

**AIM: Developed v. Developing Countries: a Comprehensive Comparison**

The United Nations groups nations as developing or developed based on their economic development. We also spoke about the fact that there are some countries that are transitioning from developing to developed; these countries are sometimes referred to as newly industrialized.

For developed and developing countries, decide if the characteristic is higher or lower. For the newly industrialized, indicate if the characteristic trend is increasing or decreasing. As a developing country is becoming more developed it is said to be undergoing a **demographic transition**.

Characteristic	Developed	Newly Industrialized / Emerging	Developing
Country Examples	U.S., Canada, Western European countries, Japan, Australia	China, India, Mexico, Brazil, Russia	Most Countries in Africa, Central and South American Countries, Middle Eastern Countries
Industry	high level	increasing	low level
Birth rate	low	decreasing	high
Population Growth rate	slow	decreasing	high
Population Doubling time	long period	increasing	short period
Infant mortality	low rate	decreasing	high rate
Life expectancy	longer	increasing	shorter
Total fertility rate	lower	decreasing	higher
Gross National Product	higher	increasing	lower
Standard of Living	higher	increasing	lower
Quality of Life	higher	increasing	lower
% of Women in School	greater	increasing	less
Use of Contraception	higher (better family planning)	increasing	lower
Age at Marriage	higher	increasing	lower