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Countries revise their official statistics regularly for the past as well as the latest reported period. The same holds for population data of the United Nations. Whenever this happens, FAO revises its estimates of undernourishment accordingly. Users are advised to refer to changes in estimates over time only within the same edition of *The State of Food Insecurity in the World* and refrain from comparing data published in editions for different years.

- World Food Summit goal: halve, between 1990–92 and 2015, the number of undernourished people.
- Millennium Development Goal 1, target 1C: halve, between 1990 and 2015, the proportion of people who suffer from hunger. Indicator 1.9 Proportion of population below minimum level of dietary energy consumption (undernourishment). The results are obtained following a harmonized methodology described in Annex 2 and are based on the latest globally available data averaged over three years. Some countries may have more recent data, which, if used, could lead to different estimates of the prevalence of undernourishment and consequently of the progress achieved.
- Projections.
- Change from 1990–92 baseline. For countries that did not exist in the baseline period, the 1990–92 proportion of undernourished is based on 1993–95 and the number of undernourished is based on this proportion applied to their 1990–92 population.
- The colour indicator shows the progress that is projected to be achieved by year 2015, if current trends continue:

WFS target	MDG target
▼* WFS target achieved	■ Target already met or expected to be met by 2015 or prevalence <5% based on exponential trend on all data between 1990–92 and 2011–13
▼ Number reduced by more than 5%	■ Progress insufficient to reach the target if prevailing trends persist
◀ Change within ± 5%	■ No progress, or deterioration
▲ Number increased by more than 5%	

- Countries, areas or territories for which there were insufficient data to conduct the assessment are not considered. These include: American Samoa, Andorra, Anguilla, Aruba, Bahrain, Bhutan, British Indian Ocean Territories, British Virgin Islands, Canton and Enderbury Islands, Cayman Islands, Christmas Islands, Cocos (Keeling) Islands, Cook Islands, Equatorial Guinea, Faeroe Islands, Falkland Islands (Malvinas), French Guiana, Gibraltar, Greenland, Guadeloupe, Guam, Holy See, Johnston Island, Liechtenstein, Marshall Islands, Martinique, Micronesia (Federated States of), Midway Islands, Monaco, Nauru, Niue, Norfolk Island, Northern Mariana Islands, Oman, Palau, Pitcairn Islands, Puerto Rico, Qatar, Réunion, Saint Helena, Saint Pierre and Miquelon, San Marino, Singapore, Tokelau, Tonga, Turks and Caicos Islands, Tuvalu, United States Virgin Islands, Wake Island, Wallis and Futuna Islands, Western Sahara.

Country composition of the special groupings:

- Includes: Afghanistan, Angola, Bangladesh, Benin, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gambia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Haiti, Kiribati, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lesotho, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mozambique, Myanmar, Nepal, Niger, Rwanda, Samoa, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Solomon Islands, Somalia, Sudan (former), United Republic of Tanzania, Timor-Leste, Togo, Uganda, Vanuatu, Yemen, Zambia.
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- Includes: Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Cape Verde, Comoros, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Fiji Islands, French Polynesia, Grenada, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Kiribati, Maldives, Mauritius, Netherlands Antilles, New Caledonia, Papua New Guinea, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Sao Tome and Principe, Seychelles, Solomon Islands, Suriname, Timor-Leste, Trinidad and Tobago, Vanuatu.
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*Sudan (former) refers to the former sovereign state of Sudan prior to July 2011, when South Sudan declared its independence. Data for Sudan (post-2011) and South Sudan are not available.
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- In addition to the countries listed, includes Georgia.
- In addition to the countries listed, includes: Afghanistan, Maldives.
- In addition to the countries listed, includes: Brunei Darussalam, Myanmar, Timor-Leste.
- In addition to the countries listed, includes Occupied Palestinian Territory.
- In addition to the countries listed, includes: Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Dominica, Grenada, Jamaica, Netherlands Antilles, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Trinidad and Tobago.
- In addition to the countries listed, includes Belize.
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- <5 proportion of undernourished less than 5 percent
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Sources: FAO estimates.