Social Studies Standard(s):

- National Curriculum Standards for Social Studies Theme 3: People, Places, and Environments
 - Learners will understand concepts such as: location, region, place, and migration, as well as human and physical systems
 - Learners will understand the roles of different kinds of population centers in a region or nation
- National Curriculum Standards for Social Studies Theme 5: Individuals, Groups, and Institutions
 - Learners will be able to gather information about groups and institutions, using such tools as surveys and interviews

Objectives:

• Students will be able to navigate U.S. Census data for Indiana in order to learn what kinds of people live in the state.

Materials Needed:

- School laptops
- Who Lives in Indiana Today? activity sheet
- Indiana population change map
- Indiana population by county map

Engage/Linkage:

• We have been looking at what it means to be an American and who Americans are. Today we are going to look at who lives in Indiana using census data from the most recent census in 2010.

Focus Activity:

- Fill out first column of the focus activity sheet (located at the end of this lesson plan).
- Look at the interactive map located at http://2010.census.gov/2010census/data/
- Click on the state of Indiana on the map
- Hover over counties to get more detailed information
- Use the printed maps to answer the questions as well
- If there is extra time, look at http://www.census.gov/schools/facts/indiana.html, which has interesting information about how many children live in Indiana

Assessment:

• Were any of the things you learned surprises? What things did you change on your sheet because of what you read?

Who Lives in Indiana Today?

Question	What Do You Think? (True/False)	What Did You Find Out? (True/False)
Monroe County has the greatest number of residents in the state of Indiana.		
Indiana has more residents today than it did at the last census.		
Some minority populations in Indiana increased and others decreased since the last census.		
There are more white Hoosiers than there were at the last census.		
Latino Hoosiers are the fastest growing minority in the Hoosier state.		

What information did you find that was surprising or interesting?



