Population Vocabulary List

Population: All the inhabitants of a particular town, area, or country.

Demography: Study of human populations

Birth Rate: The number of births in a year for every 1,000 people in a population

Death Rate: The number of deaths each year per 1,000 people.

Natural Increase: The growth rate of a population; the difference between birthrate and death rate

Migration: A movement from one country or region to another

Immigration: The process of individuals moving into a new country with the intentions of remaining there.

Emigration: The movement of individuals out of an area

Push Factors: Factors causing people to leave a location

Pull Factors: Factors attracting people to a new location

Urban: City or high-populated area

Rural: Small town or country; low populated area

Scattered Settlement: A human settlement pattern that has no distinct shaped. Found in rural areas

Linear Settlement: A human settlement pattern that is in a straight line. Found near rivers and political borders

Nuclear Settlement: A human settlement pattern that is closely together. Found in urban areas.

Population Density: The average number of people in a square mile or square kilometer.

Population Pyramid: A bar graph that displays a country's population by age and gender