

# Biodiversity, Species Interactions, and Population Control

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## 1. Populations change in response to environmental conditions

- Size — Number of individuals
- Density – Number of individuals in a certain space
- Age Distribution Structure — Percentage of individuals in each age group
- Other Types of Distributions — Spatial pattern (*i.e. clumping*), uniform dispersion, random dispersion

## 2. Limits of Population Growth

- Birth
- Death
- Emigration/Immigration

## 3. Population Growth ( $n$ )

- $n = (\text{birth} + \text{immigration}) - (\text{death} + \text{emigration})$
- Dependent on resource availability