

Scavenger Hunt in U.S. Census Visualization Charts

The graphic representations of data collected from the census on this Visualization page can be used by government, nonprofit, business, and individuals to make decisions. Find the graphs below and answer the questions. <https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/sis/resources/visualizations.html>

1. Find a graph that shows migration in and out of your state. Is there a net gain or loss?
2. Find a map that shows “Urbanization Population Distribution” from 1790 to 1890 and watch it grow. How could people in 1890 use this to decide where to move?
3. What does the “Physical to Political Geography” word map tell about the change in people’s reported focus over time?
4. Look at top “Spoken Languages Other than English” from 1980 to 2010. Look at which languages moved up or down in usage over the years. What do you think might explain one of these language shifts?
5. How has women’s representation in the workforce changed from 1970 to 2010?
6. Look at the graph about Child Care. If you wanted to start a business to take care of children, What decisions would this graphic help you make?
7. Find the data about “Home Based Workers.” What is the median age of people who work from home? Which type of work is best suited to work from home?
8. Every time the census is held, there are people who don't complete the form and not everyone is counted. Search the U.S. Census Bureau site to find out “who is undercounted,” why, and the impact of undercounting.

