

The True-False, Random Population Quiz

Instructions: Answer each implied question below, true or false. [7/2026]

1. 50% of the world's population live on about 1% of the land.
2. Globally, 106 girls are born for every 100 boys.
3. Globally, 70% are white.
4. Globally, 70% are non-Christian.
5. Globally, 5% of the population, age 15 and older, cannot read.
6. The US population is over 50% minorities.
7. In our first census, 1790, the US population was 3.9 million.
8. It took about 4 million years for the world's population to reach 1 million in c. 1500.
9. The world's total population, living and dead, is 117 billion.
10. The US, UK, German, French, and Japanese populations roughly equal India's.
11. If 8 billion of us had 950 square feet of Texas, the rest of the world would be empty.
12. If South Korea's fertility rate does not improve, it's expected to be "extinct" in 3000.
13. Side by side and one atop another, 8 billion of us would fit in a cube 1 mile square.
14. 88% of the world's population lives in the Northern Hemisphere.
15. More bacteria live in an individual's mouth than there are people on the globe.
16. Greenland has a population of just 5700.
17. Clemson's resident population of c. 20,000 is greater than the student population.
18. 7 of 10 Americans will be Elvis Impersonators in 3000.
19. India's weekly population growth is roughly equal to the European Union's annual growth.
20. Russia's invasion of Ukraine seems to have been motivated by Putin's desire to increase the number of ethnic Russians.
21. The median age of the West African nation of Niger is 15.3 years.
22. More than half of the entire global population lives on the continent of Asia.
23. The world's most heavily populated urban area is Tokyo, Japan, 37 million inhabitants live within its metropolitan area.
24. By 2100, the world's population might be as high as 17 billion or as low as 7 billion, according to recent UN estimates.
25. At the peak of the post WWII Baby Boom (1946-1964), the US fertility rate reached 3.8 children per woman. (1.6 in 2026).
26. Between 1347 and 1350, there was an estimated decrease of 33% in Europe's population due to the bubonic plague.
27. Globally, the replacement fertility level in 2026 is c. 2.3.
28. Paul Ehrlich's best-selling *Population Bomb*, 1968, predicted food would be rationed by 2000 in the US.
29. South Carolina's population exceeds Metropolitan Atlanta.
30. South Carolina is losing its population faster than any state.