

# UNIT 5. POPULATION AND ITS DISTRIBUTION

The population is the total number of people who live in a town, a country, a continent or on the whole planet.

## 1. THE WORLD'S POPULATION

The **population** of the Earth is **around 7 billion** people, not evenly distributed.

## 2. VARIATION OF THE POPULATION

People usually live in places with favourable conditions: water abundance, mild climate, flat relief, better services, job opportunities.

[https://youtu.be/WBLogWLS\\_7E?t=35](https://youtu.be/WBLogWLS_7E?t=35)

The **population** of a territory varies according to: **births /deaths** and **emigration / immigration**.

Births and immigration → population increases

Deaths and emigration → population decreases

**Natural increase:** difference between number of births and deaths

**Migratory increase:** difference between immigration and emigration.

**Real Growth of Population:** Natural Increase + Migratory Increase.

<https://youtu.be/zIMdEuF3oWc>

## 3. POPULATION DISTRIBUTION

To know about the population of a territory we usually divide it up by **age** (young people, adults and the elderly) and **gender** (males and females) .

A **population pyramid** is the graphic representation of the age and gender of a territory's inhabitants.

## 4. POPULATION OF SPAIN

The population of Spain is around 47 million people (**46.934.632 people**).

Most of them live in coastal area, especially by the Mediterranean, and in big cities like Madrid. Interior regions and mountainous areas have a smaller population.