

Demography Handout

As you work your way through the demography interactive activity, answer the following questions to help you collect the relevant information.

1. What is demography?
2. What are the four things that determine the growth rate of the population?
Describe their effects on population size.
3. What is a life table? What are the two ways that mortality can be viewed as?
4. What are the three different types of survivorship curves? Describe the properties of each curve type and provide an example for each.

5. What is fecundity? What are the characteristics that influence fecundity? Describe each characteristic and how they influence fecundity.

6. How does a life table help us understand the demography of a population?