While growth rates are decreasing the population continues to increase.

**Annual growth rate**

- **2007**: 2.7%
- **2017**: 2.6%

2007: 20,632,434

2017: 27,864,265

Annual population growth is highest in the northern provinces.

Nationally, about 0.75 million additional peoples added per year.

**Contributors to population growth**

- **1 MIL.**: more births than deaths
- **0.34 MIL.**: more women than men

67% of the population lives in rural areas

There are more young people in rural areas than urban.

50% of the population is under 16 years old.
Population projections by province

By 2050, the population in the northern provinces is predicted to increase by more than 200%.

Youth Dependency Ratio

Young people (under 15), who are dependant on the working-age population

60 young people per 100 working-age adults

Note: The trend did not shift in the last ten-year period between the 2007 and 2017 population census

Recommendations:

In order to determine whether and where additional investments are needed to accelerate the fertility transition, policymakers in Mozambique should examine which provinces experience the highest youth dependency ratio.