

In the months prior to the 2014 Samoa Conference, the Population Division published a wall chart on Population and Development in SIDS. The wall chart presented several demographic indicators produced by the United Nations, including estimates of total population and the population growth rate for 52 SIDS, as well as estimates of the proportions of the population under age 15 years or over age 60 years, total fertility, life expectancy at birth and the net migration rate for the 38 SIDS with at least 90,000 inhabitants in 2012. In addition, the wall chart presented, for each of the SIDS, selected economic indicators, such as the per capita Gross Domestic Product and the unemployment rate, and environmental indicators, such as the population affected by national disasters and the freshwater resources per capita.

In the period since the 2014 Samoa Conference, the Population Division has continued its work in estimating and projecting the size of the population (for each of the SIDS), as well as the distribution of the population by age and sex and the demographic components of population change, including fertility, mortality and net migration (for SIDS with 90,000 inhabitants or more). These estimates and projections are published every two years in revisions of World Population Prospects. In 2018, the Population Division will publish a revision of its World Urbanization Prospects, which includes estimates and projections of the population distribution by urban and rural residence, and of the population of cities with at least 300,000 residents.