

Revision of Population Estimates (March 2010)

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 (5th December, 2008) USBC amendments and updates available on 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 did. There is not a great deal of difference in the long run trends, but the UNPD relies on interpolations between censuses, and the USBC took account of intercensal interruptions due to warfare, flight of population and natural disasters (see Maddison, *The World Economy: Historical Statistics*, OECD, 2003, p. 225). We used the USA Bureau of the Census up to 2008, but it has now stopped giving long-year historical statistics, however, it produced detailed world statistics for midyear 2009, which we have used.

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 were shown, pro memoria, at the bottom of the tables for small countries, but are no longer easily available.

For China up to 2009, 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 1st (the middle of the fiscal year). Population from 1991 to 2009 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.