

## 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 October 7 2023")
```

## Evidence

### Evidence from `web_search`

CNN ([Source](#)) reported that Gaza's population dropped by 6% in 2024, with about 100,000 Palestinians leaving since October 7, 2023, and at least 45,553 killed in Israeli attacks. [image:k](#), [image:j](#). The Times of Israel ([Source](#)) also reported a 6% decline, citing the Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS), which indicates a decline of approximately



160,000 people.

Conversely, the New York City Financial Policy Association (NYCFPA) ([Source](#)) stated that the population in Gaza has increased by 2.02% since October 7, 2023, based on growth forecasts from August 2023.



## Elaboration

The evidence presents conflicting information regarding the population change in Gaza since October 7, 2023. CNN ([Source](#)) and The Times of Israel ([Source](#)) report a decrease of 6%. However, the New York City Financial Policy Association (NYCFPA) ([Source](#)) claims an increase of 2.02%.

The NYCFPA's claim is based on growth forecasts from August 2023, which may not reflect the actual population changes due to the war. The other sources indicate a population decline, which is more likely given the circumstances.

Therefore, the claim is likely false.

## Final Judgement

The evidence presents conflicting information. While one source claims a 2.02% increase, other sources report a 6% decrease in Gaza's population since October 7, 2023. The claim of an increase is based on pre-war forecasts and is contradicted by reports of population decline. false

**Verdict: FALSE**

## Justification

The claim is contradicted by multiple sources. CNN ([Source](#)) and The Times of Israel ([Source](#)) report a population decrease, while the claim is based on pre-war forecasts.