

Chapter 5 – Population Density and Life in the Northeast

Population Density – a measure of how many people live in a given amount of area

SEE “POPULATION MAP OF THE NORTHEAST”
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Megalopolis – means “great city”

Boswash – a string of densely populated towns and cities from Boston to Washington D.C.

- a line of towns and cities from Boston to Washington D.C that have a lot of people

Pollution – anything that makes our air, water, or soil dirty or unsafe to use.

- caused by things people do
 - toss trash on the ground
 - driving cars
 - factory smoke
 - dumping waste into rivers

Boswash – night satellite view



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Urban

More than 500 people per square mile

- Live in apartment buildings
- Many different kinds of jobs



- Communication centers
 - * TV stations
 - * Newspapers



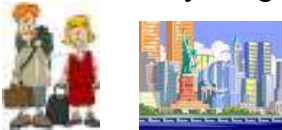
- Center for arts
 - * actors
 - * musicians



- Large hospitals



- Tourism – people visit because there are many things to do



- Streets crowded – lots of traffic
 - * Taxis, public buses, and cars make traffic move slowly
 - * Usually pay for parking



Rural

Less than 50 people per square mile

- Live in houses



- Farms



- Few businesses

- Outdoor activities

- * hike
- * fish
- * skiing



- Roads are less busy – not much traffic

- * No taxis, or public buses to slow traffic down
- * Easier to drive

