Problem Solving with U.S. Population Numbers

1. The population of the United States as reported in 1972 was 209,896,021 people and in 2012 reported as 313,914,040 people. About how many more people were there in the United States in 2012 than in 1972? Show or tell how you solved this problem.

2. If the U.S. continues to grow at this rate, estimate the year in which the population goes over four hundred million. Explain how you decided.