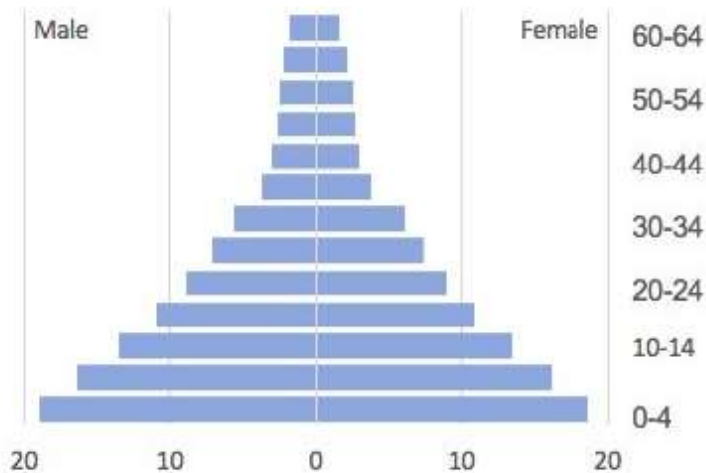


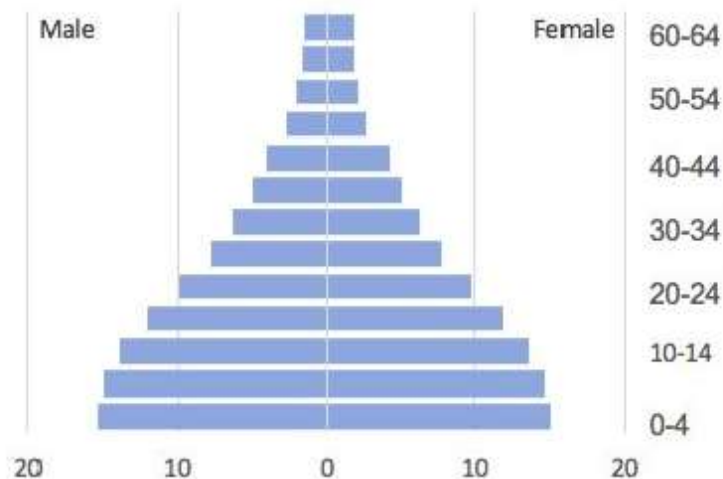
Median Age

High birth and death rates of the 1980s were moving to lower ratios that accompany economic development. The effects of better healthcare and lower fertility rates only started to remodel the population pyramid in the 1980s.

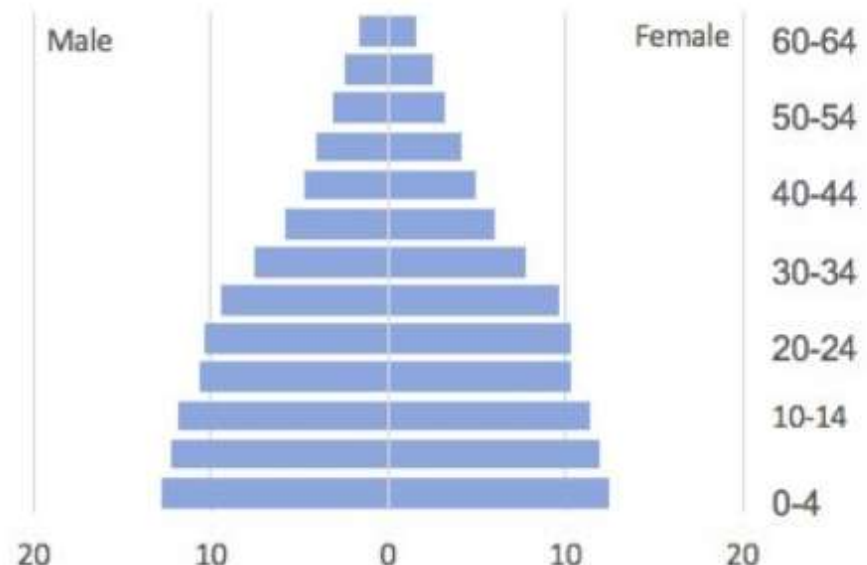
Population pyramid in 1985
(in % of total)



Population pyramid in 1995
(in % of total)



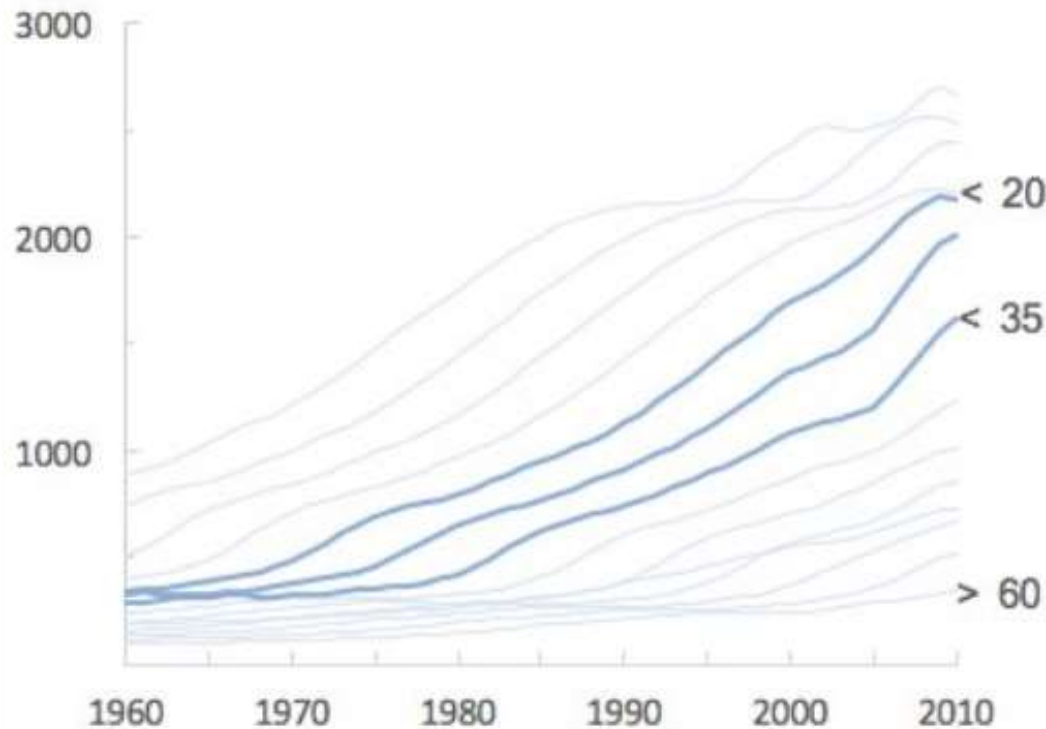
Population pyramid in 2010
(in % of total)



All graphs taken from world Bank data and graphed by @SynapsNetwork

Given time, this transition would have produced a more balanced distribution of age groups. But in 2010, on the eve of the uprising, Syrians between 20 and 35 years old happened to be the fastest growing cohorts, forming an unmistakable youth bulge. 50% of Syrians were under 21 years old

Population by age
(1960-2010 in thousands)



Relative size of age groups
(1960-2010 in % of total population)

