

10 Major Differences between Rural and Urban Societies

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The main difference between the two societies as under:

Rural society was one which has not industrialized, whereas present day urban society is highly urbanized and industrialized.

Sl No.	Rural Society (Pre-industrial Society)	Urban Society (Industrial Society)
1.	Life in the society was very simple and reflected in the way of living, dressing, food habits, shelter and manners etc.	Life in the city is not simple but very complex and complicated.
2.	The people in the society had homogeneity and thus enjoyed more or less the same social status.	The people in the city belong to different castes, creeds, religions and cultures, thus do not enjoy the same social status.
3.	In the rural society there was very little scope for occupational mobility.	In cities there are many occupations, so occupational mobility is as well as frequent.
4.	Here the family played a very significant and predominant	In the cities hold of families is not strong, and many functions which

	role. Its hold was very strong.	the families used to perform have been taken away by other institutions and associations.
5.	In villages there is no fast change and as such no necessity for social adaptability.	In the cities there must be fast mobility and adaptability to suit ever changing fast life.
6.	In the rural society culture was very deep-rooted. Everyone loved culture and cultural heritage above everything else.	In the cities it is different to find pure culture.
7.	In a rural society there is no division of labour.	In an urban community there is always division of labour and specialisation in job allotment.
8.	Rural society did not give due and proper respect to the womenfolk.	In urban communities women enjoys comparatively high social status.
9.	In this society people loved nature and natural bounties. They were religious minded and afraid of gods and goddesses.	In cities, people have no time to stand and gaze at the nature. They are not religious minded but more materialistic.
10.	There were very few chances of providing employment and incentives	The cities provide both incentive and employment to the people and

	to the unemployed by the society.	thus frustrated villages find solace in the cities which respects ability and judges their worth.
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