

World Population and Population Pyramids

Part 1

Procedure:

1. Go to the website: <http://www.census.gov/ipeds/data/>
2. Click on "World Population Information."
3. What is the estimate of the population of the world today? _____
4. Click on "Data Access" and select one developing nation.

My developing country is _____ and it is located _____

5. Click on "Population Pyramids" and sketch the three pyramids below:

2000 2025 2050

overview
Instructions

6. Go back to the demographic indicators by clicking on the "Demographic Indicators" tab and record the following information in the chart below.

COUNTRY:

What is the crude birth rate (births per thousand)?	
What is the crude death rate (deaths per thousand)?	
What is the life expectancy at birth?	
What is the infant mortality rate?	
What is the total fertility rate?	
What is the net number of migrants?	

Analysis:

1. What can you tell about your country's growth rate by looking at your pyramid (population pyramid)?
2. If the birth and death rates remain the same as they are today, what will your pyramid look like in 25 years?
3. What are some factors that could change the shape of your pyramid?
4. Determine the percentage of the population that has not yet reached childbearing age. What does this number suggest about the prospects for future growth?
5. If your country's population growth rate is not increasing, what are some socio-economic problems that might occur?
6. Does your country have a baby boom (a bulge somewhere in the middle of it)? What could account for this?
7. If you had a business and you wanted to capitalize on your information about the population age distribution, what would you sell and why?
8. Is your country increasing in size, decreasing in size, or close to ZPG (zero population growth)?

Look at a developing AND a developed country.