Word Cards

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demography

the study of population patterns and change



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population

all the people of a particular area



Example: In studying demography, social scientists study topics such as population distribution and population density.

Example: Social scientists calculate population at many different scales from local to global.

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population density



population distribution

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the number of people in a defined area such as a square mile

Example: Population density can be calculated by dividing the population of a region by its area.

the pattern, or spread, of people in a given area

Example: Studying population distribution leads us to question why people are not distributed equally across the Earth.

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cartogram

a type of map used to present statistical information.

Example: A cartogram showing land area of the Earth is very different from a cartogram showing population.

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birth rate

the number of births each year per 1,000 people

Example: Birth rates are used to calculate population growth.

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death rate

the number of deaths each year per 1,000 people

Example: Death rates are used to calculate population growth.

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census

the periodic count of a nation's population by its government

Example: In early Rome, the government took a census to help determine the amount of taxes people.

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rate of natural increase

the birth rate minus the death rate expressed as a percentage

Example: The rate of natural increase for the United States is about 0.5 percent.

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migration

the movement of people

Example: Migration affects population growth in countries.

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fertility rate

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the average number of children per woman

Example: The fertility rate for the United States is approximate 2.