

Table 1 – Demographic Yearbook 2023

Table 1 presents for the world and major areas and regions estimates of the order of magnitude of population size, crude birth and death rates, land area as well as population density.

Description of variables: Estimates of world population by major areas and by regions are presented for 1970, 1980, 1990, 2000, 2010, 2020 and 2023. Crude birth and crude death rates are shown for the year 2023. Land area in square kilometers and population density estimates relate to 2023.

All population estimates and rates presented in this table were prepared by the Population Division of the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs and have been published in the 2024 Revision of World Population Prospects.

The scheme of regionalization used for these estimates is described below. Although some continental totals are given, this table presents six major areas that are so drawn as to obtain greater homogeneity in sizes of population, types of demographic circumstances and accuracy of demographic statistics. Five of the major areas are subdivided into a total of 20 regions, which are arranged within the major areas; these regions together with Northern America, which is not subdivided, make a total of 21 regions.

The major areas of Northern America and Latin America and the Caribbean are distinguished, rather than the conventional continents of North America and South America, because population trends in the middle American mainland and the Caribbean region more closely resemble those of South America than those of America north of Mexico. Data for the traditional continents of North and South America can be obtained by adding Central America and Caribbean region to Northern America and deducting from Latin America. Latin America, as defined here, has somewhat wider limits than it would be if defined only to include the Spanish-speaking, French-speaking and Portuguese-speaking countries.

Crude birth and crude death rates are expressed in terms of the average annual number of births and deaths, respectively, per 1 000 mid-year population. These rates are estimated.

The land areas of regions are estimated by the Population Division of the United Nations.

Computation: Density, calculated by the Statistics Division of the United Nations, is the number of persons in the total population of 2023 per square kilometer of the respective land area.

Reliability of data: With the exception of land area, all data are set in *italic* type to indicate their conjectural quality.

Limitations: The estimated orders of magnitude of population and land area are subject to all the basic limitations set forth in connection with table 3, and to the same qualifications set forth for population and surface area statistics in sections 3 and 2.4 of the Technical Notes, respectively.

Likewise, crude birth and death rates and population density are affected by the limitations of the original figures. However, it may be noted that, in compiling data for regional and major areas totals, errors in the components may tend to compensate each other and the resulting aggregates may be more reliable than the quality of the individual components would imply.

Because of their estimated character, many of the birth and death rates shown should also be considered only as orders of magnitude, and not as measures of the true level of fertility or mortality.

In interpreting the population densities, one should consider that some of the regions include large segments of land that are uninhabitable or barely habitable, and density values calculated as described make no allowance for this, nor for differences in patterns of land settlement.

Composition of major areas and regions

AFRICA	Guinea	Georgia
Eastern Africa	Guinea-Bissau	Iraq
Burundi	Liberia	Israel
Comoros	Mali	Jordan
Djibouti	Mauritania	Kuwait
Eritrea	Niger	Lebanon
Ethiopia	Nigeria	Oman
Kenya	Saint Helena	Qatar
Madagascar	Senegal	Saudi Arabia
Malawi	Sierra Leone	State of Palestine
Mauritius	Togo	Syrian Arab Republic
Mayotte	ASIA	Türkiye
Mozambique	Eastern Asia	United Arab Emirates
Réunion	China	Yemen
Rwanda	China, Hong Kong SAR	EUROPE
Seychelles	China, Macao SAR	Eastern Europe
Somalia	Democratic People's	Belarus
South Sudan	Republic of Korea	Bulgaria
Uganda	Japan	Czech Republic
United Republic of Tanzania	Mongolia	Hungary
Zambia	Republic of Korea	Poland
Zimbabwe	South-Central Asia	Republic of Moldova
Middle Africa	Afghanistan	Romania
Angola	Bangladesh	Russian Federation
Cameroon	Bhutan	Slovakia
Central African Republic	India	Ukraine
Chad	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	Northern Europe
Congo	Kazakhstan	Åland Islands
Democratic Republic of the	Kyrgyzstan	Denmark
Congo	Maldives	Estonia
Equatorial Guinea	Nepal	Faeroe Islands
Gabon	Pakistan	Finland
Sao Tome and Principe	Sri Lanka	Guernsey
Northern Africa	Tajikistan	Iceland
Algeria	Turkmenistan	Ireland
Egypt	Uzbekistan	Isle of Man
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	South-Eastern Asia	Jersey
Morocco	Brunei Darussalam	Latvia
Sudan	Cambodia	Lithuania
Tunisia	Indonesia	Norway
Western Sahara	Lao People's Democratic	Sweden
Southern Africa	Republic	United Kingdom of Great Britain
Botswana	Malaysia	and Northern Ireland
Eswatini	Myanmar	Southern Europe
Lesotho	Philippines	Albania
Namibia	Singapore	Andorra
South Africa	Thailand	Bosnia and Herzegovina
Western Africa	Timor Leste	Croatia
Benin	Viet Nam	Gibraltar
Burkina Faso	Western Asia	Greece
Cabo Verde	Armenia	Holy See
Côte d'Ivoire	Azerbaijan	Italy
Gambia	Bahrain	Malta
Ghana	Cyprus	Montenegro
		North Macedonia

Portugal
San Marino
Serbia
Slovenia
Spain

Western Europe

Austria
Belgium
France
Germany
Liechtenstein
Luxembourg
Monaco
Netherlands (Kingdom of the)
Switzerland

**LATIN AMERICA
and the CARIBBEAN**

Caribbean

Anguilla
Antigua and Barbuda
Aruba
Bahamas
Barbados
Bonaire, Saba and Sint Eustatius
British Virgin Islands
Cayman Islands
Cuba
Curaçao
Dominica
Dominican Republic
Grenada
Guadeloupe
Haiti
Jamaica
Martinique
Montserrat
Puerto Rico

Saint Kitts and Nevis
Saint Lucia
Saint Vincent and the
Grenadines
Sint Maarten (Dutch part)
Trinidad and Tobago
Turks and Caicos Islands
United States Virgin
Islands

Central America

Belize
Costa Rica
El Salvador
Guatemala
Honduras
Mexico
Nicaragua
Panama

South America

Argentina
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)
Brazil
Chile
Colombia
Ecuador
Falkland Islands (Malvinas)
French Guiana
Guyana
Paraguay
Peru
Suriname
Uruguay
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)

NORTHERN AMERICA

Bermuda
Canada

Greenland
Saint Pierre and Miquelon
United States of America

OCEANIA

Australia and New Zealand

Australia
New Zealand
Norfolk Island

Melanesia

Fiji
New Caledonia
Papua New Guinea
Solomon Islands
Vanuatu

Micronesia

Guam
Kiribati
Marshall Islands
Micronesia (Federated States of)
Nauru
Northern Mariana Islands
Palau

Polynesia

American Samoa
Cook Islands
French Polynesia
Niue
Pitcairn
Samoa
Tokelau
Tonga
Tuvalu
Wallis and Futuna Islands