



Home Grown

You're on a Quest!

Think about the various species populations that have increased in size in New England. Specifically, what is the increase of black bears? Moose? Wild turkeys? How does this affect the population growth of animals in your state? Think about the size of your own family as well as other species in your local area. This activity will help you analyze different factors that affect population growth.

Investigate with your family!

Materials needed:

- Computer with Internet access
- Pen and paper for notes

- What factors are creating a decrease in populations of various species? An increase?
- Is there a change in the types of migratory patterns of New England's birds? Moose? Black bears? Wild turkeys?
- What about your own family? Has your family size increased or decreased over the past few generations? Does your family live in the same town or state? Did various family members move over the past few years, migrating to another area?

Survey the growth of your family. Talk to family members and find out about your own family's population increase or decrease and migratory patterns over the past years.

Generation	Male	Female
Your great-grandparents' generation	For your great-grandfather, how many did he have?	For your great-grandmother, how many did she have?
	Uncles___ Aunts___ Sisters___ Brothers___	Uncles___ Aunts___ Sisters___ Brothers___
	<i>How many did they have together?</i>	
	Nieces___ Nephews___ Male cousins___ Female cousins___ Male children___ Female children___	
Your grandparents' generation	For your grandfather, how many did he have?	For your grandmother, how many did she have?
	Uncles___ Aunts___ Sisters___ Brothers___	Uncles___ Aunts___ Sisters___ Brothers___
	<i>How many did they have together?</i>	
	Nieces___ Nephews___ Male cousins___ Female cousins___ Male children___ Female children___	
Your parents' generation	For your father, how many did he have?	For your mother, how many did she have?
	Uncles___ Aunts___ Sisters___ Brothers___	Uncles___ Aunts___ Sisters___ Brothers___
	<i>How many did they have together?</i>	
	Nieces___ Nephews___ Male cousins___ Female cousins___ Male children___ Female children___	

