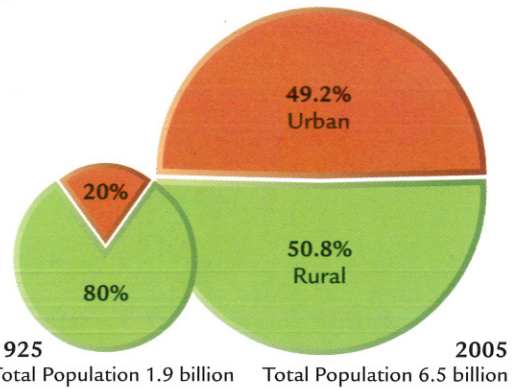


# GROWING POPULATION

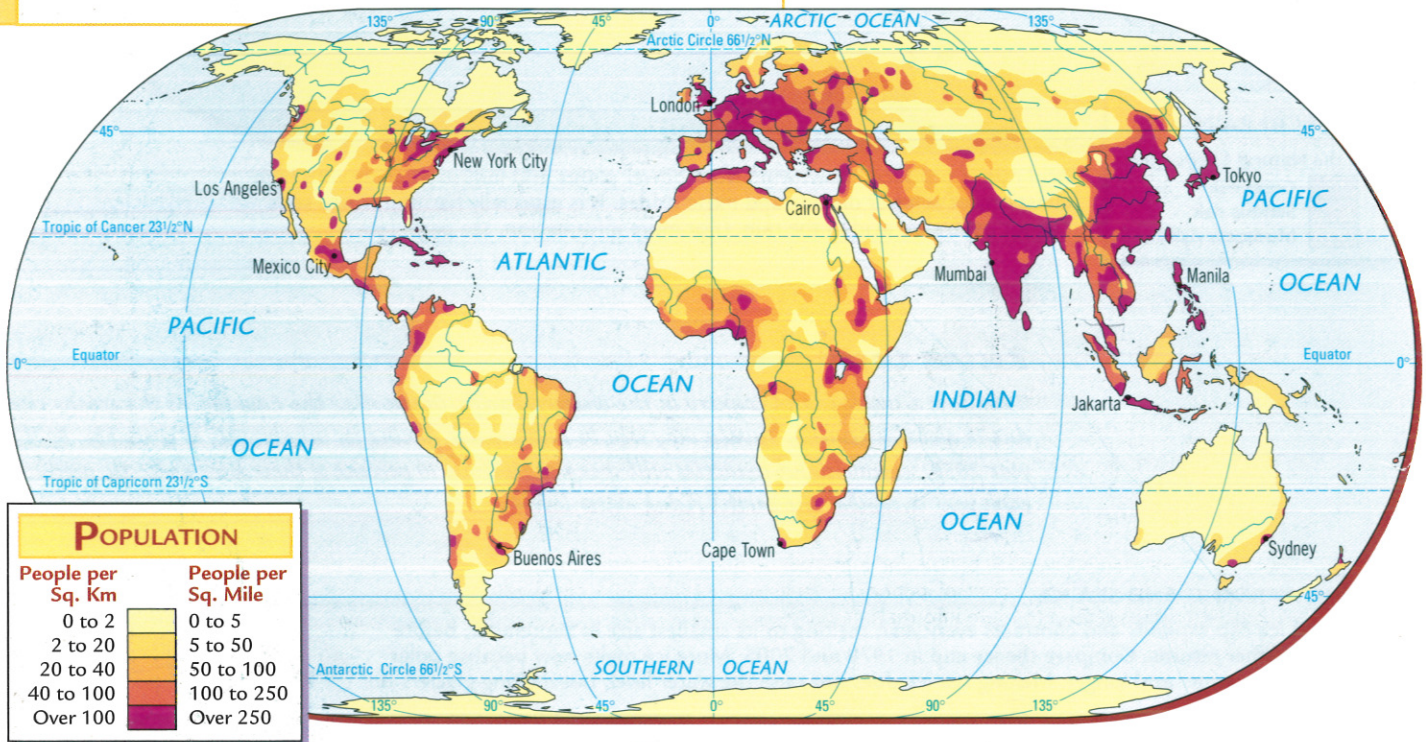
Earth is home to more than 6.5 billion people. Its population continues to grow by about 80 million people per year.

- ▶ **Population density** is the average number of people living in a square mile or square kilometer of a region. The world's population density is about 114 people per square mile (44 per square kilometer).
- ▶ **Overpopulation** occurs when a population has outgrown an area's resources, such as land and water. Large parts of India, China, and Nigeria are overpopulated.
- ▶ **Natural population growth** is calculated by subtracting the total deaths from the total births in an area. It does not include migration to or from the area. The world has a growth rate of 1.1 percent.

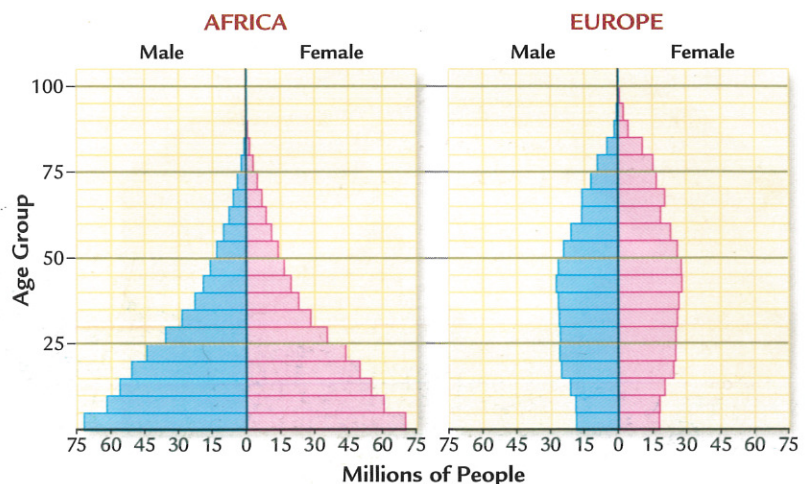


## URBANIZATION

The world's urban population has more than quadrupled in the past 50 years. As farming becomes more efficient, people move to cities in search of jobs. Nearly half of the world's population now lives in urban areas.



## POPULATION PYRAMIDS



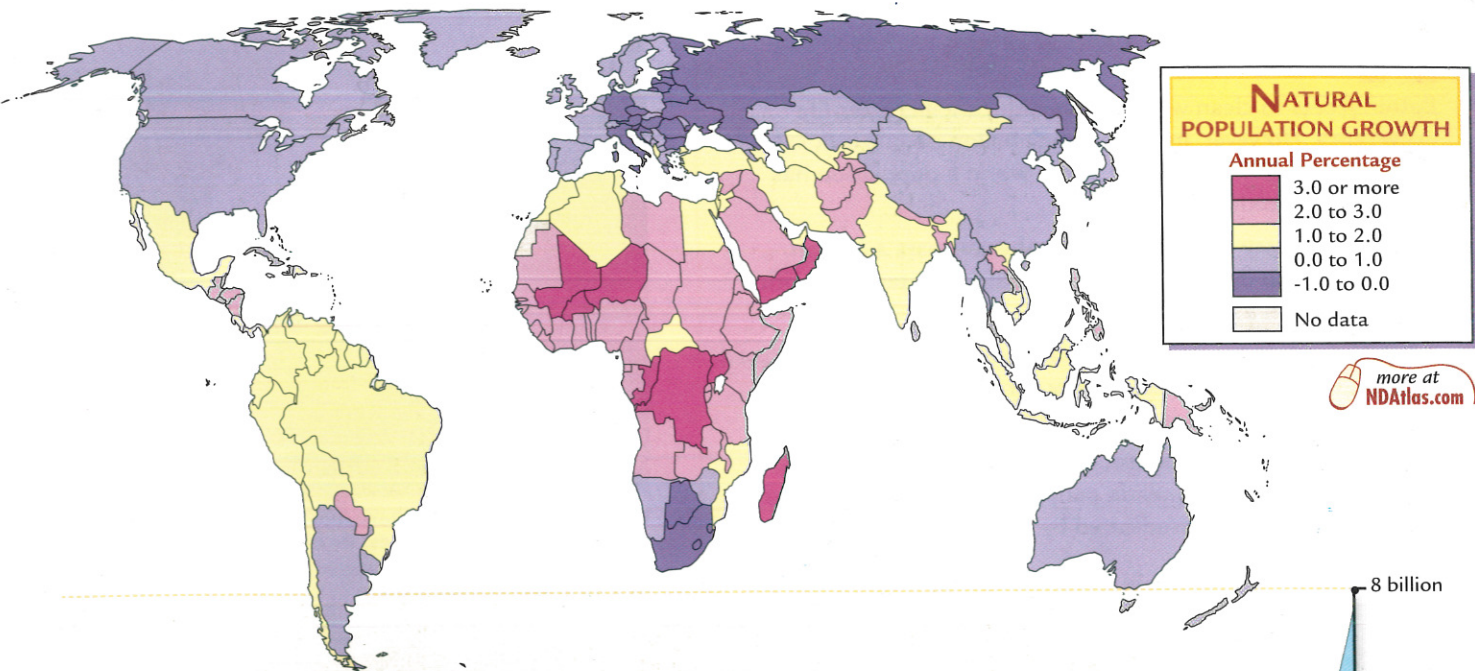
### Ups and Downs

There is an inverse relationship between prosperity and population. When people have access to quality health care and proper nutrition, they live longer. When women are educated, employed, and can expect that their children will survive childhood, they tend to have fewer children.

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Most of Africa's population is young. This is in stark contrast to the population of Europe, which has nearly four times as many people over the age of 64 as Africa.

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With a population of over one billion, India has the second largest population in the world. In an effort to control its population growth, India has successfully reduced its birth rate. (For more information, see page 170.)

