

Describing charts and diagrams

Describing change

Up

To go up
To increase an increase
To rise a rise
To grow a growth
To improve an improvement
To get better
To recover a recovery
To rocket a rocket



rocket



peak



Others

To remain stable
To level out
To reach a peak
To peak a peak

Speed of change

Rapid - Rapidly
Steady - Steadily
Gradual - Gradually
Slow - Slowly

Degree of change

Dramatic - Dramatically
Significant - Significantly
Moderate - Moderately
Slight - Slightly

Prepositions

To stand at
From ... to ...
By ...
An increase of ...

up

Down

To go down
To decrease a decrease
To fall a fall
To drop a drop
To deteriorate a deterioration
To get worse
To worsen a worsening
To slump a slump

down



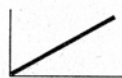
slump



fluctuate



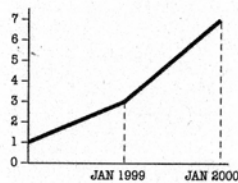
To fluctuate a fluctuation
To bottom out
To reach a low point
To hit a low a low



Sales rose rapidly.
There was a rapid rise in sales.



Sales rose dramatically.
There was a dramatic rise in sales.



Sales rose from 3 million to 7 million.
Sales rose by 4 million.
There was an increase of 4 million over last year.
Sales stood at 3 million in January.

Giving explanations



This was a **result of** bad planning.

The cause

This happened because
This was a result of
So / Therefore

This will **lead to** redundancies.

The result

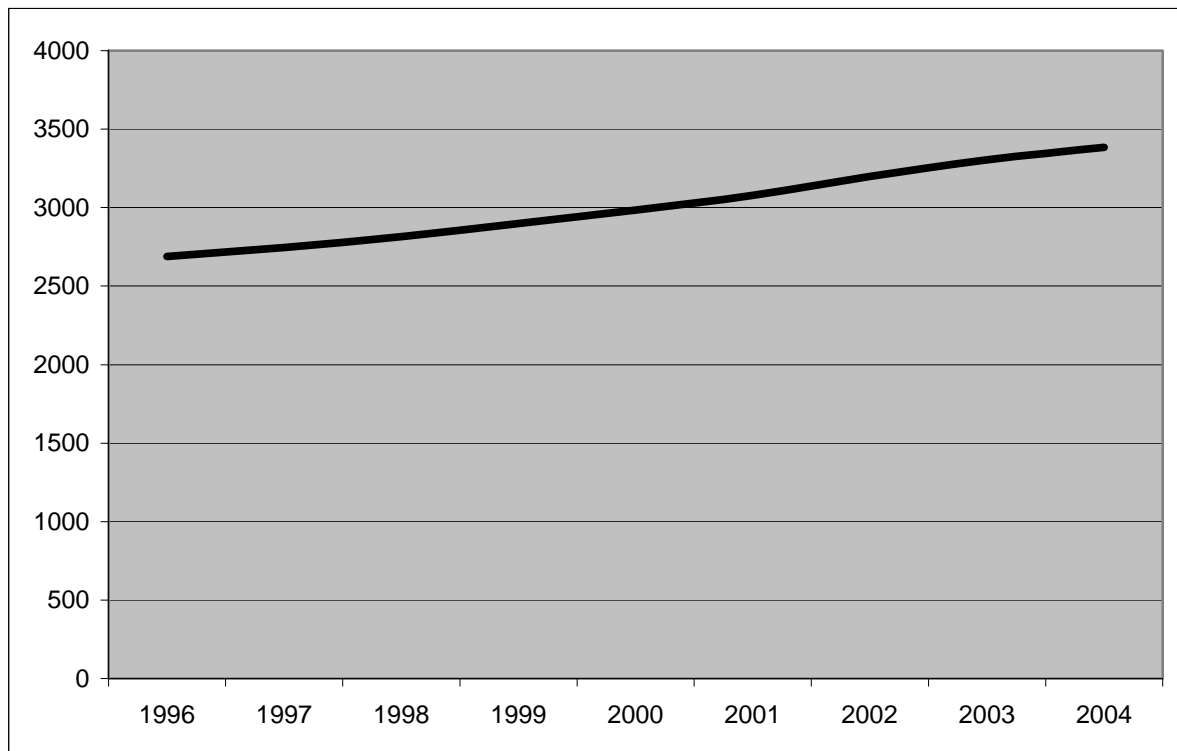
This will result in
This will lead to
Consequently / As a result



More useful words

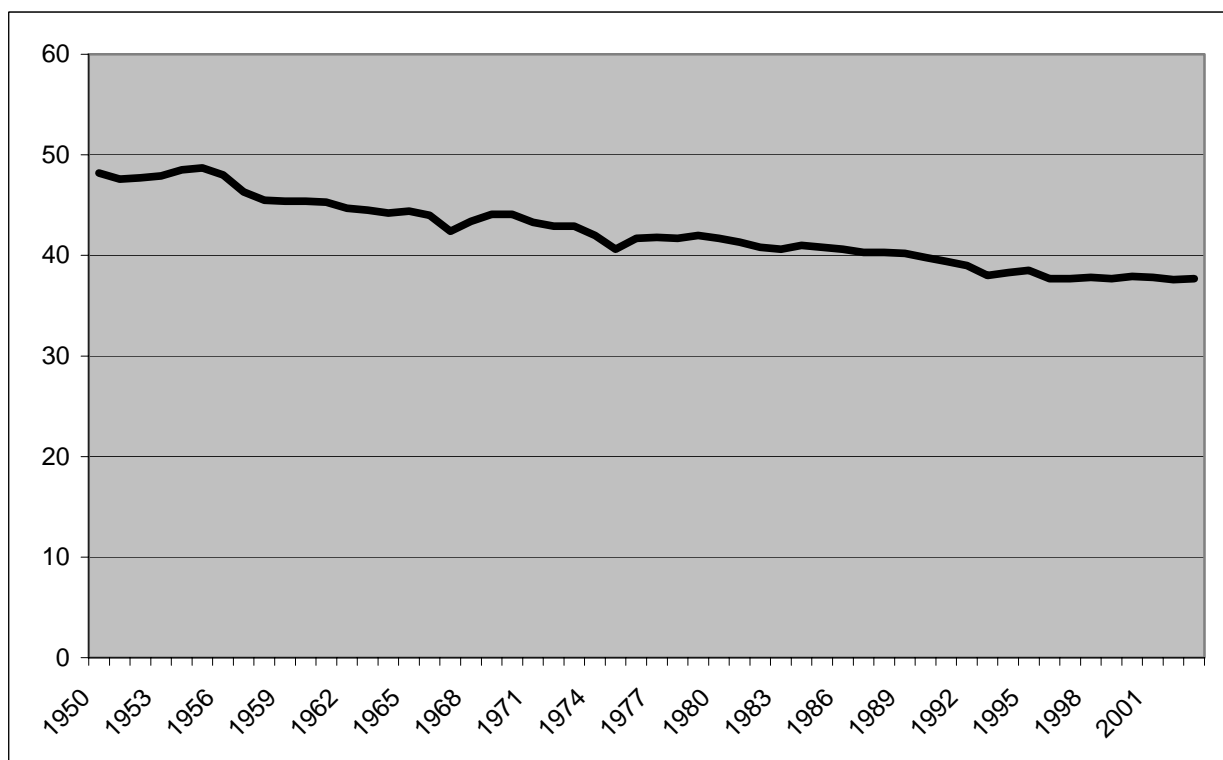
section	Abschnitt, Segment (in a pie chart)
one third	ein Drittel
two thirds	zwei Drittel
three fifths	drei Fünftel
etc.	
more than half ...	über die Hälfte
the majority of people	die Mehrzahl der Leute
about as much as the other categories combined	ungefähr so viel, wie die anderen Kategorien zusammen
only a small fraction	nur ein kleiner Bruchteil
only slightly more than...	nur wenig mehr als...
as opposed to "40% of men say that they love their car as opposed to 15% of women"	im Gegensatz dazu ...
whereas	wohingegen

Average gross [*brutto*] monthly wages for employees in manufacturing [*produzierendes Gewerbe*], trade [*Handel*] and finance sectors

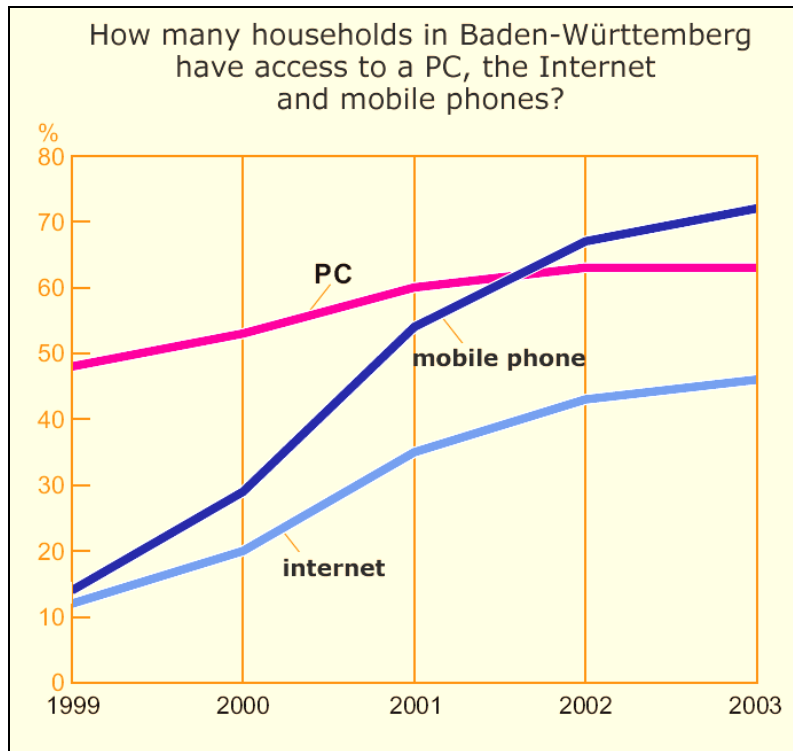


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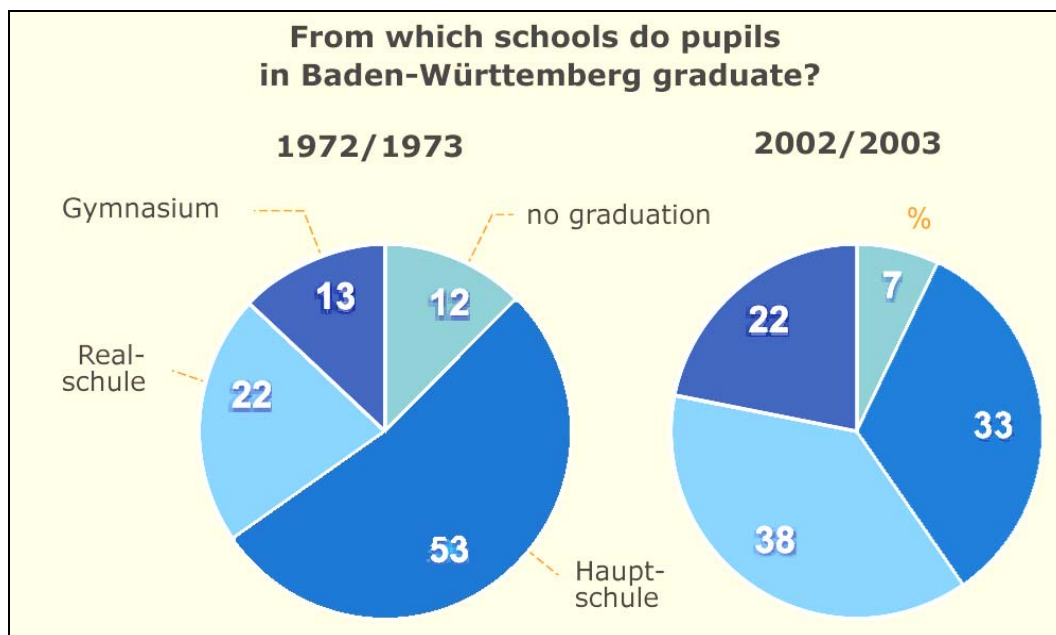
Average weekly working hours for workers since 1950



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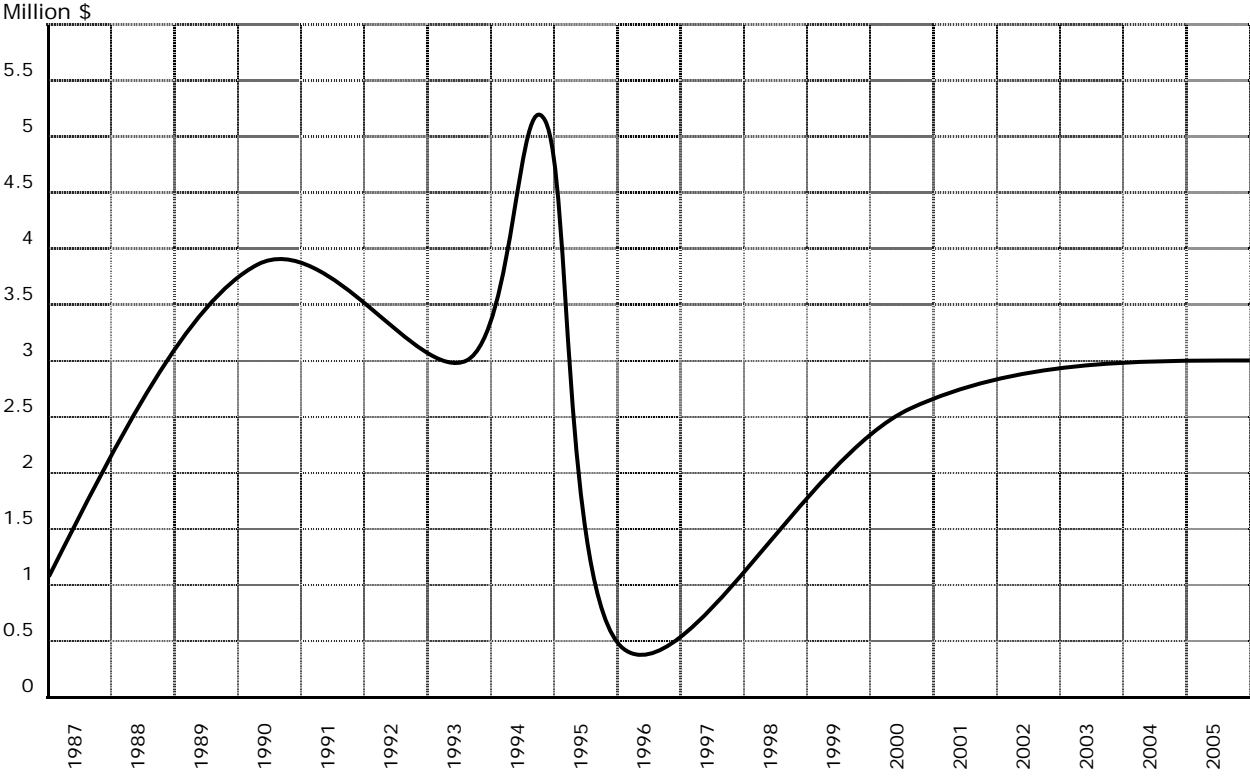


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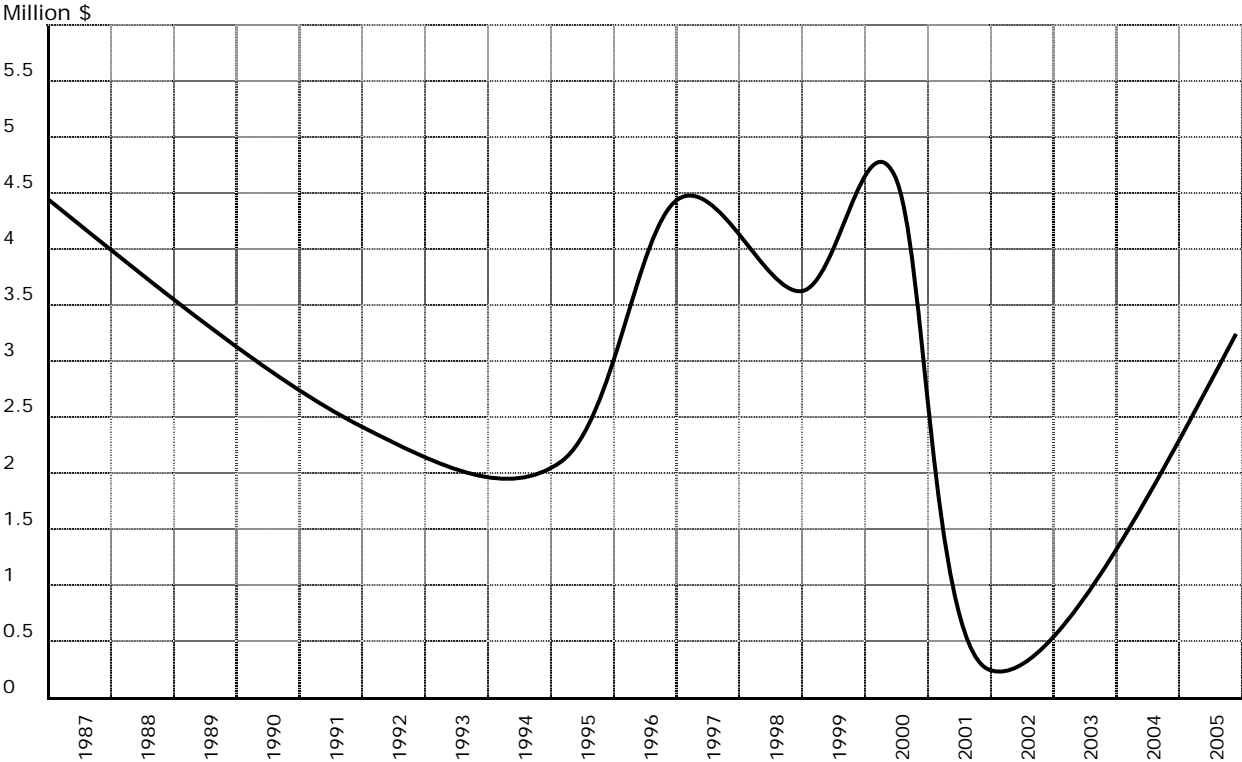
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Development of Sales of Digi Ltd.



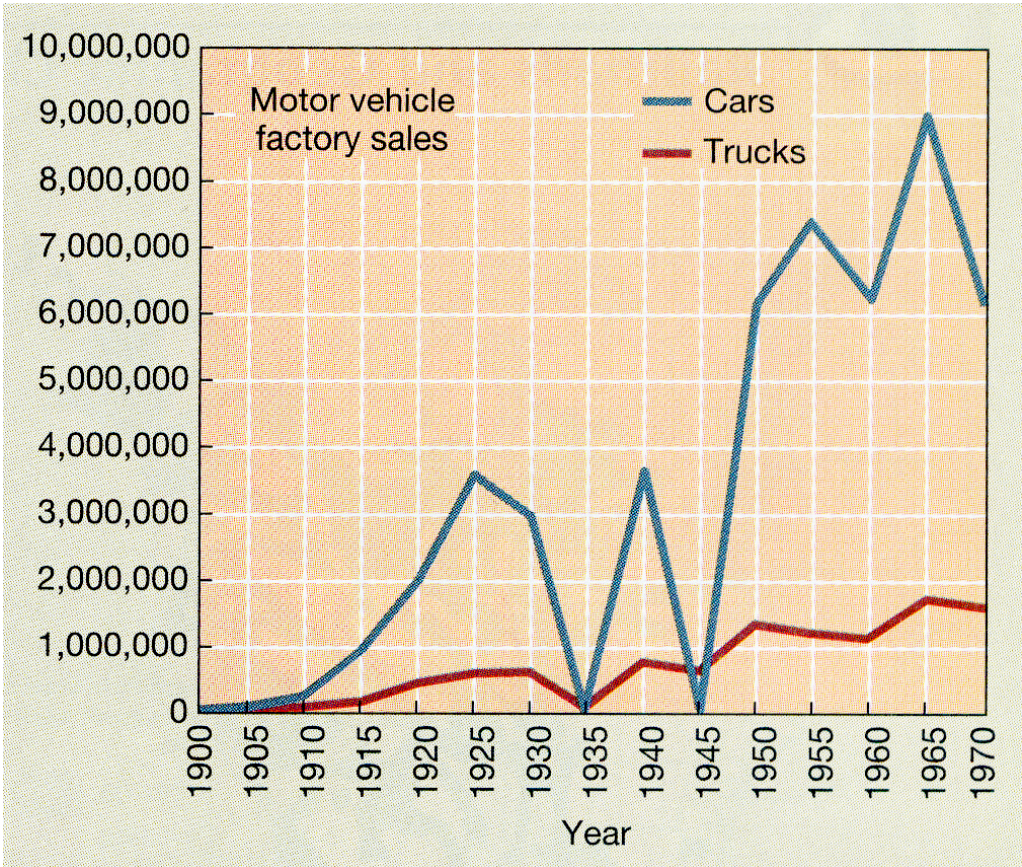
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Development of Sales of Lunatic Corp.



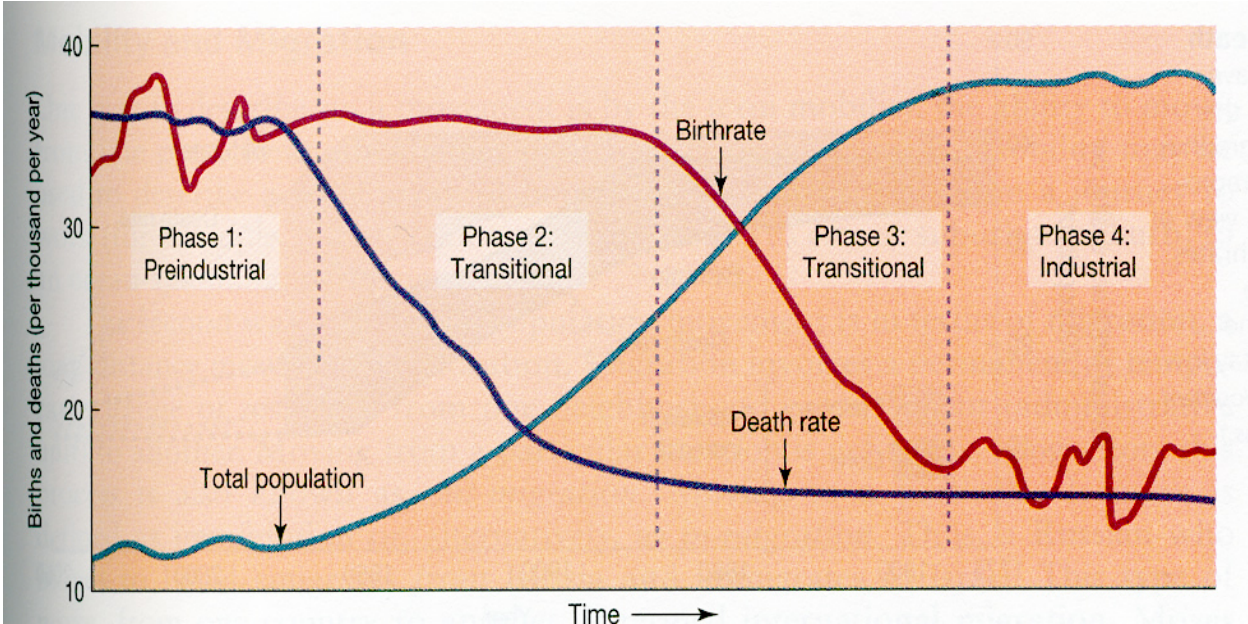
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Motor vehicle sales in the US



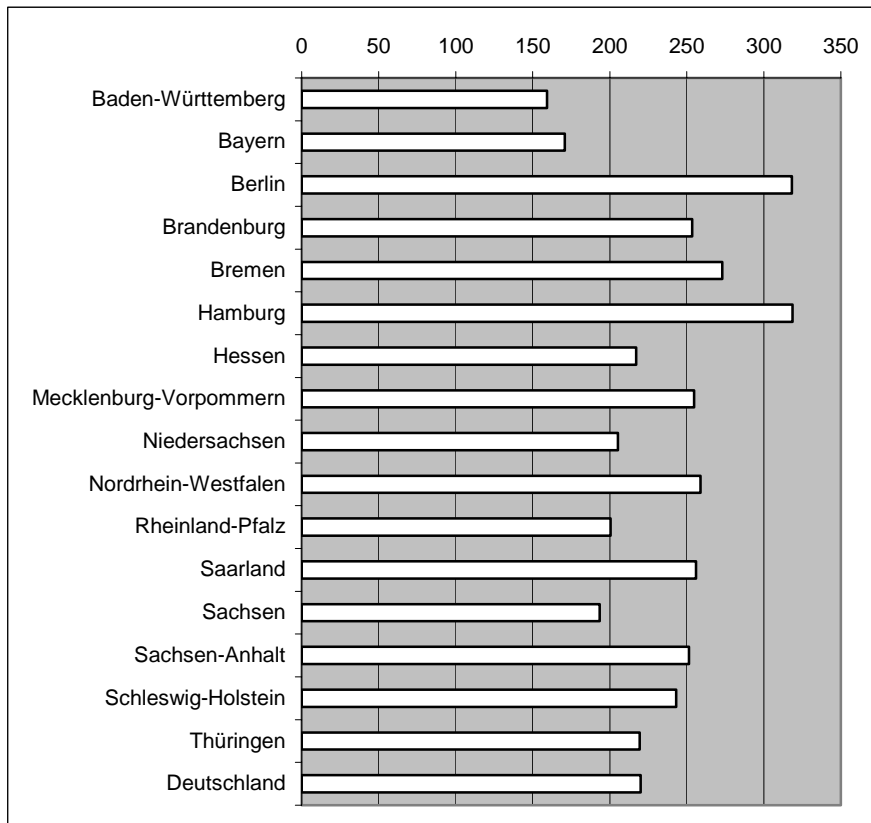
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Demographic transition model



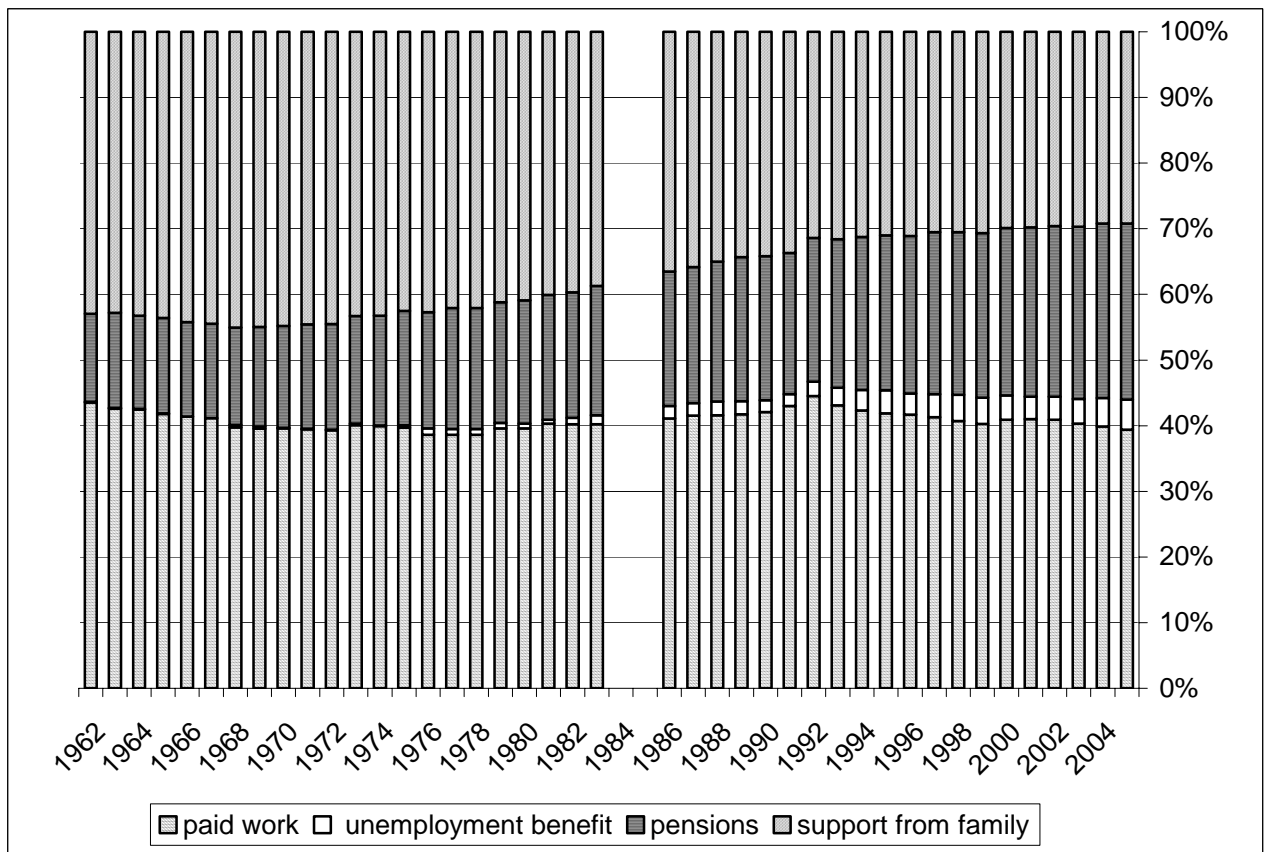
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Amount of rubbish produced per capita [*pro Kopf*] per year (kg)



Source: Statistisches Bundesamt (http://www.statistik-portal.de/Statistik-Portal/de_jb10_jahrtabu4.asp)

Source of Income since 1962 in Germany



Source: Statistisches Bundesamt (<http://www.destatis.de/indicators/d/Irleb01ad.htm>)