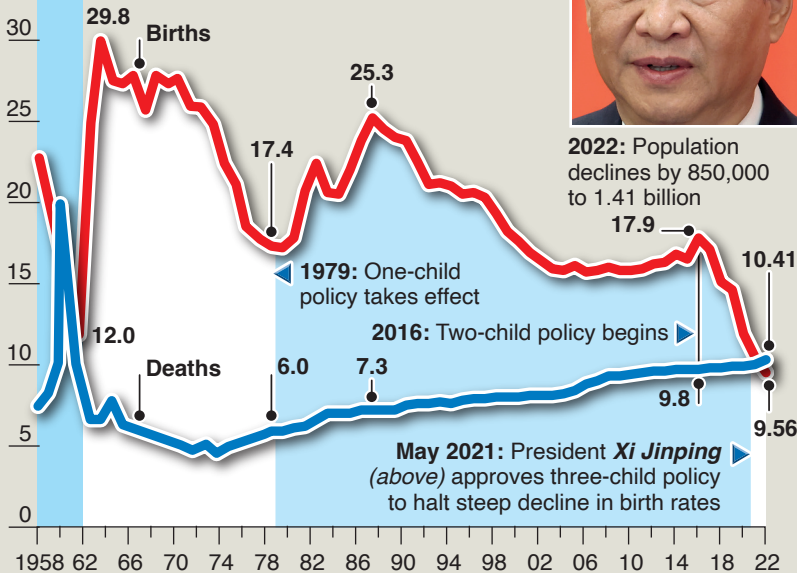


China's population drops

China's population started shrinking in 2022 for the first time in six decades, worsening a demographic crisis for the world's second-largest economy

Number of births and deaths in China (millions)

1958-62: Some 20 million Chinese die in Great Famine under former leader **Mao Zedong**



2022: Population declines by 850,000 to 1.41 billion

Apr 2023: India expected to overtake China as most populous nation

