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On July 7, President Jaime Paz Zamora said the 1992 census put Bolivia’s population at 6.3 million. Previous government figures estimated a population of 7 million. According to the last census, in 1976, the growth rate was 2.6%, compared to a 2.03% at present. According to Paz Zamora, "Bolivia does not need birth control since the population is so small." The census was conducted on June 3. Based on the new census figures, per capita income was increased from US$743 to US$820, still among the lowest in Latin America. The low demographic growth rate is attributed to high infant mortality. About 25% of children die between birth and four years of age. Only Haitian infant mortality is higher in the Americas. Fifty-eight percent of the population now lives in urban areas, up from 52% in the 1976 census. The current figure reflects a migration of Indian farmers to the cities of La Paz, Santa Cruz and Cochabamba due to drought conditions and poverty. The highest annual population growth rate by department was recorded in Santa Cruz at 4.1%, and lowest, a negative 0.12% for Potosi. (Basic data from Notimex, 07/07/92; Associated Press, 07/08/92)

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