

The EarthTrends Information Guide for Population & Demographics



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World population is currently growing by 1.1 percent annually and expected to reach 9.1 billion people by 2050. Limited access to health care, contraception, and education in many developing countries has resulted in national demographic trends that exhibit stark contrasts to those of the industrialized world. As a result, nearly all future population growth will occur in developing countries, particularly within urban populations.

A continuation of current population trends will create greater pressures on food, water, sanitation, and infrastructure resources, particularly in places where these amenities are already scarce, and will also impose enhanced strains on earth's natural environment. Population growth, therefore, poses a number of socioeconomic and geopolitical challenges. Although population trends ultimately depend on several factors, population size, density, and demographics are extremely relevant to the design and implementation of government strategies, regarding, for example, health care, labor, financial and resource allocations, ecosystem protection, and sustainable development.

Find the following **Population Information** and much more on **EarthTrends**.

SEARCHABLE DATABASE

[http://earthtrends.wri.org/searchable_db/index.php?theme=4]

Demographics: Crude birth rate

Crude death rate

Life expectancy at birth

Total fertility rate

Population: Growth rate of total population

Population Density

Total Population

Urban and Rural Areas: Growth rate of rural population; urban population

MAPS

[http://earthtrends.wri.org/maps_spatial/index.php?theme=4]

City Lights of the World

Global Population Density

Population Distribution within 100 km of Coastlines

FEATURES

[<http://earthtrends.wri.org/datatables/index.php?theme=4>]

Global AIDS Toll Bleak

Sustainable Cities, Sustainable Transportation

DATA TABLES

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Demographic Indicators

Population and Education Overview

Trends in Mortality and Life Expectancy

LINKS

EarthTrends July 2006 Monthly Update: World Population Growth - Past, Present, and Future [<http://earthtrends.wri.org/updates/node/61>]

Population Reference Bureau [<http://www.pbr.org>]

United Nations Population Division [<http://www.un.org/esa/population/unpop.htm>]

United Nations Population Information Network (POPIN) [<http://www.un.org/popin>]