CHAPTER 22 / Population by County

Compute the percentage of the total population to the nearest tenth for each county, and place it in the correct box. Then, on a county map, color RED every county that has *decreased* in its per–centage of the TOTAL population. Color BLUE every county that has *increased* in its percentage of the TOTAL population. How many counties have increased? How many counties have decreased?

	CENSUS 2000 POPULATION	PERCENT OF POPULATION	CENSUS 1930 POPULATION	PERCENT OF POPULATION		CENSUS 2000 POPULATION	PERCENT OF POPULATION	CENSUS 1930 POPULATION	PERCENT OF POPULATION
MONTANA	**902,195**		**537,606**		Madison	6,851		6,323	
Beaverhead	9,202		6,654		Meagher	1,932		2,272	
Big Horn	12,671		8,543		Mineral	3,884		1,626	
Blaine	7,009		9,006		Missoula	95,802		21,782	
Broadwater	4,385		2,738		Musselshell	4,497		7,242	
Carbon	9,552		12,571		Park	15,694		10,922	
Carter	1,360		4,136		Petroleum	493		2,045	
Cascade	80,357		41,146		Phillips	4,601		8,208	
Chouteau	5,970		8,635		Pondera	6,424		6,964	
Custer	11,696		11,242		Powder River	1,858		3,909	
Daniels	2,017		5,553		Powell	7,180		6,202	
Dawson	9,059		9,881		Prairie	1,199		3,941	
Deer Lodge	9,417		16,293		Ravalli	36,070		10,315	
Fallon	2,837		4,568		Richland	9,667		9,633	
Fergus	11,893		16,531		Roosevelt	10,620		10,672	
Flathead	74,471		19,200		Rosebud	9,383		7,347	
Gallatin	67,831		13,124		Sanders	10,227		5,692	
Garfield	1,279		4,252		Sheridan	4,105		9,869	
Glacier	13,247		5,297		Silver Bow	34,606		56,969	
Golden Valley	1,042		2,126		Stillwater	8,195		6,253	
Granite	2,830		3,013		Sweet Grass	3,609		6,944	
Hill	16,673		13,775		Teton	6,445		6,068	
Jefferson	10,049		4,133		Toole	5,267		6,714	
Judith Basin	2,329		5,238		Treasure	861		1,661	
Lake	26,507		9,541		Valley	7,675		11,181	
Lewis & Clark	55,716		18,224		Wheatland	2,259		3,751	
Liberty	2,158		2,198		Wibaux	1,068		2,767	
Lincoln	18,837		7,089		Yellowstone	129,352		30,785	
McCone	1,977		4,790						

Critical Thinking

(1) Which four counties have shown the greatest increase in percentage? Why do you think this is?

(2) Why do you think Silver Bow is the only county to show a marked decrease in its population percentage?