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Regional Poverty Estimates | 1990–2021
Population living below \$2.15 a day (millions, 2017 PPP)

Low and middle-income country groups	1990	1993	1996	1999	2002	2005	2008	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
East Asia and Pacific	1,054	974	791	770	615	410	342	262	206	177	91	73	56	47	40	33	25	..	..
Europe and Central Asia	15	29	39	46	35	29	21	20	18	17	16	17	15	14	13	11	11	11	..
Latin America and the Caribbean	73	72	78	75	66	58	43	38	35	30	27	26	26	27	28	27	28	25	31
Middle East and North Africa	14	13	13	11	..	9	8	7	8	8	9	10	20	23	32	39	..	..	..
South Asia	568	564	545	..	582	538	488	432	360	336	327	314	295	283	230	185	161	..	..
Sub-Saharan Africa	278	328	349	372	387	375	371	371	370	370	369	380	386	387	387	391	..	..	..
Africa Eastern and Southern	..	197	206	222	240	230	228	232	231	234	235	239	246	252	258	262	..	..	..
Africa Western and Central	114	131	143	149	147	144	143	139	140	137	135	130	134	133	129	125	124	..	..
Total six regions	2,002	1,980	1,815	1,835	1,694	1,418	1,274	1,130	998	938	840	809	792	780	730	682	653	..	..
Other High Income Countries	4	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	6	6	7	7	8	7	8	7	7	4	..
World	2,006	1,985	1,820	1,840	1,699	1,423	1,279	1,135	1,004	945	847	816	800	787	738	689	659	..	..

Population living below \$2.15 a day (% of population, 2017 PPP)

Low and middle-income country groups	1990	1993	1996	1999	2002	2005	2008	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
East Asia and Pacific	65.8	58.2	45.5	42.8	33.2	21.6	17.6	13.3	10.4	8.8	4.5	3.6	2.7	2.3	1.9	1.6	1.2	..	..
Europe and Central Asia	3.2	6.2	8.3	9.8	7.4	6.2	4.3	4.1	3.8	3.6	3.3	3.4	3.1	2.8	2.7	2.3	2.3	2.3	..
Latin America and the Caribbean	16.8	15.7	16.2	14.7	12.4	10.4	7.5	6.4	6.0	5.1	4.5	4.3	4.2	4.4	4.4	4.3	4.3	3.9	4.7
Middle East and North Africa	6.3	5.2	4.8	4.0	..	2.7	2.5	1.9	2.2	2.2	2.4	2.7	5.3	6.0	8.0	9.6	..	..	..
South Asia	49.8	46.3	41.9	..	39.8	34.9	30.3	26.0	21.4	19.6	18.9	17.9	16.6	15.8	12.7	10.1	8.6	..	..
Sub-Saharan Africa	53.8	58.6	57.6	56.9	54.7	48.8	44.6	42.2	41.0	39.9	38.7	37.6	37.7	37.2	36.4	35.4	34.9	..	..
Africa Eastern and Southern	..	58.5	56.8	56.8	56.8	50.4	46.0	44.3	42.9	42.2	41.4	40.9	40.9	41.0	40.7	40.3	..	..	..
Africa Western and Central	54.9	58.8	58.9	57.0	51.5	46.6	42.6	39.1	38.3	36.3	34.8	32.7	32.9	31.8	30.0	28.3	27.3	..	..
Total six regions	45.6	42.8	37.3	36.0	31.9	25.6	22.1	19.1	16.6	15.4	13.6	13.0	12.5	12.2	11.3	10.4	9.8	..	..
Other High Income Countries	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.4	..
World	37.9	35.7	31.3	30.4	26.9	21.7	18.8	16.3	14.2	13.2	11.7	11.2	10.8	10.5	9.7	9.0	8.5	..	..

Population living below \$3.65 a day (millions, 2017 PPP)

Low and middle-income country groups	1990	1993	1996	1999	2002	2005	2008	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
East Asia and Pacific	1,399	1,380	1,291	1,271	1,128	937	799	669	591	535	411	357	300	263	236	197	161	..	..
Europe and Central Asia	48	82	97	115	80	60	40	39	38	37	35	36	36	33	33	30	30	31	..
Latin America and the Caribbean	137	141	149	145	139	122	96	86	81	76	71	69	68	70	69	68	68	66	71
Middle East and North Africa	60	64	67	57	..	52	49	43	42	41	44	46	57	61	70	77	..	..	..
South Asia	951	993	1,024	..	1,124	1,125	1,120	1,091	1,033	1,014	1,016	1,018	1,014	1,002	944	843	788	..	..
Sub-Saharan Africa	384	436	469	509	545	566	588	607	617	627	635	642	659	672	679	687	698	..	..
Africa Eastern and Southern	..	260	276	301	327	339	351	365	370	379	386	394	404	414	421	429	..	..	..
Africa Western and Central	158	177	193	209	219	227	238	243	247	248	249	248	255	258	258	258	260	..	..
Total six regions	2,980	3,096	3,096	3,166	3,071	2,862	2,693	2,536	2,401	2,329	2,212	2,168	2,133	2,101	2,030	1,902	1,822	..	..
Other High Income Countries	6	7	7	7	7	8	8	8	8	9	9	10	10	10	10	9	9	7	..
World	2,986	3,103	3,104	3,173	3,078	2,870	2,701	2,543	2,409	2,338	2,221	2,179	2,143	2,111	2,041	1,911	1,831	..	..

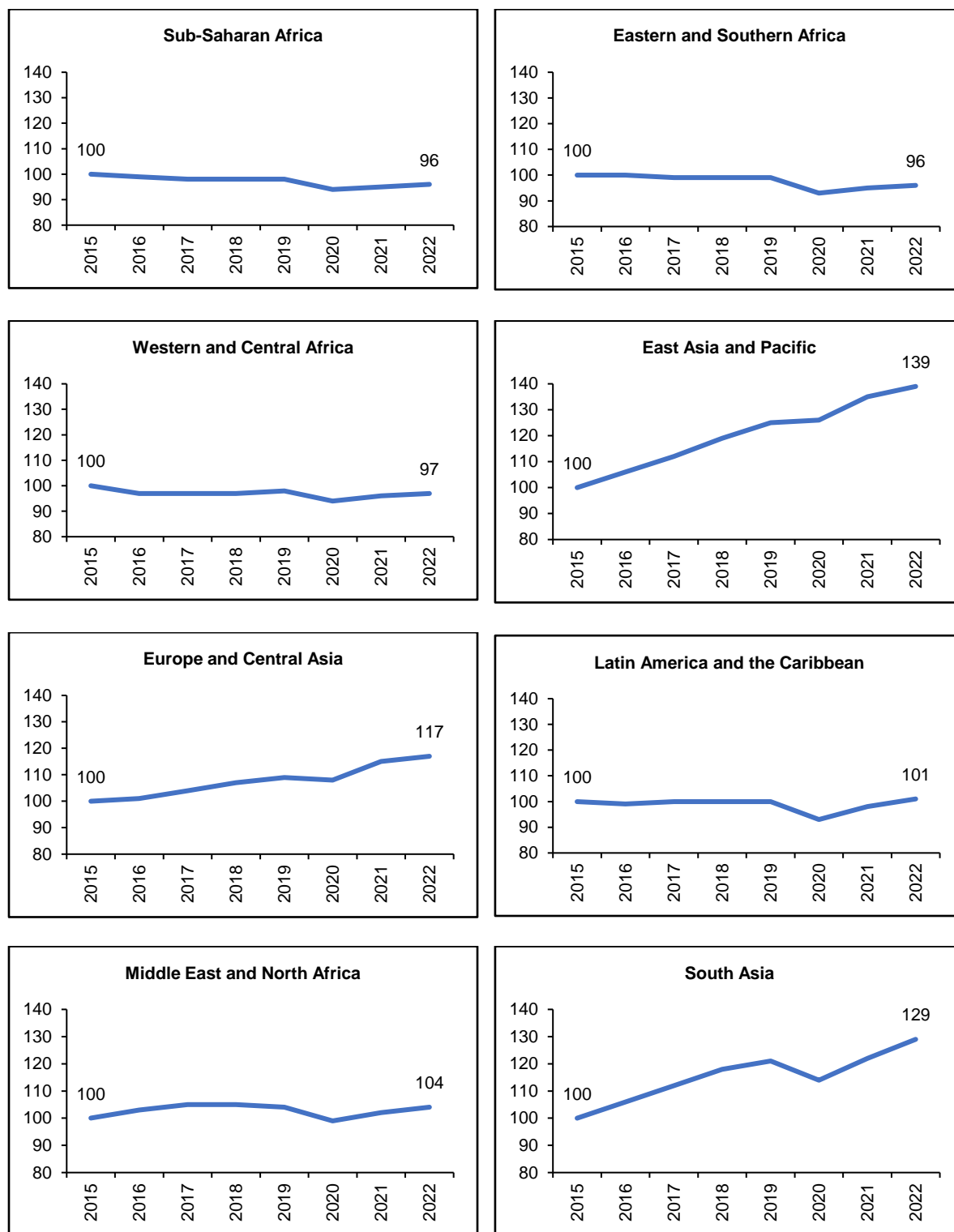
Population living below \$3.65 a day (% of population, 2017 PPP)

Low and middle-income country groups	1990	1993	1996	1999	2002	2005	2008	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
East Asia and Pacific	87.4	82.5	74.3	70.6	61.0	49.4	41.2	34.0	29.8	26.7	20.3	17.6	14.7	12.7	11.3	9.4	7.6	..	..
Europe and Central Asia	10.3	17.4	20.6	24.4	17.0	12.9	8.4	8.2	7.8	7.6	7.3	7.5	7.3	6.7	6.6	6.0	6.1	6.2	..
Latin America and the Caribbean	31.4	30.5	30.6	28.6	26.1	22.1	16.8	14.8	13.7	12.7	11.8	11.3	11.0	11.2	10.9	10.6	10.6	10.1	11.0
Middle East and North Africa	26.0	25.7	25.2	20.4	..	16.5	14.8	12.4	11.8	11.5	12.1	12.3	14.9	15.6	17.7	19.2	..	..	..
South Asia	83.3	81.4	78.8	..	76.9	73.0	69.5	65.7	61.3	59.4	58.7	58.1	57.1	55.8	51.9	45.8	42.3	..	..
Sub-Saharan Africa	74.4	78.0	77.5	77.9	77.1	73.8	70.7	69.0	68.2	67.4	66.5	65.4	65.3	64.9	63.9	62.9	62.3	..	..
Africa Eastern and Southern	..	77.3	76.1	76.8	77.3	74.1	70.8	69.7	68.7	68.5	67.9	67.5	67.4	67.2	66.6	66.0	..	..	..
Africa Western and Central	76.3	79.1	79.6	79.5	76.8	73.3	70.6	68.1	67.5	65.9	64.3	62.3	62.3	61.5	59.8	58.2	57.2	..	..
Total six regions	67.9	66.9	63.7	62.1	57.7	51.6	46.7	42.9	40.0	38.3	35.9	34.8	33.8	32.8	31.3	29.0	27.5	..	..
Other High Income Countries	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.8	0.9	0.9	1.0	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.6	..
World	56.4	55.8	53.4	52.3	48.8	43.8	39.7	36.5	34.2	32.7	30.7	29.8	28.9	28.2	26.9	24.9	23.6	..	..

Source: Poverty and Inequality Platform (<https://pip.worldbank.org>) and World Development Indicators (<https://databank.worldbank.org>).

Note: Estimates are missing (..) for regions with insufficient survey data coverage. PPP = purchasing power parity. Data are current as of July 2023.

Gross Domestic Product per Capita Index | 2015–22



Source: [World Development Indicators database](#). Data are current as of July 2023.