

CHAPTER 6 VOCABULARY - The Human Population and Its Impact

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age structure	Percentage of the population (or number of people of each sex) at each age level in a population.
birth rate	See <i>crude birth rate</i> .
crude birth rate	Annual number of live births per 1,000 people in the population of a geographic area at the midpoint of a given year. Compare <i>crude death rate</i> .
crude death rate	Annual number of deaths per 1,000 people in the population of a geographic area at the midpoint of a given year. Compare <i>crude birth rate</i> .
cultural carrying capacity	The limit on population growth that would allow most people in an area or the world to live in reasonable comfort and freedom without impairing the ability of the planet to sustain future generations. Compare <i>carrying capacity</i> .
death rate	See <i>crude death rate</i> .
demographic transition	Hypothesis that countries, as they become industrialized, have declines in death rates followed by declines in birth rates.
emigration	Movement of people out of a specific geographic area. Compare <i>immigration</i> , <i>migration</i> .
family planning	Providing information, clinical services, and contraceptives to help people choose the number and spacing of children they want to have.
fertility rate	Number of children born to an average woman in a population during her lifetime. Compare <i>replacement-level fertility</i> .
immigration	Migration of people into a country or area to take up permanent residence.
infant mortality rate	Number of babies out of every 1,000 born each year who die before their first birthday.
life expectancy	Average number of years a newborn infant can be expected to live.
migration	Movement of people into and out of specific geographic areas. Compare <i>emigration</i> and <i>immigration</i> .
population change	Increase or decrease in the size of a population. It is equal to (Births + Immigration) – (Deaths + Emigration).
replacement-level fertility	Average number of children a couple must bear to replace themselves. The average for a country or the world usually is slightly higher than two children per couple (2.1 in the United States and 2.5 in some developing countries) mostly because some children die before reaching their reproductive years. See also <i>total fertility rate</i> .
total fertility rate (TFR)	Estimate of the average number of children who will be born alive to a woman during her lifetime if she passes through all her childbearing years (ages 15–44) conforming to age-specific fertility rates of a given year. More simply, it is an estimate of the average number of children that women in a given population will have during their childbearing years.