# CGC 1P1

Geography of Canada

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**Population Distribution and Density  
Where do Canadians live and why?**

In terms of land area, Canada is the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ largest country in the world. However, our population is quite \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in 2012.

**Population Distribution: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

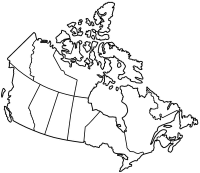
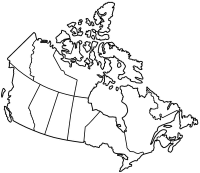
**There are \_\_\_\_\_\_ main types of population distribution patterns:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**Types of Distribution Patterns:**

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**Example:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Example:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Example:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
  
Population Distribution in Canada**a) Based on your knowledge of Canada’s natural and human systems, shade the areas on the first map where you believe most Canadians live.

b) Now use the information from your teacher to shade the second map according to the real patterns. How do your maps compare?

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c) What patterns do you notice on the second map?

d) What are the five (5) main factors that explain Canada’s population distribution?

**1.**

**2.**

**3.**

**4.**

**5.**

**Draw 2-3 lines off of each bubble and write short notes to explain how each of the factors might affect population distribution in Canada.**

**Natural Resources**

**Landforms**

**History**

**Soils**

**Factors that Affect Population Distribution**

**Transportation**

**Economic**

**Activities**

**POPULATION DENSITY:   
MAKING PREDICTIONS**

***Population Density*** is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
  
1. A locale example of an area with a high population density would be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and an area with a low population density would be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.   
**Sketch it!**

**HIGH LOW**

2. Check out the National Geographic [population density map](http://education.nationalgeographic.com/education/mapping/interactive-map/) of the world. Does Canada have a high or low population density compared to other countries?

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3. Identify three countries that have high population densities.

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**Population Density Formula  
 Example:**

4. What is Canada’s population density?

* Canada has a population density of \_\_\_\_ ppl/km2.
* More than \_\_\_\_\_ of all Canadians live within 600Km of the US border. The remaining \_\_\_\_\_ are scattered throughout the rest of the country.

**POPULATION DENSITY BY CANADIAN PROVINCE AND TERRITORY**

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| **Province or Territory** | **Population** | **Area (square km)** | **Population Density (ppl/square km)** |
| **Newfoundland and Labrador** | **510 600** | **373 872** |  |
| **Prince Edward Island** | **145 900** | **5 660** |  |
| **Nova Scotia** | **945 400** | **53 338** |  |
| **New Brunswick** | **755 500** | **71 450** |  |
| **Quebec** | **7 979 700** | **1 365 128** |  |
| **Ontario** | **13 373 000** | **917 741** |  |
| **Manitoba** | **1 250 600** | **553 556** |  |
| **Saskatchewan** | **1 057 900** | **591 670** |  |
| **Alberta** | **3 779 400** | **642 317** |  |
| **British Columbia** | **4 573 300** | **925 186** |  |
| **Yukon** | **34 700** | **474 391** |  |
| **Northwest Territories** | **43 700** | **1 183 085** |  |
| **Nunavut** | **33 300** | **1 936 113** |  |
| **Canada** | **34 482 800** | **9 984 670** |  |

**Follow-Up:**

1. Which province/territory has:
2. The highest population density?
3. Why does this province/territory have the highest density?
4. The lowest population density?