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California's Economy

The U.S. Census, Population & Housing

I. Warm up

1. Brainstorm 10 reasons people enjoy living in California.
2. Brainstorm 5 drawbacks to living in California.
3. Make a prediction. What changes do you think California's population has undergone in the past 50 years? Explain your prediction.

II. Trends in California's Population

1. Go to the data table entitled, Part III in the (Modified) *Population of States and Counties of the United States 1790-1990* to find the following information.

Census Year	Population in California
1900	
1920	
1940	
1960	
1980	
1990	
2000	33,871,648

2. Go to Table 1 in the (Modified) *Congressional Apportionment 2010 Census Briefs* to find the population information needed to complete the data table below.

Census Year	Population in California
2010	

3. Analyze all of the population data that you have gathered. Given the trends in population up to this point, make a prediction about what California's population will be in 2020?
4. What specific patterns do you see in the population data over time? Reference specific data in your explanation.