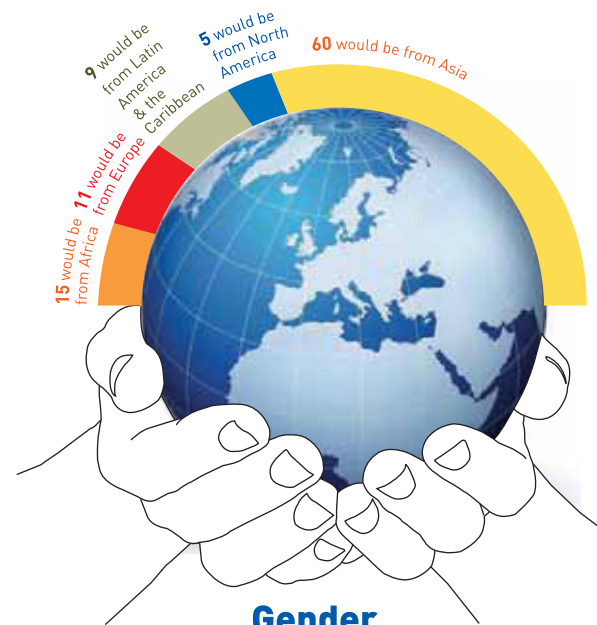


# World as 100

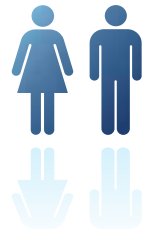
This edition of Data Card is inspired by the “If the world were 100 people” concept that the website [www.100people.org](http://www.100people.org) came up with when the world population reached the seven-billion mark. It is expected to cross nine billion by 2045. Can the planet take the strain?

## Geographical distribution



## Gender

50 would be female  
50 would be male



## Religion



33 would be Christian



22 would be Muslim



14 would be Hindu



7 would be Buddhist



12 would believe in other religions

12 would not be religious or would not identify themselves as being aligned with a particular faith

The rising population raises issues of serious concern, especially for the marginalised sections living in poorer countries. While the richer nations have their own set of problems linked to industrialisation and supersaturated markets, emerging economies such as India, Brazil and South Africa have been unable or unwilling to spread the wealth generated over the past two decades or so equitably. The poor in several countries of Africa and Asia lead miserable lives. Several studies have shown that hundreds of millions of people in these countries have absolutely no access to food, water and shelter, leave alone health care and education. The survival rates of women and children are way below the global average.

The Age of Man has wreaked havoc on the planet by plundering its resources and leaving vast swathes of land polluted and uncultivable. There is growing urbanisation, leading to a sharp rise in crowded living. This has made lives unsafe for the vulnerable sections, particularly women and children. The consequences of global warming are being felt even in remote

## Literacy by gender

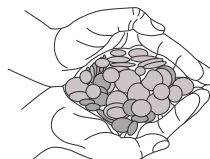


79 females would be able to read and write  
21 females would not be able to read and write



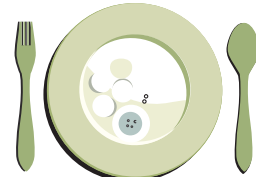
88 males would be able to read and write  
12 males would not be able to read and write

## Poverty



48 would live on less than two dollars per day  
1 out of 2 children would live in poverty

## Food



15 would be undernourished

## Infectious disease



<1% would have HIV/AIDS

<1% would have tuberculosis

## Age group



would be 0-14



would be 15-64



would be 65 and older

corners of the world. Yet, the consumption divide shows no signs of narrowing.

The world is also marked by increasing conflicts, with the theatres of war still being controlled by the imperialists of the past. Many countries would spend their precious resources on weapons rather than food. The wealth of the world continues to remain in very few hands, and with the sweep of the free market economy across the world, governments are geared to and sold on the ideology of neoliberalism, deregulation and massive privatisation of public wealth. In the process they sell the false hope that the benefits of rapid growth will trickle down to the poor. Sustainability is a word that has become popular in recent years. The planet has the ability to take the strain of the human population, but not when a small section of the population continues to plunder its wealth without paying a price.

## Sanitation



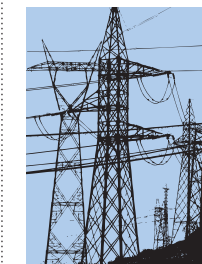
65 would have improved sanitation  
16 would have no toilets  
19 would have unimproved toilets

## Drinking water

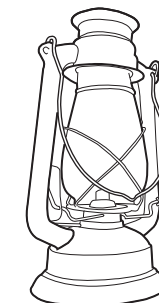


87 would have access to safe drinking water  
13 would use unimproved water

## Electricity

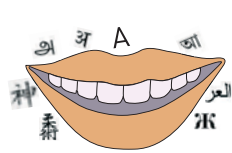


78 would have electricity



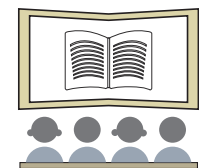
22 would not have electricity

## First language



12 would speak Chinese  
5 would speak Spanish  
5 would speak English  
3 would speak Arabic  
3 would speak Hindi  
3 would speak Bengali  
3 would speak Portuguese  
2 would speak Russian  
2 would speak Japanese  
62 would speak other languages

## Education



76 eligible males would have a primary school education  
72 eligible females would have a primary school education  
66 eligible males would have a secondary school education  
63 eligible females would have a secondary school education  
7 would have a college degree

## Overall literacy



83 would be able to read and write  
17 would not be able to read and write

## Technology



75 would be cellphone users  
30 would be active Internet users  
22 would own or share a computer

## Urban/Rural



51 would be urban dwellers



49 would be rural dwellers