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Apportionment

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

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

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

State 1:	Number of representatives:
State 2:	Number of representatives:
State 3:	Number of representatives:

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	2010	Rate of change from 1950 to 2010



4. Which state gained the most representatives between 1950 and 2010, based on the rates of change you calculated?

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?

6. Why is it important that the U.S. Census Bureau get an accurate count in the 2020 Census?

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?

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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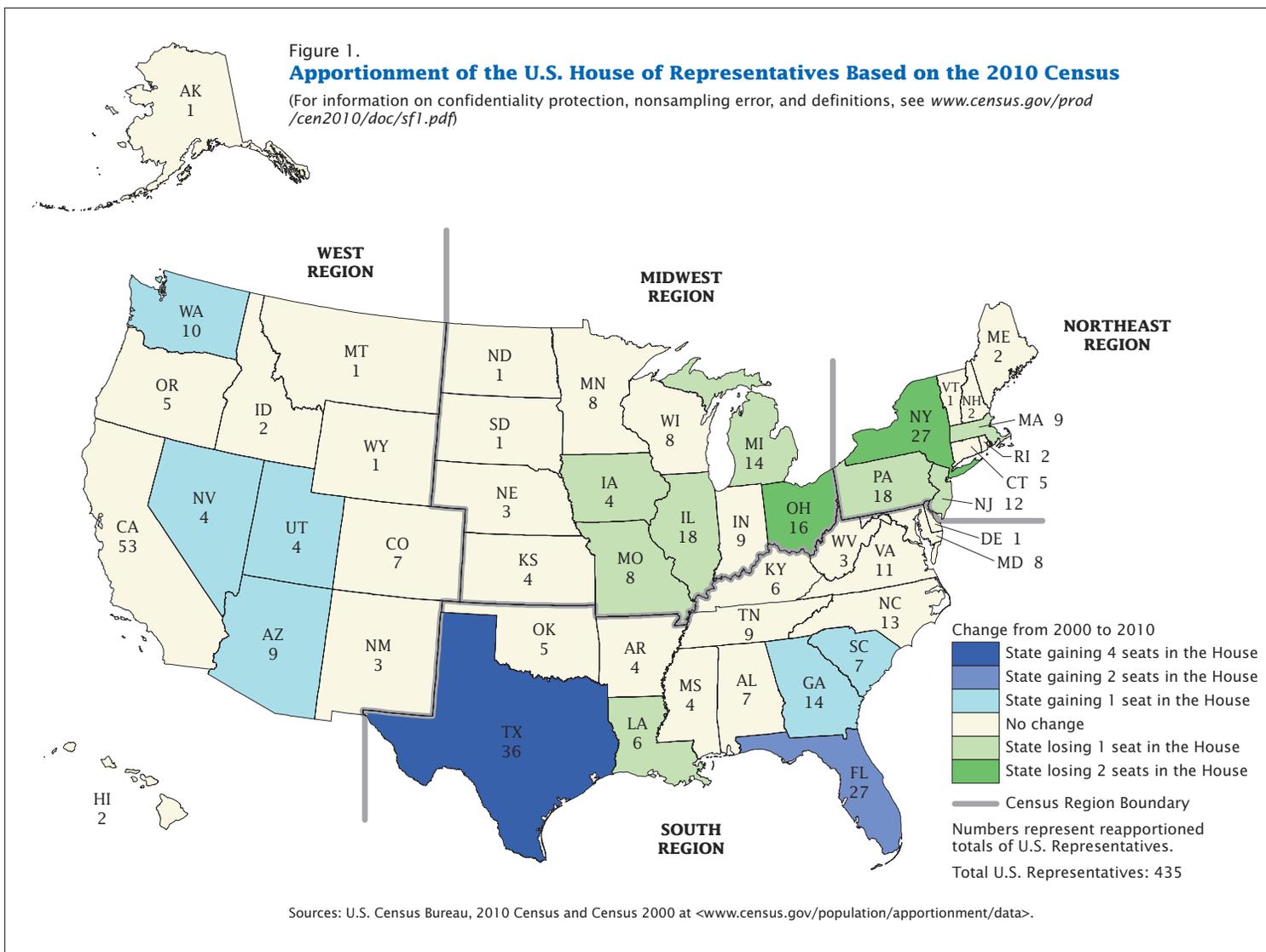
State	Apportionment Population	Number of Representatives						
		2010	2000	1990	1980	1970	1960	1950
Alabama	4,802,982	7	7	7	7	7	8	9
Alaska	721,523	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Arizona	6,412,700	9	8	6	5	4	3	2
Arkansas	2,926,229	4	4	4	4	4	4	6
California	37,341,989	53	53	52	45	43	38	30
Colorado	5,044,930	7	7	6	6	5	4	4
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
Iowa	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	Number of Representatives						
		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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Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 Census Briefs

<https://www.census.gov/prod/cen2010/briefs/c2010br-08.pdf>

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