

Claim

Claim: "The population in Gaza has increased by 2.02% since Oct. 7, 2023."

Actions

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image_search("Gaza population increase October 7 2023")
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Evidence

Evidence from **image_search**

OCHA's map from November 16, 2024, indicates a current population of 2.1 million in Gaza, with the population in October 2023 at 750K and in November 2024 at 340-375K. The map also shows that 79% of Gaza's area has been evacuated, with 1.9 million internally displaced persons (

Current Population
2.1 million

Area
365 km²

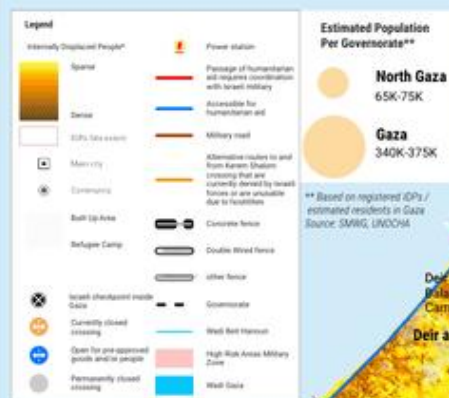
Evacuated areas
79% of Gaza

IDPS
1.9 million

IDPS FOLLOWING EVACUATION ORDERS*

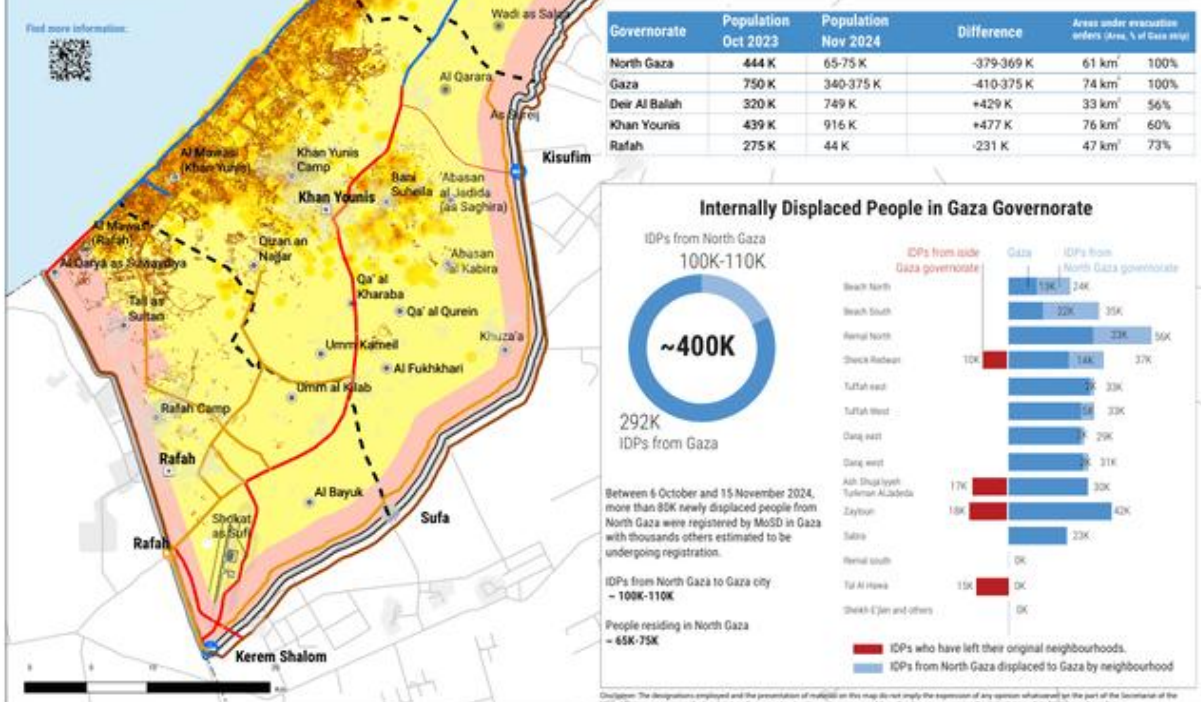


*IDPs following evacuation orders may face repeated displacements across areas within a single month
 ○ Percentage of areas in the Gaza Strip that are under active evacuation orders, with over 65 orders issued, and five rescinded.



*Source: SMWG 16 November 2023

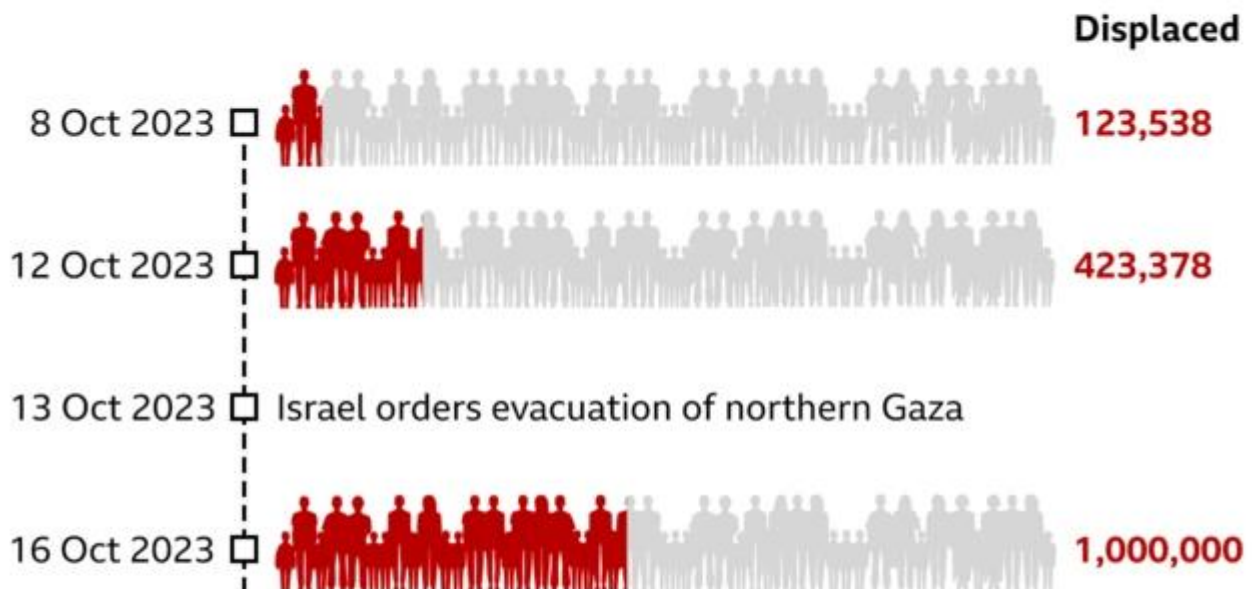
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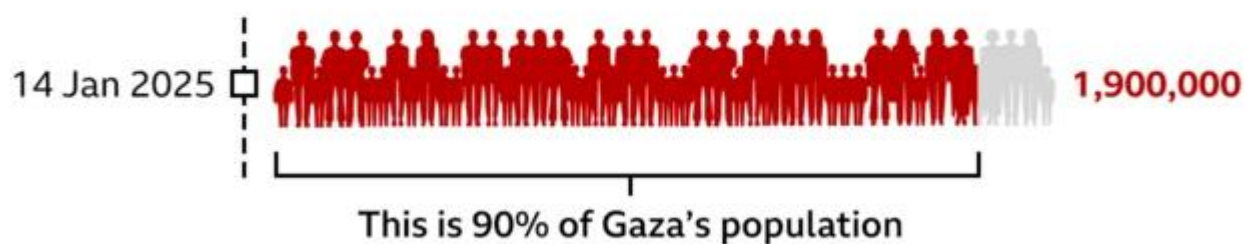
). The BBC article shows that within 10 days of October 7, over one million people were forced to leave their homes, and as of January 14, 2025, an estimated 1.9 million people were internally displaced (

90% of Gaza's population are displaced

Within 10 days of 7 October, more than one million of Gaza's 2.2 million people had been forced to leave their homes



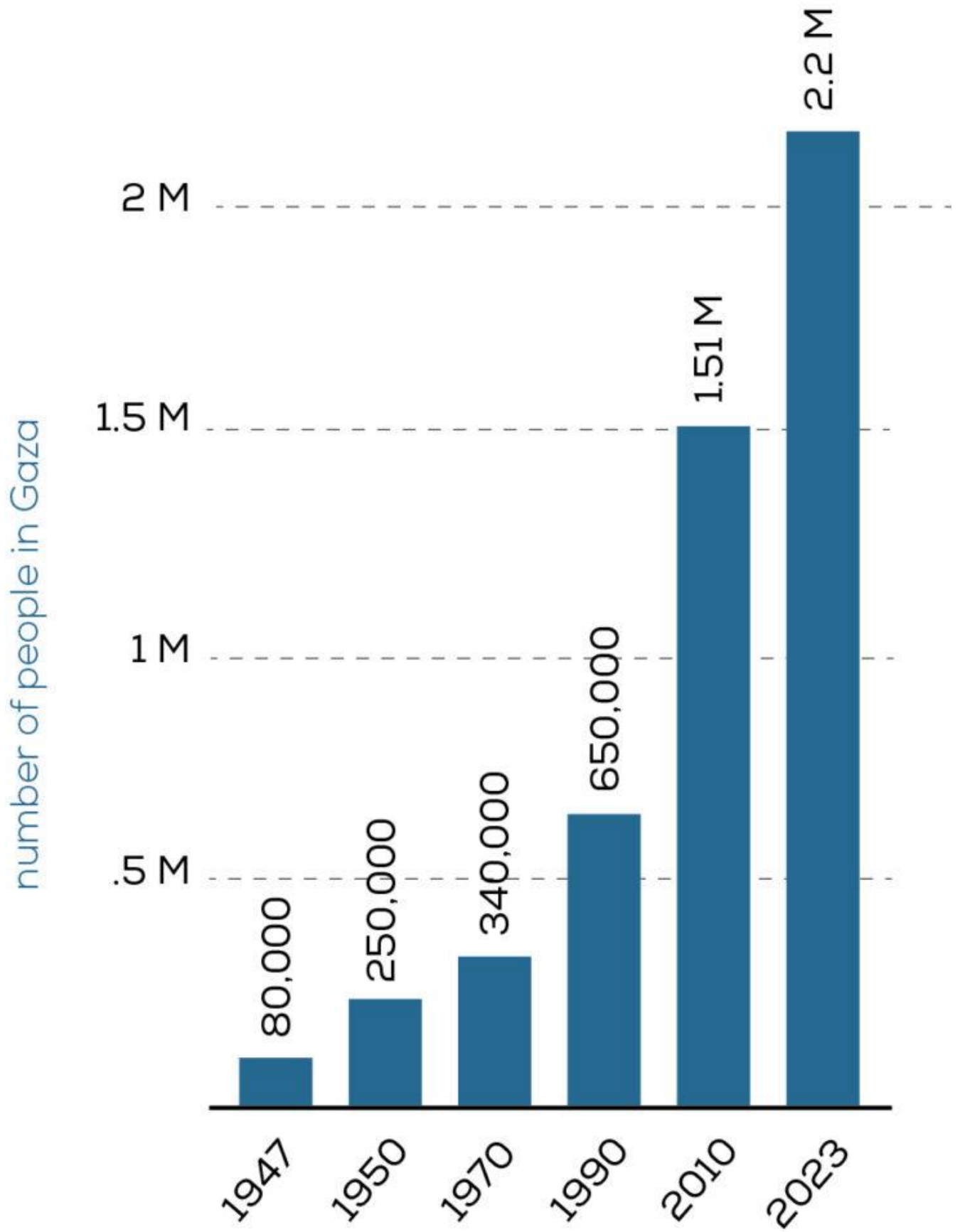
After 15 months, an estimated 1.9m people are internally displaced



Source: UNRWA

BBC

An article from anera.org provides a graph showing the population of Gaza from 1947 to 2023, with the population in 2023 at 2.2 million (



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Elaboration

The evidence presents conflicting information regarding the population of Gaza. The OCHA map indicates a population of 750K in October 2023 and 2.1 million in November 2024. The BBC article states that 2.2 million people lived in Gaza before October 7, 2023. The anera.org article also states that the population in 2023 was 2.2 million.

Based on the OCHA map, the population increased from 750K to 2.1 million. However, the BBC article and the anera.org article suggest a population of 2.2 million before October 7, 2023. The claim cannot be verified because the exact population on October 7, 2023, is not consistent across the provided sources.

To verify the claim, the exact population of Gaza on October 7, 2023, and the current population are needed.

Actions

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image_search("Gaza population statistics October 7 2023")  
image_search("Gaza population statistics November 2024")
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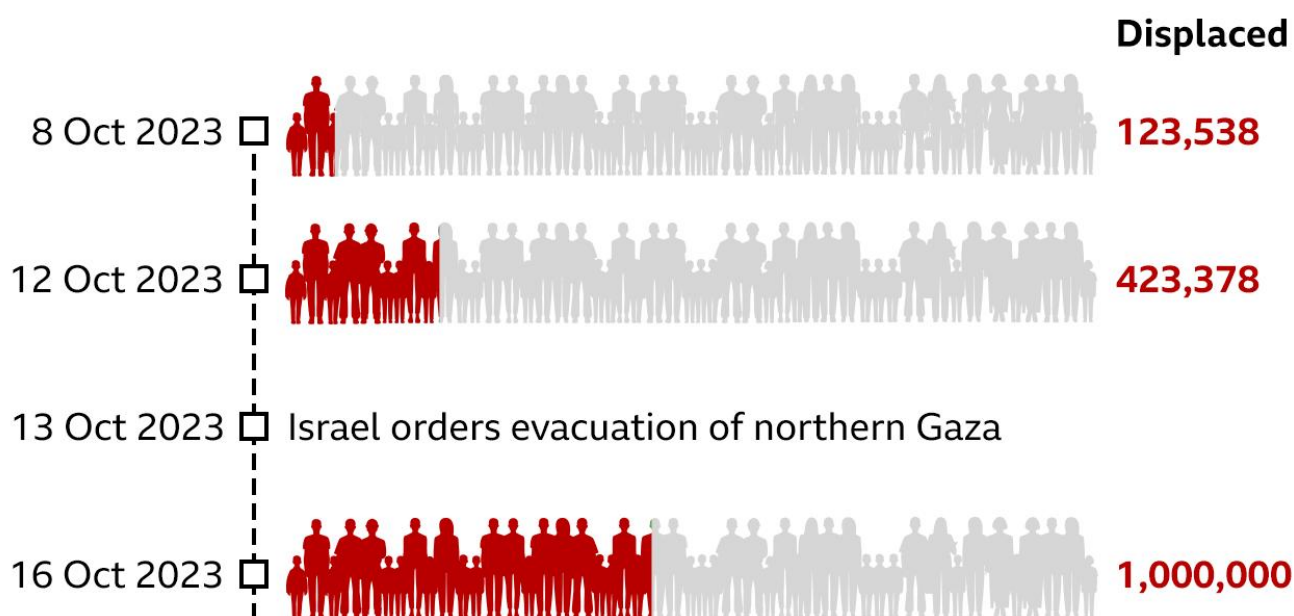
Evidence

Evidence from `image_search`

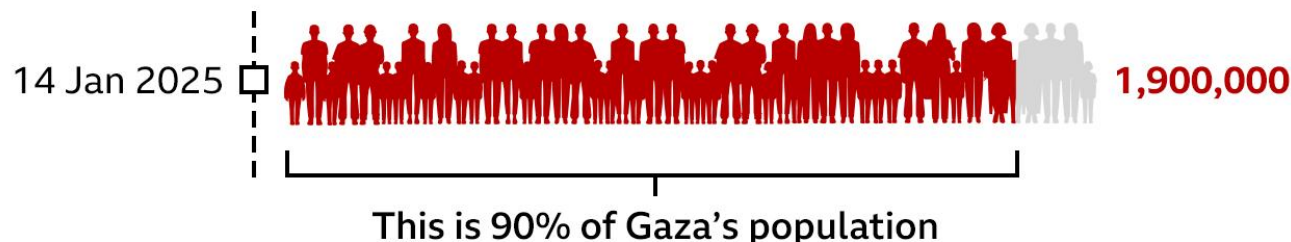
The BBC article from <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-middle-east-20415675> shows that over one million people were forced to leave their homes within 10 days of October 7, and as of January 14, 2025, an estimated 1.9 million people were internally displaced (

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). The Watson Institute for International & Public Affairs from Brown University (<https://watson.brown.edu/costsofwar/papers/2024/IndirectDeathsGaza>) discusses indirect deaths in wars, including economic collapse and food insecurity (

INDIRECT DEATHS

In Wars

DIRECT WAR DEATHS →

INDIRECT WAR DEATHS

Economic Collapse & Food Insecurity →

Public Services & Health Infrastructure Destruction →

Environmental Contamination →

Reverberating Trauma & Violence →

Other Impacts →



Internal displacement increases people's vulnerability to all negative health effects of war



Women & children are disproportionately impacted

DEATH

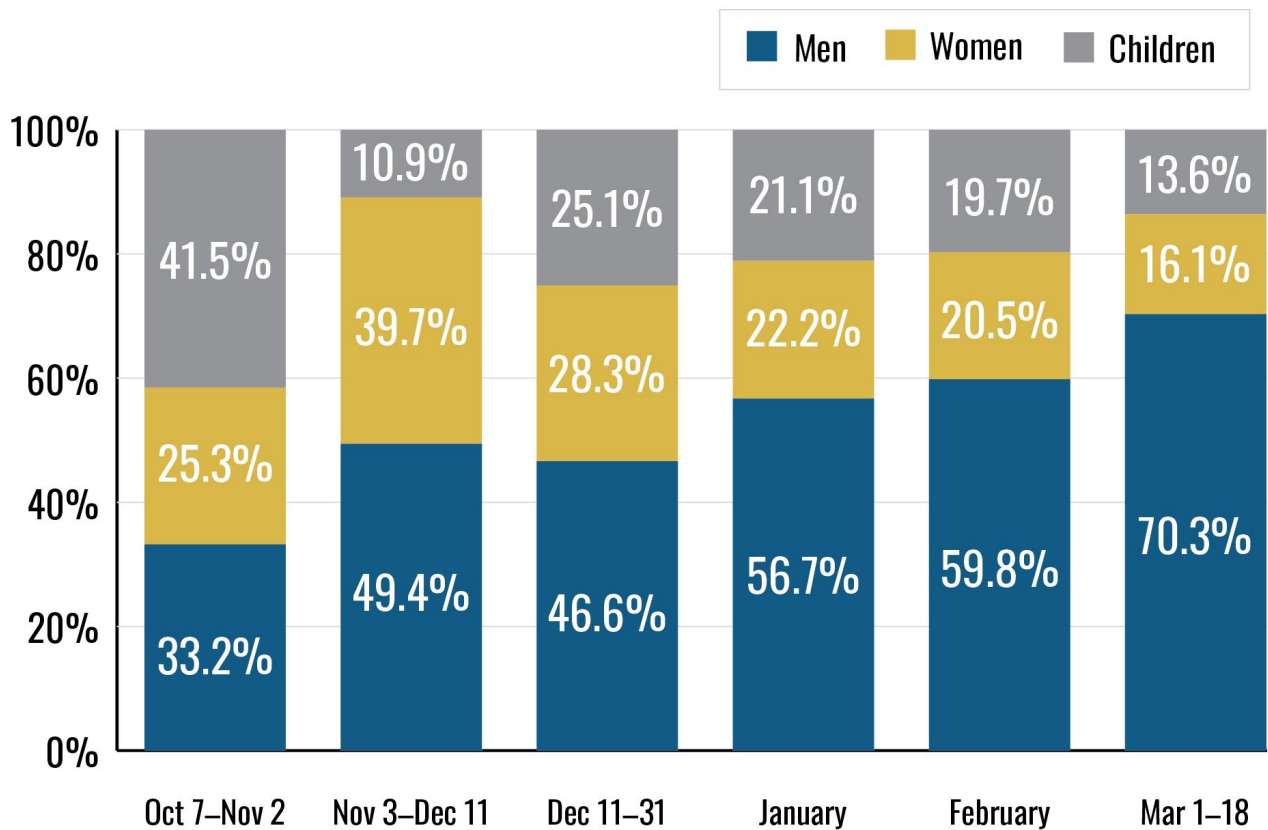
For more information see "How Death Outlives War: The Reverberating Impact of the Post-9/11 Wars on Human Health" at costsofwar.org

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Evidence from `image_search`

The Washington Institute article includes a graph showing shifts in the proportion of fatalities in Gaza from October 7 to March 18 (

Shifts in Proportion of Fatalities (Central Collection System)



). The Euro-Med Human Rights Monitor provides statistics on the Israeli attack on the Gaza Strip from October 7 to February 23, 2024, including the number of killed, injured, displaced, and damaged buildings and infrastructure. The number of displaced people is 2,000,000 (

Day **140**

THE ISRAELI GENOCIDE IN THE GAZA STRIP

7 October - 23 February 2024



Killed *

38,066

14,350 Children 8,620 Women
34,570 Civilians



Injured

71,220



Journalists killed

130



Displaced

2,000,000



Completely destroyed homes

99,600



Partially destroyed homes

241,400



Destroyed/damaged press headquarters

173



Damaged schools

406



Destroyed industrial facilities

1,920



Damaged mosques

613

Damaged churches

3



Healthcare professionals

756

326 Killed 430 Injured



Healthcare facilities

256

28 Hospital 65 Clinics
163 Ambulances



Heritage sites

199



Civil defense workers

184

41 Killed 143 Injured



Detainees/Forcibly disappeared

3,120

* The killed number includes those presumed dead under the rubble

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Elaboration

The evidence continues to present conflicting information. The BBC article states that 2.2 million people lived in Gaza before October 7, 2023, and the Euro-Med Human Rights Monitor indicates that 2,000,000 people were displaced. The OCHA map indicates a population of 750K in October 2023 and 2.1 million in November 2024.

The claim cannot be verified because the exact population on October 7, 2023, is not consistent across the provided sources. The evidence suggests a decrease in population due to displacement, not an increase.

To verify the claim, the exact population of Gaza on October 7, 2023, and the current population are needed.

Final Judgement

The evidence indicates that the population of Gaza has decreased since October 7, 2023, due to displacement. The claim of a 2.02% increase is not supported by the evidence.

false

Verdict: FALSE

Justification

The claim is **false**. Multiple sources, including a BBC article (<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-middle-east-20415675>) and the Euro-Med Human Rights Monitor, indicate significant displacement of the population since October 7, 2023, suggesting a decrease rather than an increase in population. The OCHA map also shows a population of 750K in October 2023 and 2.1 million in November 2024.