

RESOURCE GUIDE

POPULATION, CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Do you want to know more about how population growth affects land-use patterns, wildlife habitat, and coastal fisheries? Or, which sustainable development programs are targeting population growth? We've compiled a list of publications, articles, and Web sites to help you start finding the answers. This list is by no means exhaustive, but we hope it will enhance your exploration of population trends and their relation to resource conservation.

Demography

Here are several organizations and informative articles that can help you to get up to speed on the latest population statistics and trends.

The Population Reference

Bureau produces regular reports, newsletters, and fact sheets on population-related issues. This includes background kits on demographic issues for individual countries or regions.
www.prb.org, 1-800-877-9881

McFalls, J. "Population A Lively Introduction 5th Edition." Population Bulletin, Vol. 62 No. 1. Population Reference Bureau, Washington, D.C. 2007.

The U.S. Census Bureau is a federal agency that compiles facts and statistics about U.S. population, including population information for each state. The Bureau also has information on global and international demographics.
www.census.gov

Population and Environment

A number of organizations are exploring the links between population and environmental well-being.



At the **Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, the Environmental Change and Security Project** brings together top thinkers regarding environment, population, and security concerns. Find reports, publications and video of panel discussions on these topics at www.ecsp.si.edu.

AAAS Atlas of Population and Environment. **American Association for the Advancement of Science**, Washington, D.C. 2000. AAAS, along with Science Magazine, also publishes The State of the Planet, a compilation of science writings concerning population and its various impacts. www.aaas.org, 202-326-6400

Population Action International is an independent policy advocacy group working to strengthen public awareness and support for population programs. Its Web site has information on the population-environment connection including some remarkable community-based projects that integrate conservation, population, and sustainable development.
www.populationaction.org, 202-557-3400



Land Use & Sprawl

As metropolitan areas expand, land-use planning and regulations on sprawl represent important avenues when dealing with the effects of human population growth.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Smart Growth Office provides a variety of information on environmental issues related to land use and planning.
www.epa.gov/livability, 202-566-2878

The U.S. Geological Survey is the federal source for science about the Earth and its resources. They offer extensive publications, online maps, and links to information about land use and natural resources.
www.usgs.gov, 1-888-275-8747

Fodor, Eben. *Better Not Bigger: How to Take Control of Urban Growth and Improve Your Community*. New Society Publishers, June 2007.
www.newsociety.com, 250-247-9737

Wildlife and Outdoor Recreation

Because much of our nation's remaining wilderness has legal protection from development, the links between a growing nation and declining recreational opportunities sometimes go unnoticed.

Population Growth and Outdoor America: Outdoor Writers' Perspectives. The Izaak Walton League of America, February 2005.
www.iwla.org/sep, 301-548-0150

Wetlands & Coastal Areas

With almost half of the U.S. population living along the coast, many organizations are looking at how our valuable freshwater and coastal wetland ecosystems are being affected by development.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's National Wetlands Inventory: A Strategy for the 21st Century, published in January 2002, outlines the

impacts of population growth on national wetland habitat and is available for download from the FWS Conservation Library at www.library.fws.gov

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) Coastal Services Center offers information on coastal resource management and links to regional efforts. Download the latest *Coastal Connections Newsletter* and learn more about different coastal impacts. www.csc.noaa.gov

Population Trends Along the Coastal United States: 1980-2008. NOAA's National Ocean Service Management and Budget Office, Special Projects. September 2004.
www.oceanservice.noaa.gov/programs/mb/supp_cstl_population.html

Sustainable Development

Unrestricted population growth and poverty are closely related issues, and the following organizations are taking the lead in addressing some of the fundamental causes of underdevelopment throughout the world.

The United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) helps governments, at their request, to formulate policies and strategies to reduce poverty and support sustainable development. They report on the state of the world's population on a yearly basis.
www.unfpa.org, 212-297-5000

The Sonoran Institute assists communities in western North America on economic and conservation issues. Its free online service provides economic profiles for communities and counties on long-term trends in population, economics, transportation, and agriculture.
www.sonoran.org, 520-290-0828