

Ecology

Lesson 2.6

Human Populations

2.6.5 NOVA Activity

In 1950, the term "population explosion" was unheard of, yet the conditions for runaway population growth were in place. Death rates in the developed world had plummeted, and those in the developing world were falling as well, while birth rates remained high. Today, demographic data continue to foretell dramatic changes ahead, though various countries have starkly different prospects. In this game, get a glimpse of the future for the U.S., Japan, Kenya, and India.

Play a matching game to see how demographic data will shape the future of the U.S., Japan, Kenya, and India. Make sure you understand all the vocabulary used and how demographers use the information to make predictions about the future.

[NOVA Be a Demographer](#)

(requires Flash; will not run natively on iOS devices)

(non-Flash alternative: [Population Campaigns](#))