

# 2024 UN World Population Prospects

## Key Facts

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### World Population

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The world's population is expected to continue growing over the coming 50 or 60 years, reaching a peak of 10.3 billion in the mid-2080s, and then gradually declining to 10.2 billion by the end of the century.

### Fertility

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The fertility rate in more than half of all countries is below 2.1 births per woman, also known as “replacement-level fertility.”

### By Region

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The population of sub-Saharan Africa is projected to more than double by 2050. The nine fastest growing countries in the world, which include Niger, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and Somalia, will greatly influence the size and timing of the global population peak.

### 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.

### Life Expectancy

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Since 2022, life expectancy has returned to pre-Covid-19 levels in nearly all countries. Life expectancy reached 73 years in 2024, an increase of 8 years since 1995. Further reductions in mortality are expected to result in an average longevity of around 77 years globally by 2054.