

China's population crisis worsens

China's birth rate dropped to a record low in 2021 despite government efforts to encourage families to have more children

— Number of births (millions) 0.0 Fertility (births per woman)

1970-76

Mao Zedong's

"Late, Long and Few" birth

control campaign –
two children for urban
families, three for rural –
cuts population by half



1979

Leader **Deng Xiaoping** introduces
one-child policy
to curb rapidly
growing population



2016

President **Xi Jinping**
scraps one-child
policy, replacing it
with two-child limit

