

POPULATION DENSITY

Population refers to total number of people per square kilometer or mile. An area with few number of people is sparsely populated (has low population)

Why some areas are heavily or densely populated

1. Availability of industries: people try to live close to the work place to enable get to the office in time.
2. Presence of commercial center: People move to commercial centers as this so as to get jobs.
3. Presence of mineral resources in the area: Areas that have the presence of mineral resource are densely populated.
4. The existences of social amenities: Availability of social amenities make an area to be densely populated

5. Airport area and seaport: the availability of airport and seaport attract people to such area in search of employment

Why some area of West Africa is sparsely or thinly populated

1. Inter-tribal wars: These occur when one tribe is fighting against the other tribe.
2. Lack of industry: People move to area that has industries so they can get a job or started.
3. Lack of social amenities: people leave areas that do not have social amenities to areas that have social amenities.

4. Disease affected area: the outbreaks of diseases in an area do not attract settlers thereby making the area sparsely populated.
5. Lack of seaport and airport:

CAUSES OF RAPID POPULATION GROWTH

1. Medical improvement
2. Medical improvement
3. Migration
4. Illiteracy
5. Absence of inter-tribal war
6. Early marriage
7. Absences of male children
8. Culture and belief of the people
9. Absences of birth control, sex education, family planning and so on