**Colorado’s Growing Population Activity:**

**1900 -1930**

Open [***Colorado’s Growing Population: 1900-1930***](http://unco.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=7fb473f48b0b434da8d63e56797c75dd)*,* Activity PL-1. The 1900-1910 Pop. Change and Major Mountain Ranges layers are visible.

Look at the map. This type of map is called a **choropleth map.** Choropleth maps use different colors to show amounts of something.

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| **Step 1** | **Your Task** |
| Click the *Legend* button to see the legend for the **1900-1910 Pop. Change** layer.  (You can also see the legends/symbols for individual layers by using the *Layer List* button and then clicking the side arrow next to a layer’s name).  Move the *Legend* or *Layer List* box(es) to the side so you can see both the legend and most of the map. | This map shows how each county’s population changed from 1900 to 1910. The counties shaded **gray** lost population (people moved somewhere else). All the **green** shaded counties gained population.  Look at the legend for the **1900-1910 Pop. Change** layer. Draw lines to connect the color with the description for that color (one is already done for you):  Medium Green Large Population Gain  Dark Green Population Loss  Light Green Medium Pop. Gain  Gray Small Population Gain |
| **Step 2** | **Your Task** |
| Each time you click on a county, a pop-up table will come up.  (Make sure that ONLY the **1900-1910 Pop. Change**, **Major Mountain Ranges**, and **Denver** layers are Checked ON) | As you click on counties, note the **name** of the county and the **1900 to 1910 % Change** fields. Fill out the table for the following counties:   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | **County** | **1900 to 1910 % Change** | **About How Many Times Increased/Decreased** | | Denver |  | 3x increase | | Phillips |  |  | | Cheyenne |  |  | | Teller |  | decreased by about 1/2 | | Pitkin |  |  | | Summit |  |  | |
| **Step 3** | **Your Task** |
| Check ON the **Regions** layer. | Choropleth maps help us to make general or overall statements about places and regions. Which **TWO** regions seem to be growing the fastest?  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  If you had to pick **ONE** region, which one would you say seems to be the fastest growing overall, and why?  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ region, because  Which region appears to have **lost** the greatest percentage of population from 1900 to 1910?  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ region  How many counties were losing population that were entirely or partially within that region? (Count the counties)  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ counties in population decline |
| **Step 4** | **Your Task** |
| Check ON the **1910-1920 Pop. Change** layer | Is the **Eastern Plains** region still gaining population?  Circle: yes no  Is the **Mountain Region**, overall, still losing population?  Circle: yes no  Why might people have left many areas in the Mountains from 1900 to 1920? *(hint: Check ON the Mineral Belt layer)* |
| **Step 5** | **Your Task** |
| Check ON the **1900 # of Farms** layer.  Now, Check ON the **1920 # of Farms** layer. | Look at this layer.  What types of jobs might many of the newcomers be doing in the Plains? |
| **Step 6** | **Your Task** |
| Check OFF all layers except Post 1900 Population 1, then Check ON **1920-1930 Pop. change** and **Denver** layers. | Look at the map’s legend. (Gray shows population decline. Light to dark orange represent increasing population growth). This map shows a mix: some areas are gaining population, and some are losing population.  By clicking on counties, identify the two most rapidly growing counties that surrounded Denver:  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  *Many of the towns in these two counties eventually became connected to Denver!* |