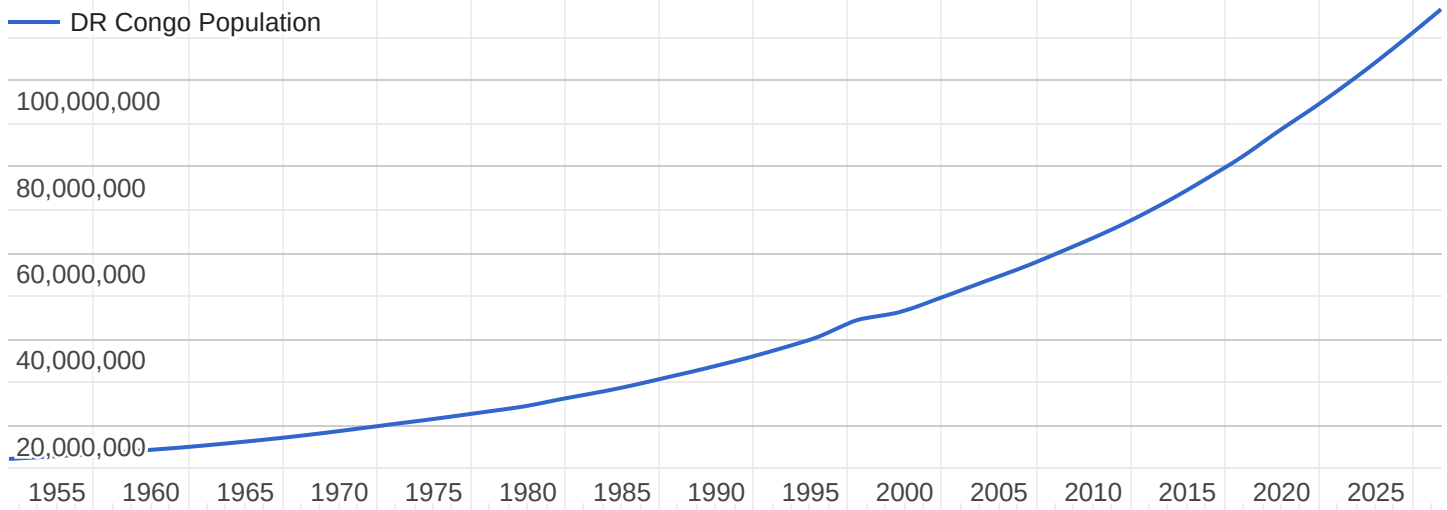


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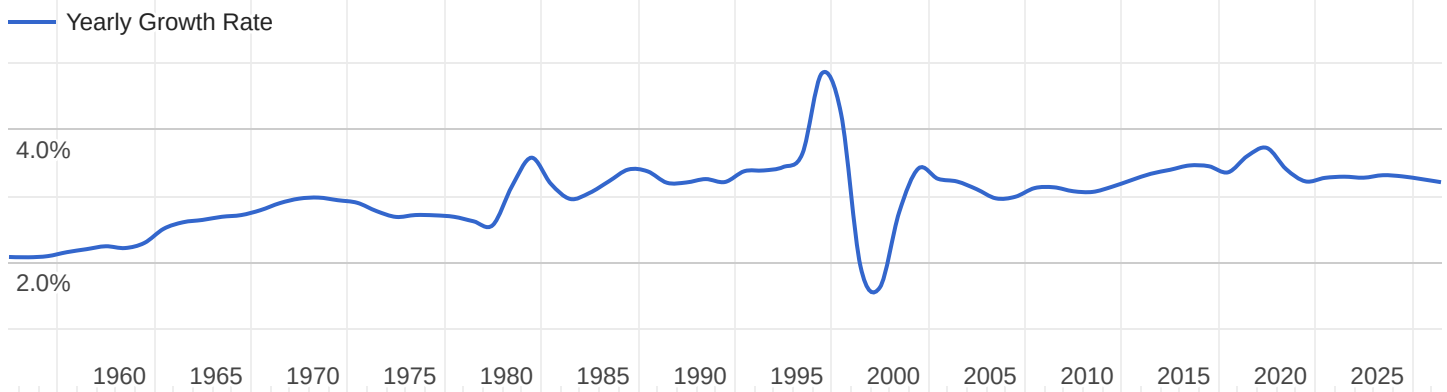
DR Congo Population (LIVE)

116,686,278

DR Congo Population (1950 - 2026)



Yearly Population Growth Rate (%)



Country

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16,438,709 as of Saturday, July 18, 2026, based on Worldometer's [live data](#)¹.

at **116,452,162** people at mid-year.

0% of the [total world population](#).

- the DR Congo ranks number **15** in the list of [countries \(and dependencies\) by population](#).
- The population density in the DR Congo is 51 per Km² (133 people per mi²).
- The total **land** area is 2,267,050 Km² (875,313 sq. miles).
- **45.43%** of the population is **urban** (52,904,879 people in 2026)
- The **median age** in the DR Congo is **15.9 years**.

1. U.N. Dept. of Economic and Social Affairs - Population Division. World Population Prospects: The 2024 Revision. (Medium-fertility variant).

Population of the DR Congo (2026 and historical)

Year	Population	Yearly % Change	Yearly Change	Migrants (net)	Median Age	Fertility Rate	Density (P/Km ²)	Urban Pop %	Urban Population	Col Sh V
2026	116,452,162	3.21%	3,619,689	−28,843	15.9	5.8	51	45.4%	52,904,879	
2025	112,832,473	3.25%	3,556,208	−27,309	15.8	5.9	50	45%	50,722,858	
2024	109,276,265	3.3%	3,486,534	−26,968	15.8	5.98	48	44.5%	48,611,843	
2023	105,789,731	3.31%	3,392,763	−14,992	15.8	6.05	47	44%	46,571,127	
2022	102,396,968	3.28%	3,203,485	−14,991	15.8	6.11	45	43.6%	44,598,623	
2020	95,989,998	3.45%	2,990,893	−1,633	15.8	6.21	42	42.6%	40,848,447	
2015	81,035,531	3.4%	2,494,499	−17,711	15.8	6.44	36	40.2%	32,566,508	
2010	68,563,038	3.13%	1,957,463	8,823	15.7	6.59	30	37.7%	25,817,901	
2005	58,775,724	3.08%	1,653,656	20,384	15.9	6.53	26	34.9%	20,521,483	
2000	50,507,442	2.6%	1,214,748	79,340	16.1	6.7	22	32.7%	16,534,234	
1995	44,433,704	3.91%	1,549,928	−273,434	17	6.68	20	30.7%	13,659,173	
1990	36,684,063	3.25%	1,083,849	219,270	16.7	6.65	16	28.9%	10,603,379	
1985	31,264,816	3.2%	910,743	118,791	16.8	6.61	14	27.3%	8,520,577	

Year	Population	Yearly % Change	Yearly Change	Migrants (net)	Median Age	Fertility Rate	Density (P/Km²)	Urban Pop %	Urban Population	Co Sh V
1980	26,711,099	3.02%	738,000	51,685	16.8	6.5	12	26.7%	7,135,522	
1975	23,021,101	2.71%	576,733	−972	16.8	6.42	10	25.7%	5,913,533	
1970	20,137,436	2.93%	541,927	39,116	17.3	6.33	9	24.5%	4,924,023	
1965	17,427,802	2.69%	432,591	61,397	17.5	6.21	8	23.4%	4,070,472	
1960	15,264,846	2.29%	326,899	27,673	17.3	6.11	7	22.3%	3,400,360	
1955	13,630,351	2.08%	267,213	−4,874	17.2	5.98	6	20.5%	2,791,904	

Source: **Worldometer** (www.Worldometers.info)

Elaboration of data by United Nations, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Population Division. [World Population Prospects: The 2024 Revision](#). (Medium-fertility variant).

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DR Congo Population Forecast

Year	Population	Yearly % Change	Yearly Change	Migrants (net)	Median Age	Fertility Rate	Density (P/Km²)	Urban Pop %	Urban Population	Co Sl '
2030	131,532,201	3.11%	3,739,946	−34,958	16.2	5.42	58	47.4%	62,343,480	
2035	151,560,103	2.88%	4,005,580	−31,140	16.9	4.87	67	50%	75,772,610	
2040	172,595,582	2.63%	4,207,096	−42,925	17.8	4.38	76	52.7%	90,960,949	
2045	194,865,379	2.46%	4,453,959	−39,181	18.9	3.99	86	55.3%	107,740,801	
2050	218,246,072	2.29%	4,676,139	−46,131	20	3.66	96	57.7%	125,931,197	

Source: **Worldometer** (www.Worldometers.info)

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DR Congo Demographics (2026)

LIFE EXPECTANCY

62.4 years

(life expectancy at birth, both sexes)

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INFANT MORTALITY RATE

47.4

(infant  deaths per 1,000 live births)

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Deaths UNDER AGE 5

70.6

(per 1,000 live births)

[View historical chart](#)

Main Cities by Population in the DR Congo

(includes boroughs, districts, urban agglomerations, etc.)

Rank	Urban Area	Population Estimate (2025)
1	Kinshasa	10,943,641
2	Kasaï-Oriental	3,605,738
3	Lubumbashi	2,832,853
4	Beni	1,923,700
5	Kananga	1,504,370
6	Tshikapa	1,054,686
7	Bukavu	948,948
8	Kisangani	900,330
9	Goma	809,601
10	Kalemie	758,379
11	Kamina	724,982
12	Likasi	673,034
13	Bunia	582,792
14	Kikwit	549,102
15	Manono	517,304
16	Butembo	454,857
17	Kolwezi	446,709
18	Gemena	440,327
19	Mbandaka	432,976
20	Uvira	416,523
21	Kongolo	410,371
22	Malemba-Nkulu	386,790
23	Matadi	377,297
24	Mwene-Ditu	351,319
25	Ngandajika	345,996
26	Mulongo	321,881
27	Ilebo	321,392
28	Kindu	309,727

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29	Fungurume	298,713
30	Kasumbalesa	294,623
31	Kasaji	292,523
32	Mweka	279,312
33	Kabinda	269,115
34	Kilwa	256,165
35	Lisala	248,434
36	Demba	248,191
37	Kipushi	247,546
38	Kamituga	243,261
39	Kambove	242,939
40	Boma	242,042
41	Mbanza-Ngungu	236,056
42	Luputa	230,128
43	Bumba	216,429
44	Kahemba	215,825
45	Kabongo	215,612
46	Rutshuru	214,158
47	Bandundu	212,016
48	Kabondo-Dianda	211,167
49	Luen	205,691
50	Mongbwalu	205,051
51	Musangala	199,847
52	Kasangulu	198,467
53	Dilolo	197,075
54	Buta	196,091
55	Kisantu	195,949
56	Kinzao	193,973

57	Nyunzu	192,205
58	Rubaya	189,880
59	Kasongo	184,984
60	Kirumba	182,137
61	Lwambo	176,648
62	Kitenge	174,943
63	Pweto	173,099
64	Mukubu	168,033
65	Kanyama	167,532
66	Baraka	166,603
67	Durba	166,417
68	Sandoa	165,522
69	Katanga	165,251
70	Idiofa	161,117

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- [Demographics of the DR Congo](#)
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 - [Total Fertility Rate](#) (Historical Chart)
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Notes

The **DR Congo Population (Live)** counter shows a continuously updated estimate of the current population of DR Congo delivered by [Worldometer's RTS algorithm](#), which processes 📊 [data](#) collected from the United Nations Population Division.

The **Population of DR Congo (1950 - 2026)** chart plots the total population count as of July 1 of each year, from 1950 to 2026.

The **Yearly Population Growth Rate** chart plots the annual percentage changes in population registered on July 1 of each year, from 1951 to 2026. This value can differ from the *Yearly % Change* shown in the historical table, which shows the last year equivalent percentage change assuming homogeneous change in the preceding five year period.

Definitions

Year: as of July 1 of the year indicated.

Population: Overall total population (both sexes and all ages) in the country as of July 1 of the year indicated, as estimated by the United Nations, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Population Division. [World Population Prospects: The 2024 Revision](#). For forecasted years, the U.N. medium-fertility variant is used.

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