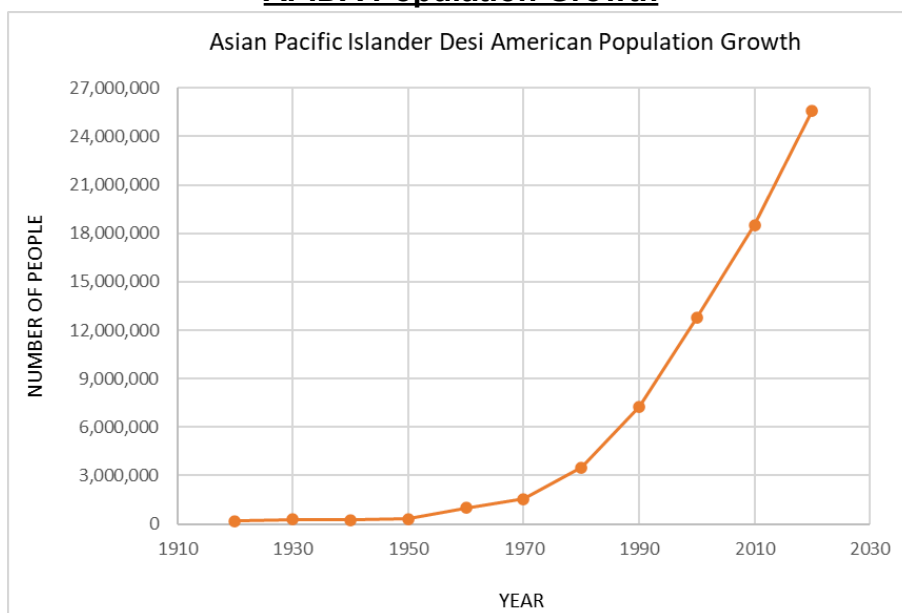


ANSWER KEY

APIDA Population Growth



Source: *The Asian American Education Project (2022)*, created using U.S. Census data: [United States - Race and Hispanic Origin: 1790 to 1990](#) and [Race and Ethnicity in the United States: 2010 Census and 2020 Census](#).

(1) What information is presented in this graph?

The graph shows the change or growth in the APIDA population between 1920 and 2020. It shows that between 1930-1950, the APIDA population was probably in the low tens of thousands. Starting in 1960 to 1970, the APIDA population started to increase into the millions. Between 1970 and 1990, the APIDA population increased to about 7-8 million people. Between 1990 and 2010, the APIDA population increased from about 8 million people to 18 million people. Between 2010 and 2020, the APIDA population increased to close to 25 million people.

(2) What interpretations or conclusions can you draw from this graph?

The APIDA population was relatively low and stagnant prior to 1950, which tracks with the exclusionary immigration laws of the time. There was some growth between 1950 and 1970, but the population really began to grow after 1970 and has continued to sharply increase ever since. This growth corresponds with the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1965 which opened up immigration from non-European countries on a much wider scale, as compared to the quotas that were previously in place.

(3) What questions or wonderings do you have about the graph data?

Student answers may vary. This is an example: I wonder which APIDA groups are represented and which ones are not.

