

Overpopulation and Overconsumption

Consequences of the Green Revolution

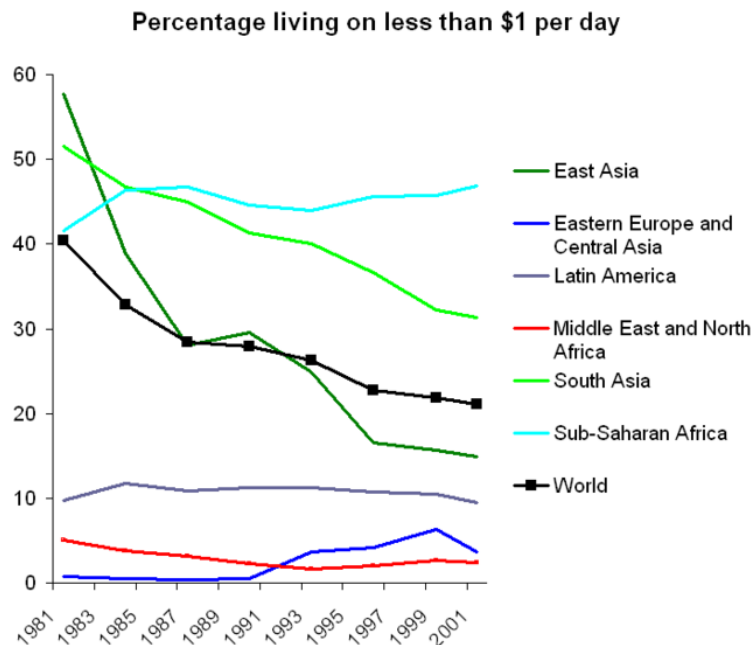
- The increase in population has created a demand for more land. Many natural environments have been destroyed in order to clear space for humans.
- Agriculture has a negative effect on the environment because it introduces pollutants that flow through the air and water.
- As the world's population continues to grow, more resources are used up. There is an abundance of people who live in poverty and do not have basic supplies, while there are others who possess a majority of said resources.

Study Tip

People in developed nations use 32 times more resources than people who live in developing nations.

Overconsumption

- There are many people around the world who are far from the line of poverty.
- A quarter of the Earth's population is responsible for **over-consumption**, or using more resources than is necessary. Over-consumption is one factor that leads to the pollution of the environment.



Concept Check

- Is the amount of wealth in the world balanced?
- Do you think we are mindful of our impact on the Earth?
- How can we combat over-consumption and the pollution of the Earth?