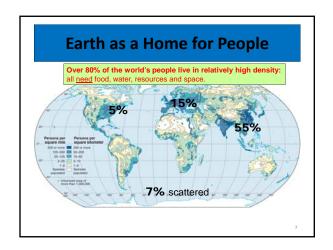
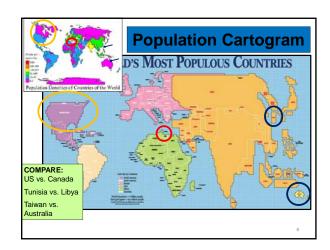


Earth as a Home for People

- **50%** of the world's people live on **5%** of the land.
- 90% of the world's people live on 10% of the land.
- **95%** of the world's people live on **40%** of the land.

Conversely, **60% of the land is virtually empty** and has only **5% of the world's people**.





Factors that Encourage Settlement and Higher Population Densities

- **1. Landforms** (size, topography, altitude, situation)
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- ✓ All 8 are modified by levels of technology and forms of economy.
- ✓ All 8 are influenced by historical circumstances and cultural parameters.

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Soil Fertility vs. Population Density Naturally fertile areas World Population Density

Habitat Decisions

- *7+ billion people need food, water, shelter, resources and living space + a place for their waste.
 - ➤ People have a perception of what the environment has to offer.
 - ➤ They make choices; people make changes.
 - ➤They create mental images and mental maps.
 - ➤ They are influenced by push-pull-stay factors.

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Push-Pull-Stay Factors

- PUSH factor: characteristic of a region that leads to dissatisfaction; encourages movement away (negative connotation).
- PULL factor: characteristic of a region that has an attractive force, drawing migrants from other regions (positive connotation).
- STAY factor: characteristic of a region that keeps people where they are (can either be positive or negative).

Push-Pull-Stay

These factors can be either real or imagined.

Variables (perceptions) include:

- Distance
- Physical barriers
- Cultural factors
- Political factors
- Economic factors

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Population Dynamics

We need data to evaluate a population.

- 1. Numbers of people.
- 2. Concentration of people.
- 3. Other data to help assess a situation as

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Population Dynamics

Things we need to know about a population:

- 1. Where are they found?
- 2. What are their growth rates?
- **3.** What is their density or grouping pattern?
- 4. What are the urban/rural ratios?
- **5.** How do the numbers relate to the resource base and will it put a strain on the area's carrying capacity?

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Carrying capacity: the ability of the land to support life.

➤ It is directly related to resource base (food-water-shelter) which composes a habitat.

- The quality of a habitat can be assessed.
- The **better the quality** of a habitat, the **more life** it can support.
- ✓ Good quality habitat will attract people: it is a pull factor.

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Carrying capacity is reached if too many people use what is available and the resource base is <u>stressed to its limit</u>.

Once carrying capacity is reached, the quality of habitat **diminishes** and an area is said to be overpopulated.

OVERPOPULATION: Too many people for the resource base.

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Population Growth

Can the earth support its fast-growing population?

- Does it have the capacity to keep up with a population's demands on its resources?
- How can we tell?
- Need data.
- DEMOGRAPHY: statistical study of a population.

However, there is a problem with the data. Accuracy of national censuses varies.

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