Table 1 – Demographic Yearbook 2021

Table 1 presents for the world and major areas and regions estimates of the order of magnitude of population size, rates of population increase, crude birth and death rates, land area as well as population density.

**Description of variables:** Estimates of world population by major areas and by regions are presented for 1970, 1980, 1990, 2000, 2010, 2020 and 2021. Average annual percentage rates of population growth, crude birth and crude death rates are shown for the period from 2020 to 2025. Land area in square kilometers and population density estimates relate to 2021.

All population estimates and rates presented in this table were prepared by the Population Division of the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs and have been published in the 2019 Revision of World Population Prospects.

The scheme of regionalization used for these estimates is described below. Although some continental totals are given, this table presents six major areas that are so drawn as to obtain greater homogeneity in sizes of population, types of demographic circumstances and accuracy of demographic statistics. Five of the major areas are subdivided into a total of 20 regions, which are arranged within the major areas; these regions together with Northern America, which is not subdivided, make a total of 21 regions.

The major areas of Northern America and Latin America and the Caribbean are distinguished, rather than the conventional continents of North America and South America, because population trends in the middle American mainland and the Caribbean region more closely resemble those of South America than those of America north of Mexico. Data for the traditional continents of North and South America can be obtained by adding Central America and Caribbean region to Northern America and deducting from Latin America. Latin America, as defined here, has somewhat wider limits than it would be if defined only to include the Spanish-speaking, French-speaking and Portuguese-speaking countries.

The average annual percentage rates of population growth are calculated by the Population Division of the United Nations using an exponential rate of increase.

Crude birth and crude death rates are expressed in terms of the average annual number of births and deaths, respectively, per 1,000 mid-year population. These rates are estimated.

The land areas of regions are estimated by the Population Division of the United Nations.

**Computation:** Density, calculated by the Statistics Division of the United Nations, is the number of persons in the total population of 2021 per square kilometer of the respective land area.

**Reliability of data:** With the exception of land area, all data are set in italic type to indicate their conjectural quality.

**Limitations:** The estimated orders of magnitude of population and land area are subject to all the basic limitations set forth in connection with table 3, and to the same qualifications set forth for population and surface area statistics in sections 3 and 2.4 of the Technical Notes, respectively.

Likewise, rates of population increase and population density are affected by the limitations of the original figures. However, it may be noted that, in compiling data for regional and major areas totals, errors in the components may tend to compensate each other and the resulting aggregates may be more reliable than the quality of the individual components would imply.

Because of their estimated character, many of the birth and death rates shown should also be considered only as orders of magnitude, and not as measures of the true level of fertility or mortality.

In interpreting the population densities, one should consider that some of the regions include large segments of land that are uninhabitable or barely habitable, and density values calculated as described make no allowance for this, nor for differences in patterns of land settlement.
### Composition of major areas and regions

#### AFRICA

**Eastern Africa**
- Burundi
- Comoros
- Djibouti
- Eritrea
- Ethiopia
- Kenya
- Madagascar
- Malawi
- Mauritius
- Mayotte
- Mozambique
- Réunion
- Rwanda
- Seychelles
- Somalia
- South Sudan
- Uganda
- United Republic of Tanzania
- Zambia
- Zimbabwe

**Middle Africa**
- Angola
- Cameroon
- Central African Republic
- Chad
- Congo
- Democratic Republic of the Congo
- Equatorial Guinea
- Gabon
- Sao Tome and Principe

**Northern Africa**
- Algeria
- Egypt
- Libyan Arab Jamahiriya
- Morocco
- Sudan
- Tunisia
- Western Sahara

**Southern Africa**
- Botswana
- Eswatini
- Lesotho
- Namibia
- South Africa

**Western Africa**
- Benin
- Burkina Faso
- Cabo Verde
- Côte d'Ivoire
- Gambia
- Ghana
- Guinea
- Guinea-Bissau
- Liberia
- Mali
- Mauritania
- Niger
- Nigeria
- Saint Helena
- Senegal
- Sierra Leone
- Togo

#### ASIA

**Eastern Asia**
- China
- China, Hong Kong SAR
- China, Macao SAR
- Democratic People’s Republic of Korea
- Japan
- Mongolia
- Republic of Korea

**South-Central Asia**
- Afghanistan
- Bangladesh
- Bhutan
- India
- Iran (Islamic Republic of)
- Kazakhstan
- Kyrgyzstan
- Maldives
- Nepal
- Pakistan
- Sri Lanka
- Tajikistan
- Turkmenistan
- Uzbekistan

**South-Eastern Asia**
- Brunei Darussalam
- Cambodia
- Indonesia
- Lao People’s Democratic Republic
- Malaysia
- Myanmar
- Philippines
- Singapore
- Thailand
- Timor Leste
- Viet Nam

**Western Asia**
- Armenia
- Azerbaijan
- Bahrain
- Cyprus
- Georgia
- Iraq
- Israel
- Jordan
- Kuwait
- Lebanon
- Oman
- Qatar
- Saudi Arabia
- State of Palestine
- Syrian Arab Republic
- Türkiye
- United Arab Emirates
- Yemen

#### EUROPE

**Eastern Europe**
- Belarus
- Bulgaria
- Czech Republic
- Hungary
- Poland
- Republic of Moldova
- Romania
- Russian Federation
- Slovakia
- Ukraine

**Northern Europe**
- Åland Islands
- Denmark
- Estonia
- Faeroe Islands
- Finland
- Guernsey
- Iceland
- Ireland
- Isle of Man
- Jersey
- Latvia
- Lithuania
- Norway
- Sweden
- United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

**Southern Europe**
- Albania
- Andorra
- Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Croatia
- Gibraltar
- Greece
Holy See  
Italy  
Malta  
Montenegro  
North Macedonia  
Portugal  
San Marino  
Serbia  
Slovenia  
Spain  

Western Europe  
Austria  
Belgium  
France  
Germany  
Liechtenstein  
Luxembourg  
Monaco  
Netherlands  
Switzerland  

LATIN AMERICA and the CARIBBEAN  
Caribbean  
Anguilla  
Antigua and Barbuda  
Aruba  
Bahamas  
Barbados  
Bonaire, Saba and Sint Eustatius  
British Virgin Islands  
Cayman Islands  
Cuba  
Curacao  
Dominica  
Dominican Republic  
Grenada  
Guadeloupe  
Haiti  
Jamaica  
Martinique  
Montserrat  
Puerto Rico  
Saint Kitts and Nevis  
Saint Lucia  
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines  
Sint Maarten (Dutch part)  
Trinidad and Tobago  
Turks and Caicos Islands  
United States Virgin Islands  

Central America  
Belize  
Costa Rica  
El Salvador  
Guatemala  
Honduras  
Mexico  
Nicaragua  
Panama  

South America  
Argentina  
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)  
Brazil  
Chile  
Colombia  
Ecuador  
Falkland Islands (Malvinas)  
French Guiana  
Guyana  
Paraguay  
Peru  
Suriname  
Uruguay  
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)  

NORTHERN AMERICA  

Bermuda  
Canada  
Greenland  
Saint Pierre and Miquelon  
United States of America  

OCEANIA  
Australia and New Zealand  
Australia  
New Zealand  
Norfolk Island  

Melanesia  
Fiji  
New Caledonia  
Papua New Guinea  
Solomon Islands  
Vanuatu  

Micronesia  
Guam  
Kiribati  
Marshall Islands  
Micronesia (Federated States of)  
Nauru  
Northern Mariana Islands  
Palau  

Polynesia  
American Samoa  
Cook Islands  
French Polynesia  
Niue  
Pitcairn  
Samoa  
Tokelau  
Tonga  
Tuvalu  
Wallis and Futuna Islands

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