

Demographic Indicators

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	Total Population (thousands)		Average Annual Population Change (percent)				Population Density (people per square kilometer)		Percent of Population in Urban Areas		Total Fertility Rate (average total number of children per woman)	
			Total	Urban	Rural	1975	2002 (a)	1975-80	2000 (b)	1975-80	2000-05 (b)	
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WORLD	4,065,508	6,211,082	1.7	1.2	2.0	0.4	30	46	37.9	47.0	3.9	2.7
ASIA (EXCL. MIDDLE EAST)	2,263,328	3,493,424	1.8	1.2	2.5	0.4	91	140	23.6	34.6	4.1	2.5
Armenia	2,826	3,790	1.8	0.3	0.8	(0.7)	95	127	63.0	70.0	2.5	1.1
Azerbaijan	5,689	8,147	1.6	0.8	1.5	(0.2)	66	94	51.5	57.3	3.6	1.5
Bangladesh	75,590	143,364	2.8	1.7	4.0	0.9	525	996	9.8	24.5	5.7	3.6
Bhutan	1,178	2,198	2.3	2.7	6.0	2.4	25	47	3.5	7.1	5.9	5.1
Cambodia	7,098	13,776	(1.8)	1.8	4.2	1.3	39	76	10.3	15.9	4.7	4.8
China (c)	927,808	1,294,377	1.5	0.8	2.3	(0.1)	97	135	17.4	32.1	3.3	1.8
Georgia	4,908	5,213	0.7	0.0	0.8	(1.2)	70	75	49.5	60.7	2.4	1.4
India	620,701	1,041,144	2.1	1.4	2.8	0.8	189	317	21.3	28.4	4.8	3.0
Indonesia	134,571	217,534	2.1	1.2	3.6	(0.6)	71	114	19.4	40.9	4.7	2.3
Japan	111,524	127,538	0.9	0.1	0.3	(0.7)	295	338	75.7	78.8	1.8	1.3
Kazakhstan	14,136	16,027	1.1	(0.1)	0.2	(0.5)	5	6	52.2	56.4	3.1	2.0
Korea, Dem People's Rep	16,018	22,586	1.6	1.1	1.6	0.4	133	187	56.7	60.2	2.8	2.1
Korea, Rep	35,281	47,389	1.6	0.7	1.4	(2.6)	355	477	48.0	81.9	2.9	1.5
Kyrgyzstan	3,299	5,047	1.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	17	25	37.9	33.3	4.1	2.3
Lao People's Dem Rep	3,024	5,530	1.2	2.5	4.9	1.7	13	23	11.4	23.5	6.7	4.8
Malaysia	12,258	23,036	2.3	1.7	2.8	0.0	37	70	37.7	57.4	4.2	2.9
Mongolia	1,447	2,587	2.8	1.5	2.3	0.1	1	2	48.7	63.5	6.6	2.3
Myanmar	30,158	48,956	2.1	1.1	2.9	0.4	45	72	23.9	27.7	5.3	2.8
Nepal	13,137	24,153	2.5	2.2	5.1	1.8	89	164	5.0	11.9	5.7	4.5
Pakistan	70,278	148,721	2.6	2.5	4.1	1.5	88	187	26.4	37.0	6.3	5.1
Philippines	42,022	78,611	2.3	1.9	3.1	(0.1)	140	262	35.6	58.6	5.5	3.2
Singapore	2,263	4,188	1.3	1.0	1.0	0.0	3649	6755	100.0	100.0	1.9	1.5
Sri Lanka	13,512	19,287	1.7	1.0	2.8	0.4	206	294	22.0	23.6	3.8	2.1
Tajikistan	3,442	6,177	2.8	1.3	1.3	1.3	24	43	35.5	27.5	5.9	2.9
Thailand	41,067	64,344	2.4	0.8	2.7	0.3	80	125	15.1	21.6	4.0	2.0
Turkmenistan	2,520	4,930	2.5	1.6	2.1	1.3	5	10	47.6	44.8	5.3	3.2
Uzbekistan	13,981	25,618	2.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	31	57	39.1	36.9	5.6	2.3
Viet Nam	47,974	80,226	2.2	1.3	2.2	1.1	145	242	18.8	19.7	5.9	2.3
EUROPE	676,340	725,124	0.5	(0.0)	0.3	(1.0)	29	31	67.3	74.8	2.0	1.3
Albania	2,401	3,164	1.9	0.6	2.0	(0.4)	84	110	32.8	41.6	4.2	2.3
Austria	7,579	8,069	(0.1)	0.3	0.5	(0.2)	90	96	65.2	64.7	1.6	1.2
Belarus	9,367	10,106	0.6	(0.3)	0.3	(1.9)	45	49	50.3	71.2	2.1	1.2
Belgium	9,801	10,276	0.1	0.0	0.1	(2.2)	X	X	94.9	97.3	1.7	1.5
Bosnia and Herzegovina	3,747	4,126	0.9	1.3	2.3	0.4	73	81	31.3	43.0	2.2	1.3
Bulgaria	8,721	7,790	0.3	(0.6)	(0.1)	(1.7)	79	70	57.5	69.6	2.2	1.1
Croatia	4,263	4,657	0.5	(0.1)	0.6	(1.2)	75	82	45.1	57.7	2.0	1.7
Czech Rep	9,997	10,250	0.6	(0.1)	0.0	(0.6)	127	130	63.7	74.7	2.3	1.2
Denmark	5,060	5,343	0.3	0.1	0.2	(0.4)	117	124	81.8	85.3	1.7	1.7
Estonia	1,432	1,361	0.6	(1.0)	(1.0)	(1.0)	32	30	67.6	68.6	2.1	1.2
Finland	4,711	5,183	0.3	0.2	0.9	(1.5)	14	15	58.3	67.3	1.6	1.6
France	52,699	59,670	0.4	0.3	0.6	(0.7)	96	108	73.0	75.6	1.9	1.8
Germany	78,674	81,990	(0.1)	0.0	0.2	(1.5)	220	230	81.2	87.5	1.5	1.3
Greece	9,047	10,631	1.3	0.0	0.4	(0.7)	69	81	55.3	60.1	2.3	1.2
Hungary	10,532	9,867	0.3	(0.4)	(0.0)	(1.1)	113	106	52.8	64.0	2.1	1.2
Iceland	218	283	0.9	0.8	1.0	(1.3)	2	3	86.6	92.5	2.3	1.9
Ireland	3,177	3,878	1.4	0.7	1.2	0.0	45	55	53.6	59.0	3.5	2.0
Italy	55,441	57,449	0.4	(0.2)	0.1	(0.7)	184	191	65.6	67.0	1.9	1.2
Latvia	2,456	2,392	0.4	(1.1)	(1.0)	(1.4)	38	37	65.4	69.0	2.0	1.1
Lithuania	3,302	3,682	0.7	(0.3)	(0.1)	(0.8)	51	56	55.7	68.4	2.1	1.2
Macedonia, FYR	1,676	2,051	1.4	0.6	1.3	(0.6)	65	80	50.6	62.0	2.7	1.5
Moldova, Rep	3,839	4,273	0.9	0.0	0.3	(0.2)	113	126	35.8	46.1	2.4	1.4
Netherlands	13,666	15,990	0.7	0.2	0.3	(0.6)	329	385	88.4	89.4	1.6	1.5
Norway	4,007	4,505	0.4	0.5	0.9	(1.0)	12	14	68.2	75.5	1.8	1.7
Poland	34,015	38,542	0.9	0.1	0.7	(1.1)	105	119	55.4	65.6	2.3	1.3
Portugal	9,093	10,049	1.4	(0.1)	1.7	(3.8)	99	109	27.7	64.4	2.4	1.5
Romania	21,245	22,332	0.9	(0.4)	0.2	(1.1)	89	94	46.2	56.2	2.5	1.3
Russian Federation	134,233	143,752	0.7	(0.2)	0.2	(1.7)	8	8	66.4	77.7	1.9	1.1
Serbia and Montenegro	9,085	10,522	0.9	0.1	0.6	(0.5)	89	103	43.0	52.2	2.4	1.6
Slovakia	4,736	5,408	1.0	0.2	0.5	(0.3)	97	110	46.3	57.4	2.5	1.3
Slovenia	1,742	1,983	1.0	(0.1)	0.3	(0.5)	86	98	42.4	50.4	2.2	1.1
Spain	35,596	39,924	1.1	(0.1)	0.2	(1.2)	70	79	69.6	77.6	2.6	1.1
Sweden	8,193	8,823	0.3	0.2	0.3	(0.3)	18	20	82.7	83.3	1.7	1.3
Switzerland	6,339	7,167	(0.1)	0.4	0.6	0.1	154	174	55.7	67.7	1.5	1.4
Ukraine	49,016	48,652	0.4	(0.4)	(0.1)	(0.9)	81	81	58.3	68.0	2.0	1.1
United Kingdom	56,226	59,657	0.0	0.1	0.2	(0.6)	231	246	88.7	89.5	1.7	1.6
MIDDLE EAST & N. AFRICA	213,656	423,296	2.7	2.0	2.8	0.9	16	33	43.0	60.6	5.9	3.5
Afghanistan	14,313	23,294	0.9	4.9	6.9	4.2	22	36	13.3	21.9	7.4	6.8
Algeria	16,018	31,403	3.1	2.1	3.2	0.4	7	13	40.3	60.3	7.2	2.8
Egypt	38,841	70,278	2.4	1.7	2.3	1.2	39	70	43.5	45.2	5.3	2.9
Iran, Islamic Rep	33,467	72,376	3.3	1.0	1.8	(0.4)	20	44	45.8	61.6	6.0	2.8
Iraq	11,020	24,246	3.3	2.9	3.3	1.1	25	55	61.4	76.8	6.6	4.8
Israel	3,358	6,303	2.3	1.7	1.8	0.6	159	299	86.6	91.2	3.4	2.7
Jordan	1,937	5,196	2.3	2.9	3.5	1.0	22	58	55.3	74.2	7.4	4.3
Kuwait	1,007	2,023	6.2	2.3	2.3	(0.7)	56	114	83.8	97.6	5.9	2.7
Lebanon	2,767	3,614	(0.7)	1.4	1.7	(1.7)	266	347	67.0	89.7	4.3	2.2
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	2,446	5,529	4.4	2.3	2.6	(0.0)	1	3	60.9	87.6	7.4	3.3
Morocco	17,305	30,988	2.3	1.6	2.8	(0.2)	39	69	37.7	56.1	5.9	3.0
Oman	880	2,709	5.0	3.3	4.4	(3.9)	3	9	19.6	84.0	7.2	5.5
Saudi Arabia	7,251	21,701	5.6	3.0	3.4	(0.1)	3	10	58.4	85.7	7.3	5.5
Syrian Arab Rep	7,438	17,040	3.1	2.5	3.3	1.4	40	92	45.1	54.5	7.4	3.7
Tunisia	5,668	9,670	2.6	1.3	2.3	(0.6)	35	59	49.9	65.5	5.7	2.1
Turkey	40,025	68,569	2.1	1.4	2.6	(2.5)	52	88	41.6	75.3	4.7	2.3
United Arab Emirates	505	2,701	14.0	1.7	2.0	(0.4)	6	32	65.4	85.9	5.7	2.9
Yemen	6,991	19,912	3.2	3.5	4.7	3.0	13	38	16.6	24.7	7.6	7.6



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SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA	325,636	683,782	2.8	2.3	4.1	1.3	13	27	20.9	34.3	6.7	5.6
Angola	6,187	13,936	2.7	3.1	4.9	2.1	5	11	17.8	34.2	6.8	7.2
Benin	3,046	6,629	2.5	2.6	4.4	1.3	27	59	21.9	42.3	7.1	5.7
Botswana	759	1,564	3.6	1.2	2.2	0.1	1	3	12.0	50.3	6.4	3.9
Burkina Faso	6,179	12,207	2.5	2.7	5.6	2.0	23	45	6.3	18.5	7.8	6.8
Burundi	3,680	6,688	2.3	2.6	5.9	2.2	132	240	3.2	9.0	6.8	6.8
Cameroon	7,542	15,535	2.8	2.5	4.0	1.0	16	33	26.9	48.9	6.4	4.7
Central African Rep	2,057	3,844	2.4	1.8	3.0	0.9	3	6	33.7	41.2	5.9	4.9
Chad	4,096	8,390	2.1	2.6	4.2	2.1	3	7	15.6	23.8	6.7	6.7
Congo	1,447	3,206	2.9	2.7	3.7	0.9	4	9	34.8	62.5	6.3	6.3
Congo, Dem Rep	23,149	54,275	3.0	3.0	4.5	2.3	10	23	29.5	30.3	6.5	6.7
Côte d'Ivoire	6,755	16,691	3.9	2.1	3.4	0.9	21	52	32.1	46.4	7.4	4.6
Equatorial Guinea	225	483	(0.7)	2.4	4.5	0.3	8	17	27.1	48.2	5.7	5.9
Eritrea	2,089	3,993	2.6	2.5	4.6	2.0	18	34	12.2	18.7	6.4	5.3
Ethiopia	32,817	66,040	2.4	2.4	5.0	1.8	X	X	9.5	17.6	6.8	6.8
Gabon	593	1,293	3.1	2.2	3.1	(2.3)	2	5	40.0	81.4	4.4	5.4
Gambia	548	1,371	3.2	2.5	4.5	1.5	48	121	17.0	32.5	6.5	4.8
Ghana	9,867	20,176	1.9	2.7	4.2	1.7	41	85	30.1	38.4	6.9	4.2
Guinea	4,079	8,381	1.5	2.4	4.5	1.4	17	34	16.3	32.8	7.0	5.8
Guinea-Bissau	635	1,257	4.7	2.1	4.0	1.5	18	35	15.9	23.7	6.0	6.0
Kenya	13,578	31,904	3.8	1.6	4.1	0.3	23	55	12.9	33.1	7.9	4.2
Lesotho	1,221	2,076	2.5	1.9	4.6	0.8	40	68	10.8	28.0	5.7	4.5
Liberia	1,609	3,298	3.1	3.6	4.9	2.5	14	30	30.3	44.9	6.8	6.8
Madagascar	7,903	16,913	2.5	2.7	4.8	1.7	13	29	16.1	29.6	6.5	5.7
Malawi	5,244	11,828	3.3	2.4	7.3	0.5	44	100	7.7	24.9	7.6	6.3
Mali	6,169	12,019	2.1	2.5	4.6	1.6	5	10	16.2	30.0	7.1	7.0
Mauritania	1,371	2,830	2.5	2.7	4.3	0.1	1	3	20.3	57.7	6.5	6.0
Mozambique	10,349	18,986	2.8	1.7	4.1	0.0	13	24	8.6	40.2	6.7	5.9
Namibia	902	1,819	2.7	1.2	2.8	0.5	1	2	20.6	30.9	6.5	4.9
Niger	4,812	11,641	3.2	3.1	5.5	2.4	4	9	10.6	20.6	8.2	8.0
Nigeria	54,886	120,047	2.8	2.2	4.1	0.7	59	130	23.4	44.0	6.9	5.4
Rwanda	4,384	8,148	3.3	2.1	4.2	2.0	166	309	4.0	6.2	8.5	5.8
Senegal	4,806	9,908	2.8	2.5	4.0	1.1	24	50	34.2	47.4	7.0	5.1
Sierra Leone	2,931	4,814	2.0	2.2	4.0	1.1	41	67	21.4	36.6	6.5	6.5
Somalia	4,134	9,557	7.0	3.6	5.2	3.0	6	15	21.3	27.5	7.3	7.3
South Africa	25,789	44,203	2.2	0.7	1.3	0.1	21	36	48.0	50.4	5.0	2.9
Sudan	16,664	32,559	3.1	2.1	4.5	0.6	7	13	18.9	36.1	6.3	4.5
Tanzania, United Rep	16,180	36,820	3.1	2.3	5.4	0.6	17	39	10.1	32.9	6.7	5.0
Togo	2,264	4,779	2.7	2.5	4.2	1.6	40	84	16.3	33.3	7.1	5.4
Uganda	10,778	24,780	3.2	3.2	5.7	2.8	45	103	8.3	14.2	7.1	7.1
Zambia	5,003	10,872	3.4	2.1	2.6	1.7	7	14	34.8	39.6	7.3	5.7
Zimbabwe	6,101	13,076	3.0	1.0	2.9	(0.2)	16	33	19.6	35.3	7.0	4.5
NORTH AMERICA	243,417	319,925	0.9	0.7	1.0	(0.3)	12	16	73.9	77.2	1.8	1.9
Canada	23,142	31,268	1.2	0.9	1.1	0.3	2	3	75.6	77.1	1.7	1.6
United States	220,165	288,530	0.9	0.7	1.0	(0.4)	23	30	73.7	77.2	1.8	1.9
C. AMERICA & CARIBBEAN	105,708	178,512	2.4	1.5	1.9	0.7	39	66	55.5	66.3	5.0	2.7
Belize	134	236	1.8	2.1	3.4	0.5	6	10	50.2	54.2	6.2	2.9
Costa Rica	1,968	4,200	3.0	2.0	2.6	1.5	39	82	41.3	47.8	3.9	2.7
Cuba	9,307	11,273	0.9	0.3	0.5	(0.5)	84	102	64.2	75.3	2.1	1.6
Dominican Rep	5,047	8,639	2.4	1.4	2.3	(0.3)	104	177	45.3	65.0	4.7	2.7
El Salvador	4,120	6,520	2.2	1.8	2.7	1.1	196	310	40.4	46.6	5.6	2.9
Guatemala	6,018	11,995	2.5	2.6	3.4	2.0	55	110	36.7	39.7	6.4	4.4
Haiti	4,920	8,400	2.1	1.6	3.4	0.6	177	303	21.7	35.7	6.0	4.0
Honduras	3,015	6,732	3.4	2.5	4.2	0.4	27	60	32.1	52.7	6.6	3.7
Jamaica	2,013	2,621	1.2	0.9	1.7	(0.3)	183	239	41.1	56.1	4.0	2.4
Mexico	59,083	101,842	2.7	1.4	1.7	0.6	30	52	62.8	74.4	5.3	2.5
Nicaragua	2,497	5,347	3.1	2.7	3.4	1.8	19	41	48.9	56.1	6.4	3.8
Panama	1,723	2,942	2.5	1.4	2.0	0.7	23	39	49.0	56.3	4.1	2.4
Trinidad and Tobago	1,012	1,306	1.3	0.5	1.1	(1.1)	197	255	63.0	74.1	3.4	1.5
SOUTH AMERICA	216,097	355,695	2.3	1.4	1.9	(0.7)	12	20	64.1	79.8	4.3	2.4
Argentina	26,049	37,944	1.5	1.2	1.5	(1.3)	9	14	80.7	89.9	3.4	2.4
Bolivia	4,759	8,705	2.4	2.2	3.0	0.6	4	8	41.5	62.5	5.8	3.9
Brazil	108,125	174,706	2.4	1.2	1.8	(1.4)	13	20	61.2	81.3	4.3	2.2
Chile	10,337	15,589	1.5	1.2	1.5	(0.5)	14	21	78.4	85.7	3.0	2.4
Colombia	25,381	43,495	2.3	1.7	2.2	0.1	22	38	60.7	73.9	4.3	2.6
Ecuador	6,907	13,112	2.8	1.7	3.0	(0.9)	24	46	42.4	65.3	5.4	2.8
Guyana	734	765	0.7	0.6	2.3	(0.5)	3	4	30.0	38.2	3.9	2.3
Paraguay	2,659	5,778	3.2	2.5	3.6	0.9	7	14	39.0	56.0	5.2	3.8
Peru	15,161	26,523	2.7	1.6	2.1	0.2	12	21	61.5	72.8	5.4	2.6
Suriname	364	421	(0.5)	0.5	1.3	(2.1)	2	3	49.5	74.2	4.2	2.1
Uruguay	2,829	3,385	0.6	0.7	0.9	(1.6)	16	19	83.1	91.3	2.9	2.3
Venezuela	12,734	25,093	3.4	1.8	2.1	(0.1)	14	28	75.8	86.9	4.5	2.7
OCEANIA	21,289	31,281	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.2	2	4	71.8	69.7	2.8	2.3
Australia (d)	13,900	19,536	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.7	2	3	85.9	84.7	2.1	1.8
Fiji	576	832	1.9	1.4	2.9	(0.2)	32	46	36.7	49.4	4.0	3.0
New Zealand	3,083	3,837	0.2	0.9	1.0	0.1	11	14	82.8	85.8	2.2	2.0
Papua New Guinea	2,605	5,032	2.5	2.1	4.0	1.7	6	11	11.9	17.4	5.9	4.3
Solomon Islands	193	479	3.5	2.9	5.6	2.2	7	17	9.1	19.7	7.0	5.3
DEVELOPED	1,128,102	1,321,286	0.7	0.3	0.5	(0.6)	20	23	68.5	73.7	2.1	1.6
DEVELOPING	2,937,369	4,889,753	2.1	1.5	2.7	0.6	38	63	26.2	39.6	4.7	3.0

Negative values are shown in parentheses. a. Data include projections based on 1999 base year population data. b. Data include projections based on 2000 base year population data. c. For statistical purpose the data for China do not include Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (SAR) of China. d. Including Christmas Island, Cocos (Keeling) Islands and Norfolk Island.

Technical Notes

VARIABLE DEFINITIONS AND METHODOLOGY:

Total Population refers to the de facto midyear population of a country. The United Nations Population Division compiles and evaluates census and survey results from all countries, adjusting data for the miscalculation of certain age and sex groups, misreporting of age and sex distributions, and changes in definitions, when necessary. These adjustments incorporate data from civil registrations, population surveys, earlier censuses, and population models based on information from socioeconomically similar countries.

Population Growth Rate refers to the percentage growth in the midyear population of each country. Information collected through recent population censuses and surveys is used by the UN Population Division to calculate or estimate these parameters. *Urban* and *Rural* areas are defined by parameters that vary slightly from country to country. Many countries define an urban area by the total number of inhabitants in a population agglomeration. Typically the threshold for considering a region urban is between 1,000 and 10,000 inhabitants. Any person not inhabiting an area classified as urban is counted in the rural population. To see how each country defines an urban area, please refer to the following online PDF document maintained by the UN Population Division:
<http://www.un.org/esa/population/publications/wup1999/WUP99CH8.pdf>.

Population Density is calculated by WRI as the number of persons per square kilometer of land area. Population data are provided by the UN Population Division. Total land area is from the statistical database of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAOSTAT).

Percent of Population in Urban Areas refers to percentage of each country or region's total midyear population that lives in areas defined as urban. The definition of urban varies slightly from country to country. Many countries define an urban area by the number of inhabitants; typically the threshold for considering a region urban is between 1,000 and 10,000 inhabitants. Other countries specify several of their cities or provinces as urban, and the remaining population is defined as rural. To see how each country defines an urban area, please refer to the following online PDF document maintained by the UN Population Division: <http://www.un.org/esa/population/publications/wup1999/WUP99CH8.pdf>.

Total Fertility Rate is an estimate of the number of children an average woman would have if age-specific fertility rate of the given year remained constant throughout her reproductive years.

Information on the methodologies used to collect these data can be found in the technical notes for each variable in the EarthTrends searchable database, at <http://www.earthtrends.org>.

FREQUENCY OF UPDATE BY DATA PROVIDERS:

United Nations Population Division: Data sets contain estimates for every five years for all countries from 1950 to 2050. For 2001 to 2050, all data are forecasts based on assumptions enumerated below. The U.N. Population Division updates this information every two years, most recently on 28 February 2001.

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations: Data are available for most countries and regions from 1961 to 2000. Data are updated annually by the Food and Agriculture Organization.

DATA RELIABILITY AND CAUTIONARY NOTES:

Population: United Nations demographic models are based on surveys and censuses with well-understood qualities, which make these data fairly reliable, although accuracy varies. Data are adjusted for overenumeration and underenumeration of certain age and sex groups (e.g., infants, female children, and young males), misreporting of age and sex distributions, and changes in definitions, when necessary. These adjustments incorporate data from civil registrations, population surveys, earlier censuses, and, when necessary, population models based on information from socioeconomically similar countries. After the figures for population size and age/sex composition have been adjusted, these data are scaled to 1990. Similar estimates are made for each 5-year period between 1950 and 1990. Historical data are used when deemed accurate, also with adjustments and scaling. However, accurate historical data do not exist for many

developing countries. In such cases, the UN Population Division uses available information and demographic models to estimate the main demographic parameters.

Land Area: According to Food and Agriculture Organization, the total area of the country includes the area under inland water bodies. Possible variations in the data may be due to updating and revisions of the country data and not necessarily to any change of area.

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