Table 1 – Demographic Yearbook 2007

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.


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 2008 Revision, CD Rom Edition – Extended Dataset1.

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 2007 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, rates of population increase and 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
- Mayotte
- 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

#### 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

#### EUROPE

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

**Northern Europe**
- 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
- Cyprus
- Georgia
- Iraq
- Israel
- Jordan
- Kuwait
- Lebanon
- Occupied Palestinian Territory
- Oman
- Qatar
- Saudi Arabia
- Syrian Arab Republic
- Turkey
- United Arab Emirates
- Yemen
Malta  Montenegro  Portugal  San Marino  Serbia  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  Guadeloupe  Haiti  Jamaica  Martinique  Montserrat

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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