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Diversity in My Island Area

1. Review **Activity Item: Population of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Over Time.** Create a graph of your choice representing either Table 1 or Table 2 and then answer Questions #2 through #7.
2. Which 10-year period saw the greatest increase in population? What economic or social changes during this period may have spurred the increase?
3. What could be some of the social, economic, or political effects of the population shifts from 1980 to 2000?
4. What recent events do you think led to the decrease in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands' population from 2000 to 2010?



5. List one nationality that increased in population from 2000 to 2010. What could be a reason for the increase? What do you think are the primary reasons people from other countries move to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands?

6. Calculate the percentage decrease in the "Other Asia" category from 2000 to 2010.

7. What countries do you think are included in the "Elsewhere" category? Why do you think the census did not list these countries individually?

Home Extension

Take your worksheet home and share it with an adult. Ask them the following questions:

1. How do you think the population of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands has changed over the past 50 years?
2. How do you think the native population has changed over the past 20 years? What do you think caused this change?
3. Who will complete the 2020 Census on our behalf?



Activity Item: Population of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Over Time

Table 1: Historical Population of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

Population of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands	
Year	Population
1920	3,398
1925	3,493
1930	3,829
1935	4,297
1950	6,286
1960	9,134
1970	9,640
1980	16,780
1990	43,345
1995	58,846
2000	69,221
2010	53,883

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census reports for respective years

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Activity Item: Population of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Over Time (Cont.)

Table 2: Foreign-Born Place of Birth

Birthplace for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands' foreign-born population: 2000 and 2010		
Birthplace	2000	2010
Bangladesh	897	487
China	15,583	3,405
Japan	892	705
Korea	1,797	1,887
Philippines	15,701	14,506
Other Asia	5,252	680
Asia (total)	36,323	21,670
Federated States of Micronesia	2,094	1,465
Marshall Islands	120	62
Palau	1,244	741
Other Oceania	114	57
Oceania (total)	3,572	2,325
Elsewhere	227	173

Source: U.S. Census Bureau via the CNMI Central Statistics Division of the CNMI Department of Commerce

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