## Apportionment

Reference Activity Item: Congressional Apportionment to answer the questions below.

1. How many representatives are apportioned for your state, based on 2010 data?

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2. Choose three other states. Record how many representatives each state was allotted in 2010.

| State 1: California | Number of representatives: 53 |
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| State 2: Florida | Number of representatives: 27 |
| State 3: Iowa | Number of representatives: 4 |

3. Look at the four states you selected and record the number of representatives allotted to each state in the years indicated on the table. Calculate the rate of change from 1950 to 2010.

| State | 1950 | 1970 |  |  | 1990 |  |
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[^0]4. Which state gained the most representatives between 1950 and 2010 , based on the rates of change you calculated?

Florida
5. Do you think the number of representatives in your state will increase, decrease, or stay the same after the 2020 Census? Do you think the rate of change in your state will be positive, zero, or negative? Why?

I think the number of representatives in my state will stay the same because right now of Covid-19 because no one is allowed to leave.
6. Why is it important that the U.S. Census Bureau get an accurate count in the 2020 Census?

It is important that the U.S. Census Bureau gets an accurate count in the 2020 Census because the government needs to know how many people are in the country and how many representatives each state will get.
7. Based on the "How Does Your State Stack Up" graphic, what trends in population do you notice within your state and across the country? Why do you think these shifts have happened?

I noticed that the big states such as Florida and California have gained a lot of people. Their population has increased a lot. Iowa and New Jersey has lost some of their people so their population has decreased.

## Home Extension

Take your student worksheet home and share it with an adult in your home. Ask them whether they think the number of representatives for your state has increased, decreased, or stayed the same since 1950. Verify their answer with the data you collected in class and share what you learned about the importance of the decennial census.

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| State | Apportionment Population | 2010 | 2000 | 1990 | 1980 | 1970 | 1960 | 1950 |
| Alabama | 4,802,982 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| Alaska | 721,523 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Arizona | 6,412,700 | 9 | 8 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 |
| Arkansas | 2,926,229 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 6 |
| California | 37,341,989 | 53 | 53 | 52 | 45 | 43 | 38 | 30 |
| Colorado | 5,044,930 | 7 | 7 | 6 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 4 |
| Connecticut | 3,581,628 | 5 | 5 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 |
| Delaware | 900,877 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Florida | 18,900,773 | 27 | 25 | 23 | 19 | 15 | 12 | 8 |
| Georgia | 9,727,566 | 14 | 13 | 11 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 |
| Hawaii | 1,366,862 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| Idaho | 1,573,499 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Illinois | 12,864,380 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 22 | 24 | 24 | 25 |
| Indiana | 6,501,582 | 9 | 9 | 10 | 10 | 11 | 11 | 11 |
| lowa | 3,053,787 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 6 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| Kansas | 2,863,813 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 6 |
| Kentucky | 4,350,606 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 8 |
| Louisiana | 4,553,962 | 6 | 7 | 7 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 |
| Maine | 1,333,074 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 3 |
| Maryland | 5,789,929 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 7 |
| Massachusetts | 6,559,644 | 9 | 10 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 12 | 14 |
| Michigan | 9,911,626 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 18 | 19 | 19 | 18 |
| Minnesota | 5,314,879 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 9 |
| Mississippi | 2,978,240 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 6 |
| Missouri | 6,011,478 | 8 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 10 | 10 | 11 |
| Montana | 994,416 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Nebraska | 1,831,825 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 4 |
| Nevada | 2,709,432 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| New Hampshire | 1,321,445 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| New Jersey | 8,807,501 | 12 | 13 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 15 | 14 |
| New Mexico | 2,067,273 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| New York | 19,421,055 | 27 | 29 | 31 | 34 | 39 | 41 | 43 |
| North Carolina | 9,565,781 | 13 | 13 | 12 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 12 |

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| State | Apportionment Population | 2010 | 2000 | 1990 | 1980 | 1970 | 1960 | 1950 |
| North Dakota | 675,905 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| Ohio | 11,568,495 | 16 | 18 | 19 | 21 | 23 | 24 | 23 |
| Oklahoma | 3,764,882 | 5 | 5 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 |
| Oregon | 3,848,606 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| Pennsylvania | 12,734,905 | 18 | 19 | 21 | 23 | 25 | 27 | 30 |
| Rhode Island | 1,055,247 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| South Carolina | 4,645,975 | 7 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 |
| South Dakota | 819,761 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Tennessee | 6,375,431 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 8 | 9 | 9 |
| Texas | 25,268,418 | 36 | 32 | 30 | 27 | 24 | 23 | 22 |
| Utah | 2,770,765 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Vermont | 630,337 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Virginia | 8,037,736 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 |
| Washington | 6,753,369 | 10 | 9 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 7 | 7 |
| West Virginia | 1,859,815 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| Wisconsin | 5,698,230 | 8 | 8 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 10 | 10 |
| Wyoming | 568,300 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |

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Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 Census and Census 2000 at <www.census.gov/population/apportionment/data>.


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