

Difference between Urban and Rural is explained here in detail. Rural area or countryside is a geographic area that is located outside towns and cities. Cities, towns and suburbs are classified as Urban areas. Typically, Urban areas have high population density and rural areas have low population density. This article is important from the perspective of getting a clear distinction between Urban and Rural areas.

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The major differences between Urban and Rural are:

Urban	Rural
Urban areas usually refer to cities, suburbs and towns.	Rural areas usually refers to villages
Urban areas have more development in terms of access to infrastructure and connectivity like airports, ports, railways,	Rural areas usually don't have much development in terms of infrastructure.

housing, roads etc.	
Land in urban areas is used for development activities. There is usually not much land available which has not been used for developmental activities	Rural areas usually have a lot of vacant lands without much development.
Urban areas are densely populated	Rural areas are sparsely populated
As of 2018, approximately 34% of India's population lives in Urban areas	More than 65% of India's population lives in rural areas as per 2018 figures. From 2008 to 2018 there has been a steady decline in the percentage of population living in rural areas of India, due to migration.
Although the total population living in Urban areas is much less compared to Rural areas, the population density is very high in urban areas	The population density is less in rural areas compared to urban areas.
Urban areas has a scarcity of land	Rural areas do not have land scarcity.
There is very high pollution in urban areas due to high population density, vehicles and industries.	There is not much pollution in rural areas compared to urban areas, due to lesser vehicles, lower population density and lesser industries
There is not much greenery in urban areas of India, since most of the land is occupied by buildings and roads	There is more greenery in rural areas of India
Jobs are concentrated in services industry, manufacturing industry, trade and commerce	Jobs are concentrated in agricultural activities.
In urban areas, the problem of social barriers is minimal, there are equal opportunities for jobs, education etc.	In rural areas of India, there is always a lot of difference in social status in rural areas due to gender, religion, caste, culture etc.

These are the main differences between Urban and Rural. The differences given in the above table can help the UPSC Civil Service Exam aspirants to make easier distinctions on topics related to Urban Vs Rural.

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