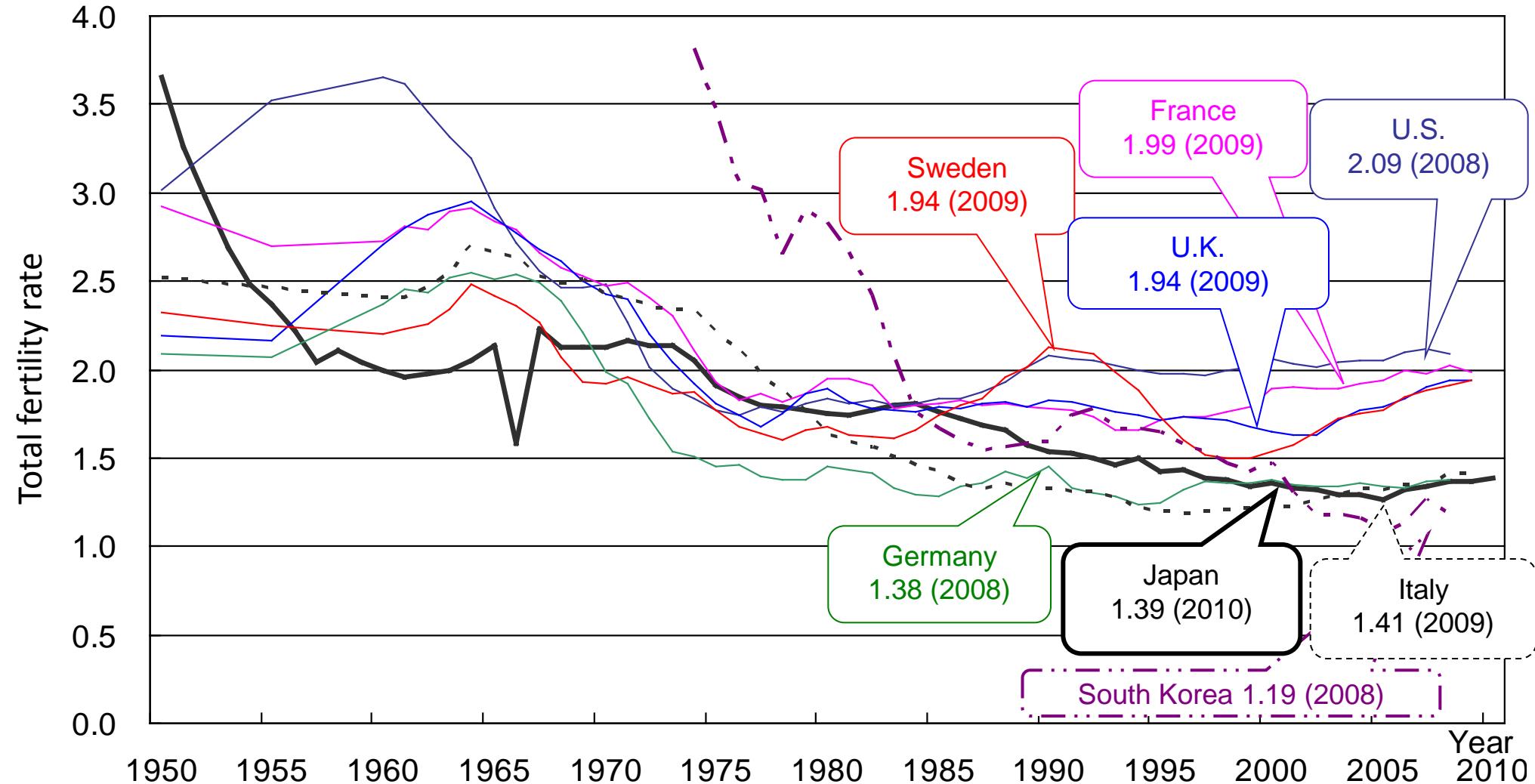


Trends in total fertility rate in other countries

Japan's fertility rate is among the lowest in the world, along with Germany, Southern Europe, Eastern Europe and Asian NIES.



Sources: Vital Statistics (Japan), Population Trends (U.K.), Bilan demographique (France), Statistisches Bundesamt (Germany), Italia in cifre (Italy), Summary of Population Statistics (Sweden), National Vital Statistics Reports (U.S.), Birth and Death Statistics (Korea)