

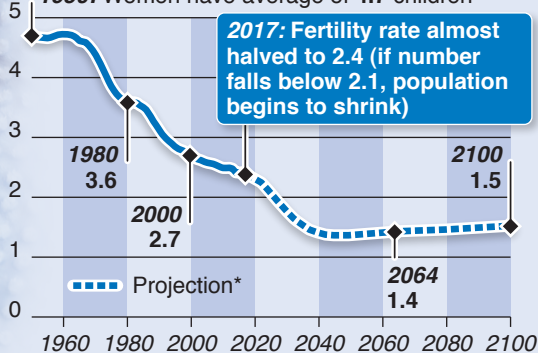
# World population may shrink by 2100

Declining fertility rates around the world mean almost every country could have shrinking populations by 2100, with major implications for societies, the economy and the environment, researchers say

## GLOBAL FERTILITY RATE, 1950-2100

1950: Women have average of 4.7 children

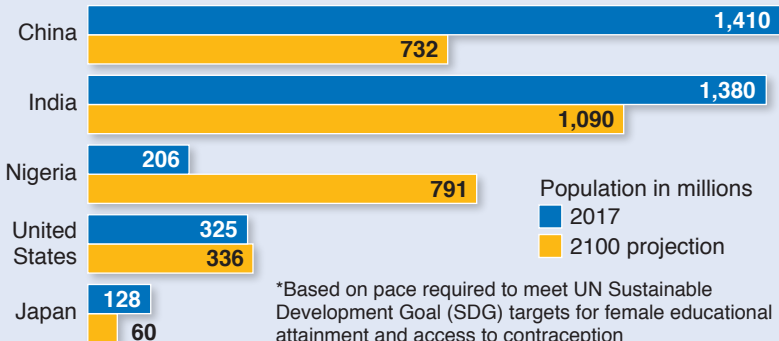
2017: Fertility rate almost halved to 2.4 (if number falls below 2.1, population begins to shrink)



Fertility rates have been declining worldwide mainly because women are getting more education and better access to birth control

**Global population:** Expected to peak at 9.7 billion in 2064, up from 8.7 billion today, before falling to 8.8 billion by 2100

## HOW POPULATIONS OF SELECTED COUNTRIES MIGHT CHANGE



\*Based on pace required to meet UN Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) targets for female educational attainment and access to contraception