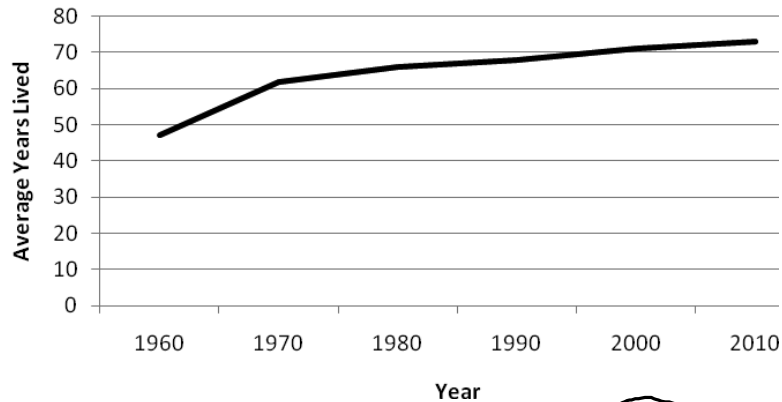
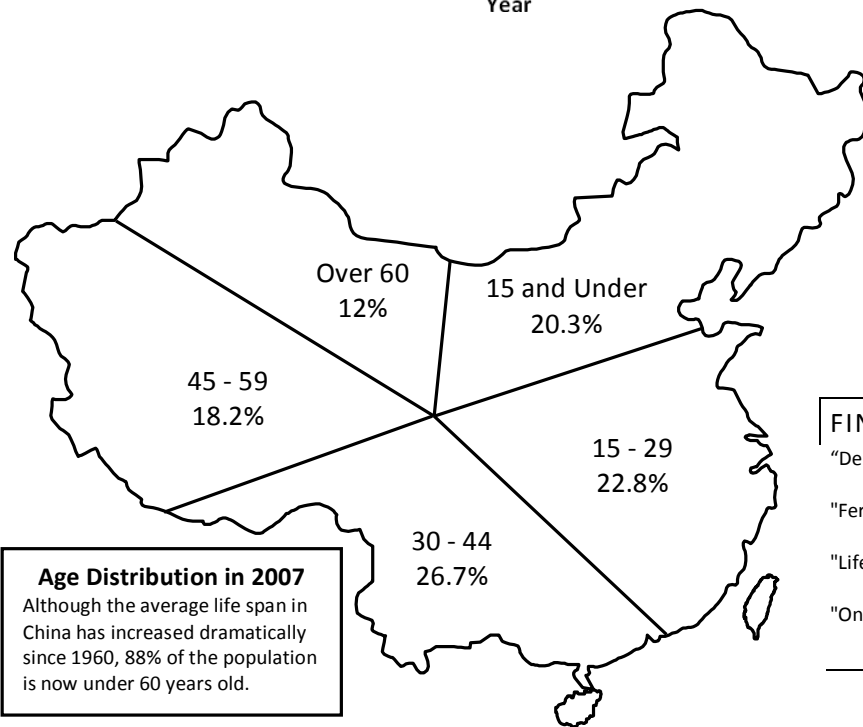
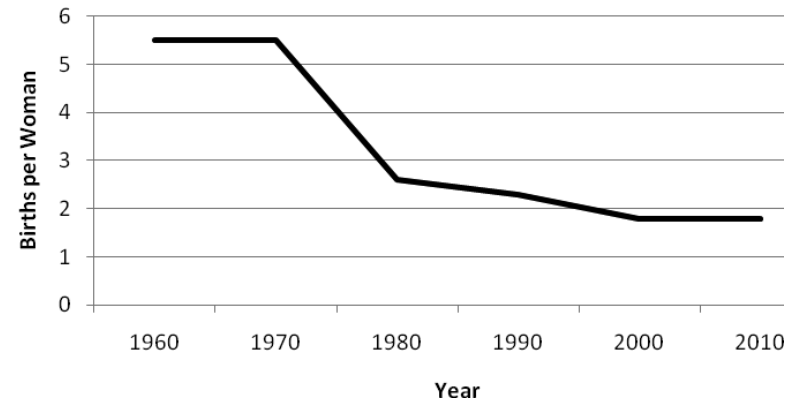


# CHINA'S FAMILIES NOW HAVE ONE-THIRD AS MANY KIDS THAN IN 1960

### Life Expectancy



### Fertility Rate



**Age Distribution in 2007**  
Although the average life span in China has increased dramatically since 1960, 88% of the population is now under 60 years old.

In 1978, China passed the One-Child per Family law. This gave families financial benefits for only having one child. This was done to slow China's overall population growth. It is clear this policy had an impact on the families in China. In 1960, the national average was 5.5 babies per family. By the year 2000 the fertility rate had dropped to 1.8. Despite this law, China's population has continued to grow. This is partly because the life expectancy in China has increased dramatically in the same time period. People are living an average of 26 years longer. This means that the average age of the population must be getting older.

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