2022 UN World Population Prospects **Key Facts**



World Population

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Current estimates show world population reaching **8.5 billion in 2030** and **9.7 billion in 2050**. Population will **peak at 10.4 billion in the 2080s** and remain at that level until 2100.

- * Fertility
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Global fertility rate is expected to decline to **2.1 births per woman**, also known as "replacement-level fertility," **by 2050**.

- By Region
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Population growth will be increasingly localized, with more than half of population growth occurring in just eight countries:

Democratic Republic of the Congo, Egypt, Ethiopia, India, Nigeria,
Pakistan, the Philippines, and Tanzania. The population of sub-Saharan Africa is projected to nearly double by 2050.

- (5) By Income
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In high income countries, population growth will be entirely **driven by migration**. In low income and middle income countries, population growth will continue to occur because of **high birth rates**.

- COVID-19
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The impacts of COVID-19 are **not yet fully understood**. The deaths caused by the pandemic did not affect population growth year over year. However, fertility was likely impacted by disruptions in reproductive health care and girls' education, as well as postponed marriage and childbearing. These effects have not yet been comprehensively assessed.