

**Table A.7. Average annual rate of change of the rural population
by major area, region and country, 1950-2030**

Estimates: 1950-2005

Major area, region and country	Average annual rate of change (per cent)							
	1950-1955	1955-1960	1960-1965	1965-1970	1970-1975	1975-1980	1980-1985	1985-1990
WORLD	1.29	1.26	1.41	1.65	1.54	1.13	1.11	1.01
MORE DEVELOPED REGIONS (*)	-0.15	-0.32	-0.47	-0.80	-0.60	-0.48	-0.21	-0.26
LESS DEVELOPED REGIONS (+)	1.68	1.65	1.82	2.12	1.90	1.37	1.29	1.17
Least developed countries (#)	1.75	1.91	1.96	2.05	2.07	1.89	2.13	2.16
Other less developed countries	1.66	1.61	1.80	2.13	1.88	1.28	1.15	1.00
Less developed regions, excluding China	1.72	1.93	1.89	1.85	1.74	1.60	1.67	1.57
Sub-Saharan Africa	1.82	1.89	1.97	2.11	2.24	2.29	2.36	2.20
AFRICA	1.77	1.83	1.87	2.06	2.16	2.22	2.29	2.12
EASTERN AFRICA	2.08	2.24	2.39	2.48	2.46	2.43	2.64	2.66
Burundi	1.76	1.77	1.74	1.75	0.76	2.07	3.17	2.76
Comoros (1)	1.75	1.27	1.18	2.14	2.43	3.43	2.66	2.19
Djibouti	0.67	1.77	3.89	3.75	3.50	5.09	1.24	5.68
Eritrea	1.77	2.03	2.13	2.32	2.44	2.41	2.17	2.36
Ethiopia	1.92	2.07	2.32	2.46	2.50	1.45	2.90	3.00
Kenya	2.61	2.80	2.93	3.00	3.03	3.08	3.48	3.19
Madagascar	2.04	2.10	2.13	2.19	2.11	2.20	2.24	2.17
Malawi	1.82	2.06	2.27	2.32	2.63	2.98	2.93	5.01
Mauritius (2)	2.46	2.25	1.46	0.19	1.04	1.98	1.01	0.23
Mozambique	1.41	1.65	1.82	1.93	1.75	1.63	1.00	-0.76
Réunion	2.03	1.38	1.36	2.19	-0.04	-2.60	-5.60	-9.03
Rwanda	2.73	2.93	2.00	3.21	2.94	3.13	3.00	3.08
Seychelles	1.55	2.53	1.16	-0.57	-0.73	0.46	1.13	0.98
Somalia	1.66	1.66	1.70	1.84	2.02	8.67	-0.41	0.17
Uganda	2.47	2.60	3.10	3.17	2.89	3.00	2.86	3.25
United Republic of Tanzania	2.40	2.62	2.82	2.73	2.59	2.45	2.80	2.76
Zambia	1.72	1.77	1.76	1.30	2.24	1.69	3.36	3.25
Zimbabwe	2.85	2.91	2.81	2.72	2.88	2.62	3.11	2.48
MIDDLE AFRICA	1.44	1.67	1.48	1.60	2.06	2.41	2.46	2.38
Angola	1.48	1.68	1.41	1.43	1.26	1.47	1.71	0.48
Cameroon	1.16	1.23	1.41	1.53	0.79	1.61	1.49	1.47
Central African Republic	0.81	0.86	1.05	1.08	0.60	1.88	2.28	1.87
Chad	1.15	1.35	1.46	1.42	1.23	1.25	2.13	2.73
Congo	1.17	1.31	1.51	1.68	1.68	1.42	1.44	2.32
Dem. Republic of the Congo	1.81	2.13	1.67	1.85	3.26	3.38	3.10	3.14
Equatorial Guinea	-0.08	-0.12	1.11	1.48	-5.27	-0.86	6.56	0.95
Gabon	-0.35	-0.36	-0.96	-1.22	-0.97	-1.66	-0.62	-0.69
São Tomé and Príncipe	-0.69	1.43	-1.20	0.41	1.54	2.21	0.52	0.44
NORTHERN AFRICA	1.57	1.59	1.41	1.75	1.85	2.06	2.04	1.49
Algeria	1.05	0.90	-0.19	2.24	2.78	2.11	1.59	1.05
Egypt	1.59	1.45	1.58	1.71	1.72	2.05	2.44	2.47
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	0.87	2.51	2.06	0.05	-0.85	-1.33	-1.38	0.37
Morocco	2.06	2.30	1.98	1.97	1.44	1.28	1.32	0.79
Sudan	1.80	1.84	1.78	1.77	2.39	2.90	2.54	1.05
Tunisia	0.90	1.07	1.13	0.38	-0.01	1.91	1.43	-0.23
Western Sahara	5.85	5.47	10.78	10.62	-2.93	-0.00	-6.35	-1.48
SOUTHERN AFRICA	1.62	1.67	2.33	2.27	2.44	2.27	2.07	1.15
Botswana	2.56	2.22	2.41	2.01	2.41	2.32	0.67	-1.76
Lesotho	1.30	1.24	1.22	1.48	1.62	1.82	1.86	1.44
Namibia	1.49	1.66	1.91	2.03	2.53	1.68	2.16	4.10
South Africa	1.57	1.65	2.47	2.37	2.52	2.34	2.16	1.03
Swaziland	2.37	2.34	1.81	1.96	2.05	2.17	2.05	3.47
WESTERN AFRICA	1.73	1.63	1.65	1.90	2.00	1.99	1.99	1.92
Benin	0.82	1.14	1.06	1.23	1.26	1.43	2.41	2.19
Burkina Faso	1.23	1.47	1.50	1.87	2.08	1.51	1.50	2.55
Cape Verde	2.67	2.65	2.73	2.70	0.34	0.26	-0.24	-1.92
Côte d'Ivoire	2.68	2.54	2.02	3.27	3.16	3.27	4.17	3.25
Gambia	1.16	2.21	2.22	1.60	2.11	2.15	2.06	2.18
Ghana	2.18	2.03	2.01	1.06	2.31	1.65	2.89	1.80
Guinea	1.21	1.23	1.44	1.49	0.13	1.55	1.51	2.49
Guinea-Bissau	0.52	0.51	-0.03	0.73	1.98	3.55	1.12	1.09
Liberia	1.70	1.86	1.81	1.81	1.71	1.61	1.37	-2.07
Mali	1.88	2.04	1.79	2.05	2.24	1.77	1.80	1.83

Table A.7. Average annual rate of change of the rural population (continued)

2005-2030: Projections

Average annual rate of change (per cent)								Major area, region and country
1990-1995	1995-2000	2000-2005	2005-2010	2010-2015	2015-2020	2020-2025	2025-2030	
0.86	0.63	0.45	0.32	0.19	0.00	-0.22	-0.46	WORLD
-0.36	-0.34	-0.39	-0.59	-0.83	-1.08	-1.33	-1.53	MORE DEVELOPED REGIONS (*)
1.01	0.73	0.54	0.42	0.29	0.10	-0.13	-0.37	LESS DEVELOPED REGIONS (+)
2.22	1.93	1.86	1.66	1.47	1.26	1.01	0.76	Least developed countries (#)
0.78	0.49	0.25	0.12	-0.01	-0.22	-0.47	-0.73	Other less developed countries
1.47	1.22	1.05	0.89	0.70	0.47	0.20	-0.08	Less developed regions, excluding China
1.99	1.81	1.60	1.48	1.35	1.16	0.94	0.72	Sub-Saharan Africa
1.90	1.71	1.51	1.39	1.25	1.05	0.81	0.60	AFRICA
2.16	2.30	2.01	1.93	1.78	1.54	1.27	1.03	EASTERN AFRICA
1.42	0.77	2.72	3.37	2.66	2.38	2.07	1.90	Burundi
2.07	1.95	1.66	1.47	1.07	0.70	0.42	0.18	Comoros (1)
-1.67	-0.73	-1.52	-1.53	-1.04	-0.30	0.11	0.00	Djibouti
0.20	2.48	3.86	2.51	1.88	1.55	1.26	0.97	Eritrea
2.94	2.42	2.19	2.00	1.78	1.51	1.20	0.88	Ethiopia
2.82	2.21	1.95	2.21	2.02	1.63	1.22	0.95	Kenya
2.42	2.85	2.55	2.19	1.83	1.46	1.06	0.75	Madagascar
0.96	2.17	1.76	1.58	1.51	1.38	1.15	0.87	Malawi
1.46	1.27	1.08	0.68	0.26	-0.16	-0.61	-0.92	Mauritius (2)
1.97	1.19	0.87	0.53	0.36	0.23	0.09	-0.08	Mozambique
-4.15	-4.56	-4.12	-3.48	-2.64	-1.71	-0.88	-0.88	Réunion
-5.94	6.55	1.04	1.10	0.83	0.47	0.18	0.04	Rwanda
0.66	0.01	0.12	-0.20	-0.50	-0.65	-0.84	-1.08	Seychelles
-1.63	1.56	2.61	2.35	1.84	1.33	1.03	0.73	Somalia
3.12	2.93	3.29	3.47	3.60	3.39	3.12	2.83	Uganda
2.88	1.89	1.46	1.17	1.02	0.72	0.41	0.09	United Republic of Tanzania
3.39	2.98	1.67	1.43	1.35	1.16	0.78	0.38	Zambia
1.46	0.67	-0.00	-0.16	-0.30	-0.55	-0.81	-1.00	Zimbabwe
2.53	1.49	1.83	1.71	1.59	1.42	1.23	1.02	MIDDLE AFRICA
0.71	0.18	1.45	1.35	1.18	1.00	0.84	0.65	Angola
1.03	0.42	-0.06	-0.36	-0.47	-0.54	-0.59	-0.64	Cameroon
2.46	1.89	1.20	1.13	0.92	0.60	0.25	-0.11	Central African Republic
2.72	2.73	2.92	2.01	2.03	1.96	1.77	1.55	Chad
2.27	2.40	2.11	1.94	2.09	1.89	1.65	1.37	Congo
3.34	1.73	2.13	2.14	1.94	1.70	1.48	1.23	Dem. Republic of the Congo
1.12	2.41	2.26	1.97	1.66	1.26	0.89	0.59	Equatorial Guinea
-1.39	-1.75	-2.14	-1.63	-1.13	-0.61	-0.65	-0.76	Gabon
-0.08	-0.13	0.18	0.08	-0.10	-0.25	-0.30	-0.35	São Tomé and Príncipe
1.28	1.03	0.83	0.75	0.47	0.15	-0.19	-0.43	NORTHERN AFRICA
0.52	-0.32	-0.32	-0.31	-0.32	-0.42	-0.59	-0.88	Algeria
2.14	1.99	1.82	1.50	1.07	0.58	0.09	-0.18	Egypt
-0.34	-0.37	-0.21	-0.07	-0.05	-0.13	-0.39	-0.62	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya
0.37	0.22	-0.18	-0.21	-0.33	-0.49	-0.65	-0.80	Morocco
1.05	0.84	0.41	0.54	0.23	-0.05	-0.27	-0.48	Sudan
0.82	0.24	0.04	-0.10	-0.31	-0.50	-0.70	-0.94	Tunisia
-1.01	1.98	1.71	3.64	3.03	2.41	0.46	0.08	Western Sahara
1.49	0.71	-0.33	-1.00	-1.18	-1.22	-1.32	-1.43	SOUTHERN AFRICA
-0.13	-0.10	-1.73	-2.27	-2.30	-2.02	-1.93	-1.85	Botswana
1.16	0.99	-0.13	-0.65	-0.76	-0.99	-1.17	-1.26	Lesotho
2.73	2.00	0.58	0.05	0.03	0.01	-0.20	-0.49	Namibia
1.50	0.61	-0.36	-1.06	-1.28	-1.32	-1.41	-1.53	South Africa
1.89	1.35	-0.03	-0.80	-0.91	-0.97	-1.13	-1.12	Swaziland
1.77	1.58	1.38	1.19	1.07	0.86	0.62	0.40	WESTERN AFRICA
2.89	2.47	2.62	2.28	1.86	1.48	1.05	0.68	Benin
2.53	2.43	2.75	2.42	2.24	2.01	1.73	1.45	Burkina Faso
0.69	0.42	0.60	0.45	0.29	0.11	-0.03	-0.18	Cape Verde
2.52	1.94	0.94	0.87	0.71	0.39	0.07	-0.13	Côte d'Ivoire
1.63	1.34	0.87	0.41	0.20	0.07	-0.13	-0.34	Gambia
1.51	0.96	0.73	0.42	0.24	0.04	-0.14	-0.35	Ghana
3.41	1.83	1.60	1.46	1.63	1.26	0.92	0.65	Guinea
2.69	2.80	3.02	2.80	2.70	2.48	2.20	1.83	Guinea-Bissau
-1.74	5.38	-0.38	1.22	1.07	0.95	0.86	0.72	Liberia
2.06	2.12	2.25	2.04	1.97	1.77	1.52	1.25	Mali

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Estimates: 1950-2005

Major area, region and country	Average annual rate of change (per cent)							
	1950-1955	1955-1960	1960-1965	1965-1970	1970-1975	1975-1980	1980-1985	1985-1990
Mauritania	1.43	1.65	1.57	1.34	0.94	0.66	0.17	0.78
Niger	2.80	2.54	2.60	2.46	2.40	2.60	2.84	2.93
Nigeria	1.75	1.50	1.60	1.96	2.06	2.06	1.64	1.59
Saint Helena (3)	0.68	0.68	0.68	0.53	0.55	1.13	1.28	0.08
Senegal	1.68	1.73	1.69	1.72	1.72	1.85	2.28	2.53
Sierra Leone	0.99	1.07	1.09	1.08	0.85	1.18	1.23	1.71
Togo	1.10	1.04	0.70	2.85	2.25	2.11	3.05	2.50
ASIA	1.62	1.56	1.78	2.12	1.90	1.25	1.14	1.01
EASTERN ASIA	1.41	0.99	1.49	2.25	1.98	0.79	0.45	0.21
China (4)	1.59	1.10	1.70	2.65	2.21	0.93	0.53	0.35
China, Hong Kong SAR (5)	4.64	4.22	1.93	-0.72	-1.31	-1.07	-2.11	-52.80
China, Macao SAR (6)	3.18	3.16	-0.32	-1.20	-10.08	-13.94	-11.12	-11.18
Dem. People's Republic of Korea	-2.23	0.48	0.38	-1.10	1.01	1.33	1.05	0.96
Japan	0.15	-0.49	-0.58	-1.27	-0.28	-0.39	0.18	-0.88
Mongolia	0.47	-0.22	0.52	1.72	1.49	1.40	1.48	2.08
Republic of Korea	1.76	2.19	1.31	-0.39	-0.64	-2.11	-2.82	-4.91
SOUTH-CENTRAL ASIA	1.84	2.12	2.06	2.04	1.88	1.65	1.88	1.85
Afghanistan	1.70	1.85	1.96	2.05	2.06	0.65	-2.09	0.64
Bangladesh	1.85	2.03	2.10	2.11	1.91	1.18	1.81	1.73
Bhutan	1.49	1.65	1.76	1.86	1.92	1.98	2.08	2.31
India	1.87	2.18	2.04	2.04	1.85	1.63	1.80	1.75
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	1.57	1.63	1.70	1.56	1.32	1.79	2.63	1.85
Kazakhstan	2.20	3.17	2.45	0.68	0.55	0.40	0.29	0.78
Kyrgyzstan	0.64	1.59	2.87	2.32	1.91	1.76	2.10	2.01
Maldives	1.71	1.83	1.94	2.07	1.19	1.59	2.14	3.13
Nepal	1.41	1.48	1.71	1.95	1.99	1.98	2.02	2.02
Pakistan	1.61	1.75	2.10	2.25	2.33	2.51	3.20	2.95
Sri Lanka	2.39	2.49	2.11	1.84	1.96	1.81	1.71	1.77
Tajikistan	2.50	2.54	3.15	2.61	3.56	3.15	3.21	3.49
Turkmenistan	1.99	2.97	3.14	2.69	2.91	2.72	2.84	2.89
Uzbekistan	2.41	2.92	3.17	2.69	2.34	2.08	2.64	2.61
SOUTH-EASTERN ASIA	1.73	2.03	2.11	2.15	1.82	1.58	1.36	1.07
Brunei Darussalam	3.30	2.21	0.95	0.47	4.13	4.73	1.67	0.84
Cambodia	2.14	2.30	2.33	2.24	0.77	-1.88	4.01	3.68
Indonesia	1.42	1.82	1.82	2.06	1.73	1.50	0.99	0.50
Lao People's Dem. Republic	1.97	2.18	2.13	1.90	1.85	0.87	2.11	2.26
Malaysia	1.94	2.17	2.17	1.62	1.13	0.86	1.22	1.09
Myanmar	1.43	1.65	1.66	1.77	2.03	2.19	1.97	1.63
Philippines	2.56	2.60	2.71	2.53	2.00	2.09	0.55	0.25
Singapore	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Thailand	2.58	2.72	3.06	2.83	1.86	1.49	1.41	1.16
Timor-Leste	1.25	1.58	1.55	1.59	1.73	-3.36	2.00	1.76
Viet Nam	1.54	1.89	2.08	1.92	2.12	1.88	2.11	2.09
WESTERN ASIA	1.66	1.62	1.42	1.07	1.27	1.55	0.57	0.72
Armenia	1.32	1.84	1.45	0.65	0.35	0.37	0.71	1.21
Azerbaijan	1.74	2.27	2.80	1.98	1.14	1.22	1.28	1.46
Bahrain	-4.59	-3.40	3.83	1.27	2.74	3.32	1.93	1.92
Cyprus	0.27	0.56	-0.49	0.24	-2.52	-4.79	-2.01	-0.22
Georgia	0.89	0.74	0.56	0.05	0.04	-0.19	-0.11	0.05
Iraq	2.40	1.38	0.25	0.90	0.84	0.99	0.92	1.95
Israel	6.58	-0.70	-0.04	-1.29	-0.42	-0.86	-0.59	0.84
Jordan	4.77	3.06	2.79	6.90	2.76	1.67	0.48	-0.21
Kuwait	0.81	2.68	6.69	1.80	0.03	-7.96	-13.77	3.39
Lebanon	0.93	1.16	-0.51	-1.83	-1.82	-4.38	-4.24	-4.34
Occupied Palestinian Territory	-0.37	-0.08	-0.11	-4.03	0.25	1.79	2.26	2.19
Oman	1.63	1.80	1.25	1.18	1.57	1.79	0.75	-1.45
Qatar	3.34	1.51	5.93	7.40	7.67	5.01	7.63	0.38
Saudi Arabia	1.09	1.03	0.93	0.09	0.48	1.64	1.44	1.70
Syrian Arab Republic	1.80	1.93	2.08	2.17	2.72	2.89	3.31	3.00
Turkey	1.69	1.90	1.69	1.22	1.47	1.57	-0.98	-1.18
United Arab Emirates	-2.49	-3.12	6.31	5.65	13.82	15.86	7.91	6.33
Yemen	1.53	1.57	1.67	1.22	1.57	2.85	3.43	3.25

Table A.7. Average annual rate of change of the rural population (continued)

2005-2030: Projections

Average annual rate of change (per cent)								Major area, region and country
1990-1995	1995-2000	2000-2005	2005-2010	2010-2015	2015-2020	2020-2025	2025-2030	
2.44	2.74	2.84	2.39	1.91	1.46	0.99	0.64	Mauritania
3.07	3.32	3.25	3.02	2.84	2.66	2.42	2.17	Niger
1.32	0.96	0.67	0.48	0.34	0.13	-0.15	-0.40	Nigeria
-0.55	-0.66	0.05	1.03	0.52	-0.01	-0.47	-0.67	Saint Helena (3)
2.40	2.23	2.08	1.84	1.45	1.01	0.54	0.14	Senegal
-0.71	0.63	2.87	0.78	0.94	0.78	0.61	0.40	Sierra Leone
1.68	2.43	1.58	1.29	0.98	0.65	0.33	0.03	Togo
0.84	0.55	0.34	0.19	0.05	-0.16	-0.41	-0.69	ASIA
-0.09	-0.43	-0.81	-0.96	-1.05	-1.20	-1.39	-1.61	EASTERN ASIA
-0.04	-0.46	-0.85	-1.00	-1.06	-1.20	-1.38	-1.60	China (4)
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-13.86	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	China, Macao SAR (6)
0.85	0.37	-0.16	-0.58	-0.84	-1.06	-1.16	-1.33	Dem. People's Republic of Korea
-0.55	-0.07	-0.21	-0.53	-0.89	-1.27	-1.62	-1.82	Japan
1.61	0.99	1.10	0.87	0.57	0.02	-0.48	-0.72	Mongolia
-2.71	-0.54	-0.74	-0.92	-1.07	-1.22	-1.38	-1.56	Republic of Korea
1.74	1.48	1.31	1.08	0.81	0.49	0.13	-0.22	SOUTH-CENTRAL ASIA
6.59	2.38	4.18	3.04	2.39	2.23	1.98	1.62	Afghanistan
1.82	1.59	1.41	1.17	0.91	0.62	0.30	0.01	Bangladesh
0.83	1.95	1.86	1.82	1.67	1.36	1.07	0.78	Bhutan
1.65	1.46	1.25	1.00	0.72	0.40	0.02	-0.37	India
0.03	-0.84	-0.66	-0.29	-0.15	-0.37	-0.68	-0.88	Iran (Islamic Republic of)
-0.63	-1.24	-0.76	-0.65	-0.70	-1.00	-1.37	-1.73	Kazakhstan
1.32	1.82	1.10	0.86	0.54	0.13	-0.32	-0.72	Kyrgyzstan
3.15	2.33	1.93	1.71	1.43	1.07	0.65	0.28	Maldives
2.07	1.81	1.55	1.34	1.15	0.95	0.71	0.44	Nepal
2.06	2.08	1.52	1.40	1.13	0.75	0.34	0.06	Pakistan
1.37	1.18	1.02	0.77	0.54	0.25	-0.08	-0.38	Sri Lanka
2.70	1.87	1.42	1.56	1.58	1.21	0.71	0.18	Tajikistan
2.79	1.28	1.00	0.61	0.21	-0.19	-0.50	-0.79	Turkmenistan
2.77	1.90	1.64	1.36	1.05	0.54	-0.06	-0.44	Uzbekistan
0.69	0.12	-0.07	-0.25	-0.41	-0.55	-0.66	-0.86	SOUTH-EASTERN ASIA
1.04	0.78	0.58	0.36	0.15	-0.04	-0.18	-0.27	Brunei Darussalam
2.74	1.63	1.29	1.19	1.01	0.73	0.41	0.12	Cambodia
0.03	-0.77	-0.98	-1.13	-1.28	-1.34	-1.25	-1.34	Indonesia
2.09	1.98	1.87	1.66	1.42	1.13	0.81	0.48	Lao People's Dem. Republic
0.18	-0.56	-1.19	-1.31	-1.28	-1.10	-0.88	-0.94	Malaysia
1.42	0.88	0.40	-0.08	-0.27	-0.44	-0.62	-0.86	Myanmar
0.09	-0.03	-0.28	-0.45	-0.53	-0.58	-0.64	-0.84	Philippines
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Singapore
1.07	0.79	0.55	0.28	-0.00	-0.32	-0.68	-0.94	Thailand
2.25	-3.69	4.90	4.85	2.83	2.00	1.48	1.13	Timor-Leste
1.50	0.91	0.80	0.59	0.36	0.08	-0.21	-0.51	Viet Nam
1.61	1.61	1.42	1.23	1.01	0.70	0.36	0.04	WESTERN ASIA
-1.17	-0.23	0.15	-0.04	-0.28	-0.74	-1.34	-1.78	Armenia
2.20	1.42	0.40	0.62	0.36	-0.02	-0.52	-1.04	Azerbaijan
-3.40	-6.27	-7.10	-5.45	-4.07	-2.61	-1.10	-0.56	Bahrain
0.65	1.07	0.77	0.44	0.18	-0.11	-0.44	-0.72	Cyprus
-1.08	-0.75	-0.87	-1.00	-1.01	-1.34	-1.74	-2.17	Georgia
3.71	3.55	3.32	2.64	2.10	1.53	0.96	0.45	Iraq
2.41	1.20	1.58	1.43	0.88	0.37	0.01	-0.27	Israel
0.47	1.02	0.76	0.17	0.02	-0.08	-0.13	-0.21	Jordan
-5.69	4.45	2.67	1.41	0.94	0.62	0.40	0.23	Kuwait
0.83	-0.27	0.15	0.08	-0.10	-0.34	-0.56	-0.74	Lebanon
2.18	3.03	3.15	2.80	2.26	1.72	1.21	0.81	Occupied Palestinian Territory
-0.69	2.37	1.06	2.02	1.61	1.11	0.58	0.08	Oman
-3.12	-0.31	3.88	0.03	-0.06	-0.29	-0.26	-0.22	Qatar
0.76	1.66	1.54	1.18	0.92	0.68	0.41	0.14	Saudi Arabia
2.42	2.52	2.26	1.91	1.41	0.86	0.31	-0.10	Syrian Arab Republic
0.29	0.28	-0.09	-0.21	-0.39	-0.56	-0.70	-0.85	Turkey
5.96	6.67	7.07	2.10	1.65	1.18	0.71	0.24	United Arab Emirates
3.90	2.83	2.63	2.51	2.29	1.92	1.47	1.04	Yemen

Table A.7. Average annual rate of change of the rural population (continued)

Estimates: 1950-2005

Major area, region and country	Average annual rate of change (per cent)							
	1950-1955	1955-1960	1960-1965	1965-1970	1970-1975	1975-1980	1980-1985	1985-1990
EUROPE	-0.22	-0.35	-0.57	-0.84	-1.07	-0.91	-0.51	-0.37
EASTERN EUROPE	-0.11	-0.34	-0.63	-0.94	-1.35	-1.14	-0.86	-0.63
Belarus	-0.57	-0.06	-0.78	-1.02	-1.80	-1.92	-1.93	-2.05
Bulgaria	-0.65	-0.54	-2.12	-1.89	-1.80	-1.94	-1.14	-1.58
Czech Republic	-0.01	-0.36	-0.83	-1.10	-5.18	-6.55	-0.47	0.00
Hungary	0.41	-0.34	-0.65	-0.66	-0.72	-0.73	-0.75	-0.84
Poland	0.25	-0.07	0.31	-0.06	-0.55	-0.40	-0.01	-0.19
Republic of Moldova	1.52	1.74	0.98	0.21	0.05	-0.48	-0.32	-0.25
Romania	0.00	-0.04	-0.42	0.38	0.10	-0.19	-1.15	-1.38
Russian Federation	-0.17	-0.51	-1.00	-1.52	-1.91	-1.16	-0.87	-0.33
Slovakia	1.35	1.23	-0.09	-0.57	-0.95	-1.12	-0.43	-0.59
Ukraine	-0.46	-0.64	-0.34	-0.92	-0.94	-1.24	-1.27	-0.84
NORTHERN EUROPE	-0.08	-0.04	-0.14	-0.31	-3.43	-3.63	-0.49	-0.01
Channel Islands (7)	1.20	1.19	1.57	1.62	1.30	0.71	0.93	1.16
Denmark	-0.28	-2.25	-1.97	-1.79	-2.01	-1.60	-0.82	-0.54
Estonia	-0.59	-0.82	-0.69	-0.84	-0.61	-0.79	-0.01	0.51
Faeroe Islands	-0.07	0.79	0.09	0.55	0.39	1.00	1.08	0.83
Finland (8)	0.18	-0.08	-1.39	-2.21	-3.05	-0.48	0.52	-0.48
Iceland	-1.15	-1.15	-0.88	-1.47	-1.17	-1.63	-1.24	-1.32
Ireland	-1.57	-1.37	-0.80	-0.68	0.65	0.61	0.37	-0.43
Isle of Man	-1.53	-2.06	0.38	2.44	2.92	1.58	-0.20	1.75
Latvia	-0.52	-0.35	-0.44	-1.08	-1.03	-1.26	-0.38	0.57
Lithuania	-1.06	-0.60	-0.38	-0.83	-1.59	-1.97	-1.35	-0.66
Norway (9)	1.06	1.00	-2.54	-3.27	-1.02	-1.15	-0.20	-0.03
Sweden	-1.49	-1.62	-2.96	-3.02	-1.50	-0.13	0.08	0.49
United Kingdom	0.49	0.71	1.32	1.10	-5.35	-7.20	-1.04	0.18
SOUTHERN EUROPE	-0.17	-0.27	-0.65	-0.98	-0.39	-0.29	-0.13	-0.10
Albania	1.14	2.06	2.83	2.51	2.05	1.83	1.68	1.65
Andorra	4.44	3.18	-2.53	-5.45	-7.36	-9.12	5.16	5.11
Bosnia and Herzegovina	1.43	0.85	0.36	-0.20	-0.16	-0.41	0.39	0.35
Croatia	-0.39	-0.75	-1.06	-1.44	-1.27	-1.36	-0.49	-0.54
Gibraltar	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Greece	0.15	-0.07	-1.18	-1.43	-0.65	0.16	0.26	0.26
Holy See (10)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Italy	-0.60	-0.56	-0.51	-0.67	-0.19	-0.23	-0.06	0.10
Malta	-1.71	-0.71	0.15	0.10	0.02	1.18	1.13	-0.22
Portugal	-0.04	-0.04	-0.28	-1.34	0.27	0.74	-0.40	-1.04
San Marino	0.48	1.14	0.18	-0.59	-6.30	-6.74	-8.17	-2.23
Serbia and Montenegro	0.13	-0.23	-0.66	-1.07	-0.35	-0.26	-0.23	-0.26
Slovenia	-0.21	-0.58	-0.61	-0.90	-0.93	-1.07	-0.04	0.12
Spain	-0.15	-0.21	-1.27	-1.58	-1.15	-1.17	-0.58	-0.48
TFYR Macedonia (11)	0.57	-1.07	-0.77	-1.26	-0.04	0.17	-0.61	-0.10
WESTERN EUROPE	-0.63	-0.64	-0.53	-0.68	-0.08	-0.04	-0.15	-0.25
Austria	-0.14	0.11	0.57	0.50	0.20	-0.19	0.06	0.39
Belgium	-0.71	-0.61	-1.22	-1.77	-1.89	-3.45	-2.53	-2.11
France	-0.60	-0.85	-1.63	-1.77	-0.59	0.18	0.24	0.21
Germany	-0.95	-0.87	-0.30	-0.46	0.25	0.02	-0.04	-0.29
Liechtenstein	1.39	2.18	2.68	2.89	1.76	1.60	1.64	1.49
Luxembourg	-0.13	-0.16	-0.56	-1.34	-1.29	-2.30	-0.49	0.30
Monaco	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Netherlands	0.36	0.46	0.86	0.71	0.13	-0.17	-0.68	-0.59
Switzerland	-0.05	0.15	1.02	0.38	-0.09	-0.63	-2.17	-2.45
LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN	1.38	1.31	1.12	0.79	0.46	0.24	0.33	0.06
CARIBBEAN	1.23	1.25	1.09	0.80	0.37	0.16	0.64	0.52
Anguilla	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Antigua and Barbuda	0.70	-0.37	2.87	2.72	-1.28	0.25	0.00	-0.22
Aruba	2.80	2.39	1.86	1.06	0.81	0.31	1.21	0.93
Bahamas	0.61	2.48	2.94	1.38	-0.41	-0.58	-1.96	-2.53
Barbados	1.41	0.20	0.19	0.12	0.80	0.48	-0.49	-0.48
British Virgin Islands	-0.12	0.06	0.88	0.95	-0.07	-0.64	1.87	2.07
Cayman Islands	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cuba	1.41	1.23	1.62	1.38	-0.37	-1.46	-1.05	-0.78

Table A.7. Average annual rate of change of the rural population (continued)

2005-2030: Projections

Average annual rate of change (per cent)								Major area, region and country
1990-1995	1995-2000	2000-2005	2005-2010	2010-2015	2015-2020	2020-2025	2025-2030	
-0.28	-0.30	-0.35	-0.59	-0.87	-1.16	-1.47	-1.71	EUROPE
-0.15	-0.39	-0.51	-0.67	-0.96	-1.29	-1.65	-1.98	EASTERN EUROPE
-0.98	-1.73	-2.11	-2.33	-2.30	-2.29	-2.32	-2.33	Belarus
-1.84	-1.42	-1.44	-1.64	-1.85	-2.07	-2.31	-2.45	Bulgaria
0.49	0.39	0.26	-0.14	-0.57	-1.04	-1.53	-1.81	Czech Republic
0.30	0.16	-1.25	-1.51	-1.62	-1.73	-1.85	-1.98	Hungary
0.14	-0.09	-0.24	-0.50	-0.80	-1.15	-1.56	-1.89	Poland
0.06	-0.23	-0.53	-0.71	-1.02	-1.43	-1.76	-1.97	Republic of Moldova
-0.72	-0.37	0.04	-0.83	-1.05	-1.36	-1.71	-1.99	Romania
-0.01	-0.20	-0.20	-0.12	-0.52	-0.94	-1.37	-1.79	Russian Federation
0.38	0.27	0.02	-0.27	-0.62	-1.00	-1.46	-1.76	Slovakia
-0.26	-1.08	-1.50	-1.74	-1.92	-2.14	-2.41	-2.67	Ukraine
-0.21	-0.20	-0.08	-0.29	-0.50	-0.71	-0.95	-1.15	NORTHERN EUROPE
0.55	0.38	0.37	0.26	0.14	0.02	-0.12	-0.34	Channel Islands (7)
0.16	0.26	-0.35	-0.64	-0.80	-0.89	-0.99	-1.12	Denmark
-1.03	-0.73	-0.36	-0.47	-0.79	-1.19	-1.64	-1.81	Estonia
-1.55	-0.95	-0.17	0.27	0.09	-0.17	-0.52	-0.90	Faeroe Islands
0.51	0.40	0.29	-0.06	-0.38	-0.71	-1.10	-1.37	Finland (8)
-1.03	-0.76	-0.27	-0.37	-0.48	-0.56	-0.63	-0.73	Iceland
0.05	0.45	1.09	0.47	0.13	-0.24	-0.60	-0.85	Ireland
0.51	1.24	-0.05	-0.20	-0.40	-0.57	-0.79	-1.10	Isle of Man
-1.33	-0.59	-0.41	-0.73	-1.01	-1.35	-1.75	-2.13	Latvia
-0.20	-0.54	-0.14	-0.35	-0.67	-1.03	-1.46	-1.93	Lithuania
-0.79	-1.20	-0.58	0.03	-0.20	-0.41	-0.65	-0.92	Norway (9)
-0.26	-0.09	0.15	-0.18	-0.39	-0.59	-0.87	-1.08	Sweden
-0.24	-0.30	-0.36	-0.55	-0.67	-0.75	-0.86	-0.97	United Kingdom
-0.27	-0.11	-0.10	-0.50	-0.87	-1.19	-1.49	-1.67	SOUTHERN EUROPE
-1.82	-1.36	-0.84	-0.88	-0.82	-0.97	-1.20	-1.44	Albania
8.70	3.58	4.42	3.34	2.01	0.80	-0.34	-1.22	Andorra
-5.22	1.61	-0.60	-0.95	-1.50	-1.78	-1.98	-2.16	Bosnia and Herzegovina
0.28	-1.03	-0.19	-0.69	-1.17	-1.46	-1.76	-1.97	Croatia
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Gibraltar
0.95	0.61	0.18	-0.20	-0.58	-0.96	-1.33	-1.51	Greece
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Holy See (10)
0.09	-0.04	-0.11	-0.44	-0.84	-1.21	-1.53	-1.74	Italy
-0.25	-5.56	-6.26	-5.41	-4.34	-3.26	-2.20	-1.44	Malta
-1.17	-1.01	-0.94	-1.10	-1.34	-1.44	-1.56	-1.63	Portugal
2.22	-8.32	-15.98	-15.22	-12.40	-9.46	-6.41	-2.86	San Marino
0.56	-0.12	-0.34	-0.54	-0.86	-1.17	-1.50	-1.67	Serbia and Montenegro
0.29	-0.03	-0.11	-0.42	-0.77	-1.13	-1.52	-1.83	Slovenia
-0.10	0.06	0.73	-0.16	-0.63	-1.00	-1.33	-1.50	Spain
-0.87	-1.80	-2.15	-2.20	-2.10	-2.01	-1.92	-1.87	TFYR Macedonia (11)
-0.59	-0.35	-0.40	-0.62	-0.84	-1.04	-1.26	-1.43	WESTERN EUROPE
0.80	0.12	0.12	-0.24	-0.56	-0.88	-1.22	-1.43	Austria
-2.00	-1.86	-0.55	-0.68	-0.82	-0.93	-1.05	-1.17	Belgium
-0.16	-0.32	-0.39	-0.60	-0.84	-1.06	-1.26	-1.35	France
-0.66	0.09	-0.02	-0.33	-0.64	-0.92	-1.22	-1.48	Germany
1.41	1.52	1.12	0.89	0.67	0.50	0.29	0.02	Liechtenstein
-0.75	0.40	2.43	1.89	1.30	0.76	0.23	-0.20	Luxembourg
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Monaco
-2.16	-2.61	-2.67	-2.53	-2.29	-1.95	-1.58	-1.48	Netherlands
-1.18	-1.08	-1.34	-1.44	-1.47	-1.45	-1.44	-1.50	Switzerland
0.09	-0.14	-0.28	-0.27	-0.33	-0.42	-0.53	-0.70	LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN
-0.34	-0.46	-0.14	-0.04	-0.22	-0.46	-0.71	-0.97	CARIBBEAN
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Anguilla
1.68	1.50	0.67	0.41	0.03	-0.29	-0.55	-0.80	Antigua and Barbuda
5.39	2.56	1.58	0.66	0.26	-0.04	-0.31	-0.60	Aruba
-2.27	-2.04	-1.61	-1.09	-0.57	-0.54	-0.68	-0.82	Bahamas
-0.53	-0.72	-0.90	-1.06	-1.25	-1.40	-1.57	-1.77	Barbados
0.67	0.63	-0.17	-0.49	-0.68	-0.79	-0.89	-1.03	British Virgin Islands
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Cayman Islands
-0.08	-0.59	0.34	0.75	0.22	-0.32	-0.89	-1.48	Cuba

Table A.7. Average annual rate of change of the rural population (continued)

Estimates: 1950-2005

Major area, region and country	Average annual rate of change (per cent)							
	1950-1955	1955-1960	1960-1965	1965-1970	1970-1975	1975-1980	1980-1985	1985-1990
Dominica	1.36	1.26	-1.11	-1.97	-2.93	-3.49	-1.74	-1.39
Dominican Republic	2.19	2.38	1.84	1.36	0.76	0.28	1.30	1.32
Grenada	0.82	1.77	0.77	-0.28	-0.52	-0.64	0.79	0.80
Guadeloupe	-0.68	-1.29	-3.38	-4.97	-6.78	-8.01	-15.88	-20.74
Haiti	1.09	1.20	1.23	1.20	1.20	1.55	1.65	1.39
Jamaica	0.63	-0.36	0.38	-0.08	0.56	0.18	0.84	0.22
Martinique	1.82	0.69	-1.60	-4.11	-5.87	-7.05	-17.45	-23.40
Montserrat	1.10	-3.33	0.13	0.08	0.14	0.10	-1.02	-1.07
Netherlands Antilles	1.86	1.86	1.67	1.67	0.88	0.88	0.79	0.80
Puerto Rico	-0.34	0.21	-0.88	-2.02	-0.68	-0.68	-0.30	-1.19
Saint Kitts and Nevis	0.90	0.91	-1.70	-2.81	-0.54	-0.78	-0.35	-0.43
Saint Lucia	0.65	0.45	1.07	1.24	0.70	1.09	1.01	1.28
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	1.86	1.87	-0.20	-0.84	1.09	0.93	-1.07	-1.31
Trinidad and Tobago	3.03	3.61	1.94	2.16	0.94	1.45	1.99	0.85
Turks and Caicos Islands	0.57	1.92	-0.21	-0.15	2.31	3.16	4.51	3.75
United States Virgin Islands	2.44	2.44	4.96	1.34	1.73	-1.66	-3.43	-5.15
CENTRAL AMERICA	1.55	1.72	1.65	1.62	1.56	1.22	0.75	0.57
Belize	3.25	3.26	3.48	3.39	2.05	1.77	2.89	2.96
Costa Rica	3.00	3.21	2.95	1.85	1.54	2.09	1.89	0.66
El Salvador	2.33	2.66	2.93	3.39	2.00	1.25	-0.16	0.38
Guatemala	2.00	1.80	1.84	2.21	2.34	2.23	1.89	1.64
Honduras	2.48	2.56	2.61	2.00	2.11	2.53	2.28	2.20
Mexico	1.24	1.45	1.33	1.29	1.25	0.73	0.24	0.03
Nicaragua	2.29	2.36	2.13	1.65	2.54	2.58	2.22	1.73
Panama	1.69	1.92	1.80	1.72	2.15	1.91	1.52	1.30
SOUTH AMERICA	1.35	1.17	0.92	0.46	0.01	-0.19	0.08	-0.29
Argentina	-0.67	-1.10	-0.65	-0.79	-0.41	-0.61	-1.17	-1.34
Bolivia	1.60	1.72	1.76	1.84	1.93	0.90	0.20	0.08
Brazil	1.66	1.35	0.89	0.28	-0.52	-0.86	-0.28	-0.76
Chile	-0.35	-0.22	-0.09	-0.64	-1.04	-1.43	0.07	0.95
Colombia	1.65	1.63	1.53	1.13	0.72	0.93	0.73	-0.16
Ecuador	1.85	1.93	2.10	2.13	1.87	1.18	1.00	0.77
Falkland Islands (Malvinas)	-0.42	-0.41	-1.24	-1.71	-1.78	-1.77	-2.70	-5.42
French Guiana	0.05	0.12	2.75	2.70	2.00	2.88	3.75	4.17
Guyana	2.64	3.00	2.47	1.84	0.52	0.57	-0.05	-0.53
Paraguay	2.02	1.95	2.23	2.17	1.85	2.25	1.79	1.73
Peru	1.55	1.64	0.88	0.36	0.78	0.98	1.05	0.90
Suriname	2.95	2.90	2.77	2.71	-1.77	-2.78	-2.88	-1.70
Uruguay	0.06	0.23	0.06	-0.31	-1.05	-1.98	-1.99	-2.36
Venezuela	1.08	0.56	0.60	0.12	0.26	0.12	0.14	0.21
NORTHERN AMERICA	-0.12	-0.06	0.04	-0.25	0.93	0.91	0.44	0.44
Bermuda	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Canada	0.12	0.53	-0.76	-0.18	1.31	1.11	0.48	1.20
Greenland	0.77	2.10	-0.34	-1.01	0.07	-1.15	-0.46	-0.77
Saint-Pierre-et-Miquelon	-3.27	-3.51	-1.56	0.20	0.23	-0.83	0.60	1.30
United States of America	-0.14	-0.11	0.12	-0.26	0.90	0.89	0.44	0.36
OCEANIA	0.88	0.85	0.92	0.63	1.10	1.70	1.97	1.71
AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND	0.40	0.04	-0.08	-0.41	0.34	1.20	1.54	1.21
Australia (12)	0.10	-0.01	0.05	-0.29	0.45	1.66	1.78	1.56
New Zealand	1.44	0.21	-0.52	-0.81	-0.06	-0.58	0.55	-0.37
MELANESIA	1.33	1.53	1.71	1.39	1.91	2.17	2.35	2.06
Fiji	2.32	2.42	2.43	1.64	1.42	1.57	1.99	-0.62
New Caledonia	-0.81	0.80	0.68	0.32	2.36	1.00	1.02	1.56
Papua New Guinea	1.17	1.34	1.55	1.25	1.83	2.20	2.39	2.36
Solomon Islands	2.42	2.68	2.68	2.77	3.60	3.11	3.02	2.78
Vanuatu	2.67	2.79	2.89	2.65	2.96	2.66	1.92	1.99
MICRONESIA	1.12	1.30	1.46	1.10	-2.58	0.47	3.04	2.77
Guam	-0.44	-0.38	0.07	-0.72	-14.69	-17.04	6.37	5.95
Kiribati	1.51	1.94	1.97	1.80	0.49	1.65	2.31	2.30
Marshall Islands	-0.23	-0.85	0.96	-0.88	1.20	4.72	2.69	2.71
Micronesia (Fed. States of)	3.09	2.93	2.87	2.91	0.27	2.73	3.30	2.43
Nauru	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

Table A.7. Average annual rate of change of the rural population (continued)

2005-2030: Projections

Average annual rate of change (per cent)								Major area, region and country
1990-1995	1995-2000	2000-2005	2005-2010	2010-2015	2015-2020	2020-2025	2025-2030	
-0.23	-0.44	-0.96	-0.30	-0.57	-0.80	-0.96	-1.12	Dominica
0.40	-0.84	-0.98	-1.00	-1.00	-0.98	-0.92	-0.92	Dominican Republic
0.80	0.62	0.36	1.30	1.07	0.76	0.29	-0.15	Grenada
-11.99	-11.94	-10.28	-8.17	-5.99	-3.68	-1.63	-1.46	Guadeloupe
0.57	0.51	0.43	0.29	0.07	-0.18	-0.42	-0.64	Haiti
0.48	0.30	-0.03	-0.32	-0.55	-0.83	-1.17	-1.50	Jamaica
-0.15	-0.41	-0.50	-0.78	-0.96	-1.10	-1.25	-1.40	Martinique
-1.02	-18.82	2.24	0.96	0.57	0.18	-0.08	-0.33	Montserrat
-0.62	-1.66	0.09	-0.36	-0.72	-0.93	-1.04	-1.21	Netherlands Antilles
-14.49	-16.81	-15.80	-12.71	-9.32	-5.86	-2.54	-1.77	Puerto Rico
0.05	0.37	1.25	1.01	0.74	0.41	-0.01	-0.34	Saint Kitts and Nevis
1.35	1.33	0.90	0.72	0.48	0.16	-0.23	-0.65	Saint Lucia
-0.18	0.02	-0.02	-0.21	-0.51	-0.90	-1.33	-1.70	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
0.47	0.13	0.00	-0.10	-0.23	-0.45	-0.69	-0.93	Trinidad and Tobago
5.51	4.56	5.86	1.01	0.45	-0.02	-0.43	-0.76	Turks and Caicos Islands
-4.34	-4.55	-4.65	-4.10	-3.43	-2.71	-2.08	-2.13	United States Virgin Islands
1.17	0.79	0.67	0.43	0.19	-0.06	-0.34	-0.59	CENTRAL AMERICA
2.83	2.40	1.93	1.41	0.93	0.44	-0.06	-0.38	Belize
0.26	0.95	0.57	0.09	-0.15	-0.38	-0.56	-0.75	Costa Rica
0.12	0.02	1.16	0.82	0.47	0.15	-0.18	-0.49	El Salvador
1.60	1.54	1.65	1.53	1.19	0.82	0.44	0.07	Guatemala
2.20	1.93	1.51	1.18	0.83	0.45	0.07	-0.28	Honduras
1.14	0.60	0.29	-0.01	-0.23	-0.43	-0.69	-0.89	Mexico
1.83	0.82	1.15	1.05	0.72	0.36	-0.01	-0.36	Nicaragua
-0.80	-1.15	-1.34	-1.30	-1.19	-0.97	-0.72	-0.78	Panama
-0.39	-0.61	-0.90	-0.78	-0.72	-0.67	-0.63	-0.73	SOUTH AMERICA
-0.59	-0.61	-0.78	-0.67	-0.66	-0.67	-0.69	-0.74	Argentina
0.50	0.88	0.69	0.42	0.17	-0.07	-0.31	-0.53	Bolivia
-0.96	-1.85	-2.13	-1.89	-1.65	-1.35	-0.99	-0.93	Brazil
0.40	-0.76	-1.44	-1.34	-1.21	-1.08	-0.93	-0.92	Chile
0.39	1.67	0.52	0.27	0.03	-0.20	-0.44	-0.65	Colombia
0.85	0.30	0.16	0.05	-0.11	-0.34	-0.56	-0.77	Ecuador
-0.64	-3.10	-6.99	-5.78	-4.60	-3.42	-1.96	-1.53	Falkland Islands (Malvinas)
3.27	3.18	2.19	1.60	1.16	0.73	0.29	-0.01	French Guiana
0.22	0.44	0.31	-0.07	-0.52	-0.96	-1.36	-1.80	Guyana
1.31	1.11	0.91	0.71	0.48	0.25	0.05	-0.15	Paraguay
0.76	0.97	0.76	0.62	0.39	0.14	-0.16	-0.47	Peru
-0.62	-0.38	-0.66	-0.84	-1.03	-1.25	-1.44	-1.63	Suriname
-2.36	-1.03	-0.79	-0.84	-0.88	-0.90	-0.92	-0.96	Uruguay
-3.40	-4.10	-4.22	-3.52	-2.72	-1.89	-1.02	-0.56	Venezuela
-0.51	-0.64	-0.62	-0.62	-0.67	-0.71	-0.77	-0.86	NORTHERN AMERICA
0.17	-0.68	0.30	0.26	0.02	-0.18	-0.41	-0.67	Bermuda
-1.10	-0.63	-1.24	-1.37	-1.33	-1.27	-1.22	-1.33	Canada
-0.12	-0.12	-0.28	0.74	0.27	-0.15	-0.52	-0.70	Greenland
-0.58	-0.64	-0.72	-0.72	-0.75	-0.78	-0.81	-0.88	Saint-Pierre-et-Miquelon
1.54	1.31	1.11	0.88	0.73	0.61	0.44	0.22	United States of America
0.30	-0.23	-0.40	-0.51	-0.54	-0.54	-0.59	-0.69	OCEANIA
0.24	-0.36	-0.56	-0.60	-0.58	-0.54	-0.56	-0.64	AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND
0.61	0.38	0.32	-0.14	-0.35	-0.53	-0.71	-0.91	Australia (12)
2.34	2.23	1.90	1.55	1.30	1.10	0.86	0.58	New Zealand
-0.19	0.02	-0.10	-0.36	-0.63	-0.91	-0.98	-1.24	MELANESIA
2.07	1.34	0.95	0.63	0.34	0.08	-0.17	-0.44	Fiji
2.60	2.45	2.06	1.69	1.43	1.24	1.00	0.70	New Caledonia
2.53	2.56	2.34	1.97	1.58	1.21	0.85	0.55	Papua New Guinea
2.48	1.73	1.52	1.28	1.03	0.75	0.44	0.15	Solomon Islands
1.73	0.33	0.69	0.52	0.27	-0.03	-0.36	-0.65	Vanuatu
-1.27	-1.68	-1.04	-1.04	-0.86	-0.61	-0.37	-0.43	MICRONESIA
1.81	-0.01	0.45	0.21	0.02	-0.10	-0.23	-0.36	Guam
1.19	0.10	2.95	2.43	1.83	1.19	0.58	0.28	Kiribati
2.35	0.70	0.62	0.49	0.20	-0.23	-0.70	-1.15	Marshall Islands
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Table A.7. Average annual rate of change of the rural population (continued)

Estimates: 1950-2005

Major area, region and country	Average annual rate of change (per cent)							
	1950-1955	1955-1960	1960-1965	1965-1970	1970-1975	1975-1980	1980-1985	1985-1990
Northern Mariana Islands	1.29	2.36	-1.45	-3.04	-5.74	-5.47	5.52	8.69
Palau	1.80	2.15	1.03	0.58	0.62	-0.39	-0.16	0.38
POLYNESIA	1.79	2.27	2.33	1.88	0.41	1.02	0.62	0.99
American Samoa	-0.48	-0.81	1.97	1.58	0.53	0.05	0.99	0.45
Cook Islands	0.93	1.44	-0.01	1.62	-1.25	-2.72	0.85	-1.56
French Polynesia	1.40	1.25	1.04	0.62	2.41	2.80	2.88	2.97
Niue	0.64	0.75	1.25	-0.44	-5.29	-5.26	-6.64	-4.01
Pitcairn	1.91	0.28	-6.84	-2.70	-5.31	-1.82	-0.32	0.95
Samoa	1.67	2.73	2.79	2.03	0.93	0.56	0.24	0.55
Tokelau	0.47	2.28	1.01	-2.93	-1.68	-0.38	1.21	-0.73
Tonga	3.05	3.25	3.34	3.28	-1.37	0.79	-1.21	0.33
Tuvalu	0.98	1.27	1.51	0.53	0.07	-0.19	0.13	-0.34
Wallis and Futuna Islands	2.15	1.87	1.49	-0.86	1.24	4.03	3.68	0.04

* More developed regions comprise Europe, Northern America, Australia/New Zealand and Japan.

+ Less developed regions comprise all regions of Africa, Asia (except Japan), Latin America and the Caribbean plus Melanesia, Micronesia and Polynesia.

The least developed countries, as defined by the United Nations General Assembly in 2003, included 50 countries, of which 34 are in Africa, 10 in Asia, 1 in Latin America and the Caribbean and 5 in Oceania.

1 Including the island of Mayotte.

2 Including Agalega, Rodrigues and Saint Brandon.

3 Including Ascension and Tristan da Cunha.

4 For statistical purposes, the data for China do not include Hong Kong and Macao, Special Administrative Regions (SAR) of China.

5 As of 1 July 1997, Hong Kong became a Special Administrative Region (SAR) of China.

6 As of 20 December 1999, Macao became a Special Administrative Region (SAR) of China.

7 Including the islands of Guernsey and Jersey.

8 Including Åland Islands.

9 Including Svalbard and Jan Mayen Islands.

10 Refers to the Vatican City State.

11 The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

12 Including Christmas Island, Cocos (Keeling) Islands and Norfolk Island.

Table A.7. Average annual rate of change of the rural population (continued)

2005-2030: Projections

Average annual rate of change (per cent)								Major area, region and country
1990-1995	1995-2000	2000-2005	2005-2010	2010-2015	2015-2020	2020-2025	2025-2030	
0.92	-0.22	-0.96	-1.03	-1.26	-0.85	-0.43	-0.45	Northern Mariana Islands
1.39	3.31	0.64	0.30	-0.03	-0.35	-0.74	-1.17	Palau
1.19	1.04	0.83	0.47	0.13	-0.20	-0.54	-0.86	POLYNESIA
-2.80	-3.68	-2.76	-2.35	-1.71	-0.96	-0.22	-0.17	American Samoa
0.78	-4.58	-4.17	-2.79	-2.75	-2.59	-2.45	-2.45	Cook Islands
3.01	2.30	1.96	1.35	0.92	0.43	-0.11	-0.60	French Polynesia
-2.35	-2.64	-3.11	0.04	-0.20	-0.51	-0.74	-1.01	Niue
0.61	0.30	-0.30	0.30	—	—	-1.21	-0.96	Pitcairn
0.77	0.97	0.70	0.16	-0.28	-0.58	-0.81	-1.05	Samoa
-1.35	-0.21	-0.29	1.21	1.03	0.84	0.66	0.56	Tokelau
0.47	0.60	0.21	-0.16	-0.52	-0.92	-1.31	-1.61	Tonga
-0.35	-0.00	-0.29	-0.49	-0.62	-0.70	-0.84	-1.09	Tuvalu
0.67	0.90	0.65	1.54	1.53	1.39	1.19	1.00	Wallis and Futuna Islands