

8.22 billion people, and where the next billion lives

World population grew from 3.02 billion in 1960 to 8.22 billion in 2025. Growth since 2014 is 11.7%, and it is concentrated in a few regions.

8.22B

WORLD, 2025

+11.7%

SINCE 2014

2.7x

SINCE 1960

POPULATION.CSV

India

1.464 billion, the largest country

China

1.407 billion, peaked in 2021

Sub-Saharan Africa

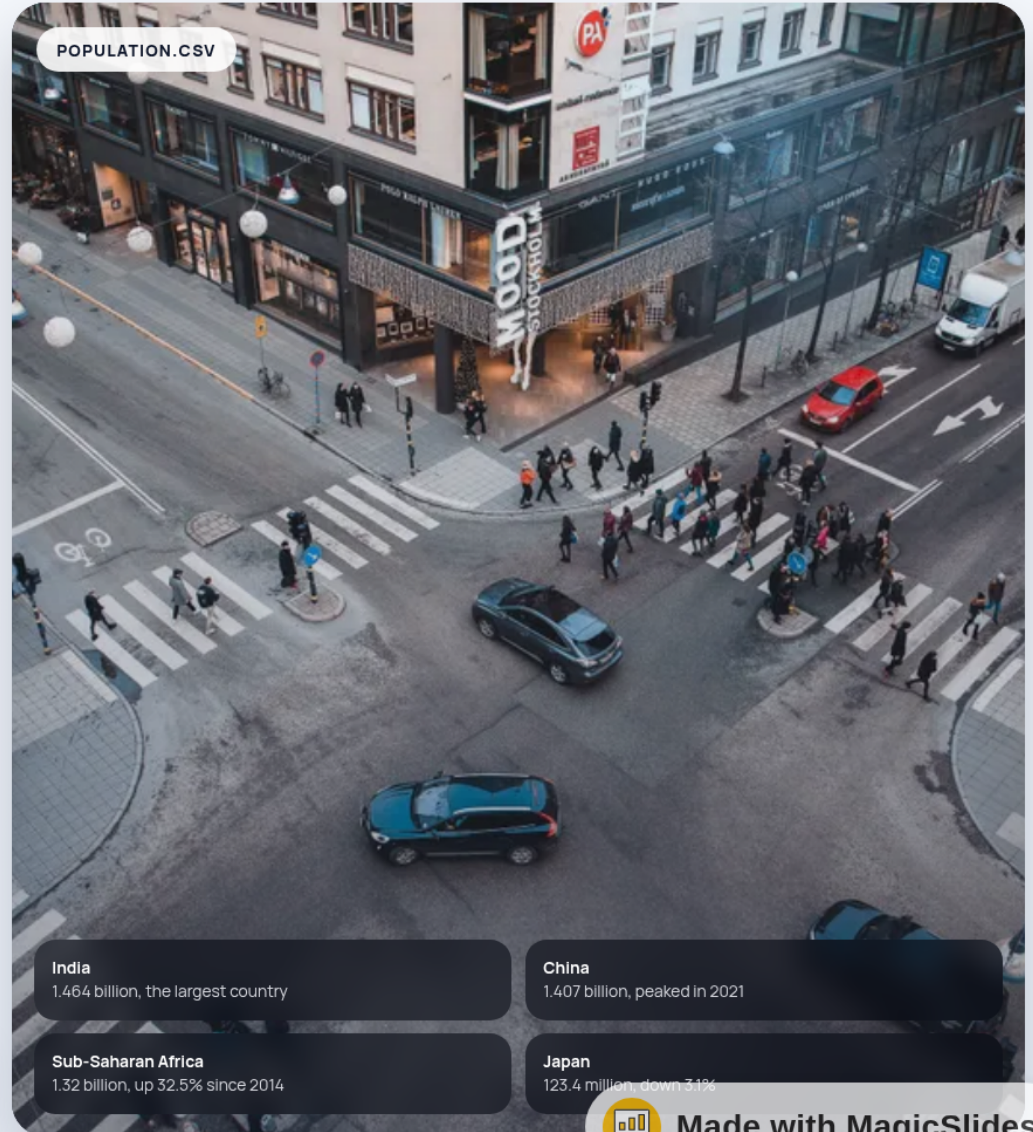
1.32 billion, up 32.5% since 2014

Japan

123.4 million, down 3.1%



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2014 vs 2025 for four countries

Same file, same two years. Change is computed from the World Bank values in each row.

Primary Responsive Acceleration

COUNTRY	2014	2025	CHANGE
India	1.312B	1.464B	+11.6%
China	1.372B	1.407B	+2.5%
Nigeria	185.9M	237.5M	+27.8%
Japan	127.3M	123.4M	-3.1%

Nigeria added 51.6 million people in 11 years; Japan lost 3.9 million.

Sixty-five years of growth

World population, billions

1960 to 2025



The world added 1.42 billion people from 1960 to 1980, 1.72 billion from 1980 to 2000, and 2.05 billion from 2000 to 2025.

Doubling

From 3.02B to 6.16B took 40 years.

Slower now

2010 to 2025 added 1.21B in 15 years.

8 billion

First crossed in the 2023 row, at 8.06B.



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The growth rate is falling: +17% from 2010 to 2025, against +47% from 1960 to 1980.



REGIONS

Where the growth is

Sub-Saharan Africa was 7.5% of the world's people in 1960 and 16.1% in 2025. Europe and East Asia have flattened.

Sub-Saharan Africa +32.5%

997M in 2014 to 1.32B in 2025.

Pakistan +19.1%

214.3M to 255.2M.

United States +7.1%

319.3M to 341.8M.

European Union +1.9%

442.9M to 451.1M.

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Turning points in the series

Read straight from the yearly rows of `population.csv`.



1960

Series starts

World at 3.02 billion.



2000

Doubled

World at 6.16 billion.



2010

Japan peaks

128.1 million, the highest value in its series.



2021

China peaks

1.412 billion; India passes it the same year.



2025

Latest year

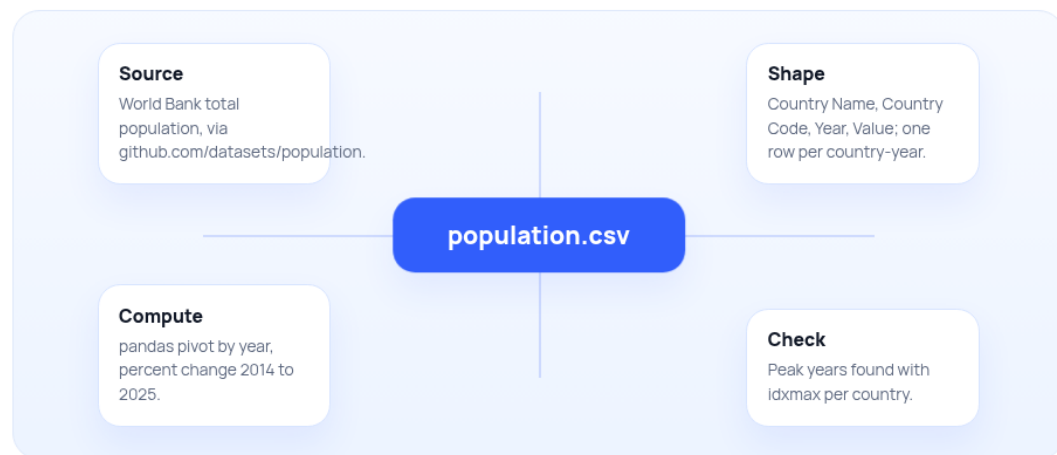
World at 8.22 billion.

The two largest countries now move in opposite directions.



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How the numbers were built



Reproducible

One script, one public CSV, no manual edits.

Re-run the script when the World Bank updates the file.



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