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Unit 3: Population and Migration (Lessons 1-4)

Introduction

How many people are there in the world? The number of people on Earth continues to grow. As of October, 2014, an estimated 7.195 billion people live on our planet. Experts predict that the world population will grow beyond 10 billion in the next forty years. Does the planet have enough resources for all of these people?

The maps below show the dramatic population growth of our world.

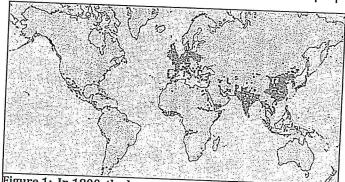


Figure 1: In 1800, the human population on Earth was 1 billion.

Source: NOVA. Population Densities through Time. World in Balance. (PBS).

http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/nova/worldbalance/



Figure 2: The world population in 1927 was 2 billion.
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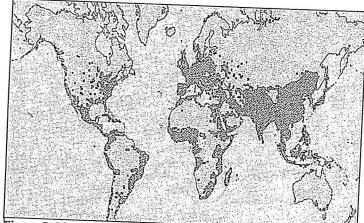


Figure 3: The world population in 1999 was 6 billion.

Source: Human Numbers Through Time. World in the Balance.

PBS/WGBH. 19 November 2012

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