

## 1. Estimated mid-year population by major area and region, 2015 and 2016

	Population (in thousands)	
	2015	2016
WORLD	7 383 009	7 466 964
AFRICA	1 194 370	1 225 081
Eastern Africa	399 458	410 638
Middle Africa	153 743	158 563
Northern Africa	225 136	229 386
Southern Africa	63 420	64 292
Western Africa	352 614	362 202
ASIA	4 419 898	4 462 677
Eastern Asia	1 635 150	1 641 909
South-central Asia	1 892 013	1 916 054
South-eastern Asia	634 610	641 776
Western Asia	258 124	262 938
EUROPE	740 814	741 447
Eastern Europe	293 244	292 885
Northern Europe	103 097	103 643
Southern Europe	152 441	152 172
Western Europe	192 032	192 747
LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN	632 381	639 049
Caribbean	43 310	43 602
Central America	172 635	174 989
South America	416 436	420 458
NORTHERN AMERICA	356 004	358 594
OCEANIA	39 543	40 117
Australia/New Zealand	28 414	28 787
Melanesia	9 933	10 126
Micronesia	519	523
Polynesia	677	681

Source: United Nations, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Population Division (2017). *World Population Prospects: The 2017 Revision* (<http://esa.un.org/unpd/wpp/>)