

## 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

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Moldova 4,431,000

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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

\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

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 |