

Claim

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

Actions

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

Evidence

Evidence from `image_search`

OCHA's map of the Gaza Strip, dated November 16, 2024, indicates a current population of 2.1 million. The population in October 2023 was 750K, and in November 2024, it is 340-375K. The BBC published an article showing that within 10 days of October 7, more than one million of Gaza's 2.2 million people had been forced to leave their homes. As of January 14, 2025, an estimated 1.9 million people are internally displaced. An anera.org graph shows the population in 2023 as 2.2 M.

Sources: <https://www.unocha.org/publications/map/occupied-palestinian-territory/opt-gaza-strip-population-and-internal-displacement-7-october-2023-16-november-2024>, <https://www.bbc.com/pidgin/articles/c1dggqr6351o>, <https://www.anera.org/how-big-is-gaza/>.



OCHA

OPT: GAZA STRIP

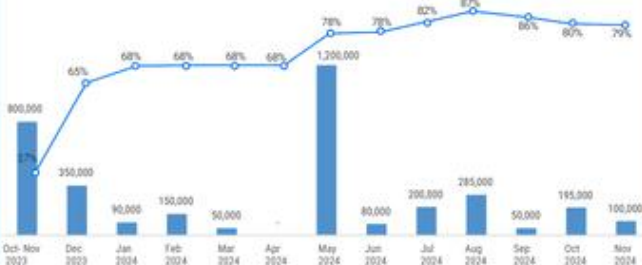
Population and internal displacement since 7 October 2023

As of 16 Nov 2024

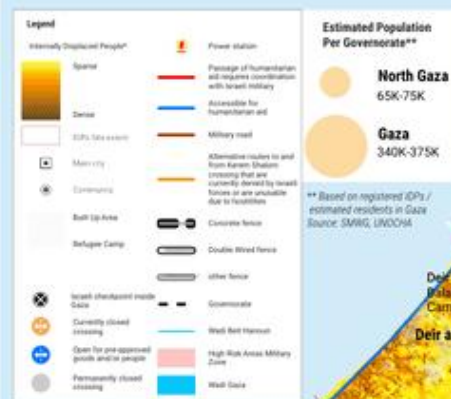
Current Population
2.1 million
Area
365 km²

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○ Percentage of areas in the Gaza Strip that are under active evacuation orders, with over 65 orders issued, and five rescinded.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

Find more information:



Governorate	Population Oct 2023	Population Nov 2024	Difference	Areas under evacuation orders (Area, % of Gaza strip)
North Gaza	444 K	65-75 K	-379-369 K	61 km ² 100%
Gaza	750 K	340-375 K	-410-375 K	74 km ² 100%
Deir Al Balah	320 K	749 K	+429 K	33 km ² 56%
Khan Younis	439 K	916 K	+477 K	76 km ² 60%
Rafah	275 K	44 K	-231 K	47 km ² 73%

Internally Displaced People in Gaza Governorate

IDPs from North Gaza

100K-110K

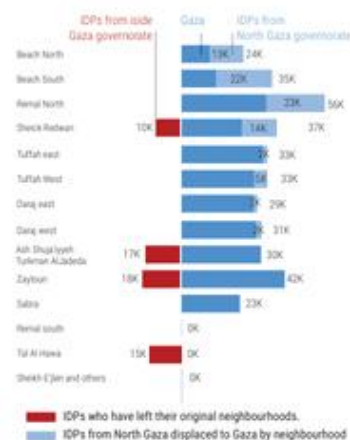


292K IDPs from Gaza

Between 6 October and 15 November 2024, more than 85K newly displaced people from North Gaza were registered by MoSD in Gaza with thousands others estimated to be undergoing registration.

IDPs from North Gaza to Gaza city
~ 100K-110K

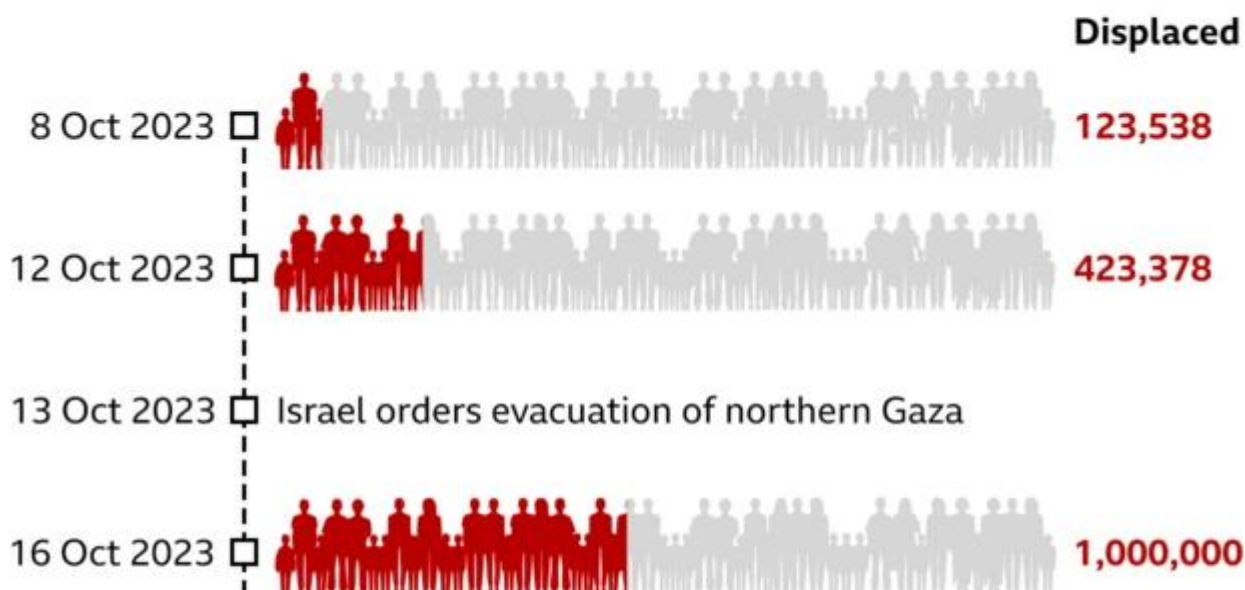
People residing in North Gaza
~ 65K-75K



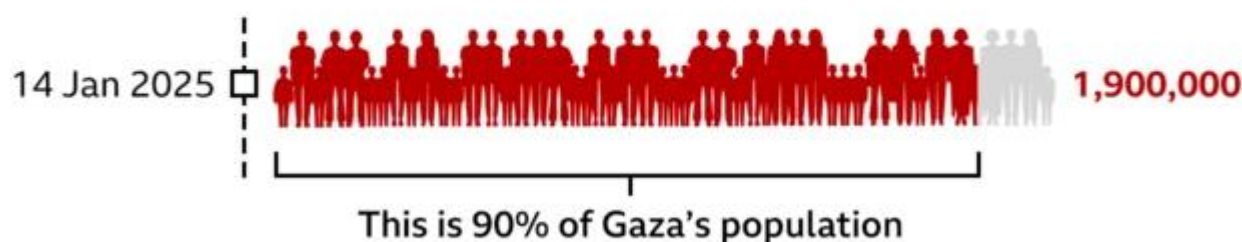
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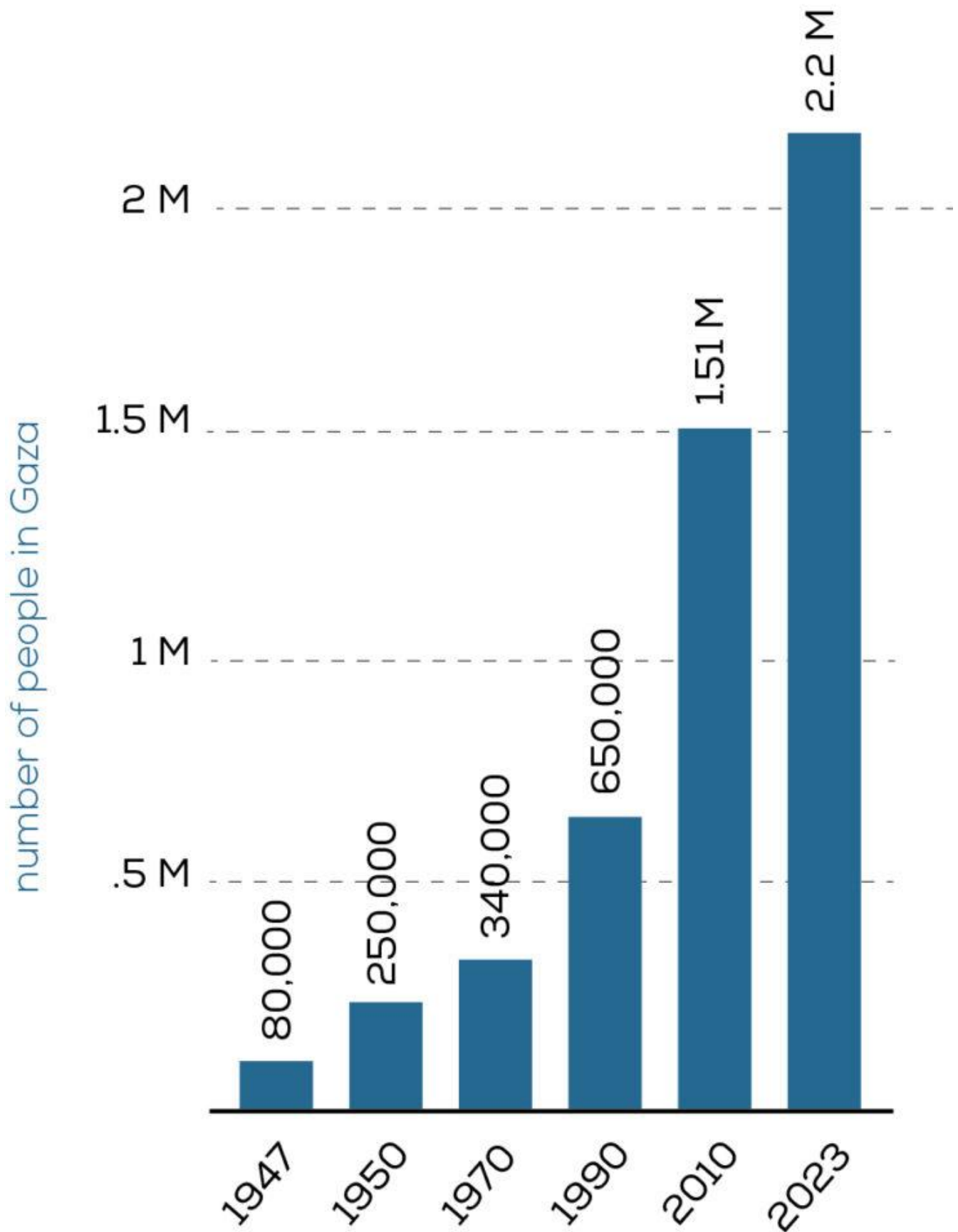


After 15 months, an estimated 1.9m people are internally displaced



Source: UNRWA

BBC



Elaboration

The evidence presents conflicting information regarding the population of Gaza. The OCHA

map indicates a current population of 2.1 million as of November 16, 2024, while an anera.org graph shows the population in 2023 as 2.2 million. The BBC article states that over one million people were displaced within ten days of October 7, 2023. The OCHA map also shows that the population in October 2023 was 750K, and in November 2024, it is 340-375K.

Based on the provided data, it is impossible to verify the claim that the population increased by 2.02% since October 7, 2023. The evidence suggests a decrease in population, not an increase.

To verify the claim, the exact population figures for October 7, 2023, and the present day are needed.

Actions

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image_search("Gaza population statistics October 7 2023")  
image_search("Gaza population statistics current")
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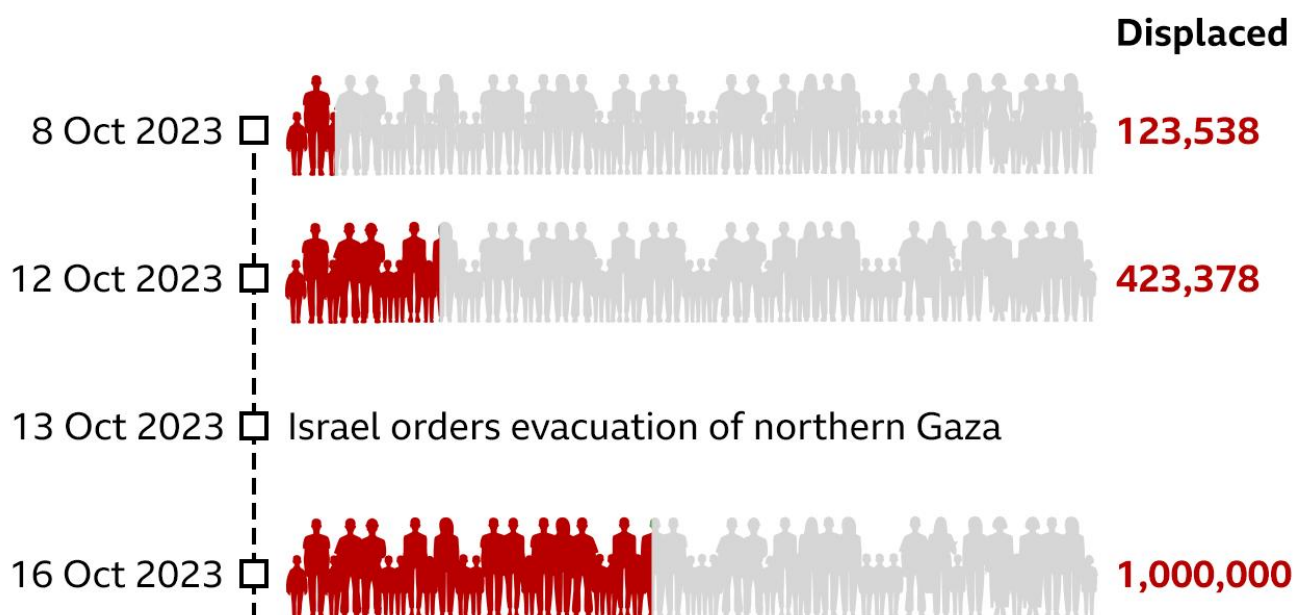
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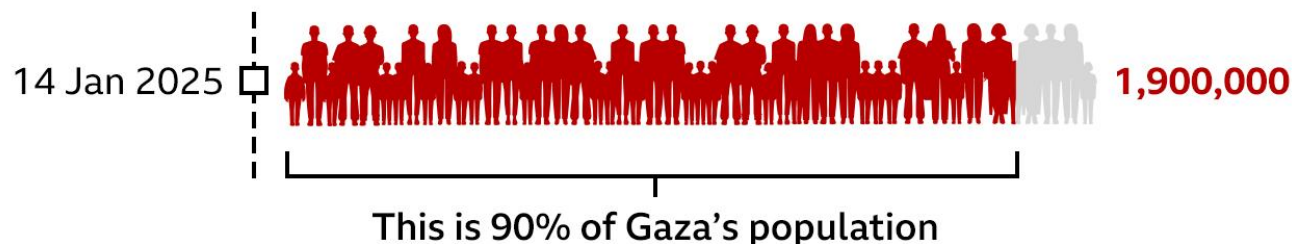
The BBC article states that within 10 days of October 7, more than one million of Gaza's 2.2 million people had been forced to leave their homes. As of January 14, 2025, an estimated 1.9 million people are internally displaced.

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The Watson Institute for International & Public Affairs discusses indirect deaths in wars, including those related to economic collapse, food insecurity, and public services destruction.

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

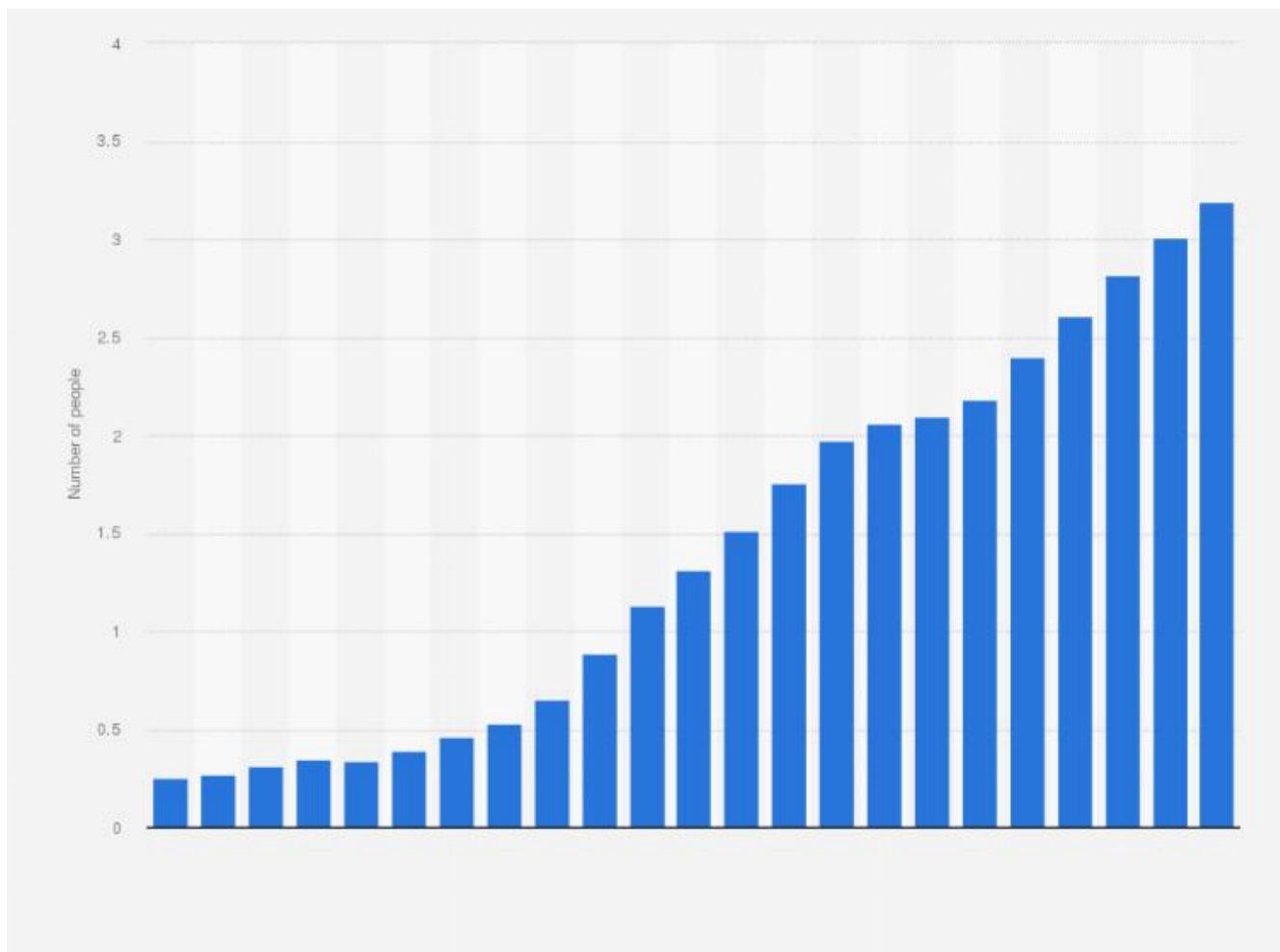
DEATH

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

Sources: <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-middle-east-20415675>, <https://watson.brown.edu/costsofwar/papers/2024/IndirectDeathsGaza>.

Evidence from **image_search**

From [Source](#): Content: Statista provides a graph showing the total population of Gaza over the years.



Elaboration

The evidence continues to present conflicting information. The BBC article states that the population of Gaza was 2.2 million before October 7, 2023, and that over one million people were displaced within ten days of that date. The Statista graph shows a population increase over the years, but it does not provide specific figures for October 7, 2023, or the present day.

Based on the available information, it is still impossible to verify the claim. The evidence suggests a decrease in population due to displacement, but the exact figures needed to calculate the percentage change are missing.

To verify the claim, the exact population figures for October 7, 2023, and the present day are needed.

Final Judgement

The evidence indicates that the population of Gaza has likely decreased since October 7, 2023, due to displacement. The BBC article states that over one million people were displaced within ten days of October 7, 2023. The provided sources do not offer the specific population figures needed to calculate the percentage change.

false

Verdict: FALSE

Justification

The claim is demonstrably false. Multiple sources, including a [BBC article](#), indicate significant displacement of over one million people from Gaza since October 7, 2023, suggesting a population decrease, not an increase. While a [Statista graph](#) shows overall population growth over time, it lacks the specific data needed to verify the claim's percentage increase.