

## TOTAL POPULATION

The size and growth of a country's population provides important contextual information to help understand other social and economic outcomes.

### Definition

Data refer to the resident population, which for most countries is defined as all nationals present in, or temporarily absent from the country, and aliens permanently settled in the country. It includes the following categories: national armed forces stationed abroad; merchant seamen at sea; diplomatic personnel located abroad; civilian aliens resident in the country; and displaced persons resident in the country. Excluded are the following categories: foreign armed forces stationed in the country; foreign diplomatic personnel located in the country; and civilian aliens temporarily in the country.

For countries with overseas colonies, protectorates or other territorial possessions, their populations are generally excluded. Growth rates are the annual changes resulting from births, deaths and net migration during the year.

Data for total population may be compiled following two basic concepts: "Present-in-area population" or *de facto*, i.e. persons actually present in the country on the date of the census; or, "Resident population" or *de jure*, i.e. persons regularly domiciled in the country on the date of the census.

### Overview

Within the OECD, in 2013, the United States accounted for 25% of the OECD total, followed by Japan (10%), Mexico (9%), Germany and Turkey (6%), France, Italy and the United Kingdom (5%), Korea and Spain (4%), Canada and Poland (3%). In the same year, the population of China was 10% higher than that of the whole OECD while the population of India was equal to that of the whole OECD.

In the three years to 2014 (or latest available period), population annual growth rates above 1% were recorded in Chile, Israel, Mexico and Turkey (high birth rate countries) and in Luxembourg, Australia, Canada, Norway, and Switzerland (high net immigration).

Over the same period, the highest population annual declines were observed in Portugal (due to a low birth rate and a negative net migration rate) and Hungary (for which birth and net migration rates are low). Growth rates were also negative in Estonia, Greece, Japan and Spain, while the population was stable in Poland.

Among emerging economies, in the three years to 2013, population annual growth rates were above 1% in South Africa, Brazil, India and Indonesia. By contrast, Russian population rose more slowly.

### Comparability

For most OECD countries, population data are based on regular, ten-yearly censuses, with estimates for intercensal years derived from administrative data. In several European countries, population estimates are based entirely on administrative records. Population data are fairly comparable. Some nations are capable of generating population statistics from administrative records or through a combination of data sources. The vast majority of countries, however, produce these data on population and housing by conducting a traditional census, which in principle entails canvassing the entire country, reaching every single household and collecting information on all individuals within a brief stipulated period.

For some countries, the population figures shown here differ from those used for calculating GDP and other economic statistics on a per capita basis, although differences are normally small.

### Sources

- For OECD member countries: national sources, United Nations and Eurostat.
- For Brazil, China, India, Indonesia, the Russian Federation and South Africa: United Nations, *World Population Prospects: The 2012 Revision*.

### Further information

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## Population levels

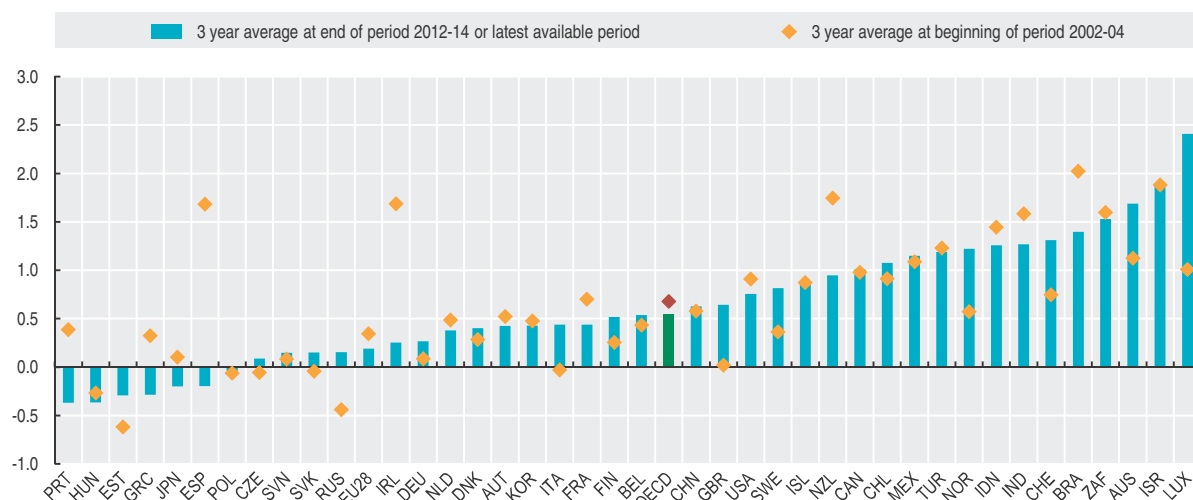
Thousands

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Australia	19 495	19 721	19 933	20 177	20 451	20 828	21 249	21 692	22 032	22 340	22 728	23 126	23 491
Austria	8 082	8 118	8 169	8 225	8 268	8 295	8 322	8 341	8 361	8 389	8 426	8 469	..
Belgium	10 333	10 376	10 421	10 479	10 548	10 626	10 710	10 796	10 920	11 048	11 128	11 178	11 227
Canada	31 354	31 640	31 941	32 245	32 576	32 928	33 318	33 727	34 127	34 484	34 880	35 154	35 540
Chile	15 668	15 838	16 002	16 165	16 332	16 505	16 687	16 877	17 066	17 256	17 445	17 632	17 819
Czech Republic	10 201	10 202	10 207	10 234	10 267	10 323	10 430	10 491	10 517	10 497	10 509	10 511	10 525
Denmark	5 376	5 391	5 405	5 419	5 437	5 461	5 494	5 523	5 548	5 571	5 592	5 615	..
Estonia	1 379	1 371	1 363	1 355	1 347	1 341	1 337	1 335	1 331	1 327	1 323	1 318	1 316
Finland	5 201	5 213	5 228	5 246	5 267	5 289	5 313	5 339	5 363	5 388	5 414	5 439	5 472
France	59 894	60 304	60 734	61 182	61 597	61 965	62 300	62 615	62 918	63 223	63 514	63 786	64 062
Germany	82 456	82 502	82 491	82 465	82 369	82 257	82 135	81 904	81 715	80 249	80 413	80 611	80 896
Greece	10 983	11 016	11 057	11 093	11 131	11 163	11 186	11 185	11 153	11 124	11 090	..	..
Hungary	10 159	10 130	10 107	10 087	10 071	10 056	10 038	10 023	10 000	9 972	9 920	9 893	9 863
Iceland	288	289	293	296	304	311	319	319	318	319	321	324	327
Ireland	3 917	3 980	4 045	4 134	4 233	4 376	4 485	4 533	4 555	4 575	4 585	4 593	4 610
Israel	6 570	6 690	6 809	6 930	7 054	7 180	7 309	7 486	7 624	7 766	7 911	8 059	..
Italy	57 474	57 478	57 297	57 716	57 984	58 272	58 740	59 140	59 420	59 660	59 898	60 225	60 448
Japan	127 435	127 619	127 687	127 768	127 770	127 771	127 692	127 510	128 057	127 799	127 515	127 298	..
Korea	47 622	47 859	48 039	48 138	48 372	48 598	48 949	49 182	49 410	49 779	50 004	50 220	50 424
Luxembourg	446	450	455	461	469	476	484	494	502	512	525	537	550
Mexico	100 909	102 000	103 002	107 151	108 409	109 787	111 299	112 853	114 256	115 683	117 054	118 395	119 713
Netherlands	16 149	16 225	16 282	16 320	16 346	16 382	16 446	16 530	16 615	16 693	16 755	16 804	..
New Zealand	3 949	4 027	4 088	4 134	4 185	4 224	4 260	4 303	4 351	4 384	4 408	4 442	4 510
Norway	4 538	4 564	4 592	4 623	4 661	4 709	4 768	4 829	4 889	4 953	5 019	5 080	5 137
Poland	38 232	38 195	38 180	38 161	38 132	38 116	38 116	38 153	38 517	38 526	38 534	38 502	38 484
Portugal	10 420	10 459	10 484	10 503	10 522	10 543	10 558	10 568	10 573	10 558	10 515	10 457	..
Slovak Republic	5 377	5 373	5 372	5 373	5 373	5 375	5 379	5 386	5 391	5 398	5 408	5 416	..
Slovenia	1 996	1 997	1 997	2 001	2 009	2 019	2 023	2 042	2 049	2 052	2 056	2 059	2 062
Spain	41 424	42 196	42 859	43 663	44 361	45 236	45 983	46 368	46 562	46 736	46 766	46 593	46 464
Sweden	8 925	8 958	8 994	9 030	9 081	9 148	9 220	9 299	9 378	9 449	9 519	9 609	..
Switzerland	7 285	7 339	7 390	7 437	7 484	7 551	7 648	7 744	7 828	7 912	7 997	8 140	..
Turkey	66 003	66 795	67 599	68 435	69 295	70 158	71 052	72 039	73 142	74 224	75 176	76 055	76 903
United Kingdom	58 570	58 839	59 149	59 591	60 003	60 482	60 982	61 424	61 915	62 435	62 859	63 238	63 650
United States	287 625	290 108	292 805	295 517	298 380	301 231	304 094	306 772	309 347	311 722	314 112	316 498	318 857
EU 28	489 827	491 624	493 577	495 518	497 369	499 299	501 194	502 630	503 833	505 035	506 100	506 736	..
OECD	1 168 022	1 176 212	1 184 415	1 192 754	1 201 155	1 210 194	1 219 475	1 227 932	1 236 914	1 243 751	1 250 277	1 257 114	..
Brazil	175 077	177 360	183 439	185 651	187 852	189 954	192 000	193 995	193 253	197 825	199 689	201 467	..
China	1 295 322	1 302 810	1 310 414	1 318 177	1 326 146	1 334 344	1 342 733	1 351 248	1 359 822	1 368 440	1 377 065	1 385 567	..
India	1 076 706	1 093 787	1 110 626	1 127 144	1 143 289	1 159 905	1 174 662	1 190 138	1 205 625	1 221 156	1 236 687	1 252 140	..
Indonesia	215 038	218 146	221 294	224 481	227 710	230 973	234 244	237 487	240 677	243 802	246 864	249 866	..
Russian Federation	145 306	144 649	144 067	143 519	143 050	142 805	142 742	142 785	142 849	142 961	143 207	143 507	..
South Africa	45 545	46 127	46 727	47 350	47 991	48 658	49 345	50 055	50 792	51 554	52 341	53 158	54 002

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## Population growth rates

Annual growth in percentage

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