

Forget Fear of Overpopulation. □ Half the World's Population Groups Are Declining

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The UN estimates that almost half of the world's population lives in countries with below replacement fertility rates. The main clusters of low fertility generally □are found in advanced and industrialized regions. The big story here is that all the hand-wringing over an overcrowded future planet is scientifically unfounded. If the current trend continues, it is even possible that mankind soon will be worried about population shrinkage and underproduction.