

Mapping Our Human World: Understanding Population

Join Finn the Dolphin on a global journey—explore how our world is shared, connected, and growing!

- **Population** is the total number of people living in a specific area, such as a town, a country, or the entire planet.
- **Urban areas** are densely populated places like cities, where high-rise buildings and transport networks allow many people to live close together.
- **Rural areas** are sparsely populated landscapes like villages or farming regions, where there is more open space between homes.
- **Throughout history**, humans have tended to settle near essential resources, such as fresh water, fertile soil for growing food, and accessible trade routes.
- **Migration** is the movement of people from one place to another, which changes the population numbers in both the area they leave and the area where they arrive.

Did you know? Did you know? If every person on Earth stood shoulder-to-shoulder, we could all fit inside the city of Sheffield! However, because people need space for homes, farms, and nature, we spread out across the continents, creating unique patterns of living.

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