

## **TOPIC: POPULATION GROWTH**

### **Population Growth & Composition**

- ◆ Demographers look at how the \_\_\_\_\_ and composition of a population changes.
  - The **size** depends on the \_\_\_\_\_ of birth & death.

#### **Fertility**



- **Fertility Rate:** Number of \_\_\_\_\_.
- **Crude Birth Rate:** Number of live births per 1000 people in a population per year.

#### **Mortality**



- **Mortality Rate:** Number of \_\_\_\_\_.
- **Crude Death Rate:** Number of deaths per 1000 people in a population per year.

#### **Fertility > Mortality**

Population \_\_\_\_\_.

#### **Fertility = Mortality**

Population \_\_\_\_\_.

#### **Fertility < Mortality**

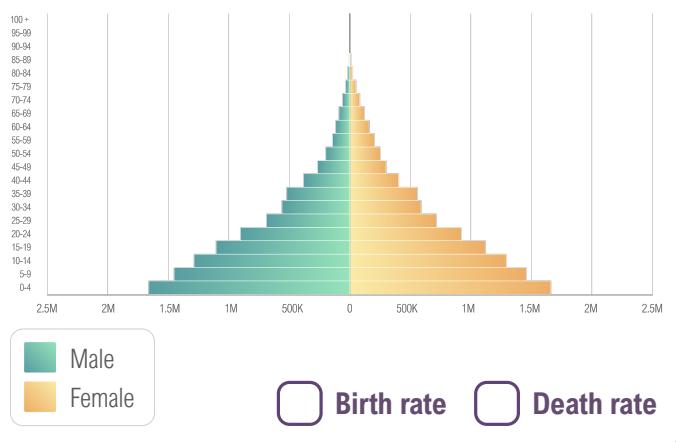
Population \_\_\_\_\_.

- The **composition** can be analyzed by looking at the sex & age of the population.

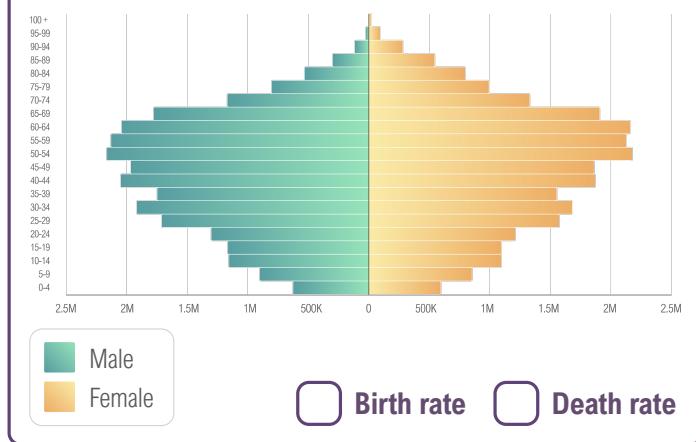
- **Sex Ratio:** Number of men per \_\_\_\_\_ women.

- **Age Sex Pyramid (Population Pyramid):** Graphic representation of the age & sex of a population.

#### **Example 1: Chad (data from 2025)**



#### **Example 2: South Korea (data from 2025)**

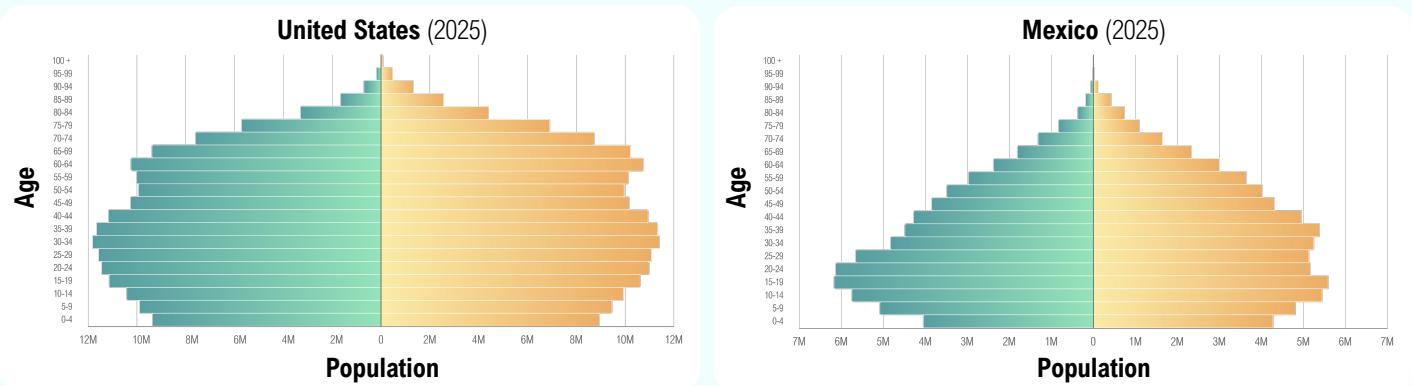


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### **EXAMPLE**

Two population pyramids for different countries are shown below. Based on these graphs, what inferences can you draw about these countries?



Source: U.S Census Bureau, International Database

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### **PRACTICE**

If the crude death rate surpasses the crude birth rate, the population of an area will \_\_\_\_\_.

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- a) Increase.
- b) Stay the same.
- c) Decline.

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### **Malthusian, Zero Population Growth, & Cornucopian Theory**

- ◆ Some sociologists worry about uncontrolled population growth:

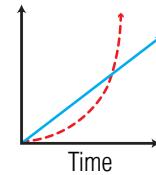
#### **Malthusian Theory**

- ◆ **Thomas Malthus** (1766 – 1834): English clergyman who worried about population growth.

- **Human population** increases \_\_\_\_\_ than **food production**.

- *Without*: Birth control & abstinence.

- *We will have*: \_\_\_\_\_, famine, & disease.



#### **Zero Population Growth**

- ◆ **Paul Ehrlich**: Built upon Malthus's work, focusing on the environment.

- Environmental resources are \_\_\_\_\_, and get exploited by privileged individuals.

- Should aim to have the birth rate \_\_\_\_\_ the death rate to slow population growth.

#### **Cornucopian Theory**

- ◆ Technology will advance to \_\_\_\_\_ the needs of the population.

- ◆ Population seen as a driver of \_\_\_\_\_, not a threat.



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### **EXAMPLE**

Determine if the following statements are true or false. If the statements are true, write “T” on the line; if they are false, write “F”.

1	Zero population growth advocates for the fertility rate to match the death rate.	
2	In Malthusian theory, food production is unable to keep up with population increase.	
3	Cornucopia theory states that war, famine, and disease are unavoidable with uncontrolled population growth.	
4	Thomas Malthus, who created the Malthusian theory, studied biology and ecosystems.	

### **PRACTICE**

Which theory of population growth focuses on the environmental impact of overpopulation and the exploitation of resources by the wealthy?

- a) Malthusian theory.
- b) Zero growth model.
- c) Cornucopia theory.
- d) Demographic transition theory.

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◆ **Demographic Transition Theory:** Demographic changes are \_\_\_\_\_ and are related to technology.

- \_\_\_\_ stages:

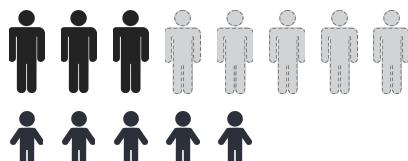
### **STAGE 1**

**Technology** → \_\_\_\_\_ - industrial

**Birth Rate** → High

**Death Rate** → High

**Change in Population** → \_\_\_\_\_  $8 \rightarrow 8$



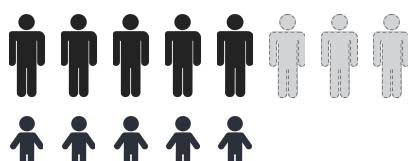
### **STAGE 2**

**Technology** → \_\_\_\_\_ - industrial

**Birth Rate** → High

**Death Rate** → Declining

**Change in Population** → \_\_\_\_\_  $8 \rightarrow 10$



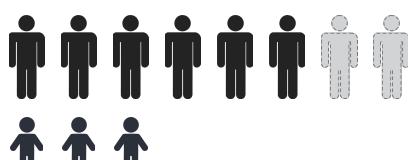
### **STAGE 3**

**Technology** → \_\_\_\_\_ - industrial

**Birth Rate** → Declining

**Death Rate** → Low

**Change in Population** → \_\_\_\_\_  $8 \rightarrow 9$



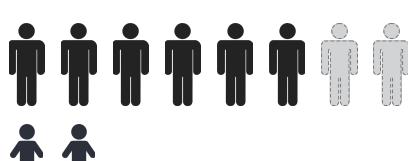
### **STAGE 4**

**Technology** → \_\_\_\_\_ - industrial

**Birth Rate** → Low

**Death Rate** → Low

**Change in Population** → \_\_\_\_\_  $8 \rightarrow 8$



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### **EXAMPLE**

For each description below, write which stage of demographic transition theory the population is **likely** in. Use the following data to help you answer it:

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**Average life expectancy globally:** 73.1 years

**Average fertility rate:** 2.29 births per woman

- a) In this country, the life expectancy is 85 years, and the fertility rate is 1.2 births per woman. Most individuals work in service sector jobs. This country is likely in stage \_\_\_\_\_.
- b) This society relies on agriculture as its primary source of economic output. The birth rate is 5 births per woman, and the life expectancy is 60 years. This country is likely in stage \_\_\_\_\_.
- c) In this country, most individuals work in a factory. Life expectancy is 74 years, and the fertility rate is 2.4 births per woman. This country is likely in stage \_\_\_\_\_.

### **PRACTICE**

If a country is described as post-industrial, which of the following would you expect based on demographic transition theory?

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- a) High birth rate; low death rate.
- b) High birth rate; high death rate.
- c) Low birth rate; low death rate.
- d) Low birth rate; high death rate.