

# Demographic Themes

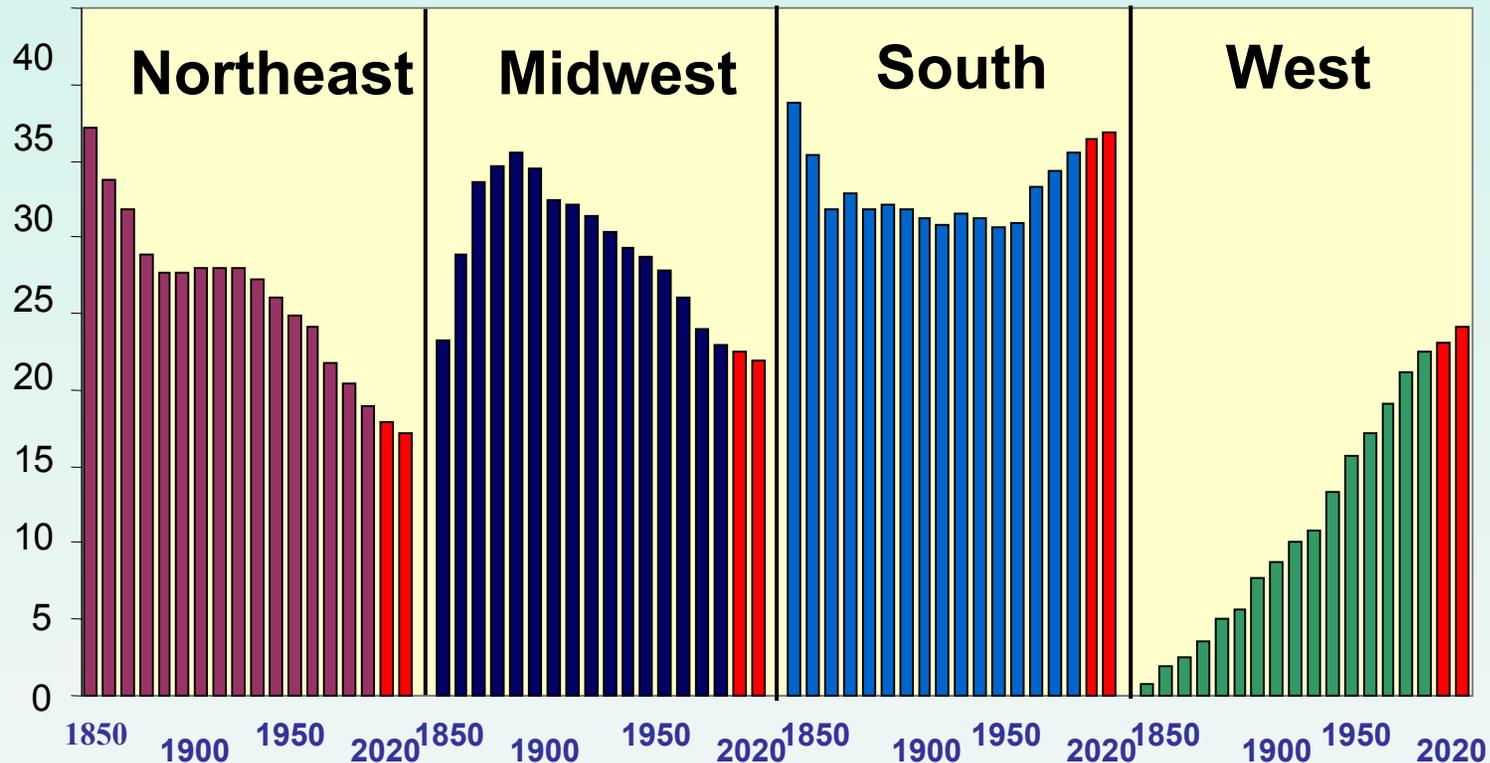
- ❑ *High Population Growth in the West*
- ❑ *The Importance of Net Migration*
- ❑ *California as an Engine of Growth*
- ❑ *Sprawl*

# Demographic Themes Continued...

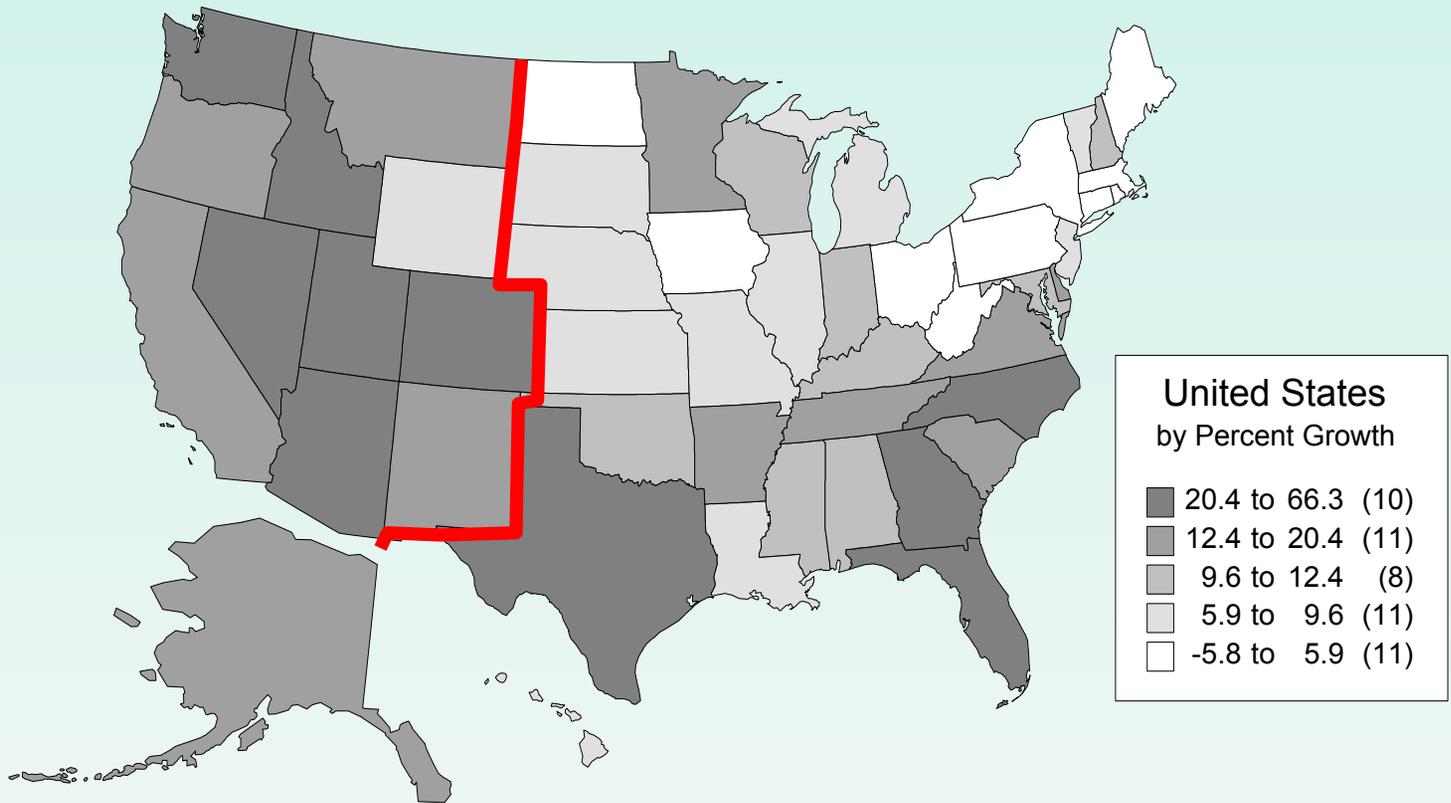
- ❑ *Uneven Growth in Space and Time*
- ❑ *Population Churning*
- ❑ *Impact of Non-Residents*
- ❑ *Aging of the Population*

# The West Has Gained Share of U.S. Population Every Decade Since 1850

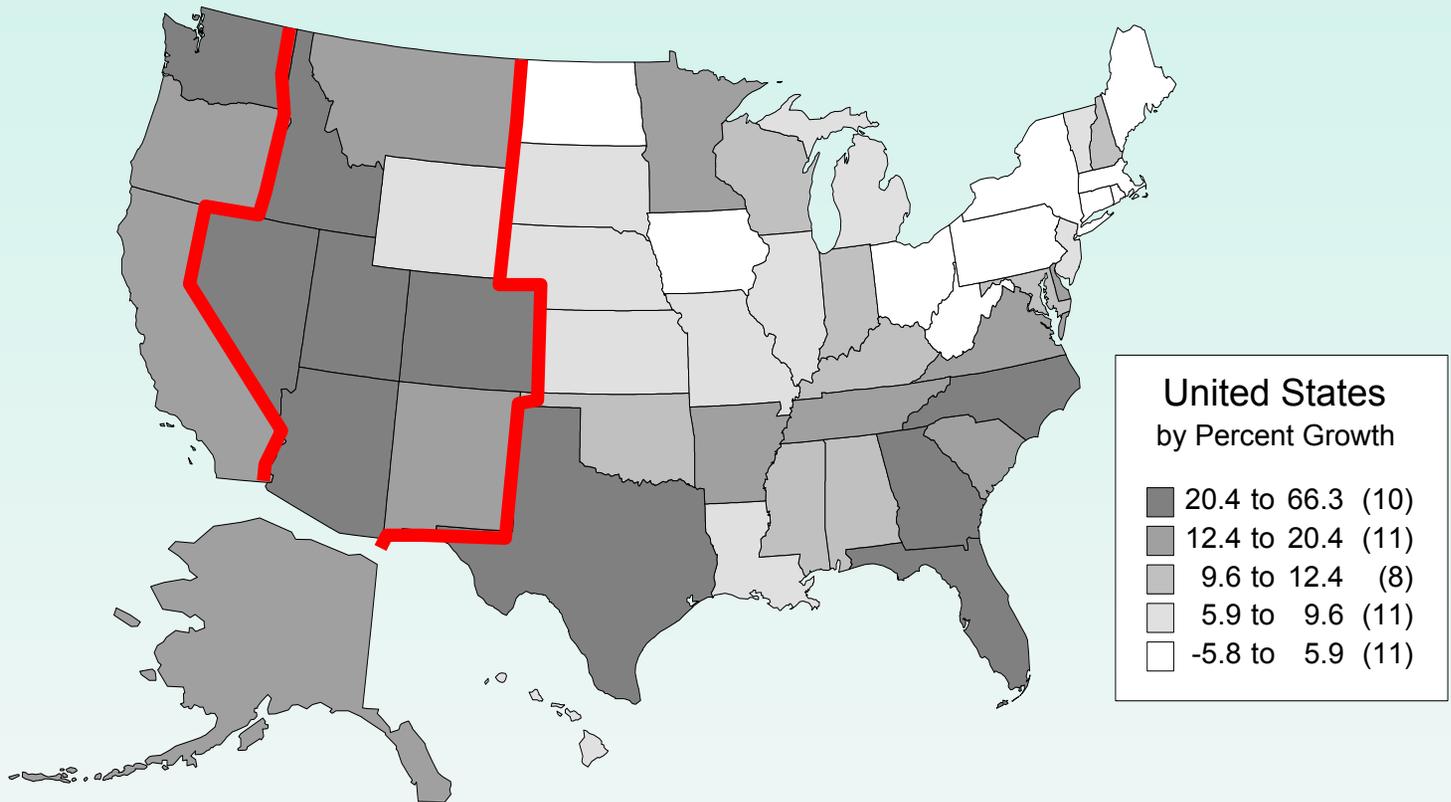
Percent of Total US Population



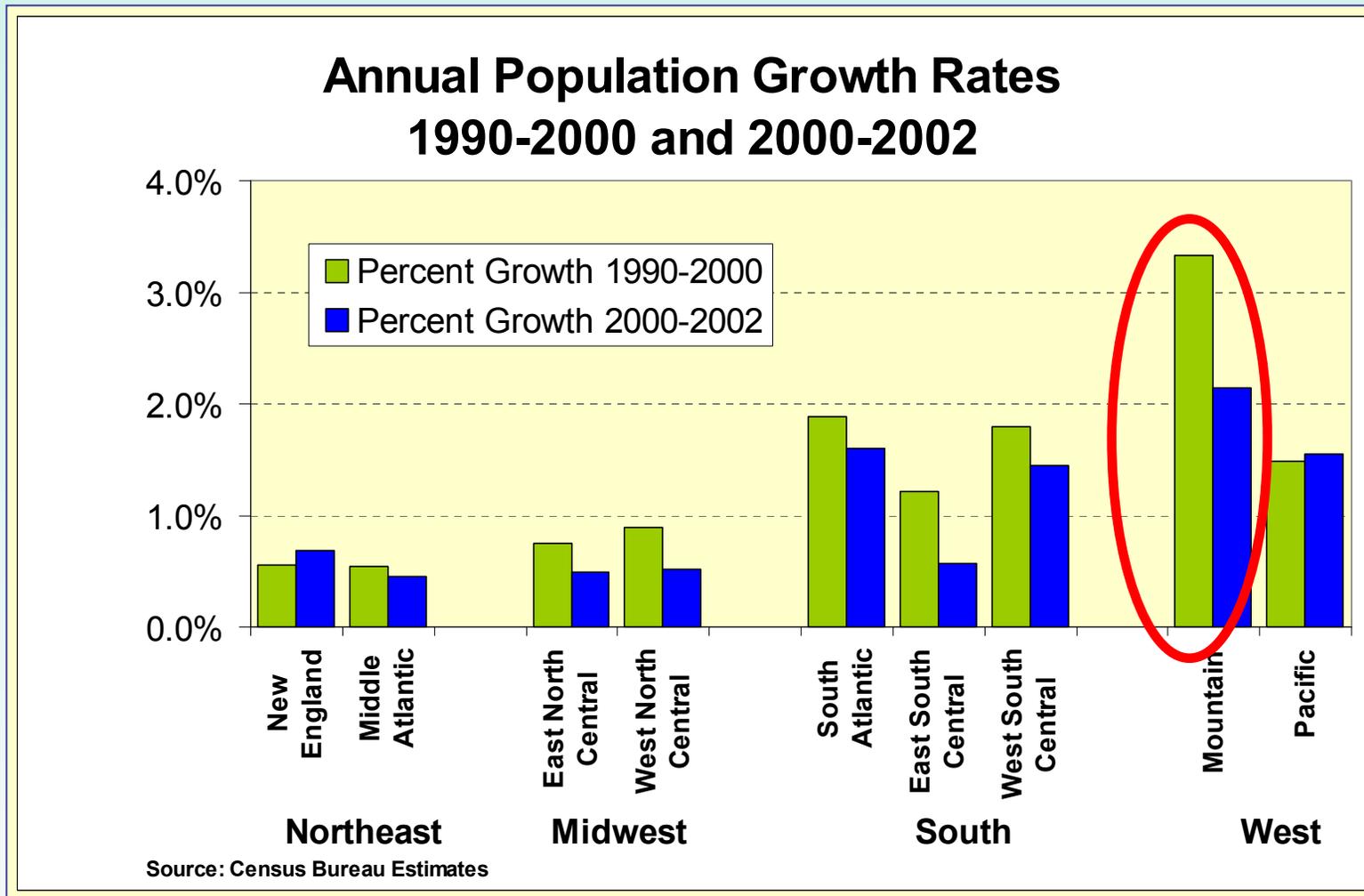
# Population Growth: 1990-2000



# Population Growth Highest in Mountain Division

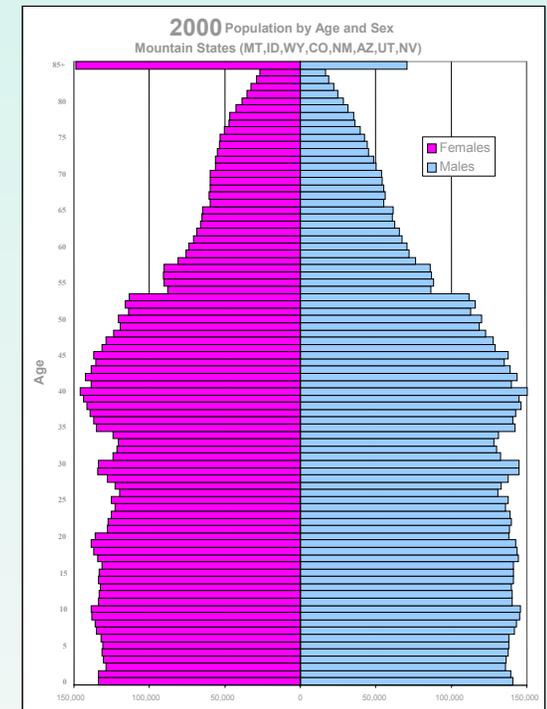
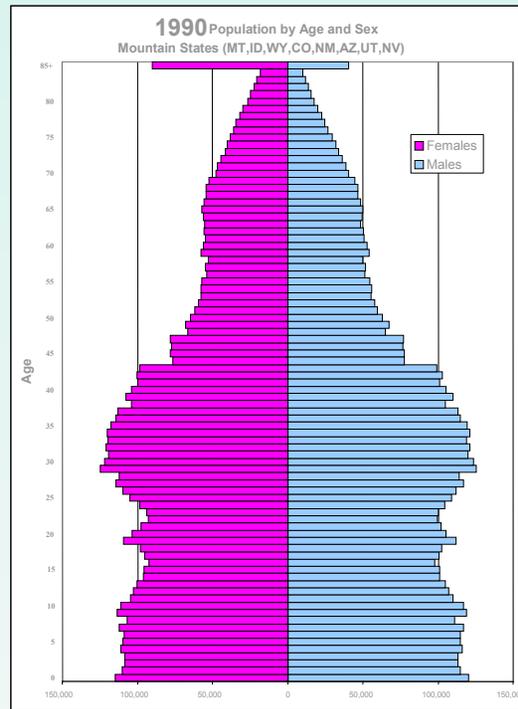
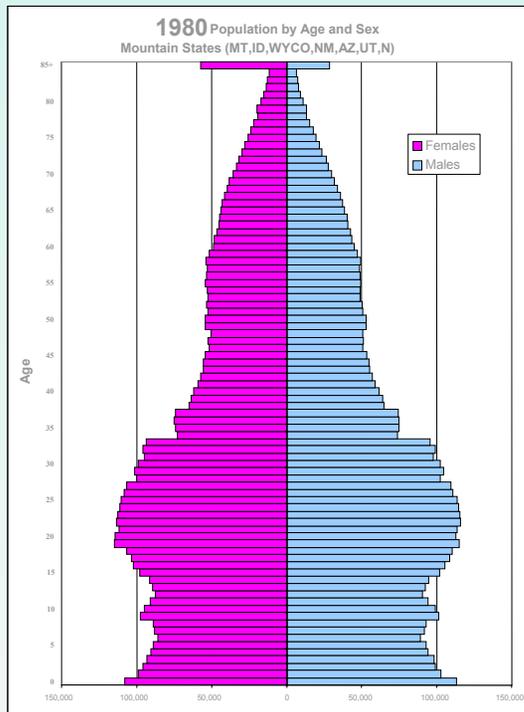


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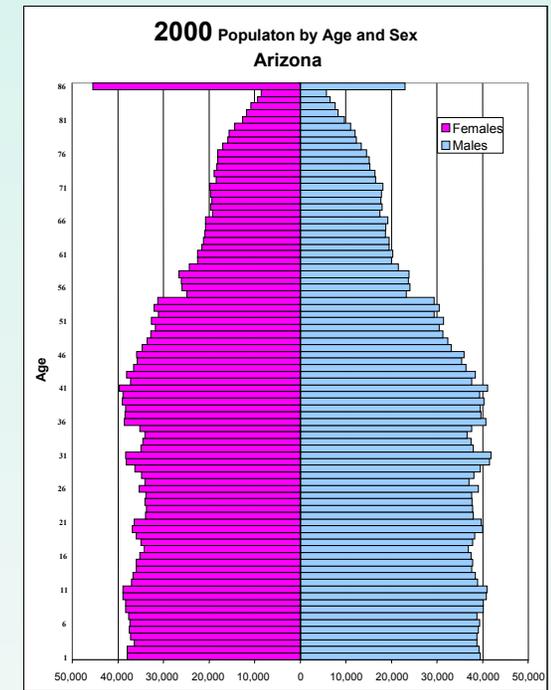
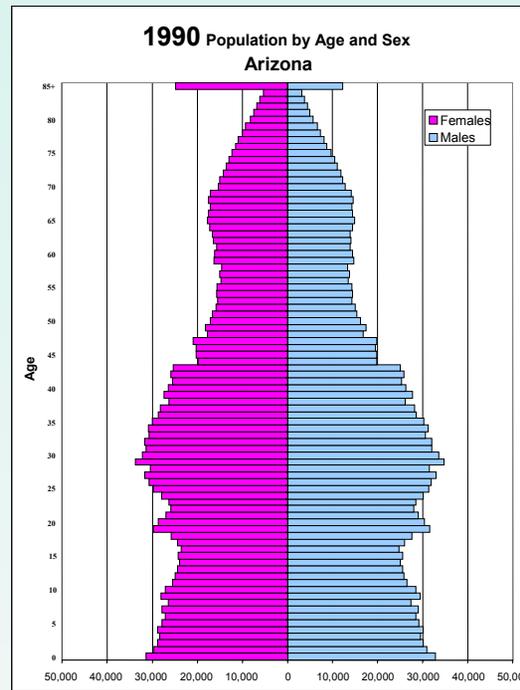
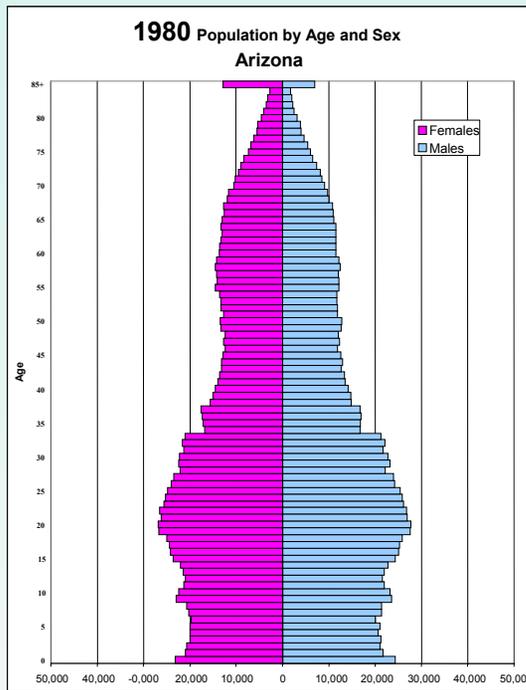
# Population Growth: 1980-2000

## Mountain Division (MT, ID, WY, CO, NM, AZ, UT, NV)



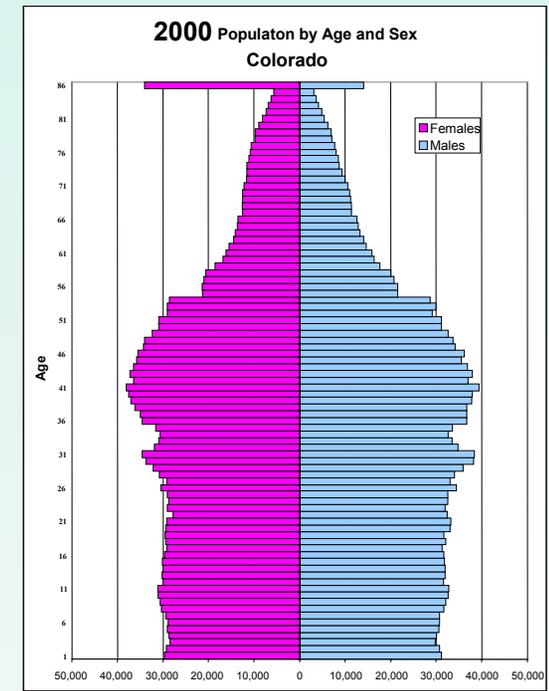
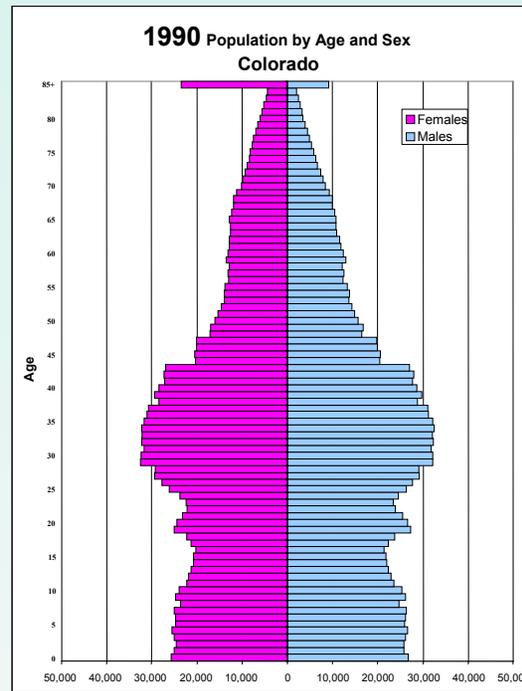
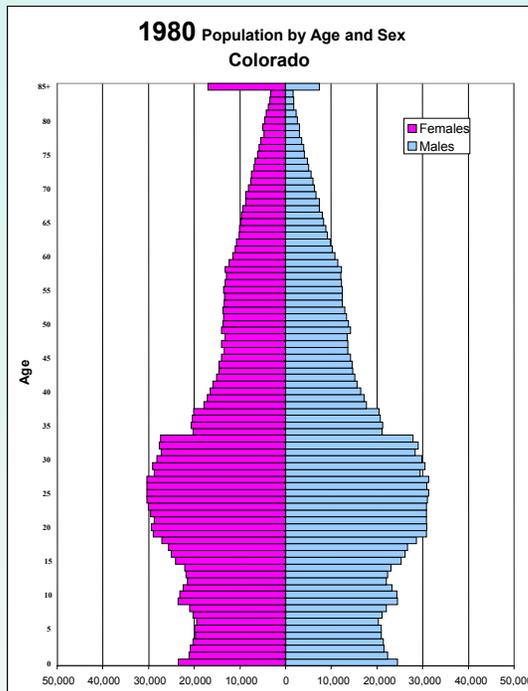
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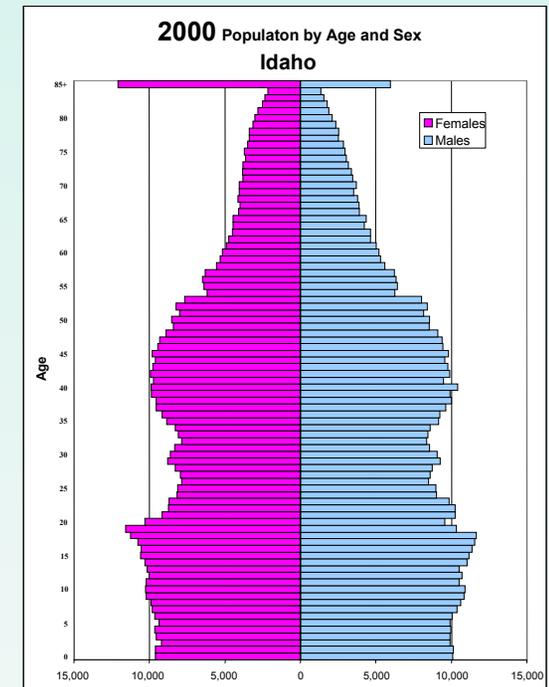
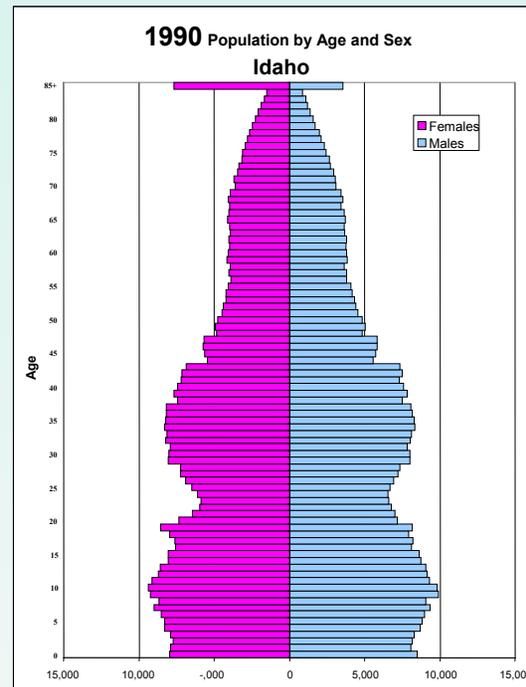
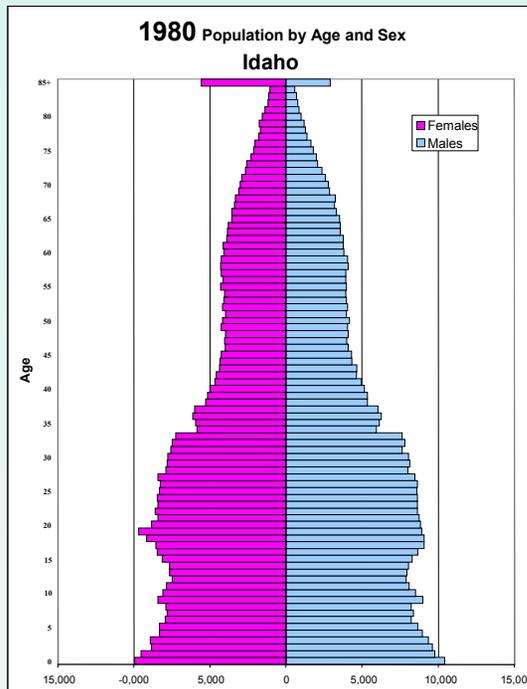
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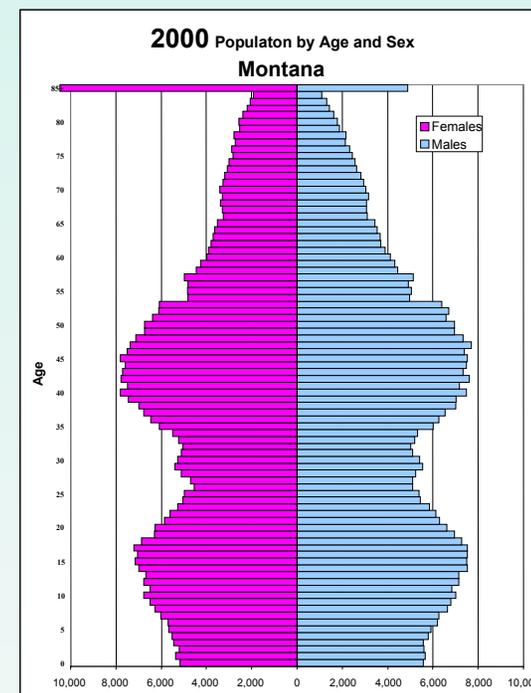
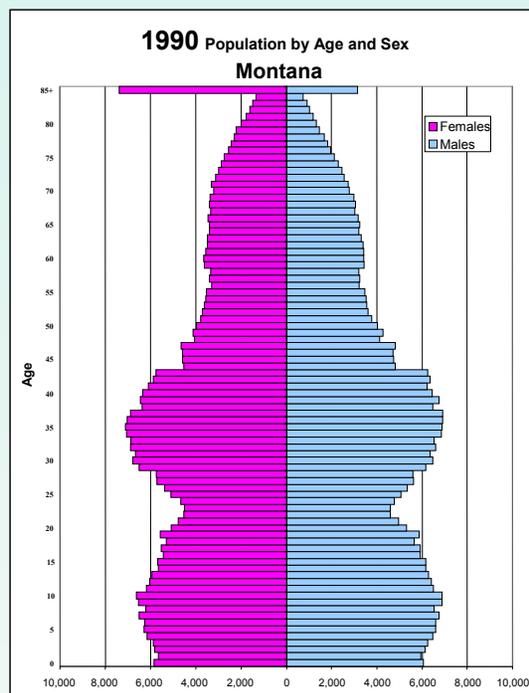
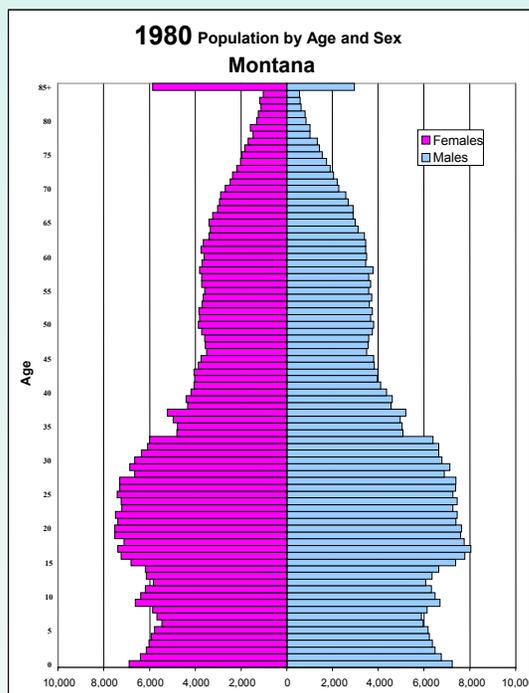
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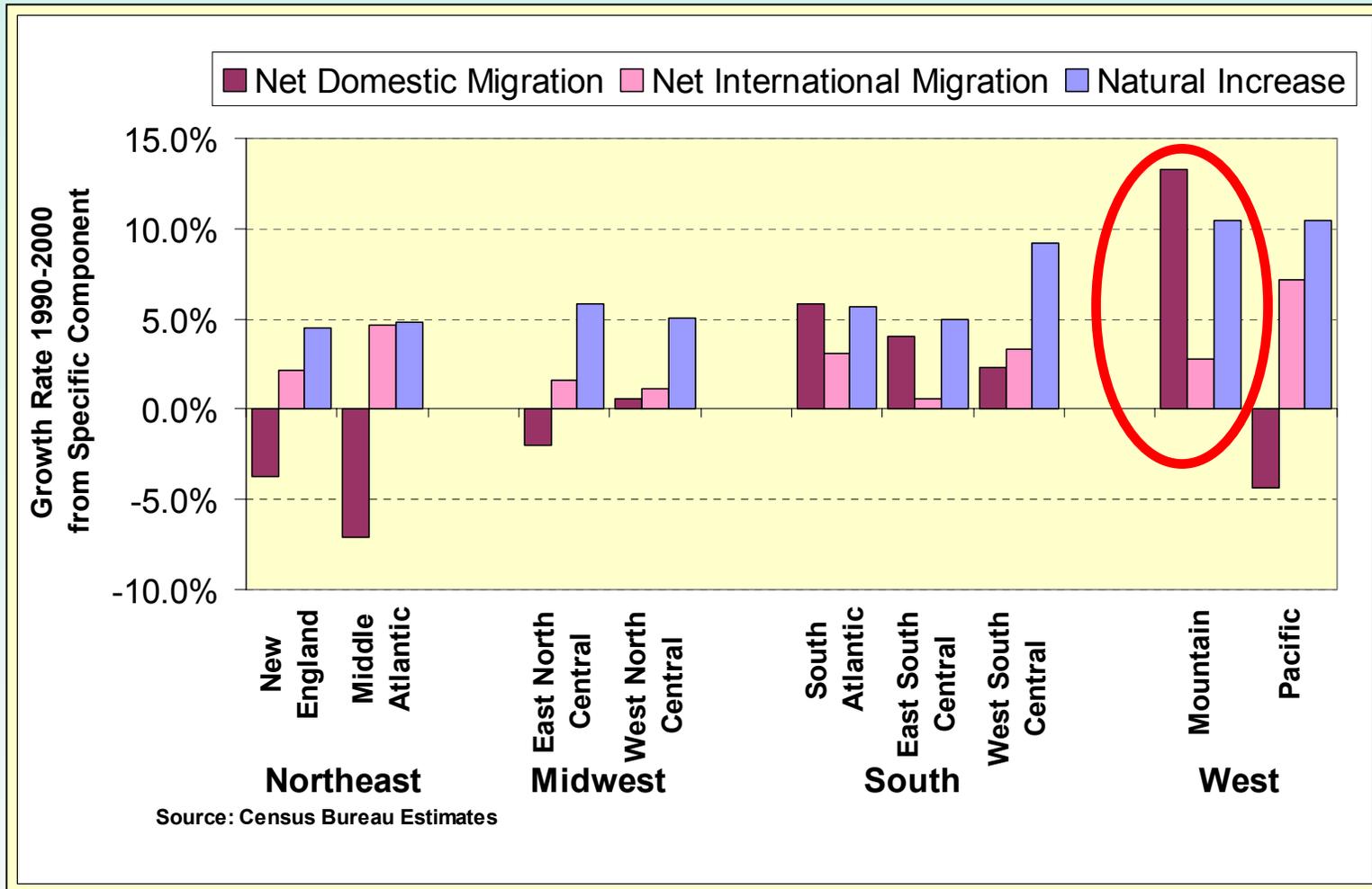
## Montana



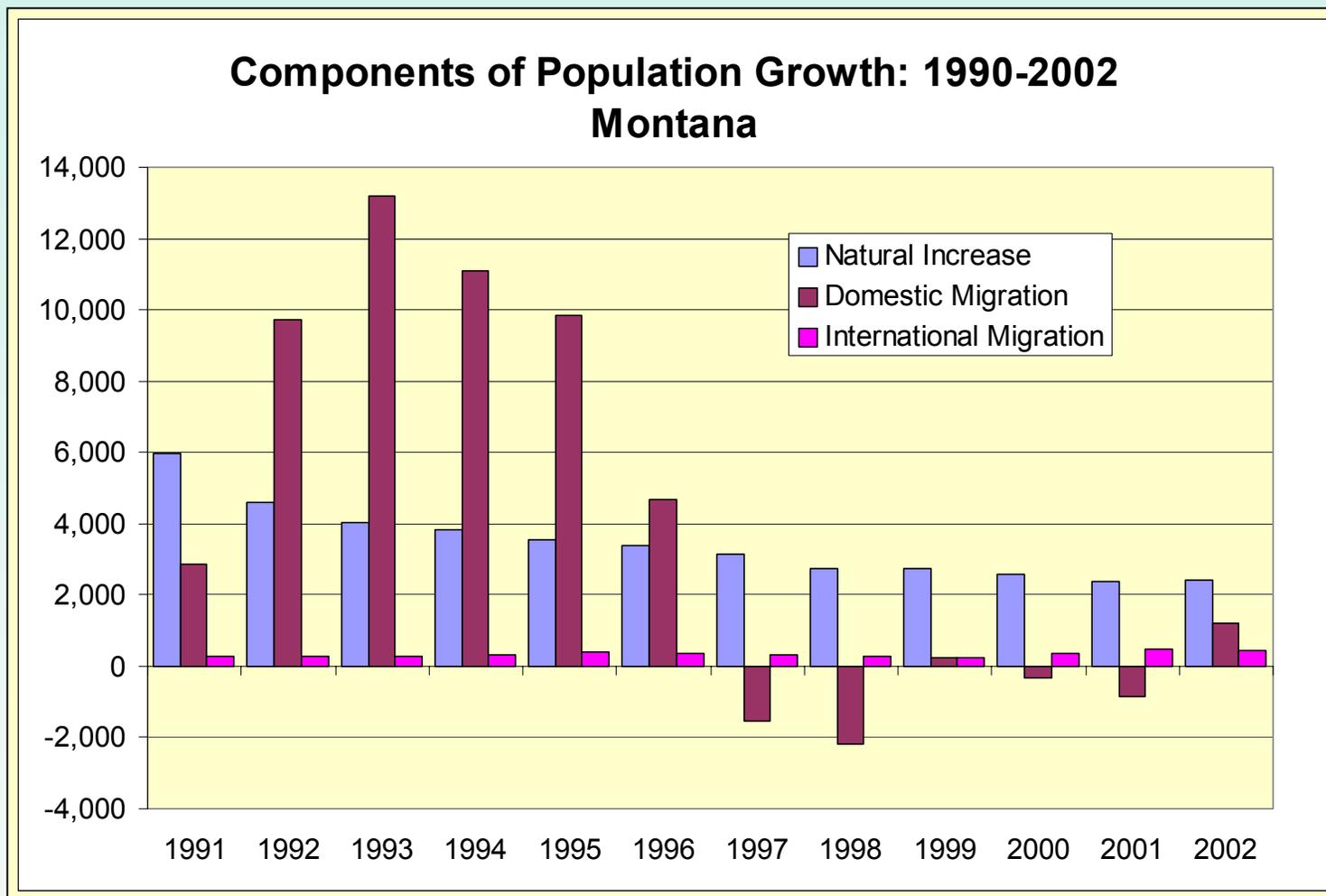
# Population Growth Has Three Components

- ❑ *Natural Increase (Births-Deaths)*
- ❑ *Net Domestic Migration*
- ❑ *Net International Migration*

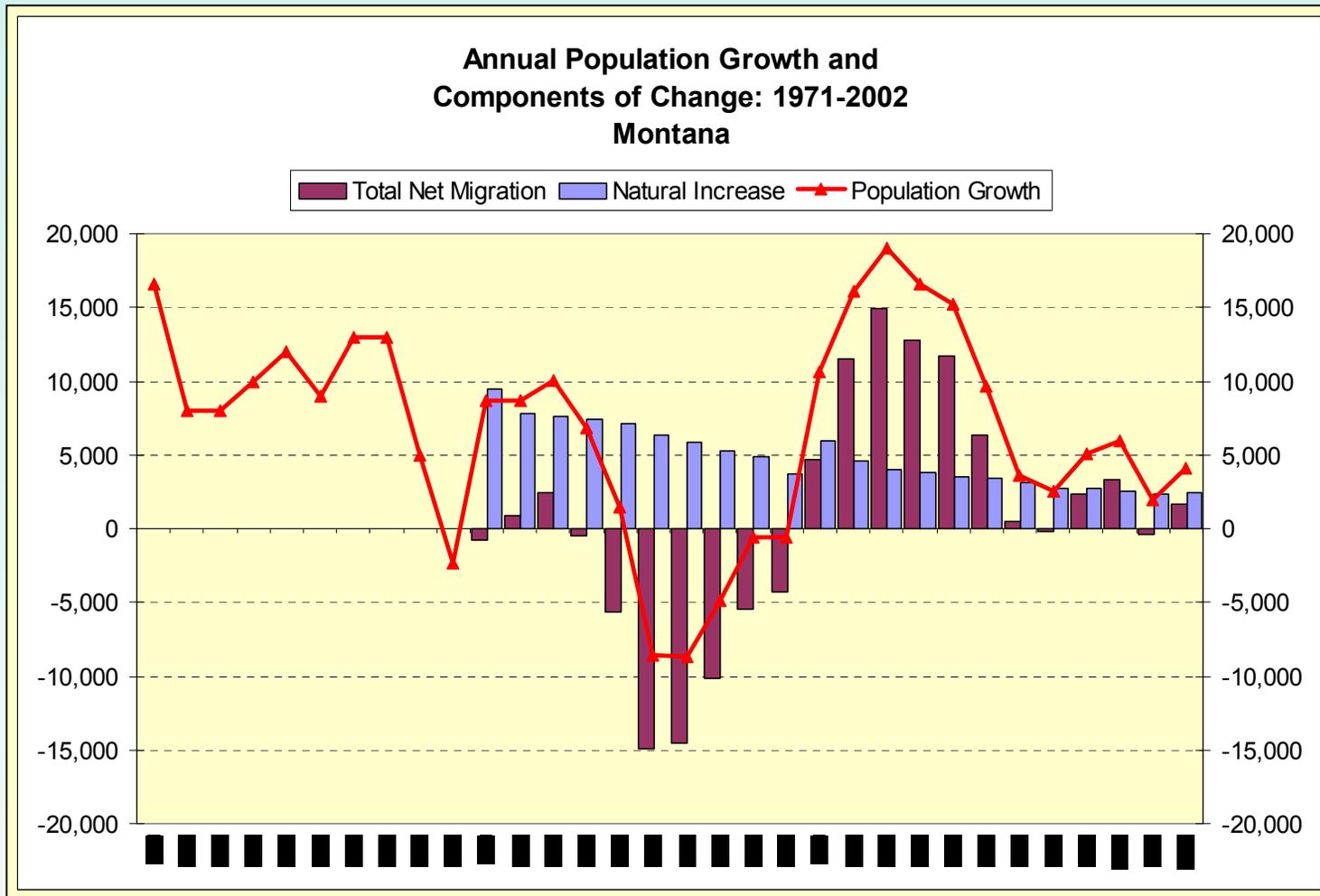
# Domestic Migration Contributes Most to Growth in Mountain Division



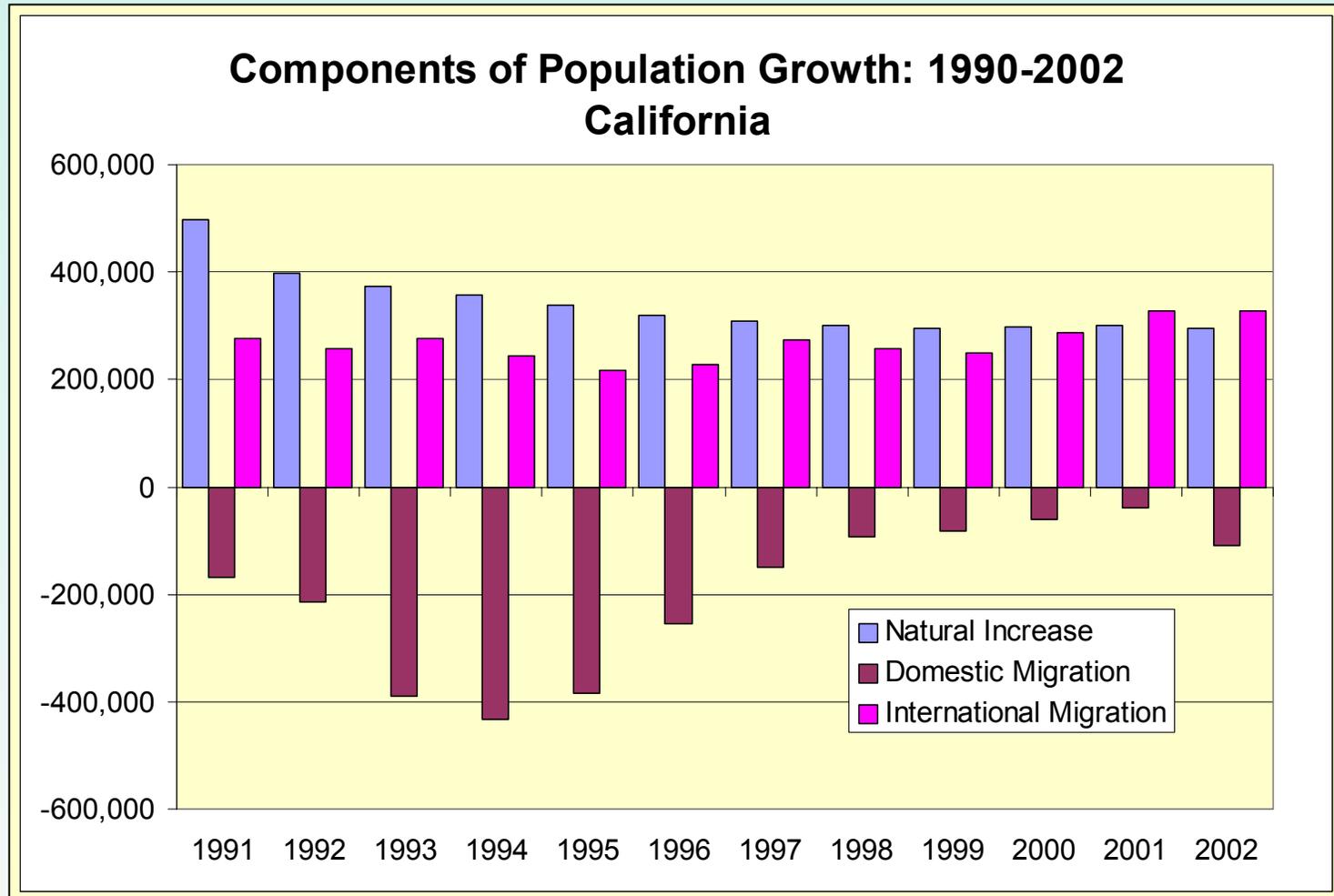
# Components of Population Growth in Montana: 1990-2002



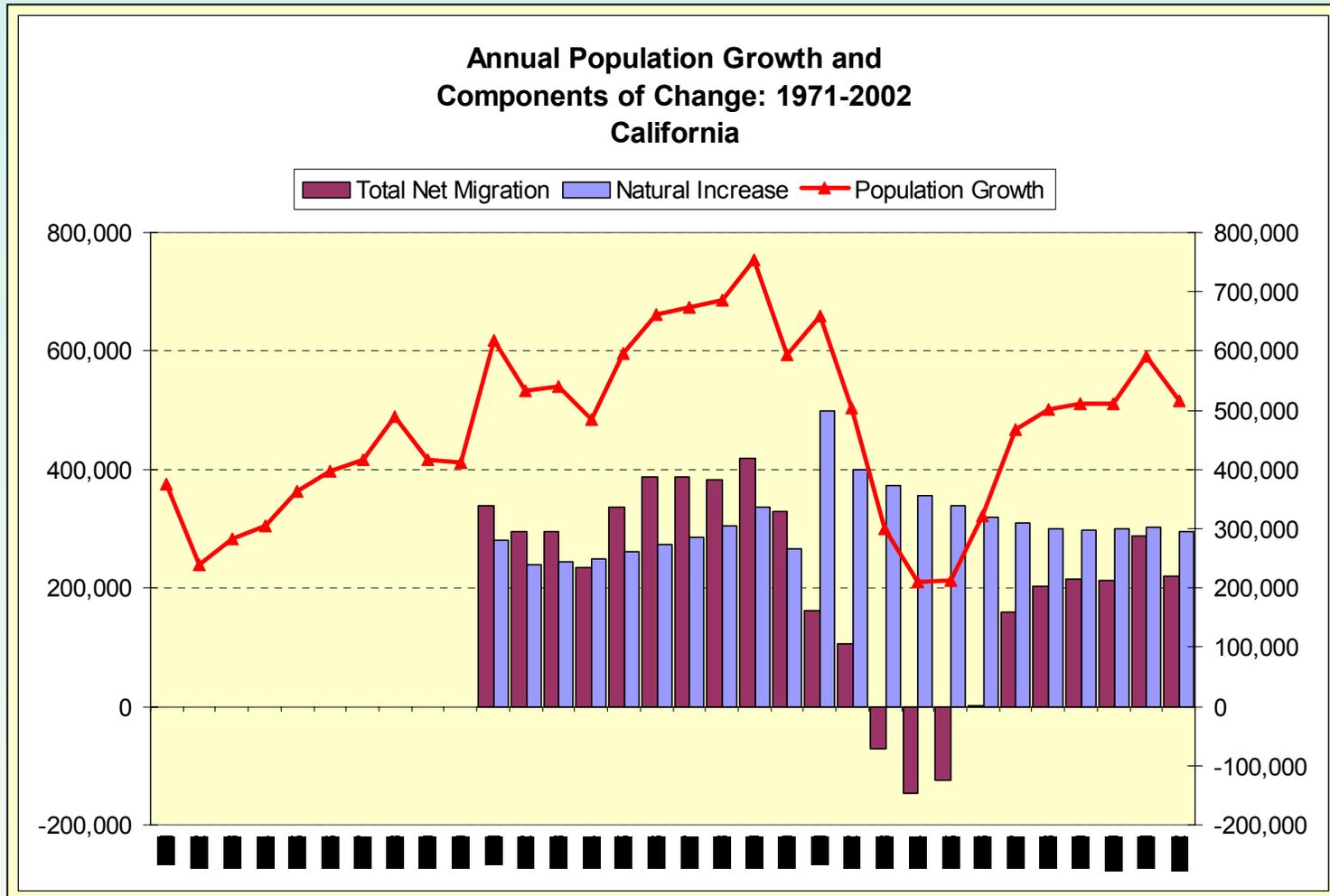
# Montana's Population Growth Now Depends on Net Migration



# Components of Population Growth in California: 1990-2002



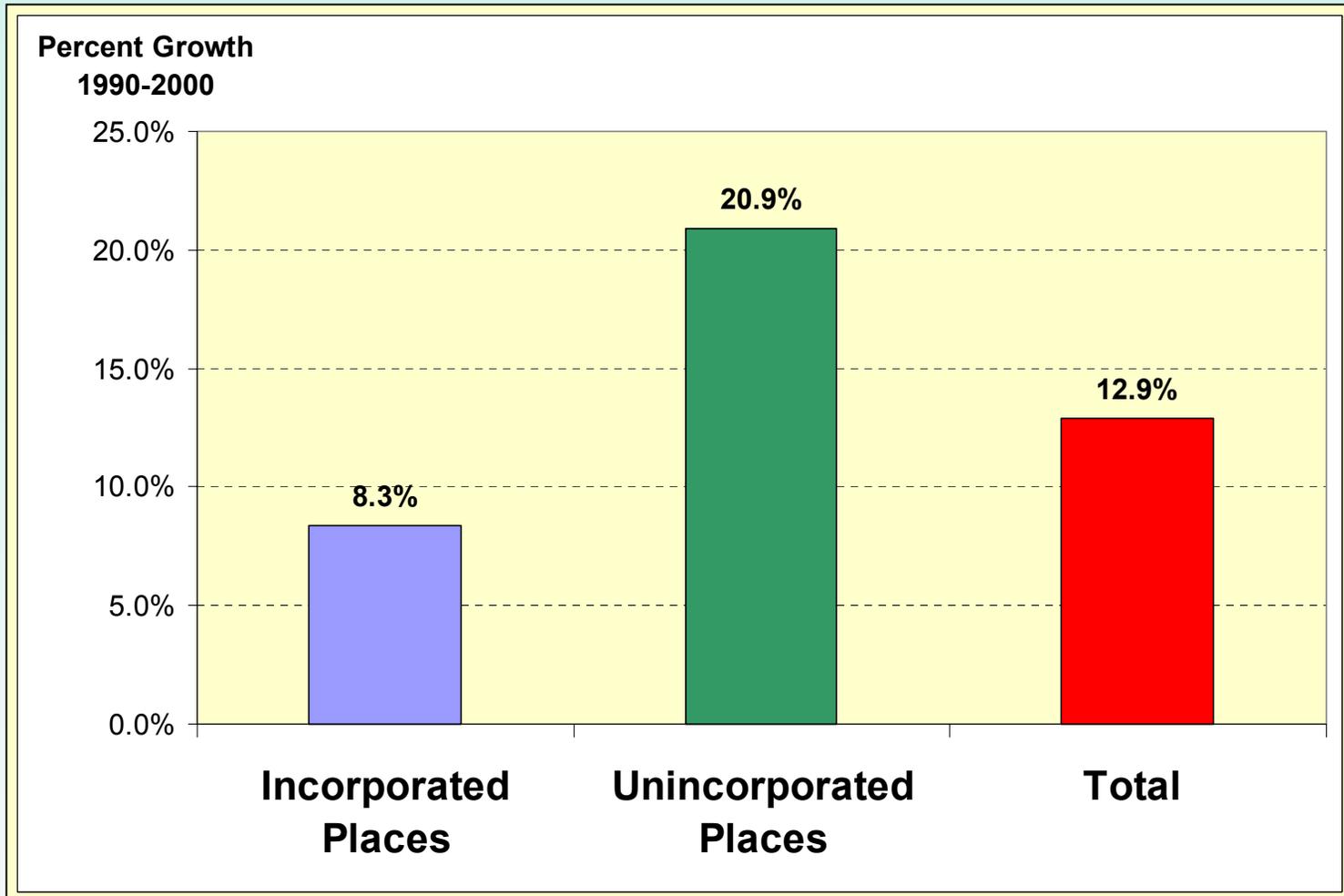
# California is an Engine of Growth for the Rest of the West



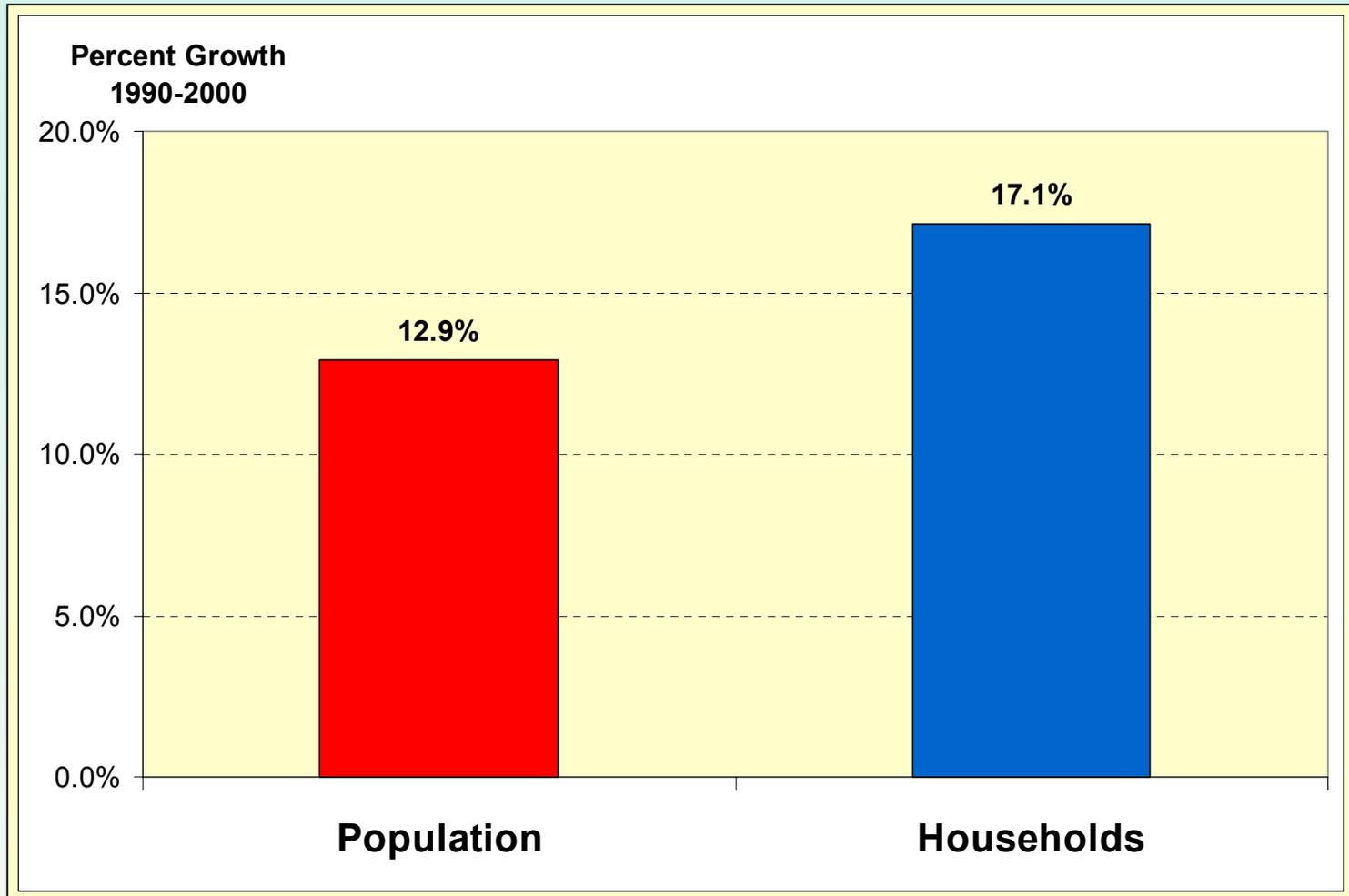
# S p r a w l !!!

- ❑ *Fastest Growth is in Unincorporated Places*
- ❑ *Households are Increasing Faster than Population*
- ❑ *We are Becoming Ever More Dependent on the Automobile*

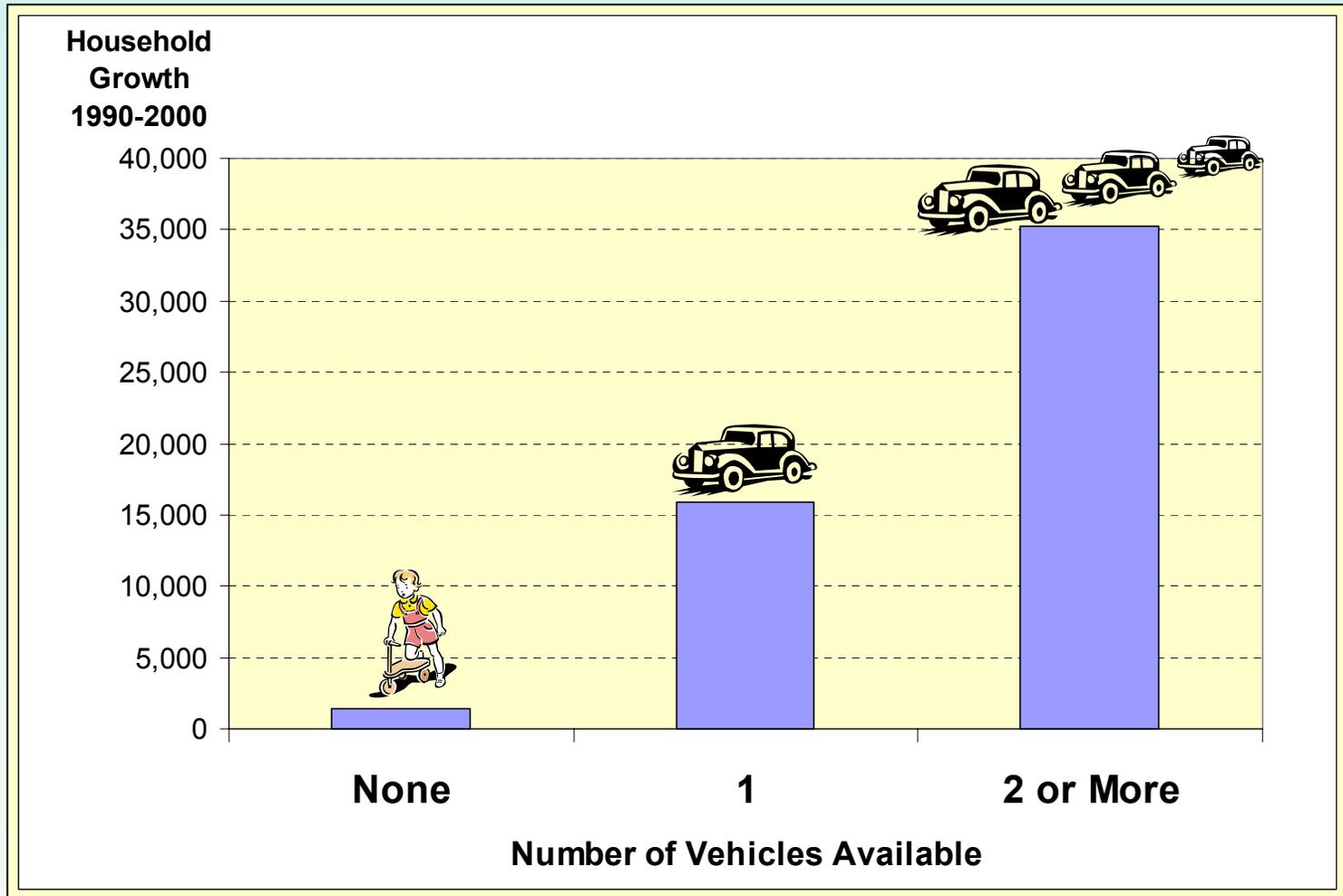
# Montana's Fastest Growth is Taking Place in Unincorporated Places



# Montana's Households are Increasing Faster than Population



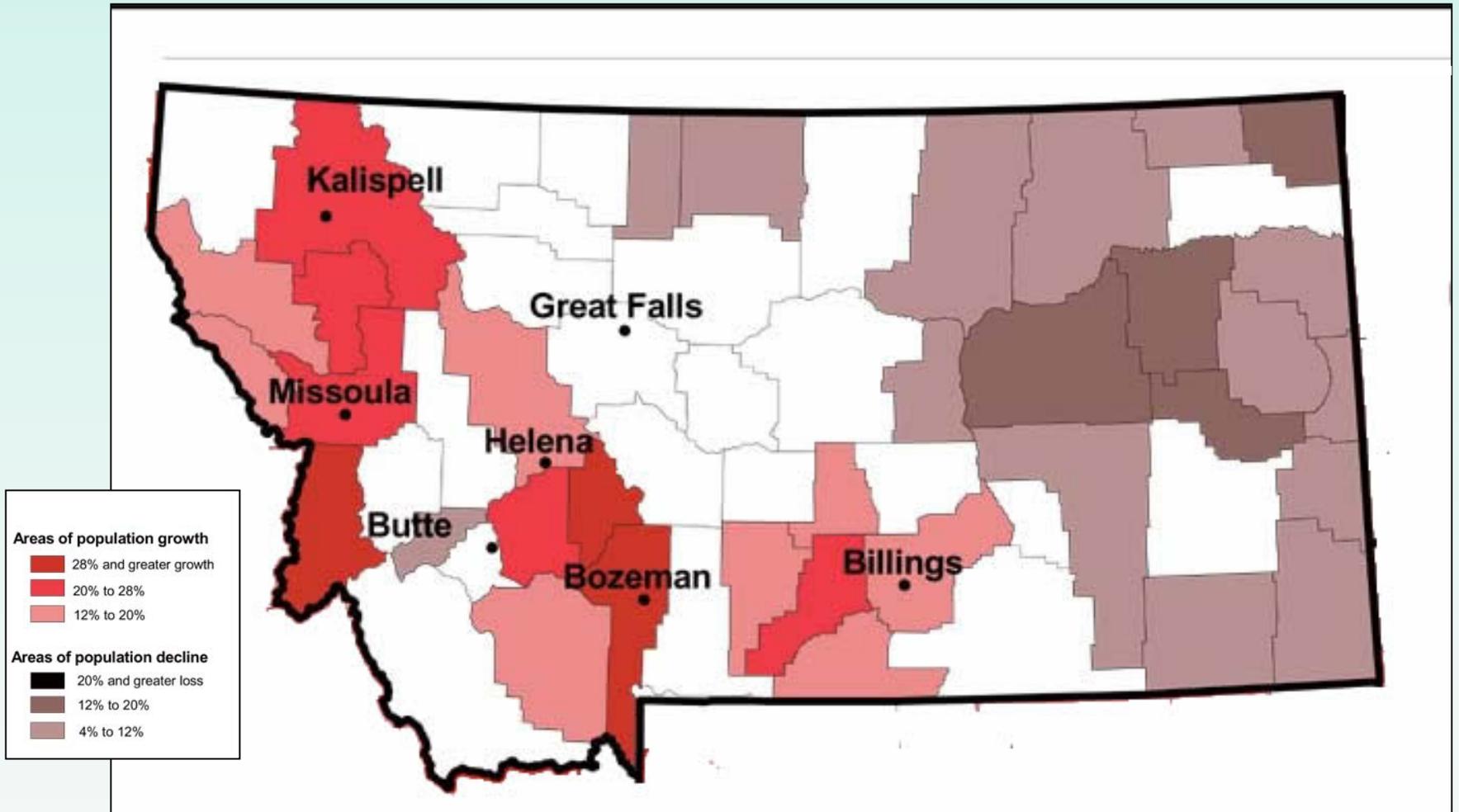
# Montana's Households with the Most Vehicles are Increasing the Fastest



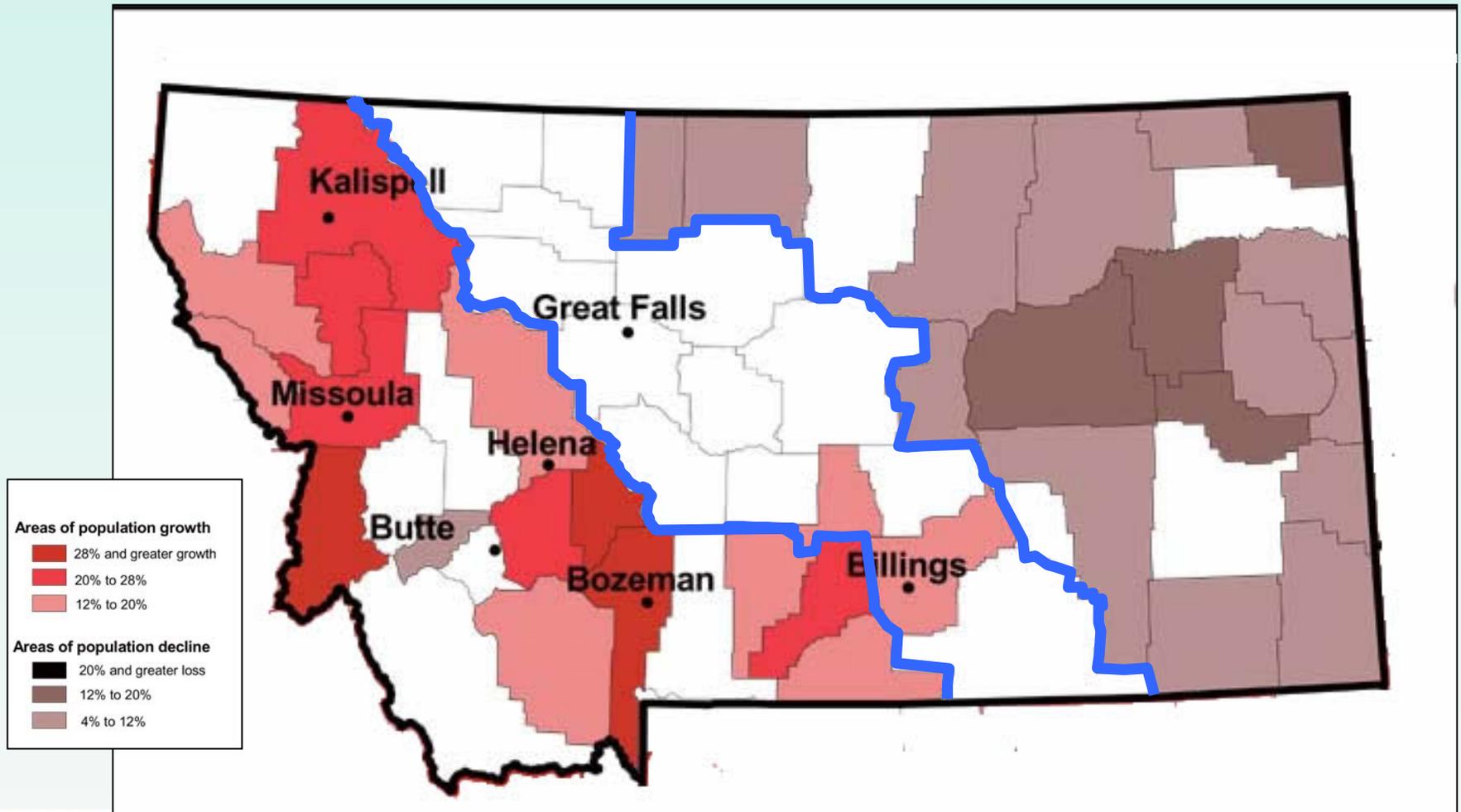
# Montana is Really Three States in One, Whether We Look at...

- ❑ *Climate and Topography*
- ❑ *Demographic Characteristics*
- ❑ *Economic Characteristics*

# Population Growth and Decline in Montana's Counties

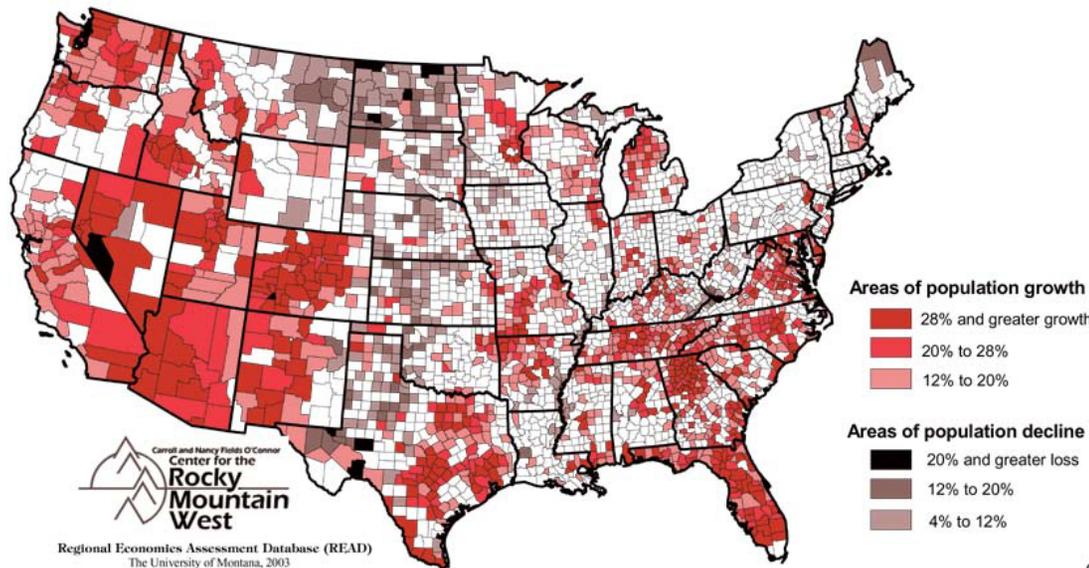
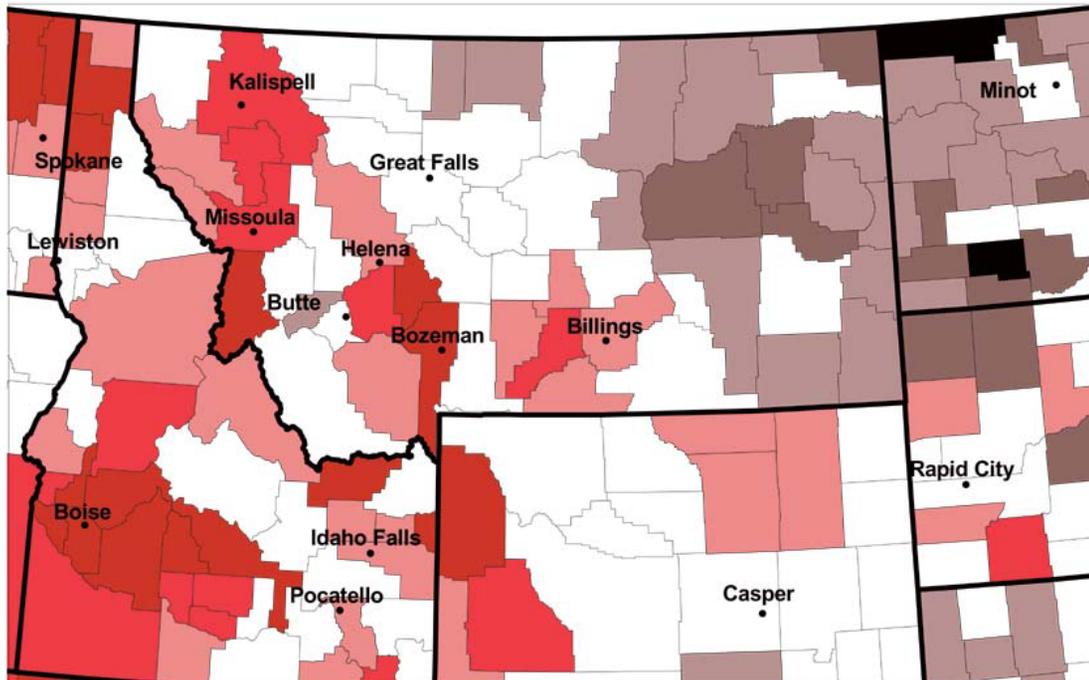


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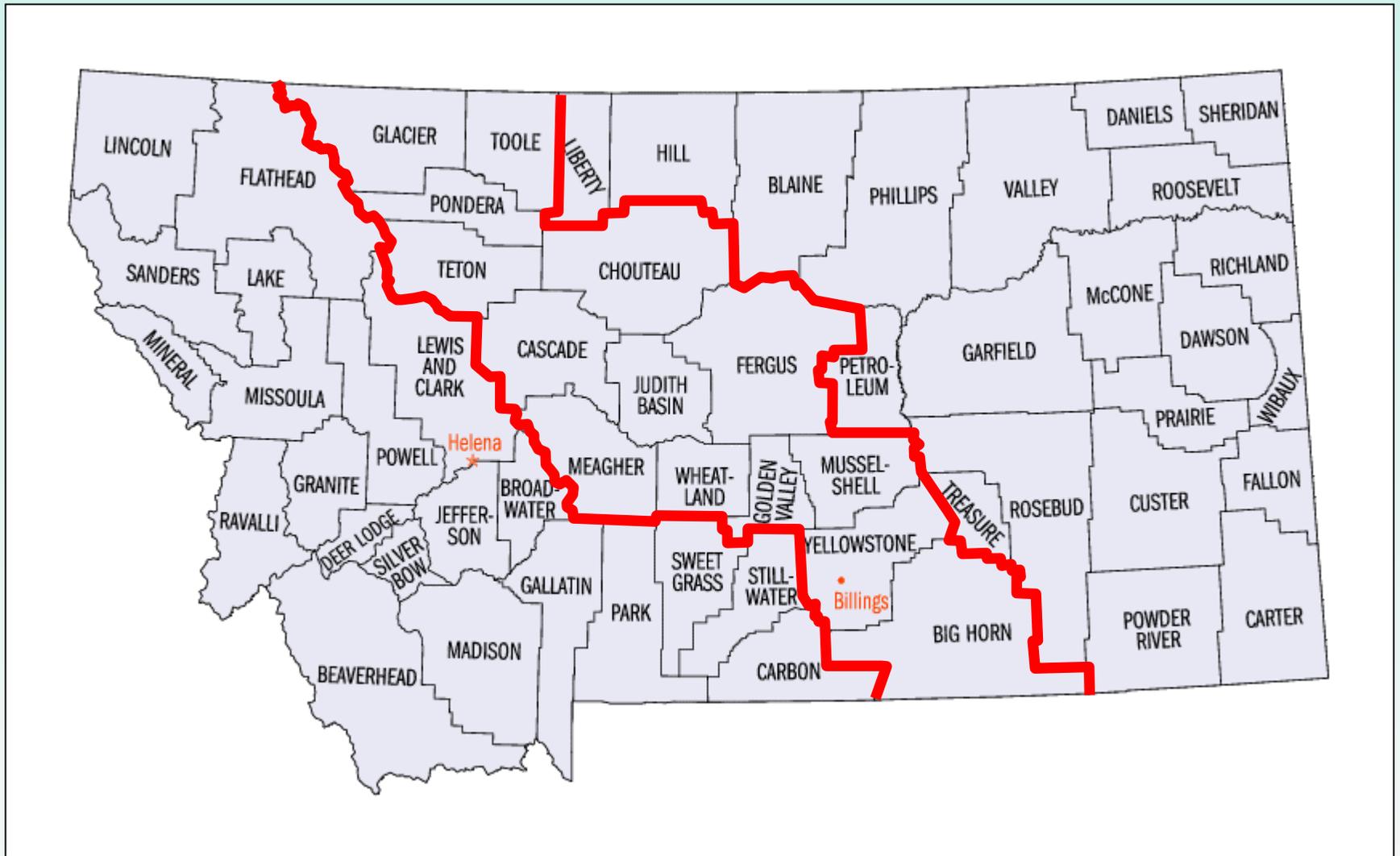


# Montana is Not Unique...

*It is Representative of Trends  
Taking Place in the Entire  
Region*



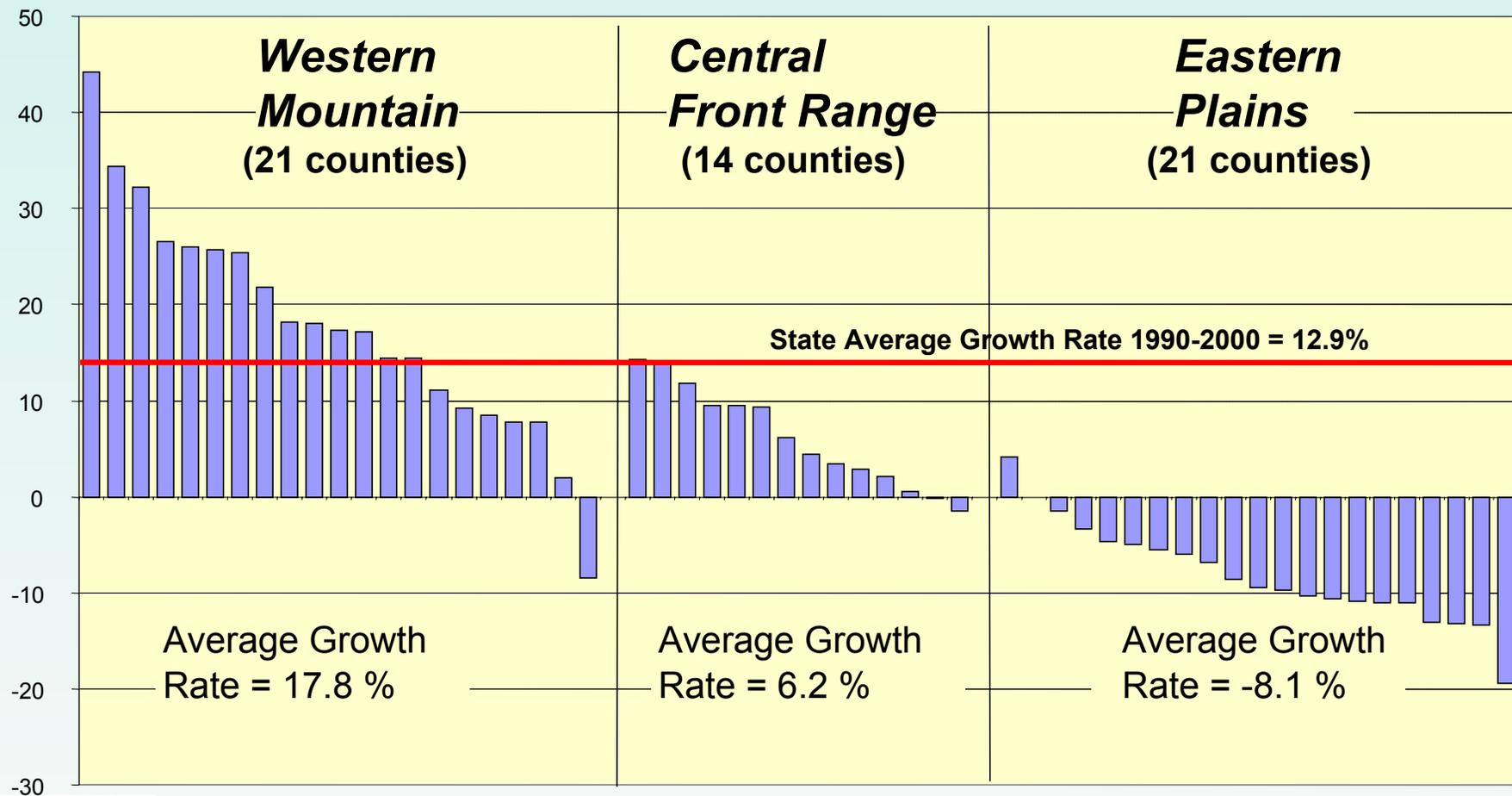
# The Three States of Montana



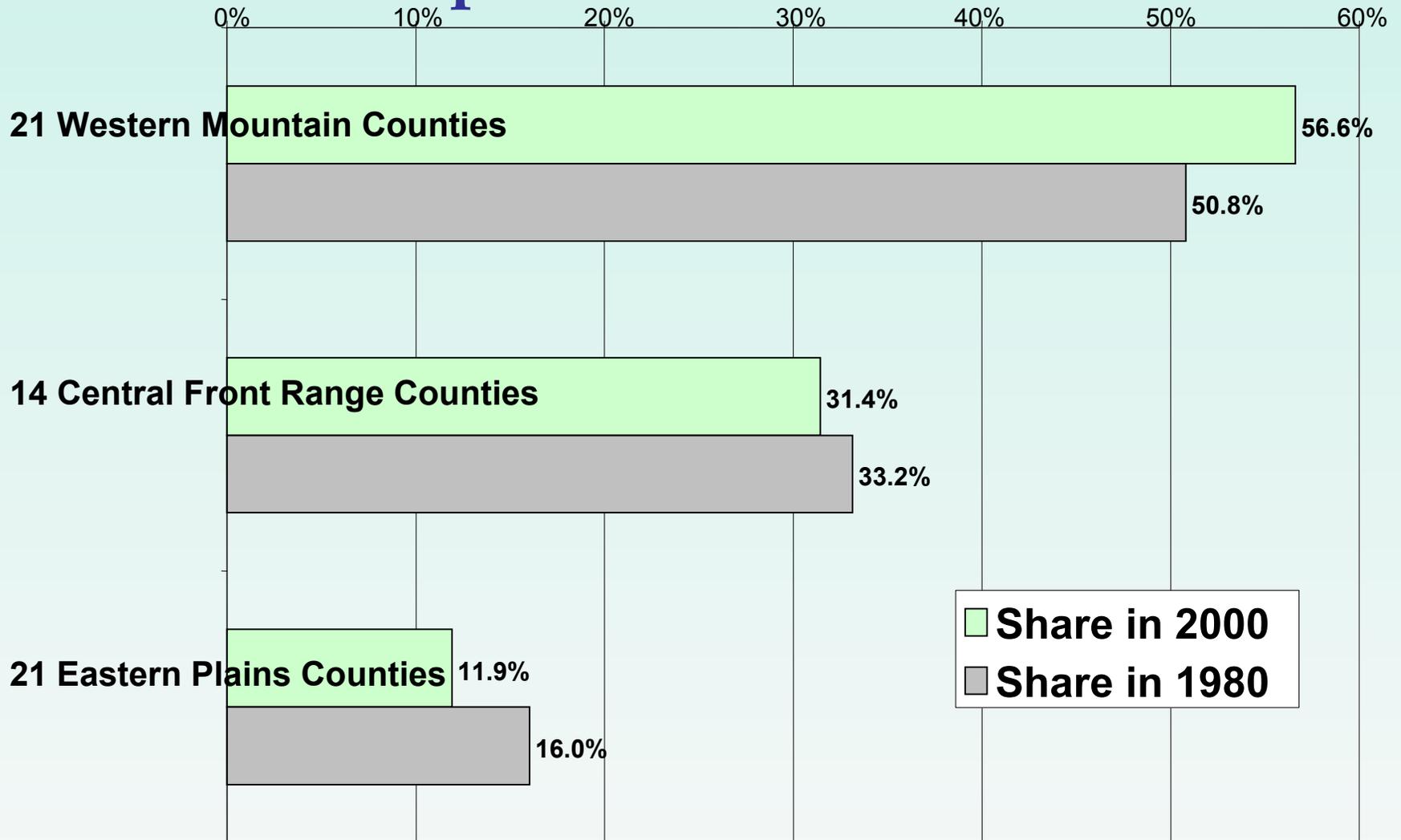
# Population Growth (Percent) Montana Counties: 1990-2000

## *The Three States of Montana*

Percent  
Growth



# Western Counties Gaining Total Share of Montana Population

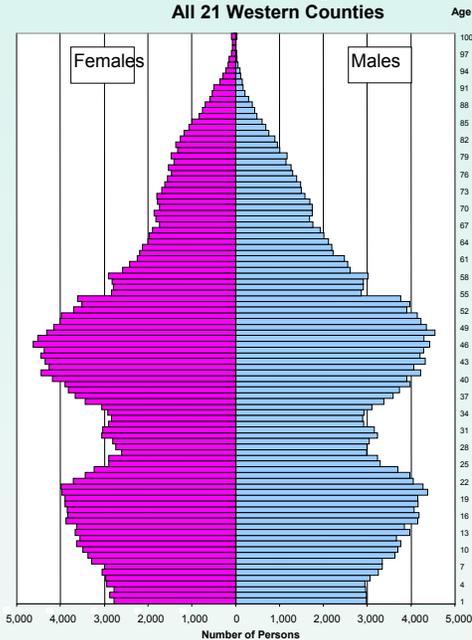


# Population Size and Age Structure in 2000

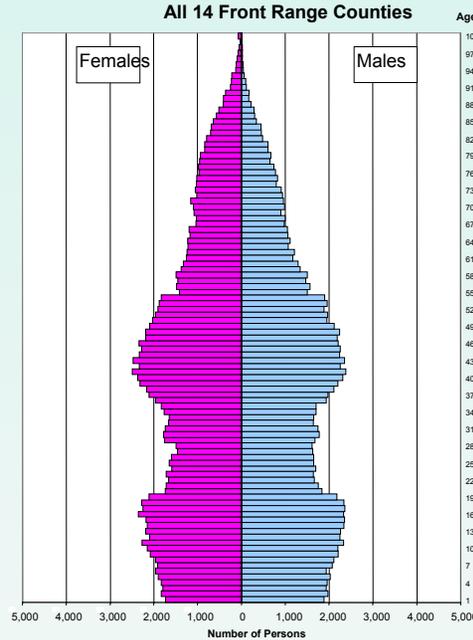
-- The Three Regions of Montana

## *The Three States of Montana*

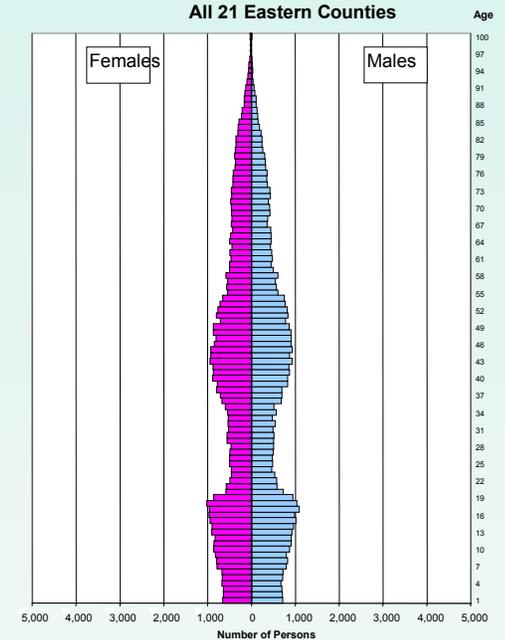
Single Years of Age: 2000  
All 21 Western Counties



Single Years of Age: 2000  
All 14 Front Range Counties



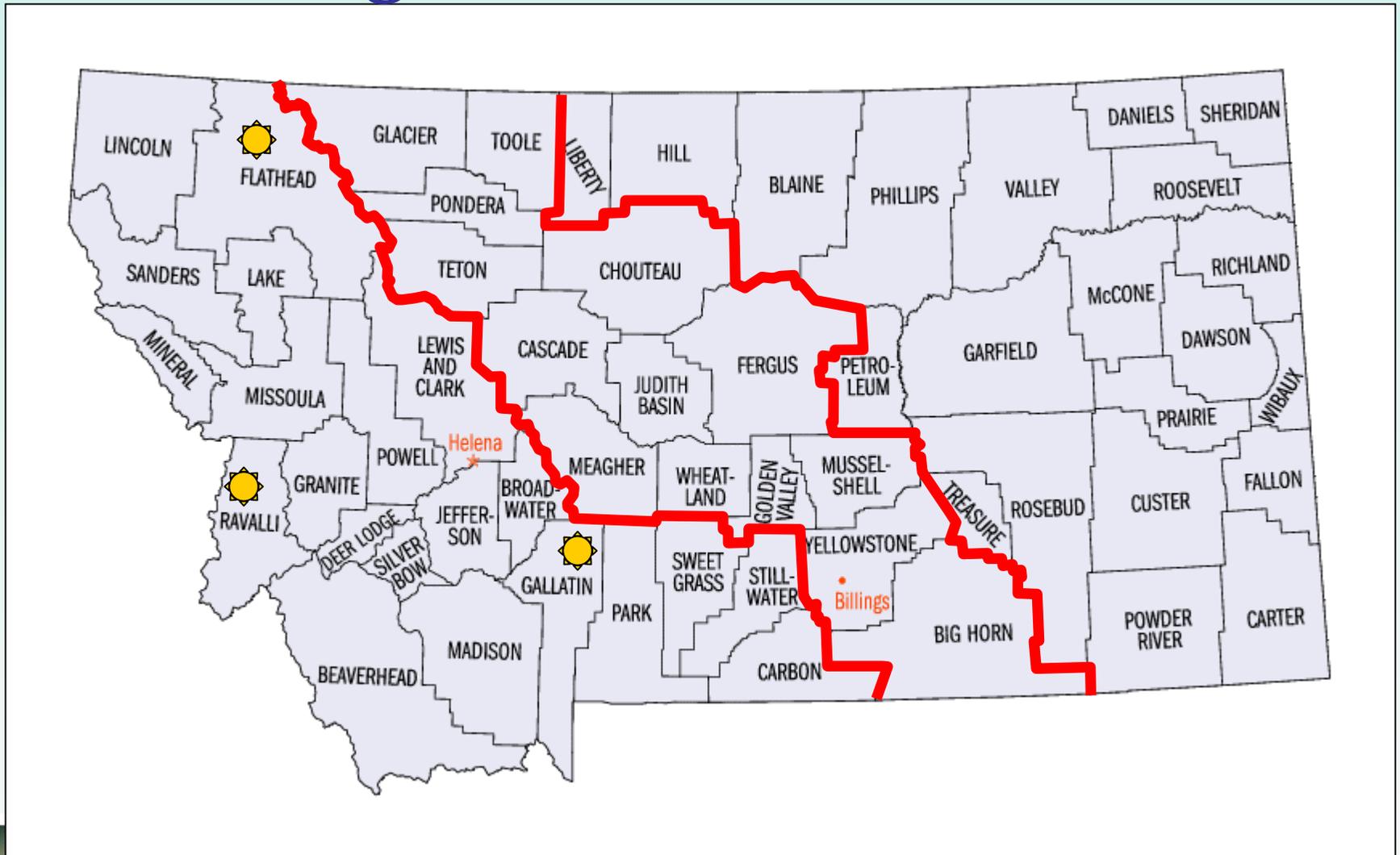
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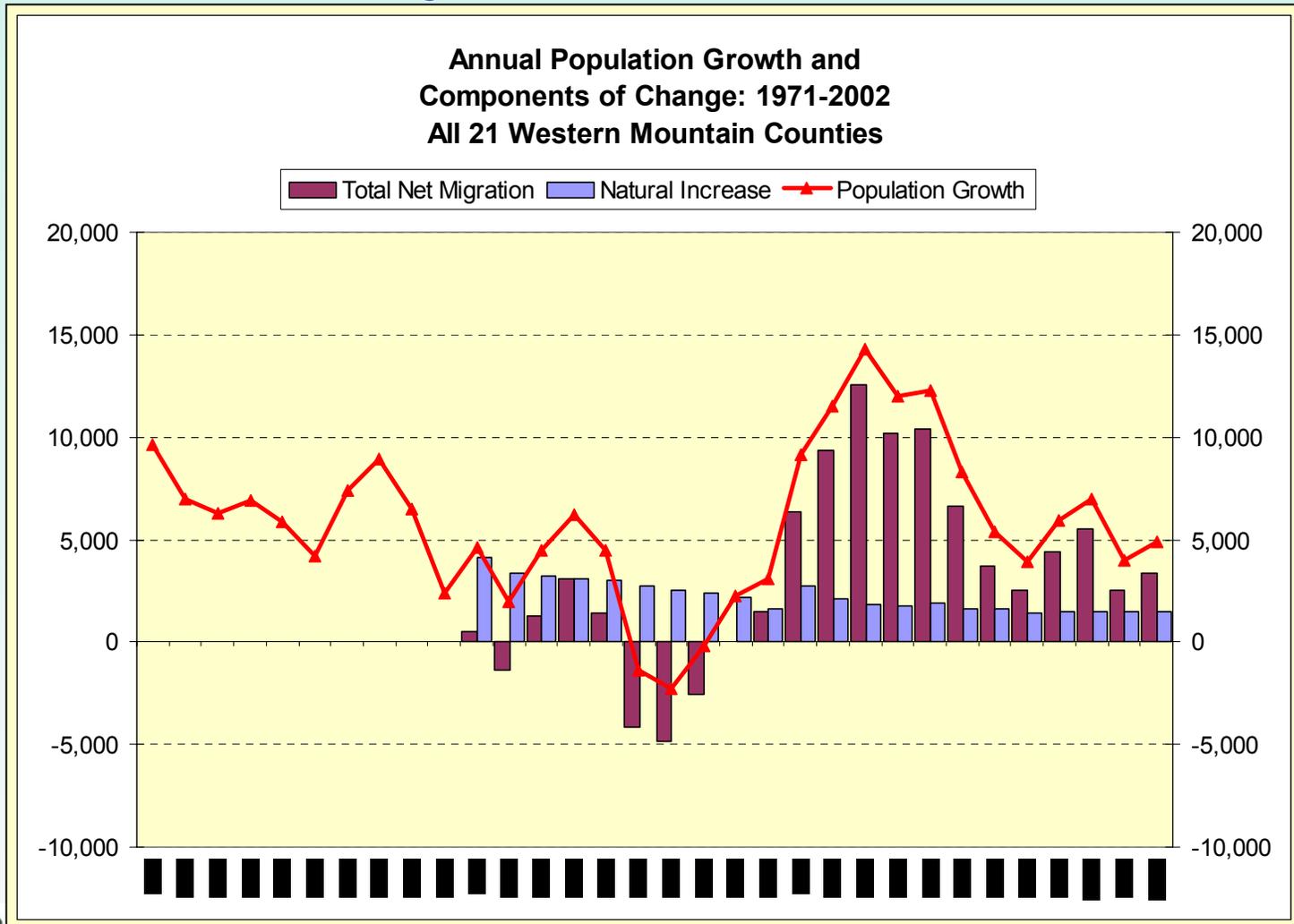
# Western Mountain High Growth Counties

- ❑ *All 21 Western Mountain Counties*
- ❑ *Gallatin County*
- ❑ *Flathead County*
- ❑ *Ravalli County*

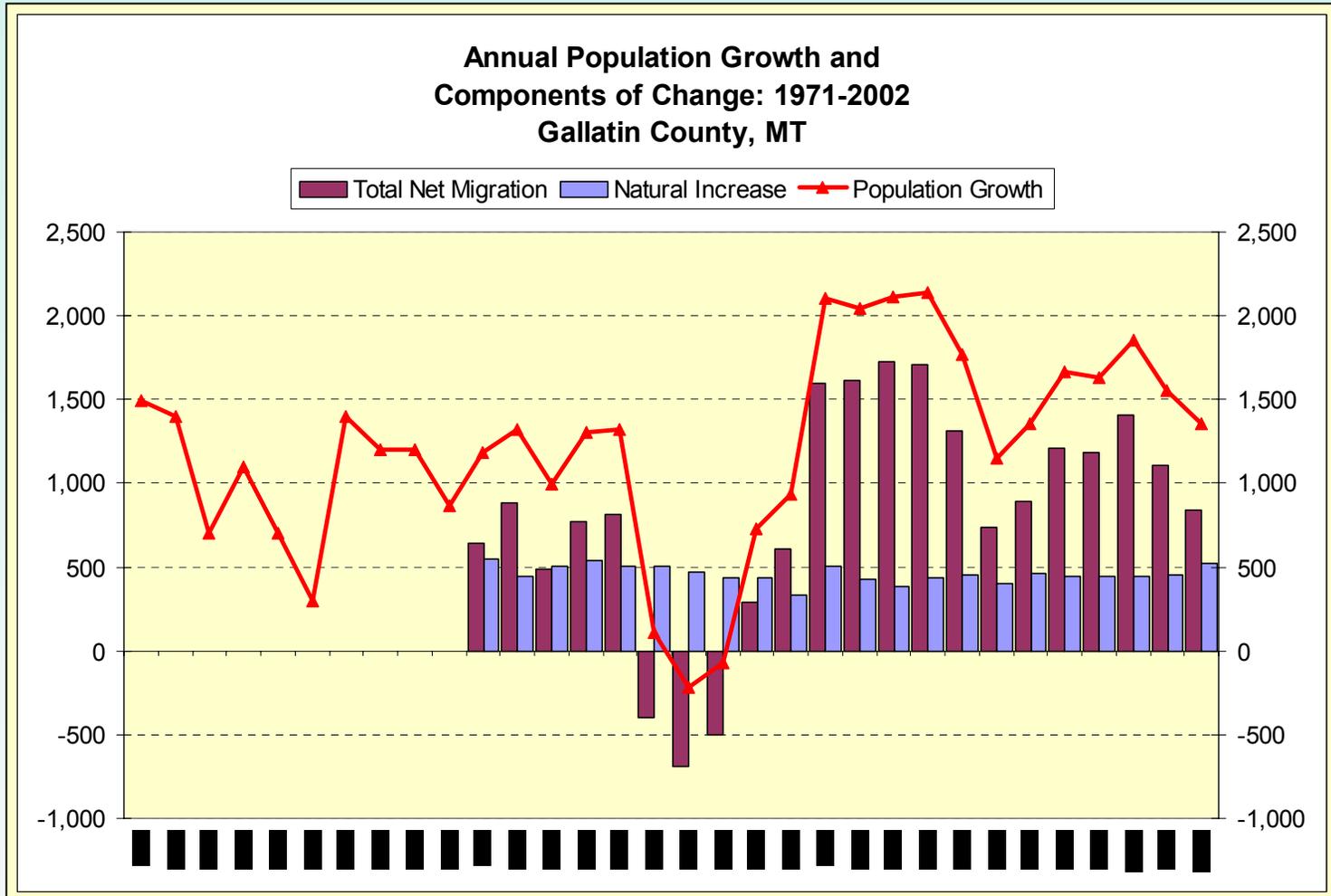
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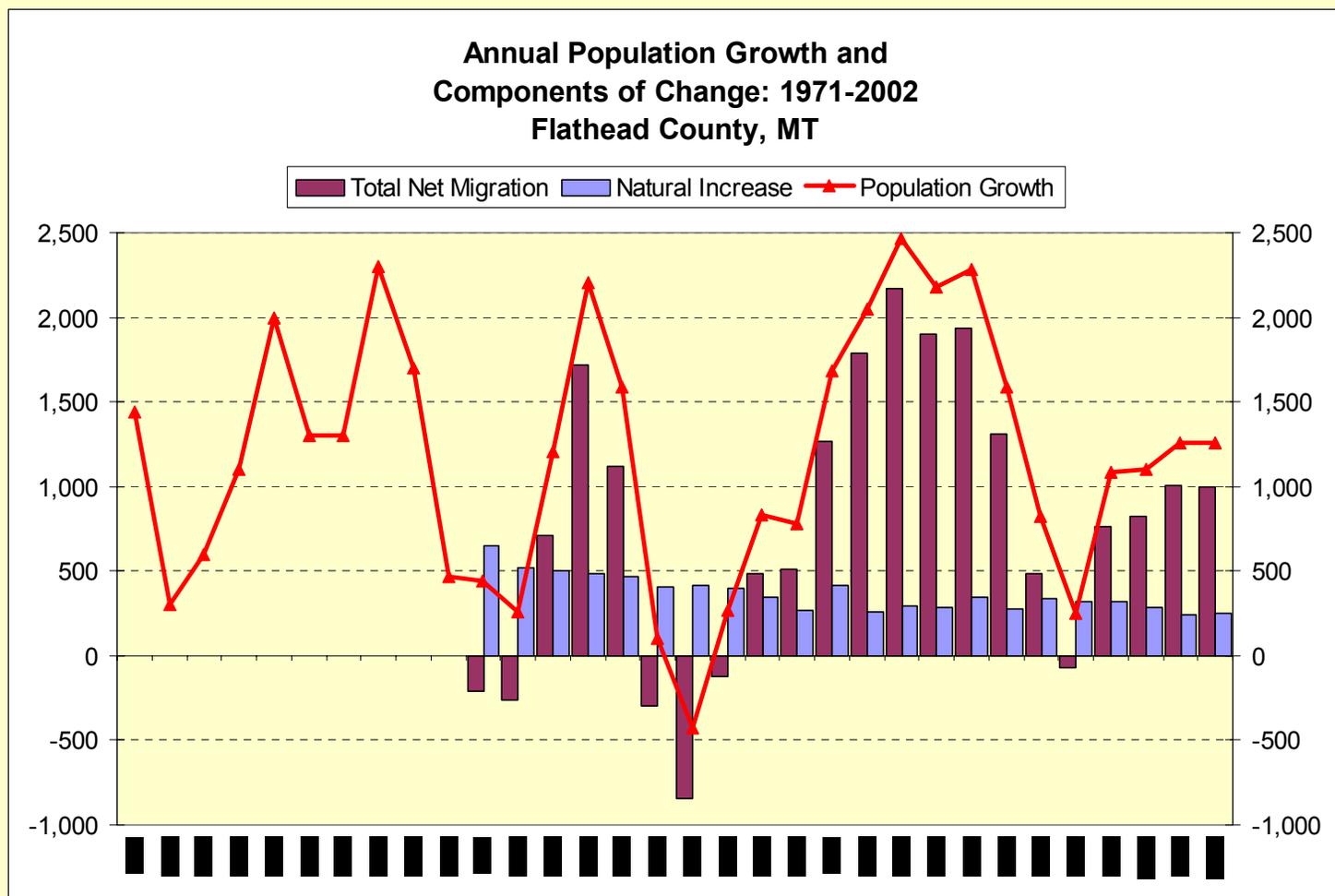
# Western Mountain County Growth Steady in Recent Years



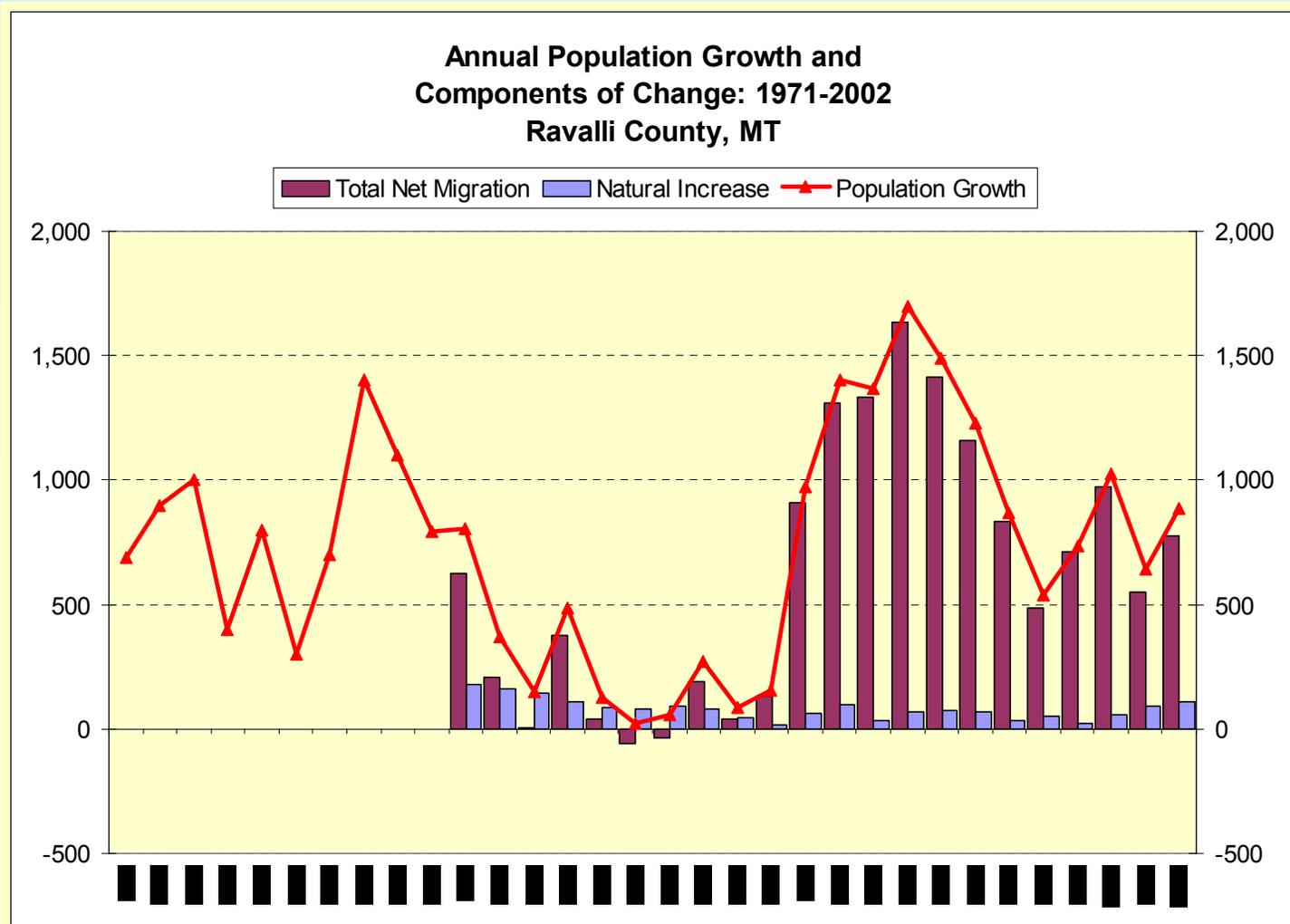
# Gallatin County's High Growth is Being Sustained



# Flathead County's Population Growth has Rebounded



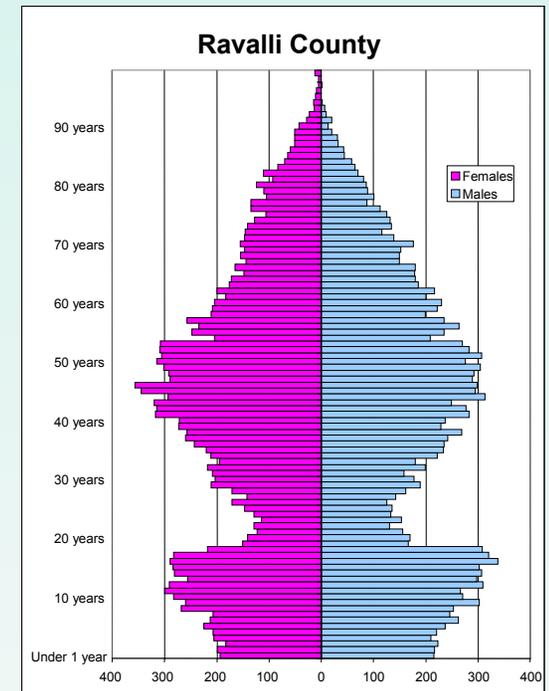
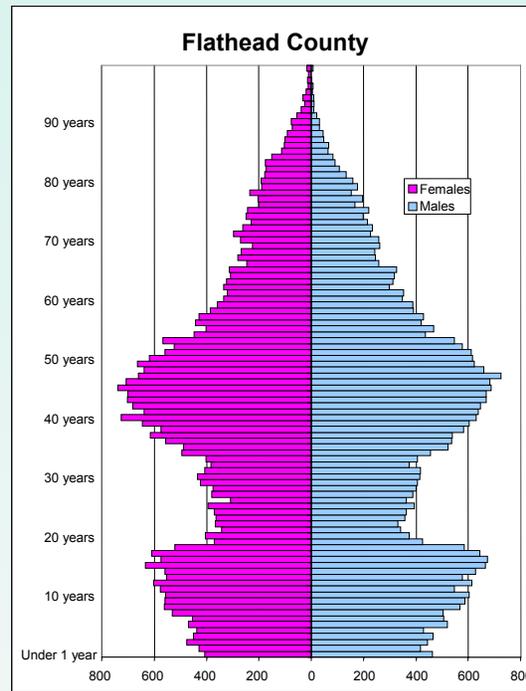
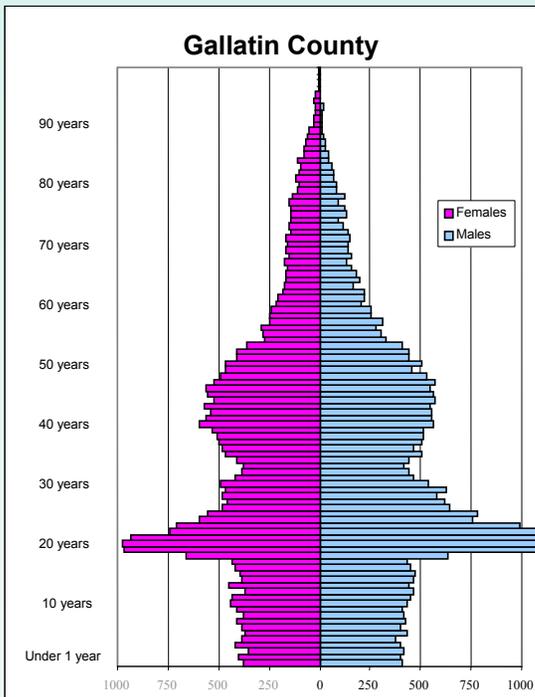
# Ravalli County's Population Growth is also Firming Up



# County Population Composition

Differences in 2000

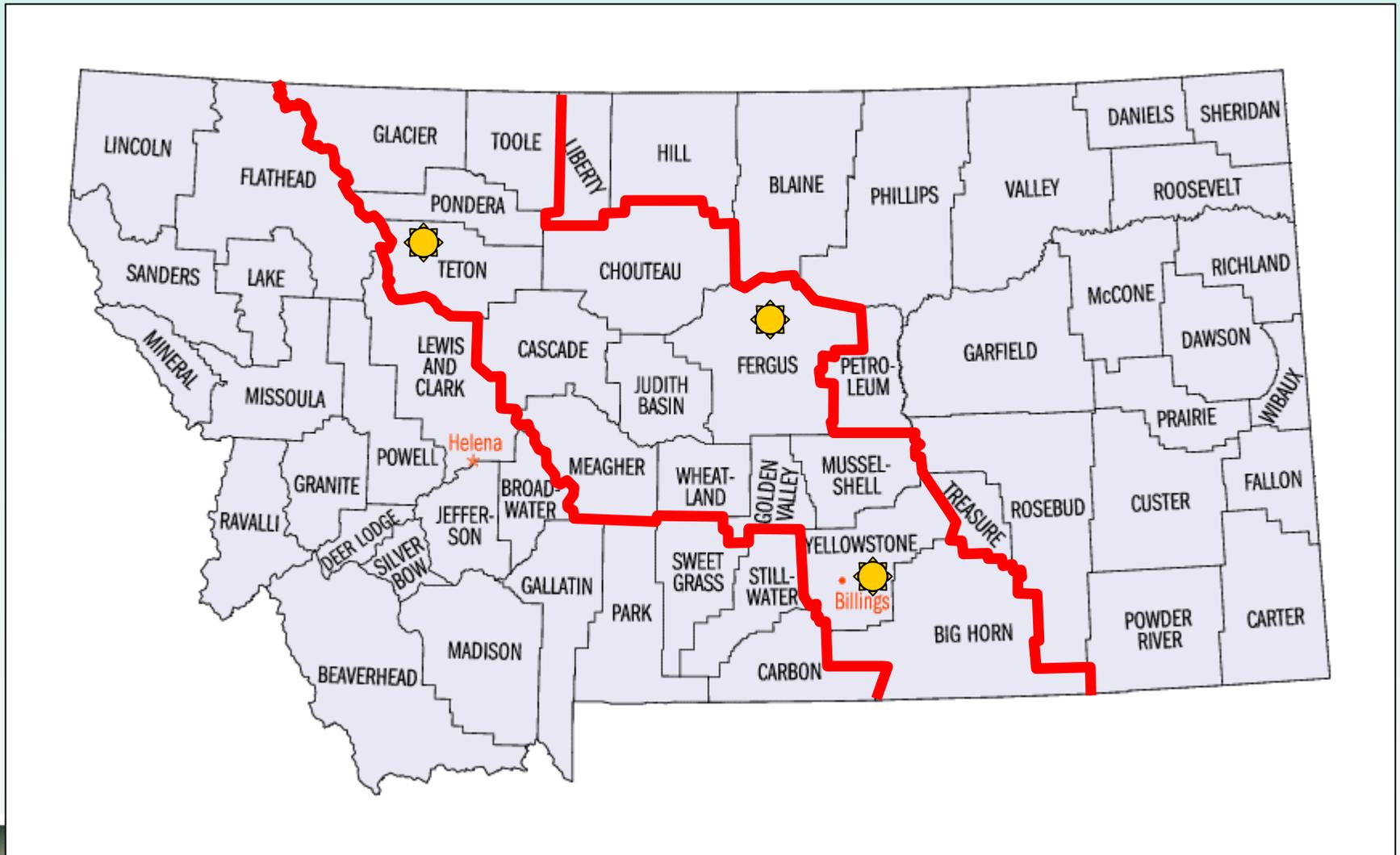
Three Western Mountain Counties



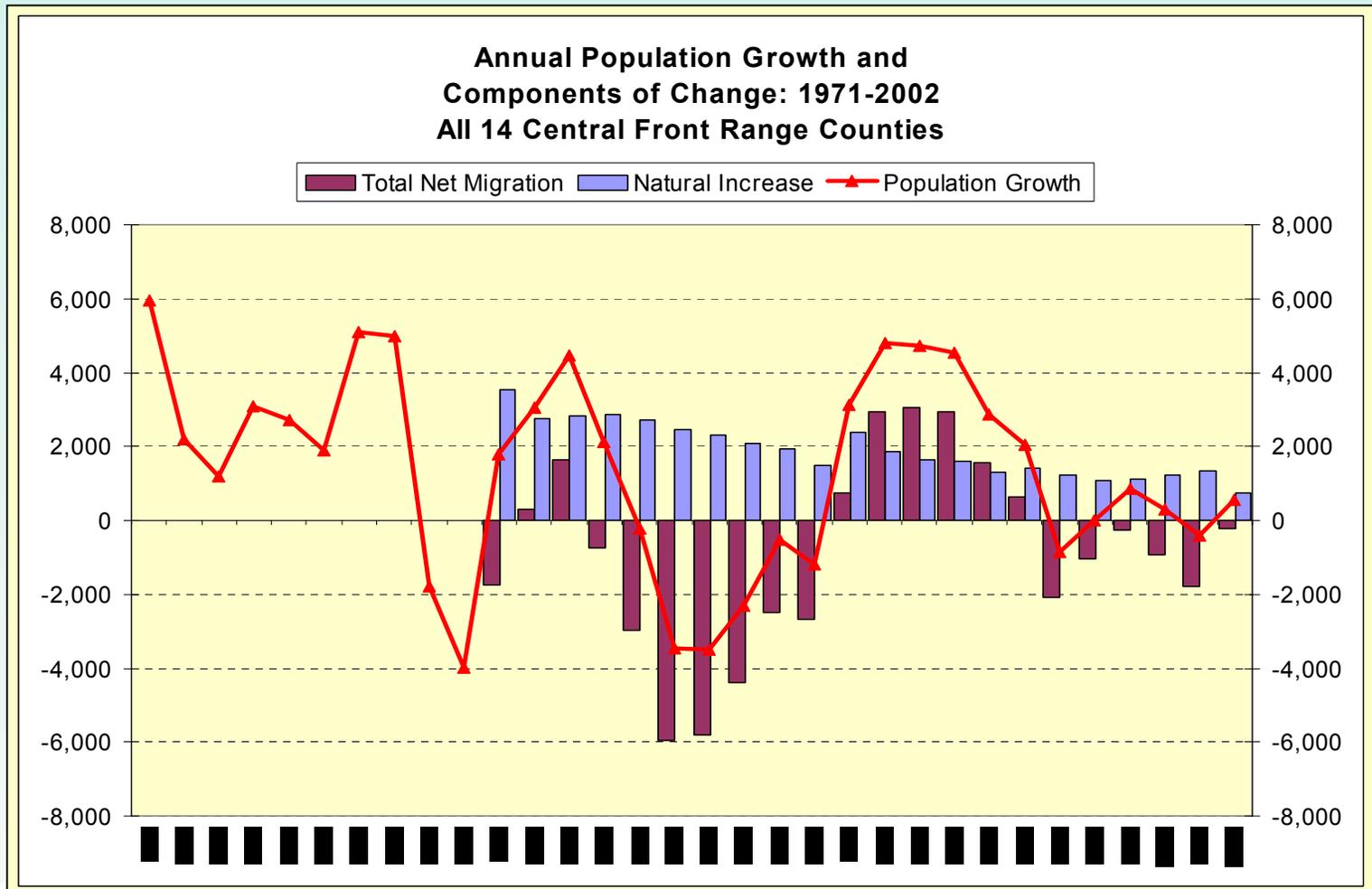
# Central Front Range Low Growth Counties

- ❑ *All 14 Central Front Range Counties*
- ❑ *Yellowstone County*
- ❑ *Teton County*
- ❑ *Fergus County*

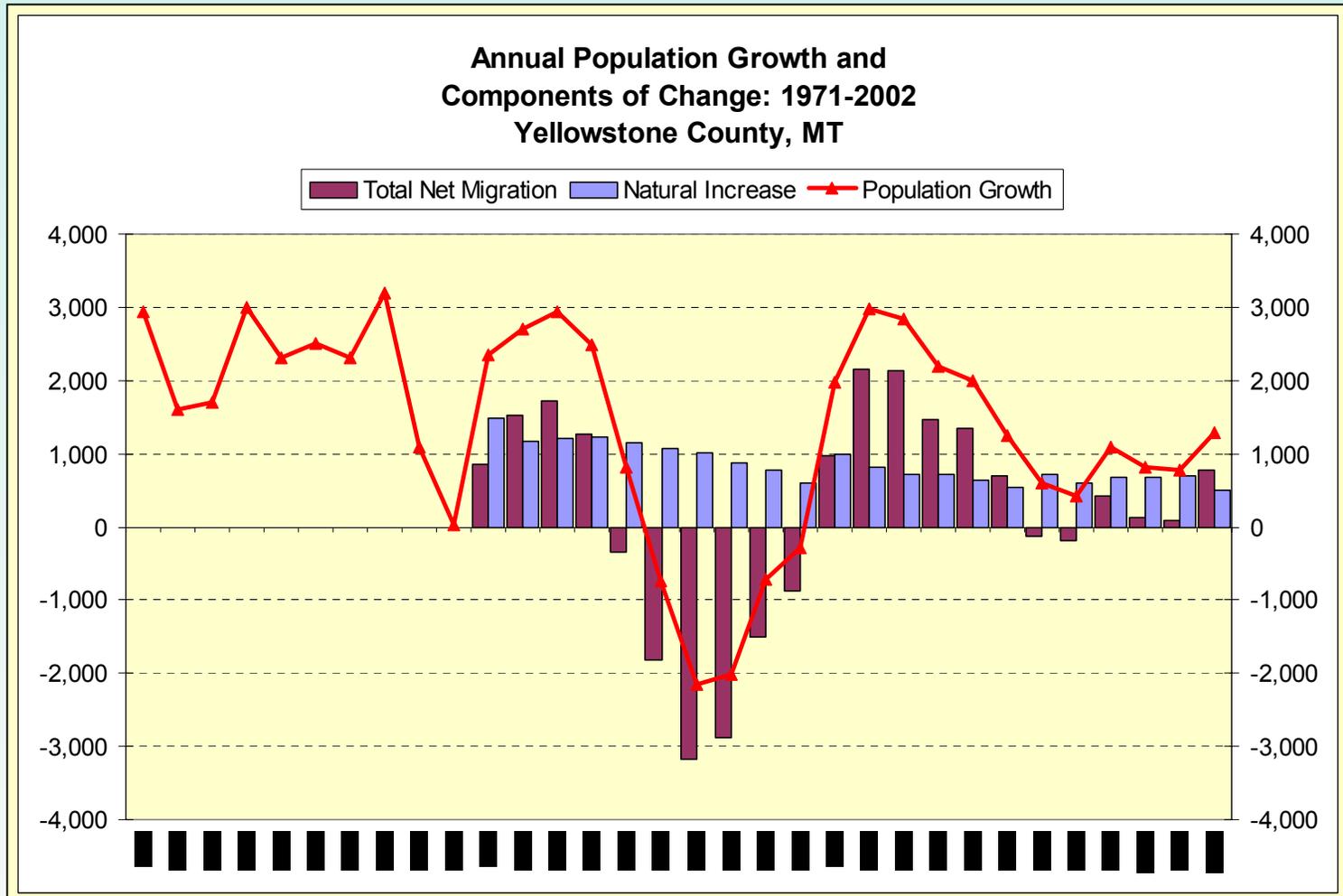
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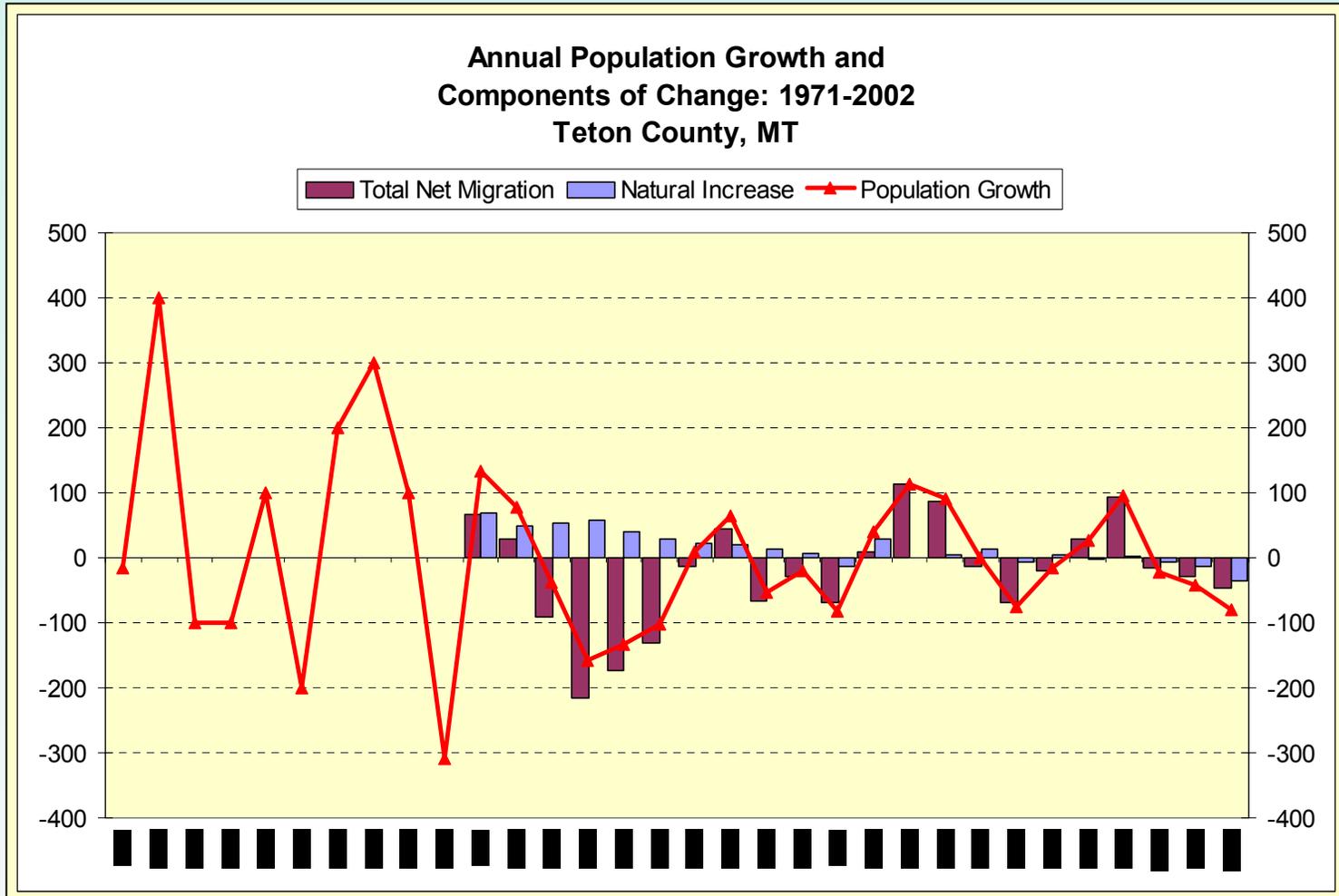
# Central Front Range County Growth + and - in Recent Years



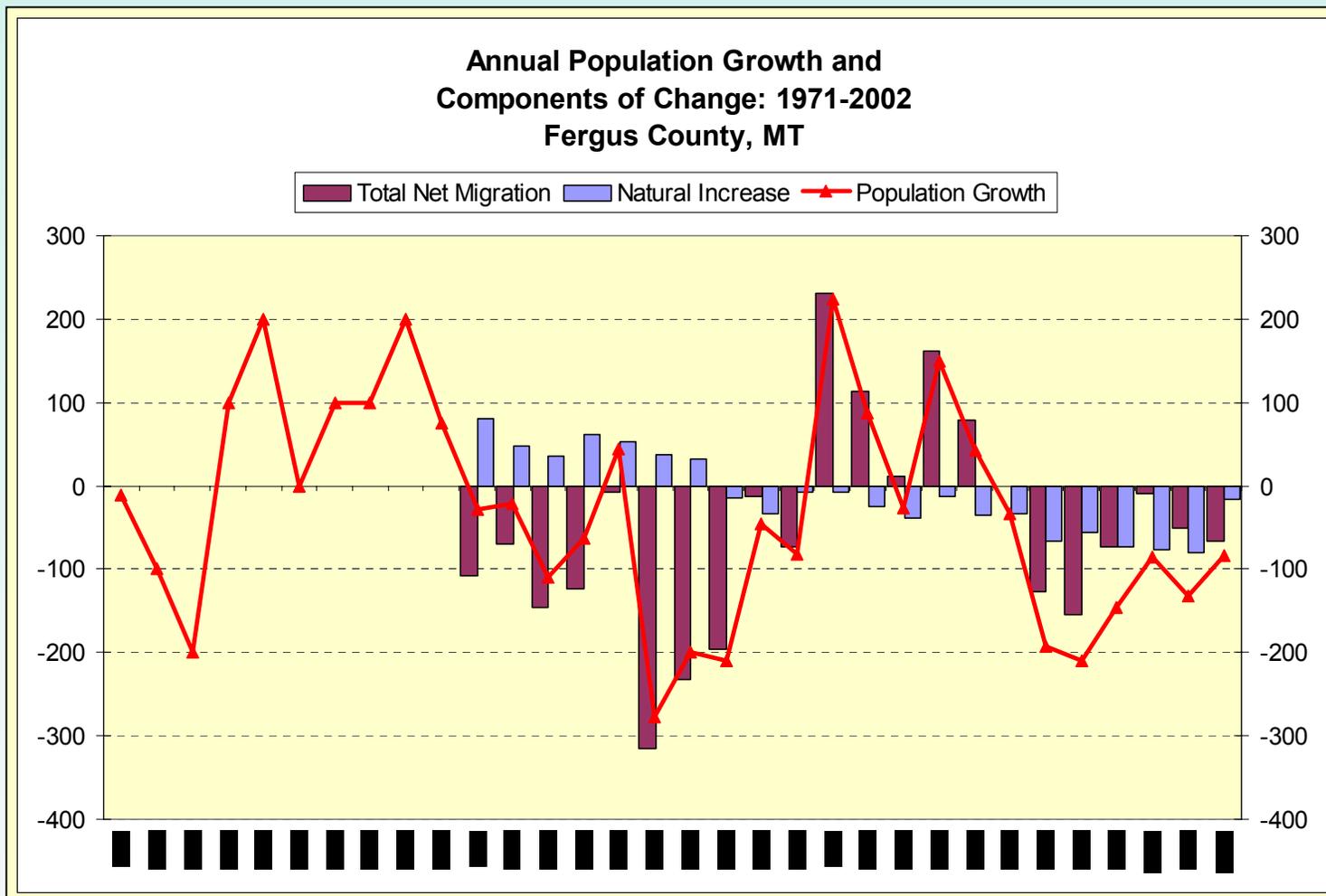
# Yellowstone County Growth Positive in Recent Years



# Teton County Growth Alternating Between + and -



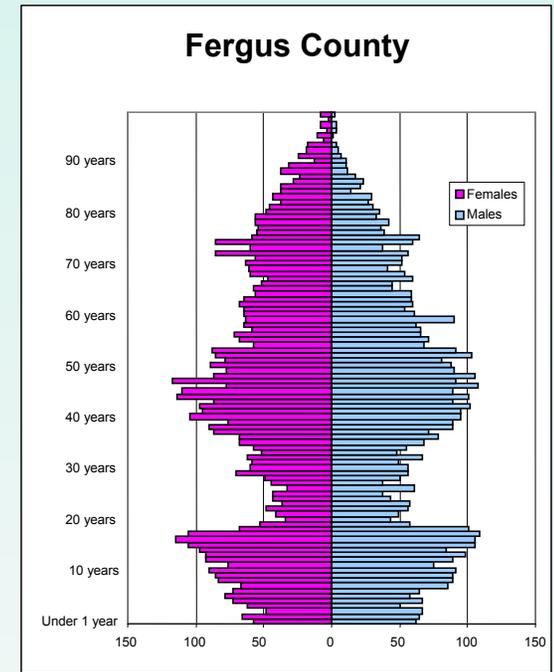
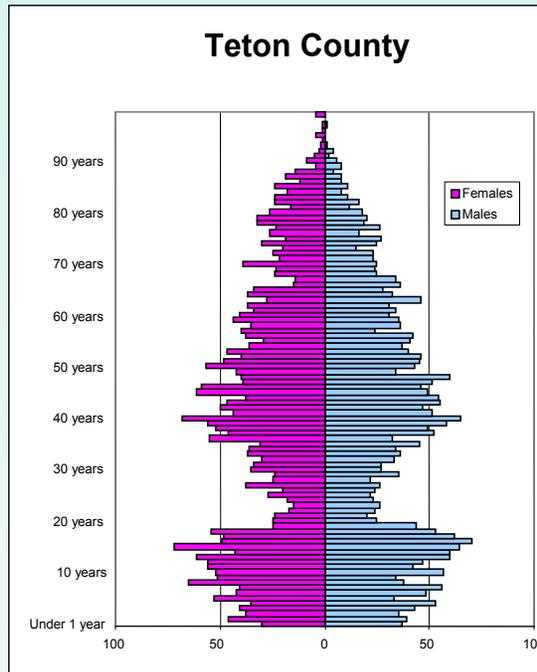
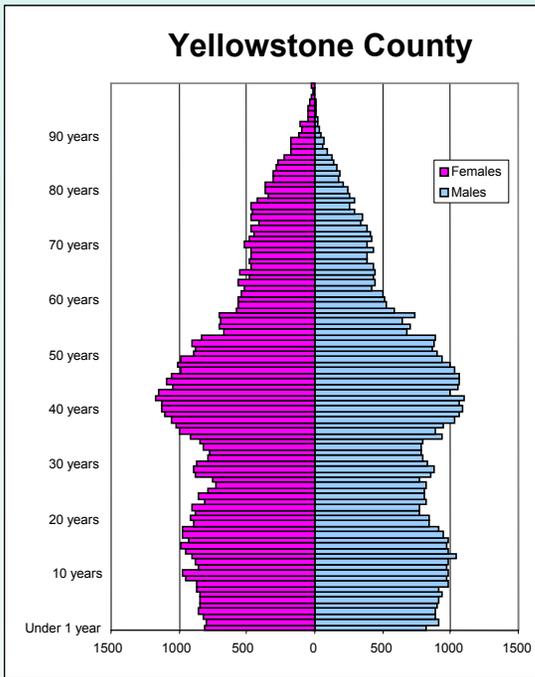
# Fergus County Growth Has Returned to Negative Levels



# Population Composition Varies

Differences in 2000

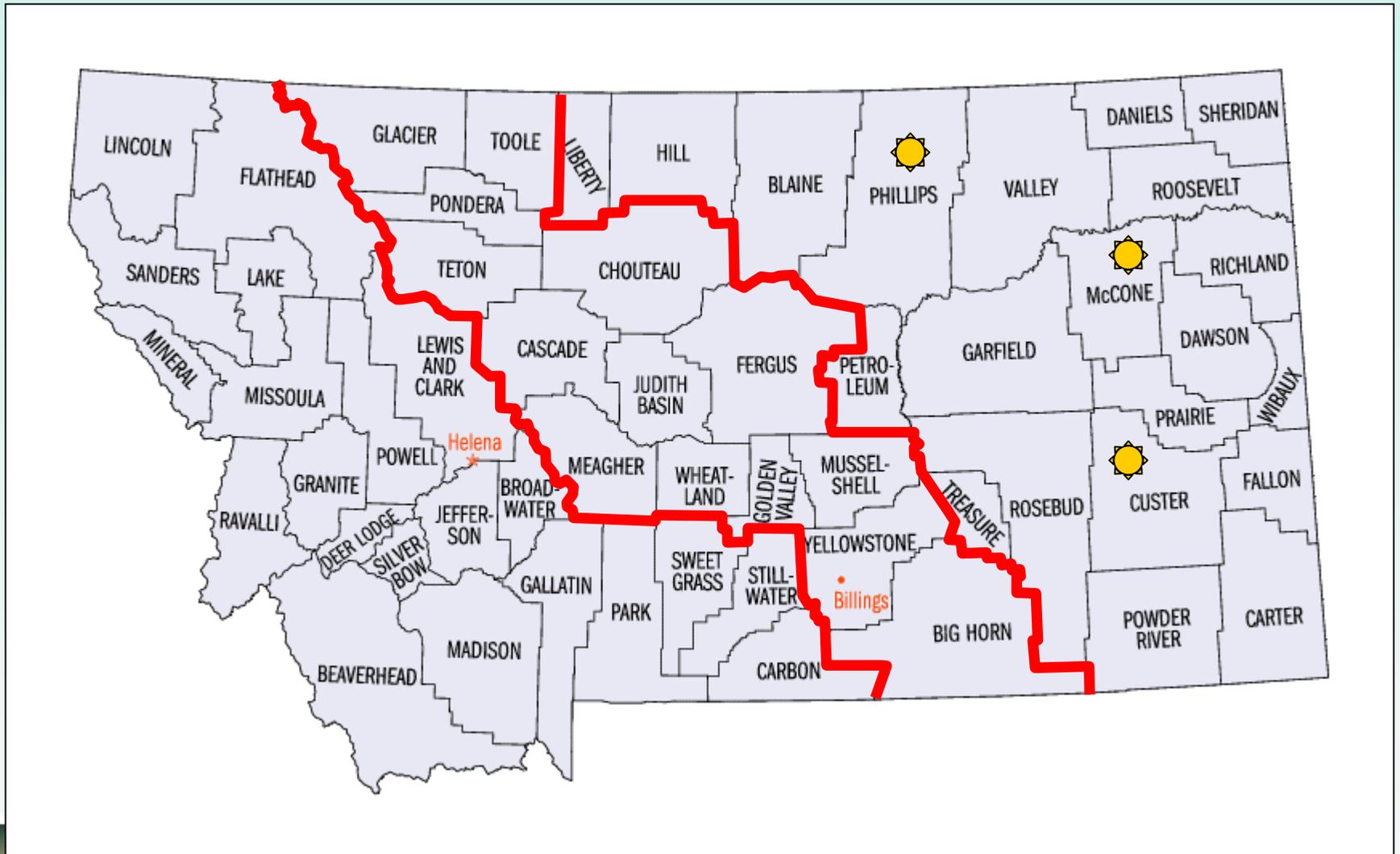
Three Central Front Range Counties



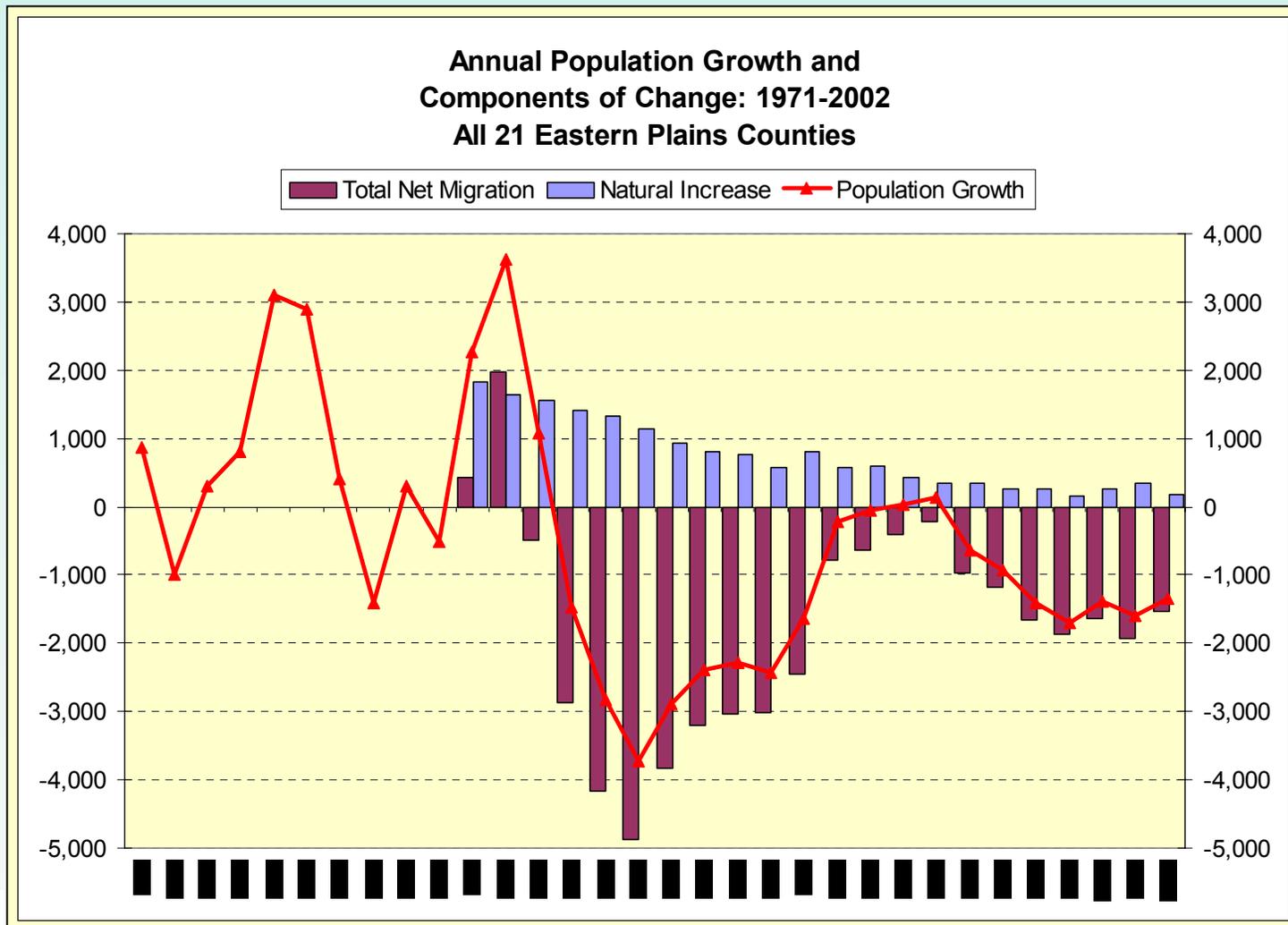
# Eastern Plains Negative Growth Counties

- ❑ *All 14 Eastern Plains Counties*
- ❑ *Custer County*
- ❑ *McCone County*
- ❑ *Phillips County*

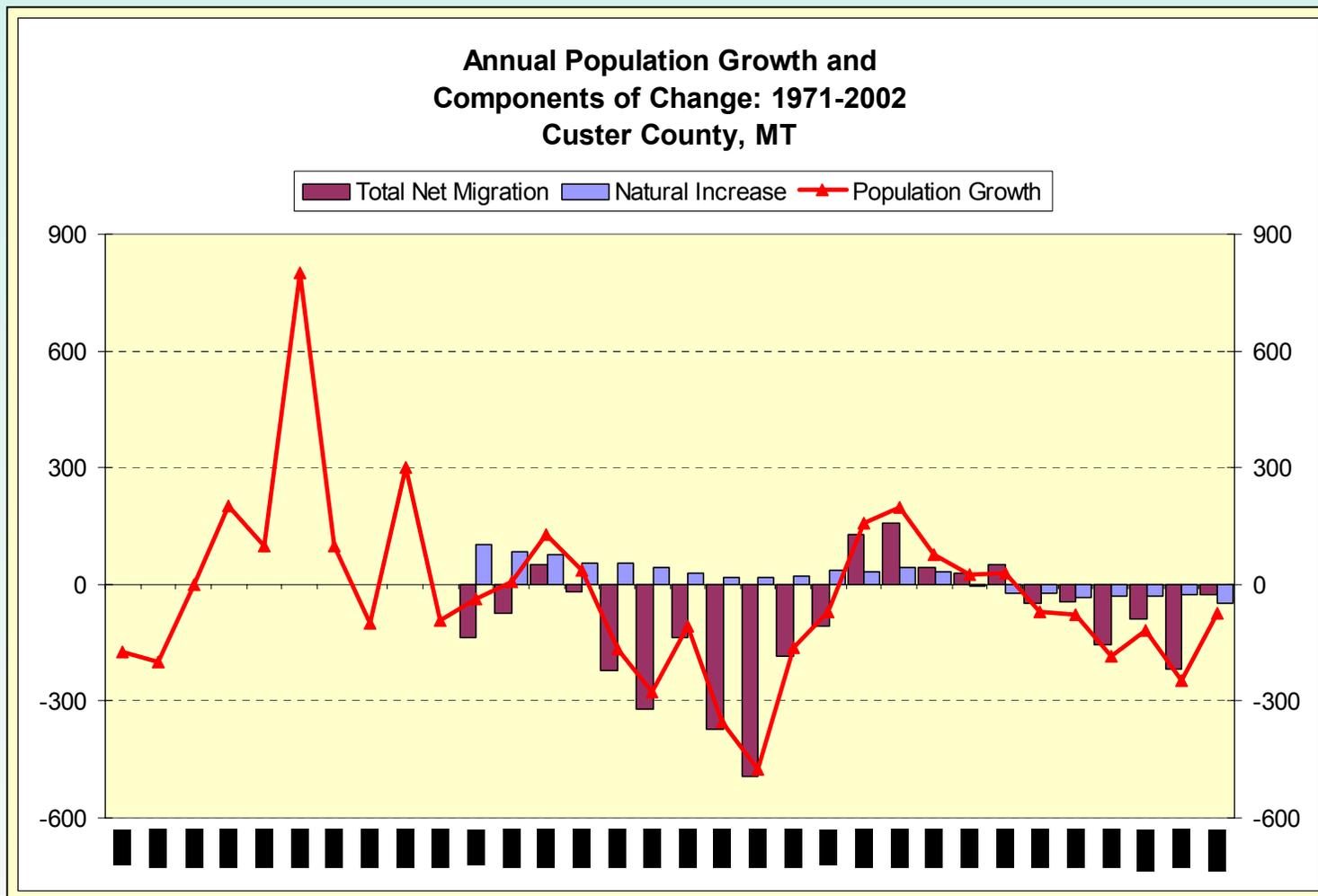
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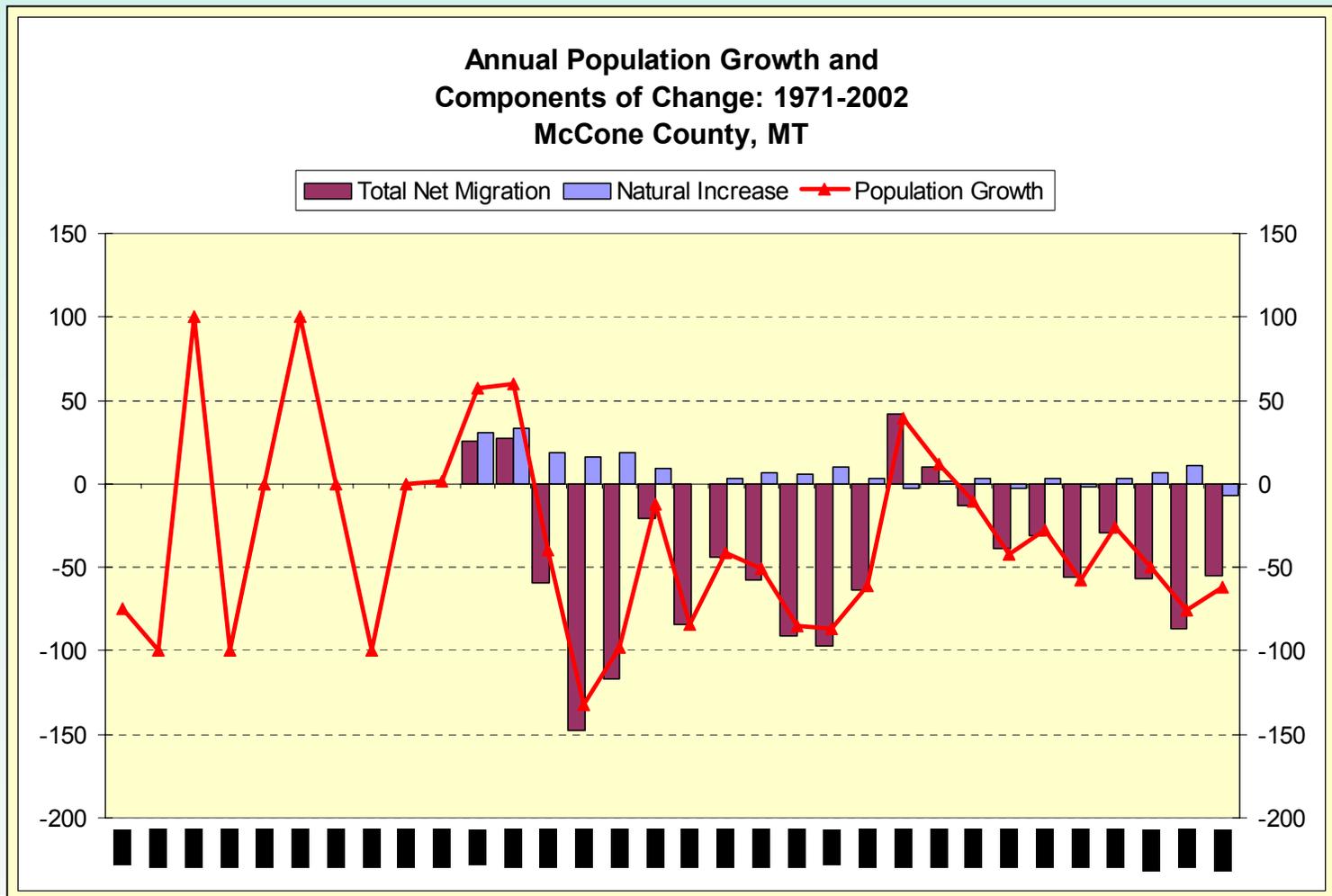
# Eastern Plains County Growth in Long-Term Decline



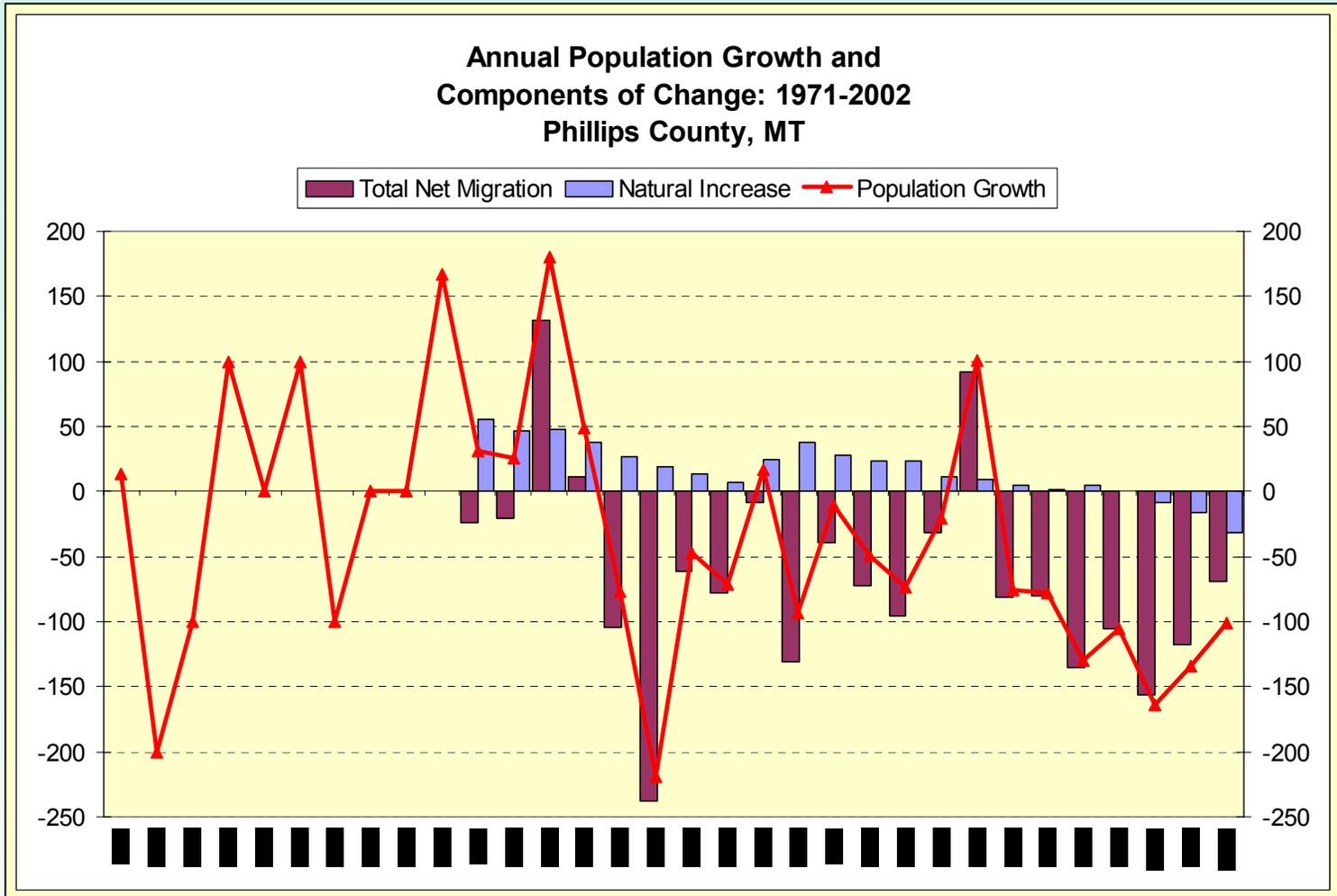
# Custer County Growth Has Returned to Negative Levels



# McCone County Growth is Firmly at Negative Levels



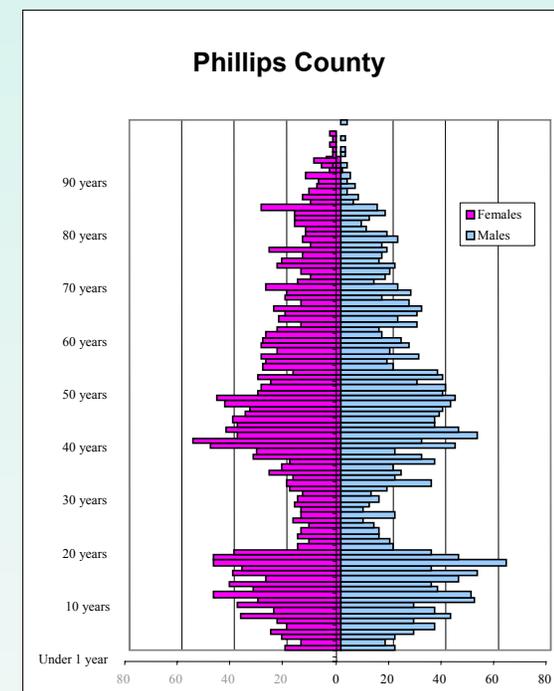
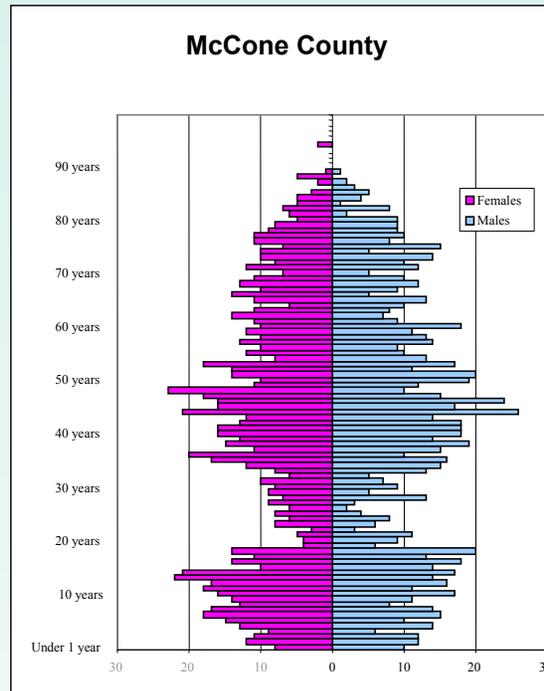
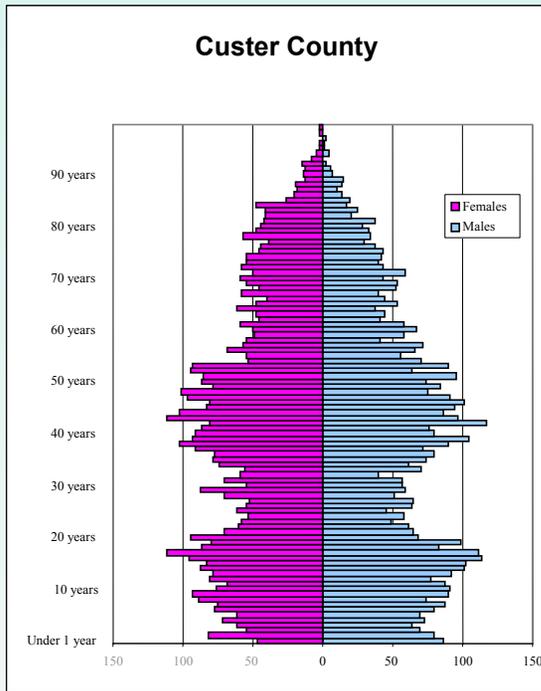
# Phillips County Growth also Firmly at Negative Levels



# County Population Composition

## Differences in 2000

### Three Eastern Plains Counties



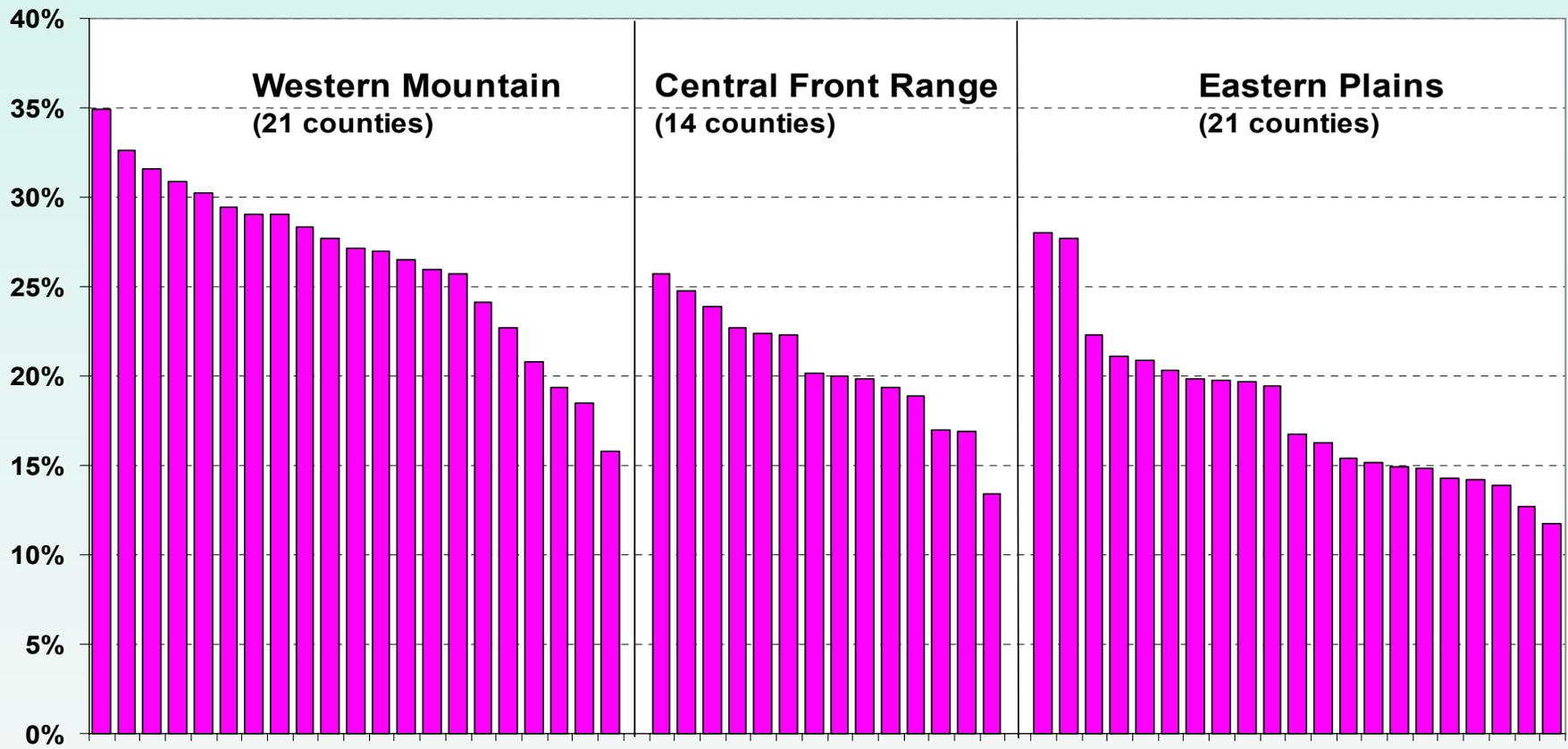
# Additional Demographic Trends that are Significant

- ❑ *Population Churning*
- ❑ *Non-Resident Impacts*
- ❑ *Aging of the Population*

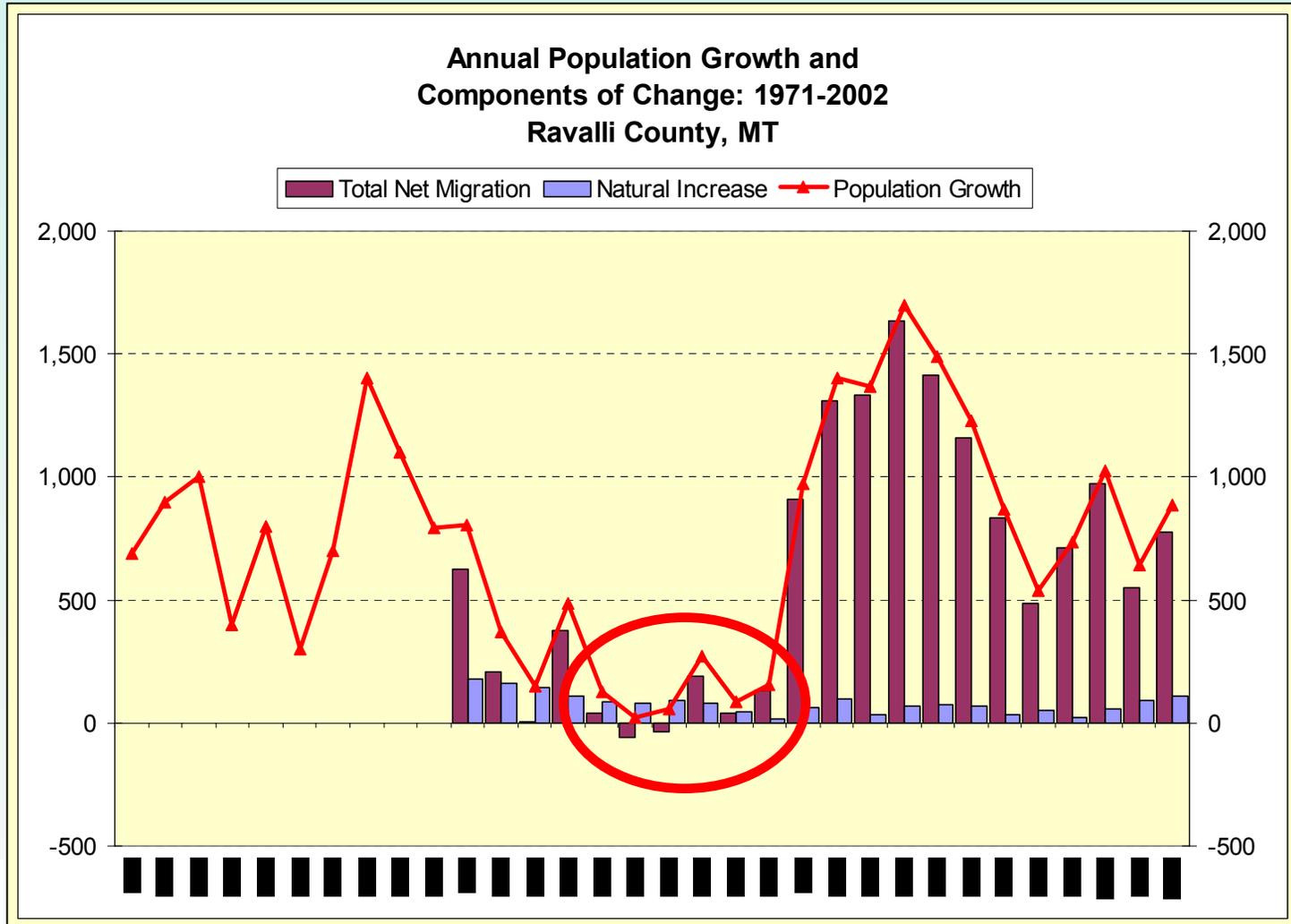
# Population Turnover is Much Higher than Population Growth

# Population Churning is Significant Even in Declining Areas

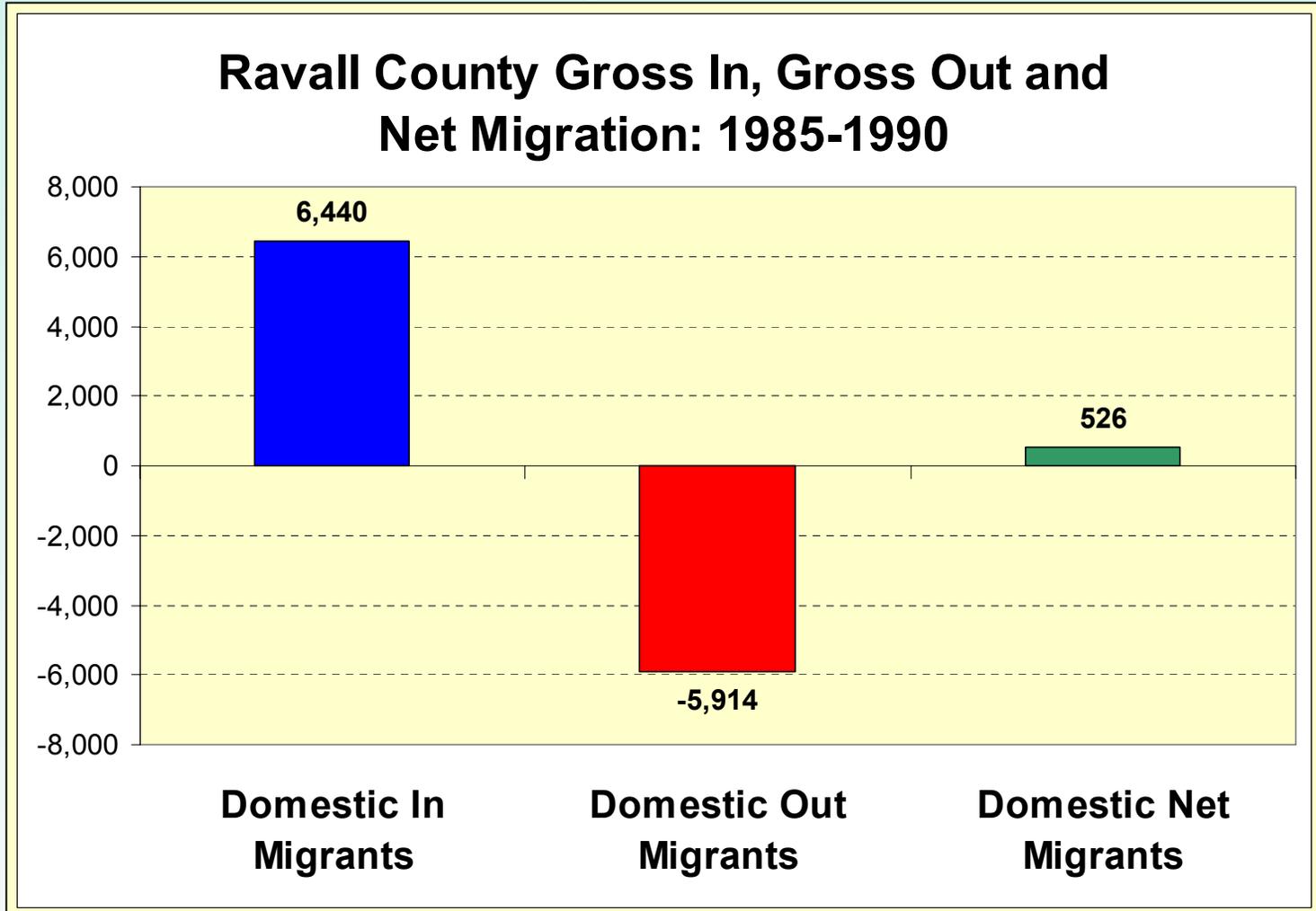
Percent of 2000 Population that are In Migrants Since 1995



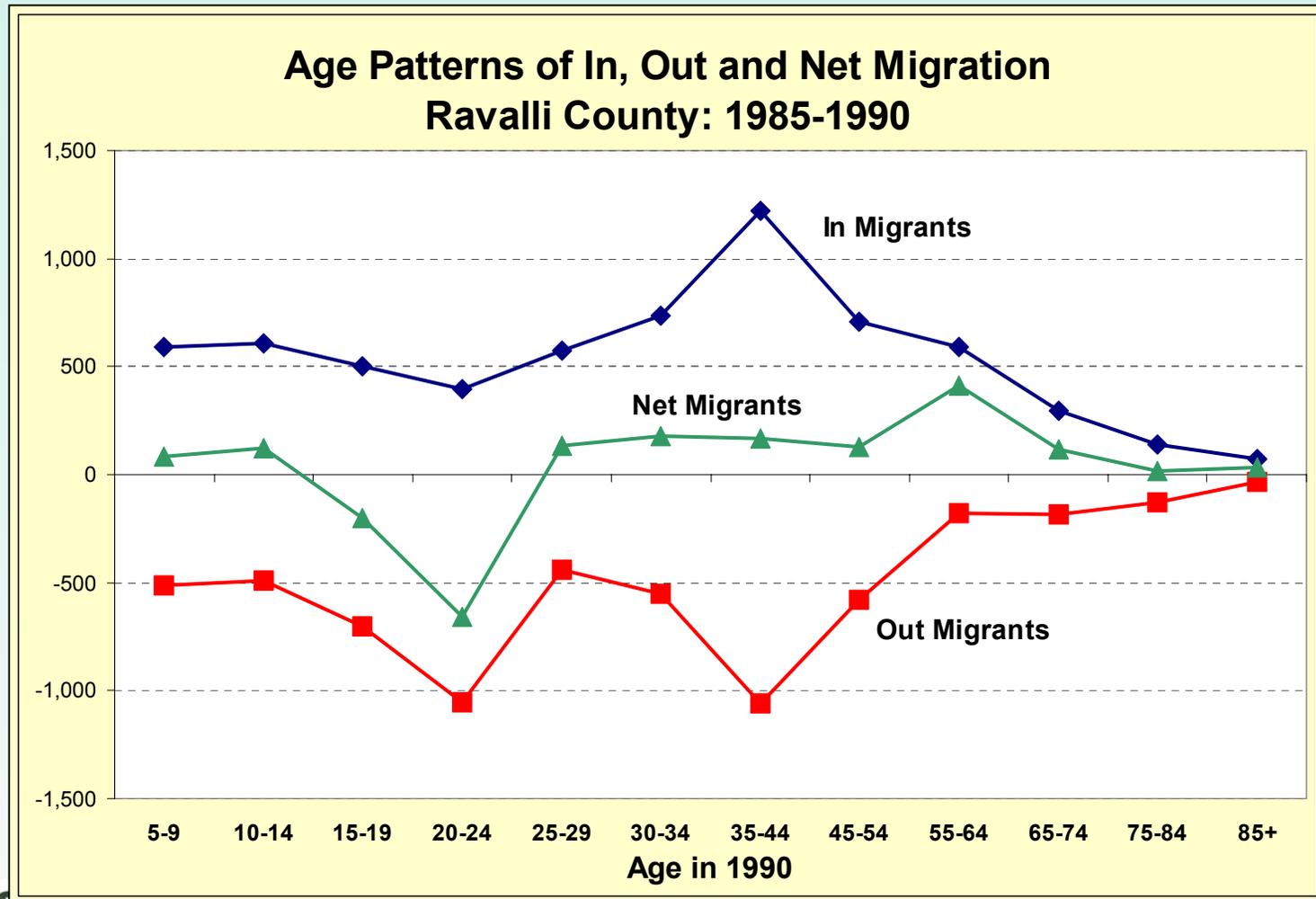
# Despite Low Net Migration Growth in Ravalli County the Late 1980s...



# ...Population Turnover Was 10 Times Larger than Growth



# In Migrants and Out Migrants Have Similar Characteristics



**In Fact... They are Often  
In Migrants One Year and  
Out Migrants the Next**

# Visitors, Snow Birds and Second Home Owners are Just Like an Iceberg...

# They Can Have a Huge Impact...

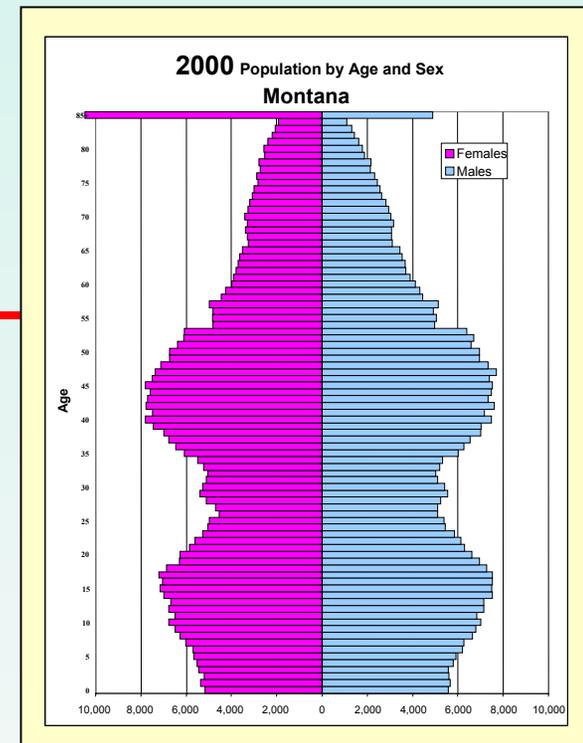
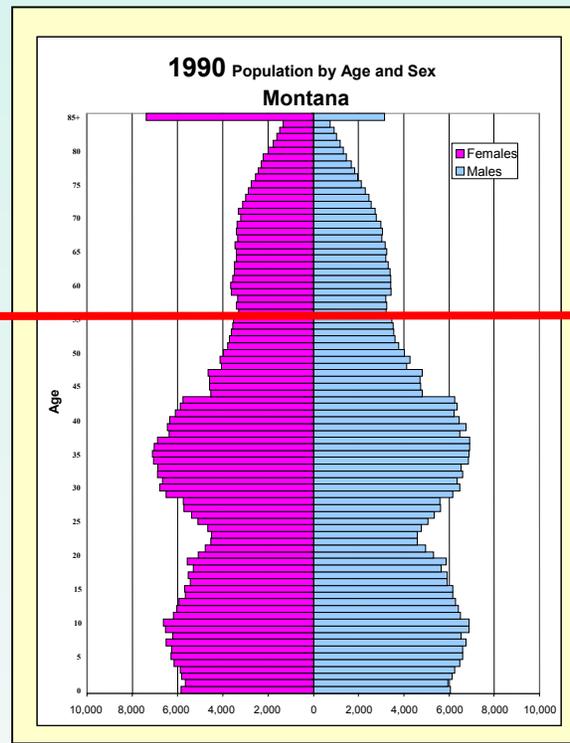
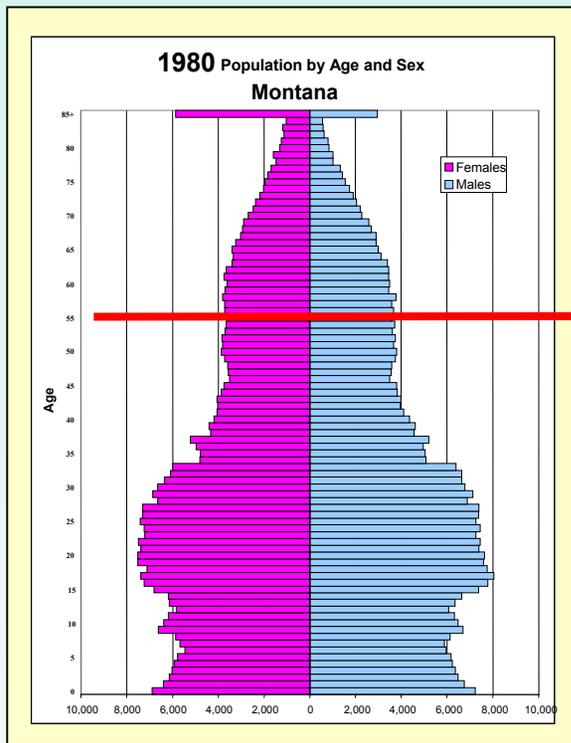
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***But They Lie Mostly  
Below the Data Line***

# Population Aging is Ubiquitous and Inevitable

# Population Aging: 1980-2000

## Montana



# Population Aging: 2000-2020

## Montana – Assuming No Migration No Fertility

