

## Project report – Research on population impacts 2014-15

### Summary

We conduct research into the impact of population levels and growth and promote that research.

### Background

Demographers carry out research into population trends and projections but this can be quite separate from considering the impacts in other academic disciplines. Similarly, those analysing other issues can fail to appreciate the implications of population projections.

### Timing

July 2014 - June 2015

### Geography

Global

### Partners

Masters students at the London School of Economics.

### Methodology

We commission original research from Masters students at the [London School of Economics Department of Management](#). We analyse data from the [Global Footprint Network](#) to produce our overshoot index. We have relaunched our Journal which provides a forum for the collation and dissemination of research on population impacts.

### Outputs

We published three research papers during the year and are planning to issue press releases on them.

- Chen, Diandian – [More People, Less Food](#)  
2014  
Explores the implications of population growth on housing, food production and amenity in England.
- Neuerberg, Leo – [Can National GDP Growth Maintain Personal GDP Growth in Times of Population Growth? An Empirical Investigation of the UK](#)  
2014  
Investigates the development of the GDP in relation to the population development of the United Kingdom since 1991.
- Ma, Linyuan – [Impact of Fewer but Better-Educated Young People](#)  
2014  
Focuses on the problem of the surging youth unemployment rate in the United Kingdom.

We issued an annual update to our [Overshoot Index](#), showing the degree to which individual countries were or were not sustainable in the long term, based on their current population level and per capita consumption.

We issued the first of our post relaunch journals in June 2015.

### **Beneficiaries**

The primary beneficiaries are primarily who receive the material, including members, academics and policymakers. The research is used as the basis for other communications and for lobbying and campaigning, which provides further benefits.

### **Impact**

We plan to improve our measurement of this in the future.