

Serious consideration is being given to the implications of world population growth in many international meetings, both in the UN and in other official and unofficial bodies. The article "World Population and Food Supply" in the January 1960 issue of "External Affairs" discusses one area in which studies are being made.

TABLE I
ESTIMATED POPULATION OF THE COMMONWEALTH
FOR JANUARY 1, 1960

(in thousands)

MEMBERS	Date of Independence	Annual Rate ⁽¹⁾ of Increase (%)	Estimated Population
Australia ⁽²⁾	Jan. 1, 1901	2.3	10,190
Canada	July 1, 1867	2.4 ⁽³⁾	17,678
Ceylon	Feb. 4, 1948	2.5	9,743
Federation of Malaya	Aug. 31, 1957	2.4	6,755
Ghana	Mar. 6, 1957	1.6	4,950
India ⁽⁴⁾	Aug. 14, 1947	1.3	405,326
New Zealand	Sept. 26, 1907	2.2	2,365
Pakistan ⁽⁴⁾	Aug. 14, 1947	1.4	87,440
Union of South Africa	May 31, 1910	1.8	14,805
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland		.4	52,180
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Federation of Rhodesia ⁽⁴⁾ and Nyasaland		2.7	8,138
TOTAL POPULATION OF ABOVE			619,570
DEPENDENCIES	Political ⁽⁵⁾ Status	Annual Rate ⁽¹⁾ of Increase (%)	Estimated Population
AFRICA			
Basutoland	(UK) C	1.2	669
Bechuanaland	(UK) P	1.0	338
Cameroons	(UK) Trust Territory	1.8	1,634
Gambia	(UK) C & P	(7)	292
Kenya	(UK) C & P	1.7	6,500
Mauritius, including Rodriguez Island	(UK) C	3.2	651
Nigeria, Federation of	(UK) P	1.9	33,939
Sierra Leone	(UK) C & P	1.2	2,300
Somaliland	(UK Adm.) P	.4	654
St. Helena, Ascension Island & Tristan Da Cunha Island	(UK) C	(7)	5
Seychelles	(UK) C	(7)	43
South West Africa	(SA) Mandate	3.1	562
Swaziland	(UK) P	4.9	286
Tanganyika	(UK) Trust Territory	1.8	9,158
Uganda	(UK) P	1.5	5,909
Zanzibar and Pemba	(UK) P	1.0	308