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U.S. Virgin Islands: Inhabitants Then and Now

Compare the data in **Activity Item: U.S. Virgin Islands Census Data, 1980-2010**, for your category in all four charts: 2010, 2000, 1990, and 1980.

Discuss Questions #1 through #4 as a group, and then record your answers on your own worksheet. Be prepared to share what you discussed with the class.

1. How did the numbers in your category change over the years (1980-2010)?

2. In what years did the most dramatic changes in data occur?

3. What could have led to these changes?

4. How does the data reflect the changes in diversity on the island?



5. Choose five questions from the list below and answer them on a separate piece of paper.
- What events could have led to the increase in the total population in the U.S. Virgin Islands from 1980 to 2000?
 - What events in the islands could have prompted the decrease in population from 2000 to 2010?
 - During what years did the highest growth occur for the Black or African American and White populations under the race and Hispanic origin section of the table? What economic or social change during that period might be the cause?
 - What race groups do you think the “Other races” category includes? Why does the census not list these race groups individually?
 - Did the number of people who are enrolled in school decrease or increase throughout the years? What might have caused this change?
 - Look at data on high school graduates, as well as median household and family incomes, from 1980 to 2010. How does the number of people who graduated from high school affect the socioeconomic status of households and families?
 - Analyze the data for the number of people in the labor force and determine if there was an increase or decrease over the years. What could have led to this change? What could be an effect of this change on the island’s economy?
 - What could have led to the increase in the number of people who speak a language other than English at home?
 - How does the percentage of people in poverty affect the overall economy of the islands?

Home Extension

Take your worksheet home and share it with an adult in your home. Tell them what you learned today about the changes in demographics in the U.S. Virgin Islands when comparing data from 1980 through 2010. Then explain the importance of the decennial census and ensuring that everyone in your community is counted.



Activity Item: U.S. Virgin Islands Census Data, 1980-2010

2010 Census Demographic Profile Data

Population	
Total population	106,405
Male population	50,867
Female population	55,538
Race and Hispanic Origin	
Race	
One race	104,202
Black or African American	80,908
White	16,646
Other races	6,648
Two or More Races	2,203
Hispanic Origin	
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	18,504
Not Hispanic or Latino	87,901
Social Characteristics	
Population age 3 and over enrolled in school	27,015
High school graduate or more	48,791
Native	70,838
Foreign born	35,567
English only spoken at home	70,864
Language other than English	28,041
Economic Characteristics	
In labor force	54,541
Not in labor force	28,093
Median household income (in 2009 dollars)	37,254
Median family income (in 2009 dollars)	45,058
Individuals below poverty level	22.5%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 Census, U.S. Virgin Islands



Activity Item: U.S. Virgin Islands Census Data, 1980-2010 (Cont.)

2000 Census Demographic Profile Data

Population	
Total population	108,612
Male population	51,864
Female population	56,748
Race and Hispanic Origin	
Race	
One race	104,820
Black or African American	82,750
White	14,218
Other races	7,852
Two or More Races	3,792
Hispanic Origin	
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	15,196
Not Hispanic or Latino	93,416
Social Characteristics	
Population age 3 and over enrolled in school	32,119
High school graduate or more	39,727
Native	72,525
Foreign born	36,087
English only spoken at home	74,740
Language other than English	25,319
Economic Characteristics	
In labor force	51,042
Not in labor force	27,223
Median household income (in 2009 dollars)	31,834
Median family income (in 2009 dollars)	36,794
Individuals below poverty level	32.5%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census, U.S. Virgin Islands

<https://www.census.gov/census2000/pdf/usvifullprofile.pdf>



Activity Item: U.S. Virgin Islands Census Data, 1980-2010 (Cont.)

1990 Census Demographic Profile Data

Population	
Total population	101,809
Male population	49,210
Female population	52,599
Race and Hispanic Origin	
Race	
Black or African American	78,003
White	13,775
Other races	10,031
Hispanic Origin	
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	14,579
Not Hispanic or Latino	87,230
Social Characteristics	
Population age 3 and over enrolled in school	32,658
High school graduate or more	31,453
Native	69,984
Foreign born	31,825
English only spoken at home	70,442
Language other than English	22,137
Economic Characteristics	
In labor force	47,553
Not in labor force	22,770
Median household income (in 2009 dollars)	36,851
Median family income (in 2009 dollars)	40,170
Individuals below poverty level	27.1%

Source: *U.S. Census Bureau, 1990 Census, U.S. Virgin Islands*

<https://www2.census.gov/library/publications/decennial/1990/cp-2/cp-2-55.pdf>



Activity Item: U.S. Virgin Islands Census Data, 1980-2010 (Cont.)

1980 Census Demographic Profile Data

Population	
Total population	96,569
Male population	46,204
Female population	50,365
Race and Hispanic Origin	
Race	
Black or African American	76,951
White	14,280
Other races	5,338
Hispanic Origin	
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	13,735
Not Hispanic or Latino	82,834
Social Characteristics	
Population age 3 and over enrolled in school	34,934
High school graduate or more	22,514
Native	65,838
Foreign born	30,731
English only spoken at home	69,754
Language other than English	16,102
Economic Characteristics	
In labor force	38,082
Not in labor force	21,228
Median household income (in 2009 dollars)	34,631
Median family income (in 2009 dollars)	35,679
Individuals below poverty level	N/A

Source: *U.S. Census Bureau, 1980 Census, U.S. Virgin Islands*

https://www2.census.gov/prod2/decennial/documents/1980/1980censusofpopu80155u_bw.pdf