

## Counting the Population

As of 2014, it was estimated that there are over 318 million residents of the United States. Imagine trying to count every human in the United States at a single moment! All over the country, babies are being born and people are dying. The population is constantly increasing and decreasing in size. If we know the size of our population, we can be better prepared to feed everyone, give everyone access to health care, and educate our nation's children. If we don't know how many people we have, it is harder to manage our resources and plan for the future. But counting 318 million people is no easy task. There has to be a better way, but what could it be?

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