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8,170,025,877

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TODAY

Births today

295,950

Deaths today

139,453

Population Growth today

156,497

THIS YEAR

Births this year

81,176,101

Deaths this year

38,250,559

Population Growth this year

42,925,542

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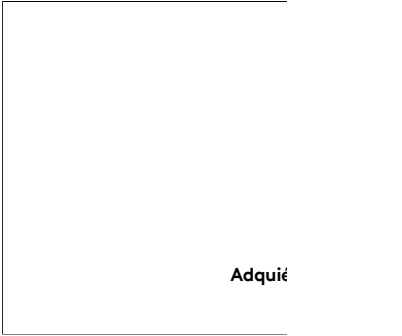
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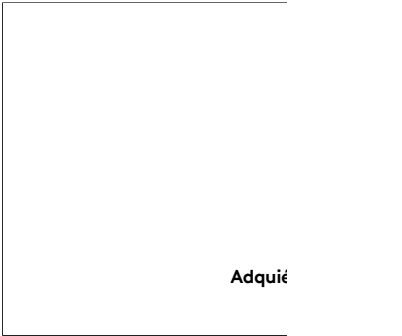
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2		China (/World-Population/China-Population/)	1,418,950,188
3		U.S.A. (/World-Population/Us-Population/)	345,638,628
4		Indonesia (/World-Population/Indonesia-Population/)	283,743,746
5		Pakistan (/World-Population/Pakistan-Population/)	251,720,111
6		Nigeria (/World-Population/Nigeria-Population/)	233,231,691
7		Brazil (/World-Population/Brazil-Population/)	212,091,960
8		Bangladesh (/World-Population/Bangladesh-Population/)	173,805,255
9		Russia (/World-Population/Russia-Population/)	144,725,582
10		Ethiopia (/World-Population/Ethiopia-Population/)	132,447,577

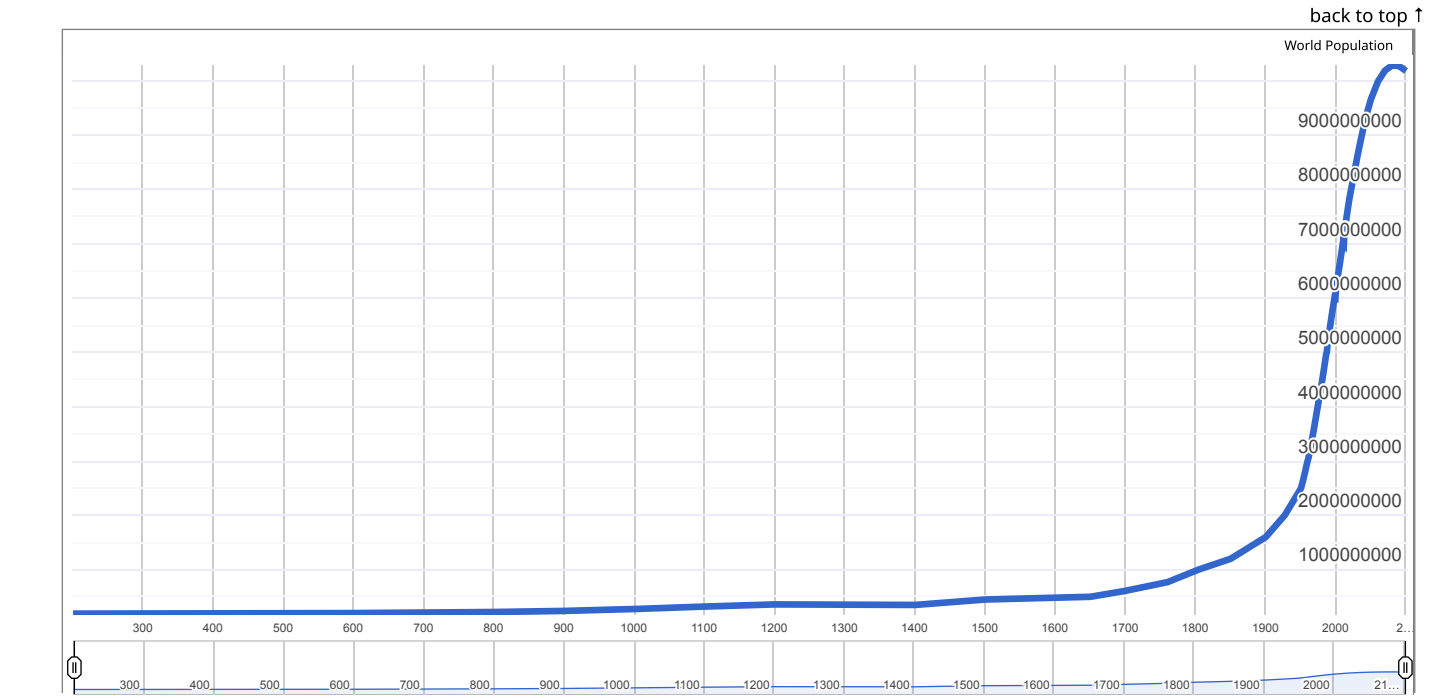


11		Mexico (/World-Population/Mexico-Population/)	130,985,368
12		Japan (/World-Population/Japan-Population/)	123,678,204
13		Egypt (/World-Population/Egypt-Population/)	116,746,902
14		Philippines (/World-Population/Philippines-Population/)	115,951,707
15		D.R. Congo (/World-Population/Democratic-Republic-Of-The-Congo-Population/)	109,679,262
16		Vietnam (/World-Population/Vietnam-Population/)	101,057,712
17		Iran (/World-Population/Iran-Population/)	91,665,035
18		Turkey (/World-Population/Turkey-Population/)	87,498,104
19		Germany (/World-Population/Germany-Population/)	84,497,257
20		Thailand (/World-Population/Thailand-Population/)	71,662,475

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World Population: Past, Present, and Future

(move and expand the bar at the bottom of the chart to navigate through time)



The chart above illustrates how world population has changed throughout history. View the full tabulated data. (/world-population/world-population-by-year/)

At the dawn of agriculture, about 8000 B.C., the population of the world was approximately 5 million. Over the 8,000-year period up to 1 A.D. it grew to 200 million (some estimate 300 million or even 600, suggesting how imprecise population estimates of early historical periods can be), with a growth rate of under 0.05% per year.

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A tremendous change occurred with the industrial revolution: whereas **it had taken all of human history until around 1800 for world population to reach one billion**, the second billion was achieved in only 130 years (1930), the third billion in 30 years (1960), the fourth billion in 15 years (1974), and the fifth billion in only 13 years (1987).

- During the 20th century alone, the population in the world has grown from 1.65 billion to 6 billion.
- In 1970, there were roughly half as many people in the world as there are now.
- Because of declining growth rates, it will now take over 200 years to double again.

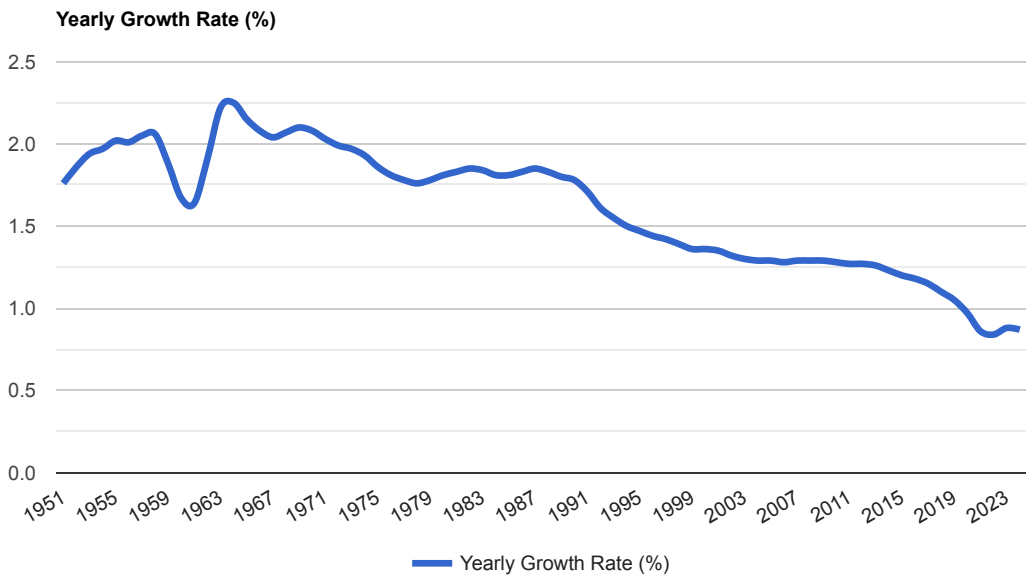
Wonder how big was the world's population when you were born? Check out this simple wizard (<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/interactive/2011/oct/24/how-big-worlds-population-born>) or this more elaborated (<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-15391515>) one to find out.

- Sources:
- World Population Prospects: The 2024 Revision (<https://population.un.org/wpp/>) - United Nations Population Division
 - The World at Six Billion, World Population, Year 0 to near stabilization (https://www.un.org/development/desa/pd/sites/www.un.org.development.desa.pd/files/files/documents/2020/Jan/un_1999_6billion.pdf) [Pdf file] - United Nations Population Division

Growth Rate

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Yearly Population Growth Rate (%)



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World population will therefore continue to grow in the 21st century, but at a **much slower rate compared to the recent past**. World population has doubled (100% increase) in 40 years from 1959 (3 billion) to 1999 (6 billion). It is now estimated that it will increase by 50% in the subsequent 40 years, to reach 9 billion by 2037.

The latest world population projections (/world-population/world-population-projections/) indicate that world population will reach 10 billion persons in the year 2060 and 10.2 billion in 2100.

World Population (2024 and historical)

View the complete population historical table (/world-population/world-population-by-year/)

Year (July 1)	Population	Yearly % Change	Yearly Change	Median Age	Fertility Rate	Density (P/Km²)
2024	8,161,972,572	0.87 %	70,237,642	30.6	2.25	55
2023	8,091,734,930	0.88 %	70,327,738	30.4	2.25	54
2022	8,021,407,192	0.84 %	66,958,801	30.1	2.27	54
2021	7,954,448,391	0.86 %	67,447,099	29.8	2.29	53
2020	7,887,001,292	0.97 %	75,707,594	29.6	2.32	53
2015	7,470,491,872	1.25 %	89,751,945	28	2.54	50
2010	7,021,732,148	1.29 %	86,952,403	27	2.60	47
2005	6,586,970,132	1.31 %	83,053,428	26	2.63	44
2000	6,171,702,993	1.39 %	82,564,802	25	2.75	41
1995	5,758,878,982	1.57 %	86,215,174	24	2.89	39
1990	5,327,803,110	1.82 %	91,771,929	23	3.31	36
1985	4,868,943,465	1.83 %	84,267,446	22	3.52	33
1980	4,447,606,236	1.79 %	75,374,192	21	3.74	30

Year (July 1)	Population	Yearly % Change	Yearly Change	Median Age	Fertility Rate	Density (P/Km²)
1960	3,015,470,894	1.93 %	55,051,420	21	4.70	20
1955	2,740,213,792	1.91 %	49,424,189	22	5.00	18

Source: **Worldometer** (www.worldometers.info (/))

Elaboration of data by United Nations, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Population Division. World Population Prospects: The 2024 Revision (<https://population.un.org/wpp/>). (Medium-fertility variant).

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World Population Forecast (2025-2050)

View population projections for all years (up to 2100) (/world-population/world-population-projections/)

Year (July 1)	Population	Yearly % Change	Yearly Change	Median Age	Fertility Rate	Density (P/Km²)
2025	8,231,613,070	0.86 %	68,922,356	31	2.24	55
2030	8,569,124,911	0.81 %	67,502,368	32	2.20	58
2035	8,885,210,181	0.73 %	63,217,054	33	2.15	60
2040	9,177,190,203	0.65 %	58,396,004	34	2.13	62
2045	9,439,639,668	0.57 %	52,489,893	35	2.12	63
2050	9,664,378,587	0.47 %	44,947,784	36	2.10	65



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World Population Milestones

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10 Billion (2060)

The United Nations projects world population will reach 10 billion in the year 2060.

9 Billion (2037)

World population is expected to reach 9 billion in the year 2037.

8.2 Billion (current)

The current world population is **8,169,762,110** as of Sunday, August 11, 2024 according to the most recent United Nations estimates ^[1] elaborated by Worldometer. The term "World Population" refers to the human population (the total number of humans currently living) of the world.



8 Billion (2022)

World population has reached **8 billion people in the first half of 2022**, according to the United Nations (after being previously estimated to occur on November 15, 2022) (<https://www.un.org/en/dayof8billion>). The U.S. Census Bureau International Database (IDB) (<https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/international-programs/about/idb.html>) estimates instead that the world population hit 8 billion on September 26, 2023. In their note, the U.S. Census Bureau added: "*Emphasis on the word estimates. There are many sources of uncertainty in estimating the global population, and it's unlikely this population milestone was reached on that exact date*" [source (<https://www.census.gov/library/stories/2023/11/world-population-estimated-eight-billion.html#:~:text=For%20example%2C%20the%20United%20Nations,above%205%20children%20per%20woman.>)]

7 Billion (2010)

According to the latest revision by the United Nations (released in 2024), world population reached **7 Billion in the first half of 2010** (after being previously estimated as occurring on October 31, 2011). The U.S. Census Bureau made a different estimate, for which the 7 billion mark was reached on March 12, 2012 (<https://www.census.gov/newsroom/blogs/random-samplings/2011/10/the-world-population-at-7-billion.html>).

6 Billion (1998)

According to the latest revision by the United Nations (released in 2024), the **6 billion figure was reached in the first half of 1998** (this was previously estimated as occurring on October 12, 1999, celebrated as the *Day of 6 Billion*). According to the U.S. Census Bureau instead, the six billion milestone was reached on July 22, 1999, at about 3:49 AM GMT. Yet, according to the U.S. Census Bureau, the date and time of when 6 billion was reached will probably change because the already uncertain estimates are constantly being updated.

Previous Milestones

- **5 Billion:** 1986
- **4 Billion:** 1974
- **3 Billion:** 1960
- **2 Billion:** 1930
- **1 Billion:** 1804

Summary Table

1 - 1804 (1803 years): 0.2 to 1 bil.																				
1804 - 2022 (218 years): from 1 billion to 8 billion																				
Year	1	1000	1500	1650	1750	1804	1850	1900	1930	1950	1960	1974	1980	1987	1998	2010	2022	2029	2037	2046
Population	0.2	0.275	0.45	0.5	0.7	1	1.2	1.6	2	2.55	3	4	4.5	5	6	7	8	8.5	9	9.5

World Population by Region

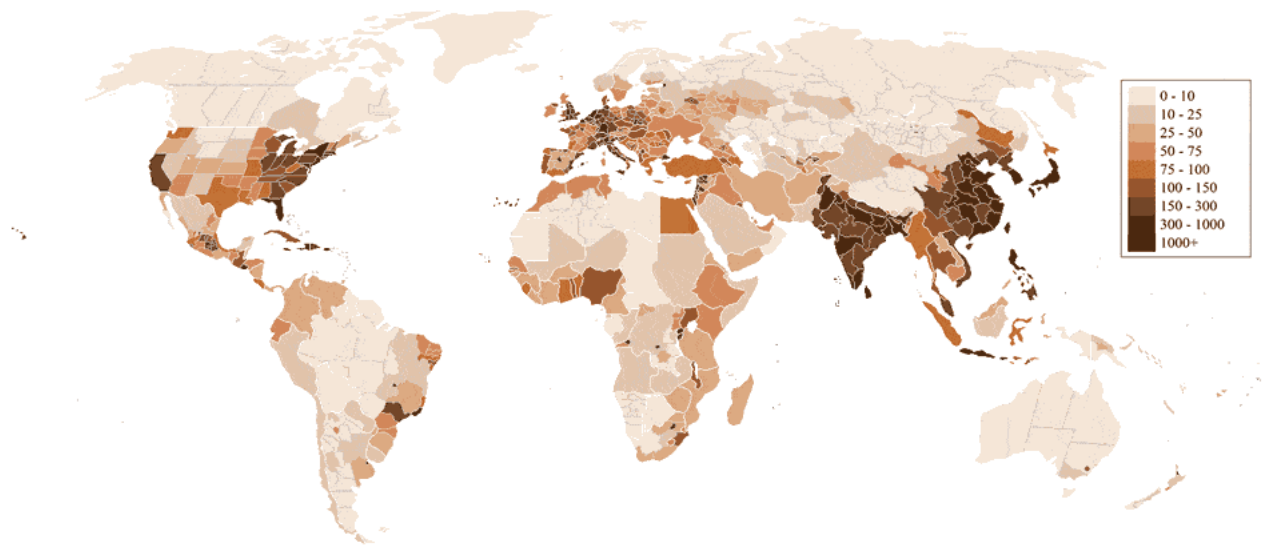
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#	Region	Population (2024)	Yearly Change	Net Change	Density (P/Km²)	Land Area (Km²)	Migrants (net)	Fert. Rate	Med. Age	Urban Pop %	World Share
1	Asia (/population/asia/)	4,806,898,007	0.6 %	28,893,521	155	31,033,131	-2,335,416	1.9	32	52.9 %	58.9 %
2	Africa (/population/africa/)	1,515,140,849	2.32 %	34,370,324	51	29,648,481	-644,272	4	19	44.5 %	18.6 %
3	Europe (/population/europe/)	745,083,824	-0.07 %	-519,051	34	22,134,900	1,566,027	1.4	43	75.6 %	9.1 %
4	Latin America and the Caribbean (/population/latin-america-and-the-caribbean/)	663,466,072	0.69 %	4,574,555	33	20,139,378	-382,944	1.8	31	85.2 %	8.1 %
5	Northern America (/population/northern-america/)	385,295,105	0.62 %	2,392,363	21	18,651,660	1,654,440	1.6	39	82.2 %	4.7 %

World Population Density (people/km²)

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Population density map of the world showing not only countries but also many subdivisions (regions, states, provinces). See also: [World Map \(/world-map/\)](#)



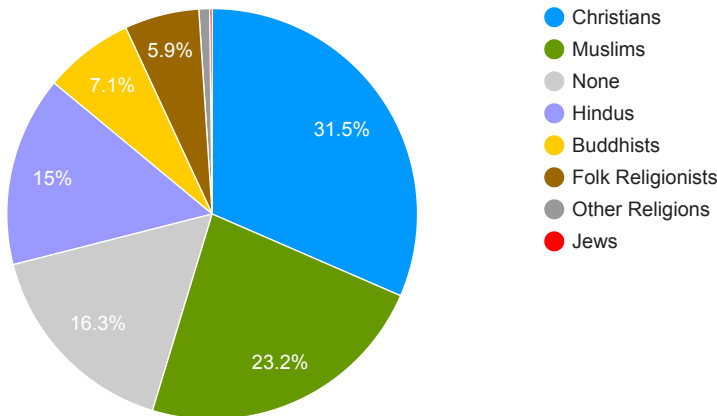
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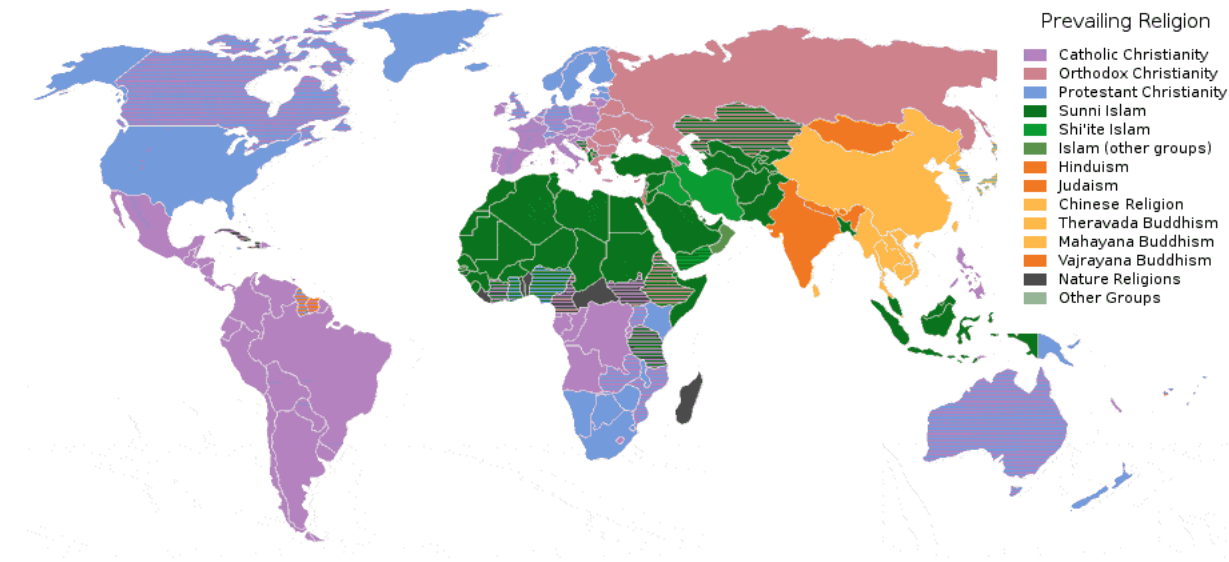
World Population by Religion

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According to a study (based on the 2010 world population of 6.9 billion) by The Pew Forum (<http://www.pewforum.org/global-religious-landscape-unaffiliated.aspx>), there are:

- **2,173,180,000 Christians (31%)** of world population), of which 50% are Catholic, 37% Protestant, 12% Orthodox, and 1% other.
- **1,598,510,000 Muslims (23%)**, of which 87-90% are Sunnis, 10-13% Shia.
- **1,126,500,000 No Religion affiliation (16%)**: atheists, agnostics and people who do not identify with any particular religion. One-in-five people (20%) in the United States are religiously unaffiliated.
- **1,033,080,000 Hindus (15%)**, the overwhelming majority (94%) of which live in India.
- **487,540,000 Buddhists (7%)**, of which half live in China.
- **405,120,000 Folk Religionists (6%)**: faiths that are closely associated with a particular group of people, ethnicity or tribe.
- **58,110,000 Other Religions (1%)**: Baha'i faith, Taoism, Jainism, Shintoism, Sikhism, Tenrikyo, Wicca, Zoroastrianism and many others.
- **13,850,000 Jews (0.2%)**, four-fifths of which live in two countries: United States (41%) and Israel (41%).





(http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File%3APrevailing_world_religions_map_rus.png)

World Population by Country

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#	Country (or dependency)	Population (2024)	Yearly Change	Net Change	Density (P/Km²)	Land Area (Km²)	Migrants (net)	Fert. Rate	Med. Age	Urban Pop %
1	India (/world-population/india-population/)	1,450,935,791	0.89 %	12,866,195	488	2,973,190	-630,830	1.962	28	36.6 %
2	China (/world-population/china-population/)	1,419,321,278	-0.23 %	-3,263,655	151	9,388,211	-318,992	1.013	40	66.4 %
3	United States (/world-population/us-population/)	345,426,571	0.57 %	1,949,236	38	9,147,420	1,286,132	1.622	38	82.4 %
4	Indonesia (/world-population/indonesia-population/)	283,487,931	0.82 %	2,297,864	156	1,811,570	-38,469	2.115	30	59 %
5	Pakistan (/world-population/pakistan-population/)	251,269,164	1.52 %	3,764,669	326	770,880	-1,401,173	3.547	20	34.1 %
6	Nigeria (/world-population/nigeria-population/)	232,679,478	2.1 %	4,796,533	255	910,770	-35,202	4.382	18	53.9 %
7	Brazil (/world-population/brazil-population/)	211,998,573	0.41 %	857,844	25	8,358,140	-225,510	1.614	34	91 %
8	Bangladesh (/world-population/bangladesh-population/)	173,562,364	1.22 %	2,095,374	1,333	130,170	-473,362	2.138	26	42 %
9	Russia (/world-population/russia-population/)	144,820,423	-0.43 %	-620,077	9	16,376,870	-178,042	1.457	40	74.6 %
10	Ethiopia (/world-population/ethiopia-population/)	132,059,767	2.62 %	3,368,075	132	1,000,000	30,069	3.909	19	22.1 %

How many people have ever lived on earth?

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It was written during the 1970s that 75% of the people who had ever been born were alive at that moment. This was false.

Assuming that we start counting from about 50,000 B.C., the time when modern Homo sapiens appeared on the earth (and not from 700,000 B.C. when the ancestors of Homo sapiens appeared, or several million years ago when hominids were present), taking into account that all population data are a rough estimate, and assuming a constant growth rate applied to each period up to modern times, it has been estimated

(<http://www.prb.org/Articles/2002/HowManyPeopleHaveEverLivedonEarth.aspx>) that a total of approximately **106 billion people** have been born since the dawn of the human species, making the population currently alive roughly 6% of all people who have ever lived on planet Earth.



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Others have estimated the number of human beings who have ever lived to be anywhere from 45 billion to 125 billion, with most estimates falling into the range of **90 to 110 billion** humans.

World Population clock: sources and methodology

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The world population counter displayed on Worldometer takes into consideration data from two major sources: the **United Nations** and the **U.S. Census Bureau**.

1. The United Nations Population Division (<https://www.un.org/development/desa/pd/>) of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs every two years calculates, updates, and publishes estimates of total population in its *World Population Prospects* series. These population estimates and projections provide the standard and consistent set of population figures that are used throughout the United Nations system.

The World Population Prospect: the 2024 Revision (<https://esa.un.org/unpd/wpp/>) provides the most recent data available (released in July of 2024). Estimates and projected world population and country specific populations are given from 1950 through 2100 and are released every two years. Worldometer, as it is common practice, utilizes the **medium fertility** estimates.

Data underlying the population estimates are national and sub national census data and data on births, deaths, and migrants available from national sources and publications, as well as from questionnaires. For all countries, census and registration data are evaluated and, if necessary, adjusted for incompleteness by the Population Division as part of its preparations of the official United Nations population estimates and projections.

2. The International Programs Center (<https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/international-programs/about/idb.html>) at the U.S. Census Bureau, Population Division also develops estimates and projections based on analysis of available data (based on census, survey, and administrative information) on population, fertility, mortality, and migration for each country or area of the world. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, world population reached 7 billion on March 12, 2012.

For most countries adjustment of the data is necessary to correct for errors, omissions, and inconsistencies in the data. Finally, since most recent data for a single country is often two years old on average, the **current world population figure is necessarily a projection of past data based on assumed trends**. As new data become available, assumptions and data are reevaluated and past conclusions and current figures may be modified.

For information about how these estimates and projections are made by the U.S. Census Bureau, see the Population Estimates and Projections Methodology (https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/international-programs/about/idb.html#par_textimage_1).

Why Worldometer's Population Clock is the most accurate

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The above world population clock is based on the latest estimates released in July of 2024 by the United Nations. It will show the same number wherever you are in the world and whatever time you set on your PC.

Visitors around the world visiting a PC clock based counter, instead, will see different numbers depending on where they are located. This is the case with other world population clocks - such as the one hosted on a United Nations website, reaching 8 billion in 24 different instances (one per hour) on November 15, 2022, when each local time zone reached 12:10:08. Similarly, in 2011, the clocks on a UN website and on National Geographic - showed 7 billion whenever the visitor's locally set PC clocks reached 4:21:10 AM on October 31, 2011.





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Obviously, the UN data is based on estimates and can't be 100% accurate, so in all honesty nobody can possibly say with any degree of certainty on which day world population reached 7 billion (or any other exact number), let alone at what time. But once an estimate is made (based on the best data and analysis available), the world population clock should be showing the same number at any given time anywhere around the world.

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