

POLICY ISSUES INCLUDED

The World Population Policies Database 1976-2015 provides interactive access to information on government views, policies and programmes on seven major topics: (1) population size and growth; (2) population age structure; (3) fertility; (4) reproductive health and family planning; (5) health; (6) spatial distribution and internal migration; and (7) international migration.

Information on a total of 59 policy variables, covering these seven topics, was gathered biennially starting in mid-1970s and 2015. These variables can be divided into three basic types of policy questions addressed: (i) Government views and concerns to assess the policy significance of selected population issues; (ii) Government intentions and objectives with respect to selected population parameters; and (iii) legal and programmatic measures adopted by governments to influence the levels or direction of selected population parameters. Additional information on data availability and variable definitions for the 1976-2015 period can be found here:

[Data Availability for Policy Variables by Revision Year](#)

[Data Sources for Policy Variables](#)

[Definitions of Policy Variables](#)