

The True-False, Random Population Quiz; KEY

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. T; We're urban! NASA stat. world total=8.3 bil.
2. Globally, 106 girls are born for every 100 boys. F [Boys rule globally: 106-100.]
3. Globally, 70% are white. F; 10-16% are white. [racial defs. vary. Fuel for White Extinction & Great Replacement theories]
4. Globally, 70% are non-Christian. T [30% are Christian]
5. Globally, 5% of the population, age 15 and older, cannot read. F; it's 13%
6. The US population is over 50% minorities. F; it's closer to 40%: 20% Hispanic, 13% African American, 7% Asian
7. In our first census, 1790, the US population was 3.9 million. T [Today it's 349 million; c. a 100-fold increase]
8. It took about 4 million years for the world's population to reach 1 million in c. 1500. F. It was in 1804]
9. The world's total population, living and dead, is 117 billion. T [7% of all folks who ever lived are alive today; dead outnumber the living 14 to one]
10. The US, UK, German, French, and Japanese populations roughly equal India's. F [US=342; UK=70; Ger. 84; France=69; Japan=122; together these 5 = 687 million; India=1.5 billion! More than 2x larger]
11. If 8 billion of us had 950 square feet of Texas, the rest of the world would be empty. T
12. If South Korea's fertility rate does not improve, it's expected to be "extinct" in 3000. F [It's 2750 or 724 yrs.]
13. Side by side and one atop another, 8 billion of us would fit in a cube 1 mile square. F; it's a KM; 5/8 of a mile
14. 88% of the world's population lives in the Northern Hemisphere. T
15. More bacteria live in an individual's mouth than there are people on the globe. T; 100 billion vs. 8
16. Greenland has a population of just 5700. F; 57,000. Greenville, SC has 76,000.
17. Clemson's resident population of c. 20,000 is greater than the student population. F; c. 30,000 students
18. 7 of 10 Americans will be Elvis Impersonators in 3000. F; This illustrates the dangers of extrapolation. 10 one yr, 100 the next, 1000 the next...
19. India's weekly population growth is roughly equal to the European Union's annual growth. T; 343,000 for 343,000; India=1.5 bil.
20. Russia's invasion of Ukraine seems to have been motivated by Putin's desire to increase the number of ethnic Russians. T [20-35,000 kids kidnapped, 7/2026]
21. The median age of the West African nation of Niger is 15.3 years. T [world's youngest; fertility rate; 7/ mom avg. Life expectancy = 62]
22. More than half of the entire global population lives on the continent of Asia. T [59%=China, India, Pakistan, Indonesia; SE Asia]
23. The world's most heavily populated urban area is Tokyo, Japan, 37 million inhabitants live within its metropolitan area. F [True but Jakarta, Indonesia is 1st w/ 44 million]
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. T [a huge discrepancy among the "experts." Most say c. 10]
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). T [highest since 1900; in 19C—7-4, 1800-1900; SE's 2 sisters; might have been 4]
26. Between 1347 and 1350, there was an estimated decrease of 33% in Europe's population due to the bubonic plague. T [25% in some areas; 50% in others]
27. Globally, the replacement fertility level in 2026 is c. 2.3. T [Thus, we're growing still; 2.1 is the stability rate]
28. Paul Ehrlich's best-selling *Population Bomb*, 1968, predicted food would be rationed by 2000 in the US. F [He predicted 1980; Green Rev. occurred]
29. South Carolina's population exceeds Metropolitan Atlanta. F. 6.5 ATL. to 5.6 million in SC
30. South Carolina is losing its population faster than any state. F; it's the fastest growing. Declining fastest: VT, HA, NM, WV, CA; Fastest growing: SC, ID, NC, TX; 2026