

1. Estimated mid-year population by major area and region, 2021 and 2022

	Population (in thousands)	
	2021	2022
WORLD	7 909 295	7 975 105
AFRICA	1 393 676	1 426 736
Eastern Africa	461 142	473 005
Middle Africa	190 268	196 078
Northern Africa	255 738	259 970
Southern Africa	67 985	68 599
Western Africa	418 544	429 085
ASIA	4 694 576	4 722 635
Eastern Asia	1 663 697	1 663 200
Central and Southern Asia	2 065 350	2 084 590
South-eastern Asia	675 796	681 125
Western Asia	289 733	293 720
EUROPE	745 174	743 556
Eastern Europe	291 464	289 626
Northern Europe	106 197	106 550
Southern Europe	152 131	151 760
Western Europe	195 382	195 620
LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN	656 098	660 269
Caribbean	44 182	44 392
Central America	177 662	179 060
South America	434 254	436 817
NORTHERN AMERICA	375 279	376 871
OCEANIA	44 492	45 039
Australia/New Zealand	31 051	31 363
Melanesia	12 189	12 413
Micronesia	535	539
Polynesia	717	723

Source: United Nations, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Population Division (2022). *World Population Prospects 2022*: <https://population.un.org/wpp>