

Stage 1 Preindustrial

Population grows very slowly because of a high birth rate (to compensate for high infant mortality) and a high death rate

Stage 2 Transitional

Population grows rapidly because birth rates are high and death rates drop because of improved food production and health

Stage 3 Industrial

Population growth slows as both birth and death rates drop because of improved food production, health, and education

Stage 4 Postindustrial

Population growth levels off and then declines as birth rates equal and then fall below death rates

