

UNIT ACTIVITY:

THE U.S. CENSUS

Use a search engine (such as Google) to find the 2010 (or most recent) Census homepage. Then answer the following questions.

1. What is the current U.S. population? (Note this number will change. Check back at the end of the assignment to see how much the population has changed during the time you worked on this assignment.)
2. Click the Population Finder. Select your state from the scroll-down menu to access the 2010 (or most recent) Demographic Profile for your state.
 - a. What was the population of your state in 2010?
 - b. What percentage of your state's population was male? Female?
 - c. Which was higher for your state, the percent under 18 or the percent 65 or over? (Give the percentages.)
3. Select another state that is close to your state. Write a brief paragraph comparing the demographics of the two states.