

People

The Asia and Pacific region accounts for nearly 56% of the world's **population**. Many Pacific economies have high net outward **migration**. Large increases in the share of services sector **employment** are recorded in most economies for which data are available, and this has been accompanied by an increase in **urbanization**. Seven out of the 39 economies in the region for which the **Human Development Index** is available are in the top quarter of the global ranking. Twenty-five are in the bottom half. Two economies have **life expectancies** below 60 years for both genders.

Introduction

This **people** theme looks at the demography of the Asia and Pacific region—the size and growth of the population and its breakdown by age. Net migration is now a major factor in the growth of populations and its geographical distribution.

The theme likewise analyzes labor force issues—labor force participation rate, unemployment, and sectoral distribution of employment. This leads on to consideration of poverty and income distribution.

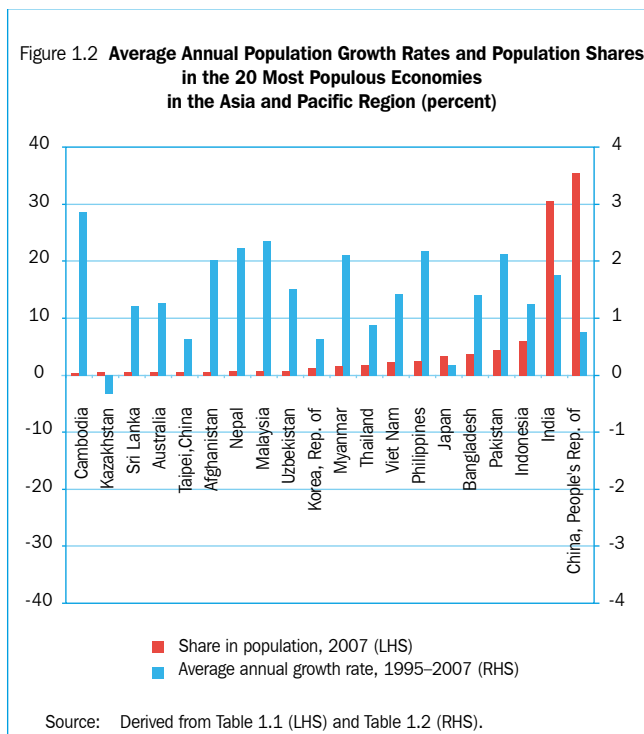
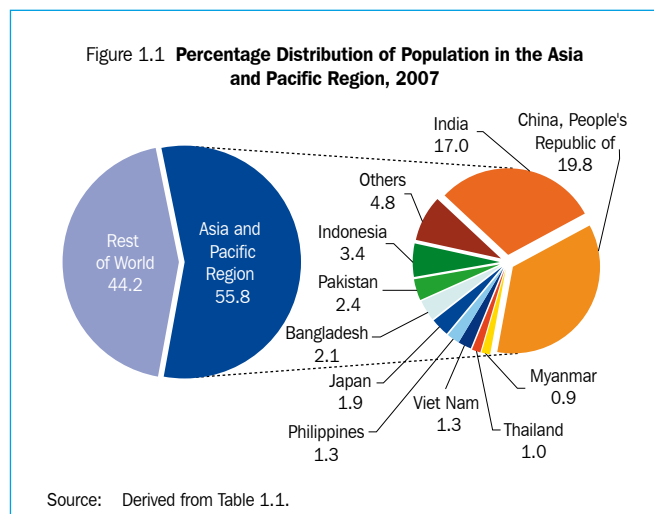
Finally, a number of social indicators—birth rates, death rates, fertility rates, life expectancy—and indicators of resources devoted to health and education services are presented.

Key Trends

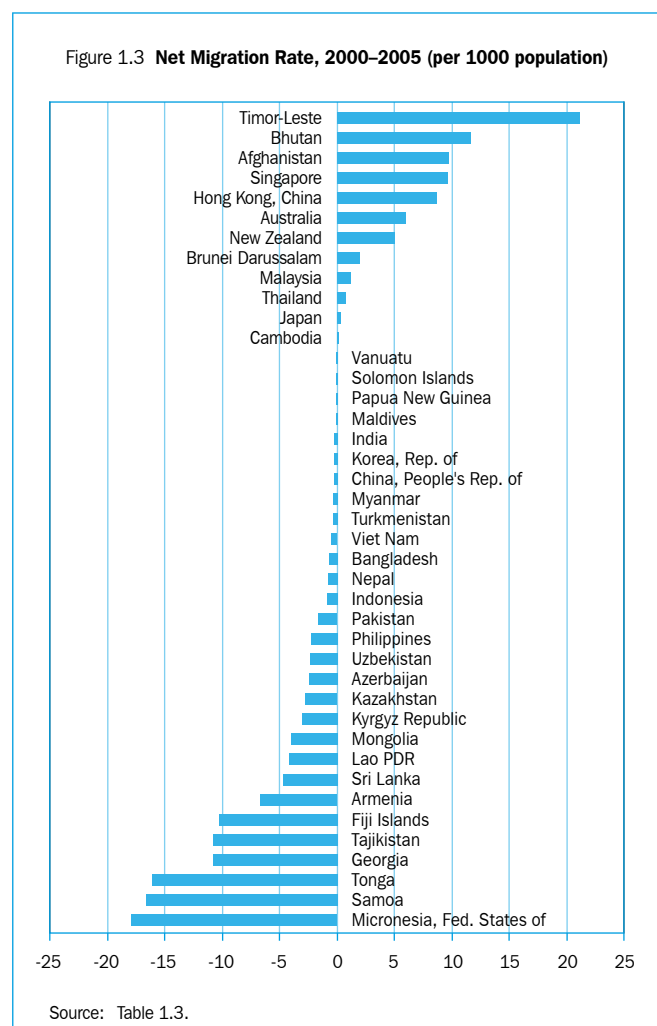
Figure 1.1 shows that the Asia and Pacific region accounts for nearly 56% of the world's total population. The People's Republic of China (PRC) and India together account for two thirds of the region's population and for nearly 37% of the world's total population.

Figure 1.2 shows the population growth rates, averaged from 1995 to 2007, for the 20 most populous economies

economies in the region together with the shares of these economies in the total population of the Asia and Pacific region. Growth rates for the five most populous economies range from 0.8% in the PRC, 1.2% in Indonesia, 1.4% in Bangladesh, 1.8% in India, to 2.1% in Pakistan.



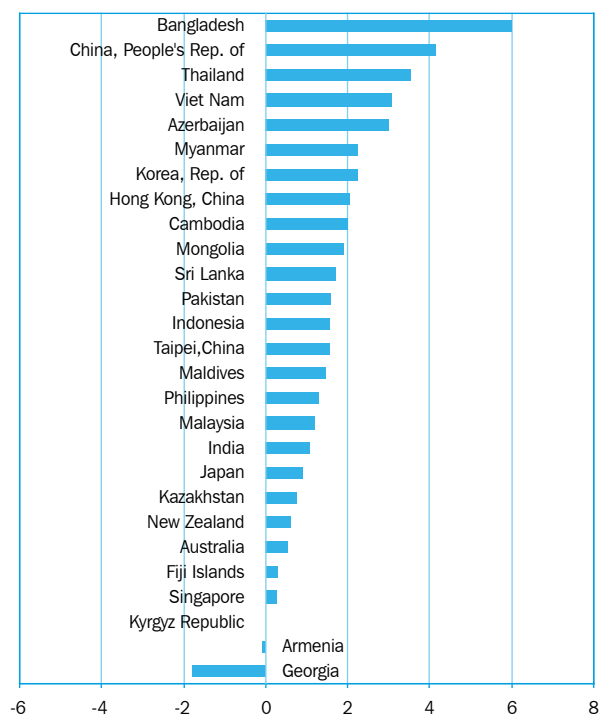
Net migration rates are shown in Figure 1.3. Bars on the right indicate net inward migration and bars on the left represent net outward migration. Seven economies report net gains from migration of over five per 1,000 population: Afghanistan; Australia; Bhutan; Hong Kong, China; New Zealand; Singapore; and Timor-Leste. Economies with high net outward migration are predominantly Pacific economies. Federated States of Micronesia, Samoa, and Tonga had average annual net outward migration of over 15 per 1,000 inhabitants during the 2000–2005 period.



With high rates of economic growth, the industrial structure of employment is changing rapidly. Table 1.11 shows that the shares of employment in agriculture are declining except in some of the countries of the former

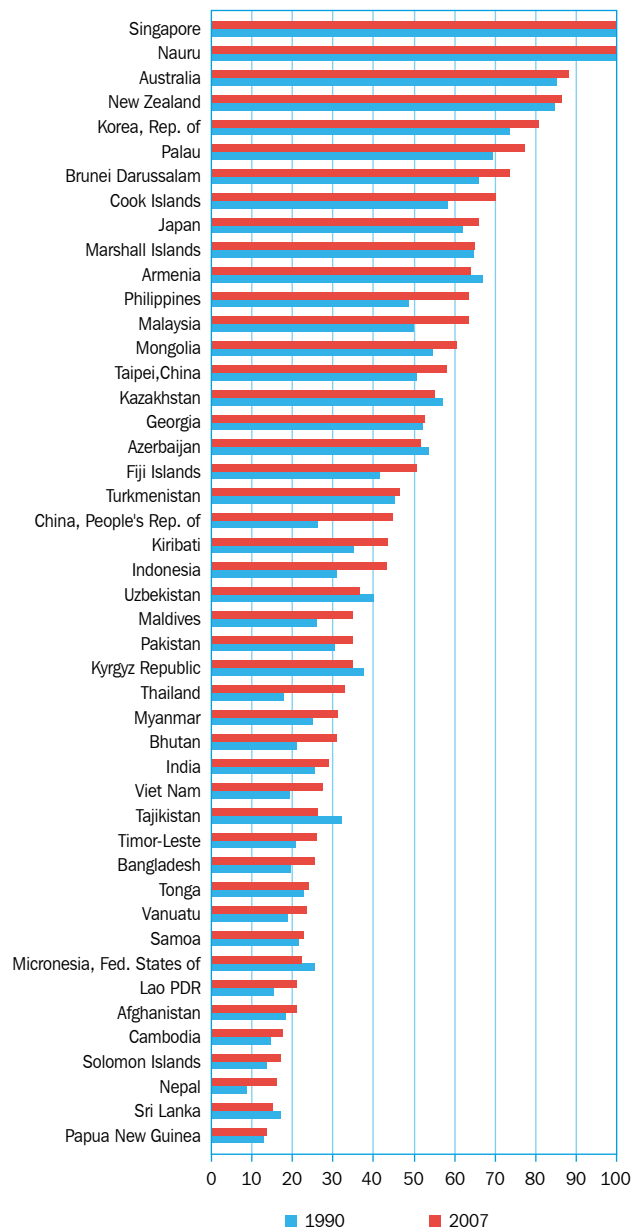
Soviet Union where agriculture was the only source of employment for workers laid off from jobs in other sectors. The other big change has been the increase in the share of services sector employment as shown in Figure 1.4, with large increases in many economies such as Bangladesh, PRC, Thailand, and Viet Nam.

Figure 1.4 Average Annual Percentage Change in Share of Employment in Services, 1990–2005 or Nearest Period



The shift in employment from agriculture to services has been mostly accompanied by an increase in the percentage of the population living in urban areas. Figure 1.5 shows levels of urbanization and the changes between 1990 and 2007. In eight countries, the rates of urbanization actually fell over this period. These were predominantly the countries of the former Soviet Union. Elsewhere however, migration from rural to urban areas has been very pronounced and urbanization rates grew by over 10 percentage points in six economies: PRC, Cook Islands, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, and Thailand.

Figure 1.5 Percentage of Population Living in Urban Areas, 1990 and 2007 or Nearest Years



Source: Table 1.3.

The overall quality of life in each country is measured by the Human Development Index (HDI) of the United Nations Development Program (UNDP). This is an index constructed by combining proxies for three important aspects of human welfare: health, education, and a decent standard of living. Health is represented by life expectancy, education by literacy and school enrollment, and standard of living by GDP per capita.

The UNDP currently calculates the HDI for 177 economies and publishes an annual ranking. The latest (2005) is shown in Box 1.1.

Seven of the 39 economies in the region for which the HDI is available are in the top quarter of the global league table. Twenty-five are in the lower half. Looking at the five most populous economies, the PRC has the highest ranking (81), followed by Indonesia (107), India (128), Pakistan (136), and Bangladesh (140).

Box 1.1 Asia and Pacific Economies Ranked by the Human Development Index, 2005

Australia	3	Viet Nam	105
Japan	8	Indonesia	107
New Zealand	19	Turkmenistan	109
Hong Kong, China	21	Uzbekistan	113
Singapore	25	Mongolia	114
Korea, Rep. of	26	Kyrgyz Republic	116
Brunei Darussalam	30	Vanuatu	120
Tonga	55	Tajikistan	122
Malaysia	63	India	128
Kazakhstan	73	Solomon Islands	129
Samoa	77	Lao PDR	130
Thailand	78	Cambodia	131
China, People's Rep. of	81	Myanmar	132
Armenia	83	Bhutan	133
Philippines	90	Pakistan	136
Fiji Islands	92	Bangladesh	140
Georgia	96	Nepal	142
Azerbaijan	98	Papua New Guinea	145
Sri Lanka	99	Timor-Leste	150
Maldives	100		

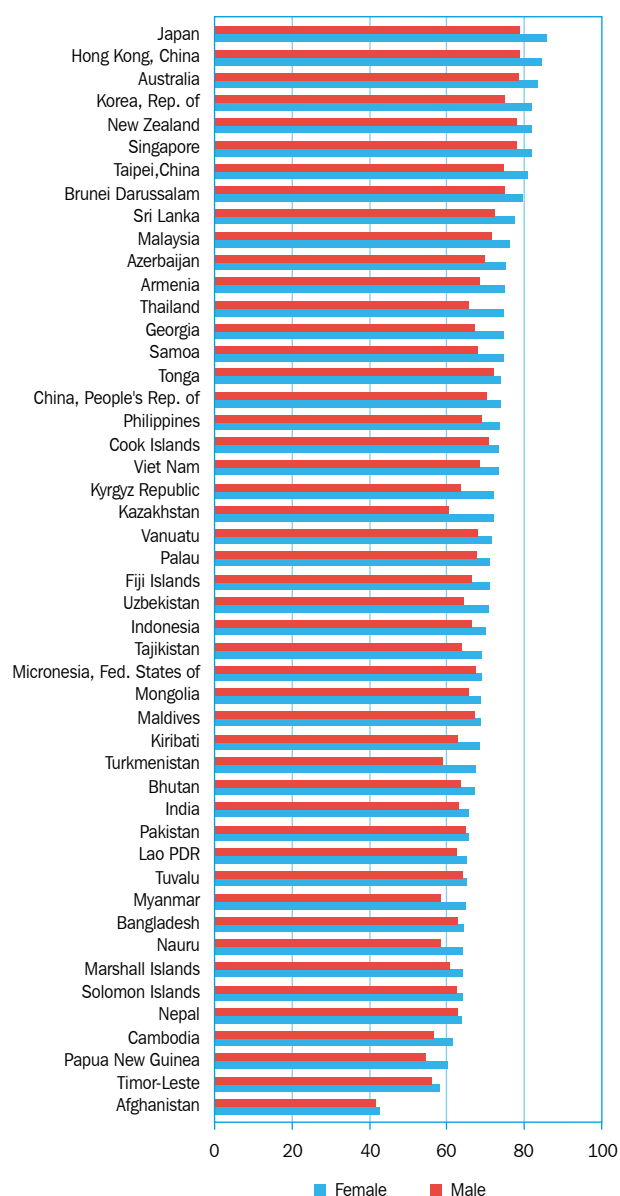
Source: Table 1.15.

Figure 1.6 shows life expectancy at birth. In all economies, life expectancy for women is greater than for men. This is the case in almost all countries in the world and although the causes are not fully understood, lower male life expectancy appears in many countries to be due to higher alcohol and tobacco consumption by men. It is also usually the case that more men than women work in high-risk occupations such as construction, mining, and the armed forces.

Afghanistan and Timor-Leste have life expectancies below 60 years for both genders. Life expectancies are highly correlated with per capita GDP, and these two economies are among the poorest in the region.

Among the five most populous economies, life expectancies at birth are highest for the PRC followed by Indonesia, while Bangladesh has the lowest life expectancies at birth. Life expectancies at birth in India and Pakistan are lower than in Indonesia, and males in Pakistan have a slightly higher life expectancy than their counterparts in India. The converse is true in the case of females in these two economies.

Figure 1.6 Life Expectancy at Birth by Gender, 2006 (years)



Source: Table 1.16.

Data Issues and Comparability

Demographic data are either based on vital registration records or on censuses and surveys. In many of the developing countries of the region, vital registration records are incomplete and cannot be used for statistical purposes. Population censuses are conducted every 10 years in most countries, and United Nations agencies provide technical assistance where it is required. Census data are generally reliable and comparable among countries, but estimates for intercensal years are generally less reliable and may be based on household surveys, partial registration records, or obtained by statistical interpolation.

Household surveys are the best source for labor force data but these are not carried out in all countries. Other countries rely on census data supplemented by enterprise surveys and unemployment registration records. In many instances, data on breakdown of employment by economic activity may not sum up to 100% because workers cannot be classified by economic activity.

Table 1.1 **Mid-year population**
(million) ^a

	1990	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Developing Member Countries														
Central and West Asia	190.3	209.7	216.7	220.4	224.3	228.3	232.4	236.2	240.3	244.6	249.6	253.8	258.1	262.3
Afghanistan	17.6	19.2	19.6	19.9	20.3	20.7	21.0	21.4	21.8	22.2	23.2	23.6	24.1	24.5
Armenia	...	...	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2
Azerbaijan	7.2	7.7	7.8	7.8	7.9	8.0	8.0	8.1	8.2	8.2	8.3	8.4	8.5	8.6
Georgia	5.4	4.8	4.7	4.6	4.5	4.5	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.4	4.4
Kazakhstan	16.4	15.8	15.6	15.3	15.1	14.9	14.9	14.9	14.9	14.9	15.0	15.1	15.3	15.5
Kyrgyz Republic	4.3	4.6	4.6	4.7	4.8	4.8	4.9	4.9	5.0	5.0	5.1	5.1	5.2	5.2
Pakistan	109.7	124.5	127.5	130.6	133.6	136.6	139.8	142.3	145.3	148.2	151.1	154.0	156.8	159.6
Tajikistan	5.3	5.7	5.7	5.8	5.9	6.1	6.2	6.3	6.4	6.6	6.7	6.9	7.0	7.1
Turkmenistan	3.8	4.5	4.6	4.8	4.9	5.1	5.3	5.5	5.8	6.1	6.5	6.6	6.7	6.8
Uzbekistan	20.6	22.9	23.3	23.7	24.0	24.4	24.7	25.1	25.5	25.8	26.2	26.6	27.0	27.4
East Asia	1214.3	1286.1	1299.7	1312.8	1324.7	1335.5	1345.8	1355.2	1363.9	1372.0	1379.9	1387.8	1395.1	1402.3
China, People's Rep. of	1143.3	1211.2	1223.9	1236.3	1247.6	1257.9	1267.4	1276.3	1284.5	1292.3	1299.9	1307.6	1314.5	1321.3
Hong Kong, China	5.7	6.2	6.4	6.5	6.5	6.6	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.8	6.8	6.9	6.9
Korea, Rep. of	42.9	45.1	45.5	46.0	46.3	46.6	47.0	47.4	47.6	47.9	48.0	48.1	48.3	48.5
Mongolia	2.2	2.2	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.6	2.6	2.6
Taipei, China	20.3	21.4	21.5	21.7	21.9	22.1	22.3	22.4	22.5	22.6	22.7	22.8	22.9	23.0
South Asia	978.8	1079.9	1101.6	1122.2	1143.8	1165.4	1186.0	1207.7	1226.2	1245.8	1265.3	1283.9	1303.5	1322.0
Bangladesh	108.7	118.8	120.8	122.6	124.5	126.3	128.1	129.9	131.6	133.4	135.2	137.0	138.8	140.6
Bhutan	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.7
India	835.0	923.0	942.0	960.0	979.0	998.0	1016.0	1035.0	1051.0	1068.0	1085.0	1101.0	1118.0	1134.0
Maldives	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Nepal	18.1	20.1	20.5	21.0	21.5	22.0	22.6	23.2	23.7	24.2	24.7	25.3	25.9	26.4
Sri Lanka	16.3	17.3	17.5	17.7	17.9	18.2	18.5	18.7	19.0	19.3	19.5	19.7	19.9	20.0
Southeast Asia	436.8	478.5	486.3	494.2	503.0	510.7	517.9	525.8	533.8	541.8	550.0	558.3	565.8	574.0
Brunei Darussalam ^b	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
Cambodia	8.6	10.5	11.0	11.6	12.1	12.4	12.6	12.8	13.1	13.3	13.5	13.8	14.1	14.4
Indonesia	179.4	194.8	197.0	199.3	201.6	203.9	205.8	208.6	211.4	214.3	217.1	219.9	222.1	224.9
Lao PDR	4.1	4.6	4.7	4.8	4.9	5.0	5.1	5.2	5.3	5.4	5.5	5.6	5.7	5.9
Malaysia	18.1	20.7	21.2	21.8	22.3	22.9	23.5	24.0	24.5	25.1	25.6	26.1	26.6	27.2
Myanmar	40.8	44.7	45.6	46.4	48.2	49.1	50.1	51.1	52.2	53.2	54.3	55.4	56.5	57.7
Philippines	60.9	68.4	70.0	71.6	73.3	75.0	76.9	78.5	80.2	81.9	83.6	85.3	87.0	88.6
Singapore	3.0	3.5	3.7	3.8	3.9	4.0	4.0	4.1	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.3	4.4	4.6
Thailand	55.8	59.4	60.0	60.6	61.2	61.8	62.2	62.7	63.1	63.7	64.2	64.8	65.2	65.8
Viet Nam	66.0	72.0	73.2	74.3	75.5	76.6	77.6	78.7	79.7	80.9	82.0	83.1	84.1	85.2
The Pacific	6.1	6.8	6.9	7.0	7.1	7.0	8.0	8.1	8.4	8.6	8.8	9.0	9.3	9.5
Cook Islands	17.0	19.4	20.0	18.3	17.4	16.5	18.0	18.2	18.4	18.4	20.3	20.2	21.3	20.2
Fiji Islands	737.0	768.0	775.1	787.7	794.6	801.9	807.1	809.9	811.5	816.4	821.6	825.1	829.5	833.9
Kiribati	72.3	77.7	79.0	80.5	81.9	83.4	84.5	85.9	87.4	88.8	90.4	92.5	94.2	95.5
Marshall Islands	44.6	48.0	48.7	49.4	50.1	50.8	51.3	50.7	49.9	50.3	50.8	51.6	52.0	52.3
Micronesia, Fed. States of	97.6	105.8	106.0	106.3	106.5	106.8	107.0	107.3	107.5	107.6	107.8	107.9	108.0	108.0
Nauru	9.4	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.1	10.1	10.1	10.0	10.0	9.9	8.8
Palau	15.1	17.2	17.6	18.1	18.5	18.9	19.1	19.3	19.4	19.6	19.7	19.9	20.0	20.2
Papua New Guinea	3690.0	4080.0	4160.0	4240.0	4320.0	4360.0	5190.0	5340.0	5520.0	5620.0	5770.0	5930.0	6100.0	6331.0
Samoa	160.3	167.3	168.8	170.4	171.9	173.5	175.1	176.7	177.2	177.7	178.2	178.7	179.2	180.0
Solomon Islands	294.9	353.2	366.1	379.9	394.2	409.0	420.5	432.3	444.4	456.8	469.6	482.8	496.3	510.2
Timor-Leste	747.0	832.0	871.0	881.0	890.0	715.0	779.0	787.0	886.0	904.0	923.0	983.0	1015.0	1047.6
Tonga	96.4	97.4	97.7	98.1	98.4	98.7	99.1	99.4	99.7	100.1	100.4	100.7	101.1	101.4
Tuvalu	9.0	9.2	9.3	9.3	9.4	9.4	9.5	9.5	9.6	9.6	9.7	9.7	9.8	9.8
Vanuatu	147.3	168.4	172.9	177.4	182.0	186.7	191.7	196.9	202.2	206.9	212.3	217.8	223.5	229.4
Developed Member Countries	144.1	147.2	147.8	148.4	148.9	149.4	149.9	150.4	151.0	151.6	152.0	152.3	152.6	153.0
Australia	17.1	18.1	18.3	18.5	18.7	18.9	19.2	19.4	19.7	19.9	20.1	20.4	20.7	21.0
Japan	123.5	125.5	125.8	126.1	126.4	126.6	126.8	127.1	127.4	127.7	127.8	127.8	127.8	127.8
New Zealand	3.4	3.7	3.7	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.9	3.9	3.9	4.0	4.1	4.1	4.2	4.2
TOTAL DMCs ^c	2826.4	3061.0	3111.2	3156.6	3202.9	3247.0	3290.1	3333.0	3372.6	3412.7	3453.6	3492.8	3531.8	3570.2
TOTAL REGIONAL MEMBER COUNTRIES	2970.7	3208.5	3259.3	3305.2	3352.2	3396.7	3440.3	3483.7	3524.0	3564.7	3606.0	3645.5	3684.8	3723.6
WORLD	5294.9	5719.0	5801.6	5883.3	5964.3	6044.6	6124.1	6203.0	6281.2	6359.1	6436.8	6514.8	6592.9	6671.2

a Except for Pacific developing member countries where units are in thousands.

b Brunei Darussalam is not a developing member country but an unclassified regional member country of ADB.

c For reporting countries only.

Sources: Country sources, UN Population Division's Common Database (www.unstats.un.org/unsd/cdb/cdb_help/cdb_quick_start.asp), CEIC data.

Population

Table 1.2 **Growth rates in population**
(percent)

	1990	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Developing Member Countries														
Central and West Asia														
Afghanistan	1.7	1.6	2.1	1.5	2.0	2.0	1.4	1.9	1.9	1.8	4.5	1.7	2.1	1.7
Armenia	...	...	...	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.3	-0.2	-0.1	-0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2
Azerbaijan	1.4	1.2	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.9	1.0	1.1	1.1
Georgia	0.4	-2.8	-2.5	-2.5	-1.2	-0.8	-0.8	-0.8	-0.7	-0.7	-0.6	0.1	1.8	-0.1
Kazakhstan	-1.6	-2.0	-1.5	-1.6	-1.7	-1.0	-0.3	-0.2	0.0	0.3	0.6	0.9	1.1	1.2
Kyrgyz Republic	2.1	3.4	1.5	1.5	1.6	1.4	1.1	0.8	0.8	0.9	1.1	1.0	0.9	0.8
Pakistan	2.7	2.5	2.4	2.4	2.3	2.3	2.3	1.9	2.1	2.0	1.9	1.9	1.8	1.8
Tajikistan	2.3	1.1	1.2	1.5	2.0	2.1	2.1	2.0	2.0	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.0
Turkmenistan	4.3	3.0	2.5	2.8	3.0	3.6	3.7	4.2	5.1	5.7	6.2	1.4	1.3	1.3
Uzbekistan	2.0	1.8	1.8	1.6	1.5	1.4	1.4	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.4
East Asia														
China, People's Rep. of	1.4	1.1	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.5
Hong Kong, China	0.3	2.0	4.5	0.8	0.8	1.0	0.9	0.7	0.4	-0.2	0.8	0.4	0.6	1.0
Korea, Rep. of	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.3
Mongolia	2.4	1.4	1.8	1.5	1.1	1.3	1.7	1.2	1.6	0.8	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.9
Taipei, China	1.1	0.9	0.8	1.0	0.9	0.7	0.9	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.5
South Asia														
Bangladesh	1.9	1.4	1.7	1.5	1.5	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.3	1.4	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3
Bhutan	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.9	1.9
India	2.1	2.0	2.1	1.9	2.0	1.9	1.8	1.9	1.5	1.6	1.6	1.5	1.5	1.4
Maldives	2.9	2.0	2.1	2.2	2.2	1.9	1.5	2.2	1.7	1.6	1.5	1.5	1.8	2.0
Nepal	2.1	1.0	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.6	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.3	2.3	2.1
Sri Lanka	-3.3	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.5	1.4	1.4	1.5	1.3	1.1	1.1	1.1	0.6
Southeast Asia														
Brunei Darussalam ^a	3.1	2.9	3.1	-1.1	2.6	2.4	2.5	2.5	3.4	1.6	2.9	2.9	3.5	1.8
Cambodia	3.6	5.2	5.4	5.5	4.2	1.8	1.8	1.8	2.4	1.7	1.7	2.1	1.9	1.9
Indonesia	2.0	1.7	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	0.9	1.4	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.0	1.3
Lao PDR	2.1	-0.3	1.8	2.2	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.2	2.2	2.2	1.8	2.2	2.1
Malaysia	2.5	2.8	2.4	2.8	2.6	2.6	2.5	2.2	2.2	2.1	2.1	2.2	2.0	2.0
Myanmar	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.8	3.8	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
Philippines	1.4	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.5	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.0	2.0	1.8
Singapore	4.0	3.1	4.1	3.4	3.5	0.8	1.7	2.7	0.9	-1.5	1.3	2.4	3.2	4.3
Thailand	1.1	1.2	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.9	0.7	0.8
Viet Nam	1.9	1.7	1.6	1.6	1.5	1.5	1.4	1.4	1.3	1.5	1.4	1.3	1.2	1.2
The Pacific														
Cook Islands	3.0	-0.5	3.1	-8.5	-4.9	-5.2	9.1	1.1	1.1	0.0	10.3	-0.5	5.4	-5.2
Fiji Islands	0.7	1.2	0.9	1.6	0.9	0.9	0.7	0.3	0.2	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.5	0.5
Kiribati	3.5	1.5	1.7	1.9	1.7	1.8	1.3	1.7	1.7	1.6	1.8	2.4	1.8	1.4
Marshall Islands	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	0.9	-1.2	-1.5	0.7	1.1	1.6	0.7	0.7
Micronesia, Fed. States of	2.0	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Nauru	2.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	-0.5	-0.4	-1.4	-10.9
Palau	2.2	2.7	2.1	2.6	2.4	2.1	1.3	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.8
Papua New Guinea	2.2	2.0	2.0	1.9	1.9	0.9	19.0	2.9	3.4	1.8	2.7	2.8	2.9	3.8
Samoa	0.5	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.5
Solomon Islands	3.6	3.8	3.7	3.8	3.8	3.8	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8
Timor-Leste	6.7	1.7	4.7	1.1	1.0	-19.7	9.0	1.0	12.6	2.0	2.1	6.5	3.3	3.2
Tonga	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Tuvalu	2.1	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Vanuatu	2.6	2.6	2.7	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.3	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6
Developed Member Countries														
Australia	1.5	1.2	1.3	1.1	1.0	1.1	1.2	1.4	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.5	1.5
Japan	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0	-0.0	0.0
New Zealand	1.5	1.5	1.6	1.3	0.9	0.5	0.6	0.6	1.8	2.0	1.5	1.1	1.2	1.0
TOTAL DMCs	1.7	1.5	1.6	1.5	1.5	1.4	1.3	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.1	1.1
TOTAL REGIONAL MEMBER COUNTRIES	1.7	1.5	1.6	1.4	1.4	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.1	1.1
WORLD	1.7	1.5	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2

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Sources: ADB staff estimates based on country sources and CEIC data.

Table 1.3 **Migration and urbanization**

	Net International Migration Rate ^a (per 1,000 population)				Urban Population (as percent of total population)			
	1985–1990	1990–1995	1995–2000	2000–2005	1990	1995	2000	2007
Developing Member Countries								
Central and West Asia								
Afghanistan	-23.1	42.9	-4.1	9.7	18.2	19.9	21.3	21.0
Armenia	-4.0	-29.5	-14.3	-6.6	66.9	66.0	65.1	64.0
Azerbaijan	-4.4	-3.1	-3.2	-2.4	53.7	52.3	50.9	51.7
Georgia	-2.4	-21.3	-14.4	-10.8	...	...	52.0	52.7
Kazakhstan	-7.4	-18.6	-17.1	-2.7	57.0	55.7	56.3	55.2
Kyrgyz Republic	-7.4	-12.2	-1.1	-3.0	37.6	35.6	34.7	34.8
Pakistan	1.4	-4.3	-0.1	-1.6	30.6	23.7	33.0	34.9
Tajikistan	-3.4	-11.3	-11.6	-10.8	32.1	28.1	26.5	26.3
Turkmenistan	-2.0	2.5	-2.3	-0.4	45.1	44.7	45.1	46.6 (2006)
Uzbekistan	-4.7	-3.1	-3.4	-2.3	40.3	38.3	37.2	36.7 (2006)
East Asia								
China, People's Rep. of	-0.1	-0.2	-0.2	-0.3	26.4	29.0	36.2	44.9
Hong Kong, China	0.9	10.1	9.3	8.7	...	...	...	...
Korea, Rep. of	-0.9	-0.5	-0.3	-0.3	73.8	78.2	79.6	80.8 (2005)
Mongolia	3.2	-5.2	-7.4	-4.0	54.6	51.6	57.2	60.8
Taipei, China ^b	...	...	...	...	50.6	53.1	55.8	58.1
South Asia								
Bangladesh	-0.2	-0.4	-0.5	-0.7	19.8	21.5	23.2	25.5 (2006)
Bhutan	0.6	-38.3	0.1	11.7	...	21.0 (1996)	21.0	31.0 (2005)
India	-0.1	-0.2	-0.3	-0.3	25.6	26.6	27.7	29.2
Maldives	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	26.0	25.6	27.5	35.0 (2006)
Nepal	-1.6	-1.0	-0.9	-0.8	8.9	10.9	13.4	16.2 (2006)
Sri Lanka	-1.7	-2.9	-4.3	-4.7	17.2	16.4	15.7	15.1 (2006)
Southeast Asia								
Brunei Darussalam ^c	4.7	2.5	2.2	2.0	65.8	68.6	71.1	73.6 (2006)
Cambodia	3.4	2.9	1.3	0.2	...	14.8 (1998)	16.0 (2001)	17.8
Indonesia	-0.5	-0.8	-0.9	-0.9	30.9	35.9	42.1	43.1 (2005)
Lao PDR	0.0	-1.4	-3.5	-4.2	15.4	17.2	18.9	21.0 (2006)
Malaysia	1.8	3.0	4.5	1.2	49.8	54.7	62.0	63.4
Myanmar	-0.7	-0.6	0.0	-0.4	24.9	26.1	28.0	31.3 (2006)
Philippines	-2.6	-2.8	-2.5	-2.2	48.8	54.0	58.5	63.5 (2006)
Singapore	9.7	15.4	19.6	9.6	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Thailand	0.0	0.6	1.8	0.8	18.0	18.0	19.0	32.9 (2006)
Viet Nam	-0.8	-0.7	-0.5	-0.5	19.5	20.7	24.2	27.4
The Pacific								
Cook Islands	...	...	...	...	58.5	58.8	67.6	70.2 (2003)
Fiji Islands	-19.5	-9.3	-10.7	-10.3	41.6	45.5	48.3	50.8 (2005)
Kiribati	...	...	...	...	35.1	36.5	43.5	43.6 (2005)
Marshall Islands	...	...	...	...	64.7	65.3	65.8	65.0
Micronesia, Fed. States of	-5.4	-4.4	-25.4	-17.9	25.6	25.1	22.3	22.4 (2006)
Nauru	...	...	...	...	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Palau ^d	...	...	...	...	69.4	71.4	69.5	77.4 (2005)
Papua New Guinea	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	13.1	13.2	13.2	13.5 (2006)
Samoa	-25.2	-15.8	-16.2	-16.6	21.5	21.8	21.9	22.6 (2006)
Solomon Islands	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	13.7	14.7	15.7	17.3 (2006)
Timor-Leste	0.4	0.0	-40.8	21.2	20.8	22.5	24.3	26.1 (2005)
Tonga	-20.4	-18.0	-19.5	-16.1	22.7	22.9	23.2	24.2 (2006)
Tuvalu	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Vanuatu	-4.6	-1.1	-7.9	0.0	18.7	20.2	21.7	23.5 (2005)
Developed Member Countries								
Australia	6.9	5.9	5.0	6.0	85.4	86.1	87.2	88.0 (2006)
Japan	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.4	62.1	64.6	65.2	66.0 (2006)
New Zealand	1.1	5.3	2.1	5.1	84.7	85.3	85.7	86.3 (2006)

a Refers to annual average.

b For urban population, refers to localities of 100,000 or more inhabitants.

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d For urban population, includes Koror and Airai States only. The US Bureau of Census defines "Urban" as places with 2,500 persons or more.

Sources: Country sources; *Statistical Yearbook for Asia and the Pacific 2007* (ESCAP 2007, www.unescap.org/stat/data/syb2007/); UN Population Division's Common Database (www.unstats.un.org/unsd/cdb/cdb_help/cdb_quick_start.asp).

Population

Table 1.4 Population aged 0–14 years
(as percent of total population)

	1990	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Developing Member Countries													
Central and West Asia													
Afghanistan	44.1	....	....	....	....	....	43.5	....	43.0	43.0	43.0	46.0	47.0
Armenia	30.4	29.5	29.0	28.4	27.6	26.8	25.9	24.9	23.8	22.8	21.8	20.8	20.0
Azerbaijan	34.3	34.0	33.6	33.1	32.5	31.8	31.0	29.9	28.8	27.6	26.4	25.3	24.2
Georgia	24.6	23.6	23.3	22.9	22.5	22.1	21.6	21.1	20.5	20.0	19.4	18.9	18.4
Kazakhstan	31.5	29.8	29.4	29.0	28.7	28.2	27.6	27.0	26.2	25.4	24.8	24.2	23.9
Kyrgyz Republic	37.6	37.6	37.2	36.8	36.2	35.6	34.9	34.1	33.3	32.5	31.7	31.0	30.4
Pakistan	44.0	44.3	44.0	43.6	43.1	42.5	41.8	40.9	40.0	39.0	38.0	37.2	36.4
Tajikistan	43.2	43.7	43.6	43.4	43.2	42.8	42.4	41.9	41.3	40.7	40.0	39.4	38.7
Turkmenistan	40.5	39.5	39.0	38.4	37.8	37.0	36.2	35.3	34.4	33.5	32.7	31.8	30.9
Uzbekistan	40.9	40.4	39.9	39.4	38.7	38.0	37.2	36.5	35.6	34.8	34.0	33.2	32.4
East Asia													
China, People's Rep. of	27.7	26.6	26.4	26.1	25.8	25.4	24.9	24.3	23.7	22.9	22.2	21.6	21.1
Hong Kong, China	21.5	19.4	18.9	18.4	17.8	17.3	16.9	16.5	16.1	15.8	15.5	15.1	14.8
Korea, Rep. of	25.8	23.4	22.9	22.4	21.8	21.3	20.8	20.4	20.0	19.6	19.1	18.6	18.1
Mongolia	41.7	38.9	38.2	37.3	36.5	35.5	34.5	33.3	32.2	31.0	29.9	28.9	28.0
Taipei, China	27.1	23.8	23.1	22.6	22.0	21.4	21.1	20.8	20.4	19.8	19.3	18.7	18.1
South Asia													
Bangladesh	40.7	39.6	39.2	38.7	38.2	37.7	37.2	36.8	36.4	36.0	35.6	35.2	34.7
Bhutan	42.6	43.6	43.4	42.9	42.2	41.3	40.2	38.9	37.4	35.9	34.4	33.0	31.7
India	37.8	36.6	36.4	36.0	35.7	35.3	35.0	34.6	34.2	33.8	33.4	33.0	32.5
Maldives	46.5	45.3	44.5	43.7	42.6	41.5	40.3	39.1	37.8	36.4	35.2	34.0	32.9
Nepal	41.9	41.8	41.7	41.6	41.4	41.2	40.9	40.6	40.3	39.9	39.4	39.0	38.5
Sri Lanka	32.0	29.5	29.0	28.5	27.9	27.4	26.8	26.3	25.7	25.2	24.6	24.2	23.7
Southeast Asia													
Brunei Darussalam ^a	34.5	33.0	32.6	32.3	32.0	31.6	31.3	30.9	30.6	30.3	30.0	29.6	29.2
Cambodia	44.7	46.3	45.8	45.0	43.9	42.9	41.9	40.9	40.1	39.3	38.4	37.6	36.7
Indonesia	35.8	33.0	32.5	31.9	31.3	30.8	30.3	29.9	29.5	29.1	28.7	28.4	28.0
Lao PDR	44.7	44.6	44.5	44.3	44.1	43.8	43.4	42.8	42.2	41.4	40.6	39.8	38.9
Malaysia	37.4	36.1	35.6	35.1	34.5	34.0	33.5	33.0	32.6	32.2	31.8	31.4	31.0
Myanmar	35.6	33.1	32.5	32.0	31.4	30.8	30.2	29.6	29.0	28.4	27.8	27.3	26.7
Philippines	40.9	39.5	39.1	38.8	38.4	38.1	37.8	37.4	37.1	36.8	36.5	36.2	35.8
Singapore	21.5	22.3	22.3	22.3	22.2	22.0	21.8	21.5	21.1	20.7	20.2	19.5	18.8
Thailand	28.5	25.8	25.4	24.9	24.4	24.0	23.6	23.1	22.7	22.3	22.0	21.7	21.4
Viet Nam	38.9	37.0	36.4	35.8	35.1	34.3	33.5	32.8	32.0	31.2	30.4	29.6	28.9
The Pacific													
Cook Islands	36.9	...	...	...	...	...	34.1	34.1	35.0	28.0	28.0	34.0	30.0
Fiji Islands	37.9	35.7	35.3	35.0	34.6	34.3	34.1	33.8	33.6	33.4	33.2	32.9	32.6
Kiribati	40.3	...	...	...	...	...	41.2	39.0	38.7	40.0	38.0	38.0	36.0
Marshall Islands	51.0	...	...	...	...	...	41.6	41.6	44.0	43.0	41.0	40.0	38.0
Micronesia, Fed. States of	44.1	43.4	42.9	42.2	41.5	40.8	40.1	39.7	39.3	39.1	38.8	38.6	38.3
Nauru	41.8	...	...	...	...	...	39.0	39.0	39.0	39.0	38.0	39.0	39.0
Palau	30.3	...	...	...	...	...	23.8	23.8	23.8	27.0	24.0	24.0	26.0
Papua New Guinea	41.7	41.4	41.4	41.4	41.4	41.3	41.3	41.2	41.1	41.0	40.8	40.6	40.3
Samoa	40.9	39.3	39.4	39.8	40.2	40.6	40.9	41.0	41.1	41.1	41.0	40.8	40.5
Solomon Islands	45.3	43.6	43.3	43.0	42.6	42.3	42.0	41.7	41.4	41.1	40.8	40.5	40.1
Timor-Leste	39.9	41.7	43.1	45.0	47.0	48.6	49.4	49.2	48.2	46.9	45.8	45.0	44.7
Tonga	39.4	40.0	39.8	39.5	39.1	38.7	38.3	38.1	37.9	37.8	37.7	37.5	37.2
Tuvalu	34.7	...	...	...	...	...	33.3	33.3	34.0	34.0	36.0	36.0	34.0
Vanuatu	43.9	43.4	43.3	43.0	42.8	42.5	42.1	41.7	41.3	40.8	40.3	39.8	39.3
Developed Member Countries													
Australia	21.9	21.5	21.4	21.3	21.1	20.9	20.7	20.5	20.2	20.0	19.8	19.5	19.3
Japan	18.4	16.0	15.6	15.3	15.1	14.8	14.6	14.5	14.3	14.1	14.0	13.9	13.8
New Zealand	23.4	23.1	23.0	23.0	22.9	22.9	22.7	22.5	22.3	22.0	21.7	21.5	21.2

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Sources: World Development Indicators Online (World Bank 2008); Population Data Sheet Online (ESCAP various years); for Taipei, China: Monthly Bulletin of Statistics Online (Directorate-General of Budget, Accounting and Statistics; eng.dgbas.gov.tw/).

Table 1.5 Population aged 15–64 years
(as percent of total population)

	1990	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Developing Member Countries													
Central and West Asia													
Afghanistan ^a	53.0	...	...	...	...	...	52.0	...	54.0	54.0	54.0	50.0	49.0
Armenia	64.0	62.1	62.2	62.5	63.0	63.5	64.1	64.6	65.2	65.7	66.4	67.1	67.9
Azerbaijan	61.5	61.2	61.4	61.7	62.0	62.5	63.2	63.9	64.8	65.7	66.6	67.6	68.5
Georgia	66.1	65.1	65.1	65.3	65.5	65.7	65.9	66.1	66.2	66.3	66.5	66.8	67.3
Kazakhstan	62.7	63.1	63.4	63.9	64.4	65.0	65.5	66.1	66.5	67.0	67.4	67.8	68.2
Kyrgyz Republic	57.4	57.0	57.3	57.8	58.4	59.0	59.7	60.3	61.0	61.7	62.4	63.1	63.8
Pakistan	52.7	52.2	52.5	52.8	53.3	53.9	54.6	55.4	56.3	57.2	58.1	58.9	59.7
Tajikistan	53.0	52.5	52.6	52.9	53.3	53.7	54.2	54.6	55.1	55.6	56.1	56.8	57.4
Turkmenistan	55.7	56.3	56.8	57.3	58.0	58.7	59.5	60.2	61.0	61.8	62.7	63.6	64.5
Uzbekistan	55.1	55.4	55.8	56.3	57.0	57.7	58.4	59.1	59.8	60.5	61.3	62.1	62.9
East Asia													
China, People's Rep. of	66.8	67.4	67.4	67.5	67.7	67.9	68.2	68.7	69.2	69.7	70.3	70.7	71.1
Hong Kong, China	70.0	71.0	71.2	71.5	71.7	72.0	72.2	72.3	72.4	72.6	72.7	72.9	73.2
Korea, Rep. of	69.2	70.8	71.0	71.3	71.5	71.7	71.8	71.9	71.9	71.8	71.9	71.9	72.0
Mongolia	54.3	57.3	58.1	58.9	59.7	60.6	61.6	62.7	63.9	65.1	66.2	67.2	68.1
Taipei, China	66.7	68.6	69.0	69.3	69.3	70.1	70.3	70.4	70.6	70.9	71.2	71.6	71.9
South Asia													
Bangladesh	56.2	57.3	57.7	58.1	58.6	59.0	59.5	59.9	60.2	60.6	60.9	61.3	61.7
Bhutan	54.1	52.5	52.7	53.0	53.6	54.4	55.4	56.7	58.1	59.6	61.1	62.4	63.6
India	58.3	59.2	59.4	59.6	59.9	60.2	60.4	60.7	61.0	61.4	61.7	62.0	62.4
Maldives	50.2	51.2	51.9	52.8	53.8	54.8	56.0	57.2	58.5	59.8	61.0	62.2	63.2
Nepal	54.7	54.8	54.9	55.0	55.1	55.3	55.6	55.9	56.2	56.6	57.0	57.4	57.8
Sri Lanka	62.6	64.5	64.9	65.3	65.7	66.2	66.7	67.2	67.8	68.4	68.9	69.3	69.7
Southeast Asia													
Brunei Darussalam ^b	62.8	64.4	64.6	64.9	65.2	65.5	65.8	66.1	66.4	66.6	66.9	67.3	67.6
Cambodia	52.6	50.9	51.4	52.2	53.2	54.2	55.2	56.1	56.9	57.7	58.5	59.3	60.1
Indonesia	60.4	62.7	63.2	63.6	64.0	64.4	64.8	65.1	65.4	65.6	65.9	66.1	66.3
Lao PDR	51.9	52.1	52.2	52.3	52.5	52.8	53.2	53.8	54.4	55.1	55.9	56.7	57.5
Malaysia	58.9	60.2	60.6	61.1	61.7	62.2	62.7	63.0	63.4	63.6	63.9	64.3	64.6
Myanmar	59.5	61.7	62.2	62.7	63.2	63.7	64.3	64.8	65.4	66.0	66.6	67.1	67.7
Philippines	55.9	57.3	57.6	57.9	58.2	58.5	58.7	59.0	59.2	59.5	59.8	60.0	60.3
Singapore	72.9	71.5	71.3	71.1	71.1	71.0	71.1	71.1	71.2	71.4	71.6	72.0	72.4
Thailand	66.6	68.4	68.7	69.0	69.3	69.5	69.7	69.9	70.1	70.3	70.4	70.5	70.6
Viet Nam	56.2	57.9	58.4	59.0	59.6	60.3	61.0	61.7	62.5	63.3	64.0	64.8	65.6
The Pacific													
Cook Islands ^a	58.4	...	...	...	...	...	60.9	60.9	60.0	60.0	60.0	60.0	58.0
Fiji Islands	59.0	61.2	61.5	61.8	62.1	62.3	62.4	62.6	62.6	62.7	62.8	62.9	63.1
Kiribati ^a	56.2	...	...	...	...	...	55.4	59.1	59.3	59.5	59.8	60.0	59.0
Marshall Islands ^a	46.1	...	...	...	...	...	55.7	55.7	53.0	55.0	57.0	58.0	58.0
Micronesia, Fed. States of	52.3	53.1	53.6	54.2	54.9	55.6	56.1	56.5	56.9	57.1	57.3	57.6	57.9
Nauru ^a	56.8	...	...	...	...	...	59.0	59.0	60.0	60.0	60.0	60.0	58.0
Palau ^a	63.6	...	...	...	...	...	70.8	70.8	70.8	70.8	71.0	71.0	66.0
Papua New Guinea	56.1	56.5	56.5	56.5	56.5	56.5	56.5	56.5	56.6	56.7	56.8	57.0	57.3
Samoa	55.2	56.4	56.3	56.0	55.5	55.1	54.8	54.6	54.4	54.4	54.5	54.7	54.9
Solomon Islands	51.7	53.4	53.7	54.1	54.4	54.8	55.1	55.4	55.7	55.9	56.3	56.6	56.9
Timor-Leste	58.1	56.0	54.6	52.7	50.6	48.9	48.1	48.3	49.2	50.5	51.6	52.3	52.6
Tonga	56.1	55.0	55.1	55.3	55.6	55.9	56.1	56.2	56.2	56.1	56.1	56.1	56.3
Tuvalu ^a	59.4	...	...	...	...	...	57.8	57.8	57.8	57.8	58.0	58.0	58.0
Vanuatu	52.5	53.1	53.3	53.5	53.8	54.1	54.5	55.0	55.4	55.9	56.4	56.9	57.4
Developed Member Countries													
Australia	66.9	66.6	66.6	66.6	66.7	66.8	66.9	67.0	67.1	67.2	67.3	67.4	67.4
Japan	69.6	69.5	69.3	69.1	68.8	68.5	68.2	67.8	67.5	67.1	66.8	66.4	66.0
New Zealand	65.5	65.4	65.4	65.4	65.4	65.4	65.5	65.7	65.8	66.0	66.2	66.4	66.5

a For 2006, refers to 15–60 years age group.

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Population

Table 1.6 Population aged 65 years and over
(as percent of total population)

	1990	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Developing Member Countries													
Central and West Asia													
Afghanistan ^a	2.9	...	...	...	...	...	4.5	...	3.0	3.0	3.0	4.0	4.0
Armenia	5.6	8.4	8.8	9.1	9.4	9.7	10.0	10.5	11.0	11.5	11.9	12.1	12.1
Azerbaijan	4.2	4.9	5.0	5.2	5.4	5.6	5.9	6.2	6.5	6.7	7.0	7.2	7.2
Georgia	9.3	11.3	11.6	11.8	12.0	12.2	12.5	12.8	13.3	13.7	14.1	14.3	14.4
Kazakhstan	5.9	7.1	7.2	7.1	6.9	6.8	6.8	7.0	7.3	7.6	7.9	8.0	8.0
Kyrgyz Republic	5.0	5.4	5.5	5.5	5.4	5.4	5.5	5.6	5.7	5.8	5.9	5.9	5.8
Pakistan	3.3	3.5	3.5	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.7	3.7	3.8	3.8	3.9	3.9	3.9
Tajikistan	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.7	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.6	3.7	3.8	3.9	3.9
Turkmenistan	3.8	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.3	4.3	4.4	4.4	4.5	4.6	4.7	4.7	4.6
Uzbekistan	4.0	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.4	4.5	4.6	4.7	4.7	4.7
East Asia													
China, People's Rep. of	5.4	6.0	6.2	6.3	6.5	6.7	6.8	7.0	7.2	7.3	7.5	7.7	7.8
Hong Kong, China	8.5	9.6	9.9	10.2	10.4	10.7	11.0	11.2	11.4	11.7	11.8	12.0	12.1
Korea, Rep. of	5.0	5.8	6.1	6.4	6.7	7.0	7.4	7.7	8.2	8.6	9.0	9.4	9.8
Mongolia	4.0	3.7	3.7	3.8	3.8	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.9	4.0
Taipei, China	6.2	7.6	7.9	8.1	8.7	8.5	8.6	8.8	9.0	9.3	9.5	9.7	10.0
South Asia													
Bangladesh	3.0	3.1	3.1	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.3	3.3	3.4	3.4	3.5	3.5	3.6
Bhutan	3.3	3.8	4.0	4.1	4.2	4.3	4.4	4.4	4.5	4.5	4.6	4.6	4.7
India	3.9	4.2	4.3	4.3	4.4	4.5	4.6	4.7	4.7	4.8	4.9	5.0	5.0
Maldives	3.3	3.5	3.5	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.8
Nepal	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.6	3.6	3.7	3.7
Sri Lanka	5.4	6.0	6.1	6.2	6.3	6.4	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.6
Southeast Asia													
Brunei Darussalam ^b	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.8	2.8	2.9	2.9	3.0	3.0	3.1	3.1	3.2	3.2
Cambodia	2.7	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.9	2.9	2.9	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.1	3.1	3.2
Indonesia	3.8	4.2	4.4	4.5	4.6	4.7	4.9	5.0	5.1	5.3	5.4	5.5	5.6
Lao PDR	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5
Malaysia	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.9	3.9	4.0	4.1	4.3	4.4	4.4
Myanmar	4.9	5.2	5.3	5.3	5.4	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.6
Philippines	3.2	3.2	3.3	3.3	3.4	3.4	3.5	3.6	3.6	3.7	3.8	3.8	3.9
Singapore	5.6	6.2	6.4	6.6	6.7	6.9	7.2	7.4	7.7	7.9	8.2	8.5	8.8
Thailand	4.9	5.7	5.9	6.1	6.3	6.5	6.7	6.9	7.1	7.4	7.6	7.8	8.0
Viet Nam	4.9	5.0	5.1	5.2	5.3	5.4	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.6	5.6	5.6
The Pacific													
Cook Islands ^a	4.7	...	...	...	...	...	5.0	5.0	5.0	12.0	12.0	6.0	12.0
Fiji Islands	3.1	3.1	3.2	3.2	3.3	3.4	3.5	3.6	3.8	3.9	4.0	4.2	4.3
Kiribati ^a	3.5	...	...	...	...	...	3.4	1.9	2.0	0.5	2.3	2.0	5.0
Marshall Islands ^a	2.9	...	...	...	...	...	2.7	2.7	3.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	4.0
Micronesia, Fed. States of	3.6	3.5	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.7	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.8
Nauru ^a	1.4	...	...	...	...	...	2.0	2.0	1.0	1.0	2.0	1.0	3.0
Palau ^a	6.1	...	...	...	...	...	5.4	5.4	5.4	2.2	5.0	5.0	8.0
Papua New Guinea	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.4	2.4
Samoa	3.9	4.2	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.4	4.4	4.5	4.5	4.6	4.6
Solomon Islands	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	3.0
Timor-Leste	2.0	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.4	2.4	2.5	2.5	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.7	2.7
Tonga	4.5	5.0	5.1	5.2	5.3	5.4	5.6	5.7	5.9	6.1	6.3	6.4	6.5
Tuvalu ^a	5.9	...	...	...	...	...	8.9	8.9	8.2	8.2	6.0	6.0	8.0
Vanuatu	3.6	3.5	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3
Developed Member Countries													
Australia	11.2	11.9	12.0	12.1	12.2	12.3	12.4	12.5	12.7	12.8	12.9	13.1	13.3
Japan	12.0	14.6	15.1	15.6	16.2	16.7	17.2	17.7	18.2	18.7	19.2	19.7	20.3
New Zealand	11.1	11.5	11.6	11.6	11.7	11.7	11.8	11.8	11.9	12.0	12.0	12.2	12.3

a For 2006, refers to 60 and over years age group.

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Table 1.7 Age dependency ratio

	1990	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Developing Member Countries													
Central and West Asia													
Afghanistan ^a	88.7	...	...	...	...	...	92.3	...	85.2	85.2	85.2	100.0	104.1
Armenia	56.2	60.9	60.8	60.0	58.8	57.4	56.0	54.7	53.4	52.1	50.7	49.1	47.3
Azerbaijan	62.6	63.4	62.9	62.2	61.2	59.9	58.3	56.5	54.4	52.3	50.1	48.0	45.9
Georgia	51.4	53.7	53.6	53.3	52.7	52.1	51.7	51.3	51.1	50.8	50.4	49.7	48.7
Kazakhstan	59.5	58.5	57.6	56.5	55.2	53.9	52.6	51.4	50.3	49.3	48.4	47.6	46.7
Kyrgyz Republic	74.1	75.4	74.5	73.1	71.3	69.5	67.6	65.8	64.0	62.2	60.3	58.5	56.6
Pakistan	89.9	91.5	90.6	89.3	87.6	85.6	83.2	80.6	77.7	74.8	72.1	69.6	67.5
Tajikistan	88.6	90.6	90.0	89.0	87.6	86.2	84.7	83.1	81.6	80.0	78.2	76.2	74.1
Turkmenistan	79.4	77.6	76.2	74.5	72.5	70.3	68.2	66.0	63.8	61.7	59.5	57.4	55.1
Uzbekistan	81.5	80.6	79.3	77.5	75.4	73.3	71.2	69.1	67.1	65.2	63.2	61.1	58.9
East Asia													
China, People's Rep. of	49.6	48.4	48.3	48.0	47.7	47.3	46.6	45.7	44.6	43.4	42.3	41.4	40.6
Hong Kong, China	42.8	40.9	40.4	39.9	39.4	38.9	38.6	38.3	38.0	37.8	37.6	37.2	36.7
Korea, Rep. of	44.6	41.3	40.8	40.3	39.9	39.5	39.3	39.2	39.2	39.2	39.2	39.0	38.8
Mongolia	84.2	74.4	72.1	69.8	67.4	64.9	62.2	59.4	56.5	53.7	51.1	48.8	46.9
Taipei, China	49.9	45.8	44.9	44.3	44.3	42.7	42.2	42.0	41.6	41.0	40.4	39.7	39.1
South Asia													
Bangladesh	77.8	74.4	73.3	72.0	70.7	69.4	68.1	67.1	66.1	65.1	64.2	63.2	62.1
Bhutan	84.8	90.3	89.9	88.7	86.6	83.8	80.4	76.4	72.1	67.8	63.8	60.3	57.3
India	71.6	69.0	68.4	67.7	67.0	66.2	65.5	64.7	63.8	63.0	62.1	61.2	60.2
Maldives	99.3	95.1	92.5	89.4	86.0	82.3	78.5	74.7	70.9	67.3	63.9	60.9	58.2
Nepal	82.7	82.6	82.3	81.9	81.4	80.7	79.9	79.0	77.9	76.8	75.6	74.3	72.9
Sri Lanka	59.7	55.0	54.0	53.1	52.1	51.1	50.0	48.8	47.5	46.3	45.1	44.2	43.5
Southeast Asia													
Brunei Darussalam ^b	59.2	55.4	54.7	54.0	53.3	52.6	52.0	51.3	50.7	50.1	49.4	48.7	47.9
Cambodia	90.1	96.4	94.5	91.6	88.0	84.4	81.2	78.3	75.7	73.3	70.9	68.6	66.4
Indonesia	65.6	59.5	58.3	57.2	56.1	55.2	54.3	53.6	52.9	52.3	51.8	51.3	50.7
Lao PDR	92.5	92.0	91.7	91.2	90.4	89.3	87.9	86.0	83.8	81.4	78.9	76.4	73.8
Malaysia	69.7	66.2	65.0	63.6	62.1	60.8	59.6	58.6	57.8	57.1	56.4	55.6	54.8
Myanmar	68.2	62.1	60.8	59.6	58.3	57.0	55.6	54.2	52.8	51.5	50.1	48.9	47.8
Philippines	79.0	74.5	73.6	72.8	71.9	71.1	70.3	69.5	68.8	68.1	67.3	66.6	65.9
Singapore	37.1	39.9	40.3	40.6	40.7	40.8	40.7	40.6	40.4	40.1	39.7	39.0	38.1
Thailand	50.1	46.1	45.5	44.9	44.4	43.9	43.4	43.0	42.6	42.3	42.0	41.8	41.6
Viet Nam	78.0	72.6	71.1	69.5	67.7	65.8	63.9	62.0	60.0	58.1	56.1	54.3	52.5
The Pacific													
Cook Islands ^a	71.2	...	...	...	...	...	64.2	64.2	66.7	66.7	66.7	66.7	72.4
Fiji Islands	69.5	63.5	62.6	61.8	61.2	60.6	60.3	59.9	59.7	59.5	59.2	58.9	58.4
Kiribati ^a	77.9	...	...	...	...	...	80.5	69.3	68.6	68.0	67.3	66.7	69.5
Marshall Islands ^a	116.9	...	...	...	...	...	79.5	79.5	88.7	81.8	75.4	72.4	72.4
Micronesia, Fed. States of	91.2	88.4	86.7	84.6	82.2	80.0	78.3	76.9	75.9	75.2	74.5	73.7	72.7
Nauru ^a	76.1	...	...	...	...	...	69.5	69.5	66.7	66.7	66.7	66.7	72.4
Palau ^a	57.2	...	...	...	...	...	41.2	41.2	41.2	41.2	40.8	40.8	51.5
Papua New Guinea	78.3	77.1	77.1	77.1	77.1	77.0	77.0	76.9	76.7	76.4	76.0	75.3	74.5
Samoa	81.2	77.2	77.6	78.7	80.1	81.4	82.5	83.3	83.7	83.8	83.5	83.0	82.0
Solomon Islands	93.4	87.3	86.2	85.0	83.8	82.6	81.5	80.6	79.7	78.7	77.8	76.8	75.7
Timor-Leste	72.1	78.6	83.3	89.9	97.6	104.4	107.9	107.2	103.2	98.1	93.9	91.2	90.2
Tonga	78.3	81.7	81.4	80.7	79.7	78.8	78.3	78.0	78.1	78.3	78.4	78.1	77.6
Tuvalu ^a	68.4	...	...	...	...	...	73.0	73.0	73.0	73.0	72.4	72.4	72.4
Vanuatu	90.5	88.3	87.6	86.8	85.8	84.7	83.5	82.0	80.4	78.8	77.2	75.7	74.2
Developed Member Countries													
Australia	49.4	50.2	50.2	50.1	49.9	49.7	49.4	49.2	49.0	48.8	48.6	48.4	48.3
Japan	43.7	43.9	44.3	44.8	45.4	46.1	46.7	47.4	48.2	49.0	49.8	50.7	51.6
New Zealand	52.7	52.9	52.9	53.0	52.9	52.8	52.6	52.3	51.9	51.5	51.0	50.6	50.3

a Based on 0–14, 15–60, and 60 and over years age groups for 2006.

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Source: ADB staff estimates.

Labor Force and Employment

Table 1.8 Labor force participation rate
(percent)

	1990	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Developing Member Countries														
Central and West Asia														
Afghanistan	63.5	63.5	63.6	63.6	63.6	63.7	63.7	63.8	63.9	64.0	64.1	64.3	64.6	...
Armenia	...	74.2	73.5	70.8	65.6	63.9	61.4	58.7	62.7	61.4	58.6	57.7	55.9	...
Azerbaijan	93.2	85.8	86.5	85.7	95.4	78.3	76.4	74.7	80.6	78.2	76.4	74.7	74.7	74.4
Georgia	...	...	...	...	65.0	66.0	65.0	66.0	65.0	66.2	64.9	64.0	62.2	...
Kazakhstan	...	66.8	68.7	68.8	65.9	66.0	66.0	70.2	70.1	70.0	69.9	69.4	69.7	70.4
Kyrgyz Republic	66.1	65.9	65.8	65.6	65.4	65.2	64.9	64.6	64.3	64.5	64.4	64.5	64.5	...
Pakistan	...	41.3	41.3	43.0	43.3	43.3	42.8	43.3	43.3	43.3	43.7	43.7	46.0	45.2
Tajikistan	77.3	70.9	65.4	62.9	61.3	57.3	55.3	55.4	53.4	53.0	56.0	55.0	54.0	...
Turkmenistan	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Uzbekistan	67.3	62.4	62.5	62.8	63.0	63.3	63.5	63.7	63.9	64.1	64.2	64.5	64.8	...
East Asia														
China, People's Rep. of	79.3	79.2	79.0	78.8	78.5	78.2	77.9	77.4	76.9	76.3	76.0	75.7	75.4	...
Hong Kong, China	63.2	62.0	61.6	61.3	61.3	61.3	61.4	61.5	61.8	61.4	61.3	61.0	61.3	61.4
Korea, Rep. of	60.0	61.9	62.1	62.5	60.6	60.6	61.0	61.4	62.0	61.5	62.1	62.0	61.9	61.8
Mongolia	...	68.5	68.0	67.4	67.0	66.7	62.9	62.2	62.7	64.5	64.4	63.5	64.4	64.2
Taipei, China	59.2	58.7	58.4	58.3	58.0	57.9	57.7	57.2	57.3	57.3	57.7	57.8	57.9	58.3
South Asia														
Bangladesh	...	...	52.0	...	...	...	54.9	...	...	57.3	...	...	58.5	...
Bhutan	61.1	59.8	59.8	59.8	59.9	60.2	60.6	61.0	61.5	62.1	64.3	65.4	66.3	...
India	...	...	...	...	...	...	37.6	...	...	...	...	39.2	...	...
Maldives	49.9	51.8	52.5	53.1	53.8	54.6	55.4	55.4	55.5	55.6	59.2	60.1	61.0	...
Nepal	64.1	63.4	63.5	63.5	63.5	63.6	63.6	63.6	63.7	63.8	63.6	63.6	63.7	...
Sri Lanka	51.9	47.9	48.6	48.7	51.7	50.7	50.3	48.8	50.3	48.9	48.6	48.3	51.2	49.8
Southeast Asia														
Brunei Darussalam ^a	...	66.5	...	...	...	64.9	65.5	67.9	69.8	69.8	69.9	70.0	71.7	71.2
Cambodia	...	59.2	65.4	65.8	55.5	66.1	65.2	71.7	...	...	74.6	...	...	...
Indonesia	54.7	...	66.9	66.3	66.9	67.2	67.8	68.6	67.8	67.8	67.6	66.8	66.2	66.6
Lao PDR	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	84.8	85.1	84.4	...	65.7	...	...
Malaysia	66.5	64.7	66.3	65.6	64.3	64.2	65.4	64.9	64.4	65.2	64.4	63.3	63.1	63.2
Myanmar	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	63.6	63.8	64.3	...	...	...	...
Philippines	64.4	65.8	66.7	66.1	65.9	66.4	64.9	67.1	67.4	66.7	67.5	64.5	64.5	63.2
Singapore ^b	63.1	64.3	64.6	63.7	63.1	64.1	63.2	64.1	63.6	63.2	63.3	63.0	65.0	65.1
Thailand	81.9	74.5	73.9	73.5	72.1	71.6	71.5	71.9	71.9	72.2	72.4	72.5	72.2	72.4
Viet Nam	...	...	...	...	...	...	49.6	50.2	50.7	51.1	51.8	52.5	51.1	51.2
The Pacific														
Cook Islands ^c	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	69.0	...	...	...	...	...	...
Fiji Islands	64.4	64.4	64.5	64.6	64.7	64.9	65.1	64.8	64.6	64.4	65.6	65.9	66.1	...
Kiribati	76.0	...	...	...	...	...	80.9	...	...	...	...	63.6	...	...
Marshall Islands	...	...	...	...	...	51.2	51.1	51.1	51.1	51.1	51.1	51.1	51.1	51.1
Micronesia, Fed. States of	...	...	...	51.2	60.6	...	58.6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Nauru	...	...	...	...	...	76.7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Palau	59.3	69.1	...	...	...	...	67.5	...	...	...	...	69.1	...	...
Papua New Guinea	73.4	71.8	71.5	72.1	72.5	72.2	72.6	72.9	72.9	72.6	73.2	73.2	73.3	...
Samoa	59.2	60.4	60.6	60.7	60.8	60.7	60.4	60.2	59.9	59.7	59.4	59.2	59.0	...
Solomon Islands	68.6	68.9	68.9	68.8	68.8	68.7	68.7	68.6	68.6	68.6	68.6	68.5	68.5	...
Timor-Leste	67.0	71.8	...	...	...	67.3	...	56.0	...	...	60.2	...	...	...
Tonga	95.9	...	86.7	...	...	...	...	...	...	94.8	...	...	...	...
Tuvalu	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Vanuatu	84.3	82.9	82.8	83.0	83.1	83.4	83.1	83.5	83.7	83.7	83.8	83.9	84.0	...
Developed Member Countries														
Australia	63.4	63.1	63.5	63.3	62.9	62.8	62.9	63.2	63.1	63.5	63.2	63.6	64.3	64.6
Japan	63.3	63.4	63.5	63.7	63.3	62.9	62.4	62.0	61.2	60.8	60.4	60.4	60.4	60.4
New Zealand	64.1	65.0	65.9	65.7	65.3	65.4	65.4	66.0	66.7	66.4	67.0	67.8	68.4	68.6

a Brunei Darussalam is not a developing member country but an unclassified regional member country of ADB.

b Beginning 1990, data refer to Singapore residents only.

c Covers all wage and salary earners from all islands.

Source: Country sources, *Key Indicators of the Labour Market* (ILO 2007).

Table 1.9 **Unemployment rate**
(percent)

	1990	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Developing Member Countries														
Central and West Asia														
Afghanistan	3.0	...	...	...	...	...	...	3.9	3.4	3.4	3.4	...	...	...
Armenia ^a	...	6.7	9.3	10.8	9.4	11.2	11.7	10.4	10.8	10.1	9.6	8.2	7.5	7.1
Azerbaijan ^b	...	0.8	0.9	1.0	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.3	10.6	9.7	8.4	7.6	6.8	6.5
Georgia	...	...	...	...	14.5	13.8	10.3	11.1	12.6	11.5	12.6	13.8	13.6	...
Kazakhstan	...	11.0	13.0	13.0	13.1	13.5	12.8	10.4	9.3	8.8	8.4	8.1	7.8	7.3
Kyrgyz Republic	...	5.7	7.8	5.7	5.9	7.2	7.5	7.8	8.6	9.9	8.5	8.1	8.3	...
Pakistan	3.1	5.4	5.4	6.1	5.9	5.9	7.8	7.8	8.3	8.3	7.7	7.7	6.2	5.3
Tajikistan ^a	...	1.7	2.7	2.6	3.2	2.2	2.7	2.3	2.5	2.4	2.0	2.1	2.2	...
Turkmenistan	2.4	...	...	1.9	2.0	2.1	2.4	2.6	2.5	2.6	2.6	...	...	...
Uzbekistan ^a	...	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.2
East Asia														
China, People's Rep. of ^c	2.5	2.9	3.0	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.6	4.0	4.3	4.2	4.2	4.1	4.0
Hong Kong, China	1.3	3.2	2.8	2.2	4.7	6.2	4.9	5.1	7.3	7.9	6.8	5.6	4.8	4.0
Korea, Rep. of	2.4	2.1	2.0	2.6	7.0	6.3	4.1	4.0	3.3	3.6	3.7	3.7	3.5	3.2
Mongolia	5.5	5.5	6.7	7.7	5.9	4.7	4.6	4.6	3.4	3.5	3.6	3.3	3.2	2.8
Taipei, China	1.7	1.8	2.6	2.7	2.7	2.9	3.0	4.6	5.2	5.0	4.4	4.1	3.9	3.9
South Asia														
Bangladesh	...	...	3.5	...	...	...	4.3	...	...	4.3	...	...	4.2	...
Bhutan	...	...	...	...	1.4	1.4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
India	...	...	...	...	...	...	2.7	...	...	...	...	3.1	...	...
Maldives	0.9	0.8	...	...	...	...	2.0	...	...	...	...	...	14.4	...
Nepal	...	...	4.5	...	...	1.8	...	8.8	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sri Lanka	15.9	12.3	11.3	10.5	9.2	8.9	7.6	7.9	8.8	8.4	8.3	7.7	6.5	6.0
Southeast Asia														
Brunei Darussalam ^d	...	4.9	...	...	...	4.5	4.7	7.2	3.5	4.5	3.5	4.3	4.0	3.4
Cambodia	...	2.5	0.9	0.7	5.3	0.6	2.5	1.8	...	...	0.0	...	...	...
Indonesia	2.5	7.2	4.9	4.7	5.5	6.4	6.1	8.1	9.1	9.6	9.9	11.2	10.3	9.8
Lao PDR	...	3.6	...	...	...	...	...	5.0	5.0	5.1	...	1.4	...	...
Malaysia	5.1	3.1	2.5	2.4	3.2	3.4	3.0	3.5	3.5	3.6	3.5	3.5	3.3	3.2
Myanmar	4.2	4.2	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.1	...	4.0	4.0	4.0	...	...	...	...
Philippines	8.4	9.5	8.6	8.8	10.3	9.8	11.2	11.1	11.4	11.4	11.8	7.8	7.9	6.3
Singapore	1.7	2.5	2.4	1.9	2.5	3.6	4.4	2.7	4.2	4.5	4.4	4.2	3.4	2.9
Thailand	2.2	1.7	1.5	1.5	4.4	4.2	3.6	3.3	2.4	2.2	2.1	1.8	1.5	1.4
Viet Nam	...	...	...	...	4.5	4.4	2.3	2.5	2.2	2.2	2.1	2.5	2.3	2.0
The Pacific														
Cook Islands	...	...	13.0	...	...	...	...	13.1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Fiji Islands	6.4	5.4	5.8	7.0	7.9	8.3	7.6	8.7	8.5	8.1	5.8	5.9	6.4	6.9
Kiribati	2.8	0.2	...	...	...	...	1.6	...	...	...	...	6.1	...	...
Marshall Islands	...	...	34.3	34.8	30.6	30.9	30.9	30.9	30.9	30.9	30.9	30.9	30.9	30.9
Micronesia, Fed. States of	13.5	...	...	7.9	21.3	...	22.0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Nauru	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Palau	7.8	7.0	...	...	...	...	2.3	...	...	...	...	4.2	...	...
Papua New Guinea	7.7	...	...	...	...	...	2.8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Samoa	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4.4	...	4.9	4.9	4.9	1.3	1.3
Solomon Islands	...	...	...	...	...	12.0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Timor-Leste	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7.2	...	...	...
Tonga	4.1	...	13.3	...	...	...	...	...	...	5.2	...	...	...	...
Tuvalu	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Vanuatu	...	...	...	...	...	1.7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Developed Member Countries														
Australia	7.0	8.8	8.2	8.4	8.0	7.5	6.6	6.5	6.7	6.2	5.7	5.3	5.0	4.5
Japan	2.1	3.2	3.4	3.4	4.1	4.7	4.7	5.0	5.4	5.3	4.7	4.4	4.1	3.9
New Zealand	7.8	6.3	6.1	6.6	7.4	6.8	6.0	5.3	5.2	4.6	3.9	3.7	3.8	3.6

a Based on officially registered unemployed only.

b Based on International Labour Organization's methodology starting 2002.

c Refers to registered unemployed.

d Brunei Darussalam is not a developing member country but an unclassified regional member country of ADB.

Sources: Country sources, *Key Indicators of the Labour Market* (ILO 2007), World Development Indicators Online (World Bank 2008).

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Table 1.10 **Unemployment rate of 15–24-year-olds**
(percent)

	Total		Female		Male	
	1990	2005	1990	2005	1990	2005
Developing Member Countries						
Central and West Asia						
Afghanistan	...	...	...	...	...	...
Armenia	...	...	...	...	...	...
Azerbaijan	...	...	...	...	...	...
Georgia	24.6 (1999)	28.3	24.8 (1999)	30.6	24.4 (1999)	26.8
Kazakhstan	...	12.1 (2006)	...	14.7 (2006)	...	10.0 (2006)
Kyrgyz Republic	...	15.2 (2004)	...	17.8 (2004)	...	13.5 (2004)
Pakistan	5.1	11.7 (2004)	1.3	14.9 (2004)	5.7	11.0 (2004)
Tajikistan	...	...	...	...	...	...
Turkmenistan	...	...	...	...	...	...
Uzbekistan	...	...	...	...	...	...
East Asia						
China, People's Rep. of	0.8	1.0 (1994)	1.0	1.1 (1994)	0.7	0.8 (1994)
Hong Kong, China	3.4	10.9	3.3	8.0	3.6	13.8
Korea, Rep. of	7.0	10.2	5.5	9.0	9.5	12.3
Mongolia	...	20.0 (2003)	...	20.7 (2003)	...	19.5 (2003)
Taipei, China	5.1	10.6	...	...	...	...
South Asia						
Bangladesh	7.0 (1996)	6.6 (2003)	5.7 (1996)	5.8 (2003)	8.0 (1996)	7.0 (2003)
Bhutan	...	...	...	...	...	...
India	8.3 (1994)	10.5 (2004)	8.4 (1994)	10.8 (2004)	8.0 (1994)	10.4 (2004)
Maldives	1.9 (1995)	4.4 (2000)	2.9 (1995)	5.1 (2000)	1.4 (1995)	4.0 (2000)
Nepal	7.3 (1996)	3.0 (1999)	...	2.2 (1999)	...	4.0 (1999)
Sri Lanka	33.3	26.2	46.9	37.1	22.8	20.1
Southeast Asia						
Brunei Darussalam ^a	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cambodia	...	12.2 (1998)	...	12.0 (1998)	...	12.3 (1998)
Indonesia	8.8 (1992)	28.7	9.1 (1992)	33.8	8.5 (1992)	25.2
Lao PDR	...	5.0 (1995)	...	3.9 (1995)	...	6.4 (1995)
Malaysia	8.7 (1998)	8.3 (2000)	8.8 (1998)	8.3 (2000)	8.6 (1998)	8.3 (2000)
Myanmar	...	...	...	...	...	...
Philippines	15.4	16.4	19.2	18.9	13.1	14.9
Singapore	5.2 (1992)	5.2	5.9 (1992)	6.3	4.5 (1992)	4.1
Thailand	4.3	4.8	4.2	4.6	4.3	4.9
Viet Nam	3.2 (1996)	4.6 (2004)	2.9 (1996)	4.9 (2004)	3.4 (1996)	4.4 (2004)
The Pacific						
Cook Islands	14.9 (1991)	24.0 (2001)	18.5 (1991)	26.4 (2001)	12.5 (1991)	22.1 (2001)
Fiji Islands	18.3 (1986)	13.1 (1996)	34.3 (1986)	16.7 (1996)	12.9 (1986)	11.3 (1996)
Kiribati	3.6	2.4 (2000)	2.5	2.3 (2000)	4.7	2.0 (2000)
Marshall Islands	28.7 (1988)	62.6 (1999)	31.6 (1988)	67.0 (1999)	27.5 (1988)	59.8 (1999)
Micronesia, Fed. States of	32.7 (1994)	...	44.3 (1994)	...	24.7 (1994)	...
Nauru	29.3 (1992)	...	38.2 (1992)	...	22.9 (1992)	...
Palau	17.4	5.7 (2000)	17.2	6.0 (2000)	17.6	5.5 (2000)
Papua New Guinea	21.1	13.6 (2001)	16.6	9.5 (2001)	24.2	17.4 (2001)
Samoa	...	12.2 (2001)	...	15.4 (2001)	...	10.6 (2001)
Solomon Islands	...	46.0 (1999)	...	48.8 (1999)	...	44.4 (1999)
Timor-Leste	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tonga	20.2 (1986)	30.3 (1996)	32.5 (1986)	26.9 (1996)	14.6 (1986)	32.0 (1996)
Tuvalu	...	31.2 (2002)	...	43.3 (2002)	...	22.5 (2002)
Vanuatu	...	3.1 (2000)	...	2.1 (2000)	...	4.0 (2000)
Developed Member Countries						
Australia ^b	13.0	10.5	12.8	10.0	13.2	11.0
Japan ^c	4.3	8.7	4.1	7.4	4.5	9.9
New Zealand ^d	14.1	9.4	13.2	9.8	14.8	9.1

a Brunei Darussalam is not a developing member country but an unclassified regional member country of ADB.

b Beginning 1993 excludes Jervis Bay Territory.

c Excludes seasonal workers. Data are averages of monthly estimates.

d Excludes Chatham Islands, Antarctic Territory, and other minor offshore islands. Data are averages of quarterly estimates.

Sources: *Key Indicators of the Labour Market* (ILO 2007); The Pacific Islands Regional Millennium Development Goals Report 2004 (www.spc.int/mdgs/); World Development Indicators Online (World Bank 2008); for Taipei, China: *Social Indicators 2005* (Directorate-General of Budget, Accounting and Statistics 2005).

Table 1.11 **Employment in agriculture**
(percent of total employment)

	1990	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Developing Member Countries												
Central and West Asia												
Afghanistan	69.6	...	...	...	...	...	...	69.7	69.6	69.6	69.6	...
Armenia	...	37.4	40.8	41.3	42.5	43.3	44.4	45.1	45.3	46.0	46.9	46.2
Azerbaijan	30.9	30.8	31.8	29.0	42.3	42.3	41.0	40.0	40.2	40.0	39.5	39.3
Georgia	...	...	...	...	48.5	52.2	52.1	52.8	53.8	54.9	54.0	54.3
Kazakhstan	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	35.5	35.5	35.3	33.5	32.4
Kyrgyz Republic	32.7	47.2	47.1	48.3	49.0	52.4	53.1	52.9	49.1	43.2	38.9	48.0
Pakistan	51.1	46.8	46.8	44.2	47.3	47.3	48.4	48.4	42.1	42.1	43.0	43.0
Tajikistan	...	59.1	59.3	46.2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Turkmenistan	41.8	44.8	45.6	46.5	48.3	45.0	47.6	48.4	48.7	48.2	48.2	...
Uzbekistan	...	41.2	40.9	40.4	39.4	38.5	...	...	...	...	...	...
East Asia												
China, People's Rep. of	53.4	48.5	47.7	47.4	47.0	46.9	46.3	45.2	44.1	...	...	...
Hong Kong, China	0.9	0.6	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3
Korea, Rep. of	17.9	12.4	11.7	11.3	12.4	11.6	10.6	10.0	9.3	8.8	8.1	7.9
Mongolia	...	46.1	46.5	48.9	49.7	49.5	48.6	48.3	44.9	41.8	40.2	39.9
Taipei, China	12.8	10.5	10.1	9.6	8.8	6.9	6.5	6.3	7.5	7.3	6.6	5.9
South Asia												
Bangladesh	66.4	...	63.2	...	...	...	62.1	...	...	51.7	...	...
Bhutan	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
India	...	...	...	...	...	...	59.9	...	...	...	...	56.1
Maldives	...	22.2	...	...	...	...	13.7	...	...	17.3	...	...
Nepal	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sri Lanka	46.8	36.7	37.4	36.2	40.6	36.2	36.0	32.6	40.8	34.0	33.3	30.7
Southeast Asia												
Brunei Darussalam ^a	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1.4	...	...	...	...
Cambodia	...	...	...	...	77.5	...	73.7	70.2	...	...	...	...
Indonesia	55.9	44.0	44.0	41.2	45.0	43.2	45.1	43.8	44.3	46.3	43.3	44.0
Lao PDR	...	85.4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Malaysia	26.0	20.0	19.4	17.3	18.8	18.4	18.4	15.1	14.9	14.3	14.8	...
Myanmar	69.7	...	...	63.4	62.7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Philippines	45.2	44.1	41.7	40.4	39.9	37.8	37.4	37.4	37.4	37.2	37.1	37.0
Singapore	...	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.0
Thailand	64.0	52.0	50.0	50.3	51.3	48.5	48.8	46.0	46.1	44.9	42.3	42.6
Viet Nam	...	...	70.0	65.3	64.8	65.0	65.3	64.0	62.0	59.7	57.9	...
The Pacific												
Cook Islands	6.1	...	11.5	...	...	...	...	7.2	...	...	...	...
Fiji Islands	2.5	...	1.8	1.7	2.0	1.5	1.6	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5
Kiribati ^b	...	1.3	...	...	...	...	0.6	...	...	...	...	...
Marshall Islands	...	...	20.9	21.7	20.2	20.7	20.4	...	...	...	...	...
Micronesia, Fed. States of	48.0	...	...	50.6	45.3	...	52.1	...	...	...	...	...
Nauru	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Palau	8.0	9.3	...	...	...	...	7.1	...	...	...	...	7.8
Papua New Guinea	...	...	...	...	...	...	72.3	...	...	...	...	...
Samoa	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Solomon Islands	28.7	26.0	25.7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Timor-Leste	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tonga	38.1	...	33.8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tuvalu	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Vanuatu	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Developed Member Countries												
Australia	5.6	5.0	5.0	5.1	4.9	5.0	5.0	4.8	4.5	3.9	3.8	3.6
Japan	7.2	5.7	5.5	5.3	5.3	5.2	5.1	4.9	4.7	4.6	4.5	4.4
New Zealand	10.6	9.7	9.5	8.6	8.5	9.4	8.7	9.1	8.8	8.2	7.5	7.1

a Brunei Darussalam is not a developing member country but an unclassified regional member country of ADB.

b Refers to cash work and unpaid village work.

Sources: World Development Indicators Online (World Bank 2008), country sources.

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Table 1.12 **Employment in industry**
(percent of total employment)

	1990	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Developing Member Countries												
Central and West Asia												
Afghanistan	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Armenia	...	20.5	17.8	16.7	15.7	15.0	14.1	13.4	13.7	13.2	12.9	12.8
Azerbaijan	22.9	17.8	15.1	14.0	11.1	11.2	10.9	10.8	11.5	11.5	11.9	12.1
Georgia	...	...	...	...	10.2	9.4	9.8	9.3	8.2	8.3	8.8	9.3
Kazakhstan	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	16.3	16.3	17.0	17.4	18.0
Kyrgyz Republic	27.9	16.7	14.6	13.5	13.1	11.6	10.5	10.3	12.0	15.0	17.6	12.5
Pakistan	19.8	18.5	18.5	18.9	17.1	17.1	18.0	18.0	20.8	20.8	20.3	20.3
Tajikistan	...	15.5	15.6	17.4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Turkmenistan	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Uzbekistan	...	19.1	19.2	19.1	19.2	19.4	...	...	...	...	...	...
East Asia												
China, People's Rep. of	19.0	21.0	20.8	20.4	17.9	17.5	17.3	17.3	17.7	...	...	...
Hong Kong, China	36.7	27.0	25.6	24.2	22.6	21.1	20.3	19.5	18.4	17.2	15.7	15.2
Korea, Rep. of	35.4	33.3	32.5	31.2	27.8	27.4	28.1	27.5	27.3	27.6	27.5	26.8
Mongolia	...	17.9	17.5	16.7	15.8	15.5	14.1	13.7	14.3	15.6	16.1	16.8
Taipei, China	40.8	38.7	37.5	38.2	37.9	31.3	31.2	29.9	35.2	34.8	35.2	35.8
South Asia												
Bangladesh	13.0	...	9.6	...	...	...	10.3	...	...	13.7	...	...
Bhutan	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
India	...	...	...	...	...	...	16.3	...	...	...	...	18.8
Maldives	...	23.9	...	...	...	...	19.0	...	...	23.4	...	...
Nepal	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sri Lanka	19.4	22.2	22.0	24.2	21.9	21.9	23.6	23.9	22.4	23.0	24.1	25.6
Southeast Asia												
Brunei Darussalam ^a	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	21.4	...	...	...	...
Cambodia	...	...	...	...	4.2	...	8.4	10.5	...	...	...	...
Indonesia	13.7	18.4	18.1	19.0	16.3	17.8	17.5	17.5	18.8	17.5	18.0	18.0
Lao PDR	...	3.5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Malaysia	27.5	32.3	32.2	33.7	31.8	31.7	32.2	33.1	32.0	32.0	30.1	...
Myanmar	9.2	...	...	11.7	12.2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Philippines	15.0	15.6	16.6	16.7	15.7	16.2	16.0	15.6	15.4	15.7	15.4	14.9
Singapore	...	31.0	30.2	30.2	29.2	28.5	33.8	25.4	24.6	24.1	23.3	29.5
Thailand	14.0	19.8	20.8	19.7	17.7	18.4	19.0	18.8	19.8	19.7	20.5	20.2
Viet Nam	...	...	10.6	12.7	11.6	9.4	12.4	13.9	14.7	16.4	17.4	...
The Pacific												
Cook Islands ^b	8.2	...	5.8	...	...	...	...	6.0	...	...	...	...
Fiji Islands	33.1	...	31.4	32.8	33.8	34.0	30.7	31.7	31.3	31.1	31.2	31.2
Kiribati ^b	...	0.3	...	...	...	...	0.4	...	...	...	...	...
Marshall Islands ^b	...	...	8.8	8.7	7.1	7.9	7.8	...	...	...	...	...
Micronesia, Fed. States of ^b	6.0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Nauru	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Palau ^b	1.7	1.0	...	...	...	...	0.7	...	...	...	...	2.6
Papua New Guinea	...	...	...	...	...	...	3.6	...	...	...	...	...
Samoa ^b	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Solomon Islands	8.8	12.4	12.3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Timor-Leste	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tonga ^b	15.3	...	22.9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tuvalu	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Vanuatu	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Developed Member Countries												
Australia	25.1	22.8	22.4	22.1	21.8	21.3	21.7	20.9	21.0	21.0	21.2	21.1
Japan	34.1	33.6	33.3	33.1	32.0	31.7	31.2	30.5	29.7	29.3	28.4	27.9
New Zealand	24.6	25.1	24.7	23.8	24.0	22.9	23.2	22.7	22.6	22.3	22.7	22.0

a Brunei Darussalam is not a developing member country but an unclassified regional member country of ADB.

b Refers to manufacturing and mining.

Sources: World Development Indicators Online (World Bank 2008), country sources.

Table 1.13 **Employment in services**
(percent of total employment)

	1990	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Developing Member Countries												
Central and West Asia												
Afghanistan	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Armenia	...	41.2	40.5	41.2	41.0	40.8	40.8	40.6	41.0	40.9	40.2	41.0
Azerbaijan	31.1	35.8	37.7	42.3	46.6	46.5	48.1	49.2	48.3	48.4	48.5	48.6
Georgia	...	...	...	...	41.1	38.2	37.9	37.8	38.0	36.5	36.9	36.2
Kazakhstan	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	48.1	48.2	47.8	49.1	49.6
Kyrgyz Republic	39.4	36.1	38.3	38.2	37.9	36.1	36.5	36.7	38.9	41.7	43.5	39.5
Pakistan	28.9	34.6	34.6	36.9	35.6	35.6	33.5	33.5	37.1	37.1	36.6	36.6
Tajikistan	...	21.6	21.5	29.1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Turkmenistan	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Uzbekistan	...	34.9	35.1	34.9	34.5	35.2	...	...	...	...	...	...
East Asia												
China, People's Rep. of	9.9	12.2	12.7	13.1	12.8	12.9	12.7	12.7	16.1	...	...	...
Hong Kong, China	62.4	72.4	74.0	75.5	77.1	78.6	79.4	80.3	81.3	82.6	84.1	84.6
Korea, Rep. of	46.7	54.2	55.8	57.4	59.7	60.9	61.2	62.5	63.3	63.5	64.3	65.1
Mongolia	...	35.9	36.0	34.3	34.4	35.0	37.2	38.0	40.7	42.6	43.7	43.3
Taipei, China	46.3	50.7	52.4	52.3	53.2	61.8	62.3	63.8	57.3	57.9	58.2	58.3
South Asia												
Bangladesh	16.2	...	25.0	...	...	...	23.5	...	...	34.6	...	...
Bhutan	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
India	...	...	...	...	...	...	23.7	...	...	...	...	25.1
Maldives	...	50.4	...	...	...	...	50.2	...	...	56.6	...	...
Nepal	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sri Lanka	33.8	41.1	40.6	39.6	38.8	41.8	40.3	43.5	43.1	43.0	42.4	43.7
Southeast Asia												
Brunei Darussalam ^a	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	77.2	...	...	...	...
Cambodia	...	...	...	...	18.0	...	17.7	19.1	...	...	...	...
Indonesia	30.2	37.6	37.9	39.8	38.8	38.9	37.3	37.5	36.9	36.2	38.7	38.0
Lao PDR	...	11.1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Malaysia	46.5	47.7	48.4	49.0	49.4	49.9	49.5	51.7	53.1	53.7	55.1	...
Myanmar	21.0	...	...	24.9	25.1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Philippines	39.7	40.3	41.6	42.9	44.4	45.9	46.5	47.0	47.2	47.1	47.5	48.1
Singapore	...	67.9	69.4	69.4	70.4	71.1	65.5	74.2	75.0	75.5	76.3	69.6
Thailand	22.0	28.3	29.1	29.9	31.0	33.1	32.2	35.1	34.0	35.3	37.1	37.1
Viet Nam	...	...	19.4	22.0	23.7	23.0	22.3	22.1	23.3	23.9	24.7	...
The Pacific												
Cook Islands	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Fiji Islands	64.4	...	66.8	65.5	64.3	64.5	67.7	68.6	67.3	67.3	67.3	67.4
Kiribati	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Marshall Islands	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Micronesia, Fed. States of	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Nauru	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Palau	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Papua New Guinea	...	...	...	...	...	...	22.7	...	...	...	...	...
Samoa	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Solomon Islands	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Timor-Leste	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tonga	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tuvalu	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Vanuatu	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Developed Member Countries												
Australia	69.3	72.2	72.5	72.7	73.3	73.7	73.3	74.2	74.5	75.0	74.8	75.0
Japan	58.2	60.4	60.8	61.1	62.1	62.5	63.1	63.9	64.8	65.1	66.0	66.4
New Zealand	64.5	65.1	65.5	67.2	67.2	67.5	67.7	67.9	68.4	69.3	69.6	70.6

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Sources: World Development Indicators Online (World Bank 2008), country sources.

Poverty Indicators

Table 1.14 Poverty and inequality

	Proportion of Population below \$2 (PPP) a Day (percent)		Income Ratio of Highest 20% to Lowest 20% ^a		Gini Coefficient	
	1995	Latest year	1995	Latest year	1995	Latest year
Developing Member Countries						
Central and West Asia						
Afghanistan	...	...	...	...	...	...
Armenia	42.8 (1998)	30.3 (2003)	5.9 (1998)	5.1 (2003)	0.360 (1998)	0.338 (2003)
Azerbaijan	45.7	33.2 (2001)	4.0	6.0 (2001)	0.350	0.365 (2001)
Georgia	8.5 (1996)	25.8 (2003)	7.1 (1996)	8.4 (2003)	0.371 (1996)	0.404 (2003)
Kazakhstan	18.5 (1996)	17.0 (2003)	6.2 (1996)	5.6 (2003)	0.353 (1996)	0.339 (2003)
Kyrgyz Republic	17.3 (1993)	23.5 (2003)	7.2 (1993)	4.4 (2003)	0.537 (1993)	0.303 (2003)
Pakistan	74.0 (1996)	59.6 (2004)	3.9 (1996)	4.5 (2004)	0.287 (1996)	0.312 (2004)
Tajikistan	58.7 (1999)	42.5 (2003)	5.0 (1999)	5.1 (2003)	0.315 (1999)	0.326 (2003)
Turkmenistan	9.3 (1998)	2.1 (2003)	7.9 (1998)	8.3 (2003)	0.411 (1998)	0.430 (2003)
Uzbekistan	...	...	5.5 (1993)	6.2 (2003)	0.333 (1993)	0.368 (2003)
East Asia						
China, People's Rep. of	64.5 (1993)	37.8 (2004)	7.6 (1993)	11.4 (2004)	0.407 (1993)	0.473 (2004)
Hong Kong, China	...	...	9.7 (1996)	...	0.434 (1996)	...
Korea, Rep. of	...	...	4.4 (1993)	5.5 (2004)	0.287 (1996)	0.316 (2004)
Mongolia	48.9	44.8 (2002)	5.5	5.4 (2002)	0.332	0.328 (2002)
Taipei, China	...	...	5.4 (1993)	6.1 (2003)	0.313 (1993)	0.339 (2003)
South Asia						
Bangladesh	81.9	81.7 (2005)	4.8	5.0 (2005)	0.330	0.341 (2005)
Bhutan	...	...	...	...	...	...
India	85.1 (1993)	79.6 (2004)	4.9 (1993)	5.5 (2004)	0.329 (1993)	0.368 (2004)
Maldives	...	...	...	...	0.370 (1997)	...
Nepal	77.4	64.3 (2003)	6.2	9.5 (2003)	0.377	0.473 (2003)
Sri Lanka	45.5	41.5 (2002)	5.3	6.8 (2002)	0.344	0.402 (2002)
Southeast Asia						
Brunei Darussalam ^b	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cambodia	76.5 (1993)	61.7 (2004)	5.2 (1993)	7.0 (2004)	0.318 (1993)	0.381 (2004)
Indonesia	64.2 (1993)	40.0 (2005)	5.2 (1993)	6.6 (2005)	0.344 (1993)	0.400 (2005)
Lao PDR	90.0 (1992)	74.4 (2002)	4.3 (1992)	5.4 (2002)	0.304 (1992)	0.347 (2002)
Malaysia	19.2 (1993)	9.8 (2004)	7.7 (1993)	7.7 (2004)	0.412 (1993)	0.403 (2004)
Myanmar	...	...	...	...	...	...
Philippines	52.7 (1994)	45.2 (2006)	8.3 (1994)	9.0 (2006)	0.429 (1994)	0.441 (2006)
Singapore	...	...	...	...	...	...
Thailand	37.5 (1992)	25.8 (2002)	9.4 (1992)	7.7 (2002)	0.462 (1992)	0.420 (2002)
Viet Nam	73.5 (1993)	43.2 (2004)	5.4 (1993)	6.2 (2004)	0.349 (1993)	0.371 (2004)
The Pacific						
Cook Islands	...	...	...	...	...	...
Fiji Islands	...	...	9.8 (1990)	...	...	0.490 (2004)
Kiribati	...	...	5.7 (1996)	...	...	...
Marshall Islands	...	...	...	...	...	...
Micronesia, Fed. States of	...	...	8.9 (1998)	...	...	0.408 (2002)
Nauru	...	...	...	...	...	...
Palau	...	...	...	...	...	...
Papua New Guinea	...	...	12.6 (1996)	...	0.509 (1996)	...
Samoa	...	...	...	8.1 (2002)	...	0.430 (2002)
Solomon Islands	...	...	...	...	...	...
Timor-Leste	...	...	...	6.6 (2001)	...	0.354 (2004)
Tonga	...	...	...	9.7 (2001)	...	0.420 (2001)
Tuvalu	...	...	...	...	0.430 (1994)	...
Vanuatu	...	...	...	...	...	...
Developed Member Countries						
Australia	...	...	...	...	0.352 (1994)	...
Japan	...	...	...	...	0.249 (1993)	...
New Zealand	...	...	...	...	0.362 (1997)	...

a Derived from income or expenditure share held by highest 20% and lowest 20%.

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Sources: ADB staff estimates, UNESCAP Data Centre Online, PovcalNet Database Online (World Bank 2008), country sources, World Development Indicators Online (World Bank 2008).

Table 1.15 Human development index

	1990	1995	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	Rank in 2005 ^a
Developing Member Countries									
Central and West Asia									
Afghanistan	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Armenia	0.737	0.698	0.735	0.729	0.754	0.759	0.768	0.775	83
Azerbaijan	...	0.661	0.741	0.744	0.746	0.729	0.736	0.746	98
Georgia	...	0.475	0.742	0.746	0.739	0.732	0.743	0.754	96
Kazakhstan	0.767	0.721	0.750	0.765	0.766	0.761	0.774	0.794	73
Kyrgyz Republic	...	0.347	0.712	0.727	0.701	0.702	0.705	0.696	116
Pakistan	0.462	0.492	0.499	0.499	0.497	0.527	0.539	0.551	136
Tajikistan	0.696	0.629	0.667	0.677	0.671	0.652	0.652	0.673	122
Turkmenistan	0.408	0.525	0.741	0.748	0.752	0.738	0.724	0.713	109
Uzbekistan	...	0.679	0.727	0.729	0.709	0.694	0.696	0.702	113
East Asia									
China, People's Rep. of	0.627	0.683	0.726	0.721	0.745	0.755	0.768	0.777	81
Hong Kong, China	0.862	0.882	0.888	0.889	0.903	0.916	0.927	0.937	21
Korea, Rep. of	0.818	0.855	0.882	0.879	0.888	0.901	0.912	0.921	26
Mongolia	0.673	0.633	0.655	0.661	0.668	0.679	0.691	0.700	114
Taipei, China	...	0.338	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
South Asia									
Bangladesh	0.419	0.452	0.478	0.502	0.509	0.520	0.530	0.547	140
Bhutan	0.882	0.890	0.494	0.511	0.536	0.536	0.538	0.579	133
India	0.513	0.546	0.577	0.590	0.595	0.602	0.611	0.619	128
Maldives	0.400	0.459	0.743	0.751	0.752	0.745	0.739	0.741	100
Nepal	0.423	0.466	0.490	0.499	0.504	0.526	0.527	0.534	142
Sri Lanka	0.705	0.727	0.741	0.730	0.740	0.751	0.755	0.743	99
Southeast Asia									
Brunei Darussalam ^b	...	...	0.866	0.872	0.867	0.866	0.871	0.894	30
Cambodia	0.337	0.533	0.543	0.556	0.568	0.571	0.583	0.598	131
Indonesia	0.625	0.663	0.684	0.682	0.692	0.697	0.711	0.728	107
Lao PDR	0.450	0.487	0.485	0.525	0.534	0.545	0.553	0.601	130
Malaysia	0.721	0.760	0.782	0.790	0.793	0.796	0.805	0.811	63
Myanmar	...	...	0.552	0.549	0.551	0.578	0.581	0.583	132
Philippines	0.720	0.736	0.754	0.751	0.753	0.758	0.763	0.771	90
Singapore	0.822	0.861	0.885	0.884	0.902	0.907	0.916	0.922	25
Thailand	0.714	0.749	0.762	0.768	0.768	0.778	0.784	0.781	78
Viet Nam	0.617	0.660	0.688	0.688	0.691	0.704	0.709	0.733	105
The Pacific									
Cook Islands	0.700	0.684	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Fiji Islands	0.724	0.741	0.758	0.754	0.758	0.752	0.758	0.762	92
Kiribati	0.434	0.556	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Marshall Islands	...	0.711	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Micronesia, Fed. States of	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Nauru	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Palau	0.832	0.833	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Papua New Guinea	0.481	0.515	0.535	0.548	0.542	0.523	0.523	0.530	145
Samoa	0.732	0.742	0.715	0.775	0.769	0.776	0.778	0.785	77
Solomon Islands	...	...	0.622	0.632	0.624	0.594	0.592	0.602	129
Timor-Leste	...	...	...	0.421	0.436	0.513	0.512	0.514	150
Tonga	...	0.662	...	...	0.787	0.810	0.815	0.819	55
Tuvalu	0.562	0.547	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Vanuatu	0.523	0.557	0.542	0.568	0.570	0.659	0.670	0.674	120
Developed Member Countries									
Australia	0.893	0.933	0.960	0.939	0.946	0.955	0.957	0.962	3
Japan	0.911	0.925	0.936	0.932	0.938	0.943	0.949	0.953	8
New Zealand	0.875	0.905	0.924	0.917	0.926	0.933	0.936	0.943	19

a Rank among the 177 countries classified in UNDP's *Human Development Report 2007*.

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Sources: *Human Development Report 2007* (UNDP 2007 and various years).

Social Indicators

Table 1.16 Life expectancy at birth
(years)

	Both Sexes			Female			Male		
	1990	1995	2006	1990	1995	2006	1990	1995	2006
Developing Member Countries									
Central and West Asia									
Afghanistan	41.8	41.3 (2000)	42.1	42.3	42.4 (2000)	42.6	41.5	40.3 (2000)	41.7
Armenia	68.5	69.6	71.6	71.5	73.0	75.0	65.6	66.3	68.3
Azerbaijan	70.8	69.0	72.3	74.8	72.9	75.2	67.0	65.2	69.6
Georgia	70.2	70.3	70.7	74.2	74.3	74.7	66.5	66.5	67.0
Kazakhstan	68.3	64.9	66.2	73.1	70.4	72.0	63.8	59.7	60.6
Kyrgyz Republic	68.3	65.8	67.7	72.6	70.4	72.1	64.2	61.4	63.5
Pakistan	59.1	60.9	65.2	60.0	61.9	65.8	58.2	59.9	64.7
Tajikistan	63.4	63.9	66.5	66.1	66.5	69.2	60.9	61.3	64.0
Turkmenistan	63.0	63.1	63.0	67.1	67.4	67.4	59.2	59.0	58.9
Uzbekistan	69.2	69.2	67.5	72.4	72.4	70.8	66.1	66.1	64.3
East Asia									
China, People's Rep. of	68.9	69.4	72.0	70.5	71.0	73.9	67.4	67.9	70.2
Hong Kong, China	77.4	78.7	81.6	80.3	81.5	84.6	74.6	76.0	78.8
Korea, Rep. of	71.3	73.4	78.5	75.5	77.4	82.0	67.3	69.6	75.1
Mongolia	62.7	64.2	67.2	64.0	65.7	68.7	61.4	62.7	65.7
Taipei, China	73.8	74.5	77.4	76.8	77.7	80.8	71.3	71.9	74.6
South Asia									
Bangladesh	54.8	58.1	63.7	55.1	58.6	64.6	54.5	57.6	62.8
Bhutan	53.1	57.2	65.3	54.7	59.0	67.0	51.6	55.6	63.6
India	59.1	61.4	64.5	59.2	61.7	66.0	59.0	61.1	63.1
Maldives	60.5	62.5	67.9	59.2	61.5	68.7	61.8	63.5	67.2
Nepal	54.5	57.9	63.2	54.2	58.0	63.7	54.7	57.8	62.8
Sri Lanka	71.2	72.5	75.0	73.7	75.2	77.6	68.7	69.9	72.5
Southeast Asia									
Brunei Darussalam ^a	74.2	75.3	77.1	76.4	77.7	79.5	72.1	73.0	74.8
Cambodia	54.9	56.1	58.9	56.6	57.9	61.4	53.3	54.3	56.6
Indonesia	61.7	64.0	68.2	63.5	65.9	70.0	60.0	62.2	66.4
Lao PDR	54.6	58.1	63.9	55.8	59.3	65.3	53.4	56.9	62.5
Malaysia	70.3	71.5	74.0	72.5	73.9	76.5	68.2	69.2	71.8
Myanmar	59.0	60.0	61.6	61.1	62.5	64.9	57.0	57.6	58.6
Philippines	65.6	67.7	71.4	67.8	69.9	73.6	63.6	65.7	69.2
Singapore	74.3	76.4	79.9	76.9	78.7	81.8	71.9	74.2	78.0
Thailand	67.0	67.6	70.2	70.6	72.2	74.8	63.6	63.3	65.9
Viet Nam	64.8	67.1	70.8	66.8	69.4	73.4	62.8	65.0	68.4
The Pacific									
Cook Islands	68.2	70.8 (2000)	72.8	70.3	73.4 (2000)	73.4	66.4	68.3 (2000)	70.7
Fiji Islands	66.7	66.8	68.6	68.8	69.0	70.9	64.6	64.7	66.4
Kiribati	61.1	65.0 (2000)	65.3	61.7	67.3 (2000)	68.3	60.5	63.0 (2000)	62.7
Marshall Islands	55.3	60.1 (2000)	62.5	57.1	62.0 (2000)	64.3	53.7	58.4 (2000)	60.8
Micronesia, Fed. States of	66.3	66.8	68.3	66.8	67.4	69.1	65.7	66.3	67.6
Nauru	57.1	60.8 (2000)	61.3	60.6	63.9 (2000)	64.3	54.6	58.2 (2000)	58.7
Palau	68.8	69.1 (2000)	69.4	75.5	71.9 (2000)	71.0	63.9	66.7 (2000)	67.9
Papua New Guinea	55.0	56.2	57.3	57.8	59.1	60.3	52.3	53.4	54.5
Samoa	65.3	67.7	71.3	68.7	71.0	74.6	62.1	64.5	68.2
Solomon Islands	57.4	59.8	63.3	57.8	60.3	64.2	57.0	59.3	62.5
Timor-Leste	46.1	50.7	57.2	47.0	51.6	58.3	45.3	49.9	56.1
Tonga	69.8	70.8	73.0	71.1	71.8	74.1	68.6	69.7	72.1
Tuvalu	60.4	63.0 (2000)	64.5	60.8	63.4 (2000)	65.1	60.0	62.9 (2000)	64.0
Vanuatu	63.5	65.7	69.8	65.0	67.3	71.8	62.0	64.2	68.0
Developed Member Countries									
Australia	77.0	77.8	81.0	80.2	80.8	83.4	74.0	75.0	78.7
Japan	78.8	79.5	82.3	81.9	82.8	85.8	75.9	76.4	79.0
New Zealand	75.4	76.7	79.9	78.4	79.5	82.0	72.5	74.1	77.9

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Sources: World Development Indicators Online (World Bank 2008); Statistical Information System Online (WHO 2008); for Taipei, China: Statistical Yearbook Online (Directorate-General of Budget, Accounting and Statistics; eng.dgbas.gov.tw/).

Table 1.17 **Births, deaths, and reproduction**

	Crude Birth Rate (per 1,000 people)			Crude Death Rate (per 1,000 people)			Total Fertility Rate (births per woman)		
	1990	1995	2006	1990	1995	2006	1990	1995	2006
Developing Member Countries									
Central and West Asia									
Afghanistan	51.0	...	49.0 (2005)	21.0	...	19.0 (2005)	7.2	...	7.3 (2005)
Armenia	20.5	15.7	12.3	7.7	8.4	9.5	2.5	2.0	1.3
Azerbaijan	25.9	18.9	17.8	6.1	6.7	6.2	2.7	2.3	2.3
Georgia	15.9	13.0	10.9	9.3	10.0	11.7	2.1	1.7	1.4
Kazakhstan	21.7	16.7	19.7	7.7	10.2	10.3	2.7	2.3	2.1
Kyrgyz Republic	29.3	26.0	23.3	7.0	8.2	7.4	3.7	3.3	2.4
Pakistan	41.4	36.4	25.6	12.6	9.7	6.7	5.8	5.2	3.9
Tajikistan	38.4	34.5	27.7	8.1	8.2	6.5	5.1	4.5	3.4
Turkmenistan	33.8	27.7	22.0	8.3	8.1	8.2	4.2	3.4	2.6
Uzbekistan	33.7	29.8	19.5	6.1	6.4	6.5	4.1	3.6	2.4
East Asia									
China, People's Rep. of	21.1	17.1	11.9	6.7	6.6	6.5	2.1	1.9	1.8
Hong Kong, China	12.0	11.2	9.6	5.2	5.1	5.4	1.3	1.3	1.0
Korea, Rep. of	15.4	16.0	9.2	5.8	5.4	5.0	1.6	1.7	1.1
Mongolia	30.9	24.0	18.3	8.2	7.5	6.0	4.0	3.1	2.3
Taipei, China	16.6	15.5	9.0	5.2	5.6	6.0	1.8	1.8	1.1
South Asia									
Bangladesh	34.9	31.1	25.4	11.9	10.0	7.6	4.3	3.7	2.9
Bhutan	37.6	31.8	19.3	13.6	11.0	7.3	5.7	4.7	2.3
India	30.2	28.3	23.5	9.7	9.0	7.5	3.8	3.4	2.5
Maldives	38.7	30.6	23.1	9.3	7.9	5.9	6.0	4.5	2.7
Nepal	38.4	35.9	28.5	12.8	10.7	7.9	5.1	4.6	3.1
Sri Lanka	20.8	19.9	18.7	6.0	6.0	5.8	2.5	2.2	1.9
Southeast Asia									
Brunei Darussalam ^a	27.8	26.3	21.9	3.4	3.0	2.8	3.2	2.9	2.3
Cambodia	42.8	35.6	26.6	12.3	10.9	9.2	5.7	4.9	3.3
Indonesia	25.4	22.8	19.6	8.7	7.9	7.2	3.1	2.7	2.2
Lao PDR	42.5	37.2	27.1	12.9	10.5	7.3	6.1	5.2	3.3
Malaysia	29.7	25.8	21.1	5.3	4.8	4.5	3.7	3.2	2.7
Myanmar	26.8	23.4	18.5	10.5	10.0	9.8	3.4	2.8	2.1
Philippines	32.6	30.1	26.3	6.7	5.8	4.8	4.3	3.9	3.3
Singapore	18.4	15.7	10.1	4.8	4.8	4.3	1.9	1.7	1.3
Thailand	19.2	17.5	14.7	7.4	7.8	8.5	2.1	1.9	1.8
Viet Nam	28.8	23.8	17.5	7.3	6.7	5.1	3.6	2.7	2.1
The Pacific									
Cook Islands	28.3	21.2 (2000)	21.9 (2004)	7.7	7.9 (2000)	7.3 (2004)	3.3	...	2.6 (2005)
Fiji Islands	28.3	26.3	21.5	6.1	6.2	6.5	3.4	3.3	2.8
Kiribati	32.2	32.0	27.7 (2002)	10.5	9.0	6.9 (2002)	4.0	4.5	3.6 (2002)
Marshall Islands	34.7	27.5	29.6 (2001)	4.7	4.1	4.9 (2001)	5.9	5.8	5.7 (2002)
Micronesia, Fed. States of	33.5	31.8	26.7	6.5	6.3	6.1	5.0	4.6	3.8
Nauru	23.0	22.9 (2000)	21.4 (2004)	4.3	5.1	5.9 (2004)	4.9	3.7 (2000)	3.9 (2005)
Palau	21.6	19.9 (2000)	13.7 (2003)	7.7	6.5 (2000)	6.7 (2003)	...	2.6 (1998)	1.8 (2004)
Papua New Guinea	36.8	36.8	30.4	11.0	10.4	9.7	4.8	4.7	3.9
Samoa	33.7	32.3	25.6	6.8	6.5	5.4	4.7	4.7	4.0 (2004)
Solomon Islands	39.4	37.3	31.1	10.8	9.3	7.4	5.8	5.2	4.0
Timor-Leste	39.4	33.4	50.7	17.5	13.5	15.3	4.9	4.9	7.3
Tonga	30.1	27.9	25.4	5.9	5.8	5.7	4.6	4.2	3.8
Tuvalu	25.0	...	27.1 (2004)	11.0	...	9.9 (2004)	...	3.2 (1997)	3.7 (2002)
Vanuatu	36.7	34.9	29.2	7.3	6.8	5.2	4.9	4.7	3.8
Developed Member Countries									
Australia	15.4	14.2	12.9	7.0	6.9	6.5	1.9	1.8	1.8
Japan	10.0	9.5	8.7	6.7	7.4	8.6	1.5	1.4	1.3
New Zealand	17.5	16.0	14.3	8.1	7.5	6.8	2.2	2.0	2.1

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Table 1.18 **Adult literacy rate**
(15 years and over, percent)

	Both Sexes		Female		Male	
	1990	2007	1990	2007	1990	2007
Developing Member Countries						
Central and West Asia						
Afghanistan	...	28.0 (2000)	...	12.6 (2000)	...	43.1 (2000)
Armenia	...	99.5	...	99.3	...	99.7
Azerbaijan	...	99.4	...	99.1	...	99.7
Georgia	...	...	...	...	...	...
Kazakhstan	...	99.6	...	99.5	...	99.8
Kyrgyz Republic	...	99.3	...	99.1	...	99.5
Pakistan	42.7 (1998)	54.9	29.0 (1998)	40.2	55.3 (1998)	68.7
Tajikistan	...	99.6	98.3 (1995)	99.5	99.3 (1995)	99.8
Turkmenistan	98.8 (1995)	99.5	...	99.3	...	99.7
Uzbekistan	...	96.9 (2000)	...	95.8 (2000)	...	98.0 (2000)
East Asia						
China, People's Rep. of	77.8	93.3	68.1	90.0	87.0	96.5
Hong Kong, China	...	...	...	...	...	...
Korea, Rep. of	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mongolia	...	97.3	...	97.7	...	96.8
Taipei, China	92.4	...	...	...	...	...
South Asia						
Bangladesh	35.3 (1991)	53.5	25.8 (1991)	48.0	44.3 (1991)	58.7
Bhutan	...	55.6	...	42.2	...	67.1
India	48.2 (1991)	66.0	33.7 (1991)	54.5	61.6 (1991)	76.9
Maldives	96.0	97.0	96.1	97.1	95.9	97.0
Nepal	33.0 (1991)	56.5	17.4 (1991)	43.6	49.2 (1991)	70.3
Sri Lanka	...	91.5	...	89.9	...	93.2
Southeast Asia						
Brunei Darussalam ^a	87.8 (1991)	94.9	82.5 (1991)	93.1	92.5 (1991)	96.5
Cambodia	67.3 (1998)	76.3	57.0 (1998)	67.7	79.5 (1998)	85.8
Indonesia	81.5	91.4	75.3	88.0	88.0	94.9
Lao PDR	60.3 (1995)	73.4	47.9 (1995)	66.6	73.5 (1995)	80.0
Malaysia	82.9 (1991)	91.9	77.3 (1991)	89.6	88.6 (1991)	94.2
Myanmar	...	89.9 (2000)	...	86.4 (2000)	...	93.9 (2000)
Philippines	93.6	93.4	93.2	93.7	94.0	93.1
Singapore	89.1	94.4	83.0	91.6	95.1	97.3
Thailand	...	94.1	...	92.6	...	95.9
Viet Nam	...	90.3 (1999)	...	86.9 (1999)	...	93.9 (1999)
The Pacific						
Cook Islands	...	...	...	...	...	...
Fiji Islands	87.0 (1986)	92.9 (2004)	...	...	...	...
Kiribati	...	...	...	...	...	...
Marshall Islands	91.0 (1988)	...	...	...	...	...
Micronesia, Fed. States of	...	...	...	...	...	...
Nauru	...	...	...	...	...	...
Palau	...	...	...	...	...	...
Papua New Guinea	...	57.8	50.9 (2001)	53.4	...	62.1
Samoa	97.9 (1991)	98.7	97.4 (1991)	98.4	98.4 (1991)	98.7
Solomon Islands	...	...	...	...	...	...
Timor-Leste	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tonga	98.9 (1996)	99.2	99.0 (1996)	99.3	98.8 (1996)	99.2
Tuvalu	...	...	...	...	...	...
Vanuatu	65.5 (1994)	78.1	62.5 (1994)	76.1	68.4 (1994)	80.0
Developed Member Countries						
Australia
Japan
New Zealand

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Table 1.19 Education resources

	Primary Pupil-Teacher Ratio			Secondary Pupil-Teacher Ratio		
	1991	2000	2006	1991	2000	2006
Developing Member Countries						
Central and West Asia						
Afghanistan	...	64.0	83.4 (2005)	25.1	...	...
Armenia	...	20.3 (2001)	21.2	...	6.9 (2002)	8.3
Azerbaijan	...	18.7	12.5	...	7.8	8.1
Georgia	17.2	16.8	14.5 (2004)	6.9	7.5	9.1 (2004)
Kazakhstan	21.3	18.7	16.5 (2007)	12.8	11.3	10.4 (2007)
Kyrgyz Republic	...	24.1	23.8	13.5	13.3	13.5
Pakistan	...	33.0	39.0	...	...	41.9 (2004)
Tajikistan	21.3	21.8	22.2	...	16.4	16.5
Turkmenistan	...	...	...	...	...	...
Uzbekistan	24.1	21.4	18.2 (2007)	10.6	11.5	13.1 (2007)
East Asia						
China, People's Rep. of	21.9	19.4 (2001)	18.3	14.4	17.1	17.5
Hong Kong, China	26.9	21.3	17.8	20.7	...	17.5
Korea, Rep. of	35.6	32.2	26.6 (2007)	25.2	22.1	18.0 (2007)
Mongolia	28.1	32.6	33.0	18.2	19.9	20.3
Taipei, China	...	...	...	...	...	...
South Asia						
Bangladesh	...	57.1	50.4 (2004)	...	38.4	27.4 (2004)
Bhutan	...	41.1	29.2	...	32.5	22.8
India	47.0	40.0	40.2 (2004)	28.8	33.6	32.7 (2004)
Maldives	...	22.7	16.4	...	15.3	13.7 (2003)
Nepal	38.7	42.6	39.7	31.4	30.2	34.7 (2003)
Sri Lanka	31.0	23.4 (2002)	21.9 (2005)	19.9	19.6 (2002)	19.5 (2004)
Southeast Asia						
Brunei Darussalam ^a	15.3	13.7	12.5	11.8	10.9	10.8
Cambodia	32.6	50.1	53.2	14.9	18.5	...
Indonesia	23.2	22.4	20.3	13.0	15.8	12.2
Lao PDR	27.4	30.1	31.0	11.4	21.3	24.7
Malaysia	20.1	19.6	16.9 (2005)	18.8	18.4	17.0 (2005)
Myanmar	48.3	32.8	29.9	12.8	31.9	33.8
Philippines	32.9	35.2 (2001)	34.6	33.1	36.4 (2001)	37.3
Singapore	26.4	25.6	22.6	17.9	19.4 (1999)	18.4
Thailand	22.1	20.8	18.3	16.7	24.0 (2001)	21.7
Viet Nam	35.1	29.5	20.7	17.7	28.0	22.7
The Pacific						
Cook Islands	...	17.8	16.1 (2005)	...	13.9	15.6 (2005)
Fiji Islands	31.1	28.1	28.2 (2005)	...	20.2	22.4 (2003)
Kiribati	29.2	31.7	24.7 (2005)	12.8	17.6	17.0 (2005)
Marshall Islands	...	14.9 (1999)	16.9 (2003)	...	21.6 (1999)	16.7 (2003)
Micronesia, Fed. States of	...	...	...	...	...	...
Nauru	...	21.5	23.3 (2007)	...	17.4	16.0 (2007)
Palau	...	15.7	...	...	15.1	...
Papua New Guinea	31.5	35.4	35.8	22.0	...	...
Samoa	26.0	24.0	25.0 (2004)	18.2	21.2	20.8 (2004)
Solomon Islands	20.5	19.2 (1999)	...	17.5	10.1	...
Timor-Leste	...	50.8 (2001)	34.2 (2005)	...	20.4 (2001)	23.7 (2005)
Tonga	23.4	22.1	22.3	16.9	14.6	14.4 (2002)
Tuvalu	...	19.7	19.2 (2004)	...	...	...
Vanuatu	28.7	22.5	20.0 (2004)	15.8	24.7	13.9 (2002)
Developed Member Countries						
Australia	16.7	17.9 (1999)	...	11.6
Japan	20.7	20.7	18.7	16.7	14.0	12.4
New Zealand	16.7	18.4	15.9	14.9	15.5	14.7

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Table 1.20 Health care resources
(per 1,000 population)

	Physicians			Hospital Beds		
	1990	2000	2005	1990	2000	2005
Developing Member Countries						
Central and West Asia						
Afghanistan	0.11	0.19 (2001)	0.20	0.25	...	0.40 (2001)
Armenia	3.92	3.53	3.70 (2006)	9.09	5.47	4.50
Azerbaijan	3.92	3.54	3.63 (2006)	10.10	8.68	8.20
Georgia	4.93	4.30	4.65 (2006)	9.80	4.77	3.80
Kazakhstan	3.98	3.30	3.88 (2006)	13.67	7.19	7.70
Kyrgyz Republic	3.37	2.68	2.39 (2006)	11.98	7.40	5.10
Pakistan	0.46	0.66	0.80	0.64	...	0.70
Tajikistan	2.55	2.18	2.01 (2006)	10.66	6.54	6.20
Turkmenistan	3.61	4.18 (2002)	2.49 (2004)	11.48	7.11 (1997)	4.90 (2004)
Uzbekistan	3.39	2.89	2.65 (2006)	12.48	5.33	5.20
East Asia						
China, People's Rep. of	1.55	1.64	1.51	2.58	2.52	2.45
Hong Kong, China	1.32 (1995)	...	...	...	...	...
Korea, Rep. of	0.80	1.30	1.57 (2003)	3.10	6.10	7.10 (2003)
Mongolia	2.54	2.54 (1999)	2.63 (2002)	...	...	...
Taipei, China	1.05	1.50	1.73 (2006)	1.91	3.22	4.24 (2006)
South Asia						
Bangladesh	0.18	0.23 (2001)	0.30	0.30	0.30 (1999)	0.30 (2001)
Bhutan	0.33	0.05 (1999)	0.05 (2004)	0.85	1.60 (1999)	1.60 (2001)
India	...	0.51 (1998)	0.60 (2004)	...	...	0.90 (2003)
Maldives	0.07	0.78	0.92 (2004)	0.76	1.70 (2000)	2.30 (2003)
Nepal	0.05	0.05 (2001)	0.21 (2004)	0.24	0.20 (1999)	0.20 (2001)
Sri Lanka	...	0.43	0.55 (2004)	2.74	2.20 (1999)	3.10 (2002)
Southeast Asia						
Brunei Darussalam ^a	0.85 (1996)	1.01	1.14 (2002)	...	2.60	...
Cambodia	0.30 (1998)	0.16	...	2.07	0.50 (2001)	0.60 (2004)
Indonesia	0.14	0.16	0.13 (2003)	0.67	0.60 (1998)	...
Lao PDR	0.23	0.59 (1996)	0.35 (2004)	2.57	...	0.90 (2002)
Malaysia	0.39	0.70	0.71 (2002)	2.13	2.01 (1996)	1.80 (2001)
Myanmar	0.08	0.30	0.36 (2004)	0.64	0.60	...
Philippines	0.12	0.59	1.15 (2002)	1.39	...	1.20 (2002)
Singapore	1.27	1.40 (2001)	1.50 (2003)	3.61	3.57 (1999)	2.80 (2003)
Thailand	0.23	0.37	...	1.63	2.20 (1998)	...
Viet Nam	0.40	0.53 (2001)	0.60 (2002)	3.83	2.40 (1999)	1.40 (2002)
The Pacific						
Cook Islands	...	...	...	...	...	...
Fiji Islands	0.48 (1997)	0.34 (1999)	0.45 (2003)	...	2.60 (1999)	...
Kiribati	0.19	0.30 (1998)	0.23 (2004)	4.27	1.80 (1998)	1.50 (2004)
Marshall Islands	0.42 (1996)	0.47	...	2.27	2.10 (1999)	...
Micronesia, Fed. States of	...	0.60	0.55 (2003)	...	2.80	...
Nauru	...	...	0.80 (2004)	...	...	5.90
Palau	1.11 (1998)	1.58	...	...	4.40 (1998)	...
Papua New Guinea	0.07	0.05	...	4.02	...	...
Samoa	0.34 (1996)	0.70 (1999)	0.28 (2003)	...	3.30	1.50 (2002)
Solomon Islands	0.14 (1995)	0.13 (1999)	0.13 (2003)	0.83	...	2.20 (2003)
Timor-Leste	...	...	0.10 (2004)	...	...	...
Tonga	0.51 (1991)	0.50	0.29 (2002)	...	3.20 (2001)	2.90 (2004)
Tuvalu	...	...	0.90 (2003)	...	...	5.60 (2001)
Vanuatu	0.10 (1991)	0.11 (1997)	0.14 (2004)	...	3.10 (2001)	2.00 (2003)
Developed Member Countries						
Australia	2.20	2.50	2.50 (2002)	9.20 (1991)	7.80	4.00 (2002)
Japan	1.70	1.90	2.12 (2004)	...	14.70	14.30 (2003)
New Zealand	1.90	2.20	2.20 (2003)	8.50	6.20 (1998)	6.00 (2002)

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