



Population Structure and Distribution of Our Country



1. Overview of the population structure in our country

- Our country is one of the world's most populous countries, with a diverse and uneven population distribution influenced by various factors such as relief, economic development, and urbanisation.
 - **Population growth rate:** The average annual growth rate was 0.53%.
 - **Fertility rate:** The total fertility rate in 2020 was 1.3.
 - **Sex ratio:** The sex ratio is 105.1.
 - **Aging population:** Over 264 million people are aged 60 and above, accounting for 18.7% of the whole population.
 - **Urbanisation:** Compared with 2010, the urban population increased by over 236 million.
 - **Ethnic composition:** Han Chinese comprise 91.11% of the population, while ethnic minorities account for 8.89%.

(Data from the Seventh National Population Census)

- As of 2022, there are approximately **1.41 billion** in our country, with a population density of about 147 people per square kilometer.



2. The Hu Huanyong Line

- The Hu Huanyong Line illustrates the difference in population distribution between our country's eastern and western regions.
 - The Hu Huanyong Line runs from **Heihe** (in Heilongjiang Province) in the northeast to **Tengchong** (in Yunnan Province) in the southwest.
 - Although the region southeast of the line covers only about **43%** of our country's total land area, approximately **94%** of our country's population resides there.
 - In the region northwest of the line, which makes up about **57%** of our country's total land area, only about **6%** of our country's population lives there.

3. Factors contributing to the uneven population distribution in our country

- Relief and climate
- Economic development
 - Regional distribution of industrial and economic hubs
 - Economic development in different regions affects employment prospects and economic growth.
- Historical and policy factors
 - Historical settlement patterns
 - Government policies
- Urbanisation and Population migration

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