

# **GROWING PAINS Earth's population to hit eight billion next week after 'tripling since 1950'**

**EARTH'S population will grow to eight billion next week, the United Nations has revealed.**

The UN Population Division said that by November 15, the world's population will have tripled since 1950.

Meanwhile, in eight years' time, the world's population will swell to 8.5 billion, 9.7 billion by 2050, and 10.4 billion by 2100.

Life expectancy is also due to increase to an average of 77.2 years by 2050.

Despite this growth in population, the population growth rate decelerated to below 1 percent in 2020, Rachel Snow of the UN Population Fund told the Daily Mail.

And this number has the potential to fall to around 0.5 percent by 2050 due to a decline in fertility rates.

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