

Factors affecting BR and DR

For each factor, decide if it affects the BR &/or DR and explain your thinking

	Affects BR	Affects DR	Explanation
Access to affordable medical care = low		✓ ↑	DR higher because People can't afford to seek medical help, life expectancy likely to be lower; disease spreads more quickly
Control of disease - good	✓ ↓	✓ ↓	In LIDCs, babies more likely to survive, so fewer children are born. Vaccinations can mean disease is controlled/cured so doesn't spread as widely
Contraception	✓ ↓		Contraception stops women getting pregnant, so the number of births would reduce
Access to health education good		✓ ↓	People able to access doctors/nurses/hospitals so can get medical help/attention before disease/infection gets too serious. Better survival rates
Improved living standards		✓ ↓	People live in cleaner, less polluted environments. Better sanitation facilities eg sewage removal so more hygienic. Less chance for disease to spread.
Clean water supply		✓ ↓	Less chance of water borne diseases spreading and killing people
War and conflict	✓ ↓	✓ ↑	Men away at war, so fewer births. Soldiers killed in battle so more deaths
Frequency of natural hazards	✓ ↓	✓ ↑	If frequent, people might not want to bring a child into the World in a dangerous place. Earthquakes, volcanic eruptions and tropical storms can kill
Diet – malnutrition	✓ ↑	✓ ↑	Poor diet or lack of food makes survival harder and DR increases; In LIDCS more children are born to compensate for those who have died.
Access to radio & media	✓ ↓	✓ ↓	In LIDCs people get to find out about (then use) contraception – BR drops. Information about healthy lifestyles eg 5 a day so DR drops
Religious views	✓ ↑		Some religions do not allow the use of contraception so BR might increase. Others discourage blood transfusions – might affect DR
Status gain from having children	✓ ↑		In LIDCs a large family is a sign of male virility and some communities give men greater 'status'/respect as a result
Literacy levels low	✓ ↑	✓ ↑	In LIDCs medicines and contraception might be provided but if there are difficulties reading the dosage information the medicines might not 'do their job'
Infant mortality rate high		✓ ↑	If infants do not survive then this increases the death rate