

Unit 4 – Changing Populations

Studying population is an important element human geography. In this unit we will look at a variety of topics and issues relating to the population of the world, Canada and our own community.

Demography: the study of human populations, in particular, how they change over a period of time.

World's Top 5 Most Populated Countries

1. China – 1.4 billion, almost 20% of the world's population
2. India
3. United States
4. Indonesia
5. Brazil
37. Canada

Population Statistics

World: 7,300,000,000 – approx. (United Nations – July 2015). On Oct. 12, 1999, the world's population reached 6 billion for the first time. We added 1 billion people in only 11 years!

Canada: 36,000,000 (Federal Government of Canada – March 2016)

Ontario: 13,750,000 (Government of Ontario - April 2015)

Ottawa: (with surrounding area): 1,30,000 (City of Ottawa - 2016)

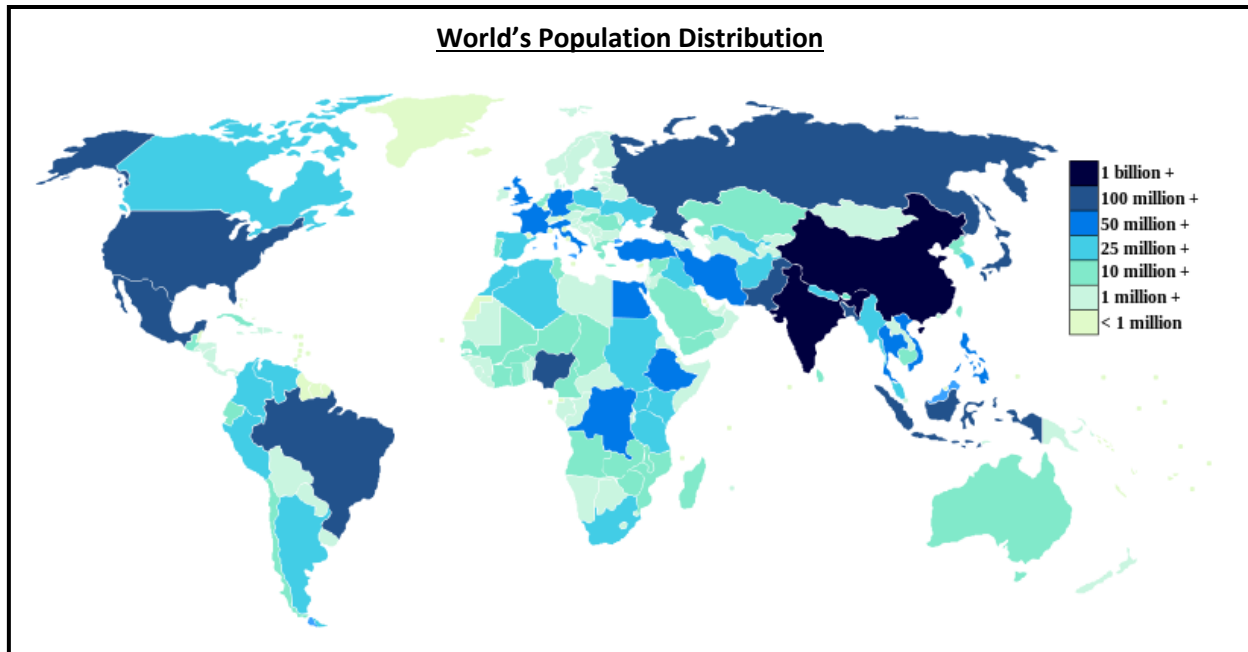
Orleans: 114,000 (City of Ottawa – 2016)

St. Pete's: 1,840 (Mrs. McDonald – 2011)

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World's Population Distribution



Population is more than Just Numbers

When studying population, we study important aspects of the population itself. Such as:

- How is the population changing? Is it increasing or decreasing?
- Why is the population changing?
- What is the age structure of the population? Is it mostly young people, old, or both?
- Where do the people live? Close together, or spread out?

As we answer these questions, we can determine how the answers will impact us and what it means for the future