

The population of the world (2017)

Gilles Pison

IN **POPULATION & SOCIETIES** 2017/8 No 547 , PAGES 1 TO 8
PUBLISHER **INED ÉDITIONS**

ISSN 0184-7783

DOI 10.3917/popsoc.547.0001

Uploaded: 10/01/2019

Article available online at

<https://shs.cairn.info/journal-population-and-societies-2017-8-page-1?lang=en>



Discover the contents of this issue, follow the journal by email, subscribe...
Scan this QR code to access the page for this issue on Cairn.info.



Electronic distribution Cairn.info for Ined Éditions.

You are authorized to reproduce this article within the limits of the terms of use of Cairn.info or, where applicable, the terms and conditions of the license subscribed to by your institution. Details and conditions can be found at cairn.info/copyright.

Unless otherwise provided by law, the digital use of these resources for educational purposes is subject to authorization by the Publisher or, where applicable, by the collective management organization authorized for this purpose. This is particularly the case in France with the CFC, which is the approved organization in this area.

Population & Societies

The Population of the World (2017)

Version
française

Gilles Pison*

Every other year, *Population and Societies* publishes a special issue called *The Population of the World*, presenting an overall picture of the situation across the globe.** There were 7.5 billion humans on the planet in 2017. The world population has risen seven-fold over the last two hundred years and may well reach 11 billion by the end of the twenty-first century.

The data shown in the central data sheet concern all geopolitical entities with a population of 150,000 or more, along with a few others. Sovereign states are listed along with non-sovereign territories, including France's overseas *départements*, territories, regions and collectivities. Countries and territorial entities are listed following the United Nations system of classification by region and continent.

The demographic indicators are the same as those used in earlier editions: land area, mid-2017 population estimate, birth and death rates, infant mortality rate, total fertility rate, percentage of population under 15 and over 65, male and female life expectancy at birth, gross national income per capita adjusted for purchasing power parity (GNI PPP) in 2016. Note that some indicators are projections, as vital statistics and survey data are not yet available for the year 2017.

Eighteen smaller tables classify countries or geopolitical entities according to different indicators, following a downward scale. In the first seven tables, a world total is given and a line separates the countries which together account for more than half of that total. For instance, the seven most populated countries (China, India, United States, Indonesia, Brazil, Pakistan, Nigeria) represent a total population of 3.93 billion, or more than half of the world population, estimated at 7.54 billion. In table 10, countries are ranked by mortality rate. With 9 deaths per 1,000 population in 2017, Burkino Faso ranks higher than Japan, with 10 per 1,000. This may seem surprising, but the relatively low number of deaths in Burkina Faso reflects the fact that its population is very young, with a very low proportion of old people, while the opposite is true in Japan. Life expectancy, which takes account of the population age distribution, gives

a more accurate picture of mortality differentials. Japan ranks number one under this criterion, with the world's highest life expectancy (84 years), while Burkina Faso is near the bottom of the list (60 years).

In the 17th and penultimate small table, countries are classified according to the proportion of working-age persons aged 15-64 in the total population. This proportion is especially high in the small Persian Gulf states, which have large populations of immigrant workers living without their families, and in countries where fertility has fallen sharply to very low levels (Moldova, Russia). Persons of working age represent a larger proportion of the total population in Southern countries where fertility has also declined rapidly in recent years (China, Iran, Vietnam). Their population pyramids have narrowed at the base, while their summit is still very small. Their shape will change, however, as the proportion of persons aged 15-64 decreases due to population ageing.

* French Museum of Natural History and French Institute for Demographic Studies.

** The data are drawn mainly from the *World Population Data Sheet* published by the *Population Reference Bureau* (PRB) [1]. Each year, this independent organization provides summary data sheets using figures issued by different sources – mainly the United Nations Population Division [2], the United States Census Bureau, the Council of Europe and INED – based on all demographic data published by national statistics agencies and international organizations.

References

[1] Toshiko Kaneda and Kristin Bietsch – 2015, *World Population Data Sheet*, Population Reference Bureau, 1875 Connecticut Ave. NW Suite 520, Washington DC 20009-5728, United States (www.prb.org).

[2] United Nations, Population Division – 2015, *World Population Prospects: The 2015 Revision*, New York (<http://esa.un.org/unpd/wpp/>).

The Population of the World (2017)

COUNTRY or geopolitical entity	Area (in thousands of sq. km)	Population mid-2017 (millions)	Births (per 1,000 pop.)	Deaths (per 1,000 pop.)	Projected population 2050 (millions)	Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 births)	Total fertility rate (children per woman)	Population age 0-14 (%)	Population age 65+ (%)	Life expectancy at birth, male (years)	Life expectancy at birth, female (years)	GNI PPP per capita in 2016 (USD)
Indicator	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)
WORLD	136,137	7,536	20	8	9,846	32	2.5	26	9	70	74	16,316
AFRICA	30,312	1,250	35	9	2,574	51	4.6	41	3	61	64	4,854
NORTHERN AFRICA	7,880	230	28	6	381	24	3.3	31	5	71	74	10,017
Algeria	2,382	42.2	26	4	65	21	3.1	29	6	75	78	14,720
Egypt	1,001	93.4	30	7	164	16	3.3	31	4	71	73	11,110
Libya	1,760	6.4	20	5	8	23	2.3	29	4	69	75	11,210
Morocco	447	35.1	19	5	40	25	2.4	25	6	74	77	7,700
Sudan	1,861	40.6	34	8	88	46	4.7	41	4	63	66	4,290
Tunisia	164	11.5	20	6	15	15	2.4	24	8	75	78	11,150
Western Sahara	266	0.6	20	5	0.9	31	2.4	29	3	68	71	-
WESTERN AFRICA	6,138	371	39	11	809	64	5.3	44	3	55	57	4,135
Benin	113	11.2	37	9	24	67	5.0	43	3	59	62	2,170
Burkina Faso	274	19.6	41	9	48	65	5.7	49	3	59	61	1,680
Cape Verde	4.0	0.55	20	6	0.6	21	2.3	31	5	71	75	6,220
Côte d'Ivoire	322	24.4	37	13	50	64	5.0	43	3	52	55	3,610
Gambia	11	2.1	40	8	5.1	47	5.5	46	2	60	62	1,640
Ghana	239	28.8	32	8	51	41	4.0	39	3	61	63	4,150
Guinea	246	11.5	36	10	24	59	4.9	43	3	59	60	1,200
Guinea-Bissau	36	1.9	37	11	3.6	75	4.7	42	3	55	59	1,580
Liberia	111	4.7	35	8	10	54	4.7	42	3	61	63	700
Mali	1,240	18.9	43	11	45	56	6.0	48	3	57	58	2,040
Mauritania	1,026	4.4	35	8	9	75	4.6	40	3	62	65	3,760
Niger	1,267	20.6	48	10	66	61	7.3	50	3	59	61	970
Nigeria	924	190.9	39	13	411	69	5.5	44	3	52	54	5,740
Senegal	197	15.8	37	6	34	39	4.9	43	3	65	69	2,480
Sierra Leone	72	7.6	37	13	13	92	4.9	43	3	51	52	1,320
Togo	57	7.8	35	9	15	52	4.5	42	3	59	61	1,370
EASTERN AFRICA	7,006	422	36	8	886	47	4.7	43	3	62	65	2,101
Burundi	28	10.4	42	11	24	47	5.5	45	3	55	59	770
Comoros	2.2	0.8	33	8	1.5	55	4.3	40	3	62	65	1,520
Djibouti	23	1.0	23	8	1.3	53	2.9	32	4	61	64	-
Eritrea	118	5.9	31	7	9	46	4.2	41	4	62	67	1,500
Ethiopia	1,104	105.0	33	7	191	48	4.6	42	3	63	67	1,730
Kenya	580	49.7	32	6	95	37	3.9	41	3	64	69	3,130
Madagascar	587	25.5	33	7	48	33	4.2	41	3	64	67	1,440
Malawi	118	18.6	35	8	37	42	4.4	44	3	60	65	1,140
Mauritius	2.0	1.3	10	8	1.1	14	1.4	20	9	71	78	20,980
Mayotte	0.37	0.25	39	2	0.52	4	5.0	44	3	75	77	-
Mozambique	802	29.7	39	10	68	65	5.3	45	3	56	60	1,190
Reunion	2.5	0.9	17	5	1.1	7	2.5	24	11	77	84	-
Rwanda	26	12.3	33	6	24	32	4.2	40	3	65	69	1,870
Seychelles	0.46	0.09	17	8	0.10	13	2.3	22	8	68	78	28,390
Somalia	638	14.7	44	12	36	74	6.4	47	3	54	58	-
South Sudan	644	12.6	37	11	28	72	5.1	42	3	55	57	-
Tanzania	945	57.5	40	7	152	43	5.2	45	3	63	67	2,740
Uganda	241	42.8	40	9	96	43	5.4	48	3	62	64	1,820
Zambia	753	16.4	39	8	39	50	5.2	45	3	59	64	3,790
Zimbabwe	391	16.6	36	9	33	50	4.0	41	3	59	62	-
MIDDLE AFRICA	391	16.6	36	9	33	50	4.0	41	3	59	62	-
Angola	1,247	28.6	45	9	80	44	6.2	47	2	58	64	6,220
Cameroon	475	25.0	36	10	52	54	4.8	43	3	57	59	3,250
Central African Republic	623	4.7	36	14	9	87	4.9	44	4	50	53	700
Chad	1,284	14.9	46	13	37	72	6.4	48	2	51	54	1,950
Congo	342	5.0	36	10	10	42	4.7	42	3	58	60	5,380
Congo (Dem. Rep.)	2,345	81.5	44	10	216	69	6.3	46	3	58	61	730
Equatorial Guinea	28	1.3	35	10	2.9	65	4.8	37	3	56	59	17,020
Gabon	268	2.0	30	8	3.5	38	3.9	36	5	64	67	16,720
São Tomé and Príncipe	1.0	0.21	33	7	0.35	38	4.4	42	4	64	69	3,240
SOUTHERN AFRICA	2,675	65	22	9	88	35	2.5	30	5	61	66	12,464
Botswana	582	2.3	24	7	3.4	31	2.8	33	5	63	69	16,380
Lesotho	30	2.2	29	13	3.2	59	3.3	36	4	51	56	3,390
Namibia	824	2.5	28	8	4.2	38	3.4	38	4	62	65	10,550
South Africa	1,221	56.5	21	9	75	33	2.4	30	5	61	67	12,860
Swaziland	17	1.4	29	10	2.1	50	3.3	38	3	54	60	7,980

The Population of the World (2017)

COUNTRY or geopolitical entity	Area (in thousands of sq. km)	Population mid-2017 (millions)	Births (per 1000 pop.)	Deaths (per 1000 pop.)	Projected population 2050 (millions)	Infant mortality rate (per 1000 births)	Total fertility rate (children per woman)	Pop. age 0-14 (%)	Pop. age 65+ (%)	Life expectancy at birth, male (years)	Life expectancy at birth, female (years)	GNI PPP per capita in 2016 (USD)
Indicator	①	②	③	④	⑤	⑥	⑦	⑧	⑨	⑩	⑪	⑫
AMERICAS	42,322	1,005	15	7	1,227	14	2.0	23	10	74	80	30,440
NORTHERN AMERICA	21,776	362	12	8	444	6	1.8	19	15	77	81	56,585
Canada	9,971	36.7	11	8	47	4	1.6	16	17	79	84	43,420
United States	9,629	325.4	12	8	397	6	1.8	19	15	76	81	58,030
CENTRAL AMERICA	2,480	177	20	5	232	19	2.3	29	6	74	79	15,361
Belize	23	0.39	24	6	0.6	9	2.6	32	4	71	77	8,000
Costa Rica	51	4.9	14	5	6	8	1.7	23	8	78	83	15,750
El Salvador	21	6.4	20	7	8	17	2.3	28	8	69	78	8,220
Guatemala	109	16.9	24	5	27	25	2.9	40	5	69	76	7,750
Honduras	112	8.9	22	5	13	26	2.5	33	4	71	76	4,410
Mexico	1,958	129.2	20	5	164	18	2.2	27	6	75	79	17,740
Nicaragua	130	6.2	20	5	8	18	2.2	30	5	72	78	5,390
Panama	76	4.1	19	5	6	13	2.4	27	8	75	81	20,990
CARIBBEAN	234	43	17	8	47	29	2.2	25	10	71	76	-
Antigua and Barbuda	0.44	0.10	15	6	0.11	8	1.9	25	7	74	79	21,840
Aruba	0.18	0.11	11	6	0.11	4	1.8	19	13	74	80	-
Bahamas	14	0.39	13	6	0.42	9	1.7	21	8	72	78	22,090
Barbados	0.43	0.29	11	9	0.25	9	1.7	19	15	73	78	16,070
Cuba	111	11.3	11	9	10	4	1.7	17	15	76	81	-
Curaçao	0.44	0.16	11	9	0.17	11	1.7	18	16	75	81	-
Dominica	0.8	0.07	12	8	0.08	20	1.8	22	10	73	78	10,610
Dominican Republic	49	10.7	21	6	13	31	2.5	30	7	71	77	14,480
Grenada	0.34	0.11	17	8	0.12	15	2.1	26	7	74	79	13,440
Guadeloupe	1.7	0.45	12	7	0.42	7	2.1	20	17	77	85	-
Haiti	28	10.6	23	8	15	48	2.9	33	4	61	66	1,790
Jamaica	11	2.9	17	7	2.7	14	2.0	23	9	73	78	-
Martinique	1.1	0.37	11	8	0.31	6	2.0	18	19	79	85	-
Puerto Rico	9	3.4	9	8	2.7	7	1.3	16	19	76	83	-
St. Kitts-Nevis	0.26	0.05	14	9	0.06	17	1.8	21	8	73	78	25,940
Saint Lucia	0.54	0.17	12	6	0.18	18	1.5	21	11	75	83	11,370
St. Vincent and the Grenadines	0.39	0.11	16	9	0.11	18	2.1	25	7	70	75	11,530
Trinidad and Tobago	5.1	1.4	14	8	1.3	13	1.7	19	10	69	75	30,810
U.S. Virgin Is.	0.35	0.11	13	7	0.10	9	2.3	20	18	77	82	-
SOUTH AMERICA	17,832	423	16	6	504	15	1.9	25	8	72	79	15,182
Argentina	2,780	44.3	17	8	54	10	2.3	25	12	74	80	-
Bolivia	1,099	11.1	24	7	17	39	2.9	32	6	66	71	7,090
Brazil	8,515	207.9	13	6	231	14	1.6	23	8	72	79	14,810
Chile	756	18.4	14	6	21	7	1.8	20	11	77	82	23,270
Colombia	1,139	49.3	15	6	61	14	2.0	26	8	73	79	13,910
Ecuador	284	16.8	20	5	23	20	2.5	30	7	73	79	11,070
French Guiana	90	0.28	25	3	0.54	9	3.4	34	5	77	83	-
Guyana	215	0.8	21	8	0.8	32	2.5	30	5	64	69	7,860
Paraguay	407	6.8	21	6	9	28	2.5	30	6	71	75	9,060
Peru	1,285	31.8	20	6	41	17	2.4	28	7	72	77	12,480
Suriname	164	0.6	18	7	0.6	16	2.4	27	7	68	75	13,720
Uruguay	175	3.5	14	9	3.7	12	2.0	21	14	74	81	21,090
Venezuela	912	31.4	19	5	41	13	2.4	28	7	73	79	17,700
ASIA	31,877	4,494	18	7	5,245	28	2.2	24	8	71	74	12,910
WESTERN ASIA	4,831	269	21	5	390	22	2.8	29	5	72	76	27,618
Armenia	30	3.0	14	9	2.4	9	1.6	20	11	72	78	9,000
Azerbaijan	87	9.9	17	6	12	11	2.0	23	6	73	78	16,130
Bahrain	0.7	1.5	14	2	2.1	6	1.9	21	2	76	78	44,690
Cyprus	9	1.2	12	6	1.4	2	1.4	17	13	80	84	31,420
Georgia	70	3.9	15	14	3.4	9	1.7	19	14	68	77	9,450
Iraq	438	39.2	32	4	77	38	4.1	40	3	67	72	17,240
Israel	22	8.3	21	5	14	3	3.1	28	11	80	84	37,400
Jordan	89	9.7	26	4	13	16	3.3	36	4	73	76	8,980
Kuwait	18	4.1	15	2	6	8	2.0	21	2	74	76	83,420
Lebanon	10	6.2	14	5	6	8	1.7	25	7	76	79	13,860
Oman	310	4.7	21	3	7	9	2.9	22	3	75	79	41,320
Palestinian Territory	6	4.9	31	4	9	18	4.0	40	3	71	75	-
Qatar	11	2.7	11	1	3.8	7	2.0	14	1	77	80	124,740

The Population of the World (2017)

COUNTRY or geopolitical entity	Area (in thousands of sq. km)	Population mid-2017 (millions)	Births (per 1000 pop.)	Deaths (per 1000 pop.)	Projected population 2050 (millions)	Infant mortality rate (per 1000 births)	Total fertility rate (children per woman)	Pop. age 0-14 (%)	Pop. age 65+ (%)	Life expectancy at birth, male (years)	Life expectancy at birth, female (years)	GNI PPP per capita in 2016 (USD)
Indicator	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)
Saudi Arabia	2,150	32.6	20	4	45	12	2.6	25	3	73	76	55,760
Syria	185	18.3	22	6	34	17	2.9	37	4	64	77	0
Turkey	784	80.9	17	5	95	10	2.1	24	8	75	81	23,990
United Arab Emirates	84	9.4	10	2	13	6	1.8	14	1	76	79	72,850
Yemen	528	28.3	32	7	48	45	4.1	41	3	63	66	2,490
CENTRAL ASIA	4,003	71	24	6	104	26	2.8	29	5	69	75	10,884
Kazakhstan	2,725	18.0	23	7	25	9	3.0	25	7	68	77	22,910
Kyrgyzstan	200	6.2	27	6	9	18	3.2	32	4	67	75	3,410
Tajikistan	143	8.8	29	5	14	36	3.4	35	3	68	74	3,500
Turkmenistan	488	5.8	27	7	9	45	3.2	30	4	64	71	16,060
Uzbekistan	447	32.4	23	5	47	29	2.5	28	4	71	76	6,640
SOUTH ASIA	6,788	1,885	22	6	2,406	40	2.4	29	5	67	70	6,560
Afghanistan	652	35.5	35	7	69	60	5.3	45	2	62	65	1,900
Bangladesh	144	164.7	19	5	202	38	2.3	29	5	71	74	3,790
Bhutan	47	0.8	19	6	1.0	27	2.1	27	5	70	70	8,070
India	3,287	1,352.6	21	7	1,676	37	2.3	29	6	67	70	6,490
Iran	1,648	80.6	20	5	93	5	1.8	24	5	75	77	17,370
Maldives	0.30	0.42	20	3	0.6	8	2.2	23	4	76	78	11,970
Nepal	147	29.4	20	6	33	32	2.3	31	5	69	71	2,520
Pakistan	796	199.3	29	7	311	67	3.6	35	4	65	67	5,580
Sri Lanka	66	21.4	16	6	21	7	2.1	25	9	72	78	11,970
SOUTHEAST ASIA	4,495	644	18	7	789	23	2.3	27	6	68	73	11,349
Brunei	6	0.43	16	4	0.54	6	1.9	24	4	75	79	83,250
Cambodia	181	15.9	24	6	22	25	2.6	32	4	66	71	3,510
Indonesia	1,905	264.0	19	7	322	23	2.4	28	5	67	71	11,220
Laos	237	7.0	24	7	9	43	2.8	34	4	65	68	5,920
Malaysia	330	31.6	17	5	42	7	2.0	25	6	73	77	26,900
Myanmar	677	53.4	18	8	62	52	2.3	28	5	64	69	-
Philippines	300	105.0	23	7	151	21	2.8	32	5	66	73	9,400
Singapore	0.7	5.7	9	5	7	2	1.2	15	12	81	85	85,050
Thailand	513	66.1	11	8	63	10	1.5	18	11	72	79	16,070
Timor-Leste	15	1.3	38	10	2.4	39	5.6	44	3	67	70	4,340
Viet Nam	332	93.7	16	7	108	15	2.1	24	8	71	76	6,050
EAST ASIA	11,760	1,625	12	7	1,557	9	1.8	16	12	76	79	18,577
China	9,561	1,386.8	13	7	1,343	10	1.8	17	11	75	78	15,500
China. Hong Kong	1.1	7.4	8	6	8	2	1.2	11	16	81	87	60,530
China. Macao	0.03	0.6	11	3	0.8	2	1.1	12	10	80	86	98,450
Japan	378	126.7	8	10	102	2	1.5	12	28	81	87	42,870
Korea. North	121	25.5	14	9	27	16	1.9	21	10	68	75	-
Korea. South	100	51.4	8	6	49	3	1.2	13	14	79	85	35,790
Mongolia	1,564	3.2	27	6	4.7	15	3.0	29	4	66	75	11,290
Taiwan	36	23.6	9	7	23	4	1.2	14	13	77	83	-
EUROPE	23,061	745	11	11	736	4	1.6	16	18	75	81	33,528
NORTHERN EUROPE	1,810	104	12	9	121	4	1.8	18	18	79	83	44,276
Denmark	43	5.8	11	9	6	3	1.8	17	19	79	83	51,040
Estonia	45	1.3	11	12	1.1	3	1.6	16	19	73	82	28,920
Finland	338	5.5	10	10	6	2	1.6	16	21	78	84	43,400
Iceland	103	0.34	12	7	0.36	2	1.8	20	14	81	84	52,490
Ireland	70	4.8	14	7	6	3	1.9	21	13	79	84	56,870
Latvia	65	1.9	11	14	1.5	4	1.7	15	20	70	79	26,090
Lithuania	65	2.8	11	14	2.4	5	1.7	15	19	69	80	28,840
Norway	385	5.3	11	8	7	2	1.7	18	17	81	84	62,510
Sweden	450	10.1	12	9	12	3	1.9	18	20	81	84	50,000
United Kingdom	243	66.2	12	9	78	4	1.8	18	18	79	82	42,100
WESTERN EUROPE	1,108	195	10	10	207	3	1.7	15	20	79	84	47,688
Austria	84	8.8	10	9	10	3	1.5	14	19	79	84	49,990
Belgium	31	11.3	11	10	13	3	1.7	17	19	79	83	46,010
France (metropolitan)	552	65.0	12	9	72	4	1.9	18	19	79	85	42,380
Germany	357	83.1	9	11	83	3	1.5	13	21	78	83	49,530
Liechtenstein	0.16	0.04	9	7	0.04	3	1.3	15	17	81	83	-
Luxembourg	2.6	0.6	10	7	0.7	4	1.4	16	14	81	85	75,750
Monaco	0.001	0.04	7	7	0.04	-	1.5	13	26	-	-	-
Netherlands	42	17.1	10	9	18	3	1.7	16	18	80	84	50,320
Switzerland	41	8.5	11	8	10	3	1.5	15	18	81	85	63,660

COUNTRY or geopolitical entity	Area (in thousands of sq. km)	Population mid-2017 (millions)	Births (per 1000 pop.)	Deaths (per 1000 pop.)	Projected population 2050 (millions)	Infant mortality rate (per 1000 births)	Total fertility rate (children per woman)	Pop. age 0-14 (%)	Pop. age 65+ (%)	Life expectancy at birth, male (years)	Life expectancy at birth, female (years)	GNI PPP per capita in 2016 (USD)
Indicator	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)
EASTERN EUROPE	18,826	293	11	13	267	6	1.6	16	15	68	78	21,068
Belarus	208	9.5	12	13	9	3	1.7	17	15	69	79	17,210
Bulgaria	111	7.1	9	15	6	7	1.5	14	21	71	78	19,020
Czech Republic	79	10.6	11	10	10	3	1.6	15	18	76	81	32,710
Hungary	93	9.8	10	13	10	4	1.5	14	18	72	79	25,640
Moldova	34	3.6	11	11	2.9	9	1.3	16	11	68	76	5,670
Poland	313	38.4	10	10	33	4	1.4	15	16	74	82	26,770
Romania	238	19.6	10	13	14	7	1.2	16	17	72	79	22,950
Russia	17,098	146.8	13	13	145	6	1.7	17	14	66	77	22,540
Slovakia	49	5.4	11	10	5.0	5	1.4	15	14	73	80	29,910
Ukraine	604	42.3	9	14	33	7	1.5	15	16	66	76	8,190
SOUTHERN EUROPE	1,317	153	9	10	141	4	1.4	14	20	79	84	32,697
Albania	29	2.9	11	7	2.6	9	1.6	18	13	77	80	11,880
Andorra	0.47	0.08	9	4	0.07	3	1.2	14	14	-	-	-
Bosnia-Herzegovina	51	3.5	9	11	2.7	5	1.2	14	16	74	79	12,140
Croatia	57	4.1	9	12	3.4	4	1.4	15	19	74	80	22,880
Greece	132	10.7	8	11	9	4	1.3	14	21	78	84	26,900
Italy	301	60.5	8	10	58	3	1.3	14	22	81	85	38,230
Kosovo	11	1.8	13	5	1.8	12	1.8	24	8	74	79	-
Macedonia	26	2.1	11	10	1.9	12	1.5	17	13	73	77	14,480
Malta	0.32	0.44	10	8	0.43	6	1.5	14	19	80	84	35,720
Montenegro	14	0.6	12	10	0.7	4	1.6	18	14	74	79	17,090
Portugal	92	10.3	8	11	9	3	1.4	14	21	78	83	29,990
San Marina	0.06	0.03	8	8	0.03	2	1.4	15	19	85	89	-
Serbia	77	7.0	9	14	5.3	5	1.5	14	19	73	78	13,680
Slovenia	20	2.1	10	10	1.9	2	1.6	15	17	78	84	32,360
Spain	506	46.6	9	9	44	3	1.3	15	19	80	86	36,340
OCEANIA	8,564	42	16	7	63	20	2.3	23	12	75	79	34,091
Australia	7,741	24.5	13	7	37	3	1.8	19	15	80	85	45,970
Federated States of Micronesia ...	0.7	0.11	22	6	0.11	32	3.0	34	4	68	70	4,330
Fiji	18	0.9	18	9	1.1	14	3.1	29	6	67	73	9,140
French Polynesia	4.0	0.27	14	5	0.32	8	1.8	24	7	74	78	-
Guam	0.55	0.16	21	6	0.21	11	2.9	25	8	76	82	-
Kiribati	0.7	0.11	29	7	0.19	44	3.8	35	4	63	70	3,240
Marshall Islands	0.18	0.06	27	4	0.08	22	4.1	41	3	71	73	-
New Caledonia	19	0.28	15	5	0.43	12	2.3	24	9	74	80	-
New Zealand	271	4.8	13	7	6	4	1.9	20	15	80	83	37,860
Papua New Guinea	463	8.3	28	7	14	47	3.7	37	4	63	68	2,700
Samoa	2.8	0.20	26	5	0.24	17	4.2	37	5	72	78	6,200
Solomon Islands	29	0.7	29	5	1.1	26	3.9	40	3	69	72	2,150
Tonga	0.7	0.10	24	6	0.13	20	3.6	36	6	70	76	5,760
Vanuatu	12	0.29	27	5	0.6	22	3.4	36	4	70	74	3,050

Notes

- **World and regional totals** – Regional population totals are independently rounded and include small countries or areas not shown in the table. Regional and world rates and percentages are weighted averages of countries for which data are available; regional averages are shown when data are available for at least three quarters of the region's population.
- **The tables taken from the World Population Data Sheets should not be used as a time series.** Fluctuations in values from year to year often reflect revisions based on new data or estimates rather than actual changes in levels. Additional information on likely trends and consistent time series can be obtained by consulting publications of the organizations listed above.
- **Area** – This refers to the “land area” or “total area” of the country, excluding area under inland

water bodies, i.e. major rivers and lakes. Variations are due to updates and revised data provided by the countries and do not necessarily reflect an actual change in the country's area. The PRB used the data provided by the last FAO Production Yearbook.

- **Population mid-2017** – Estimates are based on a recent census, official national data, or UN and U.S. Census Bureau projections. The effects of refugee movements, large numbers of foreign workers and population shifts due to contemporary political events are taken into account where possible. Such events can lead to a high degree of uncertainty in the estimates.
- **GNI PPP** – gross national income converted to US dollars using a purchasing power parity (PPP) factor; this indicator is not available for all countries.

To find out more about the world population, visit the INED website at www.ined.fr/en/

The “All about Population” and “Population in figures” pages give a wide array of information about the world population.

- Go to the “Population maps” and “Population in figures” pages to see the United Nations population statistics. You can navigate from one country to another, view demographic trends, classify and compare different countries.
 - You can play interactive population games by using the “Population simulator” to look into the future, or go to “The population and me” to see where you stand in the world population.
- Discover our animations, videos, fact sheets and publications.

The Population of the World (2017)

Table 1 - Area (in thousands of sq. km.)	
Indicator ①	Thousands
1 Russia	17,098
2 Canada	9,971
3 United States	9,629
4 China	9,561
5 Brazil	8,515
6 Australia	7,741
European Union (28)	4,387
7 India	3,287
8 Argentina	2,780
9 Kazakhstan	2,725
10 Algeria	2,382
11 Congo (Dem. Rep.)	2,345
12 Saudi Arabia	2,150
13 Mexico	1,958
14 Indonesia	1,905
15 Sudan	1,861
16 Libya	1,760
17 Iran	1,648
18 Mongolia	1,564
19 Peru	1,285
20 Chad	1,284
21 Niger	1,267
22 Angola	1,247
23 Mali	1,240
24 South Africa	1,221
25 Colombia	1,139
26 Ethiopia	1,104
27 Bolivia	1,099
28 Mauritania	1,026
29 Egypt	1,001
47 France (metropolitan)	552
WORLD	136,137

Table 2 - Most populated countries, 2017 estimate (in millions pop.)	
Indicator ②	Thousands
1 China	1,386.8
2 India	1,352.6
European Union (28)	511.2
3 United States	325.4
4 Indonesia	264.0
5 Brazil	207.9
6 Pakistan	199.3
7 Nigeria	190.9
8 Bangladesh	164.7
9 Russia	146.8
10 Mexico	129.2
11 Japan	126.7
12 Philippines	105.0
13 Ethiopia	105.0
14 Vietnam	93.7
15 Egypt	93.4
16 Germany	83.1
17 Congo (Dem. Rep.)	81.5
18 Turkey	80.9
19 Iran	80.6
20 United Kingdom	66.2
21 Thailand	66.1
22 France (metropolitan)	65.0
23 Italy	60.5
24 Tanzania	57.5
25 South Africa	56.5
26 Myanmar (Burma)	53.4
27 South Korea	51.4
28 Kenya	49.7
29 Colombia	49.3
30 Spain	46.6
WORLD	7,535.8

Table 3 - Most populated countries, projection to 2050 (in millions pop.)	
Indicator ⑤	Thousands
1 India	1,676
2 China	1,343
European Union (28)	515
3 Nigeria	411
4 United States	397
5 Indonesia	322
6 Pakistan	311
7 Brazil	231
8 Congo (Dem. Rep.)	216
9 Bangladesh	202
10 Ethiopia	191
11 Mexico	164
12 Egypt	164
13 Tanzania	152
14 Philippines	151
15 Russia	145
16 Vietnam	108
17 Japan	102
18 Uganda	96
19 Kenya	95
20 Turkey	95
21 Iran	93
22 Sudan	88
23 Germany	83
24 Angola	80
25 United Kingdom	78
26 Iraq	77
27 South Africa	75
28 France (metropolitan)	72
29 Afghanistan	69
30 Mozambique	68
WORLD	9,846

Table 4 - Annual number of births (in thousands)	
Indicator ② × ③	Thousands
1 India	28,134
2 China	17,959
3 Nigeria	7,516
4 Pakistan	5,720
5 Indonesia	5,121
European Union (28)	5,068
6 United States	4,002
7 Congo (Dem. Rep.)	3,547
8 Ethiopia	3,485
9 Bangladesh	3,176
10 Egypt	2,820
11 Brazil	2,791
12 Mexico	2,519
13 Philippines	2,363
14 Tanzania	2,272
15 Russia	1,894
16 Uganda	1,723
17 Iran	1,605
18 Kenya	1,580
19 Vietnam	1,518
20 Sudan	1,389
21 Turkey	1,335
22 Angola	1,299
23 Afghanistan	1,246
24 Iraq	1,235
25 South Africa	1,187
26 Mozambique	1,168
27 Algeria	1,103
28 Niger	997
29 Japan	988
42 France (metropolitan)	747
WORLD	148,310

Table 5 - Annual number of deaths (in thousands)	
Indicator ② × ④	Thousands
1 China	9,832
2 India	8,792
European Union (28)	5,132
3 United States	2,740
4 Nigeria	2,437
5 Russia	1,894
6 Indonesia	1,874
7 Pakistan	1,455
8 Japan	1,305
9 Brazil	1,272
10 Germany	939
11 Bangladesh	875
12 Congo (Dem. Rep.)	840
13 Ethiopia	748
14 Mexico	697
15 Philippines	683
16 Vietnam	637
17 Egypt	607
18 Italy	605
19 United Kingdom	596
20 Ukraine	581
21 France (metropolitan)	578
22 Thailand	542
23 South Africa	509
24 Myanmar (Burma)	432
25 Turkey	429
26 Tanzania	410
27 Spain	408
28 Poland	388
29 Iran	387
30 Uganda	381
WORLD	56,530

Table 6 - Annual number of deaths under age one (in thousands)	
Indicator ② × ③ × ⑥	Thousands
1 India	1,041
2 Nigeria	519
3 Pakistan	382
4 Congo (Dem. Rep.)	244
5 China	180
6 Ethiopia	167
7 Bangladesh	121
8 Indonesia	118
9 Tanzania	98
10 Mozambique	76
11 Afghanistan	75
12 Uganda	74
13 Sudan	64
14 Niger	61
15 Côte d'Ivoire	58
16 Kenya	58
17 Angola	57
18 Burkina Faso	52
19 Myanmar (Burma)	50
20 Chad	50
21 Philippines	49
22 Cameroon	49
23 Somalia	48
24 Iraq	46
25 Mali	46
26 Mexico	45
27 Egypt	44
28 Yemen	41
29 Brazil	40
European Union (28)	18
93 France (metropolitan)	3
WORLD	4,805

Table 7 - GNI PPP in 2016 (billion USD)	
Indicators $(2) \times (12)$	Bn USD
1 China	21,495
<i>European Union (28)</i>	<i>20,108</i>
2 United States	18,881
3 India	8,778
4 Japan	5,433
5 Germany	4,116
6 Russia	3,309
7 Brazil	3,078
8 Indonesia	2,962
9 United Kingdom	2,787
10 France (metropolitan)	2,754
11 Italy	2,314
12 Mexico	2,291
13 Turquie	1,941
14 South Korea	1,841
15 Saudi Arabia	1,818
16 Spain	1,692
17 Canada	1,595
18 Iran	1,401
19 Australia	1,125
20 Pakistan	1,112
21 Nigeria	1,096
22 Thailand	1,062
23 Egypt	1,037
24 Poland	1,029
25 Philippines	987
26 Netherlands	863
27 Malaysia	851
28 South Africa	727
29 Colombia	686
30 United Arab Emirates	685
WORLD	122,953

Table 8 - Density (pop. / sq.km)	
Indicators $(2) / (1)$	pop./sq.km
1 Macao (China)	23,945
15 Bangladesh	1,144
20 Taiwan	655
24 Lebanon	599
27 South Korea	517
31 Netherlands	413
32 India	411
37 Belgium	372
40 Philippines	350
43 Japan	335
52 Vietnam	283
54 United Kingdom	272
58 Pakistan	250
62 Germany	233
70 Nigeria	207
72 Switzerland	206
74 Italy	201
86 China	145
95 Poland	123
98 France (metropolitan)	118
<i>European Union (28)</i>	<i>117</i>
110 Turkey	103
123 Spain	92
136 Morocco	79
WORLD	55
185 United States	34
193 Brazil	24
225 Russia	9
232 Canada	4
237 Australia	3
238 French Guiana	3
241 Mongolia	2

Table 9 - Birth rate (births per 1,000 population)	
Indicator (3)	
1 Japan	8
2 Italy	8
3 South Korea	8
24 Spain	9
27 Germany	9
41 Poland	10
<i>European Union (28)</i>	<i>10</i>
49 Netherlands	10
58 Belgium	11
61 Canada	11
70 Cuba	11
76 France (metropolitan)	12
81 United Kingdom	12
85 United States	12
91 Australia	13
93 China	13
99 Brazil	13
108 Lebanon	14
128 Turkey	17
143 Indonesia	19
WORLD	20
166 Israel	21
170 Philippines	23
186 Algeria	26
201 Egypt	30
209 Ethiopia	33
220 Afghanistan	35
227 Senegal	37
235 Nigeria	39
242 Mali	43
245 Angola	45
247 Niger	48

Table 10 - Mortality rate (deaths per 1,000 pop.)	
Indicator (4)	
1 Qatar	1
9 United Arab Emirates	2
28 Algeria	4
35 Honduras	5
37 Iran	5
48 Morocco	5
55 Turkey	5
66 Peru	6
85 Senegal	6
95 Madagascar	7
111 Iceland	7
118 China	7
122 Tanzania	7
WORLD	8
139 Canada	8
146 Haiti	8
161 Gambia	8
167 United States	8
171 Korea. North	9
180 France (metropolitan)	9
181 Burkina Faso	9
198 Belgium	10
205 Niger	10
<i>European Union (28)</i>	<i>10</i>
213 Japan	10
224 Germany	11
225 South Sudan	11
228 Croatia	12
232 Nigeria	13
234 Russia	13
241 Ukraine	14
247 Bulgaria	15

Table 11 - Infant mortality rate (deaths below age one per 1,000 live births)	
Indicator (6)	%
1 Iceland	2
3 Japan	2
6 Finland	2
19 Germany	3
30 Belgium	3
40 France (metropolitan)	4
<i>European Union (28)</i>	<i>4</i>
49 United Kingdom	4
66 Iran	5
74 United States	6
75 Russia	6
92 Ukraine	7
105 Albania	9
116 China	10
125 Saudi Arabia	12
131 Venezuela	13
139 Brazil	14
140 Vietnam	15
144 Egypt	16
165 Algeria	21
170 Indonesia	23
184 Rwanda	32
WORLD	32
189 Madagascar	33
192 India	37
205 Uganda	43
212 Sudan	46
217 Haiti	48
225 Cameroon	54
237 Pakistan	67
241 Chad	72
246 Sierra Leone	92

Table 12 - Life expectancy at birth (years, both sexes)	
Indicators $((10) + (11)) / 2$	Years
1 Japan	84
2 Spain	83
5 Italy	83
6 Switzerland	83
8 Australia	82
10 France (metropolitan)	82
24 Austria	82
25 Canada	82
<i>European Union (28)</i>	<i>81</i>
38 United Kingdom	81
39 Germany	81
41 Portugal	80
55 United States	79
60 Turkey	78
70 Argentina	77
80 China	77
83 Algeria	76
124 Belarus	74
136 Paraguay	73
142 Bangladesh	72
WORLD	72
149 Egypt	72
155 Russia	71
168 Philippines	69
173 India	68
176 Senegal	67
182 Pakistan	66
194 South Africa	64
211 Burkina Faso	60
219 Mali	57
227 Nigeria	53
230 Central African Republic	51

Table 13 - Rate of natural increase (annual, %)		
Indicators	③ – ④	annual %
1 Niger		3.8
2 Angola		3.7
4 Congo (Dem. Rep.)		3.3
7 Tanzania		3.2
11 Uganda		3.1
15 Mozambique		2.9
23 Madagascar		2.7
27 Nigeria		2.7
32 Ethiopia		2.6
46 Egypt		2.4
55 Algeria		2.2
58 Pakistan		2.1
65 Guatemala		1.9
81 Philippines		1.6
96 India		1.4
105 Kuwait		1.3
111 Indonesia		1.2
WORLD		1.2
117 Turkey		1.1
131 Vietnam		0.9
145 Brazil		0.7
157 China		0.6
173 United States		0.4
184 France (metropolitan)		0.3
199 Denmark		0.2
206 Austria		0.1
<i>European Union (28)</i>		<i>0.0</i>
236 Finland		0.0
244 Germany		-0.2
245 Japan		-0.3
253 Ukraine		-0.4
255 Bulgaria		-0.6

Table 14 - Total fertility rate (Children per woman)		
Indicator	⑦	ch./wm.
1 Niger		7.3
3 Somalia		6.4
5 Angola		6.2
7 Burkina Faso		5.7
9 Nigeria		5.5
15 Tanzania		5.2
20 Côte d'Ivoire		5.0
32 Ethiopia		4.6
38 Madagascar		4.2
54 Pakistan		3.6
60 Egypt		3.3
67 Algeria		3.1
76 Haiti		2.9
86 Cambodia		2.6
WORLD		2.5
104 Indonesia		2.4
110 Argentina		2.3
115 India		2.3
124 Turkey		2.1
133 Colombia		2.0
146 France (metropolitan)		1.9
150 United States		1.8
152 China		1.8
167 Russia		1.7
178 Belgium		1.7
186 Brazil		1.6
<i>European Union (28)</i>		<i>1.5</i>
200 Thailand		1.5
218 Portugal		1.4
222 Spain		1.3
231 Taiwan		1.2
232 South Korea		1.2

Table 15 - Proportion of pop. under age 15 (%)		
Indicator	⑧	%
1 Niger		50
6 Angola		47
8 Congo (Dem. Rep.)		46
12 Tanzania		45
16 Nigeria		44
20 Senegal		43
39 Côte d'Ivoire		41
28 Togo		42
44 Rwanda		40
64 Pakistan		38
52 Syria		37
73 Philippines		32
77 Egypt		31
92 India		29
100 Israel		28
WORLD		26
130 Turkey		24
139 Brazil		23
148 Ireland		21
169 United States		19
178 France (metropolitan)		18
187 Russia		17
193 China		17
201 Canada		16
<i>European Union (28)</i>		<i>15</i>
212 Spain		15
213 Poland		15
222 Austria		14
231 Taiwan		14
232 Italy		14
233 Germany		13
238 Japan		12

Table 16 - Proportion of pop. aged 65+ (%)		
Indicator	⑨	%
1 Japan		28
3 Italy		22
5 Germany		21
9 Sweden		20
12 France (metropolitan)		19
<i>European Union (28)</i>		<i>19</i>
19 Spain		19
27 Netherlands		18
41 Canada		17
42 Poland		16
48 United States		15
64 Russia		14
67 Ireland		13
76 Argentina		12
82 China		11
89 North Korea		10
WORLD		9
104 Brazil		8
117 Peru		7
125 Mexico		6
137 India		6
146 Indonesia		5
148 Iran		5
158 Pakistan		4
164 Egypt		4
187 Ethiopia		3
217 Nigeria		3
233 Chad		2
236 Angola		2
238 Qatar		1
239 United Arab Emirates		1

Table 17 - Working age population (percentage aged 15-64)		
Indicator		%
1 Qatar		85
7 Kuwait		76
12 Moldova		73
13 China		73
23 Iran		71
39 Brazil		70
46 Russia		69
62 Vietnam		68
108 United States		66
112 India		66
114 Germany		66
WORLD		65
124 Algeria		65
<i>European Union (28)</i>		<i>65</i>
138 Egypt		64
139 United Kingdom		64
156 Philippines		63
164 France (metropolitan)		62
174 Bolivia		61
178 Pakistan		60
180 Japan		60
186 Swaziland		59
188 Syria		58
192 Ghana		57
201 Madagascar		56
210 Ethiopia		55
215 Côte d'Ivoire		54
220 Mayotte		53
229 Tanzania		52
236 Mali		50
239 Niger		47

Table 18 - GNI PPP per capita in 2016 (in US dollars)		
Indicator	⑫	USD
1 Qatar		124,740
9 Switzerland		63,660
10 Norway		62,510
12 United States		58,030
20 Germany		49,530
26 Japan		42,870
27 France (metropolitan)		42,380
28 United Kingdom		42,100
<i>European Union (28)</i>		<i>39,332</i>
35 South Korea		35,790
37 Czech Republic		32,710
52 Turkey		23,990
57 Russia		22,540
64 Mexico		17,740
WORLD		16,316
79 China		15,500
80 Brazil		14,810
90 South Africa		12,860
91 Peru		12,480
99 Indonesia		11,220
102 Egypt		11,110
107 Philippines		9,400
113 Ukraine		8,190
119 Morocco		7,700
122 India		6,490
126 Vietnam		6,050
129 Nigeria		5,740
142 Côte d'Ivoire		3,610
159 Mali		2,040
174 Guinea		1,200
179 Congo (Dem. Rep.)		730