

# The Tacocaloric Demand: Estimating the Number of Tacos to Satisfy Global Degen Caloric Needs

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## Abstract

This paper presents an innovative approach to calculating the number of tacos required to meet the average monthly caloric intake of the global population, differentiated by gender. Utilizing the average caloric values for men and women and the caloric content of a standard taco, we provide an estimate for the total number of tacos necessary to fulfill the world's nutritional demands.

## 1 Introduction

In recent years, the global conversation around food security has intensified, with an increasing focus on not just meeting caloric needs but also on the sources of these calories. This study proposes a novel metric - the Taco as a unit of global caloric distribution - to both enlighten and entertain the scientific community about food distribution challenges.

## 2 Methods

### 2.1 Population and Caloric Needs

For the purpose of this study, we assume a global population of 7.8 billion people, with a gender distribution of 50% male and 50% female. Based on nutritional guidelines, we adopt average daily caloric needs of 2,500 kcal for men and 2,000 kcal for women. A standard taco is considered to contain approximately 250 kcal.

### 2.2 Calculation

The total daily caloric needs for each gender are calculated and then divided by the caloric content of a taco to estimate the total number of tacos needed in a day and subsequently a month.

### 2.3 Population Growth Projection

We incorporate a conservative annual global population growth rate of 1.1%, a figure derived from recent trends. This rate will be applied to our initial population estimate to forecast the population at the end of the year.

## 2.4 Monthly Taco Demand Calculation

To calculate the monthly demand for tacos, we'll multiply the daily demand by 30, taking into account the increased population at the end of the year to get the median value per month as reference.

## 3 Results

Based on our calculations, to meet the average daily caloric requirements of the global population, differentiated by gender, we would need approximately 70 billion tacos per day minimum. With the projected annual global population growth rate of 1.1%, this demand increases significantly over the year. Thus minimum monthly taco requirement is 2.1 Trillion tacos a Month.

### 3.1 Graphs

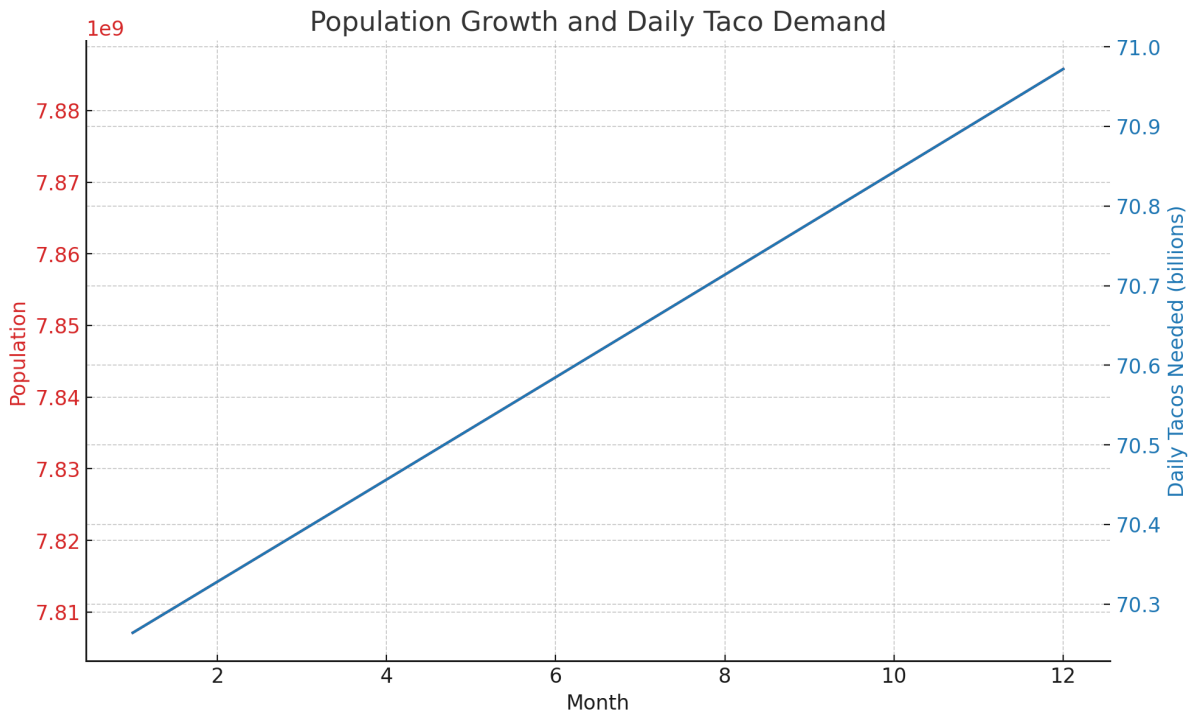


Figure 1: Population Growth and Daily Taco Demand

## 4 Conclusion

This study highlights the scale of global nutritional requirements by translating them into a more relatable metric - the taco. It invites a broader conversation on how to effectively and sustainably meet these demands, exploring diverse food sources and innovative distribution methods. Concluding we need an initial supply of 2.1 Trillion tacos to target the nutritional value of the world for a month.