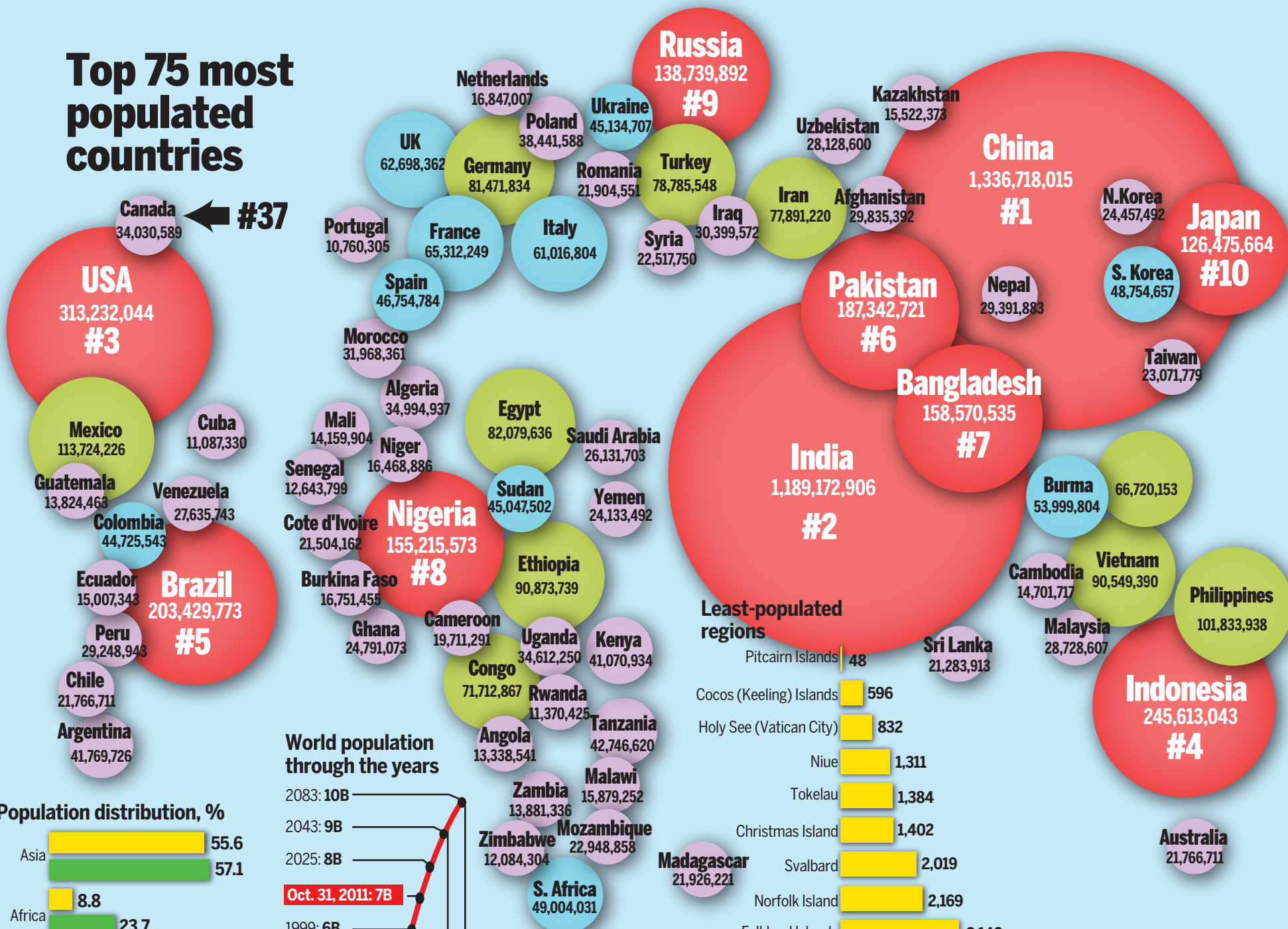


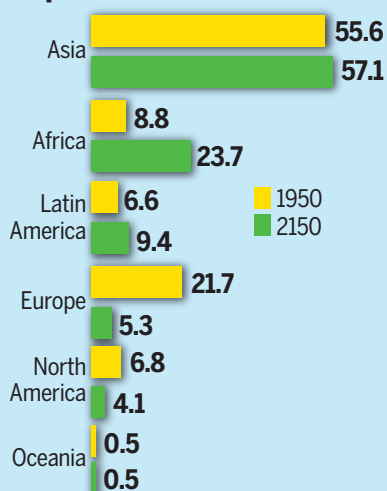
7 BILLION

World population is expected to hit 7 billion on or about Oct. 31.

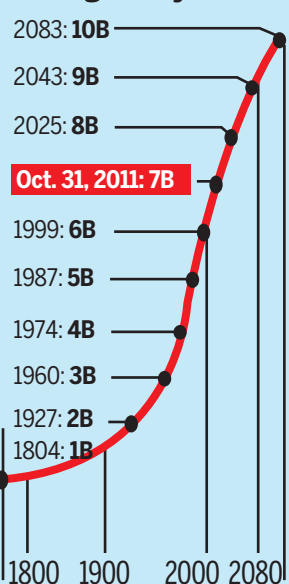
Top 75 most populated countries



Population distribution, %



World population through the years



Sources: CIA World Factbook; Graphic News

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