Current World Population

7,657,535,986

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TODAY	THIS YEAR
Births today **230,738**	Births this year **112,125,823**
Deaths today **95,570**	Deaths this year **46,441,653**
Population Growth today **135,168**	Population Growth this year **65,684,170**

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TOP 20 LARGEST COUNTRIES BY POPULATION (LIVE)

1	China (/world-population/china-population/)	1,416,705,428
2	India (/world-population/india-population/)	1,358,536,609
3	U.S.A. (/world-population/us-population/)	327,460,753
4	Indonesia (/world-population/indonesia-population/)	267,640,176
5	Brazil (/world-population/brazil-population/)	211,343,236
6	Pakistan (/world-population/pakistan-population/)	201,965,103
7	Nigeria (/world-population/nigeria-population/)	197,394,169
8	Bangladesh (/world-population/bangladesh-	
11	Japan (/world-population/japan-population/)	
12	Ethiopia (/world-population/ethiopia-population/)	127,095,910
13	Philippines (/world-population/philippines-population/)	108,318,830
14	Egypt (/world-population/egypt-population/)	106,994,019
15	Vietnam (/world-population/vietnam-population/)	99,928,033
16	D.R. Congo (/world-population/democratic-republic-of-the-congo-population/)	96,777,521
17	Germany (/world-population/germany-population/)	84,819,767
18	Iran (/world-population/iran-population/)	82,347,197

population/) 166,880,061

9 Russia (/world-population/russia-population/) 143,957,211

10 Mexico (/world-population/mexico-population/) 131,240,692

19 Turkey (/world-population/turkey-population/) 82,267,639

20 Thailand (/world-population/thailand-population/) 82,271,029

69,226,845

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World Population: Past, Present, and Future

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World Population

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The chart above illustrates how world population has changed throughout history. View the full tabulated data. (/world-population/world-population-by-year/)

At the dawn of agriculture, about 8000 B.C., the population of the world was approximately 5 million. Over the 8,000-year period up to 1 A.D. it grew to 200 million (some estimate 300 million or even 600, suggesting how imprecise population estimates of early historical periods can be), with a growth rate of under 0.05% per year.

A tremendous change occurred with the industrial revolution: whereas **it had taken all of human history until around 1800 for world population to reach one billion**, the second billion was achieved in only 130 years (1930), the third billion in 30 years (1960), the fourth billion in 15 years (1974), and the fifth billion in only 13 years (1987).

- During the 20th century alone, the population in the world has grown from 1.65 billion to 6 billion.
- In 1970, there were roughly half as many people in the world as there are now.
- Because of declining growth rates, it will now take over 200 years to double again.

Wonder how big was the world's population when you were born?
Check out this simple wizard (http://www.guardian.co.uk/environment/interactive/2011/oct/24/how-big-worlds-population-born?CMP=twt_gu) or this more elaborated (http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-15391515) one to find out.

Sources:

- Historical Estimates of World Population (http://www.census.gov/population/international/data/worldpop/table_history.php) - US Census Bureau
- World Population Prospects: The 2017 Revision (https://esa.un.org/unpd/wpp/) - United Nations Population Division
- The World at Six Billion, World Population, Year 0 to near stabilization (http://www.un.org/esa/population/publications/sixbillion/sixbilpart1.pdf) [Pdf file] - United Nations Population Division

Growth Rate

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Yearly Population Growth Rate (%)

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Population in the world is currently (2018) growing at a rate of around **1.09%** per year (down from 1.12% in 2017 and 1.14% in 2016). The current average population increase is estimated at **83 million people per year**.

Annual growth rate reached its peak in the late 1960s, when it was at around 2%. The rate of increase has nearly halved since then, and will continue to decline in the coming years. It is estimated to reach 1% by 2023, less than 0.5% by 2052, and 0.25% in 2076 (a yearly addition of 27 million people to a population of 10.7 billion). In **2100, it should be only 0.09%**, or an addition of only 10 million people to a total population of 11.2 billion.

World population will therefore continue to grow in the 21st century, but at a **much slower rate compared to the recent past**. World population has doubled (100% increase) in 40 years from 1959 (3 billion) to 1999 (6 billion). It is now estimated that it will take another nearly 40 years to increase by another 50% to become 9 billion by 2037.

The latest world population projections (/world-population/world-population-projections/) indicate that world population will reach 10 billion persons in the year 2055 and 11 billion in the year 2088.

World Population (2018 and historical)

View the complete population historical table (/world-population/world-population-by-year/)

Year (July 1)	Population	Yearly % Change	Yearly Change	Median Age	Fertility Rate	Density (P/Km²)	Urban Pop %	Urban Population
2018	**7,632,819,325**	1.09 %	82,557,224	29.9	2.51	51	54.9 %	4,186,975,665
2017	**7,550,262,101**	1.12 %	83,297,821	29.9	2.51	51	54.4 %	4,110,778,369
2016	**7,466,964,280**	1.14 %	83,955,460	29.9	2.51	50	54.0 %	4,034,193,153
2015	**7,383,008,820**	1.19 %	84,967,932	30	2.52	50	53.6 %	3,957,285,013
2010	**6,958,169,159**	1.24 %	83,201,955	29	2.57	47	51.3 %	3,571,272,167
2005	**6,542,159,383**	1.26 %	79,430,479	27	2.63	44	48.9 %	3,199,013,076
2000	**6,145,006,989**	1.33 %	78,706,515	26	2.75	41	46.5 %	2,856,131,072
1995	**5,751,474,416**	1.53 %	84,106,191	25	3.02	39	44.7 %	2,568,062,984
1990	**5,330,943,460**	1.81 %	91,432,333	24	3.44	36	42.9 %	2,285,030,904
1985	**4,873,781,796**	1.80 %	83,074,052	23	3.60	33	41.1 %	2,003,049,795
1980	**4,458,411,534**	1.79 %	75,864,867	23	3.87	30	39.2 %	1,749,539,272
1975	**4,079,087,198**	1.97 %	75,701,910	22	4.46	27	37.6 %	1,534,721,238
1970	**3,700,577,650**	2.07 %	72,196,992	22	4.92	25	36.5 %	1,350,280,789
1965	**3,339,592,688**	1.94 %	61,276,032	23	4.96	22	N.A.	N.A.
1960	**3,033,212,527**	1.82 %	52,193,998	23	4.89	20	33.6 %	1,019,494,911
1955	**2,772,242,535**	1.80 %	47,193,563	23	4.96	19	N.A.	N.A.

Source: **Worldometers** (www.Worldometers.info (/))
Elaboration of data by United Nations, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Population Division. World Population Prospects: The 2017 Revision (https://esa.un.org/unpd/wpp/). (Medium-fertility variant).

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World Population Forecast (2020-2050)

View population projections for all years (up to 2100) (/world-population/world-population-projections/)

Year (July 1)	Population	Yearly % Change	Yearly Change	Median Age	Fertility Rate	Density (P/Km²)	Urban Pop %	Urban Population
2020	**7,795,482,309**	1.09 %	82,494,698	31	2.47	52	55.6 %	4,338,014,924
2025	**8,185,613,757**	0.98 %	78,026,290	32	2.43	55	57.5 %	4,705,773,576
2030	**8,551,198,644**	0.88 %	73,116,977	33	2.39	57	59.2 %	5,058,158,460
2035	**8,892,701,940**	0.79 %	68,300,659	34	2.35	60	60.7 %	5,394,234,712
2040	**9,210,337,004**	0.70 %	63,527,013	35	2.31	62	62.1 %	5,715,413,029
2045	**9,504,209,572**	0.63 %	58,774,514	35	2.27	64	63.5 %	6,030,924,065
2050	**9,771,822,753**	0.56 %	53,522,636	36	2.24	66	64.9 %	6,338,611,492

Source: **Worldometers** (www.Worldometers.info (/))
Elaboration of data by United Nations, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Population Division. World Population Prospects: The 2017 Revision (https://esa.un.org/unpd/wpp/). (Medium-fertility variant).

World Population Milestones

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10 Billion (2055)

The United Nations projects world population to reach 10 billion in the year 2056.

8 Billion (2023)

World population is expected to reach 8 billion people in 2023 according to the United Nations (in 2026 according to the U.S. Census Bureau).

7.7 Billion (2018)

The current world population is **7.7 billion** as of October 2018 [1] according to the most recent United Nations estimates (/news/) elaborated by Worldometers. The term "World Population" refers to the human population (the total number of humans currently living) of the world.

7 Billion (2011)

According to the United Nations, world population reached **7 Billion on October 31, 2011**.
The US Census Bureau made a lower estimate, for which the 7 billion mark was only reached on March 12, 2012 (http://blogs.census.gov/2011/10/31/the-world-population-at-7-billion/).

6 Billion (1999)

According to the United Nations, the **6 billion figure was reached on October 12, 1999** (celebrated as the Day of 6 Billion (http://www.unfpa.org/6billion/)). According to the U.S. Census Bureau instead, the six billion milestone was reached on July 22, 1999, at about 3:49 AM GMT. Yet, according to the U.S. Census web site (http://www.census.gov/ipc/www/popwnote.html), the date and time of when 6 billion was reached will probably change because the already uncertain estimates are constantly being updated.

Previous Milestones

- **5 Billion**: 1987
- **4 Billion**: 1974
- **3 Billion**: 1960
- **2 Billion**: 1930
- **1 Billion**: 1804

Summary Table

1 - 1804 (**1803 years)**: 0.2 to 1 bil.
1804 - 2011 (**207 years**): from 1 billion to 7 billion

Year	1	1000	1500	1650	1750	1804	1850	1900	1930	1950	1960	1974	1980	1987	1999	2011	2020	**2**
Population	0.2	0.275	0.45	0.5	0.7	**1**	1.2	1.6	**2**	2.55	**3**	**4**	4.5	**5**	**6**	**7**	7.8	

World Population by Region

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#	Region	Population (2018)	Yearly Change	Net Change	Density (P/Km²)	Land Area (Km²)	Migrants (net)	Fert. Rate	Med. Age	Urban Pop %	World Share
1	**Asia (/population/asia/)**	**4,545,133,094**	0.9 %	40,704,721	146	31,033,131	-1,096,905	2.2	30	49.6 %	59.5 %
2	**Africa (/population/africa/)**	**1,287,920,518**	2.52 %	31,652,493	43	29,648,481	-655,581	4.7	19	40.6 %	16.9 %
3	**Europe (/population/europe/)**	**742,648,010**	0.08 %	574,157	34	22,134,900	810,747	1.6	42	74.3 %	9.7 %
4	**Latin America and the Caribbean (/population/latin-america-and-the-caribbean/)**	**652,012,001**	0.99 %	6,418,748	32	20,139,378	-368,531	2.1	29	80.2 %	8.5 %
5	**Northern America (/population/northern-america/)**	**363,844,490**	0.73 %	2,636,679	20	18,651,660	1,128,272	1.9	38	83.5 %	4.8 %
6	**Oceania (/population/oceania/)**	**41,261,212**	1.4 %	570,426	5	8,486,460	181,999	2.4	33	70.3 %	0.5 %

World Population Density (people/km^2)

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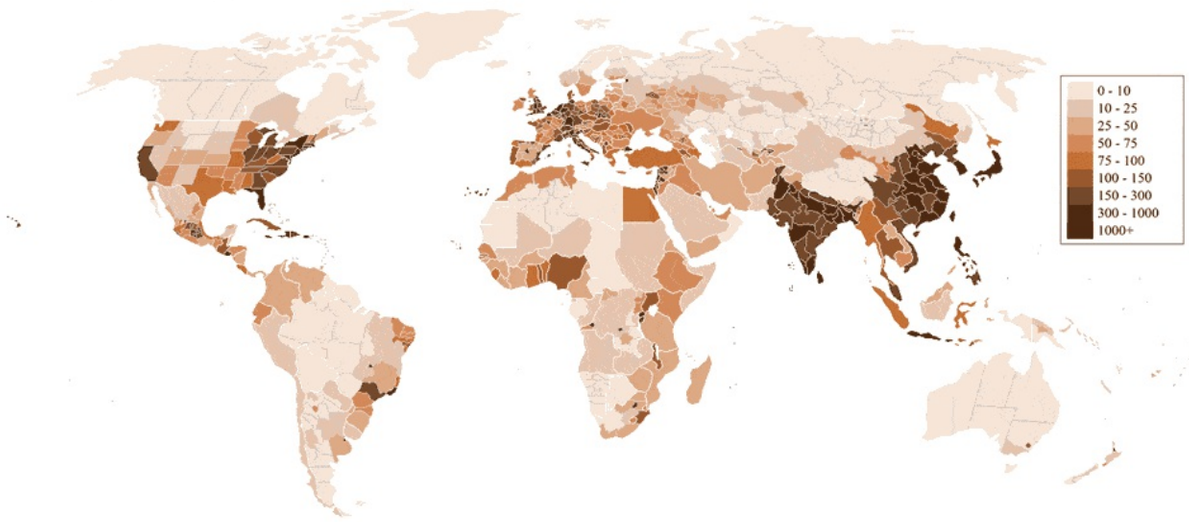
Population density map of the world showing not only countries but also many subdivisions (regions, states, provinces). See also: World Map (/world-map/)



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World Population by Religion

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According to a recent study (based on the 2010 world population of 6.9 billion) by The Pew Forum (http://www.pewforum.org/global-religious-landscape-unaffiliated.aspx), there are:

- **2,173,180,000 Christians** (**31%** of world population), of which 50% are Catholic, 37% Protestant, 12% Orthodox, and 1% other.
- **1,598,510,000 Muslims (23%)**, of which 87-90% are Sunnis, 10-13% Shia.
- **1,126,500,000 No Religion affiliation (16%)**: atheists, agnostics and people who do not identify with any particular religion. One-in-five people (20%) in the United States are religiously unaffiliated.
- **1,033,080,000 Hindus (15%)**, the overwhelming majority (94%) of which live in India.
- **487,540,000 Buddhists (7%)**, of which half live in China.
- **405,120,000 Folk Religionists (6%)**: faiths that are closely associated with a particular group of people, ethnicity or tribe.
- **58,110,000 Other Religions (1%)**: Baha'i faith, Taoism, Jainism, Shintoism, Sikhism, Tenrikyo, Wicca, Zoroastrianism and many others.
- **13,850,000 Jews (0.2%)**, four-fifths of which live in two countries: United States (41%) and Israel (41%).

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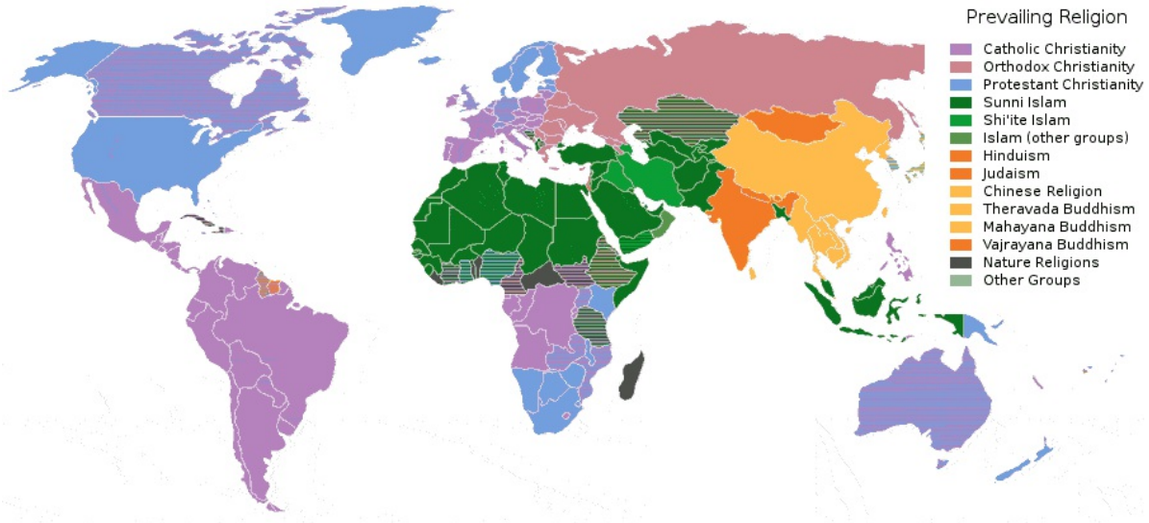

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World Population by Country

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#	Country (or dependency)	Population (2018)	Yearly Change	Net Change	Density (P/Km²)	Land Area (Km²)	Migrants (net)	Fert Rat
1	**China (/world-population/china-population/)**	**1,415,045,928**	0.39 %	5,528,531	151	9,388,211	-339,690	
2	**India (/world-population/india-population/)**	**1,354,051,854**	1.11 %	14,871,727	455	2,973,190	-515,643	2.43
3	**U.S. (/world-population/us-population/)**	**326,766,748**	0.71 %	2,307,285	36	9,147,420	900,000	1.87
4	**Indonesia (/world-population/indonesia-population/)**	**266,794,980**	1.06 %	2,803,601	147	1,811,570	-167,000	2.
5	**Brazil (/world-population/brazil-population/)**	**210,867,954**	0.75 %	1,579,676	25	8,358,140	3,185	1.
6	**Pakistan (/world-population/pakistan-population/)**	**200,813,818**	1.93 %	3,797,863	260	770,880	-236,384	3.
7	**Nigeria (/world-population/nigeria-population/)**	**195,875,237**	2.61 %	4,988,926	215	910,770	-60,000	5.
8	**Bangladesh (/world-population/bangladesh-population/)**	**166,368,149**	1.03 %	1,698,398	1,278	130,170	-505,297	2.22
9	**Russia (/world-population/russia-population/)**	**143,964,709**	-0.02 %	-25,045	9	16,376,870	203,577	1.69
10	**Mexico (/world-population/mexico-population/)**	**130,759,074**	1.24 %	1,595,798	67	1,943,950	-60,000	2.

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How many people have ever lived on earth?

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It was written during the 1970s that 75% of the people who had ever been born were alive at that moment. This was grossly false. Assuming that we start counting from about 50,000 B.C., the time when modern Homo sapiens appeared on the earth (and not from 700,000 B.C. when the ancestors of Homo sapiens appeared, or several million years ago when hominids were present), taking into account that all population data are a rough estimate, and assuming a constant growth rate applied to each period up to modern times, it has been estimated (http://www.prb.org/Articles/2002/HowManyPeopleHaveEverLivedonEarth.aspx) that a total of approximately **106 billion people** have been born since the dawn of the human species, making the population currently alive roughly 6% of all people who have ever lived on planet Earth.

Others have estimated the number of human beings who have ever lived to be anywhere from 45 billion to 125 billion, with most estimates falling into the range of **90 to 110 billion** humans.

World Population clock: sources and methodology

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The world population counter displayed on Worldometers takes into consideration data from two major sources: the **United Nations** and the **U.S. Census Bureau**.

1. The United Nations Population Division (http://www.un.org/esa/population/unpop.htm) of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs every two years calculates, updates, and publishes estimates of total population in its *World Population Prospects* series. These population estimates and projections provide the standard and consistent set of population figures that are used throughout the United Nations system.

The World Population Prospect: the 2017 Revision (https://esa.un.org/unpd/wpp/) provides the most recent data available (released on June 21, 2017). Estimates and projected world population and country specific populations are given from 1950 through 2100 and are released every two years. The latest revision has slightly increased the near term increases and adjusted some past data. The previous revision, in 2015, had already revised upwards the world population projections (/news/). Worldometers, as it is common practice, utilizes the **medium fertility** estimates.

Data underlying the population estimates are national and sub national census data and data on births, deaths, and migrants available from national sources and publications, as well as from questionnaires. For all countries, census and registration data are evaluated and, if necessary, adjusted for incompleteness by the Population Division as part of its preparations of the official United Nations population estimates and projections.

2. The International Programs Center (https://www.census.gov/population/international/) at the U.S. Census Bureau, Population Division also develops estimates and projections based on analysis of available data (based on census, survey, and administrative information) on population, fertility, mortality, and migration for each country or area of the world. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, world population reached 7 billion on March 12, 2012.

   For most countries adjustment of the data is necessary to correct for errors, omissions, and inconsistencies in the data. Finally, since most recent data for a single country is often at least two years old, the **current world population figure is necessarily a projection of past data based on assumed trends**. As new data become available, assumptions and data are reevaluated and past conclusions and current figures may be modified.

   For information about how these estimates and projections are made by the U.S. Census Bureau, see the Population Estimates and Projections Methodology (https://www.census.gov/population/international/data/idb/estandproj.php).

Why Worldometers clocks are the most accurate

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The above world population clock is based on the latest estimates released on June 21, 2017 by the United Nations and will show the same number wherever you are in the world and whatever time you set on your PC. Worldometers is the only website to show live counters that are based on U.N. data and that do not follow the user's PC clock.

Visitors around the world visiting a PC clock based counter, see different numbers depending on where they are located, and in the past have seen other world population clocks - such as the one hosted on a United Nations website and on National Geographic - reaching 7 billion whenever their locally set PC clocks reached 4:21:10 AM on October 31, 2011.

Obviously, the UN data is based on estimates and can't be 100% accurate, so in all honesty nobody can possibly say with any degree of certainty on which day world population reached 7 billion (or any other exact number), let alone at what time. But once an estimate is made (based on the best data and analysis available), the world population clock should be showing the same number at any given time anywhere around the world.

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