

### ***Revision of Population Estimates (March 2009)***

Midyear population estimates for 1950 to 2008 and projections to 2030 were derived from the US Bureau of the Census modified where necessary, using the latest (5<sup>th</sup> December, 2008) USBC amendments and updates available on [www.census.gov/ipc](http://www.census.gov/ipc). This was done for all countries except China, India and Indonesia. The UN Population Division provides alternative estimates for the same period as the US Bureau of the Census. There is not a great deal of difference in the long run trends, but the UNPD relies on interpolations between censuses, and the USBC takes account of inter-censal interruptions due to warfare, flight of population and natural disasters (see Maddison, *The World Economy: Historical Statistics*, OECD, 2003, p. 225)

The French GDP estimates cover the metropole and four overseas territories, three in the Caribbean: French Guyana, Guadeloupe, and Martinique, and Reunion in the Pacific. However, the population estimates used hitherto for France referred only to the metropolitan area. Population in these four territories are now included in the total for French population. The population estimates for each of the four territories are shown, pro memoria, at the bottom of the tables for small countries.

For China up to 2008, midyear population estimates were derived from the *China Statistical Yearbook*. The projection for 2030 was from the US Bureau of the Census.

Population of India from 1900 to 1946 within previous boundaries and from 1947 to 1990 within present boundaries is from Siva Subramonian, *The National Income of India in the Twentieth Century*, Oxford University Press, Delhi, 2000. These estimates were centered on October 1<sup>st</sup> (the middle of the fiscal year). Population from 1991 to 2008 and 2030 is from the US Bureau of the Census and is centered on the middle of the calendar year.

The estimates of Indonesian GDP and population from 1870 onwards were provided by Professor Pierre van der Eng of the Australian National University. East Timor was included up to and including 1999. For the moment PPP adjusted GDP estimates for East Timor from 2000 onward are not available. Pending these GDP estimates, population estimates for East Timor for this period are also excluded.