Minute Challenge:
How Many U.S. Representatives Does Your State Have?

Warm-Up Activity

Apportionment of the U.S. House of Representatives
Based on the 2020 Census

Legend
- States with 10 or more U.S. representatives.
- States with 5 or fewer U.S. representatives.

What is Apportionment? Apportionment is the process of dividing the 435 memberships, or seats, in the U.S. House of Representatives among the 50 states. The U.S. Constitution requires that a census (population count) be taken every 10 years for the purpose of reapportioning the U.S. House of Representatives.

Look at the map above and complete the following tasks.

1. How many states have 20 or more U.S. representatives? ________ Choose a colored pencil or crayon and color them all the same color. Then, color the legend box next to “States with 10 or more U.S. representatives.”

2. How many states have 5 or fewer U.S. representatives? ________ Choose a different colored pencil or crayon and color them all the same color. Then, color the legend box next to “States with 5 or fewer U.S. representatives.”

3. How does the number of U.S. representatives for your state compare to nearby states?