

5 Demographics

Read below then then write more vocabulary for each picture.

The human group of animals includes chimpanzees, gorillas, **orangutans**, and humans. In the human branch, Homo sapiens (modern humans) are the only surviving **species**. Humans have been on earth for about 2.4 million years. Ancient humans first left Africa 1.5 million years ago. The entire world population at that time was around 25,000. Demographics is the study of human populations. The world population has been increasing at a fast rate because of **technology**. According to the United Nations, world population passed 8 billion in 2022. By the year 2050, world population will increase to approximately 11 billion people. Some **overpopulated** regions have problems like poverty and homelessness, while other regions with a high **population density** still maintain a high quality of life. While space and **resources** are limited, depopulation also creates challenges. Some reasons for concern about **underpopulation** are declining sperm counts, cultural trends that lead to a dramatic decrease in births, and an aging population. Like population increases, decreases are **exponential**.



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