

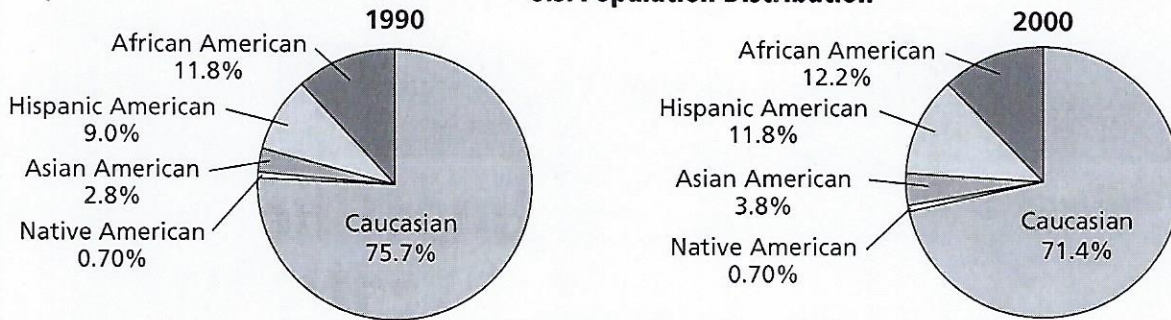
CHAPTER 2 CHALLENGE PROBLEMS

Population Trends in the United States

Use with Chapter 2, Section 2.4

The population of the United States is becoming more diverse. The circle graphs below show the distribution of the U.S. population among five ethnic groups in 1990 and 2000. The estimated total U.S. population for those two years was 2.488×10^8 in 1990 and 2.754×10^8 in 2000.

U.S. Population Distribution



(Percentages may not add up to 100% due to rounding.)

1. By how much did the total U.S. population increase between 1990 and 2000? What was the percent increase during this period?

2. Calculate the total population for each of the five groups for 1990 and 2000.

3. Make a bar graph that compares the population for the five groups in 1990 and 2000. In what ways is the bar graph better than the circle graphs? In what way is it less useful?

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