**POPULATION DENSITY**

Population refers to total number of people per square kilometer or mile. An area with few number of people id 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