Population

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What is population?

- Population refers to the number of people living in a given area at a particular time. It is normally taken after 10 years.

- Carrying out population census helps the government to plan social services for the population.

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Population Concepts

- **Birth rate**. This is the number of live births per 1000 of the population per year.

  B.R= <u>No of birth</u>   x 1000

  Total population

- **Death Rate**. This is the number of deaths per 1000 people of the population per year

  D.R= <u>No of death </u>x 1000

  Total population

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- **Population distribution.** This is the way people are spread out on the earths surface. It is normally shown by a **dot map**

- **Population density.** This is the average number of people per sq. km

P.D = <u>Total population</u>
       Total land area

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- **Life expectancy.** This is the number of years that an average person is expected to live given the social, economic and political situation of the area

- **Dependency ratio.** This is the ratio of non working population to the working population

  Or

- It is the number of the non economically active people compared to the economically active people

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- **Fertility rate.** This is the rate at which children are born to females of child bearing age of a given population.

  F.R= No of children under 15 yrs x 1000

  No of women aged 15-50yrs

- **Mortality rate**. This the number of death per 1000 of the total population.

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Conclusion.

- In conclusion, population has a number of concepts that when explaining population must be brought for the learners to understand better

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