

Estimated Population of the World by Continents.—The statement below, published by the United Nations, presents estimates of the 1953 mid-year population by continental divisions (except USSR). These continental totals are not always the sum of the estimates for individual countries given in Table 28 because wherever it was considered necessary adjustments have been made in order to arrive at the most reasonable estimates under existing circumstances. The world total must be regarded as only an approximate estimate, the data for Africa and Asia being subject to considerable error.

Africa	208,000,000
North America.....	229,900,000
South America.....	118,100,000
Asia (exclusive USSR).....	1,307,000,000
Europe (exclusive USSR).....	403,100,000
Oceania.....	13,900,000
WORLD TOTAL ¹	<u>2,493,000,000</u>

¹ Includes a Dec. 31, 1953 estimate for USSR (213,000,000) and the latest (1948) official estimate for China.