Session VII: National population projections

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Outline

- Software packages for population projections
- II. Step-by-step guide to setting up a national population projection in Spectrum

Software packages for population projections

- Packages implement cohort-component method
- Output a variety of demographic measures for any specified year of the projection period
- o Packages reviewed:
 - Spectrum (Avenir Health)
 - Rural-Urban Projection (RUP, US Census Bureau)
 - Mortpak PROJCT (UNPD)

Spectrum

SPECTRUM is a suite of easy to use policy models which provide policymakers with an analytical tool to support the decision making process.

SPECTRUM consists of several software models including:

- DemProj: Demography
- FamPlan: Family Planning
- LiST: Lives Saved Tool (Child Survival)
- AIM: AIDS Impact Model
- Goals: Cost and impact of HIV Intervention
- Resource Needs Module: Costs of implementing an HIV/AIDS program
- RAPID: Resources for the Awareness of Population Impacts on Development
- TIME: TB Impact Model and Estimates

Using Spectrum

O Advantages:

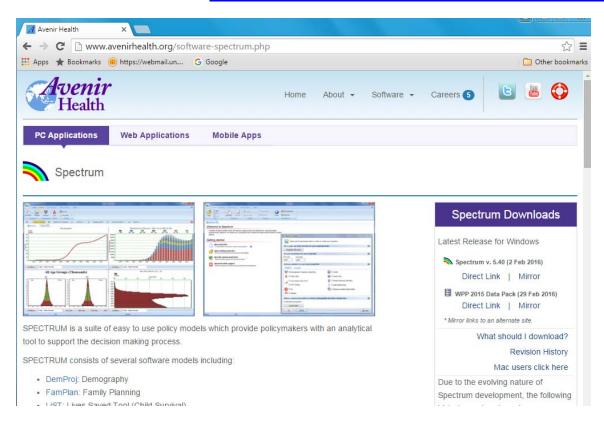
- Reliable and well tested
- Appealing user-interface
- User base is large, but concentrated among health and policy professionals (UNAIDS)
- Support, on-site training available

Disadvantages

- Ease of use means some loss of flexibility in inputs
- Complex package due to integration into a variety of other tools (AIDS, POLICY, RAPID, etc.)
- Obtaining results can be a bit cumbersome

Obtaining and installing Spectrum

www.avenirhealth.org/software-spectrum.php



- Updated regularly; check back for most recent version
- Current version is 5.41
- For this workshop: on memory stick at E:/Tools/Spectrum
 - SpecInstall.exe
 - WPPDataInstall.exe
 - SpectrumManualE.pdf

RUP

- US Census Bureau Rural-Urban Projection Program
- Available interfaces:
 - RUPEX Excel interface
 - NEW: Demographic Analysis and Population Projections System (DAPPS)
 - User-friendly spreadsheet interface for RUP

RUP

o Advantages:

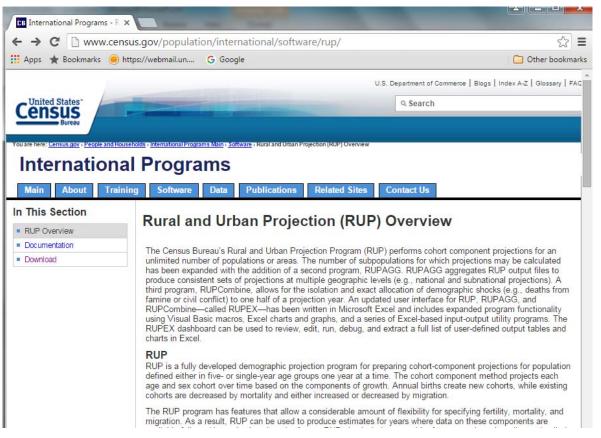
- Reliable and well-tested methodology
- Flexibility in inputs
- Large user base
- Support and training available
- Well-developed toolkits
 - Population Analysis Spreadsheets (PASEX)
 - Subnational Toolkit

Disadvantages

- Data format of input file text-based and not selfexplanatory
- Flexibility of inputs puts the burden on user to specify

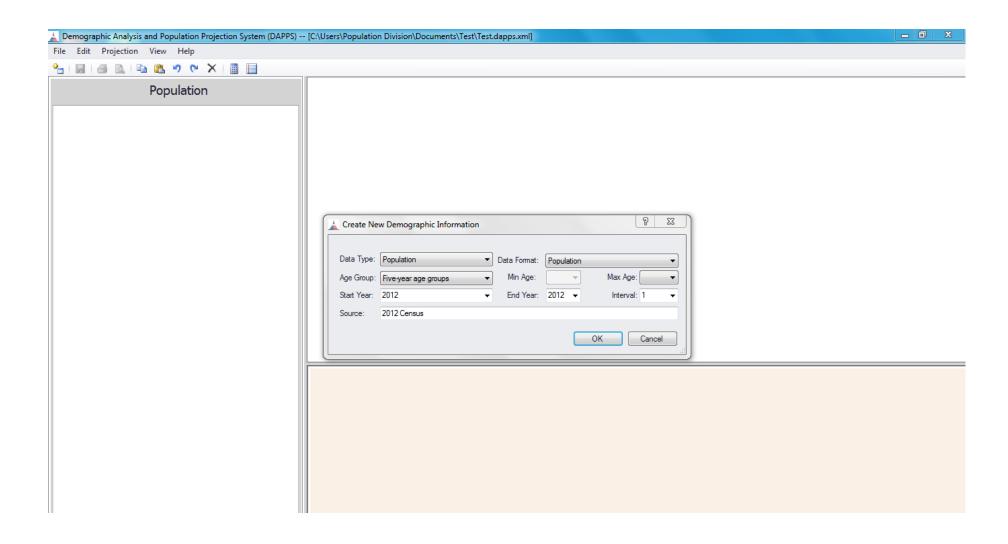
Obtaining and installing RUP applications

http://www.census.gov/population/international/software/rup/

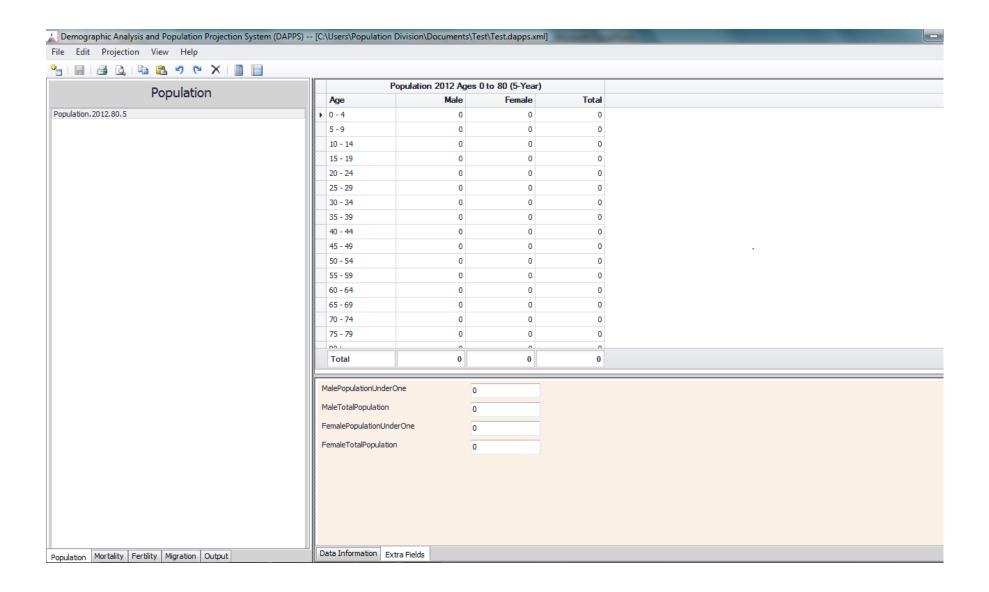


- For this workshop: on memory stick at E:/Tools/US Census Bureau/USCBtools.exe
- Installs RUPEX, PASEX, Subnational Toolkit
- Separate installation for DAPPS:
 - .../DAPPS/Dapps20.exe

DAPPS Interface



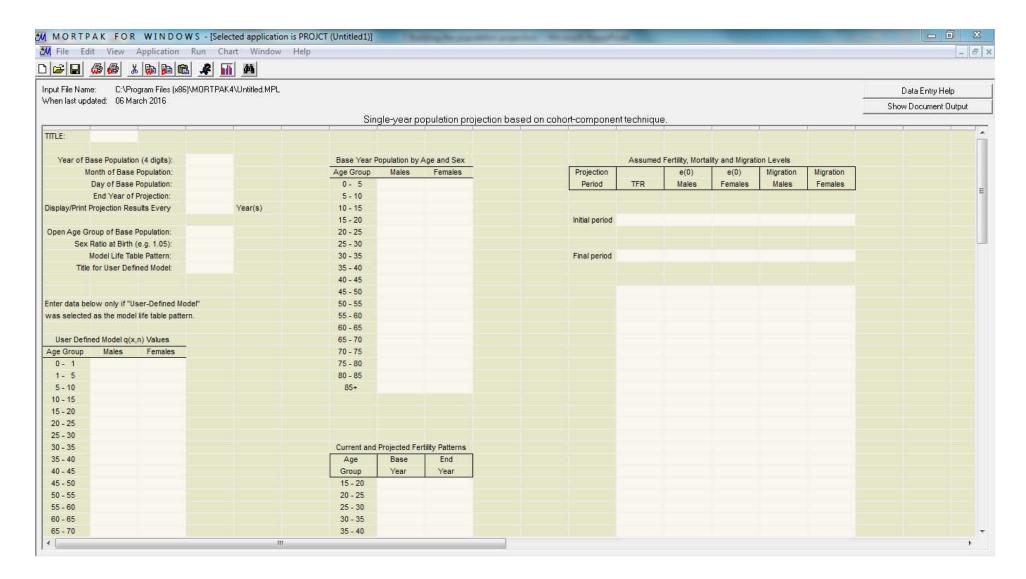
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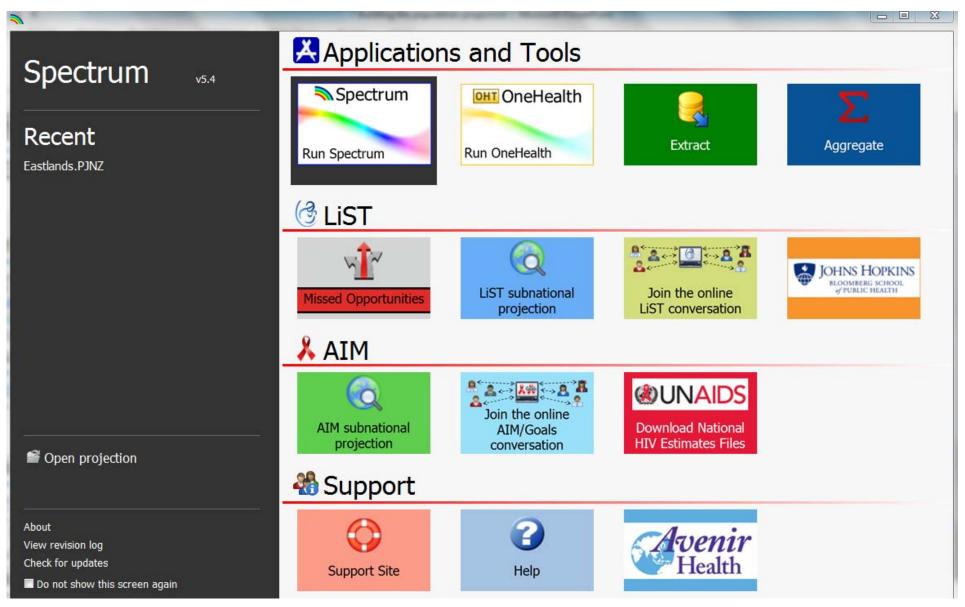
Mortpak PROJCT

- Simple cohort component projection tool
- Useful for small applications such as checking census consistency
- Limited utility for comprehensive projection outputs

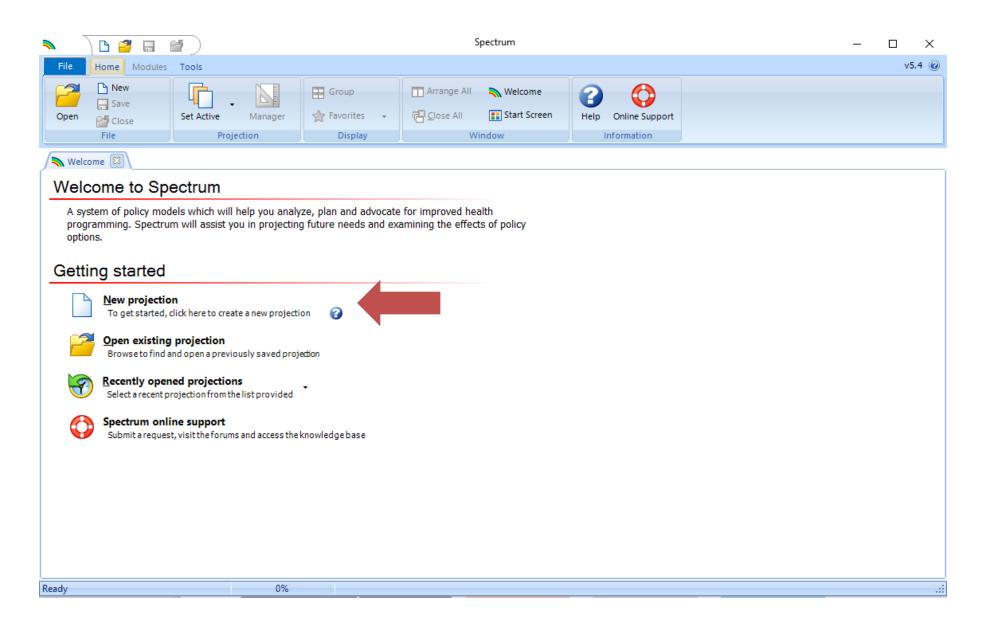
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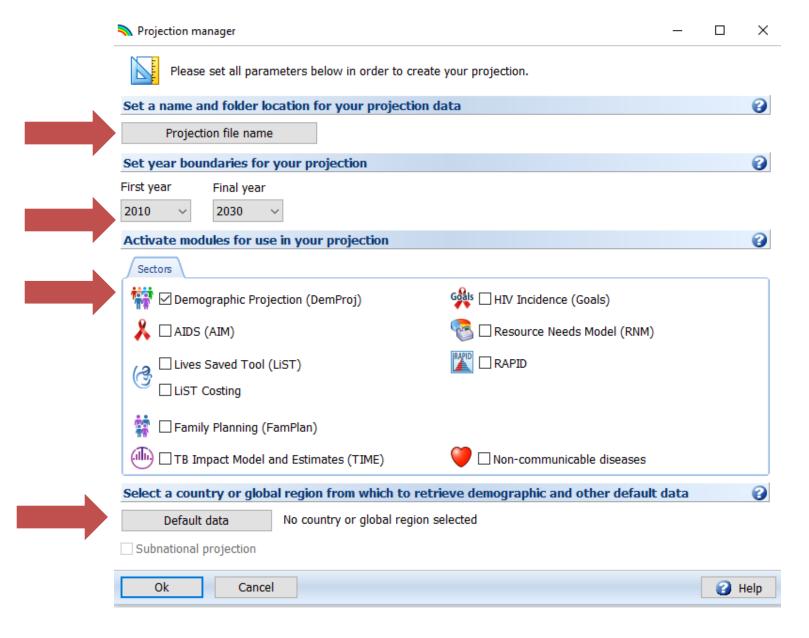
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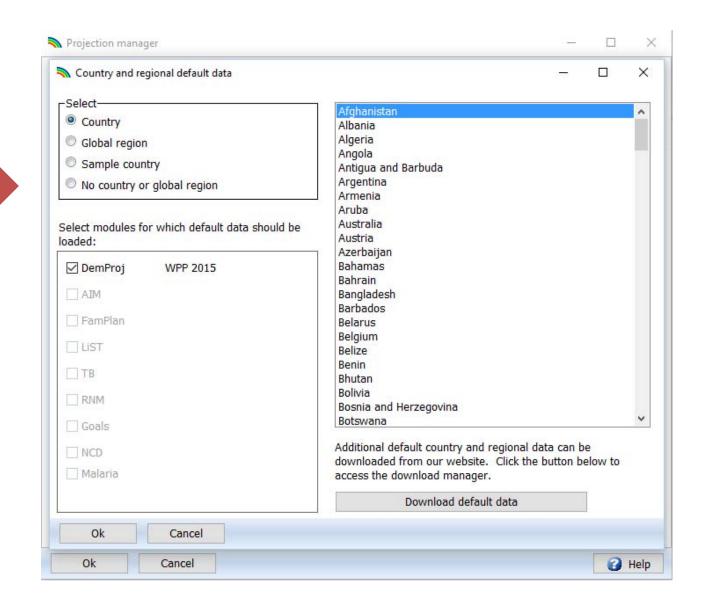
Create a new projection



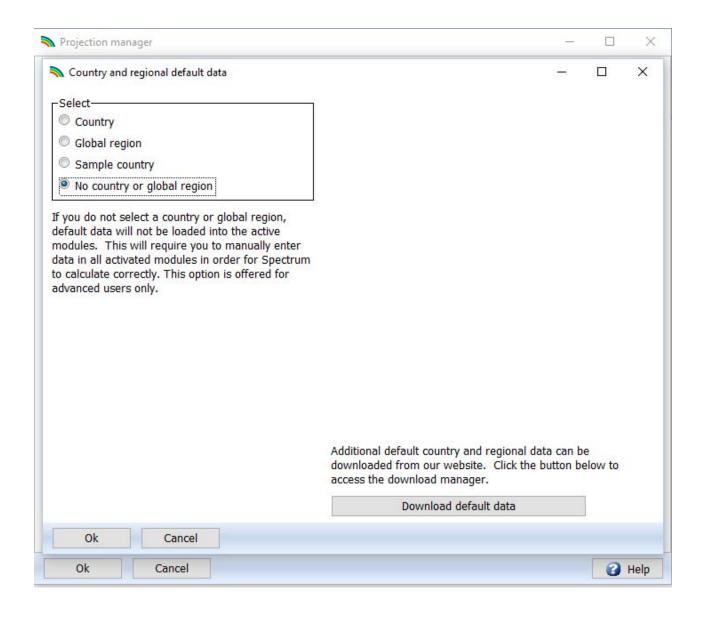
Projection manager



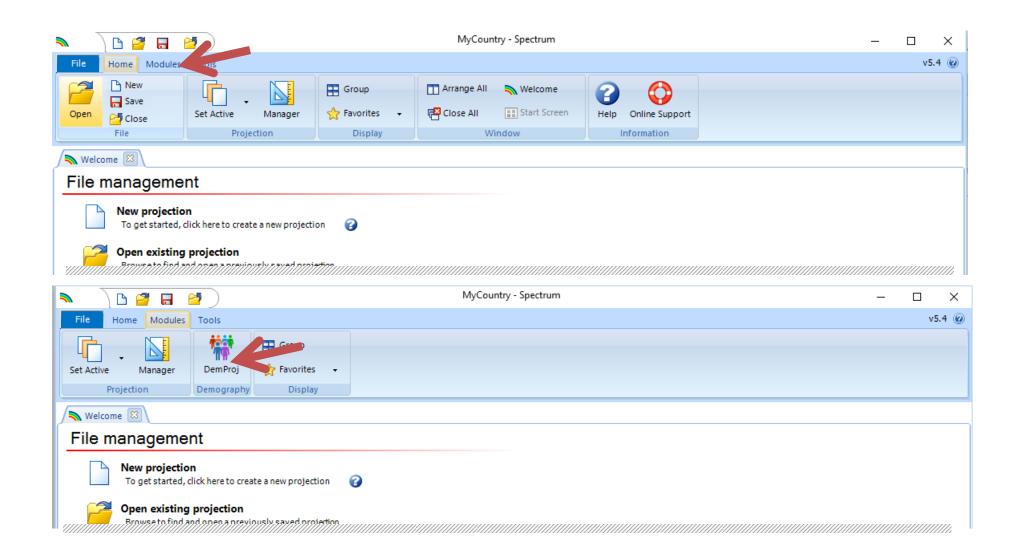
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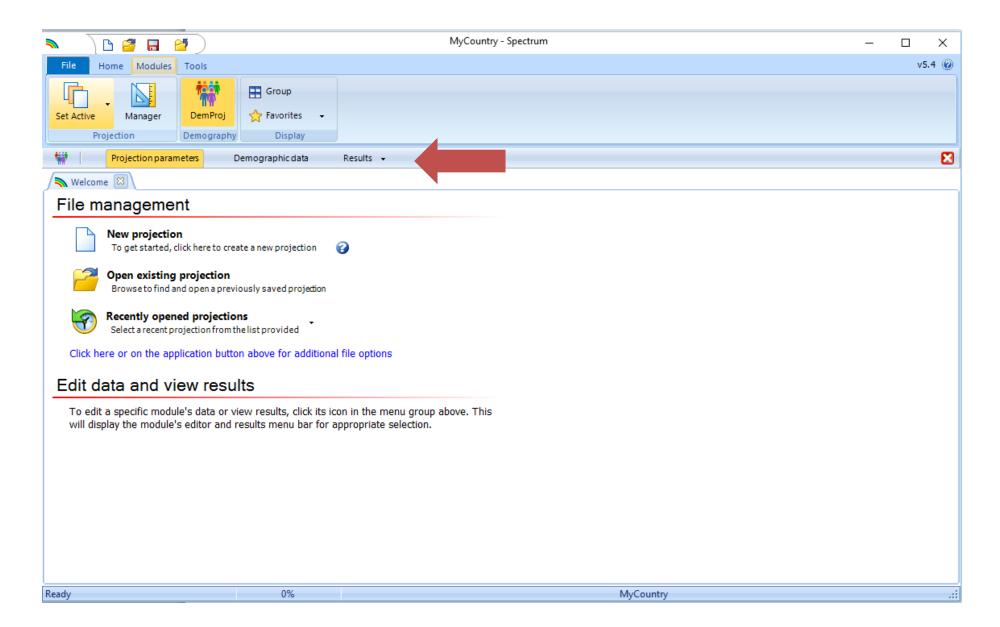
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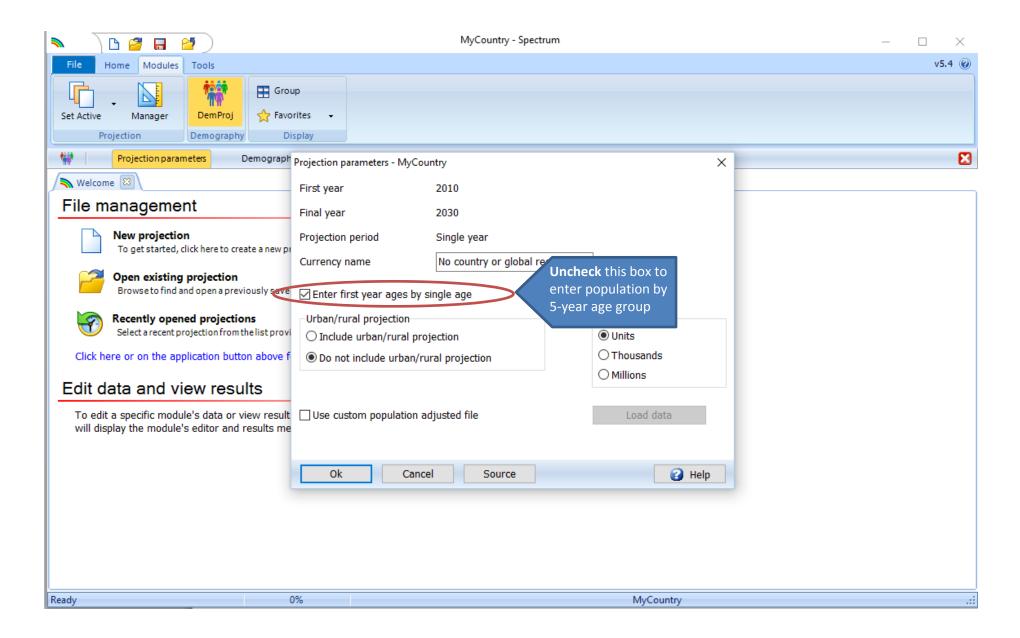
Spectrum menus



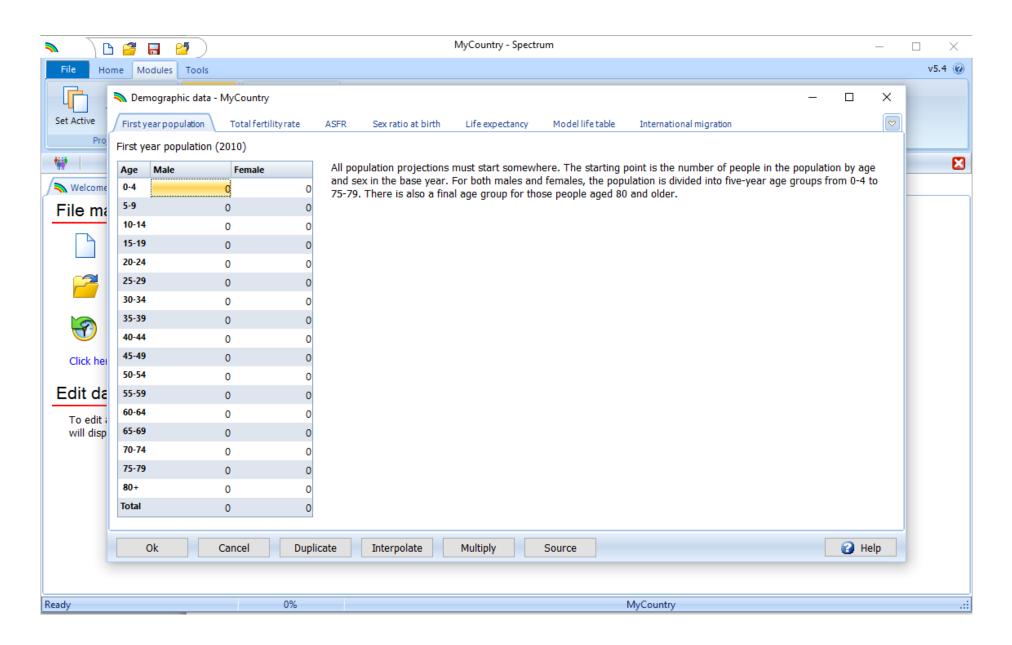
DemProj menu



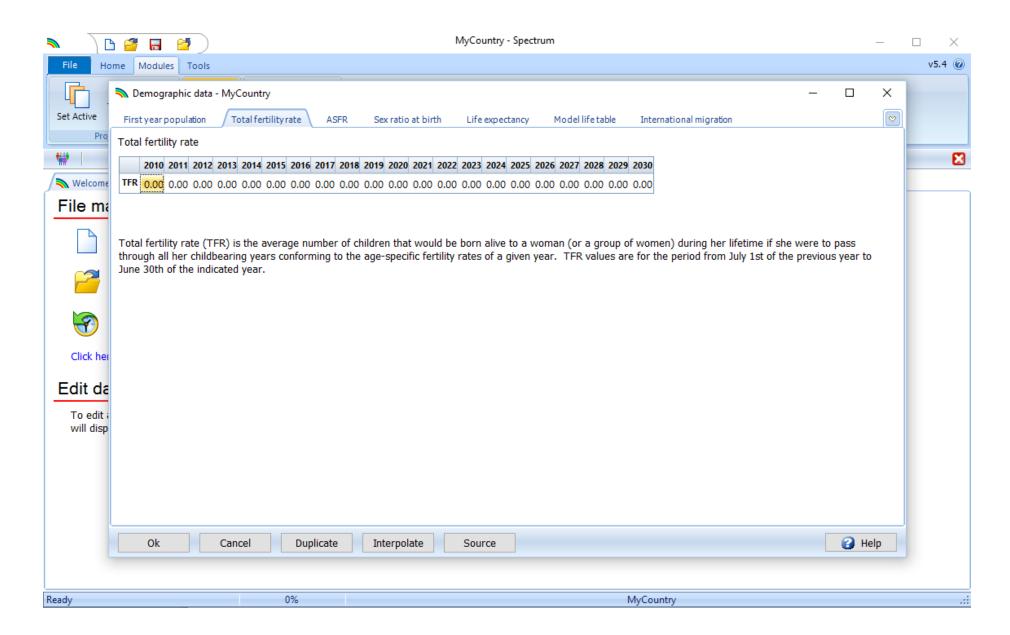
Projection parameters



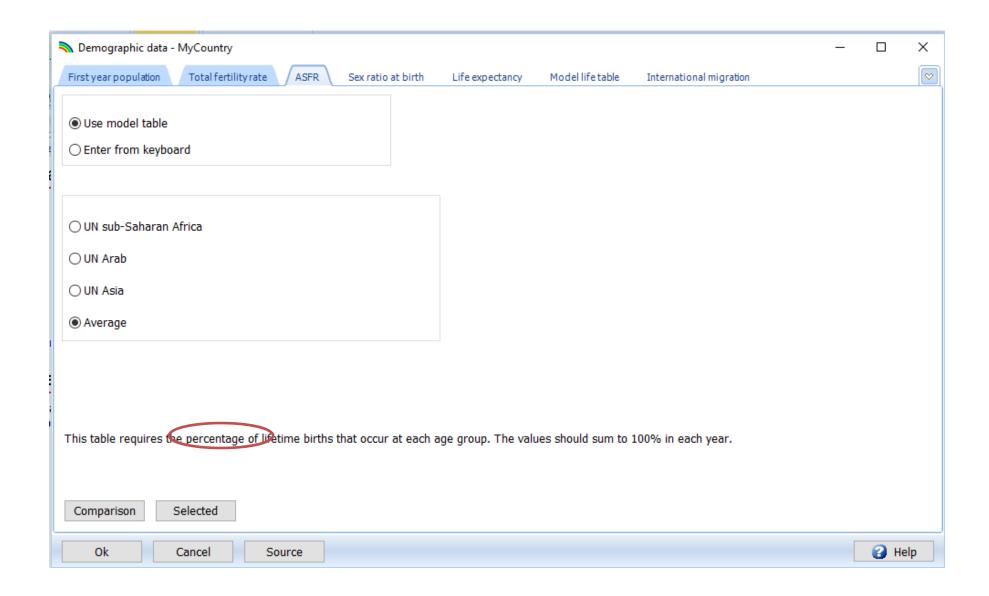
First-year population



Total fertility rate



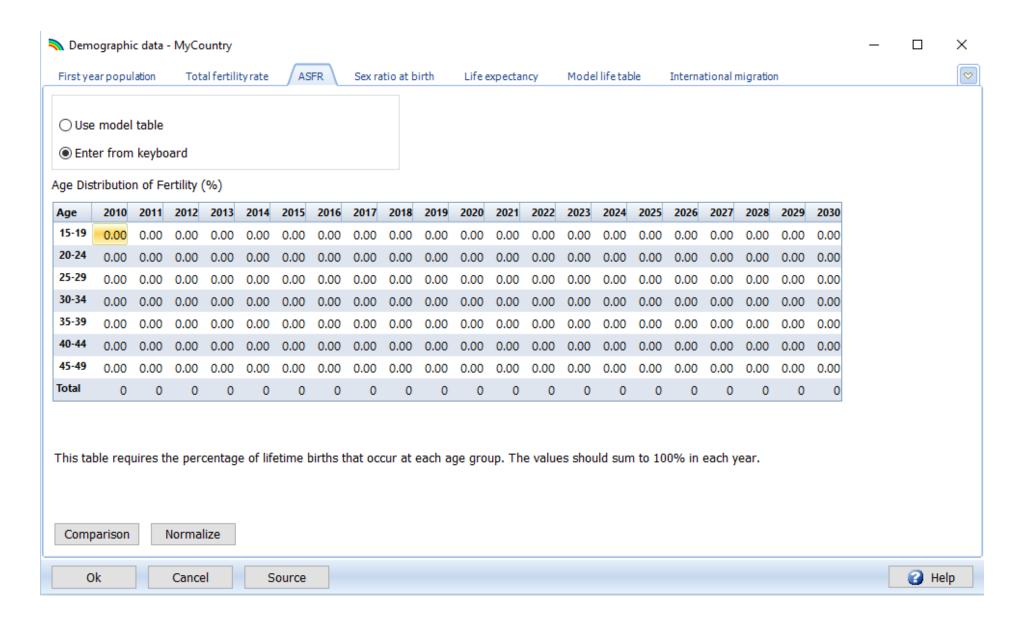
Age-specific fertility options



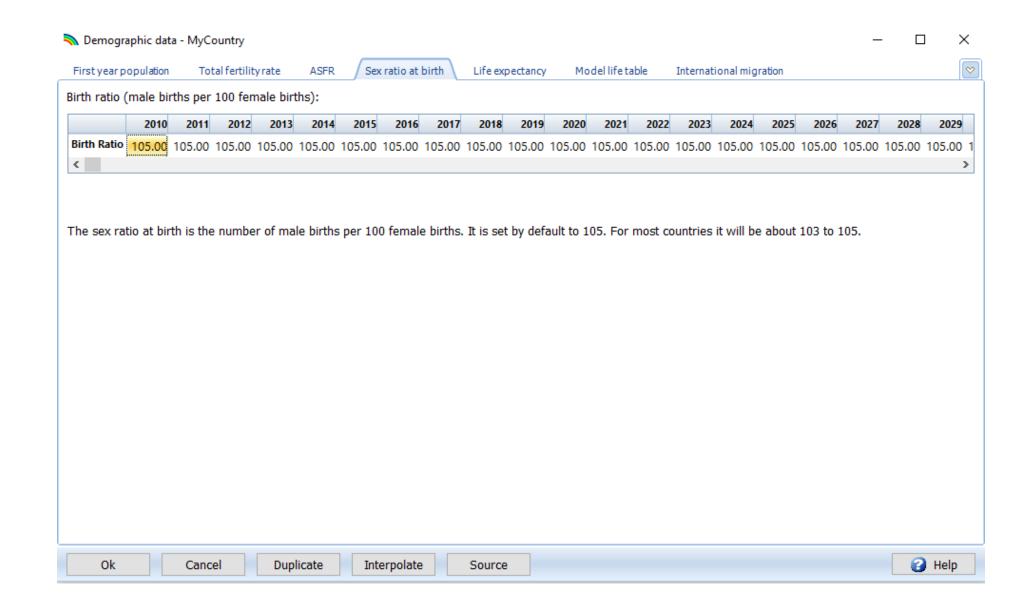
Age-specific fertility model



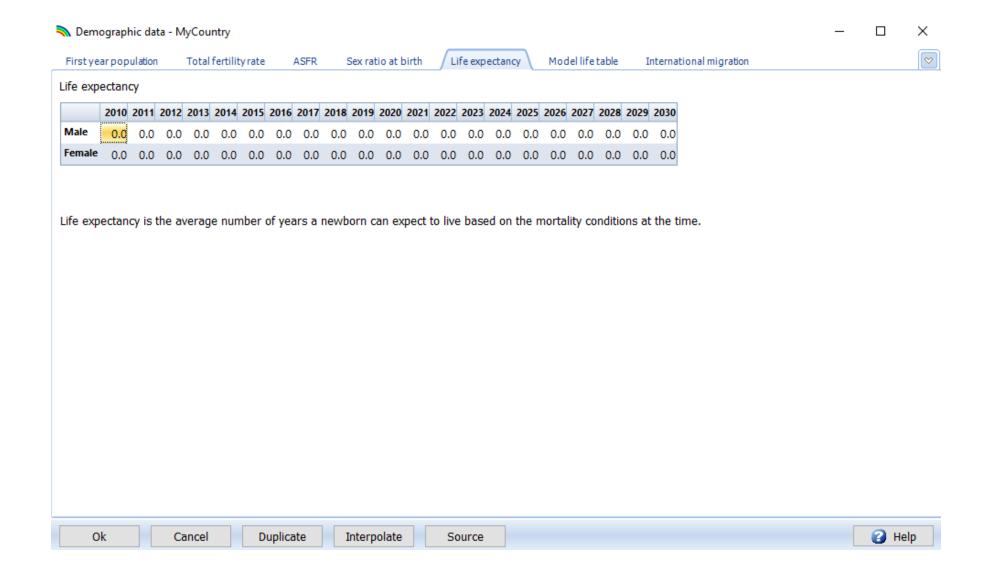
Age-specific fertility distribution



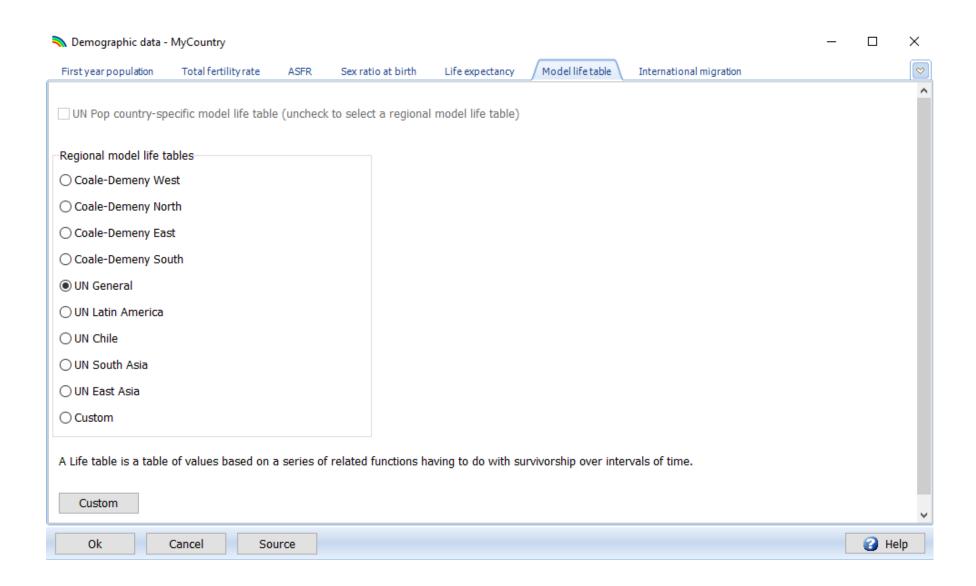
Sex ratio at birth



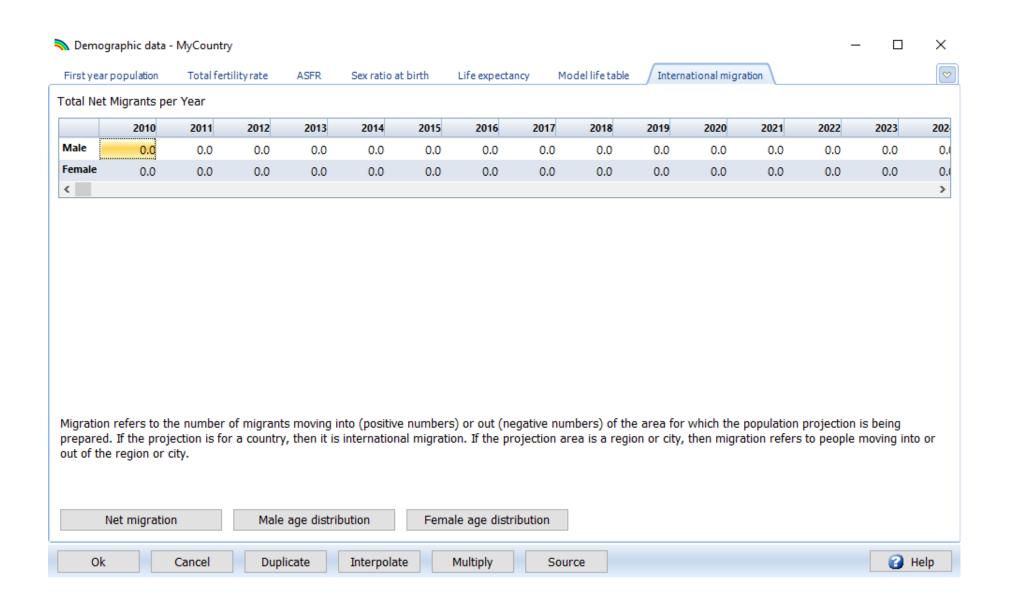
Life expectancy



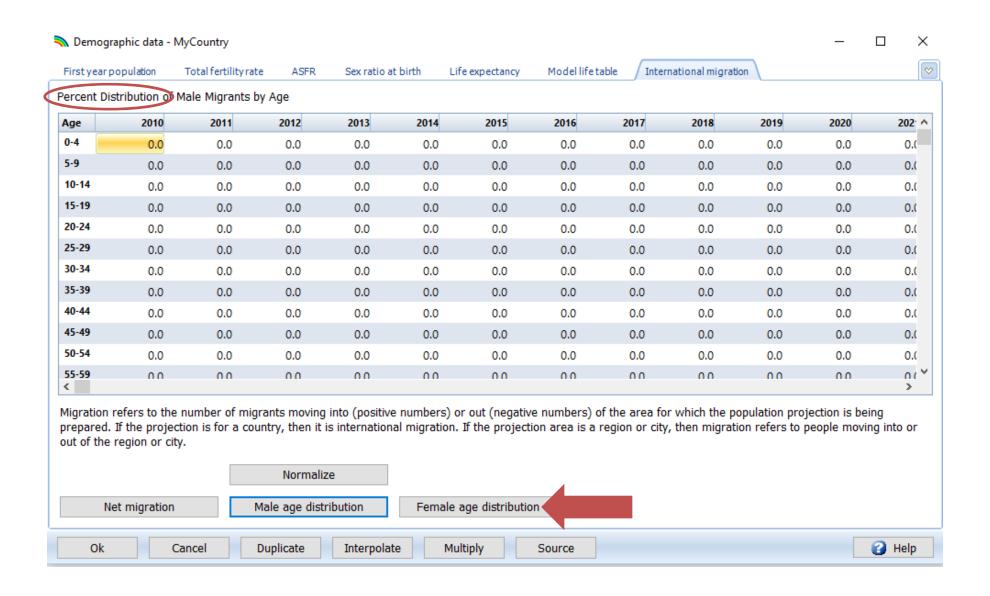
Model life table selection



Total net migrants by sex



Per cent distribution of male migrants



Thank you

Questions?

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