

WORLD POPULATIONS

All over the world there are many communities. They are alike because they are where people live, work, and have fun. They are different in many ways, especially in population. We classify communities as urban, suburban, and rural to better understand their needs.

Urban communities are in cities with large populations. There are many thousands or millions of people in urban communities. There are many large stores, banks, parks, office buildings, museums, theatres, and restaurants. Skyscrapers are built in urban areas. People get around in public transportation such as buses, trains, subways, taxi cabs, and personal cars. Urban areas are usually crowded and noisy. There is usually more crime and pollution in urban areas. Some urban communities are Tokyo, New York City, Chicago, Los Angeles.



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from cities to help suburbs grow. Many people commute into the city for work.



Rural communities are small towns and villages in the open countryside. These communities are small with only hundreds or a few thousand people living in them. They are usually surrounded by farmland and fields. Many people work in the farming industry. Stores, schools, offices are small. With a small population, everyone seems to know each other. In times of trouble, the whole town may work together to help each other.



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The population of the world is estimated to be 9 billion in 2050.

Census - official count of people living in a city, state, or country

Demography - study of human population statistics

Population density - number of people per square mile

Here are the 10 most populated cities on Earth as of 2010

(with approximate numbers from www.geohive.com)

- 1 Tokyo 36,668,510
- 2 Delhi 22,156,810
- 3 São Paulo 20,262,493
- 4 Mumbai 20,040,868
- 5 Ciudad de México 19,460,212
- 6 New York 19,425,069
- 7 Shanghai 16,575,110
- 8 Kolkata 15,552,080
- 9 Dhaka 14,648,354

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Try this!

What is the population of the community in which you live?

Is your community rural, urban, or suburban?

What is the most populated city in the United States?