

Outcome 10.2: explain the theory of demographic transition.

Read “What Is Demographic Transition?” on pp. 74-81 and respond to the items below.

1. **Knowledge:** Define the following terms found in this section.

Term	Definition
Demographic transition	
Total fertility rate	
Pre-transition (High Stationary)	
Early transition (Early Expanding)	
Late transition (Late Expanding)	
Post-transition (Low Stationary)	

2. **Organize:** Complete the table to summarize key changes during the stages of demographic transition and the factors that contribute to each.

Stage of Demographic Transition	Dominant Economic Activity	Is Population Primarily Urban or Rural?	Describe Natural Change	Factors Influencing Birth and Death Rates
Pre-transition (High Stationary)				
Early transition (Early Expanding)				
Late transition (Late Expanding)				
Post-transition (Low Stationary)				

3. **Comparison:** Compare the examples of Sweden and Mexico used throughout this section. How are they similar and different?

4. **Perspective:** Which stages of demographic transition are experienced primarily by MEDCs today? What challenges does this pose for these countries?

5. **Perspective:** Which stages of demographic transition are experienced primarily by LEDCs today? What challenges does this pose for these countries?