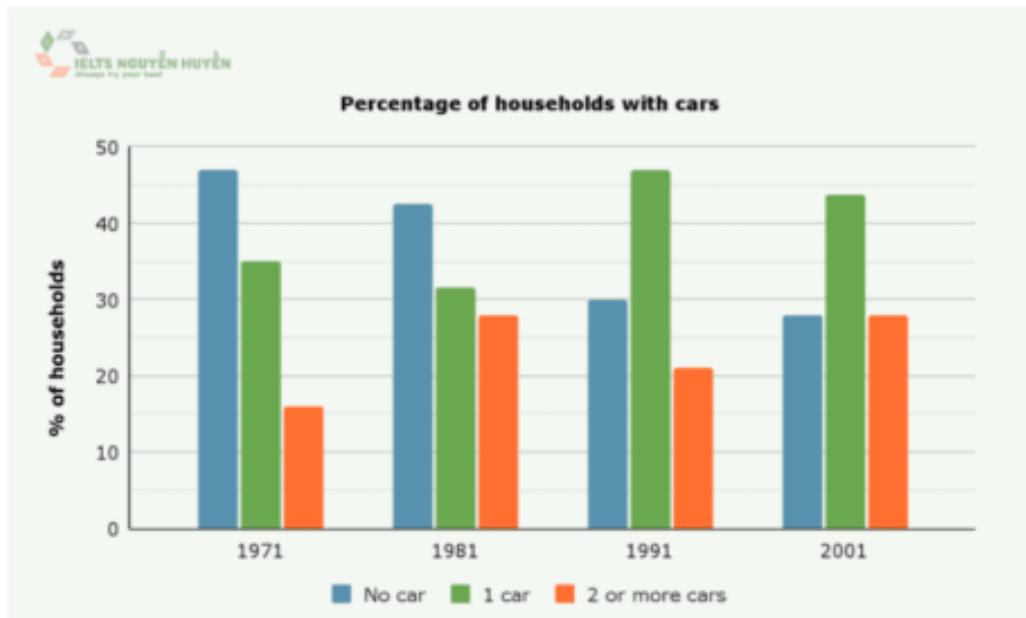


# Task 1: Bar Chart

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## **Model Answer #1**

### **Response:**

The bar chart presents an analysis of car ownership rates among households in a European nation from 1971 to 2001.

Overall, the data reveals a significant shift in car ownership patterns over the three decades, characterized by a dramatic decrease in households without cars and a pronounced increase in both single and multiple car ownership.

The percentage of households lacking a car exhibited a consistent decline during the period under review. Beginning at 45% in 1971, the figure diminished steadily to 40% by 1981 and further decreased to 35% in 1991. This declining trend culminated in a mere 10% of households without a car by 2001. Conversely, the rise in single-car ownership was noteworthy; it increased from 35% in 1971 to 43% in 1981. After a slight setback to 38% in 1991, this category saw a remarkable ascent, reaching 40% by the end of the period, thereby establishing itself as the most prevalent form of car ownership.

In contrast, the percentage of households owning multiple cars showcased a more variable pattern. Initially recorded at 25% in 1971, it surged to 35% by 1981. Despite a retraction to 25% in 1991, this segment rebounded impressively, achieving 50% by 2001. This signifies a clear trend towards increased multi-car ownership as the decade progressed, illustrating a profound shift in consumer preferences regarding vehicle possession.

### **Evaluation:**

#### **Overall Band Score: 9**

**Task Response (8):** The report provides a good overview of the main features shown in the chart. Minor inaccuracies in the data are present, but these do not detract significantly from the overall quality of the response.

**Coherence & Cohesion (9):** The report is exceptionally well-structured and easy to follow. The logical flow of information is excellent, and the use of cohesive devices is seamless.

**Lexical Resource (9):** A wide range of sophisticated vocabulary is used accurately and appropriately throughout the report. The lexical choices are precise and enhance the overall quality of the writing.

**Grammatical Range & Accuracy (9):** The grammar is impeccable. A wide range of grammatical structures is used accurately and flexibly.