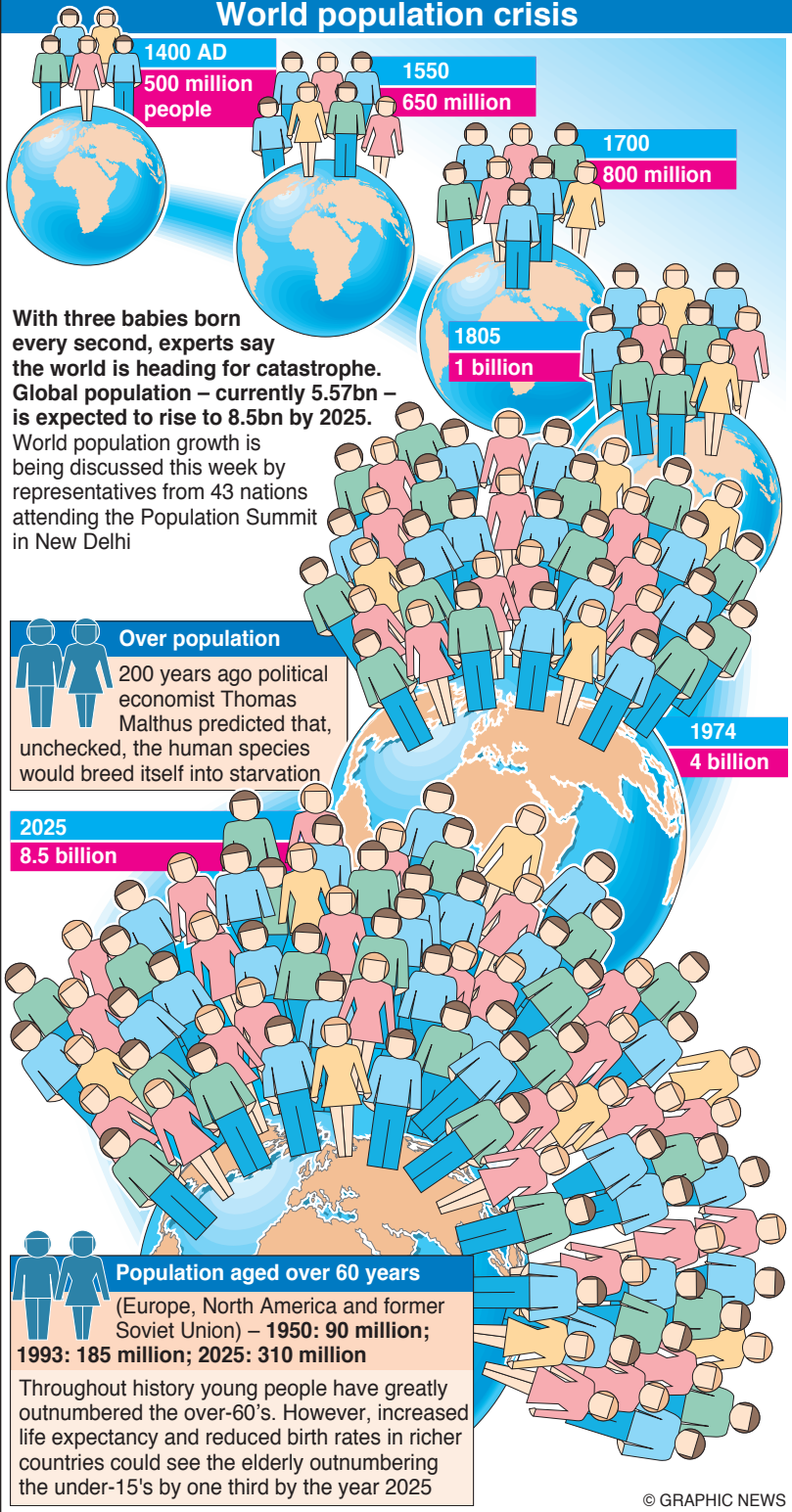
World population crisis



With three babies born every second, experts say the world is heading for catastrophe. Global population – currently 5.57bn – is expected to rise to 8.5bn by 2025.
World population growth is being discussed this week by representatives from 43 nations attending the Population Summit in New Delhi

Over population

200 years ago political economist Thomas Malthus predicted that, unchecked, the human species would breed itself into starvation

Population aged over 60 years

(Europe, North America and former Soviet Union) – **1950: 90 million; 1993: 185 million; 2025: 310 million**

Throughout history young people have greatly outnumbered the over-60's. However, increased life expectancy and reduced birth rates in richer countries could see the elderly outnumbering the under-15's by one third by the year 2025

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