71.0		15.5	57.2
Most recent year	1995					1995						1995		1989		1991		1992	
Proportion of population below \$1 a day (%)		22.2					13.9					11.8		5.6		28.6		<2	
Most recent year	1990/92					1995	1988	1989				1990/93	1992	1989		1988	1982/83	1992	1993
Income ratio of highest 20% to lowest 20%		6.5				5.6	5.7	4.9				4.9	4.2	11.7		7.4	9.6	9.4	5.6
Gini coefficient		0.38				0.33		0.30				0.32	0.30	0.48		0.41		0.46	0.35
1970-1980		1980			1979		1976	1979				1976		1973		1970/71		1975/76	
Income ratio of highest 20% to lowest 20%		8.7			4.3		7.9	4.3				7.5		16.0		10.4		8.9	

(Note) Definitions can differ from one country to another or between different points of time in the same country.

(Source) Asian Development Bank (2002), *World Development Report* for various years, Republic of China (2001).

Table 15. Trends in gross secondary school enrollment ratio since 1970 (%)

Year	East Asia								Southeast Asia										
	China	Hong Kong	Macao	North Korea	Japan	Mongolia	South Korea	Taiwan	Brunei	Cambodia	East Timor	Indonesia	Laos	Malaysia	Myanmar	Philippines	Singapore	Thailand	Vietnam
1970	24	36			87	83	42			8		16	4	34	21	46	46	17	
Male	32	40			87	83	50			11		21	5	41	25	47	47	20	
Female	16	31			86	84	32			5		11	2	28	16	44	45	14	
Sex ratio	200	129			101	99	156			220		191	250	146	156	107	104	143	
1980	46	64			93	92	78	83	61	2		29	21	48	22	64	60	29	42
Male	54	63			92	88	82	83	59	3		35	25	50	25	60	60	30	44
Female	37	65			94	95	74	83	63	1		23	16	46	19	69	60	28	40
Sex ratio	146	97			98	93	111	100	94	300		152	156	109	132	87	100	107	110
1990	49	80	65		97	82	90	95	69	32		44	25	56	23	73	68	30	32
Male	55	78	62		96	77	91	93	66	45		48	31	55	23	74	71	31	33
Female	42	82	68		98	88	89	97	71	19		40	19	58	23	73	66	30	31
Sex ratio	131	95	91		98	88	102	95	93	237		120	163	95	100	101	106	103	106
1995	66	73			103	59	101	96	80	26		51	27	59		77		54	47
Male	69	71			103	51	101	94	76	33		55	32	55	16	77	74		48
Female	62	76			104	68	101	98	85	20		48	21	63	13	78	70		46
Sex ratio	111	93			99	75	100	96	89	165		115	152	87	123	99	106		104
Most recent	1999	2000	1992			1999	2000	2002	1996	1999		1998	1999	1999	1999	1996	1996	1999	1999
(Total)			71					99	77								74		57
Male	65	75	66			60	97	98	72	29		77	39	93	36	77		87	64
Female	58	79	76			72	98	100	82	15		77	27	103	36	78		89	58
Sex ratio	112	95	87			83	99	98	88	193		100	144	90	100	99		98	110

(Note) Taiwan's figures for 1980 belong to 1981, while Myanmar's and Singapore's figures for 1995 actually belong to 1994.

(Source) UNESCO (1999), Asian Development Bank (2002) and Republic of China (2000b).