

DEMOGRAPHIC TRENDS

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2002 United Nations World Population Prospects

Slower Growth of World Population Forecasted

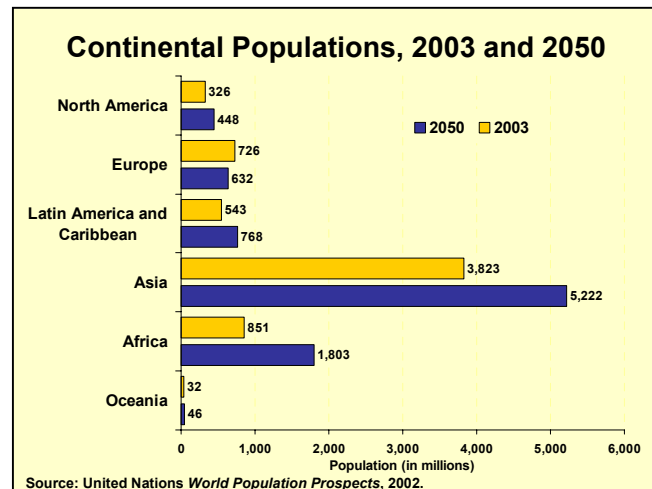
- The United Nations recently revised its projected 2050 world population downward, from 9.3 billion in the 2000 forecast to 8.9 billion.
- About half the decline stems from a more serious and prolonged HIV/AIDS epidemic than anticipated. The other half reflects lower expected future fertility levels.
- By 2050, the UN projects that 3 out of 4 countries in less developed regions will be experiencing below-replacement fertility.
- Among continents, only Europe is expected to experience negative demographic growth, shrinking by 94 million or 13% by 2050. Africa will grow fastest, more than doubling its population, but Asia will experience the largest absolute gain, growing by 1.4 billion people.

Lower Fertility in Canada to Slow Population Growth

- The 2002 UN forecast shows slower demographic growth in Canada, as well as a faster aging of the population compared to previous projections.
- The projected Total Fertility Rate (TFR) has been lowered from 1.74 to 1.55 for 2025, and from 1.9 to 1.85 for 2050.
- The projected share of population aged 60+ in 2050 has been increased from 30.5% to 32.2%.

Japan, Germany Populations Declining by 2010

- Among the G7, only the U.S., Canada and the U.K. will still have growing populations by 2050.
- Japan is expected to experience the fastest aging of its population. With a life expectancy reaching 88.1 years in 2050, Japan will have 42.4% of its population aged 60 and over, compared with 32.2% in Canada and 25.5% in the U.S..
- Fertility rates in the U.S. are projected to remain higher than in most advanced countries after 2020. By then, the U.S. TFR will reach 2.03, higher than Canada at 1.55, and even greater than Mexico at 1.94.
- With a projected population of more than 1.5 billion people in 2050, India is expected to surpass China as the most populous country in the world.



UN Demographic Projections for Canada, Comparison Between the 2000 and 2002 Forecasts

	2000 UN			2002 UN		
	2015	2025	2050	2015	2025	2050
Population ('000)	34,419	36,717	40,407	34,133	36,128	39,085
Annual Growth Rate (%)	0.71	0.62	0.30	0.63	0.54	0.23
Total Fertility Rate	1.64	1.74	1.90	1.47	1.55	1.85
Life Expectancy	80.0	80.8	82.8	80.5	81.3	83.3

	2000	2050	2000	2050
Median Age	36.9	NA	36.9	45.8
Aged 0-14 (%)	19.1	16.3	19.0	15.4
Aged 15-59 (%)	64.2	53.2	64.2	52.4
Aged 60+ (%)	16.7	30.5	16.7	32.2

Sources: United Nations World Population Prospects, 2000 and 2002 projections.

UN Demographic Projections, Selected Countries

	Population (in millions)		Total Fertility Rate		Life Expectancy		Share of Pop. 60+	
	2000	2050	2000	2025	2000	2050	2000	2050
Canada	31	39	1.48	1.55	79.3	83.3	16.7	32.2
Canada (Stats Can)	31	37	1.49	1.48	NA	82.0	16.6	31.9
United States	285	409	2.11	2.03	77.1	81.6	16.1	25.5
United Kingdom	59	66	1.60	1.69	78.2	83.0	20.7	29.6
France	59	64	1.89	1.88	79.0	84.0	20.5	32.3
Germany	82	79	1.35	1.53	78.3	83.5	23.2	34.5
Italy	57	45	1.23	1.45	78.7	82.5	24.1	40.6
Japan	127	110	1.32	1.49	81.6	88.1	23.3	42.4
China	1,275	1,395	1.83	1.85	71.0	76.7	10.1	30.0
India	1,017	1,531	3.01	2.14	63.9	73.8	7.5	20.1
Mexico	99	140	2.50	1.94	73.4	79.7	6.9	26.2

Sources: United Nations World Population Prospects (2002), Statistics Canada (1996-based projections).

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