

Name _____

Diversity: Differences in Communities

1. Using **Activity Item: Demographics Across the U.S.**, work with a partner to fill in the percentage of people in each category in the table below.

State	American Indian and Alaska Native	Speak a language other than English at home	Bachelor's degree or higher
My State _____			
South Dakota	8.7%	6.4%	27.8%
Texas	0.5%	35.6%	28.7%
New Jersey	0.2%	31.8%	38.1%

2. Which of the states in your table has the highest percentage of ...

American Indians and Alaska Natives? _____

People who speak a language other than English at home? _____

People who have a bachelor's degree or higher? _____



3. Write three sentences explaining how diversity in your state compares to the diversity in another state listed in the table.

4. Use the grids below to compare population information for two states.

a. Circle the category your class picks from the choices below.

American Indian
and Alaska Native

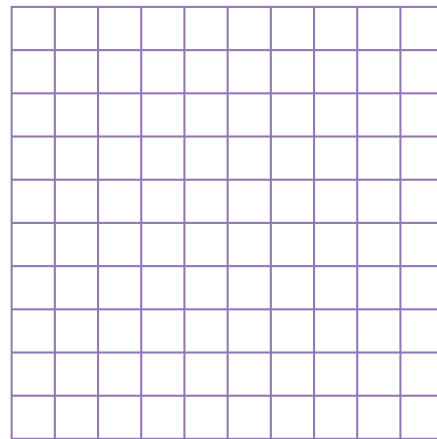
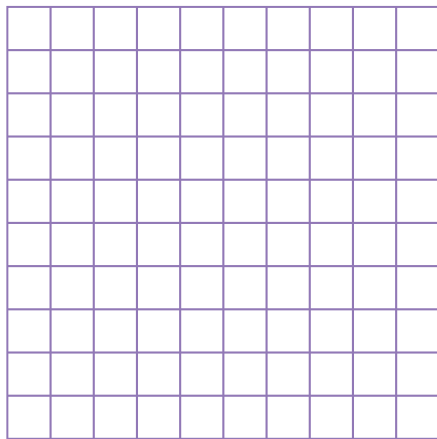
Speak a language other
than English at home

Have a bachelor's degree
or higher

b. Write in the names of the two states your class chooses to compare:

I am comparing states _____ and _____

c. Now color in the squares in the grids to show the percentage of people in the selected category for each state. Each square represents 1%, so if you are showing 20%, you should color in 20 squares.





Home Extension

Take your student worksheet home and share it with an adult in your home. Ask them in what ways they think your community is diverse. Then explain why it is important that you and all the people in your home are counted in the 2020 Census!





Word Bank and Vocabulary

Word Bank

You can use the following words to help you discuss answers with your classmates and to write answers on your worksheet.

diverse	percentage	more
less	greater	fewer
population	differences	similarities

Key Vocabulary

	Diversity: The ways people are different from one another
	Birthplace: The place where you were born
	Demographics: Information collected about people, such as race, age, and whether they are boys or girls
	Bachelor's degree: An academic degree (usually representing completion of 4 years of study) awarded by a college or university



Activity Item: Demographics Across the U.S.

	South Dakota	Texas	New Jersey
Total Population	869,666	28,304,596	9,005,644
Race			
White	84.7%	73.9%	67.9%
Black or African American	2.0%	12.1%	13.5%
American Indian and Alaska Native	8.7%	0.5%	0.2%
Asian	1.2%	4.8%	9.8%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	0.1%	0.1%	0.0%
Two or More Races	2.6%	2.6%	2.5%
Hispanic or Latino			
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	3.6%	39.4%	20.4%
Not Hispanic or Latino	82.3%	41.9%	54.8%
Households and Families			
Total households	344,260	9,623,874	3,218,798
Average Household Size	2.43	2.88	2.74
Living in the same house 1 year ago, percent of persons age 1+ years	85.1%	85.1%	89.5%
Language other than English spoken at home, percent of persons age 5+ years	6.4%	35.6%	31.8%
Education			
High school graduate or higher, percent of persons age 25 years+, 2013-2017	91.4%	89.2%	82.8%
Bachelor's degree or higher, percent of persons age 25 years+, 2013-2017	27.8%	38.1%	28.7%

Source: 2017 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates and 2013-2017 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

