

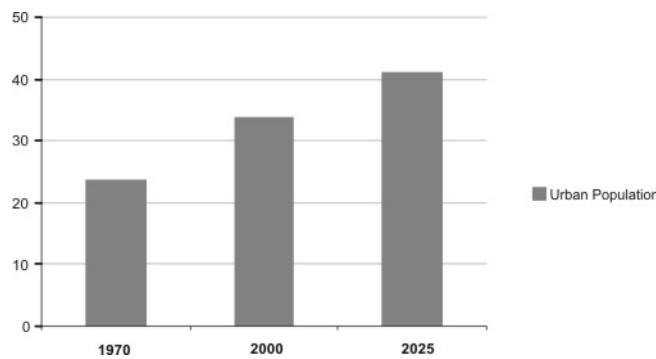
MONACO

Whole country

This micro-state with an area of 1.95 km² is the least-populated (34 000 people), but, being wholly urban, the most densely-populated Mediterranean country. The principality, which has lost territory since 1848, compensates for lack of space by building high up or out to sea.



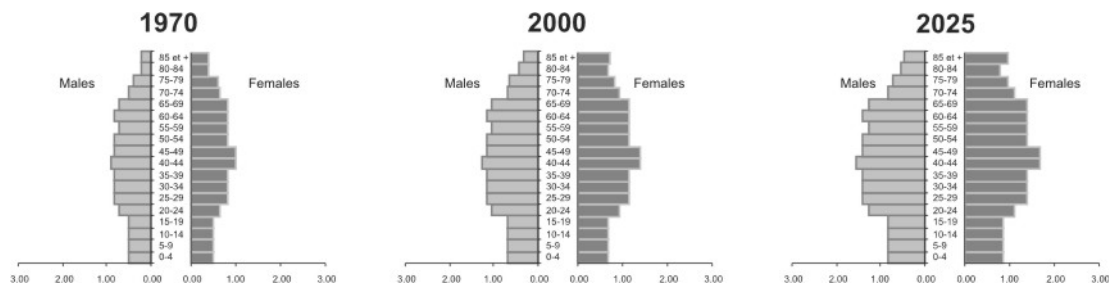
Figure 19. Rural population and urban population 1970-2000-2025 (in thousands)



Fertility trends could not be estimated on such a small population size, so they were deduced from those of France, which will hold steady at around 1.8 children per woman until 2025. One thing worth mentioning here is that disaggregated by nationality, most of Monaco’s population is of foreign extraction, chiefly French (40%), then American (18%), Italian (17%), British (5%), Belgian (2%). Native Monegasques make up barely more than 17%.

The population - which is both entirely coastal and urban - is projected to grow slightly from 34 000 to 41 000 in 25 years, at a mean annual rate of 0.75%.

Figure 20. Population age structure (by 5-year age groups) 1970-2000-2025 (in thousands)



Monaco’s population contains a very high proportion of over-65s (21.8%), and very few young people under 15 (12.3%). Most of the working age resident population are professionals, but there is significant two-way frontier worker traffic with France and Italy which offsets its small resident working population. An estimated three-quarters of Monaco’s paid workforce lives out-of-country.

Figure 21. Populations aged 15-and-under and 65-and-over, 1970-2025 (in thousands)

