

TABLE 9.1 REGIONAL POPULATION, 1750-1996

	<i>Million People</i>					
	1750	1800	1850	1900	1950	1996
Asia	480	602	749	937	1,386	3,501
Europe	140	187	266	401	576	728
Africa	95	90	95	120	206	732
North America	1	6	26	81	167	295
South and Central America	11	19	33	63	162	486
Australia and Oceania	2	2	2	6	13	29

Sources: Reinhard et al. 1968:680-1; Population Reference Bureau (1996).

Note: The figures for Africa and to a lesser extent Asia are speculative prior to 1900; figures somewhat lower for Africa and somewhat higher for Asia appear in McEvedy and Jones 1978.

TABLE 1.3 WORLD POPULATION SINCE 1820

<i>Year</i>	<i>Population (billion)</i>	<i>Annual Growth Rate (%)</i>
1820	1	—
1850	1.2	0.5 (1820-1849)
1900	1.6	0.6 (1850-1899)
1950	2.5	0.8 (1900-1949)
1990	5.3	1.8 (1950-1989)
2000	6.0	1.5 (1990-1999)

Source: Cohen 1995:79 and app. 2.