



Ecological footprints of nations

Half of the world's projected population growth through 2050 is expected to come from the nine nations listed here. If the current living standard in each holds – a big if – America's growth will have a far greater environmental impact than other nations. For every acre an Ethiopian needs, an American needs 69.

Countries that will add the most people by 2050

Ecological footprint*
(ratio per person)



*Amount of biologically productive land needed to sustain a person's consumption and absorb his/her wastes

