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Summary: China's total fertility rate—a snapshot of the average number of babies a woman would have over her lifetime—fell to 1.09 last year, from 1.30 in 2020, according to a study by a unit of the National Health Commission cited this week by National Business Daily, a media outlet managed by the municipal government of Chengdu, the capital of Sichuan province. At 1.09, China's rate would be below the 1.26 of Japan. Yi Fuxian, a scientist at the University of Wisconsin who has studied China's demographics expects fewer than eight million newborns in China this year, based on indicators including marriage and newborn-medical-checkup data. That would be less than half the number in 2016, when China scrapped its one-child policy and recorded around 18 million births. By last year, the figure had fallen below 10 million. Related: An Economic Hail Mary for China and China's Collapsing Birth and Marriage Rates Reflect a People's Deep Pessimism and China's Population Likely Fell in 2022 as Births Hit New Low

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