

Summary: Kinds of Communities

The Places People Live

Communities are different sizes. A big city has a big population. People live close together. Big cities have many stores, schools, and banks. They have many jobs for people. Small communities have fewer people and fewer stores.

Another kind of community is an urban area. Atlanta is an urban area, or city, in Georgia. More than 400,000 people live and work there. Atlanta has many shops and businesses. It has thousands of jobs. Many people live there to be near these jobs. Some people live in big cities like Atlanta because there are concerts, zoos, and other fun things to see and do.

Suburban and Rural Communities

Some people want to live near a big city, but not in one. They live in the suburbs. Suburbs have stores, schools, and banks like urban areas. Suburbs are not as crowded as cities. They often have parks or lakes.

Rural communities are small. They may have farms. There is a lot of land in rural communities. A rural area does not have many stores, schools, or banks. There are fewer people. People in rural areas may travel to other places to buy things. Some people work in rural communities. Many people in rural areas have jobs in bigger communities.



Before You Read

Find and underline each vocabulary word.

population *noun*, the number of people who live in an area

urban area *noun*, city land and spaces

suburb *noun*, a community next to or close to a city

rural area *noun*, land that is far from a city



After You Read

REVIEW Why does Atlanta have a large population? Draw a box around the paragraph that tells about Atlanta.

REVIEW In what ways are suburban and rural areas alike and different? Circle two sentences that tell one way suburban and rural areas are alike. Highlight two sentences that tell how suburban and rural areas are different.