

From Rachel's Environment and Health News # 737:

Population will grow at rate of 1.1% per year between now and 2020 - resulting in a 23% increase in the total. "This basic trend will impose a 23% greater burden on the natural environment in the next 20 years. Furthermore, **as household size diminishes (requiring more individual homes)** and urban sprawl increases, the burden imposed on the environment by each individual is steadily rising, the OECD says."