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US Population Trends Worksheet

Prediction: What do you think is the population of the United States (in millions).

Instructions: Use reliable sources such as the U.S. Census Bureau, Macrotrends, and World Bank to fill in the population data. Calculate the change in population since the previous census and record your observations about the trends.

Year	US Population (millions)	Population Change Since Previous Census (millions)	Student Observations/Notes
1970			
1980			
1990			
2000			
2010			
2020			
2021			
2022			
2023			
2024			

Answer the following questions

1. Which decade had the greatest increase in population? What might have contributed to this growth?

2. What is the overall trend in the U.S. population since 1970? Is it increasing, decreasing or staying the same. Explain.

3. How does the population growth rate appear to be changing over time? Is it speeding up, slowing down, or consistent?

4. How might continued population growth affect natural resources or city development?

5. Predict what the US population will be in 2050 (in millions) and explain how you came up with your prediction.