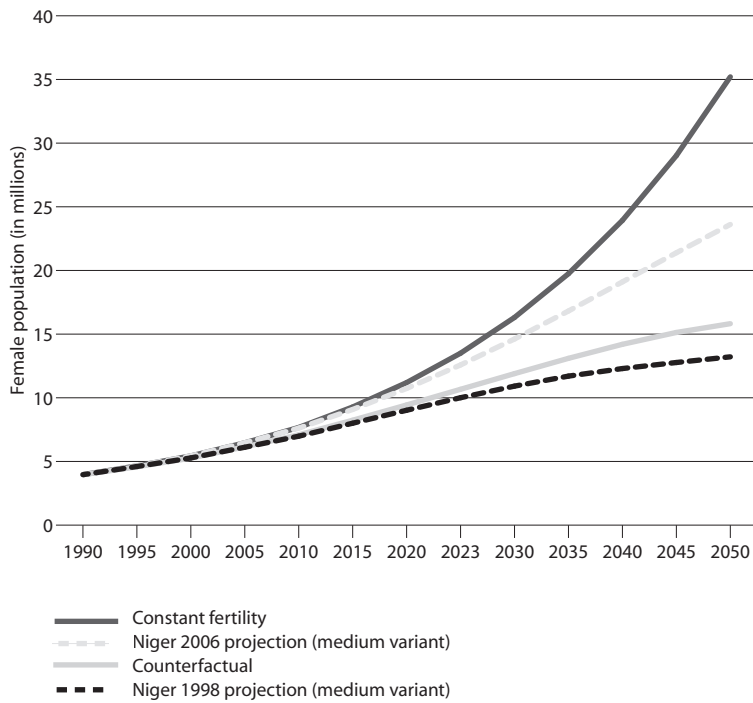


**FIGURE 2. Alternative population projections for women in Niger based on four fertility scenarios**



Notes: Projections were made using Leslie matrix projection methods, and incorporate observed mortality changes between 1990 and 2010, but assume constant mortality after 2010. World Health Organization life tables corresponding to the years 1990, 2000, and 2009 were used to project the population for the periods 1990–2000, 2000–2010 and 2010–2050, respectively. These projections do not take into account possible improvements in mortality after 2010 and thus underestimate the potential for population growth. Source: World Health Organization, Life tables for WHO member states, no date, <[http://www.who.int/healthinfo/statistics/mortality\\_life\\_tables/en/](http://www.who.int/healthinfo/statistics/mortality_life_tables/en/)>, accessed June 1, 2011.