

**Editor's Note:** Please read Phillip O'Brien and Byron Haast, "Japan's Declining Population: Beyond the Textbook," *Education About Asia* 22, no. 3 (2017): 49–51 for context on the below resources on Japanese demographics for teachers.

### *Digital Pedagogical Resources from "Japan's Declining Population: Beyond the Textbook" by Phillip O'Brien and Byron Haast*

#### **Population Data**

UN population division: <http://www.un.org/en/development/desa/population/>  
Japanese Ministry of Health: <http://www.mhlw.go.jp/english/>

#### **Topic Introduction**

Jonathan Soble, "Japan, Short on Babies, Reaches a Worrisome Milestone," *The New York Times*, June 2, 2017, <https://tinyurl.com/y8hny6ua>

#### **Impacts**

Shrinking workforce: <https://tinyurl.com/y8tzfu4v>  
Potential abortion restrictions: <https://tinyurl.com/yb2q88rl>  
Budgetary impact: <https://tinyurl.com/y8acdb98>  
Abandoned homes: <https://tinyurl.com/ybprlgcn>

#### **Responses**

Matchmaking parties: <https://tinyurl.com/y7hqtcyb>  
Long-term care insurance: <https://tinyurl.com/y7d39x7x>  
Pension reform: <https://tinyurl.com/y9koxkl9>  
Company incentives: <https://tinyurl.com/ydez5aoj>  
Funding egg freezing: <https://tinyurl.com/jxr7fb4>  
Immigration: <https://tinyurl.com/ycqrmjo5>  
Angel Plan and the New Angel Plan: <https://tinyurl.com/yaknevzj>  
Filipino immigration: <https://tinyurl.com/ybxputsc>

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