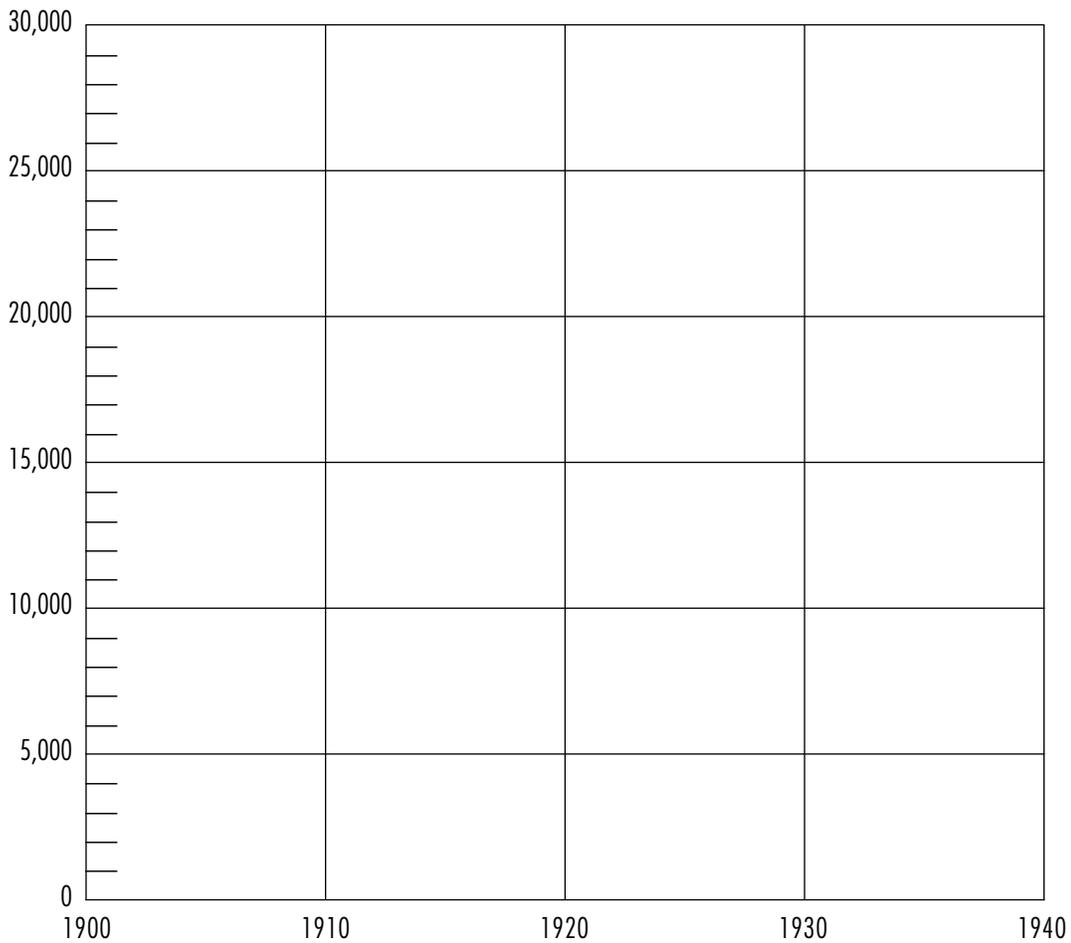


## CHAPTER 18 / Understanding Population Trends

Study the information in the table below. Make a graph of population trends from 1900 to 1940 in the space provided, using different-colored pens to indicate the different counties. Then answer the questions that follow.

COUNTY	1900	1910	1920	1930	1940
Fergus	6,937	17,385	28,344	16,531	14,040
Gallatin	9,553	14,079	15,864	16,124	18,269
Missoula	13,964	23,596	24,041	21,782	29,038
Valley	4,335	13,630	11,542	11,181	15,181



- (1) Which county shows the greatest population growth between 1900 and 1940?
- (2) Which county shows the least population growth between 1900 and 1940?
- (3) Look at a county map of Montana and describe the geographic location of each county (e.g., southeastern, western, etc.).

### Critical Thinking

Using information from your textbook, explain why you think each of these counties experienced the population changes they did.