

Table 1295. Population and Population Change by Development Status: 1950 to 2050

[(2,556 represents 2,556,000,000). As of midyear. Minus sign (–) indicates decrease. The “less developed” countries include all of Africa, all of Asia except Japan, the Transcaucasian and Central Asian republics of the New Independent States, all of Latin America and the Caribbean, and all of Oceania except Australia, New Zealand, and Hawaii. This category matches the “less developed country” classification employed by the United Nations]

Year	Number (mil.)			Percent of world	
	World	Less developed countries ¹	More developed countries ¹	Less developed countries ¹	More developed countries ¹
POPULATION					
1950	2,556	1,749	807	68.4	31.6
1960	3,042	2,130	911	70.0	30.0
1970	3,712	2,707	1,005	72.9	27.1
1980	4,452	3,370	1,082	75.7	24.3
1990	5,282	4,137	1,145	78.3	21.7
2000	6,086	4,892	1,194	80.4	19.6
2010	6,845	5,621	1,224	82.1	17.9
2020	7,600	6,353	1,247	83.6	16.4
2030	8,268	7,010	1,258	84.8	15.2
2040	8,840	7,580	1,260	85.7	14.3
2050	9,317	8,061	1,256	86.5	13.5
POPULATION CHANGE					
1950–1960	486	382	104	78.6	21.4
1960–1970	670	577	93	86.1	13.9
1970–1980	740	663	78	89.5	10.5
1980–1990	830	767	63	92.5	7.5
1990–2000	804	755	49	93.9	6.1
2000–2010	759	728	31	95.9	4.1
2010–2020	755	732	22	97.0	3.0
2020–2030	668	657	11	98.4	1.6
2030–2040	572	570	2	99.7	0.3
2040–2050	477	481	–4	100.8	–0.8

¹ See footnote 1, Table 1294.