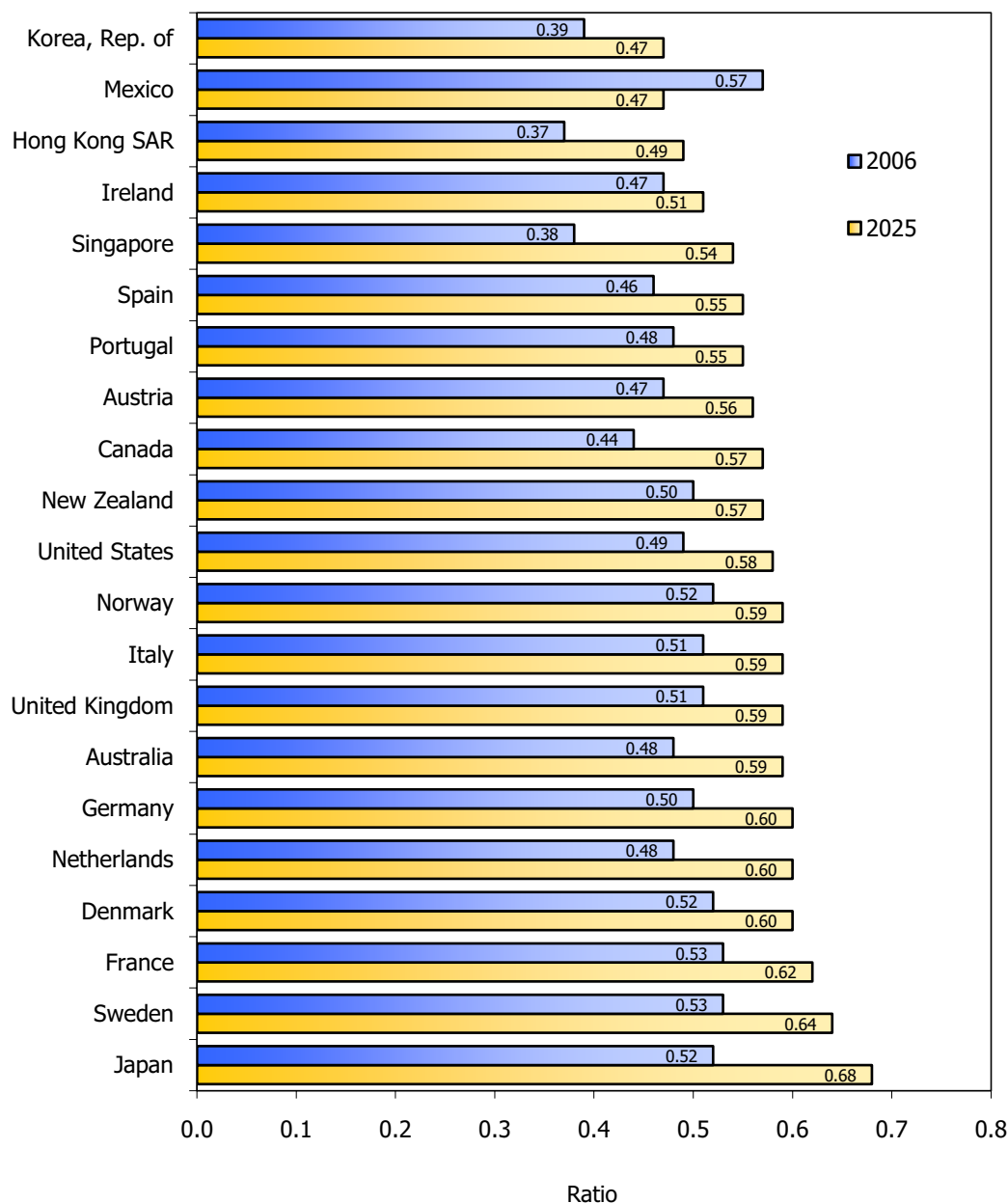


4.4 Dependency ratios, 2006 and projections to 2025

- In 2006, Mexico had the highest dependency ratio and Hong Kong SAR had the lowest.
- Only Mexico's dependency ratio is expected to decrease by 2025; Japan is expected to have the highest dependency ratio.



NOTE: Hong Kong SAR stands for Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of China. The dependency ratio is the ratio of dependents (persons ages 14 and under and persons ages 65 and over) to the working-age population (persons ages 15 to 64).

SOURCES: World Bank and United Nations.