

**Homework Help**

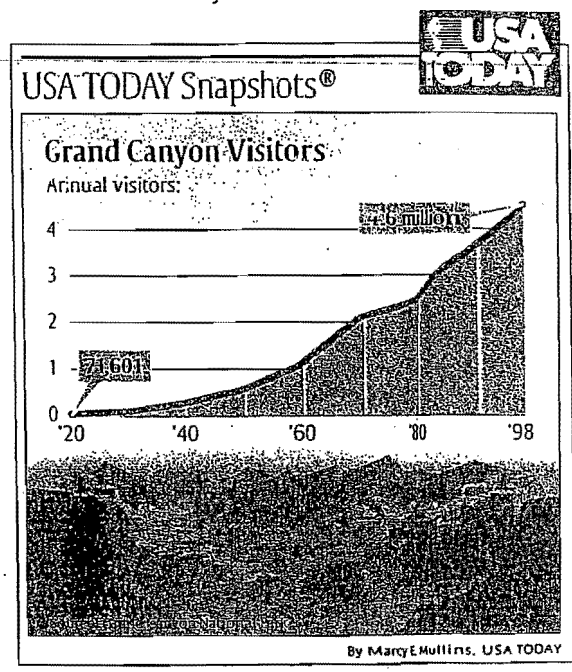
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**WEIGHT TRAINING** For Exercises 11 and 12, use the following information. In 1997, there were 43.2 million people who used free weights.

- Assuming the use of free weights increases 6% annually, write an equation for the number of people using free weights  $t$  years from 1997.
- Predict the number of people using free weights in 2007.
- POPULATION** The population of Mexico has been increasing at an annual rate of 1.7%. If the population of Mexico was 100,350,000 in the year 2000, predict its population in 2012.
- INVESTMENTS** Determine the amount of an investment if \$500 is invested at an interest rate of 5.75% compounded monthly for 25 years.
- INVESTMENTS** Determine the amount of an investment if \$250 is invested at an interest rate of 10.3% compounded quarterly for 40 years.
- POPULATION** The country of Latvia has been experiencing a 1.1% annual decrease in population. In 2000, its population was 2,405,000. If the trend continues, predict Latvia's population in 2015.
- MUSIC** In 1994, the sales of music cassettes reached its peak at \$2,976,400,000. Since then, cassette sales have been declining. If the annual percent of decrease in sales is 18.6%, predict the sales of cassettes in the year 2009.

18. **GRAND CANYON** The increase in the number of visitors to the Grand Canyon National Park is similar to an exponential function. If the average visitation has increased 5.63% annually since 1920, use the graph to predict the number of visitors to the park in 2020.



- BUSINESS** A piece of office equipment valued at \$25,000 depreciates at a steady rate of 10% per year. What is the value of the equipment in 8 years?
- TRANSPORTATION** A new car costs \$23,000. It is expected to depreciate 12% each year. Find the value of the car in 5 years.

**POPULATION** For Exercises 21 and 22, use the following information. The percent of the population that is 65 years old or older continues to rise. The percent of the U.S. population  $P$  that is at least 65 years old can be approximated by  $P = 3.86(1.013)^t$ , where  $t$  represents the number of years since 1900.

- What percent of the population will be 65 years of age or older in the year 2010?
- Predict the year in which people ages 65 or older will represent 20% of the population if this trend continues. (Hint: Make a table.)

**CRITICAL THINKING** Each equation represents an exponential rate of change if  $t$  is time in years. Determine whether each equation represents growth or decay. Give the annual rate of change as a percent.

- $y = 500(1.026)^t$
- $y = 500(0.761)^t$