In 1650, when George Fox was alive, the world’s population was about one-half billion people; by the early 20th century it had reached two billion. In 2015, it reached 7.3 billion, more than a tripling in a century. Currently, more than 80 million persons are being added to Earth each year. While the world’s rate of population growth has been slowly declining since about 1965, the prospects for the future suggest considerable additional population growth, if current rates continue, to more than 10 billion people by 2050 and 28 billion in 2100!

QEW has written a series of resources on population and its related issues. We recommend that you begin with our introductory pamphlet, Friends Witness on Population.

We also recommend that you read about our program, Quaker PopOffsets, administered by QEW’s Population Working Group along with the organization’s General Secretary. The program collects donations and then gives the money to organizations that direct it towards family planning. A small proportion of the donations help support QEW.

**QEW Population Resources:**

- Friends Witness on Population
- Friends Witness on Population (Spanish Version)
- Seeking Clearness on Childbearing in a Crowded World
- Adoption
- A Witness on Sexuality of Friends
- Immigration in a Crowded World
- Friends Seeking Clearness on Abortion
- Empowering Women: The Link to Population
- Quaker Population Offsets
- Human Reproduction is in the Commons: A Case for Smaller Families
- Considering Limits to Human Population Size
- Population is Personal by Stan Becker

**Additional Resources:**

- Quaker Concern over Population by British Friends
- QEW member Richard Grossman's columns in the Durango Herald