

# Demography: The Study of Population

## *A little history...*

- For approximately \_\_\_\_\_ years, the world human population remained relatively \_\_\_\_\_ (very little increase or decrease)
- Then, starting about \_\_\_\_ – \_\_\_\_ thousand years ago, the human population started to very gradually \_\_\_\_\_
- Finally, starting a couple \_\_\_\_\_ years ago, the human population started to increase very \_\_\_\_\_
- Currently, we are still in this phase of very \_\_\_\_\_ population  
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## *Why was there...*

- ...very little change in population from 200,000 years ago to about 10,000 years ago?

Humans were \_\_\_\_\_ gatherers during this time. They lacked \_\_\_\_\_, often lacked enough \_\_\_\_\_, and had to constantly \_\_\_\_\_ from place to place. As a result, humans lived much \_\_\_\_\_ lives and could not have many \_\_\_\_\_.

- ...a gradual increase in population from 10,000 years ago to about 200 years ago?

Humans discovered how to raise \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ (the “Agricultural Revolution”). They now had a more stable and reliable source of \_\_\_\_\_ and could settle into \_\_\_\_\_, towns, and \_\_\_\_\_. As a result, humans started to live \_\_\_\_\_ and have more \_\_\_\_\_.

- ...a rapid rise in population from about 200 years ago to the present?

Starting around the time of the “\_\_\_\_\_ Revolution,” humans made a number of significant discoveries. Medical advances, improved \_\_\_\_\_ practices, and modern \_\_\_\_\_ allowed humans to live longer and have more children survive into adulthood.

## *Let's take a closer look*

- World population has exploded in the last \_\_\_\_\_ years.

### ***Population by country***

- Even though the world population is rapidly \_\_\_\_\_, some countries are actually experiencing \_\_\_\_\_ growth, \_\_\_\_\_ growth, or even \_\_\_\_\_ growth

*For example:*

- Slow growth – \_\_\_\_\_
- No growth – \_\_\_\_\_
- Negative growth – \_\_\_\_\_
- However, most countries worldwide are growing at a \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ rate
- Generally speaking:
  - o Developing countries are experiencing \_\_\_\_\_ population growth
  - o Developed (\_\_\_\_\_) countries are experiencing \_\_\_\_\_ population growth
- So why is this the case? Why do developing countries have rapid population growth, whereas developed countries have slow population growth?