

Glossary:Natural population change

Statistics Explained

Natural population change is the difference between the number of [live births](#) and [deaths](#) during a given time period (usually one year). It can be either positive or negative.

Natural population increase is a positive natural change, when the number of live births is larger than the number of deaths during the time period considered. **Natural population decrease** is the opposite, a negative natural change, when number of deaths exceeds the number of births.

Related concepts

- [Life expectancy](#)
- [Population change](#)
- [Population density](#)

Statistical data

- [Population statistics at regional level](#)