Sub-Saharan Africa

2019

Total population (billions)................................. 1.1
Percentage of population under age 15.................. 42.3
Percentage of population aged 15-24..................... 19.8
Percentage of population aged 25-64...................... 34.8
Percentage of population aged 65+....................... 3.0
Potential support ratio (persons 25-64 per 65+).... 11.7
Annual rate of population change (percentage).... 2.6
Crude birth rate per 1,000 population............... 34.9
Total fertility (live births per woman)................. 4.62
Crude death rate per 1,000 population............... 8.5
Infant mortality (1q0) per 1,000 live births ......... 49
Under-five mortality (5q0) per 1,000 live births ... 74
Life expectancy at birth (years)....................... 61.1
Life Expectancy at age 65 (years)..................... 12.9

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**Dependency ratios (per 100)**

- Total dependency ratio (b)
- Child dependency ratio (c)
- Potential support ratio (d)

**Rates of population change**

- Annual rate of population change (percentage)
- Population doubling time (years) (c)

**Mortality**

- Crude death rate per 1,000 population
- Infant mortality rate (1q0) per 1,000 live births
- Under-five mortality (5q0) per 1,000 live births
- Life expectancy at birth (years)
- Male life expectancy at birth (years)
- Female life expectancy at birth (years)
- Life expectancy at age 65 (years)

**Fertility**

- Crude birth rate per 1,000 population
- Total fertility (live births per woman)
- Sex ratio at birth (males per 100 females)
- Mean age of childbearing (years)

**Births and deaths**

- Number of births (thousands)
- Number of deaths (thousands)
- Births minus deaths (thousands)

**International migration**

- Net number of migrants (thousands)
- Net migration rate (per 1,000)

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**Notes:**

- Age that divides the population in two parts of equal size, that is, there are as many persons with ages above the median as there are with ages below the median.
- The total dependency ratio is the ratio of the population aged 0-24 and that aged 65+ to the population aged 25-64. They are presented as number of dependants per 100 persons of working age (25-64).
- The child dependency ratio is the ratio of the population aged 0-24 to the population aged 25-64. They are presented as number of dependants per 100 persons of working age (25-64).
- The potential support ratio is the ratio of the population aged 25-64 to the population aged 65 years or over. They are presented as number of dependants per 100 persons of age 65 years or over.
- The population doubling time corresponds to the number of years required for the total population to double in size if the annual rate of population change would remain constant. Doubling time is computed only for fast growing populations with growth rates exceeding 0.5 per cent.
Profile excerpt from the *World Population Prospects 2019, Volume II: Demographic Profiles*

This demographic profile displays key demographic indicators for selected periods or dates between 1950-2100, for the world, development groups, regions, subregions and countries or areas with more than 90,000 inhabitants in 2019. In all tables and figures, values for 1950-2020 are estimates and those thereafter are projections (medium variant, and lower and upper 95 per cent prediction intervals for figures). For each country or area, it also provides a brief description of the data sources and demographic methods that were used to derive the base-year estimates of population and components of demographic change (fertility, child, adult and overall mortality, international migration).

Further details about the respective data sources used for each country or area are available online interactively (https://population.un.org/wpp/DataSources/) with a tabular version of this information also available for download (https://population.un.org/wpp/Download/Metadata/). Further details about the methodology used to prepare the estimates and projections is explained in a companion report (*World Population Prospects 2019: Methodology of the United Nations Population Estimates and Projections*).

To depict the uncertainty of future demographic trends, the Population Division has developed probabilistic projections for all countries and areas of the world. It should be stressed that making projections to 2100 is subject to a high degree of uncertainty, especially at the country level. In that regard, users are invited to focus not only on the outcomes of the medium variant, which for each country corresponds to the median of several thousand projected trajectories of specific demographic components, but also to the associated prediction intervals that provide an assessment of the uncertainty inherent in such projections. Detailed information on the 80 per cent and 95 per cent uncertainty bounds for different components at the country level is available on the website of the Population Division (see https://population.un.org/wpp/ for graphs or download data files for probabilistic results).

The detailed results of the 2019 Revision are made available through a variety of media. The website of the Population Division provides access to an extended set of data organized in Excel and CSV files (https://population.un.org/wpp/Download/) as well as to an interactive database that enables users to obtain specific information on selected countries or regions (https://population.un.org/wpp/DataQuery/).

**Notes**

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Countries or areas have been aggregated in six continental regions: Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean, Northern America, and Oceania. Further information on continental regions is available from https://unstats.un.org/unsd/methodology/m49/. Countries and areas are also grouped into geographic regions based on the classification being used to track progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations (see: https://unstats.un.org/sdgs/indicators/regional-groups/). Further details about the various classifications used to group countries and areas for statistical purposes into major aggregates in this publication are available online at: https://population.un.org/wpp/DefinitionOfRegions/.

The figures presented are from the medium variant of the World Population Prospects 2019, the official United Nations population estimates and projections prepared by the United Nations Population Division. Data are also available in digital form and can be consulted at the Population Division’s web site at https://www.unpopulation.org.


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