



ECOHOLICS

# DEMOGRAPHIC DIVIDEND

## 1

### What is it?

A period of economic growth that can occur when a country experiences a shift in its age structure, with a large proportion of its population entering their working years.



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### When does it occur?

The number of people in the workforce (i.e., those who are aged 15 to 64) increases relative to the number of dependents (i.e., those who are younger than 15 or older than 64).

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### Why does it occur?

Declining fertility rates, which reduce the number of children born, and improvements in healthcare, which increase life expectancy and reduce mortality rates among the elderly.



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### Is it good?

Period of rapid economic growth as the working-age population contributes to the economy and the savings rate increases. Leads to investment, innovation and increased productivity.

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### Is this automatic?

No, it depends on range of factors such as healthcare, jobs, policies etc. If not in place shift in population can become **demographic burden** leading to low economic growth, increased poverty and instabilities.

