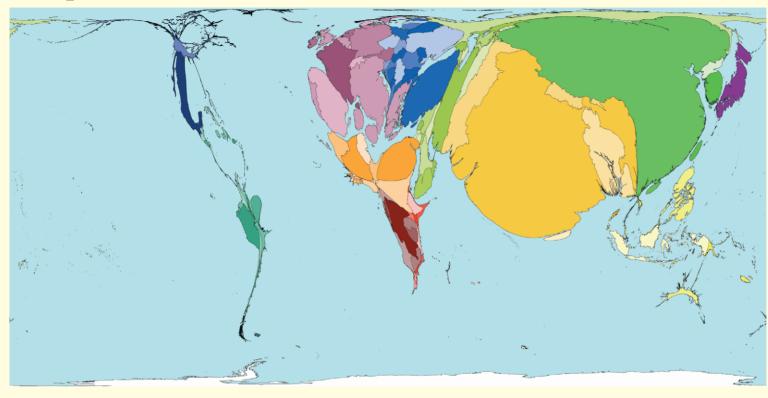
Population Year 1





The population two thousand years ago is estimated to have been 231 million. At this time North and South America were sparsely populated, as was Asia Pacific. The estimated population of New Zealand was zero. Southern Asia, Northern Africa, China and Southern Europe (parts of the same land mass) had relatively high populations. Colder Northern latitudes tended to have lower populations.

The territories that now encompass the Ganges, Tigris, Yangtze, Nile and Po rivers were the most populous.

This map shows the distribution of the world population in 1AD.



Land area

Technical notes • Data source: Angus Maddison, 2003.

- · The contemporary political boundaries shown differ from those in year 1.
- See website for further information

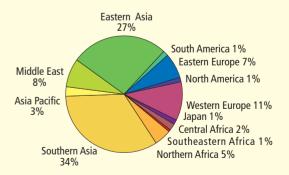
TWENTY HIGHEST POPULATIONS IN YEAR 1

Rank	Territory	Value	Ra
1	India	62	1
2	China	60	1
3	Bangladesh	8	1
4	Russian Federation	7	1
5	Italy	7	1
6	Pakistan	7	1
7	Turkey	6	1
8	France	5	1
9	Spain	5	1
10	Egypt	4	1

Rank	Territory	Value
10	Islamic Republic of Iran	4
12	Ukraine	4
13	Germany	3
13	Japan	3
15	Indonesia	3
16	Philippines	2
17	Mexico	2
18	Democratic Republic of Congo	2
19	Sudan	2
19	Algeria	2

population in millions

POPULATION DISTRIBUTION YEAR 1



"1 AD Gregorian calendar, 3761 Hebrew calendar, 7.17.18.13.3 Mayan calendar, 544 Buddhist calendar"

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