## Lesson 2

Find out what Census 2000 revealed about your state. Did it grow? How fast? How does it compare to other states? Complete the following activities to learn how your state changed during the last decade. Use Table T1, "Resident Population of the United States, to gather your information about your state.

1. What is the April 1, 2000, population of your state? $\qquad$
2. Did your state's population increase or decrease between 1990 and 2000? What was the percent change?
3. Was the percent population change for your state higher or lower than the national average?
4. What was your state rank in population size in 1990? 2000? $\qquad$
5. Calculate the percentage of the U.S. population that resides in your state.

Compare the percentage of the U.S. population that resides in your state with the percentages residing in two other states of your choice.
6. Select a state. Compare the percent change of your state to the state you chose. How do they differ? Why do you think your state differs from the state you chose?
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7. Write a paragraph describing the population growth and change in your state (or a selected state) between 1990 and 2000. Your paragraph may contain information about the size, numeric change, percent change, rank, relationship to the national average, and relationship with other states. Paragraphs should contain at least five sentences.

