

## Claim

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

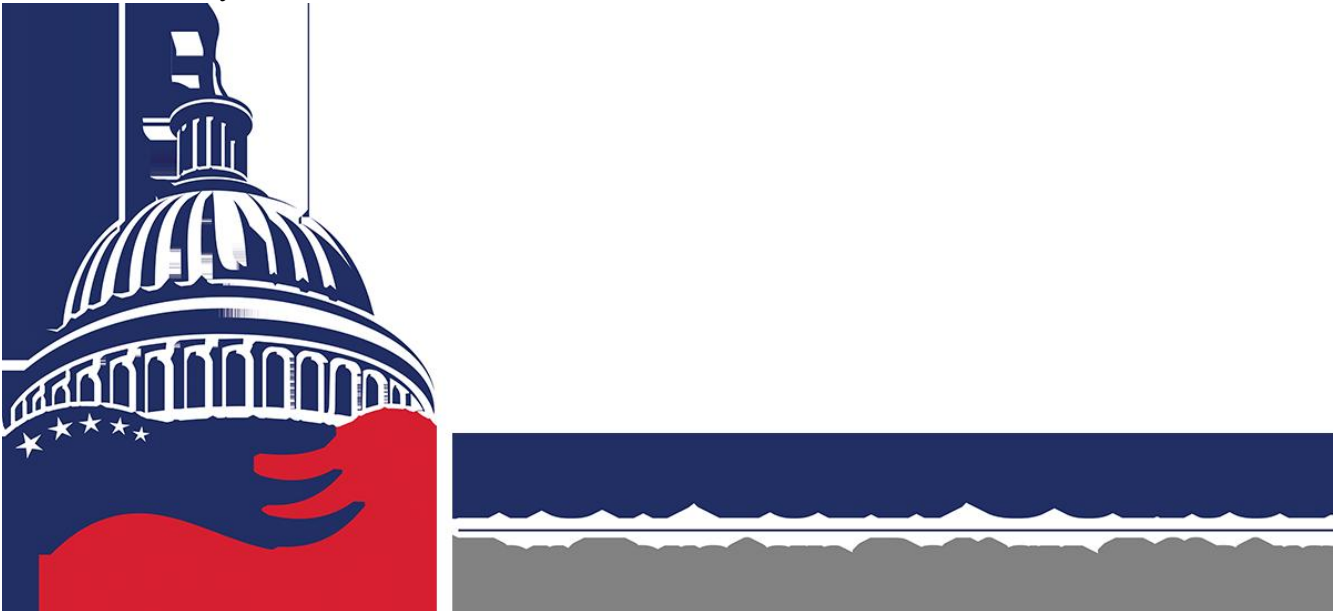
## Actions

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web_search("Gaza population increase since October 7 2023")  
web_search("Gaza population statistics October 2023")
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## Evidence

### Evidence from **web\_search**

An article published by NYCFPA on December 19, 2024, states that the population in Gaza has increased by 2.02% since October 7, 2023 (



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). CNN reported that Gaza's population dropped by 6% in 2024, with approximately 100,000 Palestinians leaving Gaza since the war began on October 7, 2023, and at least 45,553 deaths (









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Skeptics.stackexchange.com references a post on X citing The World Factbook, claiming a 2.02% increase in population, and the World Population Review, which states a 2.88% annual change. A Times of Israel article claims the population has fallen 6% since the war began. The result also cites a United Nations report of around 45,000 deaths as of December 2024. The Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics predicted a decrease in the growth rate in Gaza for 2024.

### **Evidence from `web_search`**

According to an Anadolu Agency article from July 10, 2025, Gaza's population has decreased by 10% since October 2023, with the population dropping from 2,226,544 to approximately 2,114,301. [Source](#) A Euronews article from January 2, 2025, cites the Palestinian Central

Bureau of Statistics (PCBS), estimating a 6% decrease since October 7, 2023, with a reduction of around 160,000 people to 2.1 million. [Source](#)

Additionally, a Wikipedia article states that the Gaza Strip has an annual population growth rate of 1.99% (2023 est.) and also mentions a 6% decrease in population since the war began. [Source](#)

## Elaboration

The claim is contradicted by the evidence. Multiple sources indicate a decrease in Gaza's population since October 7, 2023, not an increase. The evidence cites a 6% decrease according to CNN, the Times of Israel, and the Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics. An Anadolu Agency article states a 10% decrease.

## Final Judgement

The evidence indicates that the population in Gaza has decreased since October 7, 2023, contradicting the claim of a 2.02% increase. Multiple sources, including CNN, the Times of Israel, and the Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics, report a decrease in population.

false

**Verdict: FALSE**

## Justification

The claim that Gaza's population increased by 2.02% since October 7, 2023, is false. Multiple sources, including a [CNN report](#), and a [Euronews article](#), indicate a decrease in population during this period.