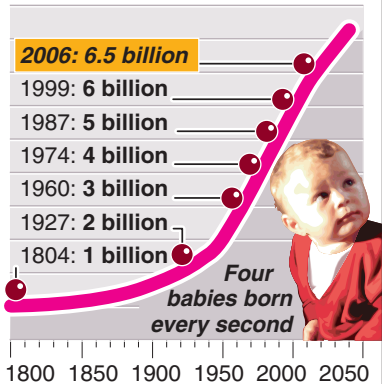


# Population boom

The world's population could reach seven billion in 2012 but could stabilize at nine billion in 2050. However, the rate of growth has fallen to 1.2 percent – down from two percent in the late 1960s



The six most populous nations make up almost 50% of the total

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| <b>China</b> | <b>1.3 billion</b>           |
| <b>India</b> | <b>1.1 billion</b>           |
| <b>U.S.</b>  | <b>298 million</b>           |
|              | <b>Indonesia 245 million</b> |
|              | <b>Brazil 188 million</b>    |
|              | <b>Pakistan 166 million</b>  |