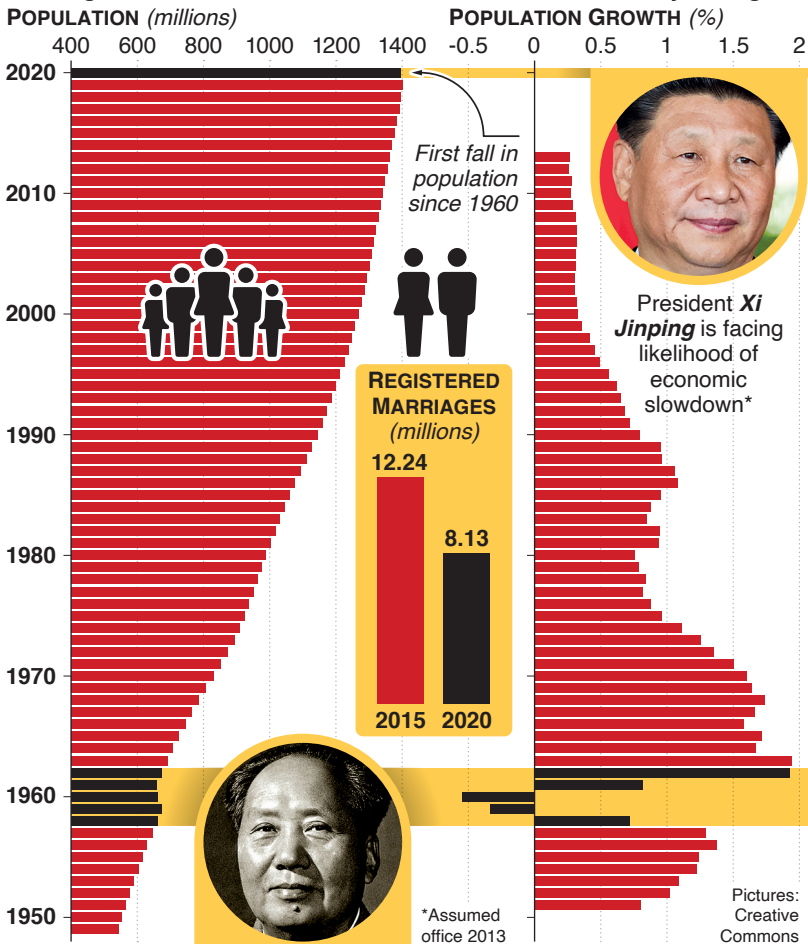


# China's population set to decrease

China could soon reveal census data that shows its population is falling – its first decline since the Great Chinese Famine 60 years ago



**1958-62, Great Chinese Famine:** Under stewardship of Chairman **Mao Zedong** (above), People's Republic of China initiates **Great Leap Forward** programme of industrialisation that leads to widespread starvation and deaths of between 15-55 million Chinese