

## Population Density and Distribution Worksheet

Define: Be able to clearly describe the difference between population density and population distribution.

population density –

population distribution –

What do most population maps in atlases show, density or distribution?

**Using the pie charts you created answer the following questions:**

1. What do the pie charts tell you about world population in the past, present, and future?
2. What kind of information is missing in the pie charts that would help you describe the patterns of population?
3. Is the information given in the density chart enough to describe patterns of population?  
Describe what more information is needed.
4. What type of graph, chart, or map would best help describe population patterns?

**Using the Population Density map <http://earthtrends.wri.org/text/POP/maps/192.htm> answer the following:**

5. Identify the areas with the following characteristics:  
highest population density  
  
lowest population density

areas with gradual change in density

areas with an abrupt change

6. Using the same population map and a physical map from an atlas describe the patterns of population in the world regions listed below. Be specific in your description using country names, and/or physical features.

Suggested phrases include:

along the \_\_\_\_\_ river

along the coast of \_\_\_\_\_ lake, ocean, sea, etc.

inland areas of \_\_\_\_\_

edge of \_\_\_\_\_ deserts

an elevation of \_\_\_\_\_ feet

at the \_\_\_\_\_ latitude

the climate of the area is hot

the climate of the area is cold

the area is dry

the area is wet

South Asia

East Asia

Europe

United States: look at northeast and southwest regions