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| Population (billions) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| Year | 1804 | 1927 | 1959 | 1974 | 1987 | 1999 | 2012 | 2026 | 2042 |
| Years between milestones | — | 123 | 32 | 15 | 13 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 16 |

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