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Africa is the world's second-largest and second-most populous continent after Asia. At about 30.3  
million km2 (11.7 million square miles) including adjacent islands, it covers 20% of Earth's land area  
and 6% of its total surface area. With nearly 1.4 billion people as of 2021, it accounts for about 18% of  
the world's human population. Africa's population is the youngest among all the continents; the median  
age in 2012 was 19.7, when the worldwide median age was 30.4. Based on 202