



POPULATION FACTS

- As of July 2008, the world's population was **6.7 billion** people.
- Approximately **4.7 billion** people live in low and middle-low income economies. In contrast, 65 high-income countries have a combined population of about **1 billion** — less than one-sixth of the world's population.
- Nearly **one in four** people in the world is young, between age 10 and 24, while **85 percent** of all adolescents live in developing countries.
- The world population is growing by about **0.8 percent**, or almost **80 million** people, per year.
- As of 2006, **approximately 48.8 percent** of the world's population lived in urbanized areas. In developing countries more than **one-third** of this growing urban population lives in slum conditions.
- Every second **4.3 people are born** worldwide; while every second **1.8 deaths** occur. The world population has a net gain of 2.5 people every second.
- In sub-Saharan Africa **55 percent** of children under 5 have never been registered; worldwide nearly **50 million** children each year are not registered and begin life with no identity.

Sources: www.worldfactbook.org, www.bread.org, www.who.int, www.worldbank.org, www.census.gov, www.unicef.org,
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