

Population Distribution

Introduction: People are dispersed all over the globe, however there are places deemed uninhabitable due to various factors. We will have a closer look at some of these factors which influence population distribution.

Population is distributed primarily in the Northern Hemisphere, Nigeria has the **fastest growing** population in the world. This is not to be mistaken with China which has the **largest population** in the world. Think about at least 2 factors which may contribute to these areas having these large populations.

Population distribution refers to the **spread of people**. It refers to the way people are spread over the earth's surface. You will notice based on the image below that the world's population is **unevenly distributed**. This is suggesting that the population is not evenly spread and as a result, certain regions of the earth are more populated than others. See for example, Africa; Western Central and Eastern Central are more populated than areas of Northern and Southern Africa.

Examine carefully the following

1. Where are the areas of greater population concentration?
2. What factors do you think would contribute to or influence those areas having actual population?

For instance Greenland is shaded blue, could it be as a result of existing climatic conditions?

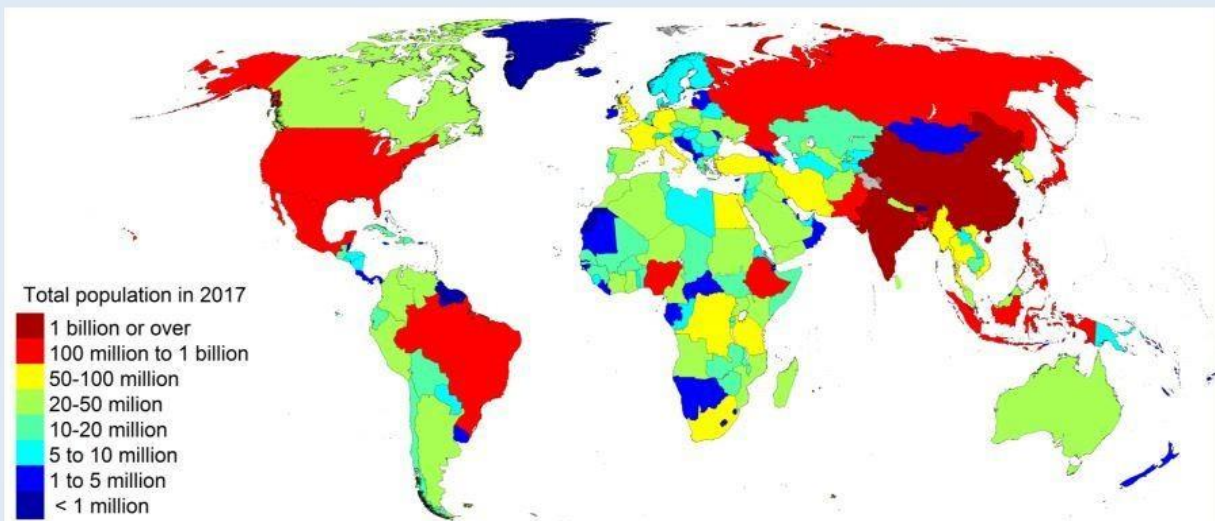
3. Areas of Asian continent are shaded dark red, could it be as a result of the presence of natural water bodies?

Go ahead and think about factors that may influence the population distribution in various parts of the world.

The article below contains information pertinent to the factors which influence population distribution. These include: Climate (temperature and

rainfall patterns), soil, land forms and altitude and the availability of resources both mined and energy resources. See this article [Factors Affecting Population Distribution](#). For more information relative to a specific country see [Case Study-Dominica](#)

Countries and areas of the world



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