Table 1 – *Demographic Yearbook 2006*

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

Description of variables: Estimates of world population by major areas and by regions are presented for 1950, 1960, 1970, 1980, 1990, 2000 and 2006. The average annual percentage rates of population growth, the crude birth and crude death rates are shown for the period from 2005 to 2010. Surface area in square kilometers and population density estimates relate to 2006.

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 *World Population Prospects: The 2006 Revision, CD Rom Edition – Extended Dataset*.

The scheme of regionalization used for these estimates is described below. Although some continental totals are given, and all can be derived, the basic scheme 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 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, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs, 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.

Surface area totals are estimated by Population Division, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs.

Computation: Density, calculated by the Statistics Division of the United Nations Department of Social and Economic Affairs, is the number of persons in the 2005 total population per square kilometer of total surface area.

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

Limitations: The estimated orders of magnitude of population and surface 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, the rates of population increase and the density index 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 natality 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 macro geographical regions and sub-regions

### AFRICA
- **Eastern Africa**
  - Burundi
  - Comoros
  - Djibouti
  - Eritrea
  - Ethiopia
  - Kenya
  - Madagascar
  - Malawi
  - Mauritius
  - Mozambique
  - Réunion
  - Rwanda
  - Seychelles
  - Somalia
  - 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
  - Lesotho
  - Namibia
  - South Africa
  - Swaziland
- **Western Africa**
  - Benin
  - Burkina Faso
  - Cape Verde
  - Côte d'Ivoire
  - Gambia
  - Ghana
- **Guinea**
- **Guinea-Bissau**
- **Liberia**
- **Mali**
- **Mauritania**
- **Niger**
- **Nigeria**
- **Saint Helena**
- **Senegal**
- **Sierra Leone**
- **Togo**
- **Cyprus**
- **Georgia**
- **Iraq**
- **Israel**
- **Jordan**
- **Kuwait**
- **Lebanon**
- **Occupied Palestinian Territory**
- **Oman**
- **Qatar**
- **Saudi Arabia**
- **Syrian Arab Republic**
- **Turkey**
- **United Arab Emirates**
- **Yemen**

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

### EUROPE
- **Eastern Europe**
  - Belarus
  - Bulgaria
  - Czech Republic
  - Hungary
  - Poland
  - Republic of Moldova
  - Romania
  - Russian Federation
  - Slovakia
  - Ukraine
- **Northern Europe**
  - Channel Islands
  - Denmark
  - Estonia
  - Faeroe Islands
  - Finland
  - Iceland
  - Ireland
  - Isle of Man
  - 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
  - Portugal
San Marino
Serbia and Montenegro
Slovenia
Spain
The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

Western Europe
Austria
Belgium
France
Germany
Liechtenstein
Luxembourg
Monaco
Netherlands
Switzerland

LATIN AMERICA and the CARIBBEAN
Caribbean
Anguilla
Antigua and Barbuda
Aruba
Bahamas
Barbados
British Virgin Islands
Cayman Islands
Cuba
Dominica
Dominican Republic
Grenada
Guadalupe
Haiti
Jamaica
Martinique
Montserrat
Netherlands Antilles
Puerto Rico
Saint Kitts and Nevis
Saint Lucia
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
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
Brazil
Chile
Colombia
Ecuador
Falkland Islands (Malvinas)
French Guiana
Guyana
Paraguay
Peru
Suriname
Uruguay
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)

NOTES


Canada
Greenland
Saint Pierre and Miquelon
United States of America

OCEANIA
Australia and New Zealand
Australia
New Zealand
Norfolk Island

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