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Demography

Overview of Demography in English:

Demography is the scientific study of populations, including their size, structure, distribution, and the changes that occur within them over time. It is an essential field in sociology, as it helps to understand how populations grow, shrink, and evolve based on various factors like birth rates, death rates, migration, and aging. Demographers analyze

statistical data to observe patterns and trends in population dynamics, which can be used to predict future demographic shifts and inform policies in areas like healthcare, education, labor, and urban planning.

Key Terms in Demography:

- **1. Population Size:** The total number of people living in a specific area.
- **2. Birth Rate:** The number of babies born per 1,000 people in a year.
- **3. Death Rate:** The number of people who die per 1,000 people in a year.
- **4. Life Expectancy:** The average number of years a person is expected to live.
- **5. Migration:** The movement of people from one place to another, either within a country or to another country.
- **6. Age Structure:** The distribution of people in different age groups (children, young adults, elderly).
- **7. Population Density:** The number of people living per square kilometer or square mile.
- **8. Population Growth:** The increase or decrease in the number of people over time.

9. Urbanization: The process of more people moving to cities instead of living in rural areas.