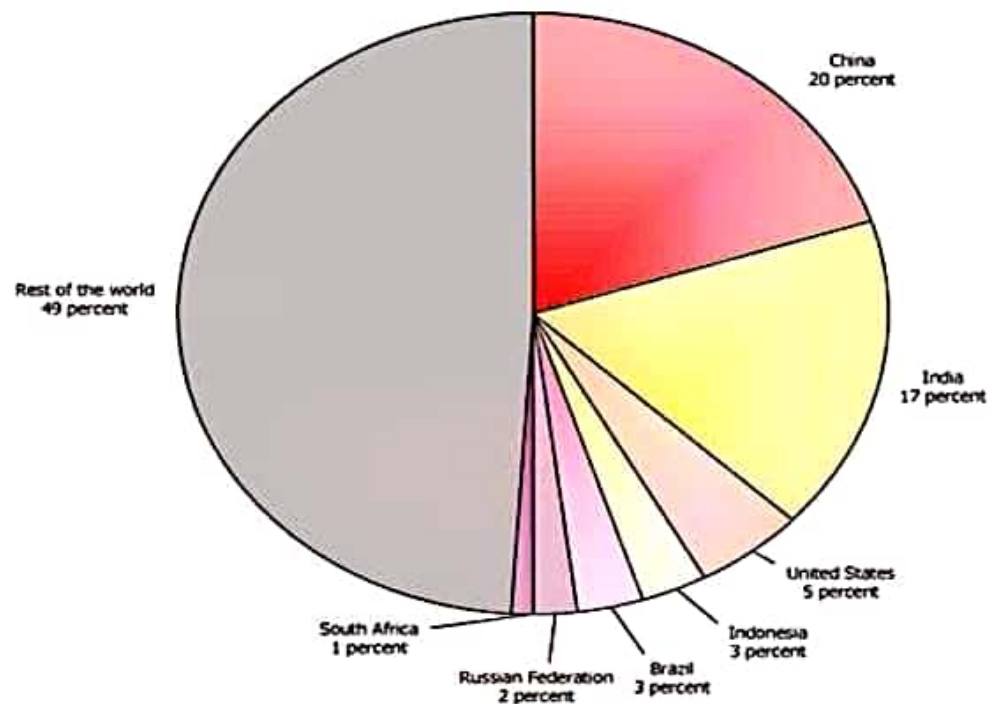


WHAT IS POPULATION?

A population is all the organisms that both belong to the same group or species and live in the same geographical area. In ecology the population of a certain species in a certain area is estimated using the Lincoln Index. The area that is used to define a sexual population is such that inter-breeding is possible between any pair within the area and more probable than cross-breeding with individuals from other areas. Normally breeding is substantially more common within the area than across the border.

In sociology, population refers to a collection of human beings. Demography is a social science which entails the statistical study of human populations. This article refers mainly to human population.

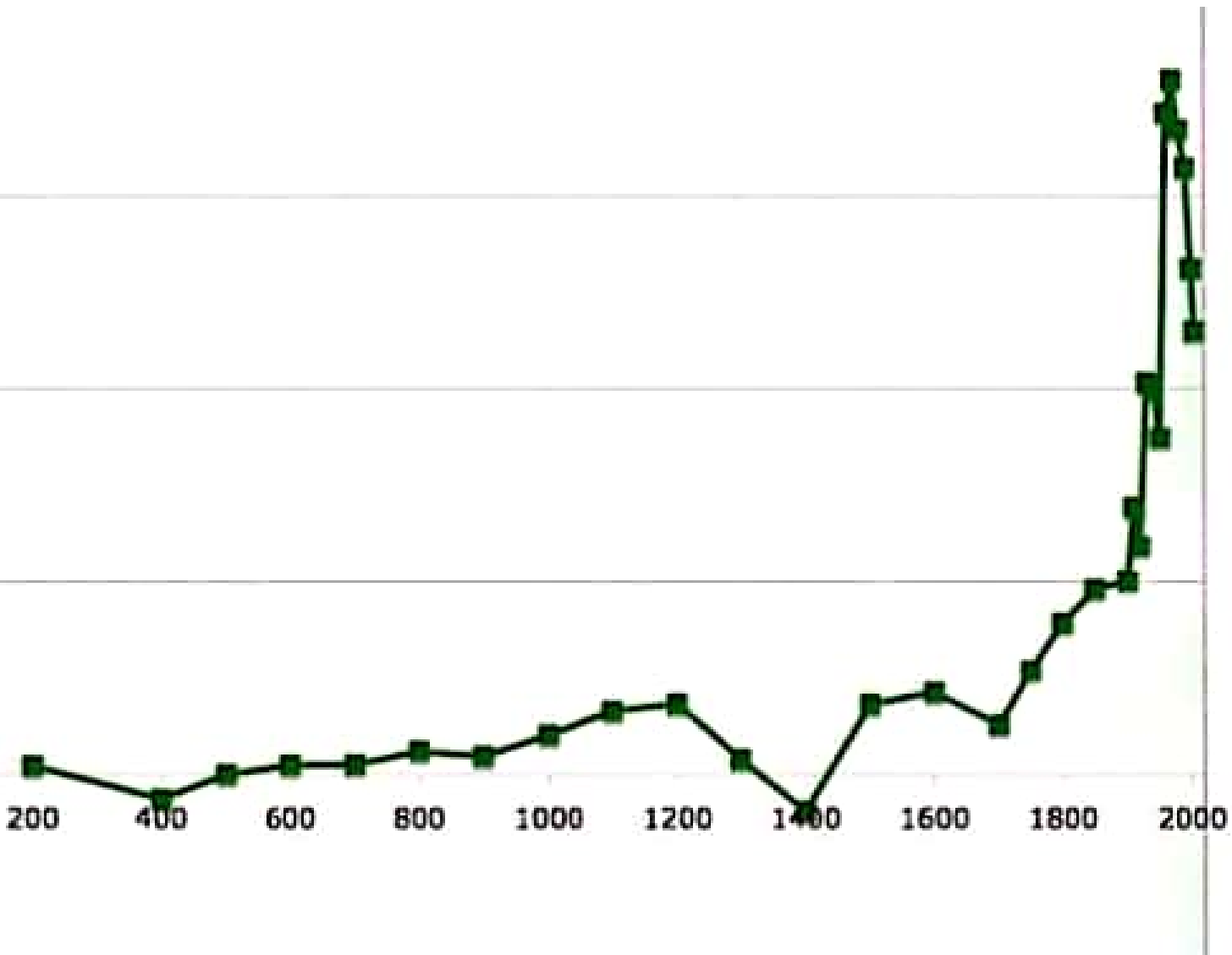
INDIA'S SHARE OF WORLD'S POPULATION



SOURCE: World Bank.

Population growth in India

- India's population growth rate has decelerated to 17.64 per cent in the decade 2001-11, the slowest rate of growth this past century, according to the first results of Census 2011 put out by the registrar-general of census.
- India's population in 2011 is estimated to be 1.21 billion, comprising 624 million males and 587 million females. While the gender imbalance in population remains, the preliminary census figures show that India's female population grew by 18.12 per cent over the past decade against 17.19 per cent for males.
- India's literacy rate has gone up from 64.83 per cent in 2001 to 74.04 per cent in 2011. Literates constitute 74 per cent of the total population aged seven and above. The sex-ratio, that is number of females per 1,000 males, has improved to 940 from 933 a decade ago.



Rank	Country	Population (thousands) 2010	Population (thousands) 1990	Growth (%) 1990-2010
	World	6,895,889	5,306,425	30.0%
1	China	1,341,335	1,145,195	17.1%
2	India	1,224,614	873,785	40.2%
3	United States	310,384	253,339	22.5%
4	Indonesia	239,871	184,346	30.1%
5	Brazil	194,946	149,650	30.3%
6	Pakistan	173,593	111,845	55.3%
7	Nigeria	158,423	97,552	62.4%
8	Bangladesh	148,692	105,256	41.3%
9	Russia	142,958	148,244	-3.6%
10	Japan	126,536	122,251	3.5%

What is Birth rate ?

Crude birth rate is the nativity or childbirths per 1,000 people per year (in estimation review points). Another word used interchangeably with "birth rate" is "natality". When the crude death rate is subtracted from the crude birth rate, it reveals the rate of natural increase (RNI). This number is equal to the rate of population change (not factoring in migration). It is important to distinguish between a total or crude birth rate, which uses all births, typically indicated as births per 1000, versus an age-specific rate which is typically indicated as the number of births per 1 000 persons in this age group. The first known use of the term "birth rate" in the English language was in 1859. The birth rate is typically the main variable in assessing the rate of population growth.

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Birthrate Map
Statewise (2001)

