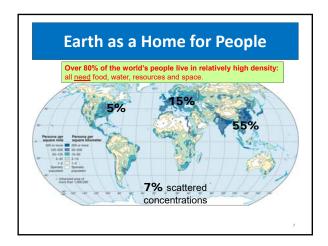
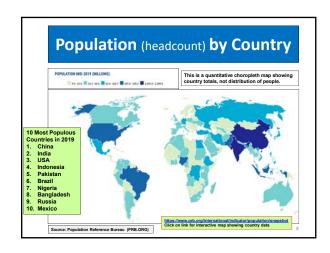


# Earth as a Home for People

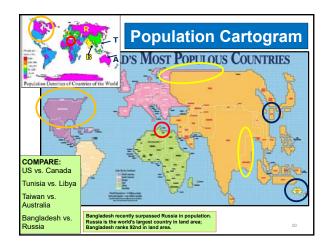
- **50%** of the world's people live on **5%** of the land.
- 90% of the world's people live on 10% of the land.
- 95% of the world's people live on 40% of the land.

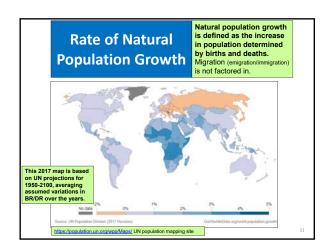
Conversely, **60% of the land is virtually empty** and has only **5% of the world's people**.





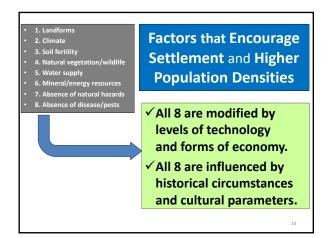


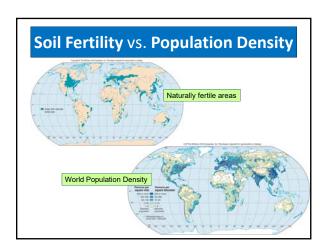




# Factors that Encourage Settlement and Higher Population Densities

- 1. Landforms (size, topography, altitude, situation)
- 2. Climate
- 3. Soil fertility
- 4. Natural vegetation and wildlife
- 5. Water supply
- 6. Mineral and energy resources
- 7. Absence of natural hazards (safe areas)
- 8. Absence of disease and pests (healthy areas)





#### **Habitat Decisions**

- 7.79 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).

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# **Push-Pull-Stay**

These factors can be either real or imagined.

Variables (perceptions) include:

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

Where the People Are and What's There for Them

We need data to evaluate a population.

1. Numbers of people.

2. Concentration of people.

3. Other data to help assess a situation (quality of life within a habitat)

## **Population Dynamics**

#### Things we need to know about a population:

- 1. Where are they found (locations)?
- 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 an area's resource base (habitat) and will it put a strain on the area's carrying capacity (habitat quality)?

# Carrying Capacity and Overpopulation

- > CARRYING CAPACITY: The ability of the land to support life.
  - ✓ It is directly related to resource base (food-water-shelter) which composes a habitat. Carrying capacity is reached if too many people use what is available and the resource base is stressed to its limit.
  - ✓ 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. (The term is also applied to animal habitats.)

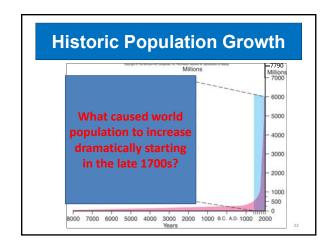
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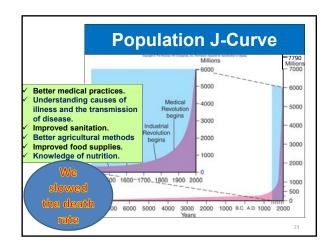
## **Population Growth**

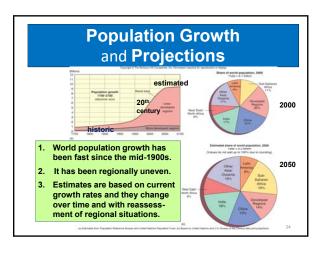
Can the earth support its fast-growing population?

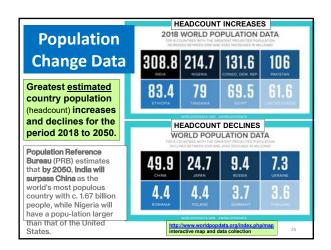
- Does it have the capacity to keep up with a population's demands on its resources?
- · How can we tell?
- Need data.
- DEMOGRAPHY: statistical study of a population.

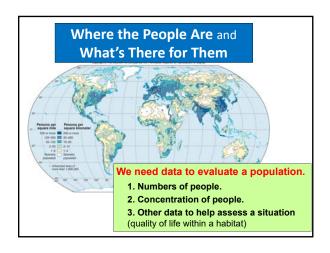
However, there is a problem with the data. Accuracy of national censuses varies.

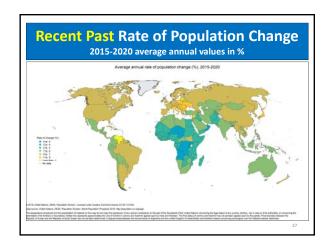


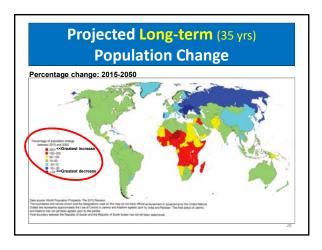


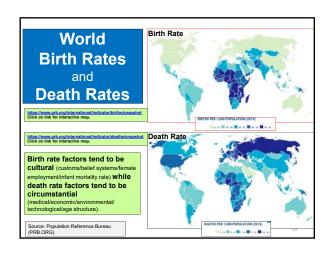


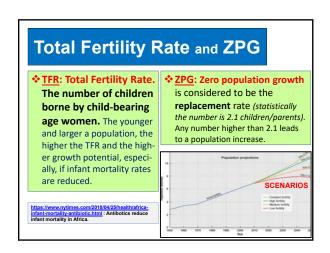


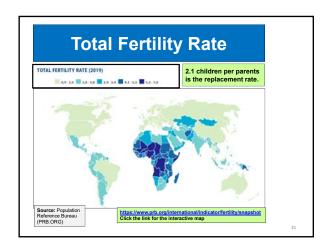


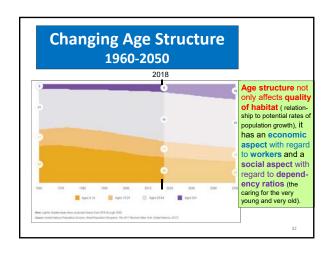


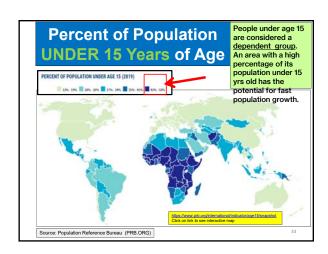


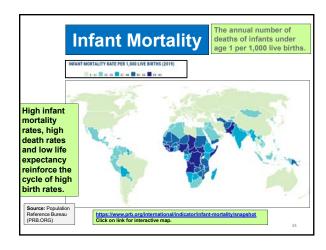


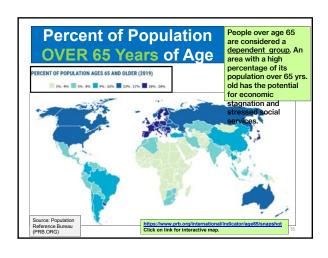


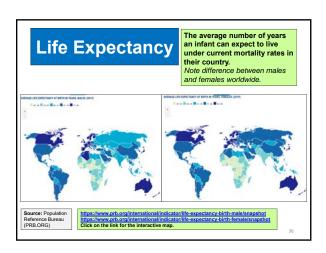


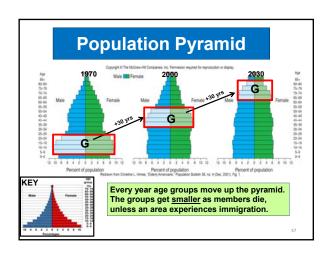


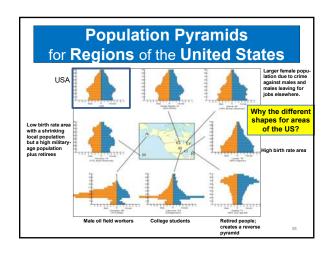












# **Malthusian Theory**

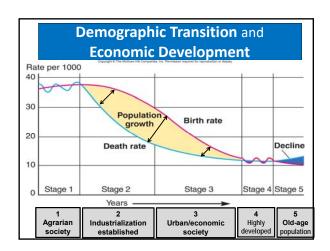
In 1798 Thomas Malthus postulated that unless population growth was slowed (by "self-control", war or natural disaster), its rate of growth would soon exceed the rate of food production (exceed carrying capacity).

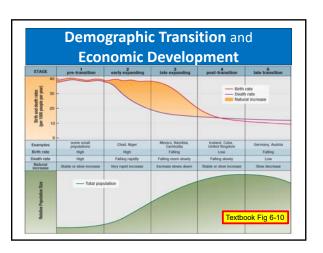
He predicted that people would not be able to feed themselves and widespread poverty and hunger would follow.

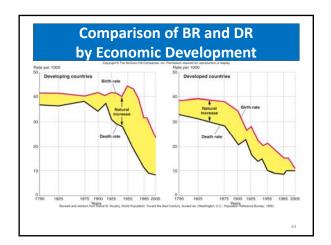
WHY? Because population tends to double in size quickly, while agriculture grows at a steady rate.

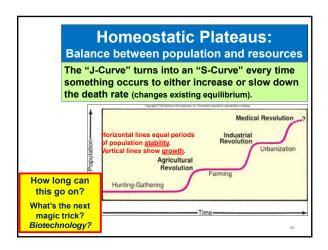
His prediction did not take into account <u>new tech-nologies</u> that allowed people to produce more food.

# Demographic Transition The J-Curve becomes an S-Curve when a population reaches carrying capacity. It returns to a J-Curve when new technologies allow people to live longer. J and S population curves. Environmental Carrying Capacity J curve S curve Time









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