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Population, Vital Events, and Rates by Region and Development Category: 2002

[Population and events in thousands. Figures may not add to totals because of rounding.]

Region	Midyear population	Births	Deaths	Natural increase	Births per 1,000 population	Deaths per 1,000 population	Rate of natural increase (percent)
WORLD	6,228,394	128,578	54,997	73,581	21	9	1.2
Less Developed Countries	5,029,539	115,120	42,794	72,326	23	9	1.4
More Developed Countries	1,198,856	13,458	12,203	1,255	11	10	0.1
AFRICA	838,720	30,133	12,097	18,036	36	14	2.2
Sub-Saharan Africa	686,522	26,538	11,285	15,253	39	16	2.2
North Africa	152,199	3,595	813	2,783	24	5	1.8
NEAR EAST	178,574	4,905	1,071	3,833	28	6	2.1
ASIA	3,517,862	68,104	26,671	41,434	19	8	1.2
LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN	538,680	11,282	3,256	8,026	21	6	1.5
EUROPE AND THE NEW INDEPENDENT STATES	803,255	9,186	8,974	212	11	11	(Z)
Western Europe	392,237	4,096	3,843	254	10	10	0.1
Eastern Europe	120,864	1,296	1,314	-18	11	11	(Z)
New Independent States	290,154	3,794	3,818	-24	13	13	(Z)
NORTH AMERICA	319,705	4,432	2,701	1,731	14	8	0.5
OCEANIA	31,598	536	227	309	17	7	1
EXCLUDING CHINA:							
World	4,918,062	111,397	46,250	65,147	23	9	1.3
Less Developed Countries	3,720,158	97,966	34,053	63,912	26	9	1.7
Asia	2,208,482	50,950	17,929	33,020	23	8	1.5
Less Developed Countries	2,081,416	49,725	16,867	32,858	24	8	1.6

Z Between -0.05 percent and +0.05 percent.

Note: Reference to China encompasses China, Hong Kong S.A.R., Macau S.A.R., and Taiwan. Direct access to this table and the International Data Base is available through the Internet at <www.census.gov/ipc/www>.Source: U.S. Census Bureau, International Programs Center, International Data Base.
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