



**Population Growth in the United States**  
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**Sites for Track #236948:**

1. **Kids Count: State Populations in 1990:** [http://www.aecf.org/cgi-bin/aecensus.cgi?action=submit\\_rankvariable&ranktype=ALL\\_state&rankarea=&rankvariable=v0011990](http://www.aecf.org/cgi-bin/aecensus.cgi?action=submit_rankvariable&ranktype=ALL_state&rankarea=&rankvariable=v0011990)

Why might a state's population increase over a ten-year period?

Pick five states that you think had the largest population growth from 1990 to 2000. It may not be the top five states on this list, but think of what causes an increase in population and make a hypothesis (educated guess). List the five states, their national rank, and their population in 1990 here.

National Rank	State Name	1990 Population

Why did you pick these five states?

2. **Excel:** <http://www.quia.com/pages/abeapbio.html>

Click on the link to download the Excel spreadsheet for Population Growth in the US.

Type in the five states you chose in question #1 and their population.

3. **Kids Count: State Populations in 2000:** [http://www.aecf.org/cgi-bin/aecensus.cgi?action=submit\\_rankvariable&ranktype=ALL\\_state&rankarea=&rankvariable=v0012000](http://www.aecf.org/cgi-bin/aecensus.cgi?action=submit_rankvariable&ranktype=ALL_state&rankarea=&rankvariable=v0012000)

Look up the five states you choose and copy their rank and population into the Excel spreadsheet from question #2.

Did the five states increase in population?

By what percent did they increase/decrease?

Print out the Excel spreadsheet.

4. **Search Google:** <http://www.google.com/>

Do some research to try and find out what factors affected the population growth of the five states you chose. Write an essay discussing each state and reasons for the population changes that occurred between 1990 and 2000.

Make one bar graph showing the years each state and the years 1990 and 2000 on the x-axis and the population on the y-axis.

Attach the spreadsheet, essay, and graph to this paper and turn it in.