

Resource 2
Urban or Rural?

Use the information in *Resource 1: Settlement Data* to complete the table and answer the following questions.

Census Classification				
Census Band	Description	Population	Number of Settlements	Urban or Rural
A	Belfast	280,211	1	Urban
B	Derry City	83,125	1	Urban
C	Large Town	18,000+	14	Urban
D	Medium Town	10,000 - 17,999	10	Urban
E	Small Town	5,000 - 9,999	17	Urban
F	Intermediate Settlement	2,500 - 4,999	24	Rural
G	Villages	1,000 - 2,499	69	Rural

Look at the red line that separates urban settlements from rural ones.

Use it to write a definition of the difference between rural and urban in the census.

urban settlements have a population of 5,000 or more (accept similar)

Find where you live or the nearest settlement to it on the spreadsheet.

- I live in Belfast City
- This is an urban settlement (rural or urban).
- In 2011, the population was 280,211
- The population in 2011 was more than it was in 2001 (more/less).
- The population where I live is increasing (increasing/decreasing).
- The smallest settlement on the spreadsheet is Drumara with a population in 2011 of 1,000
- Do you predict that any of the rural settlements might be classified as urban in the 2021 census?
yes
- Name this settlement and say why you think this. Moira - it had a population of 4,384 in 2011 and it had risen by 24.9% from 2001 (or similar)

for most children!