

If the World Were a Village of 100 People...

If we could reduce the world's *population* to a village of precisely 100 people, with all existing human ratios remaining the same, the *demographics* would look something like this:

The village would have:

61 Asians (20 from China, 17 from India),

14 Africans,

11 Europeans,

9 Latin Americans and

5 from the USA and Canada

None of the villagers would be from Australia or Oceania

50 would be male; **50** would be female

75 would be non-white; **25** white

Various world *religions* would be represented:

33 would be Christian

20 would be Muslim

13 would be Hindus

6 would be Buddhists

13 would be members of various smaller religions (like Judaism) or traditional, regional faiths

12 would be non-religious (don't practice religion or belong to a specific religion)

6 would be atheists (don't believe in a God or gods)

80 would live in *substandard housing*

18 would be unable to read or write (*illiterate*)

50 would be *malnourished* and **1** dying of *starvation*



14 will be obese

33 would be without access to a safe, clean water supply

48 would have *inadequate sanitation*

33 would have cellphones

16 people would have access to the Internet

24 would NOT have any electricity

27 villagers would be under 15 years of age

7 would be older than 64 (will you still love them when they're 64?)

18 cars will be owned by people throughout the village

1 villager will have a college education

26 villagers smoke

1 villager has HIV (this is the virus that causes AIDS)

5 villagers would control 32% of the entire village's wealth; 4 would be US citizens

48 would live on less than \$ 2 a day (in US currency)

20 would live on less than \$ 1 a day (in US currency)

2 would be near birth; 1 near death, so by the end of the year, the *population* of the village would climb to 101

Disclaimer: This presentation is for the purpose of fostering understanding of the different cultures of our world. When one considers our world from such a compressed perspective, the need for cooperation, tolerance and understanding becomes glaringly apparent. As to the accuracy of all statistics: With so many newly published reports resulting in constantly-changing and sometimes conflicting statistics, please view the above presentation for the general content and not meant to be totally precise.

Footnotes on the above statistics:

[The original version](#) of the STATE OF THE VILLAGE REPORT by Donella H. Meadows was published in 1990 as "Who lives in the Global Village?", and was based on a village of 1000. David Copeland, a surveyor and environmental activist, revised the report to reflect a village of 100, and distributed 50,000 copies of a Value Earth poster at the 1992 Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro.

Sources: Research for many of the facts for this update was done by Donella H. Meadows' think tank: the Sustainability Institute. (See www.odt.org/pop.htm for further details.)

The rest come from a variety of sources including David Smith's children's book: If the World Were a Village, the CIA World Factbook (age, birth, death, internet), 2001 World Development Indicators, World Bank (HIV), Adherents 2001 (religion) Bread for the World (malnourishment), United Nations Population Fund (food security) The Global Supply and Sanitation Assessment 2000 Report (improved water, improved sanitation).

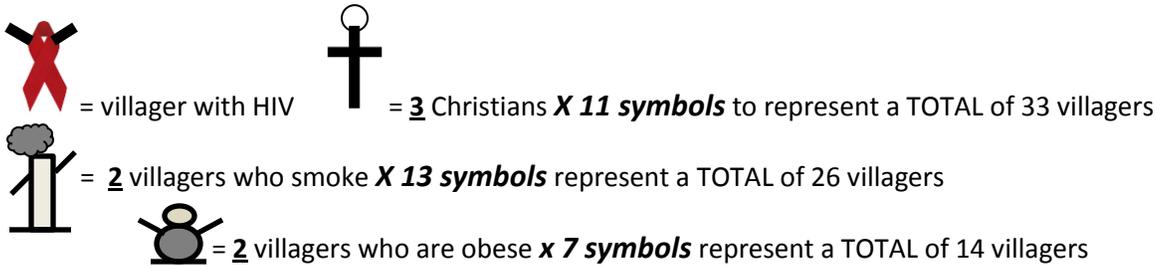


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DIRECTIONS for creating your thematic representation of the WORLD VILLAGE

Step One: Create an accurate KEY with appropriate SYMBOLS representing each of the different **BOLD** demographic statistics. There will be a total of **37** different statistics represented in your key. Be creative!

“WORLD VILLAGE” KEY examples:



- Think about how you can represent the ideas and information for each of these demographics in a meaningful manner – an image that makes some sense.
- Don't forget to do the math! You won't have space for drawing “**50** malnourished people” in your village, so divide that number, say by 10, so that each image represents five people. Now you'll make that note in your key (IMAGE = 5 people) and remember to draw 10 total images in your village (**x 10 symbols**) to represent the 50 people (5 x 10) who would be malnourished in your village.
- If there is one person in real life, your symbol represents one person.
- DON'T make your symbol equal to 50 people! Choose denominators that are easy to work with yet will give your village a feel for “how many” there really are of something.
- Draw your key on the blank sheet of paper Mr. Kyle gave you. Make sure you have ALL of the demographics represented. Make sure you do all of the math next to each image.

Step Two: Define the following ten (10) terms on the back of your key. Write the word and the correct definition from your class notes or daily “term of the day” definitions. If you didn't write it down when we went over the definition in class, look it up now. Use your text, dictionary or the internet to find out what it means.

World Village Terms to Know:

demographics	population	religion	substandard housing	malnutrition
starvation	inadequate sanitation	literacy	illiteracy	per capita

Step Three: Draw your village on the legal sized sheet of paper Mr. Kyle gave you. Start with buildings that represent homes, but remember your space and the need to **remain accurate to your demographics!**

- For example, 80% of your population lives in SUBSTANDARD HOUSING. Make sure your assortment of houses accurately represents the reality of your village.
- Also, not everyone has electricity. You should draw electrical poles to some parts of your village, but not to all of the homes.
- Not everyone has access to clean water and sanitation. Show this in your streets.
- There are symbols representing the number of cars in your village. Place them accordingly.
- There is a school, since some of your population is *literate*, but not everyone has access to it.
- You also want to have various places of worship (a church, mosque, temples, etc.) for the religious members of the village.
- Where do you think the food to feed your villagers comes from...?

Step Four: Add your symbols to your village representing the approximately 100 people who live in your World Village. These are the symbols from your key that represent the ratios of human demographic ratios from the entire world. Remember, you have more than one symbol for most of your demographics. If you need to draw 7 “obese villagers” to represent a total of 14, draw all 7 symbols!

Your village is probably getting pretty crowded – just like the real world!

Step Five: Give your World Village a name that appropriately reflects what you have created. Add color to bring it to life and make it beautiful. Remember, it’s the only village you have...

Step Six: Hopefully, you are proud of what you created – Your Global Village – but think for a moment: How could life in your village be better? Use the drawing below to get some ideas.

Write your ideas for a better world / village below.

