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Regional Poverty Estimates | 1981–2019

Population living below \$1.90 a day (millions, 2011 PPP)

Low and middle-income country groups	1981	1984	1987	1990	1993	1996	1999	2002	2005	2008	2010	2011	2012	2013	2015	2018	2019
East Asia and Pacific	1,108	1,012	898	977	892	700	682	539	348	286	212	162	137	66	42	25	20
Europe and Central Asia				12	26	33	37	27	22	13	11	10	9	8	7	5	5
Latin America and the Caribbean	50	66	57	68	67	74	71	63	54	40	35	33	28	25	23	23	24
Middle East and North Africa			17	15	16	16	10	10	10	9	7	8	8	8	16	27	
South Asia	535	547	553	557	561	538		577	533	489	425	348	322	291			
Sub-Saharan Africa				281	332	355	381	392	394	402	412	406	403	410	418	436	
Africa Eastern and Southern					199	210	227	241	240	242	247	248	251	254	266	281	
Africa Western and Central		97	105	116	134	145	154	151	153	162	165	159	152		155	154	
Total six regions	1,920	1,886	1,790	1,909	1,894	1,716	1,736	1,607	1,361	1,239	1,103	966	907	807	736		
Other High Income Countries	5	5	5	4	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	6	6	7	8	7	7
World	1,925	1,891	1,795	1,913	1,899	1,721	1,741	1,612	1,366	1,244	1,109	972	913	814	744		

Population living below \$1.90 a day (% of population, 2011 PPP)

Low and middle-income country groups	1981	1984	1987	1990	1993	1996	1999	2002	2005	2008	2010	2011	2012	2013	2015	2018	2019
East Asia and Pacific	80.2	69.7	58.8	60.9	53.3	40.2	37.9	29.1	18.4	14.8	10.8	8.2	6.9	3.3	2.1	1.2	1.0
Europe and Central Asia				2.5	5.5	7.0	7.8	5.7	4.7	2.7	2.4	2.0	1.9	1.6	1.5	1.1	1.0
Latin America and the Caribbean	13.7	16.9	13.9	15.5	14.5	15.3	13.9	11.9	9.8	7.0	6.0	5.6	4.6	4.1	3.7	3.7	3.7
Middle East and North Africa			8.3	6.5	6.7	6.0	3.7	3.4	3.1	2.8	2.0	2.3	2.2	2.1	4.3	7.0	
South Asia	58.0	55.3	52.2	49.1	46.4	41.8		40.0	35.1	30.7	26.0	20.9	19.2	17.1			
Sub-Saharan Africa				55.1	60.1	59.2	58.7	55.9	51.9	48.8	47.5	45.5	43.9	43.5	42.0	40.4	
Africa Eastern and Southern					59.9	58.4	58.5	57.4	53.0	48.9	47.7	46.5	45.9	45.2	44.8	43.7	
Africa Western and Central		55.9	55.7	56.5	60.3	60.4	59.0	53.7	50.2	48.8	47.1	44.0	41.0		35.5	34.5	
Total six regions	52.4	48.5	43.3	43.6	41.1	35.4	34.3	30.4	24.7	21.7	18.8	16.2	15.1	13.2	11.8		
Other High Income Countries	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.6
World	42.7	39.8	35.8	36.2	34.3	29.7	28.8	25.7	21.0	18.4	16.0	13.9	12.9	11.4	10.1		

Population living below \$3.20 a day (millions, 2011 PPP)

Low and middle-income country groups	1981	1984	1987	1990	1993	1996	1999	2002	2005	2008	2010	2011	2012	2013	2015	2018	2019
East Asia and Pacific	1,291	1,318	1,318	1,364	1,329	1,219	1,199	1,047	845	717	589	513	461	340	243	148	131
Europe and Central Asia				43	74	85	101	70	54	34	32	31	29	27	26	20	20
Latin America and the Caribbean	102	128	116	130	132	143	138	131	115	90	80	74	70	65	61	58	59
Middle East and North Africa			65	62	71	75	59	59	58	54	46	46	45	45	57	77	
South Asia	801	847	892	937	982	1,006		1,102	1,101	1,098	1,064	998	970	940			
Sub-Saharan Africa				386	438	472	513	547	574	601	626	632	639	654	679	719	
Africa Eastern and Southern					260	279	304	328	345	357	373	379	387	396	416	439	
Africa Western and Central		134	146	159	178	193	208	219	229	244	253	253	252		280	284	
Total six regions	2,579	2,719	2,783	2,921	3,026	3,000	3,059	2,956	2,747	2,595	2,438	2,294	2,215	2,071	1,936		
Other High Income Countries	11	10	9	7	8	7	7	7	7	8	8	8	9	9	10	9	9
World	2,590	2,728	2,792	2,928	3,034	3,008	3,066	2,963	2,754	2,603	2,445	2,302	2,223	2,080	1,946		

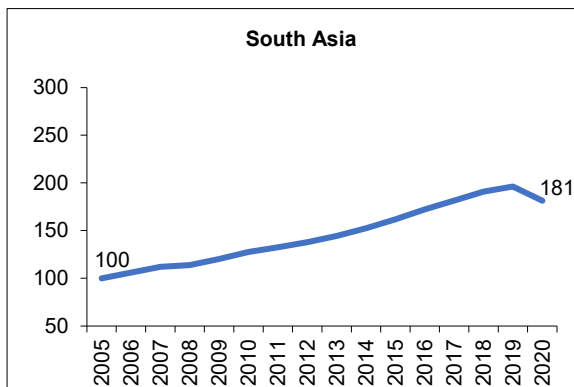
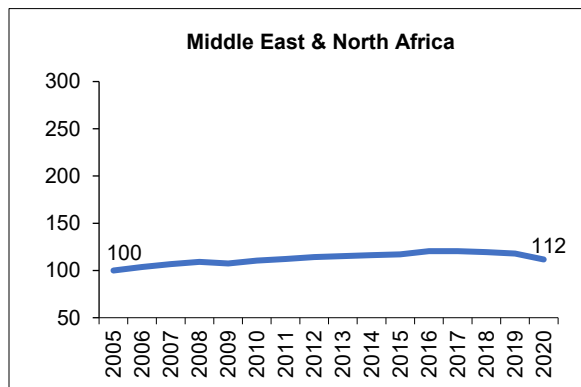
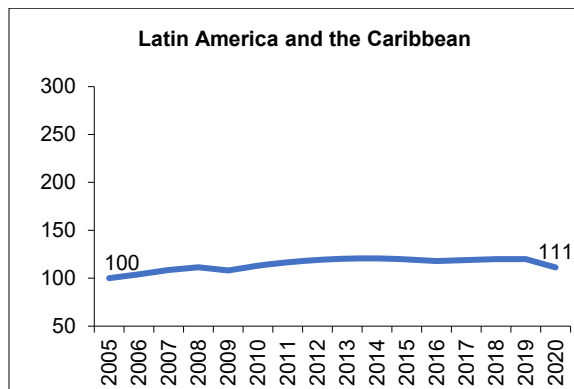
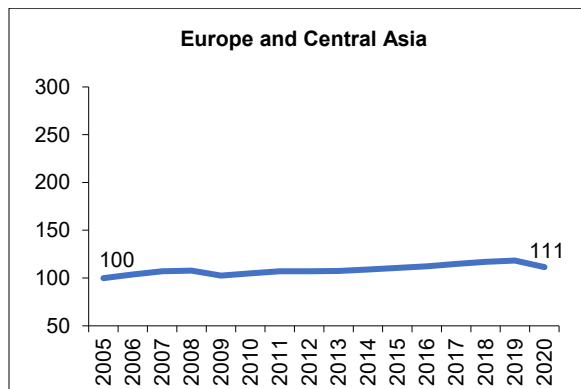
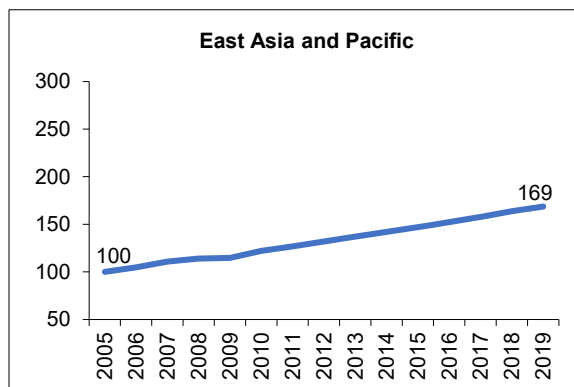
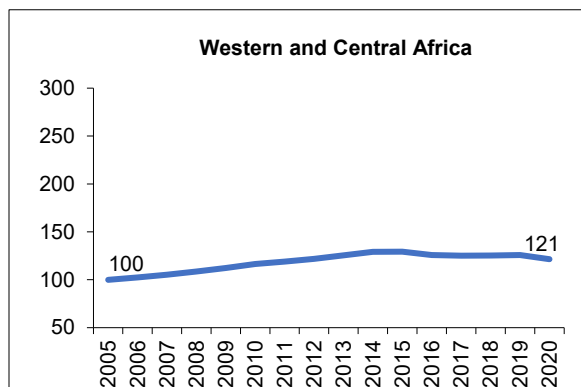
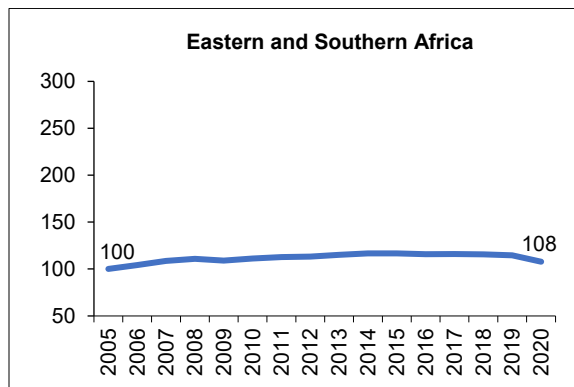
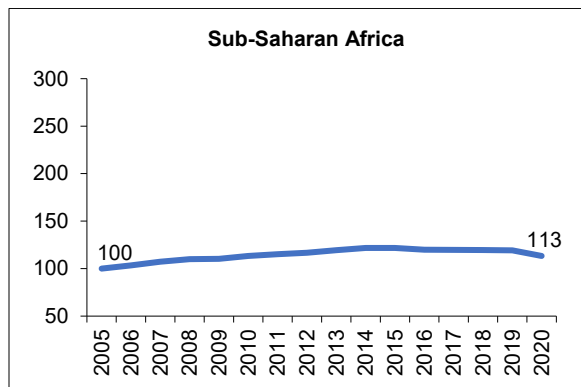
Population living below \$3.20 a day (% of population, 2011 PPP)

Low and middle-income country groups	1981	1984	1987	1990	1993	1996	1999	2002	2005	2008	2010	2011	2012	2013	2015	2018	2019
East Asia and Pacific	93.4	90.8	86.3	85.0	79.4	70.1	66.6	56.6	44.6	37.0	30.0	25.9	23.1	16.9	11.9	7.1	6.3
Europe and Central Asia				9.3	15.8	18.1	21.5	15.0	11.5	7.3	6.8	6.4	6.1	5.6	5.3	4.2	4.0
Latin America and the Caribbean	27.9	32.8	28.1	29.7	28.6	29.4	27.2	24.7	20.8	15.7	13.6	12.6	11.6	10.8	9.8	9.2	9.2
Middle East and North Africa			31.0	27.1	29.0	28.6	21.5	20.1	18.9	16.7	13.8	13.4	12.9	12.6	15.4	19.9	
South Asia	86.8	85.6	84.1	82.7	81.1	78.2		76.4	72.5	69.0	64.9	60.1	57.6	55.1			
Sub-Saharan Africa				75.7	79.2	78.8	79.1	78.0	75.7	73.1	72.0	70.8	69.6	69.3	68.2	66.7	
Africa Eastern and Southern					78.5	77.8	78.4	78.3	76.1	72.7	71.9	71.1	70.6	70.3	70.0	68.2	
Africa Western and Central		77.3	77.2	77.7	80.3	80.4	80.1	77.6	75.1	73.6	72.3	70.3	68.1		64.3	63.6	
Total six regions	70.3	69.8	67.4	66.7	65.6	62.0	60.4	55.9	49.9	45.4	41.5	38.6	36.8	33.9	31.0		
Other High Income Countries	1.3	1.1	1.0	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.8
World	57.4	57.4	55.7	55.5	54.8	52.0	50.8	47.2	42.3	38.5	35.3	32.9	31.4	29.0	26.5		

Source: PovCalNet, World Development Indicators, and World Bank Poverty and Equity databases. For data updates visit data.worldbank.org.

Note: PPP = purchasing power parity. For details on regional groupings, see <http://iresearch.worldbank.org/PovcalNet/data.aspx>. Data are current as of June 2021.

Gross Domestic Product per Capita Index | 2005–20



Source: World Development Indicators database