

It's Algebra!

Comparing Numbers

Which country, Eritrea or Moldova, has a greater population?

We want to know which of the two countries has a greater population.

We know the population of Eritrea is about _____.

We know the population of Moldova is about _____.

To find the greater population, we compare both populations.

Start with the digits on the left. Compare.

Look at the next place. Compare the digits.

Eritrea	4,136,000	4,136,000
Moldova	4,431,000	4,431,000
	4 = 4	4 > 1

We say 4,431,000 is greater than 4,136,000.

We write _____ > _____.

The population of _____ is greater than the population of _____.

Getting Started

Compare. Write < or > in the circle.

1. 583 ○ 581	2. 7,919 ○ 8,215	3. 15,275 ○ 15,725
4. 47,362 ○ 6,395	5. 295,363 ○ 288,481	6. 3,528,219 ○ 3,547,129

Write the numbers in order from least to greatest.

7. 3,715; 4,210; 1,650	8. 675,283; 597,126; 604,322
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_____, _____, _____, _____, _____

Write the names of the countries in the above chart in order from the lowest population to the greatest population.

9. _____, _____, _____, _____

Estimated Populations of Countries		
Country	Population	Year
Costa Rica	3,940,000	2001
Croatia	4,780,000	1991
Eritrea	4,136,000	2000
Moldova	4,431,000	2000