



# ***Harry's Take***

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## **How One Global Region After the Next Peaks into 10-11B by 2085**

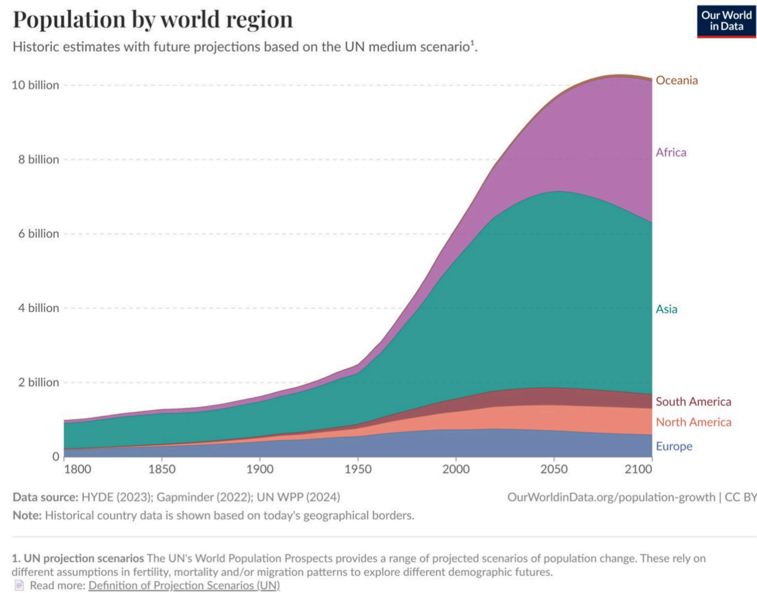
This would be a good chart to sit down and discuss or show to your kids or grandkids in high school or college, or even in their early career life. The world is likely to see something it has never seen before: A peak in the human population. Why? Affluence leads to far fewer children, and it is spreading around the world fast.

We obviously have become the most influential species on this earth, especially since the Agricultural Revolution around 8,000 B.C., or 10,000 years ago. Our knowledge, incomes and wealth have expanded dramatically, especially since the Industrial Revolution in the early 1800s and even more after the mass manufacturing revolution with the assembly line in 1914 forward.

**Henry Ford should be far more admired for that brilliant assembly line than that first affordable car, the Model T.**

North and Western Europe were the first to explode in incomes from these revolutions and it has been spreading from East to West around the world ever since, especially in the Northern Hemisphere that has the most land mass and population. Urbanization is the key driving factor as urban households are typically 3X in GDP per capita as rural ones in emerging countries today. Urbanization fosters the most important principle of economics from my view: The Specialization of Labor. That includes technologies that drive such specialization and productivity... and thrive more in urban areas.

## Global Population Peaks: Europe First 1990 to Africa & Oceania 2100



Source: <https://ourworldindata.org/grapher/populationregions-with-projections>

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Europe was the first to peak as Western Civilization first emerged in Mesopotamia and spread around the Mediterranean first to Europe as the Sahara Desert blocked off most of Africa. Mesopotamia was also where the first towns and cities emerged. Europe has already plateaued between 1990 and 2020 in population. The Europeans brought civilization to North America and South America next. North America will peak in a long plateau between 2035 and as late as 2100. South America peaks in the latter end between 2035 and 2040.

Asia is the next explosive growth area, led by China from 1982 to 2021, and for the next four decades ahead by India with even more population that will continue to grow towards 1.7B while China's 1.44B today shrinks to 780B in the next several decades. Asia will peak around 2055 right when India, the new Giant, sees its Spending Wave peak.

That leaves Sub-Saharan Africa as the final frontier with its greatest population and urbanization potential. It isn't projected to peak until around 2100. The other outlier is Australia and New Zealand, small but with a lot of room for continued high immigration from Asia. Oceania also projects peaking around 2100, but that would rely on Australians not revolting against high immigration rates as U.S. citizens are already starting to.

**To summarize:** Humans started in Sub-Saharan Africa, but human civilization through urbanization started in Mesopotamia in southern Europe and is continuing to spread from East to West around the world all the way back to

Sub-Saharan Africa...until population peaks around 2085 near 10 billion, and urbanization in Africa by 2100.

Who says you can't predict much about the future? This is both huge and simple to understand and will affect the career planning of many younger people today – like your kids and grandkids!

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