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1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 - Purpose

The purpose of this memorandum is to attempt to trace back to 1801, when the first national census was carried out, the populations of each of the administrative areas in Greater London existing at the time of the 1971 Census. In this second edition, the figures have been calculated and are presented for all the London boroughs.

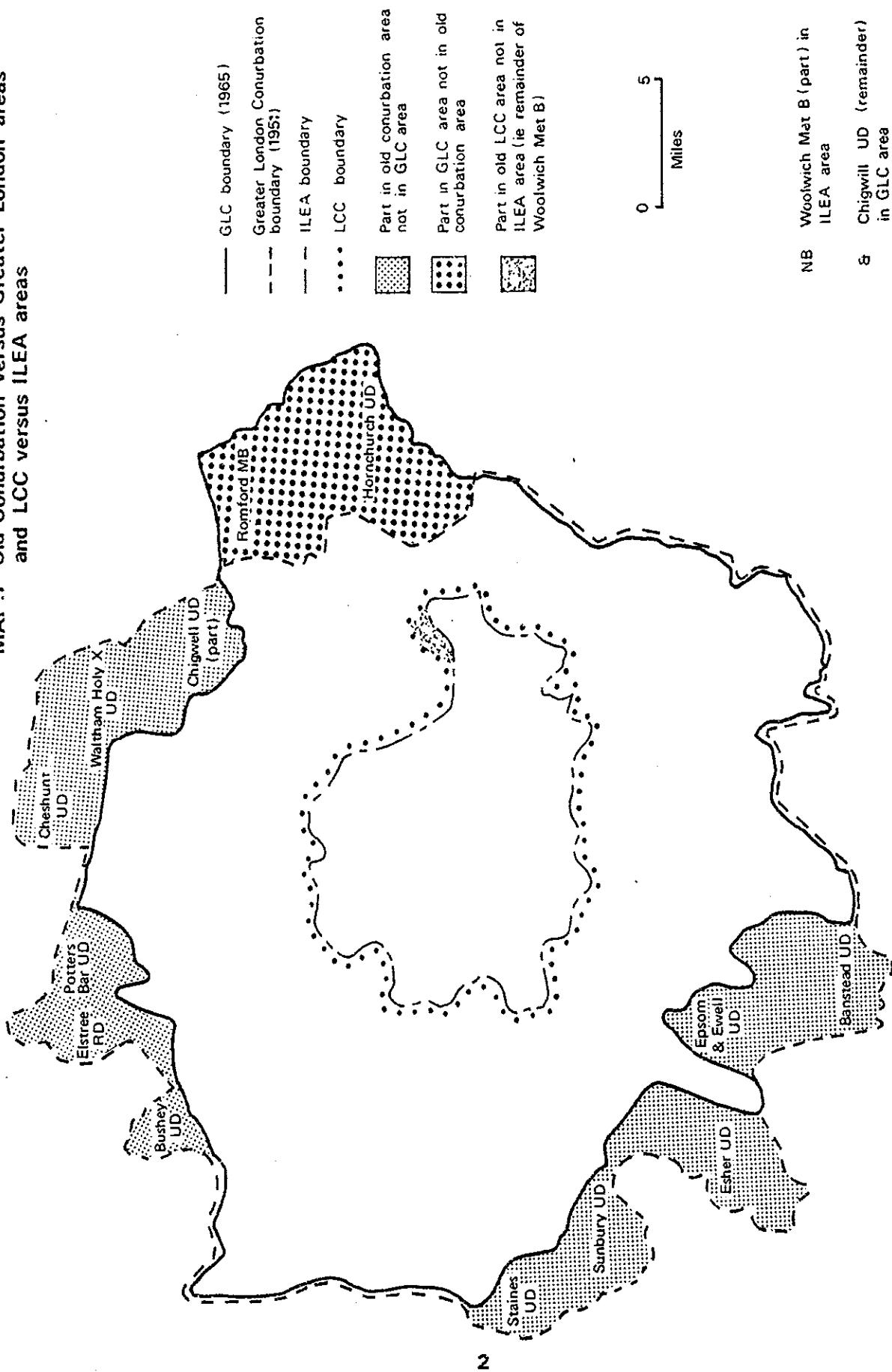
1.2 - Background

Under the London Government Act of 1963¹ Greater London was clearly defined for the first time as an administrative area. Previously, no one local authority had jurisdiction over an area generally accepted as 'Greater London', which comprised the administrative counties of London and Middlesex, the county boroughs of Croydon, East Ham and West Ham, and parts of the counties of Essex, Hertfordshire, Kent and Surrey. Besides these, there were 92 other separate local authorities all of them separately elected and sharing in the conurbation's local government.

As a result of the 1963 Act, 32 new borough councils were set up which, together with the existing corporation of the City of London, comprised the newly defined Greater London area. By the same Act, the Inner London Education Authority was set up to act as a central agency for the administration of education in the area which prior to the Act comprised the County of London. Further, the Greater London Council was created as an overall planning and traffic authority. All the previous local authorities were abolished, except for the City Corporation, with the new Greater London covering an area fairly similar to that of the old conurbation: i.e., in terms of the old 95 primary units in the conurbation, 84 and part of one were included in the new area, together with another two not previously in the definition of Greater London. Map 1 shows the relationships between the old conurbation area and the new Greater London area and between the old administrative county of London and the newly formed inner London Education Authority area.

Between April 1965 and April 1971, only minor alterations were made to the Greater London boundary, resulting in a slightly smaller area; i.e., in terms of the local authority areas in existence prior to 1 April 1965, parts of Orpington UD, Coulsdon and Purley UD and Twickenham MB were transferred out of London during this period (see Table 2b for details). The 1971 Census County Report for Greater London² shows 1971, 1961 and 1951 population totals of the London boroughs as constituted at the time of the 1971 Census.

**MAP.1 Old Conurbation versus Greater London areas
and LCC versus ILEA areas**



The following three tables clarify the previous paragraph:-

TABLE 1a - Relationship between the London County Council, 'outer London' and conurbation areas, existing prior to 1 April 1965, in terms of their constituent local authority areas

Area	City of London	Metropolitan Boroughs	County Boroughs	Municipal Boroughs	Urban Districts	Rural Districts	Total
LCC	1	28	0	0	0	0	29
'Outer London'	0	0	3	37	25	1	66
Conurbation	1	28	3	37	25	1	95

TABLE 1b - Relationship between the Inner London Education Authority, outer borough and Greater London areas in terms of the local authority areas existing prior to 1 April 1965

Area	City of London	Metropolitan Boroughs	County Boroughs	Municipal Boroughs	Urban Districts	Rural Districts	Total
ILEA	1	27+ Woolwich Met B (pt)	0	0	0	0	28+ Woolwich Met B (pt)
Outer boroughs	0	Woolwich Met B (rem)	3	38	16+ Chigwell UD (rem)	0	57+ Woolwich Met B (rem) + Chigwell UD (rem)
Greater London	1	28	3	38	16+ Chigwell UD (rem)	0	86+ Chigwell UD (rem)

TABLE 1c - Differences between Tables 1a and 1b in terms of the local authority areas existing prior to 1 April 1965

Area	City of London	Metropolitan Boroughs	County Boroughs	Municipal Boroughs	Urban Districts	Rural Districts	Total
LCC-ILEA	0	Woolwich Met B (rem)	0	0	0	0	Woolwich Met B (rem)
'Outer London' - outer boroughs	0	- Woolwich Met B (rem)	0	-1	8+ Chigwell UD (pt)	1	8+ Chigwell UD (pt) - Woolwich Met B (rem)
Conurbation - Greater London	0	0	0	-1	8+ Chigwell UD (pt)	1	8+ Chigwell UD (pt)

The remainder of this memorandum is concerned firstly with the method used in deriving population totals for past censuses for present London boroughs and with the tabulation of results, and secondly with comment on these results.

Details of the amalgamations of the 1961 local authorities forming the twelve boroughs, together with the City Corporation, in the Inner London Education Authority area and of the 1961 local authorities forming the remaining twenty outer boroughs are given in Tables 2a and 2b respectively.

2 METHOD

2.1 - General observations

The administrative reorganisation resulting from the London Government Act of 1963 is not the only one that has occurred. In fact, the present London boroughs have arisen out of many previous local authority reorganisations. However, the Census Reports³ contain limited details of boundary changes over time. A method needs to be adopted in which details of boundary changes are extrapolated backwards over time. A direct proportion approach was used; i.e., say that a part x of area X becomes a part of area Y between census years n and $n+1$, $p_n(x)$ and $p_{n+1}(X)$ being the respective populations of x and X in census year n ; we can then estimate $p_{n-1}(x)$ using:-

$$p_{n-1}(x) = \frac{p_n(x) \cdot p_{n-1}(X)}{p_n(X)}$$

The following example illustrates the method:-

e.g., Census of England and Wales, 1931: County of Middlesex (Part 1)
Table 4: Intercensal changes of boundary: 1921-1931

Date of Change	Area Diminished	Area Enlarged	Acreage	Pop. at 1921 Census
1.10.28	Uxbridge RD	Harrow-on-the Hill UD	101	168

From Tables 2 and 3 of that Report and from the equivalent tables in the 1921 Report we have:-

Administrative Area	Acreage	Population			
		1901 (n-2)	1911 (n-1)	1921 (n)	1931 (n+1)
Harrow-on-the Hill UD (1931)	2,129	(b)*	17,202	19,637	26,380
Harrow-on-the Hill UD (1921)	2,028	10,220	17,074	19,469	...
Difference	101	(a)*	128	168	...

*(a), (b): See estimates below.

Uxbridge RD (1931)	Area abolished under the 1928 Order
Uxbridge RD (1921)	12,625 7,845 9,240 10,643 ...

The above table gives a check on the acreage and population in 1921 of the part of Uxbridge RD (1921) transferred to Harrow-on-the Hill UD (1931); it also indicates details of the 1911 population transferred. Using our notation, we in fact know not only $p_n(x)$ but also $p_{n-1}(x)$. We can now apply our formula but in the form

$$p_{n-2}(x) = \frac{p_{n-1}(x) \cdot p_{n-2}(X)}{p_{n-1}(X)}$$

to derive the part of the 1901 population of Uxbridge RD (1921) transferred to Harrow-on-the Hill UD (1931):-

$$\text{i.e., } (a) = p_{n-2}(x) = \frac{128 \times 7,845}{9,240} \quad (109) \quad \text{Estimate is bracketed}$$

Hence (b), the 1901 population of Harrow-on-the Hill UD (1931) is estimated as:-

$$10,220 + (109) = (10,329)$$

In many cases, consecutive boundary changes have occurred; the above estimation procedure is continued successively resulting in compounded population estimates. The end-product is a set of population figures for consecutive census years for the London boroughs existing at the time of the 1971 Census.

An example of the working sheets used in deriving past population data for the London boroughs is given in Table 2a; an explanation of how to interpret the table is noted at the foot of the table. The London Borough of Harrow was chosen for illustration because it has the advantage that the 1971 area is equivalent to that of Harrow Municipal Borough existing at the time of the 1961 Census. In the case of other London boroughs, composed of amalgamations of the 1961 local authority areas, separate working sheets were produced for each of the 1961 areas, the results of which appear in Table 2b.

2.2 - Outer boroughs

The present 20 London boroughs covering the Greater London area minus the Inner London Education Authority area in general have been subject to continual boundary change. As will probably have been appreciated from the example of Harrow LB given in the previous section, successive boundary changes increase the complexity of estimating the population changes quite substantially. It is for this reason that these borough populations were only traced back to 1901 in the first edition of this work. Table 2b summarises the results, the population for each present borough derived from additions of its 1961 constituent local authority areas, going back to 1801.

2.3 - Inner boroughs

The area covered by the 12 boroughs together with the City Corporation, forming the Inner London Education Authority is almost exactly the same as that covered by the old 28 metropolitan boroughs, together with the City Corporation, forming the old County of London. [see Tables 1a-1c for details]

Apart from that part of Woolwich Met B north of the Thames and Wandsworth Met B which was split between two 1971 boroughs, namely Lambeth LB and Wandsworth LB, all the other present boroughs comprising the ILEA area, were formed from amalgamations of whole 1961 administrative areas.

Further, from the time these 28 metropolitan boroughs were first constituted under the London Government Act of 1899 until they were finally abolished under the 1963 Act, boundary changes affecting inner London have been almost totally non-existent. Therefore, it has been a relatively easy task to derive populations for these metropolitan boroughs back to 1901. In fact, the old London County Council published in its Statistical Abstract for London⁵ population data for these 28 metropolitan boroughs, together with the City Corporation, at each census between 1801 and 1931. Table 2c of the article reproduces much of that table but also includes data for 1939, 1951 and 1961. As can be seen from this table, two sets of populations are tabulated for 1891; the figures to the right of the thick vertical line relate to areas approximating the metropolitan boroughs which were constituted under the Act of 1899, the figures to the left to the actual areas as constituted. The two populations for 1891 show the differences due to the transfer of fringes and detached parts from one parish to another under the 1899 Act. The effect of these transfers was carried back to 1891 for each local authority and back to 1801 for the old County as a whole.

An inspection of the two sets of data for 1891 shows, for most metropolitan boroughs, only small differences except in the cases of Chelsea Met B and Paddington Met B where substantial differences occur. It is for this reason that the data from 1881 back to 1801 have been adjusted to form a consistent series with the revised 1891 and post-1891 figures.

This adjustment was made in the following manner:-

Let p_i be the unrevised population figure in year n (1801-1881) of metropolitan borough i

Let x_i be the unrevised population figure in 1891 of metropolitan borough i

Let y_i be the revised population figure in 1891 of metropolitan borough i
Let p'_i be the revised population figure in year n (1801-1881) of metropolitan borough i

Our p'_i values were calculated using:-

$$p'_i = \left\{ \frac{p_i \cdot y_i}{x_i} \right\} \left\{ \frac{\leq p_i}{\leq p_i \cdot y_i / x_i} \right\}$$

for each census year from 1801 to 1881.

The first part of this product is a rough adjustment of the data for years prior to 1891 to make them consistent with the revised 1891 figures. The second part of the product takes care of the constraint that $\leq p'_i = \leq p_i$; i.e., by adding either unrevised or revised figures for the individual metropolitan boroughs the result should be the same total population for the County of London as a whole.

Table 2d shows the adjusted data for each metropolitan borough from 1801 to 1881.

Table 2e, showing the population totals back to 1801 of the present inner boroughs, is derived from the 1971 Census County Report for Greater London and from Tables 2c and 2d. The 1971 Census County Report for Greater London also gives the population totals of the 1951 and 1961 Censuses for the present London boroughs. Hence, it has been possible to deduce back to 1951 the exact split of Wandsworth Met B between Lambeth LB and Wandsworth LB and of the part of Woolwich Met B in Greenwich LB. Except for 1939 successive census volumes back to 1901 show the population of that part of Woolwich Met B to the north of the River Thames; i.e., we have then accurate population totals for the ILEA area back to 1901. However, no such information is published on the split of Wandsworth Met B prior to 1951; in this case, therefore, the estimation procedure noted in Section 2.1 has been used to derive the populations of Lambeth LB and Wandsworth LB before 1951.

2.4 - Greater London

Table 2f, a condensed version of Tables 2b and 2e, gives the population of each of the present London boroughs back to 1801. Table 2g lists the population of the present Greater London area, together with the split between inner and outer London, for each census year back to 1801. A comparison over time of the population of the present Inner London Education Authority area with that of the old administrative County of London is also given.

TABLE 2a - Example of working sheets produced in deriving past population data for present London boroughs

Row For any single local authority in any one census year section, the first row refers to that year's data, the second row to data of that local authority but for the preceding census year, etc.
Columns Each census year section is split into 5 columns. For any single census year section and local authority - column 1 refers to the local authority existing at the time; column 2 refers to the acreage of that local authority; column 3 refers to the population of that local authority; column 4 refers to the acreage of population of that local authority within the relevant local authority existing at the time of the following census; column 5 refers to the population of that local authority area within the relevant local authority existing at the time of the following census.

No census was taken in 1941 due to the war; as an alternative the 1939 mid-year population estimates, based on the National Register of 1939, are given. All estimated figures are bracketed.

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TABLE 2b - 1971 Outer Boroughs: Population data by 1961 component areas: 1801-1971 (figures in 000's)

	1971	1961	1951	1939 ^t	1931	1921	1911	1901	1891	1881	1871	1861	1851	1841	1831	1821	1811	1801
Barking MB pt	-	72	78*	78	51	36	31	6	(4)	(3)	(3)	(3)	(3)	(2)	(2)	(1)	(1)	
Dagenham MB pt	-	105	111*	106	87	9	8	22	(14)	(9)	(7)	(6)	(5)	(4)	(3)	(2)	(1)	
BARKING L.B.	161	177	189*	184	138	44	39	27	(19)	(13)	(10)	(8)	(8)	(7)	(6)	(5)	(4)	(3)
Barnet UD	-	28*	25	22	15	12	(12)	(9)	(8)	(6)	(5)	(4)	(4)	(4)	(3)	(3)	(2)	(2)
East Barnet UD	-	41*	40	34	19	14	12	10	8	(6)	(6)	(5)	(4)	(4)	(3)	(2)	(2)	(1)
Finsbury MB	-	69	70*	66	59	47	(39)	(22)	(17)	(11)	(11)	(11)	(11)	(11)	(11)	(11)	(11)	(11)
Friern Barnet UD	-	29	29*	27	23	17	(15)	(11)	(9)	(6)	(5)	(4)	(4)	(4)	(3)	(2)	(1)	(1)
Hendon MB	-	152	153*	146	116	58	(40)	(23)	(16)	(11)	(8)	(5)	(4)	(4)	(3)	(3)	(3)	(2)
BARNET L.B.	307	318	320*	296	231	147	118	(76)	(58)	(41)	(29)	(20)	(15)	(14)	(13)	(11)	(9)	(8)
Bexley MB	-	90*	89	80	33	21	(15)	(13)	(11)	(9)	(7)	(6)	(5)	(5)	(4)	(3)	(2)	(2)
Chislehurst & Sidcup UD pt	-	44*	42	(32)	(14)	(11)	(10)	(9)	(7)	(4)	(3)	(3)	(3)	(3)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(1)
Crayford UD	-	31*	28	25	16	12	(7)	(7)	(6)	(3)	(3)	(3)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(1)	(1)
Eritrea MB	-	45	46*	42	33	32	(28)	(25)	(13)	(10)	(8)	(8)	(4)	(4)	(2)	(2)	(1)	(1)
BEXLEY L.B.	217*	210	205	(179)	(95)	(76)	(60)	(54)	(37)	(29)	(22)	(15)	(12)	(11)	(9)	(7)	(6)	(5)
Wembley MB	-	125	131*	122	66	18	(12)	(5)	(4)	(3)	(3)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Willesden MB	-	171	177	188*	185	166	(154)	(115)	(61)	(28)	(16)	(4)	(3)	(3)	(2)	(1)	(1)	(1)
BRENT L.B.	281	296	311*	310	251	184	(166)	(120)	(65)	(31)	(19)	(6)	(5)	(5)	(3)	(3)	(2)	(2)
Beckenham MB	-	77*	75	71	50	35	(33)	(27)	(21)	(14)	(7)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Bromley MB	-	68*	64	60	48	37	(35)	(29)	(23)	(16)	(11)	(6)	(5)	(5)	(4)	(3)	(3)	(1)
Chislehurst & Sidcup UD pt	-	43*	41	(31)	(13)	(10)	(9)	(5)	(4)	(3)	(3)	(3)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(1)
Orpington UD pt	-	79*	62	(49)	(18)	(15)	(13)	(12)	(9)	(7)	(6)	(5)	(5)	(5)	(4)	(3)	(3)	(1)
Penge UD	-	26	25	26	28*	26	23	22	20	19	13	5	1	-	-	-	-	-
BROMLEY L.B.	305*	293	268	237	165	127	(116)	(100)	(62)	(42)	(22)	(16)	(14)	(12)	(11)	(9)	(8)	(8)
Coulsdon & Purley UD pt	-	71*	61	(54)	(38)	(22)	(19)	(9)	(7)	(5)	(4)	(3)	(3)	(3)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(1)
Croydon CB	-	253*	250	244	233	191	170	(134)	(103)	(79)	(56)	(30)	(21)	(17)	(13)	(9)	(6)	(6)
CROXTON L.B.	334*	324	310	(297)	(231)	(190)	(143)	(110)	(85)	(60)	(33)	(20)	(15)	(12)	(10)	(8)	(8)	(8)

Rest of Dagenham MB(1961)
in Redbridge(1971); Rest
of Barking MB(1961) in
Newham(1971) (no Population
involved).

Rest of Chislehurst and
Sidcup UD(1961) in Bromley
LB(1971).

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TABLE 2b (contd.)

	1971	1961	1951	1939*	1933	1921	1911	1901	1891	1881	1871	1861	1851	1841	1831	1821	1811	1801
Action MB	-	66	67	68	70*	61	57	(38)	(24)	(8)	(3)	(3)	(3)	(3)	(3)	(2)	(2)	(1)
Balring MB	-	183	187*	164	117	90	82	(45)	(31)	(23)	(17)	(12)	(12)	(12)	(12)	(6)	(5)	(5)
Southall MB	-	53	56*	53	39	30	26	(13)	(8)	(7)	(6)	(5)	(5)	(5)	(5)	(1)	(1)	(1)
BALING L B	301	302	311*	285	226	181	(165)	(95)	(63)	(47)	(31)	(20)	(14)	(13)	(11)	(9)	(8)	(7)
Edmonton MB	-	92	104	105*	78	67	65	47	25	16	10	7	7	6	6	6	5	4
Enfield MB	-	110	110*	97	68	60	56	(43)	(31)	(19)	(16)	(12)	(9)	(9)	(9)	(8)	(7)	(6)
Southgate MB	-	72	72*	69	56	40	34	(15)	(11)	(7)	(4)	(3)	(3)	(3)	(3)	(2)	(2)	(2)
ENFIELD L B	268	274	288*	272	201	167	(155)	(105)	(68)	(42)	(30)	(23)	(19)	(18)	(17)	(16)	(13)	(11)
Hornsey MB	-	98	98*	97	95	88	85	(72)	(45)	(27)	(14)	(8)	(5)	(4)	(4)	(3)	(2)	(2)
Tottenham MB	-	113	127	142	158*	147	137	(103)	(72)	(34)	(17)	(10)	(7)	(6)	(5)	(4)	(3)	(2)
Wood Green MB	-	48	52	53	54*	51	49	(34)	(26)	(12)	(6)	(4)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(1)	(1)
HARINNEY L B	240	259	277	292	307*	285	271	(209)	(142)	(73)	(37)	(21)	(14)	(13)	(10)	(9)	(7)	(6)
HARROW L B	203	209	219*	190	97	49	(42)	(24)	(15)	(13)	(11)	(9)	(8)	(7)	(7)	(5)	(5)	(4)
Hornchurch UD	-	131*	104	81	39	17	15	(11)	(8)	(7)	(6)	(5)	(5)	(5)	(5)	(4)	(3)	(3)
Romford MB	-	115*	88	57	38	21	(18)	(14)	(11)	(9)	(7)	(6)	(6)	(6)	(5)	(4)	(3)	(3)
HAVERING L B	249*	246	192	139	77	38	(33)	(26)	(20)	(16)	(15)	(12)	(11)	(9)	(8)	(7)	(7)	(6)
Hayes & Harlington UD	-	68*	66	50	23	9	(7)	(5)	(4)	(3)	(3)	(3)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(1)
Ruislip & Northwood UD	-	72*	68	48	16	9	6	4	(3)	(3)	(3)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(1)	(1)
Uxbridge UD	-	64*	56	45	32	21	17	(14)	(12)	(11)	(10)	(10)	(10)	(10)	(7)	(7)	(6)	(5)
Yiewsley & West Drayton UD	-	24*	20	16	13	9	8	(6)	(5)	(5)	(4)	(4)	(4)	(4)	(3)	(2)	(2)	(2)
HILLINGDON L B	235*	228	210	159	84	48	(38)	(29)	(25)	(23)	(21)	(20)	(18)	(17)	(14)	(12)	(11)	(9)
Brentford & Chiswick MB	-	55	59	61	62*	58	(56)	(45)	(36)	(27)	(17)	(12)	(11)	(11)	(10)	(8)	(7)	(6)
Feltham UD	-	51*	45	33	16	11	(10)	(8)	(6)	(5)	(5)	(4)	(4)	(3)	(3)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Heston & Isleworth MB	-	103	107*	102	76	47	(44)	(31)	(26)	(23)	(20)	(16)	(16)	(16)	(12)	(9)	(7)	(6)
HOUNSLOW L B	207	209	211*	196	156	117	(109)	(85)	(68)	(55)	(41)	(32)	(27)	(25)	(22)	(19)	(16)	(14)
Kingston-upon-Thames MB	-	36	40*	(40)	40	38	(34)	(27)	(22)	(16)	(11)	(7)	(6)	(6)	(4)	(3)	(3)	(2)
Malden & Coombe MB	-	47*	46	40	23	14	12	6	(4)	(3)	(3)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(2)	(1)	(1)
Surbiton MB	-	63*	61	49	30	20	(18)	(15)	(13)	(10)	(8)	(5)	(5)	(5)	(3)	(2)	(2)	(1)
KINGSTON-UPON-THAMES L B	141	146	147*	(129)	93	74	(68)	(56)	(45)	(36)	(27)	(18)	(12)	(10)	(8)	(6)	(5)	(5)

TABLE 2b (contd)

	1971	1961	1951	1939 [†]	1931	1921	1911	1901	1891	1881	1871	1861	1851	1841	1831	1821	1811	1801
Merton & Morden UD	-	68	72*	72	41	18	14	(5)	(4)	(3)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Mitcham MB	-	64	67*	66	57	35	(30)	(15)	(11)	(9)	(6)	(4)	(4)	(4)	(3)	(3)	(3)	(3)
Wimbledon MB	-	57	58	58	60	61*	(55)	(42)	(26)	(16)	(9)	(5)	(5)	(5)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
MERTON L B	177	189	200*	197	158	114	(99)	(62)	(41)	(28)	(17)	(11)	(8)	(8)	(7)	(7)	(6)	(5)
Barking MB pt	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
East Ham CB	-	106	121	128	142	133	96	53	11	5	3	2	2	2	1	1	1	1
West Ham CB	-	157	171	250	294	301*	289	267	205	129	63	38	19	13	12	10	8	6
Woolwich Met B pt	-	2	2	(3)	4	4	3	(3)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	-	-
NEWHAM L B	237	265	294	(381)	440	448*	427	366	(240)	(142)	(70)	(43)	(22)	(15)	(14)	(12)	(10)	(8)
Chigwell UD pt	-	7	7*	(4)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	-	-	-
Dagenham MB pt	-	4*	3	(3)	(3)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ilford MB	-	178	185*	170	131	85	78	41	11	8	6	5	5	4	3	3	2	2
Wanstead & Woodford MB	-	61	62*	56	43	37	32	(23)	(18)	(9)	(5)	(3)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(1)	(1)	(1)
REDBRIDGE L B	240	250	257*	(232)	(179)	(124)	(113)	(66)	(31)	(18)	(12)	(9)	(7)	(7)	(7)	(6)	(5)	(4)
Barnes MB	-	39	41	(41)	42*	34	30	18	15	(11)	(8)	(5)	(4)	(4)	(3)	(3)	(3)	(2)
Richmond MB	-	41	42*	(38)	39	37	(35)	(33)	(28)	(24)	(19)	(14)	(10)	(8)	(7)	(7)	(6)	(6)
Twickenham MB pt	-	101	106*	(98)	(79)	(70)	(59)	(44)	(34)	(26)	(21)	(15)	(12)	(11)	(9)	(9)	(7)	(6)
RICHMOND-UPON-THAMES L B	175	181	188*	(178)	(161)	(141)	(124)	(95)	(77)	(61)	(48)	(34)	(28)	(25)	(22)	(20)	(17)	(15)
Beddington/Wallington MB	-	33	35*	31	26	16	(14)	(8)	(6)	(5)	(3)	(3)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Carshalton UD	-	57	63*	60	29	14	(12)	(7)	(5)	(4)	(3)	(3)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Sutton & Cheam MB	-	79	81*	77	48	30	(28)	(22)	(18)	(14)	(9)	(6)	(4)	(3)	(3)	(3)	(2)	(2)
SUTTON L B	-	169	169	176*	167	103	60	(54)	(38)	(30)	(24)	(16)	(11)	(8)	(7)	(6)	(5)	(5)
Chingford MB	-	46	48*	39	22	10	(8)	(4)	(3)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Leyton MB	-	94	106	116	128	128*	125	(99)	(63)	(31)	(16)	(9)	(6)	(6)	(6)	(5)	(5)	(4)
Walthamstow MB	-	109	121	130	133*	129	125	95	46	22	11	(7)	(5)	(4)	(4)	(4)	(3)	(3)
WALTHAM FOREST L B	235	249	275	286*	283	267	258	198	(112)	(54)	(28)	(17)	(13)	(12)	(11)	(11)	(9)	(8)

OUTER BOROUGHS

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[†]Mid-year estimates.

*Highest population figure tabulated.

All figures derived by the estimation procedure mentioned in Section 2.1 are bracketed.

TABLE 2a - 1961 Metropolitan boroughs : Population data 1801-1961*

Metropolitan borough	1961	1951	1939	1931	1921	1911	1901	1891	1881	1871	1861	1851	1841	1831	1821	1811	1801	
City of London	4,767	5,324	9,100	10,969	15,703	19,657	26,925	37,702	50,569	74,844	112,213	127,819	123,563	120,491	124,157	120,343	123,122	
Battersea	105,870	117,140	159,200	159,552	167,745	163,907	150,156	153,533	107,262	53,615	50,560	56,617	57,511	57,764	4,409	5,362	4,409	
Bermondsey	51,866	60,640	95,500	111,542	119,452	125,903	130,760	156,014	136,660	134,652	122,398	121,315	121,308	68,701	62,637	57,148	49,597	
Bethnal Green	47,078	58,553	90,150	108,185	129,152	129,152	129,152	129,152	129,152	126,961	120,104	105,101	90,195	74,088	62,018	45,676	55,619	
Camberwell	175,504	179,777	219,500	251,294	267,198	261,328	259,539	253,706	255,344	186,593	111,308	71,485	54,667	39,868	28,231	17,976	22,515	
Chelsea	47,256	50,557	55,400	59,031	65,397	66,385	73,842	72,954	96,293	88,128	70,738	65,101	56,185	39,796	32,371	26,860	18,662	
Deptford	68,829	75,495	94,080	106,891	112,534	109,496	110,398	101,770	101,286	76,752	53,714	57,534	24,699	18,654	15,314	14,481	11,604	
Finsbury	52,887	55,370	55,110	69,888	75,395	81,922	101,463	109,981	111,225	119,382	124,766	129,051	125,360	112,938	100,521	86,223	68,811	
Fulham	111,791	122,064	135,800	150,328	157,936	155,284	137,289	91,790	91,639	42,900	25,350	15,539	11,886	9,319	7,317	6,492	5,515	
Greenwich	55,546	89,846	94,790	100,924	100,500	99,968	95,770	78,493	78,457	65,411	56,450	57,417	47,377	39,800	33,374	26,748	22,077	
Hackney	164,766	171,342	205,100	215,333	222,142	222,533	219,110	199,277	198,295	163,681	115,110	76,887	53,589	37,771	31,047	22,494	16,771	
Hammersmith	110,332	119,367	122,800	135,563	130,295	121,522	112,239	97,283	97,299	71,939	42,691	24,519	17,760	13,453	10,222	8,809	7,393	
Hampstead	98,844	95,131	90,170	88,947	86,152	85,435	81,942	68,126	68,416	45,452	32,281	19,106	11,986	10,993	8,588	7,253	5,660	
Holborn	22,008	24,810	33,400	38,860	45,192	49,357	59,405	66,781	70,938	78,668	93,513	94,074	95,726	93,767	90,670	88,172	80,642	
Islington	223,345	235,632	288,100	321,795	330,737	327,403	334,991	319,152	319,143	282,865	215,778	155,441	95,329	55,690	37,316	22,477	15,063	
Kensington	171,272	168,160	172,100	180,617	175,859	172,517	176,828	170,071	166,308	163,151	120,299	70,103	44,053	26,834	20,902	14,428	10,886	
Lambeth	222,763	230,240	270,800	296,147	302,668	301,058	301,895	278,393	275,203	253,699	206,500	162,444	159,325	115,888	87,856	57,638	41,644	
Lewisham	221,753	227,576	251,000	219,953	74,194	160,834	127,495	38,933	88,653	67,500	28,970	18,616	14,636	10,767	8,932	7,137	4,352	
Paddington	116,923	125,463	135,300	144,923	144,261	142,557	143,976	135,955	117,846	107,059	96,813	75,784	46,305	25,713	14,540	6,476	1,881	
Poplar	66,604	73,579	131,200	155,889	162,578	162,442	168,322	166,880	166,448	156,510	116,376	79,196	47,162	31,122	25,066	18,332	13,548	
St Marylebone	69,045	75,321	89,160	97,827	104,173	118,160	133,301	143,487	142,404	154,910	159,254	161,680	151,696	126,206	96,040	75,624	63,962	
St Pancras	124,855	138,377	177,900	198,133	211,566	218,387	225,517	235,345	234,279	236,363	221,405	198,768	166,956	129,763	103,548	71,838	31,779	
Shoreditch	40,455	44,871	77,280	97,042	104,248	111,390	118,637	124,533	124,009	126,591	127,164	129,364	109,257	85,532	68,564	52,966	43,930	
Southwark	86,229	97,221	141,120	171,695	184,404	191,404	206,180	202,479	202,493	192,993	195,164	175,059	173,900	152,371	134,225	116,006	99,562	
Stepney	92,000	98,858	197,200	225,238	249,657	279,804	298,600	285,116	285,225	282,676	275,447	257,497	236,910	203,802	175,088	131,749	113,281	
Stoke Newington	52,301	49,136	49,350	51,208	52,172	50,659	51,247	41,988	47,928	51,561	17,422	11,297	6,134	5,522	4,192	3,750	1,984	
Wandsworth	347,442	350,467	358,970	353,110	329,507	311,360	231,922	155,490	156,890	103,172	71,044	50,805	42,204	33,238	27,779	22,126	11,963	
Westminster (City)	35,725	39,048	123,000	129,579	141,578	160,261	183,011	209,971	229,784	248,714	257,252	244,531	229,473	209,229	189,543	168,657	162,173	
Moslwich	146,603	147,891	150,800	146,881	140,389	121,178	67,880	98,994	98,966	67,880	43,177	30,787	22,411	21,277	21,277	12,619	12,619	
Total LCC	3,200,484	3,47,956	4,013,370	3,597,003	4,484,523	5,21,689	5,336,267	5,27,954	5,27,954	4,930,297	4,261,396	3,808,494	3,31,246,187	3,31,246,187	3,31,246,187	3,31,246,187	3,31,246,187	3,31,246,187

* mid year estimates

† excluding 3,900 police on duty not assigned to any particular parish

‡ excluding 526 local militia not assigned to any particular parish

* The figures to the right of the thick vertical line relate to areas approximating the metropolitan boroughs which were constituted under the London Government Act of 1899, the figures to the left to the actual areas as constituted.

TABLE 2d - 1961 Metropolitan boroughs: Adjusted population data 1801-1861

Metropolitan borough	1881	1871	1861	1851	1841	1831	1821	1811	1801
City of London	50,651	74,939	112,282	128,327	124,128	123,149	124,256	121,387	128,355
Battersea	106,968	53,839	19,569	10,556	6,519	5,216	4,774	4,417	5,358
Bermondsey	135,916	121,761	101,444	65,095	68,568	62,566	57,153	49,530	46,221
Bethnal Green	126,923	120,039	105,136	90,387	74,292	62,238	45,894	33,766	22,385
Camberwell	185,267	110,478	71,019	54,407	39,702	28,136	17,938	11,280	7,934
Chelsea	66,787	53,589	47,848	42,680	30,248	24,624	20,456	13,903	8,825
Deptford	77,108	53,945	38,030	25,074	18,806	15,443	14,620	12,866	11,442
Finsbury	118,030	123,312	127,638	124,233	111,989	99,756	85,671	68,342	55,084
Fulham	42,965	23,377	15,571	11,932	9,360	7,355	6,534	5,939	4,450
Greenwich	65,674	56,658	57,679	47,682	40,979	33,634	29,006	25,521	22,246
Hackney	164,468	115,625	77,098	53,974	38,065	31,314	22,716	16,929	12,838
Hammarsmith	71,961	42,129	24,540	17,807	13,197	10,264	8,856	7,429	5,522
Hampstead	45,252	32,129	19,033	11,962	10,078	8,583	7,267	5,484	4,340
Holborn	74,047	87,991	88,597	90,316	88,120	85,865	83,406	76,292	63,350
Islington	282,834	213,684	155,410	95,516	55,849	37,452	22,326	15,133	10,247
Kensington	122,562	71,723	45,150	27,218	21,450	14,925	11,181	8,780	
Leadenhall	256,602	210,657	163,985	141,253	117,561	89,195	58,598	42,313	28,407
Lewisham	67,703	47,445	29,073	18,716	14,723	10,840	8,935	7,192	4,412
Paddington	123,491	111,637	87,464	53,540	29,123	16,835	7,507	5,340	2,118
P Poplar	156,611	116,113	79,291	47,304	31,235	25,777	19,039	13,619	8,514
St. Marylebone	156,065	160,389	162,976	159,607	139,607	123,579	97,238	76,536	64,692
St. Pancras	237,302	222,272	199,687	168,016	150,665	104,550	72,485	46,730	32,020
Shoreditch	127,109	127,640	129,963	109,963	84,021	69,102	53,447	44,311	35,074
Southwark	194,929	174,781	173,786	152,548	134,460	116,502	99,938	78,482	62,820
Stepney	282,327	275,231	257,505	239,349	204,297	175,633	154,433	132,138	113,610
Stoke Newington	37,681	17,502	11,340	6,169	5,556	4,221	3,587	2,779	1,998
Wandsworth	102,236	70,376	50,370	39,933	33,034	27,630	22,632	17,882	14,205
Westminster (City)	235,330	252,468	261,344	248,891	235,104	213,255	193,426	172,042	163,828
Woolwich	74,972	67,867	69,112	43,285	30,883	22,498	21,386	21,082	12,667
Total I.C.O.	3,830,297	3,261,396	2,808,494	2,363,341	1,946,187	1,655,582	1,359,017	1,139,355	959,310

^f excluding 5,090 police on duty not assigned to any particular parish.^{ff} excluding 526 local militia not assigned to any particular parish.

TABLE 2e - 1971 Inner boroughts : Population data by 1961 component areas : 1801-1971

	1971	1961	1951	1931	1921	1911	1901	1891	1881	1871	1861	1851	1841
CITY OF LONDON	4,245	4,767	5,324	9,100	10,932	13,709	19,657	26,923	37,702	55,651	74,339	112,282	124,325
Enfield Met B	...	38,344	55,131	90,170	88,947	86,155	85,495	81,942	88,126	15,252	32,129	19,053	10,078
Fulham Met B	...	22,008	24,810	35,400	38,860	43,405	59,405	66,781	74,047	87,991	86,597	95,316*	88,526
St Pancras Met B	...	121,535	138,377	177,300	198,153	211,366	218,387	235,517	257,502	222,272	165,687	165,016	150,665
CAMDEN LB	206,757	245,737	258,518	301,470	325,940	340,711	355,239	376,644	370,252	356,601	342,332	337,317	229,265
Greenwich Met B	...	85,546	89,846	94,790	100,924*	100,450	95,968	95,770	78,325	65,674	66,658	57,679	47,682
Woolwich Met B (pt) +	...	144,264	15,703	* 147,784	145,302	116,439	116,567	114,092	114,092	(66,080)	(72,298)	(66,080)	(42,145)
GREENWICH LB	211,664	229,810	235,549	(242,574)	244,246*	236,869	212,935	209,862	(174,880)	658,673	(122,728)	(124,971)	(89,827)
Hackney Met B	...	164,766	171,342	205,100	215,333	222,142	222,533*	219,110	199,277	164,468	115,625	77,098	53,974
Shoreditch Met B	...	40,455	44,871	77,280	97,042	104,248	111,390	118,657	124,553	127,109	127,640	129,963	109,963
Stoke Newington Met B	...	52,301	49,136	49,350	51,208	52,172	50,659	51,247	47,988	37,691	11,502	11,310	6,169
HACKNEY LB	22C,279	237,522	265,349	331,740	363,583	378,562	384,582	* 388,994	371,798	329,258	260,767	218,401	170,106
Rotherhithe Met B	...	111,791	122,064	135,800	150,926	157,938*	153,284	137,289	91,790	42,465	23,377	15,571	11,932
Camden Smith Met B	...	110,333	119,367	122,800	135,323*	130,295	121,521	112,239	97,285	71,961	42,690	24,540	17,807
CAMDENSMITH LB	187,195	222,124	241,431	258,600	286,451	288,233*	274,805	249,528	189,073	114,926	66,067	40,111	29,739
Finchley Met B	...	32,887	35,370	55,110	69,888	75,295	87,923	101,462	109,381	118,330	123,312	127,638*	124,233
Islington Met B	...	228,345	235,632	288,100	321,795	330,737	327,403	* 334,991	319,155	282,834	213,684	155,410	95,546
ISLINGTON LB	201,874	261,232	271,002	343,210	391,683	406,732	415,326	* 436,454	429,136	400,864	336,996	283,048	219,779
Chelsea Met B	...	47,256	50,957	55,400	59,031	63,697	66,395	* 73,842	72,954	66,787	53,589	47,848	42,680
Kensington Met B AND	...	171,272	168,160	172,100	180,677*	175,859	172,317	176,628	170,071	166,819	122,962	71,723	45,150
WESTMINSTER LB	188,227	218,528	219,117	227,500	239,708	239,556	238,702	* 250,470	243,025	233,606	176,551	119,571	87,630
Southwark Met B	...	223,763	230,240	270,800	295,147	302,868*	298,058	301,895	278,393	256,602	210,657	163,988	141,253
Wandsworth Met B (pt) *	...	117,861	116,724	(116,728)	124,722	115,961	109,975	(81,912)	(54,921)	(22,857)	(26,111)	(24,857)	(14,793)
LAMBETH LB	307,516	341,624	346,964	(390,529)	(420,869)	(418,829)	(408,033)	(383,682)	(333,314)	(292,713)	(35,514)	(181,779)	(155,558)
Dorsetford Met B	...	68,829	75,495	94,080	106,891	112,534*	109,496	110,398	101,770	77,108	53,945	38,050	25,074
LEWISHAM LB	268,474	290,582	303,071	325,080	326,844*	286,128	270,330	237,893	190,703	144,811	101,090	67,103	43,790
Bermondsey Met B	...	51,660	60,640	95,500	111,542	119,452	125,903	130,760	136,014*	133,976	121,761	101,444	85,393
Camberwell Met B	...	175,304	179,777	219,500	251,294	237,198*	261,328	259,359	223,706	185,267	110,478	71,019	54,407
Southwark Met B	...	86,249	97,221	141,120	171,695	182,401	191,207	* 206,186	202,479	194,929	173,786	132,549	134,463
SOUTHWARK LB	262,138	313,413	337,638	456,120	534,531	571,054	579,138	* 556,279	572,199	514,172	407,020	346,249	242,730

+ Rest of Woolwich Met B (1961) in Newham LB (1971)
* Rest of Wandsworth Met B (1961) in Wandsworth LB (1971)

TABLE 2e (cont.)

	1971	1961	1951	1939 ^a	1931	1921	1911	1901	1891	1881	1871	1861	1851	1841	1831	1821	1811	1801	
Bethnal Green Met B	...	47,078	58,353	90,139	108,194	117,238	128,183	*129,680	129,123	126,933	120,039	105,156	90,387	74,292	62,228	45,894	33,766	22,385	
Poplar Met B	...	66,604	73,579	131,200	155,089	162,578	162,442	*168,822	166,890	156,611	116,413	79,291	47,304	31,235	25,177	19,039	13,619	8,314	
Stepney Met B	...	92,030	95,928	127,200	225,238	249,657	272,804	*298,600	282,527	272,231	257,503	239,245	204,297	175,653	154,433	132,139	113,630	101,630	
TOWER HAMLETS LB	165,776	205,682	230,790	418,530	488,521	529,473	570,429	597,102	581,119	566,071	511,683	441,930	377,040	309,824	263,068	219,366	179,523	144,329	
Battersea Met B	...	105,870	117,140	139,200	159,552	167,739	167,743	*168,907	150,166	106,968	53,839	19,569	10,556	6,619	5,316	4,774	4,417	3,368	
Wandsworth Met B (pt.) ^b	...	*229,581	213,743	(219,223)	(228,388)	(212,346)	(201,385)	(150,005)	(100,569)	(66,125)	(45,519)	(32,572)	(25,828)	(21,366)	(17,871)	(14,651)	(11,566)	(9,188)	
WANDSWORTH LB	302,258	335,451	330,883	658,442	*687,940	(380,089)	(369,126)	(618,913)	(250,733)	673,093	69,358	(52,128)	(36,384)	(27,985)	(23,187)	(19,423)	(15,983)	(12,556)	
Paddington Met B	...	116,923	125,463	135,500	*144,923	144,261	142,551	143,976	135,955	123,491	111,637	87,464	53,540	29,123	16,835	7,507	5,340	2,178	
St Marylebone Met B	...	69,045	75,821	89,150	97,627	104,173	118,160	133,301	145,481	156,365	160,389	*162,976	159,248	129,607	123,519	97,228	76,526	64,692	
Vestminster Met B	...	85,125	99,048	123,000	129,579	141,578	160,281	183,011	201,965	233,350	252,468	*261,344	248,891	233,704	213,255	193,426	172,042	165,828	
WESTMINSTER LB	239,748	271,103	300,332	347,460	372,129	390,012	420,972	460,288	481,411	512,886	*524,494	511,184	461,679	402,434	353,669	298,171	253,918	230,698	
All INNER BOROUGHS	2,772,131	3,198,145	3,345,768	4,010,354	4,393,424	4,480,552	4,517,278	*4,533,181	4,6225,341	4,828,324	5,059,609	(2,806,6742,362,204)	(1,945,374)	(1,654,989)	(1,578,454)	(1,138,770)	(950,976)		

^a mid-year estimates^b highest population figure tabulated

all figures derived by the estimation procedure mentioned in section 2.1 are bracketed.

^f excluding 3,090 police on duty not assigned to any particular parish^{ff} excluding 526 local militia not assigned to any particular parish.

x Rest of Wandsworth Met B (1966) in Lambeth LB (1971)

TABLE 21 - Population data for present inner London boroughs and present outer London boroughs (1801-1971)

1971 boroughs	1971	1961	1951	1939*	1931	1921	1911	1901	Figures in 000's						
									1891	1881	1871	1861	1851	1841	
City of London	4	5	5	9	11	14	20	27	38	51	75	112	124	123	125
Camden LB	207	246	258	301	326	341	353	370	357	342	307	270	229	199	163
Greenwich LB	218	230	236	(243)	244*	237	213	(175)	(139)	(123)	(50)	(70)	(56)	(50)	(46)
Hackney LB	220	258	265	332	364	379	385	372	329	261	218	170	128	105	80
Hammersmith LB	187	222	241	259	286	288*	275	250	189	115	66	40	30	23	18
Islington LB	202	261	271	343	392	407	415	429	401	337	283	220	168	137	108
Kensington and Chelsea LB	188	219	219	228	240	240	246	239	250*	243	234	177	120	93	58
Lambeth LB	308	342	347	(391)	(421)*	(419)	(408)	(384)	(333)	(293)	(236)	(182)	(155)	(129)	(99)
Tower Hamlets LB	268	291	303	325	327*	287	270	238	191	145	101	67	44	34	26
Southwark LB	262	313	338	456	535	571	579	596*	572	514	407	346	292	243	207
Tower Hamlets LB	166	206	231	419	489	529	570	597*	581	566	512	442	377	310	263
Wandsworth LB	302	335	331	(358)	(388)*	(360)	(369)	(369)	(251)	(173)	(99)	(52)	(36)	(28)	(23)
Westminster LB	240	272	300	347	372	390	421	460	481	513	524*	512	462	402	354
Total ILEA	2,772	3,198	3,346	(4,010)	4,393	4,481	4,517	4,533*	(4,225)	(3,828)	(3,260)	(2,807)	(2,362)	(1,945)	(1,655)
Parking LB	161	177	189*	(184)	(184)	(184)	(184)	(184)	(184)	(184)	(184)	(184)	(184)	(184)	(184)
Barnet LB	307	318	320*	296	231	147	(118)	(118)	(118)	(118)	(118)	(118)	(118)	(118)	(118)
Bexley LB	217*	210	205	(179)	(95)	(76)	(60)	(54)	(57)	(41)	(29)	(22)	(22)	(15)	(15)
Brent LB	281	296	311*	310	251	184	(166)	(120)	(65)	(31)	(19)	(6)	(5)	(3)	(2)
Bromley LB	305*	293	268	(237)	(165)	(127)	(116)	(100)	(83)	(62)	(42)	(22)	(16)	(14)	(12)
Croydon LB	334*	324	310	(297)	(271)	(213)	(190)	(143)	(110)	(85)	(60)	(33)	(23)	(20)	(15)
Ealing LB	301	302	311*	285	226	181	(165)	(95)	(63)	(47)	(31)	(20)	(14)	(13)	(12)
Enfield LB	268	274	288*	272	201	186	(155)	(105)	(68)	(42)	(30)	(23)	(19)	(17)	(16)
Harrow LB	240	259	277	292	307*	285	(271)	(209)	(142)	(73)	(37)	(21)	(14)	(13)	(12)
Harrow LB	203	209	219*	190	97	75	(42)	(24)	(15)	(13)	(11)	(9)	(5)	(7)	(7)
Ilford LB	248*	246	192	139	77	38	(33)	(26)	(20)	(16)	(15)	(12)	(11)	(9)	(8)
Havering LB	235*	228	210	159	84	48	(38)	(29)	(25)	(23)	(21)	(20)	(18)	(17)	(16)
Hillingdon LB	207	209	211*	196	156	117	(109)	(85)	(68)	(55)	(41)	(32)	(27)	(25)	(22)
Kingston upon Thames LB	141	146	147*	(129)	93	74	(68)	(56)	(45)	(36)	(27)	(18)	(10)	(8)	(7)
Merton LB	177	189	200*	197	158	114	(99)	(62)	(41)	(28)	(28)	(17)	(11)	(8)	(7)
Newham LB	237	265	294	(381)	440	448*	(232)	(179)	(124)	(66)	(36)	(24)	(17)	(15)	(14)
Redbridge LB	240	250	257*	(178)	(151)	(141)	(124)	(113)	(66)	(31)	(18)	(12)	(9)	(7)	(6)
Richmond upon Thames LB	175	181	188*	(178)	167	103	(54)	(38)	(30)	(24)	(11)	(11)	(8)	(8)	(7)
Rutland LB	169	169	176*	(286)	275	283	(258)	(198)	(112)	(54)	(28)	(17)	(13)	(12)	(11)
Waltham Forest LB	235	249	275	(4,604)	(4,851*)	(4,604)	(3,717)	(2,907)	(1,976)	(1,347)	(885)	(581)	(362)	(290)	(223)
Total Outer Boroughs	4,680	4,734	4,851*	(8,110)	(8,615)*	(8,197)	(7,387)	(7,162)	(6,510)	(5,572)	(4,713)	(3,841)	(3,168)	(2,651)	(1,878)
Total GLC	7,452	7,992	8,197	(8,615)	(8,110)	(7,387)	(7,162)	(6,510)	(5,572)	(4,713)	(3,841)	(3,168)	(2,651)	(1,878)	(1,573)

* mid-year estimates

** highest population figure tabulated

All figures derived by the estimation procedure mentioned in Section 2.1 are bracketed.

+ excluding 3,090 police on duty not assigned to any particular parish.

++ excluding 52c local militia not assigned to any particular parish.

TABLE 2g - Population data for inner London, outer London and Greater London
1801 to 1971

	Greater London (1)	Inner Boroughs (2)=(5)-(4)	Outer Boroughs (3)=(1)-(2)	North Woolwich (4)	LCC (5)
1801	1,096,784	(958,976)	(137,808)	(334)	959,310
1811	1,303,564	(1,138,770)	(164,794)	(585)	1,139,355
1821	1,573,210	(1,378,980)++	(194,230)	(563)	1,379,543++
1831	1,878,229	(1,654,989)	(223,240)	(593)	1,655,582
1841	2,207,653	(1,948,464)+	(259,189)	(813)	1,949,277+
1851	2,651,937	(2,362,201)	(289,738)	(1,140)	2,363,341
1861	3,188,485	(2,806,674)	(381,811)	(1,820)	2,808,494
1871	3,840,595	(3,259,609)	(580,986)	(1,787)	3,261,396
1881	4,713,441	(3,828,324)	(885,117)	(1,973)	3,830,297
1891	5,571,967	(4,225,347)	(1,346,621)	(2,607)	4,227,954
1901	(6,509,574)	4,533,181*	(1,976,393)	3,086	4,536,267*
1911	(7,162,410)	4,517,276	(2,645,134)	4,409*	4,521,685
1921	(7,387,123)	4,480,553	(2,906,570)	3,970	4,484,523
1931	(8,110,135)	4,393,424	(3,716,711)	3,579	4,397,003
1939 **	(8,614,800)*	4,010,354	(4,604,446)	(3,016)	4,013,370
1951	8,196,807	3,345,768	4,851,039*	2,188	3,347,956
1961	7,992,443	3,198,145	4,794,298	2,339	3,200,484
1971	7,452,346	2,772,131	4,680,215
1981	6,804,900	2,346,100	4,469,100		

1981 6713 2297 4416

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* mid-year estimates

* highest population figure tabulated

+ including 3,090 police on duty not assigned to any particular parish

++ including 526 local militia not assigned to any particular parish

figures in rounded brackets are estimates derived by the method stated in Section 2.1.

figures in square brackets relate to the data published in Table 1 of the 1971 Census County Report for Greater London. The figures tabulated in the Report relate, as closely as possible, to the 1971 area of Greater London; the data given for the outer London area between 1801 and 1891 in the above table are derived as a residual from the County Report figures approximating to the 1971 Greater London area and the estimates for the inner London area tabulated in Table 2e of this paper.

3 OBSERVATIONS

3.1 - General observations

Generally, in terms of the 1961 local authority areas, the innermost metropolitan boroughs reached their peaks during the early to mid-1800's, the outermost areas reaching their peaks in the mid-1900's in some cases and later in others. (see Tables 2b and 2e) Map 2 clearly illustrates this point.

For the 1961 local authority areas within the 1971 boroughs the map gives six peak population periods. The City of London and Holborn Met B had both reached their peaks by 1851. The metropolitan boroughs predominantly to the west of the City reached their peaks between 1861 and 1891 followed by the metropolitan boroughs to the east and south-west which reached their peaks in 1901 or 1911. The great majority of the remaining metropolitan boroughs together with the 1961 local authority areas to their immediate west and with the remaining local authority areas in the Lea Valley reached their peaks in the inter-war years. Except for the outermost south-east area of Greater London, a ring of 1961 areas bordering this extended inner area reached their peaks in 1951. For the remaining 1961 areas, predominantly in the south-east and extreme east and west, only limited data is available at the moment as to when they reached their peaks. This is due to the fact that population figures for the 1961 local authority areas from the 1971 census are not yet available - the best we can do is make a reasonable guess from an inspection of the first two columns of Tables 2b and 2e concerning peak population occurrence of these 1961 areas. All one can say relating to these remaining 1961 areas is that none of them appear to have reached their peaks prior to 1961.

The discussion of the last paragraph has been couched in terms of the 1961 local authority areas within the present borough areas. Map 3, based on Table 2f, illustrates this outward movement of population over time but on the basis of the areas of the present London boroughs.

As illustrated by this map, there arose a gradual out-migration during the nineteenth century beginning with first the City of London and then Westminster LB followed by the six boroughs bordering them to the north, west and south-east at the turn of the century, later joined by the remaining five inner boroughs together with Haringey LB, Newham LB and Waltham Forest LB during the inter-war years. This was followed by twelve outer boroughs generally forming a ring around the inner boroughs except for the south-east corner of Greater London. The remaining five outer boroughs to the south-east and extreme east and west appear to be still undergoing growth.

The remaining three sections of this paper are concerned with a fuller comment on population change firstly in inner London, secondly in outer London and lastly for Greater London as a whole.

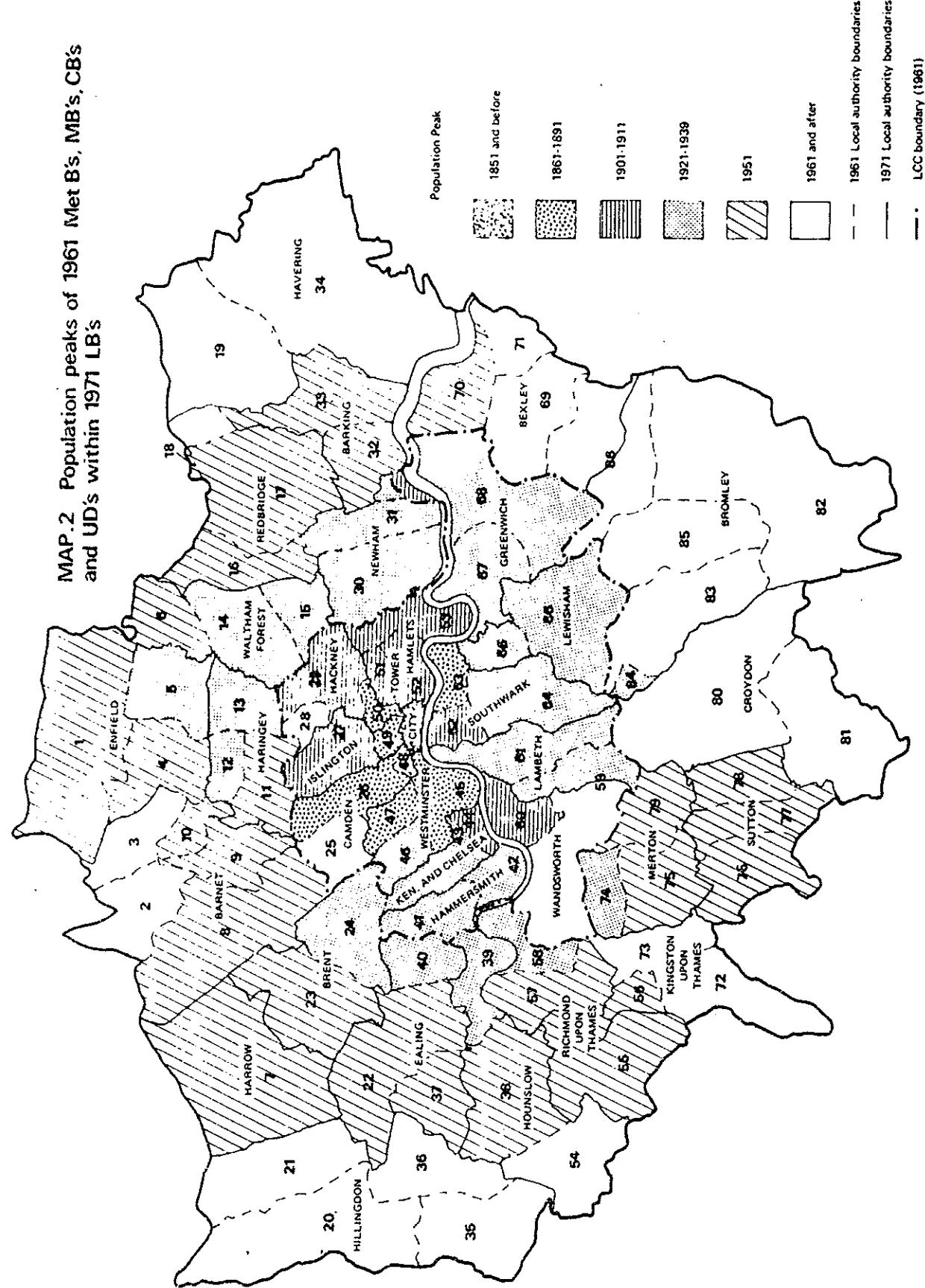
3.2 - Inner boroughs

3.2.1 1961 Component areas of present inner London boroughs

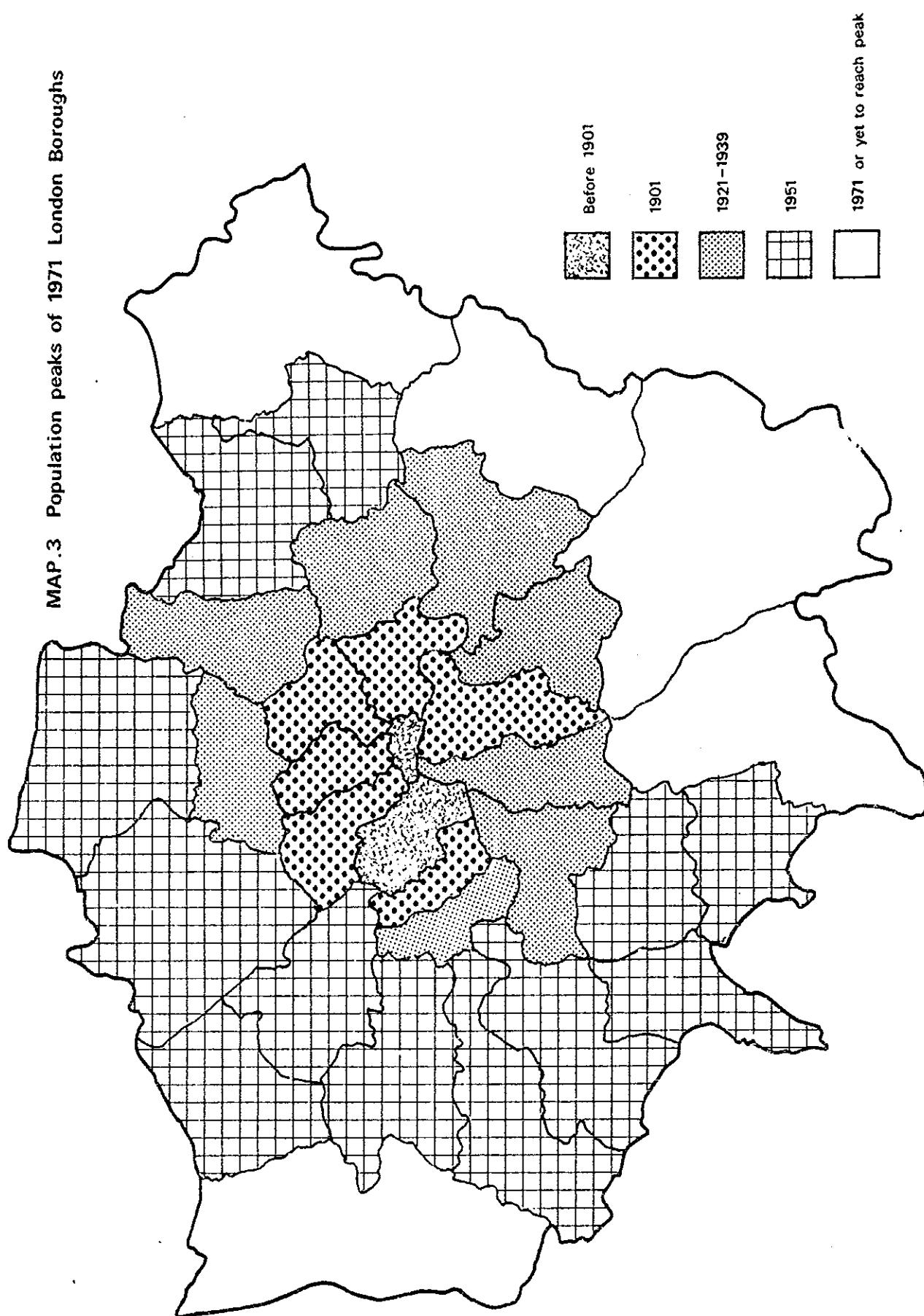
The City of London and Holborn Met B had both reached their peaks by 1851. They were then followed by Westminster Met B, St. Marylebone Met B and St. Pancras Met B to the west, Finsbury Met B and Shoreditch Met B to the north and Bermondsey Met B to the south-east of the City, all of which reached their peaks by 1891. Stepney Met B, Bethnal Green Met B and Poplar Met B to the east, Islington Met B and Hackney Met B to the north, Chelsea Met B and Battersea Met B to the south-west and Southwark Met B to the south reached their peaks by the beginning of World War I.

1	Enfield MB	46	Paddington Met B
2	Barnet UD	47	St Marylebone Met B
3	East Barnet UD	48	Holborn Met B
4	Southgate MB	49	Finsbury Met B
5	Edmonton MB	50	Shoreditch Met B
6	Chingford MB	51	Bethnal Green Met B
7	Harrow MB	52	Stepney Met B
8	Hendon MB	53	Poplar Met B
9	Finchley MB	54	Feltham UD
10	Friern Barnet UD	55	Twickenham MB (part)
11	Hornsey MB	56	Kingston-upon-Thames MB
12	Wood Green MB	57	Richmond MB
13	Tottenham MB	58	Barnes MB
14	Walthamstow MB	59	Wandsworth Met B
15	Leyton MB	60	Battersea Met B
16	Wanstead or Woodford MB	61	Lambeth Met B
17	Ilford MB	62	Southwark Met B
18	Chigwell UD (part)	63	Bermondsey Met B
19	Romford MB	64	Camberwell Met B
20	Uxbridge MB	65	Deptford Met B
21	Ruislip - Northwood UD	66	Lewisham Met B
22	Ealing MB	67	Greenwich Met B
23	Wembley MB	68	Woolwich Met B
24	Willesden MB	69	Bexley MB
25	Hampstead MB	70	Erith MB
26	St Pancras MB	71	Crayford UD
27	Islington MB	72	Surbiton MB
28	Stoke Newington MB	73	Malden and Coombe MB
29	Hackney MB	74	Wimbledon MB
30	West Ham CB	75	Merton and Morden MB
31	East Ham CB	76	Sutton and Cheam MB
32	Barking MB	77	Carshalton UD
33	Dagenham MB	78	Beddington and Wallington MB
34	Hornchurch UD	79	Mitcham MB
35	Yiewsley and West Drayton UD	80	Croydon CB
36	Hayes and Harlington UD	81	Coulsdon and Purley UD (part)
37	Southall MB	82	Orpington UD (part)
38	Heston and Isleworth MB	83	Beckenham MB
39	Brentford and Chiswick MB	84	Penge UD
40	Acton MB	85	Bromley MB
41	Hammersmith Met B	86	Chislehurst and Sidcup UD
42	Fulham Met B		
43	Kensington Met B		
44	Chelsea Met B		
45	Westminster Met B		

MAP.2 Population peaks of 1961 Met B's, MB's, CB's
and UD's within 1971 LB's



MAP.3 Population peaks of 1971 London Boroughs



The remaining metropolitan boroughs, except for Stoke Newington Met B, the part of Wandsworth Met B in Wandsworth LB, and Hampstead Met B, all reached their peaks in the inter-war years (see Map 2).

Stoke Newington Met B, Wandsworth Met B and Hampstead Met B appear to be exceptions to the rule that the 1961 local authority areas within inner London reached their peaks by 1939 at the latest. From Table 2e, it can be seen that the population of Stoke Newington Met B has fluctuated around the 50 thousand mark since as far back as 1891, although the highest figure so far recorded was in 1961. Hence, due to the fact that the peak here is so unpronounced, little weight should be given to this metropolitan borough attaining its highest population in 1961. Whereas Wandsworth Met B as a whole and the part of Wandsworth Met B in Lambeth LB both reached their peaks in 1931 (see Tables 2c and 2e), it seems that the remaining part of Wandsworth Met B in Wandsworth LB reached its peak in 1961 (see Table 2e). The population for this area in 1961, however, was only slightly over the thousand greater than the 1931 estimated figure. Therefore, a slightly positive deviation of the estimate can produce a peak population in 1931 for the area concerned. Hampstead Met B, on the other hand, does prove to be a genuine exception to the rule; the population of Hampstead Met B has increased monotonically between 1801 and 1961 (see Table 2e).

3.2.2 Present inner London boroughs

The discussion in the preceding sub-section was couched in terms of the 1961 local authority areas within the present borough areas. It is a feature of the inner London boroughs that the 1961 metropolitan boroughs from which they were constituted reached their peaks, in many cases, at widely different points in time. The most extreme case is that of Camden LB which reached its peak in 1901 but with Holborn Met B reaching its peak in 1951, St Pancras Met B in 1881 and Hampstead Met B most probably in 1961 (see Table 2e). Only in the case of Tower Hamlets LB did its component metropolitan boroughs of Stepney Met B, Bethnal Green Met B and Poplar Met B all reach their peaks at the same time, namely in 1901 (see Table 2e).

As will have been appreciated from the example of Stoke Newington Met B noted previously, a description of change on the basis of the census year with the peak population alone can be misleading; rates of increase and decrease need to be examined to achieve a more complete picture as to the growth of population. This sub-section is concerned primarily with a discussion of population change of the present inner London boroughs based on the data tabulated in Table 2f. [The appendix, however, shows graphically for both inner and outer boroughs, except for the City of London and Harrow LB (the 1971 areas of these are equivalent to the 1961 areas), the growth patterns of their 1961 component parts.]

Figures 1, 2 and 3 show population changes since 1801 of the inner London boroughs. This three-way split of the inner boroughs is similar to that illustrated in Map 3. Table 3a provides a key to the series of graphs:-

TABLE 3a - Inner London boroughs by peak population occurrence

<u>Figure No.</u>	<u>Nos of Inner Boroughs</u>	<u>Names of Boroughs</u>	<u>Peak Population Occurrence</u>
1	2	City of London, Westminster LB	before 1901
2	6	Camden LB, Hackney LB, Kensington and Chelsea LB, Islington LB, Southwark LB, Tower Hamlets LB	1901
3	5	Greenwich LB, Hammersmith LB, Lambeth LB, Lewisham LB, Wandsworth LB	1921-1939

Only the City of London and Westminster LB reached their peaks before 1901. The population of the City remained almost constant around 125 thousand for the first half of the nineteenth century but has since declined steadily to a figure a little over 4 thousand in 1971*. Westminster LB, on the other hand, grew steadily during the early and mid-1800's reaching its peak of 524 thousand in 1871 but its population has since fallen to 240 thousand in 1971; i.e., the population of Westminster LB has more than halved over this hundred year period (see Figure 1). The six boroughs that reached their peaks in 1901, namely Camden LB, Hackney LB, Islington LB, Kensington and Chelsea LB, Southwark LB and Tower Hamlets LB, all show basically similar population trends except that some are more extreme than others, the most severe case being that of Tower Hamlets LB. In fact, this borough had the largest population of the six concerned throughout the nineteenth century reaching its peak of 597 thousand in 1901. This population was the highest figure reached in any single present London borough's history. However, since its peak in 1901, Tower Hamlets' population decrease, especially during the Second World War, has been so drastic that, except for the City of London, it now has the smallest population (166 thousand in 1971) of all the inner boroughs. Kensington and Chelsea LB, on the other hand, having reached its peak of 250 thousand in 1901, has been since subject to a much lower rate of decrease than was the case for the other boroughs in this group, falling by only 32 thousand between 1901 and 1961 - only since 1961 has the rate of decrease risen (see Figure 2).

The five inner boroughs that reached their peaks in the inter-war years, namely Greenwich LB, Hammersmith LB, Lambeth LB, Lewisham LB and Wandsworth LB, show more dissimilar growth patterns than was the case for the previous group. In general, this set of boroughs experienced rapid growth during the second half of the nineteenth century which tailed off in the early 1900's to a peak in 1931, followed by a less rapid, but substantial, decline over the next forty years (see Figure 3).

3.3 Outer boroughs

3.3.1 1961 Component areas of present outer London boroughs

The area to reach its peak earliest was the part of Woolwich Met B to the north of the River Thames in 1911. A group of five local authority areas to the west of inner London (Willesden MB, Action MB, Brentford and Chiswick MB, Barnes MB, Wimbledon MB) and a group of seven to the north-east of inner London (Wood Green MB,

* Since 1973 the population of the City of London has been on the increase, owing to the Barbican project, but is not expected to surpass the 10 thousand level.

FIGURE 1 Population of inner boroughs that reached their peaks before 1901

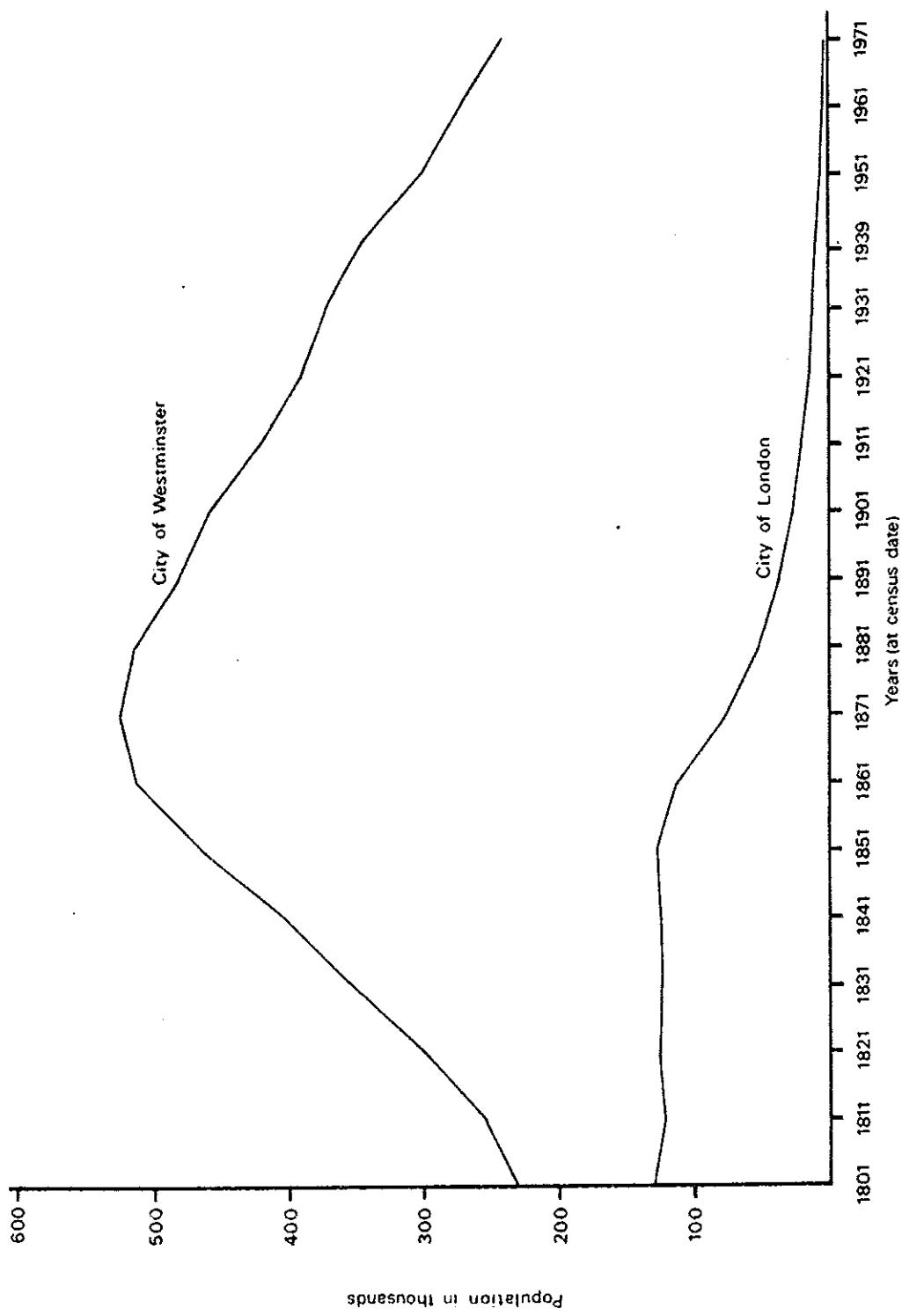


FIGURE.2 Population of inner boroughs that reached their peaks in 1901

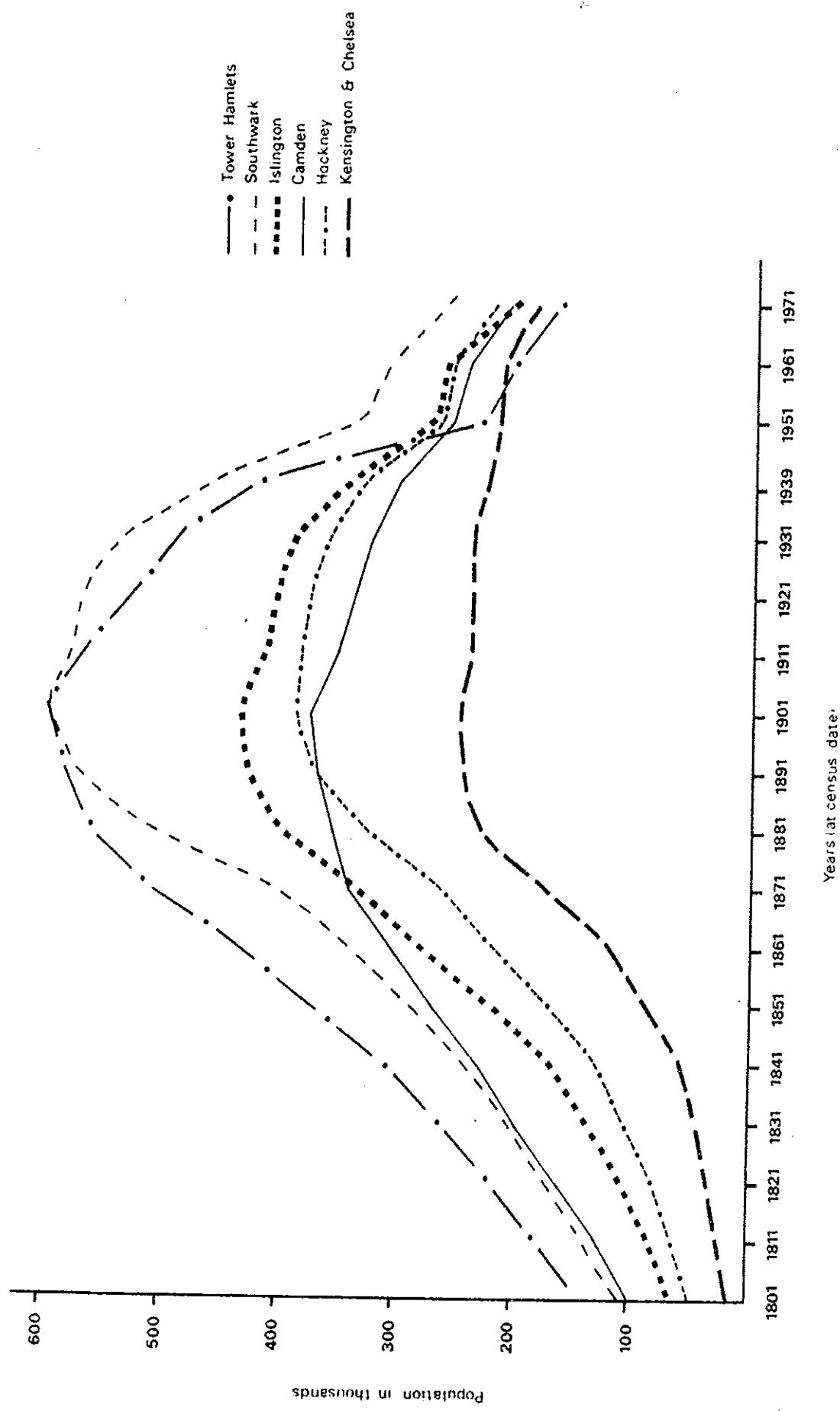
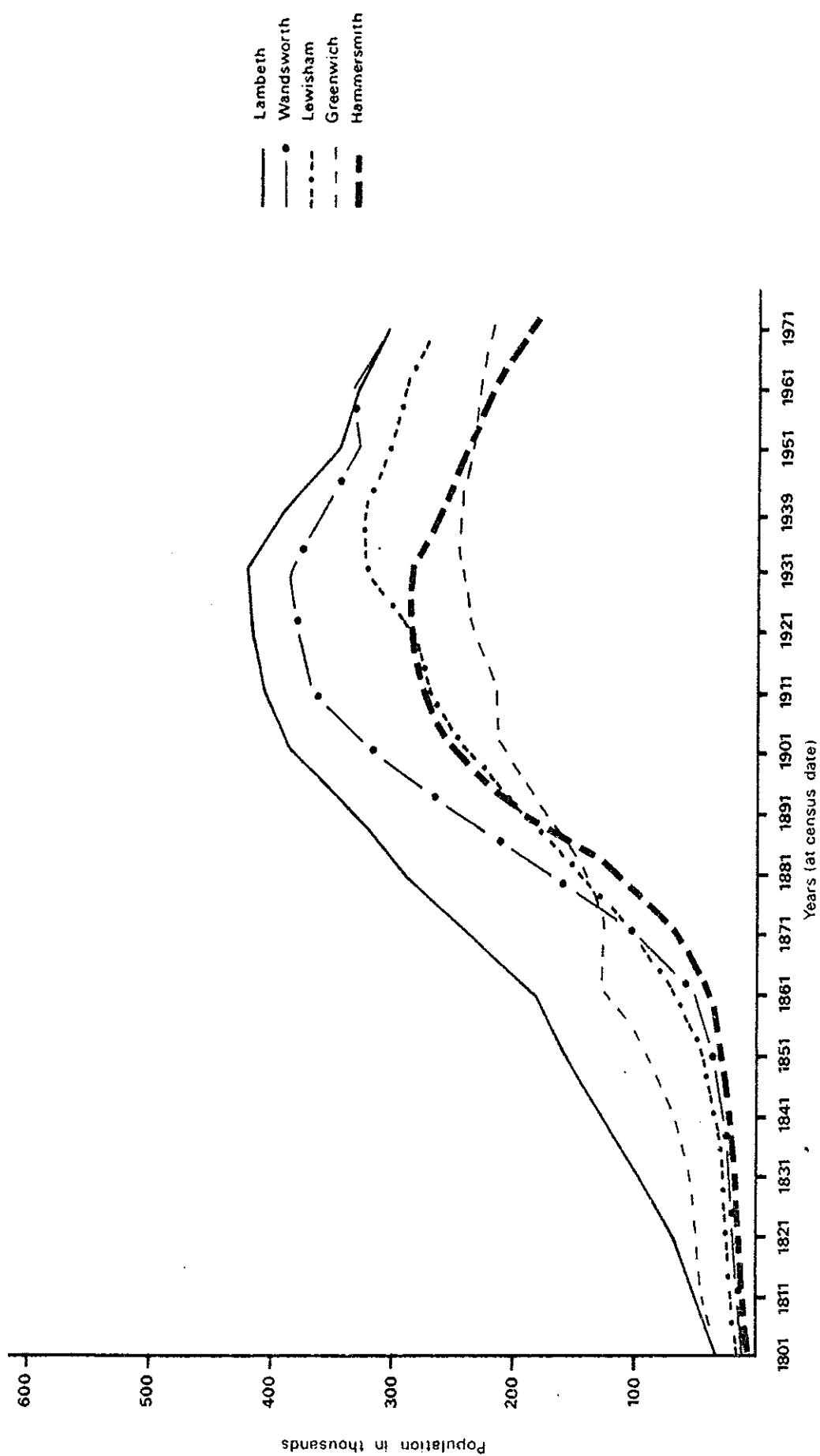


FIGURE 3 Population of inner boroughs that reached their peaks between 1921 & 1939



Edmonton MB, Tottenham MB, Walthamstow MB, Leyton MB, West Ham CB and East Ham CB), together with Penge UD to the south, reached their peaks in the inter-war years. The majority of the remaining 1961 local authority areas in outer London reached their peaks in 1951. The residual 1961 areas, to the south-east and extreme east, west, south-west and north-west, do not appear to have reached their peaks prior to 1961. It is a feature of the 1961 areas within outer London that they all reached their peaks within a shorter period than was the case for the 1961 areas within inner London (see Map 2).

3.3.2 Present outer London boroughs

Figures 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 show population changes of the outer London boroughs since 1901. The split of the outer boroughs is based on the division used in Map 3 but with a sub-division into three groups of those outer boroughs that reached their peaks in 1951. Table 3b provides a key to the series of graphs.

TABLE 3b - Outer London boroughs by peak population occurrence

<u>Figure No.</u>	<u>Nos. of Outer Boroughs</u>	<u>Names of Boroughs</u>	<u>Peak Population Occurrence</u>
4	3	Haringey LB, Newham LB, Waltham Forest LB	1921-39
5	4	Barking LB, Barnet LB, Enfield LB, Redbridge LB	1951
6	4	Brent LB, Ealing LB, Harrow LB, Hounslow LB	1951
7	4	Kingston LB, Merton LB, Richmond LB, Sutton LB	1951
8	5	Bexley LB, Bromley LB, Croydon LB, Havering LB, Hillingdon LB	1971 or yet to be reached

The three outer boroughs that reached their peaks in the inter-war years show similar growth trends to those of the inner boroughs. Newham's pattern is in fact like those boroughs peaking in 1901, due to its sharp peak in 1921 and resulting rapid decrease in population from 448 thousand in 1921 to 237 thousand in 1971. The population patterns of Haringey LB and Waltham Forest LB, on the other hand, have the greater similarities with those inner boroughs that reached their peaks between the Wars, whose rates of decrease from their peaks were less pronounced (see Figure 4).

Twelve of the remaining seventeen outer boroughs reached their peaks in 1951 following, in general, a rapid rise during the 1920's and 1930's. Since 1951, the drop in population for each of these boroughs has been small. Owing to the number of boroughs in this group, they have been split into three sub-groups solely to ease confusion in the interpretation of the graphs. The four outer boroughs within this broad group to the north of the River Thames and to the east of the Edgware Road namely, Barking LB, Barnet LB, Enfield LB and Redbridge LB, appear in Figure 5; the four remaining outer boroughs within this group to the north of the Thames namely, Brent LB, Ealing LB, Harrow LB and Hounslow LB appear in Figure 6; the other four boroughs in this group to the south of the Thames namely, Kingston-upon-Thames LB, Merton LB, Richmond-upon-Thames LB and Sutton LB are given in Figure 7.

Of the remaining five boroughs it seems that Bromley LB and Croydon LB are still undergoing the growing process. The population growth of the other three boroughs namely, Bexley LB, Hillingdon LB and Havering LB has tapered off in recent years especially over the last decade (see Figure 8). ~~#~~

3.4 Greater London

Figure 9 shows the population changes since 1801 of the inner London area, the outer London area and the Greater London area as a whole. Inner London's population increased during the nineteenth century, reaching its peak of 4,533 thousand in 1901 and then followed by a decrease, the decline falling at a lower rate than was the case for the increase. Outer London's population has increased quite rapidly since the mid-1800's reaching its peak of 4,851 thousand in 1951 but now seems to be gradually decreasing. The combined effect of this results in Greater London reaching its population peak of 8,615 thousand in 1939. In 1971, inner London had a population of 2,772 thousand, outer London a population of 4,680 thousand and Greater London 7,452 thousand.

~~#~~ The additional data presented in this second edition for these twenty London boroughs show that back in 1801 all these boroughs had populations under 10 thousand, with two exceptions (Hounslow, 14 thousand, and Richmond-upon-Thames, 15 thousand) (see Table 2b).

FIGURE 4

Population of outer boroughs that reached their peaks between 1921 and 1939

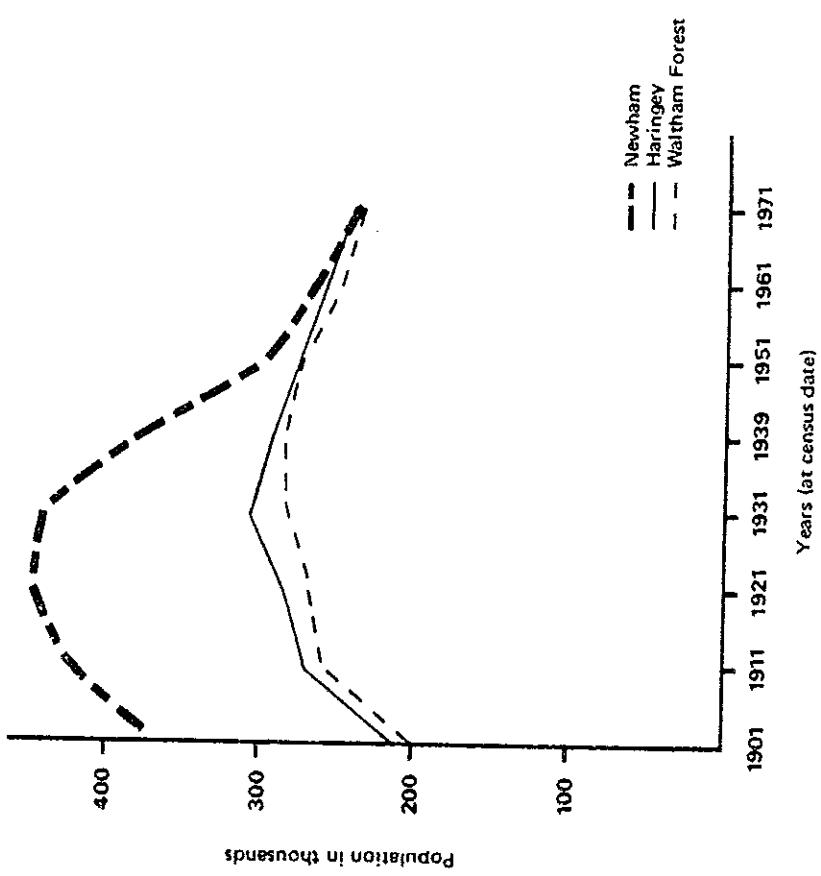


FIGURE 5

Population of outer boroughs north of the River Thames and to the east of the Edgware Road that reached their peaks in 1951

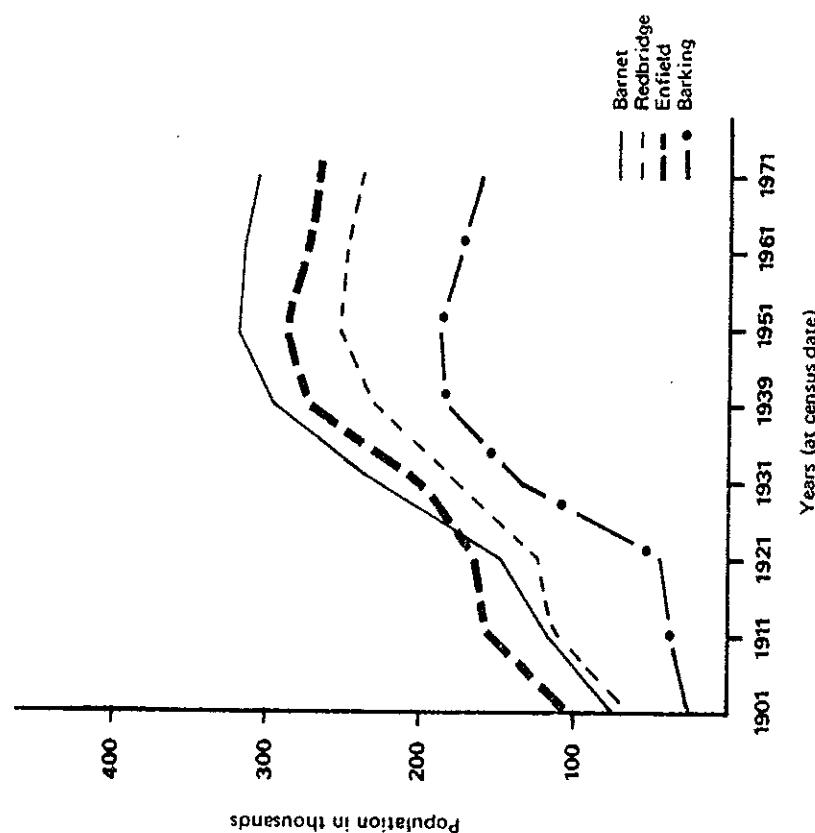


FIGURE 6
 Population of remaining outer boroughs north of
 the River Thames that reached their peaks in 1951

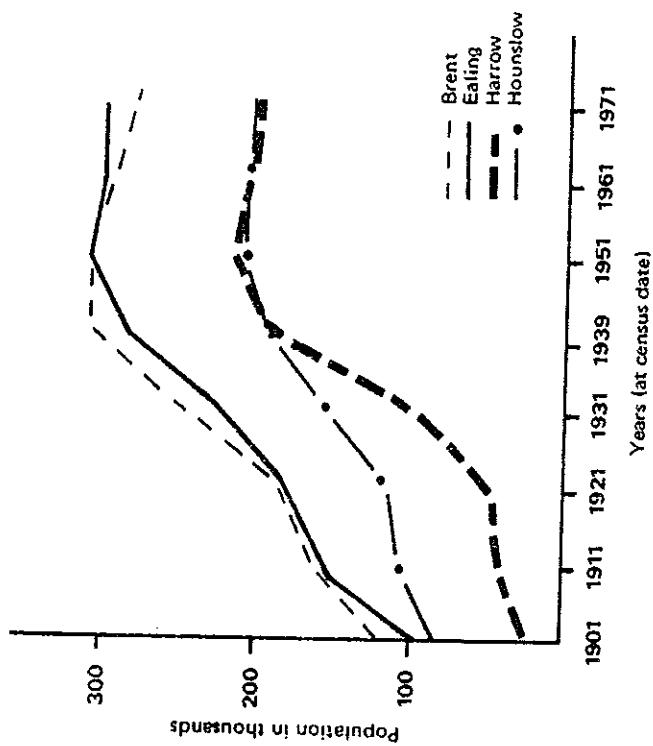


FIGURE 7

Population of outer boroughs south of the River Thames
 (including the whole of the Richmond-upon-Thames LB)
 that reached their peaks in 1951

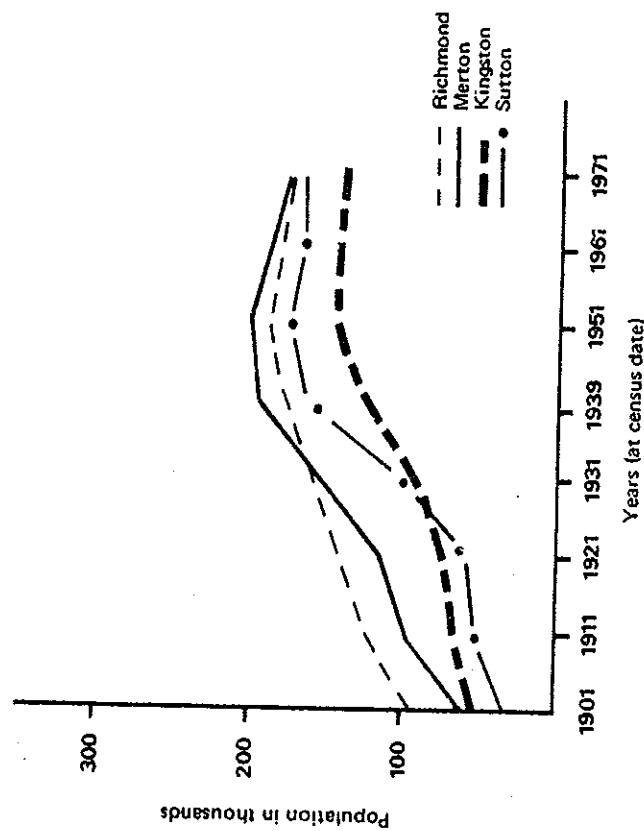
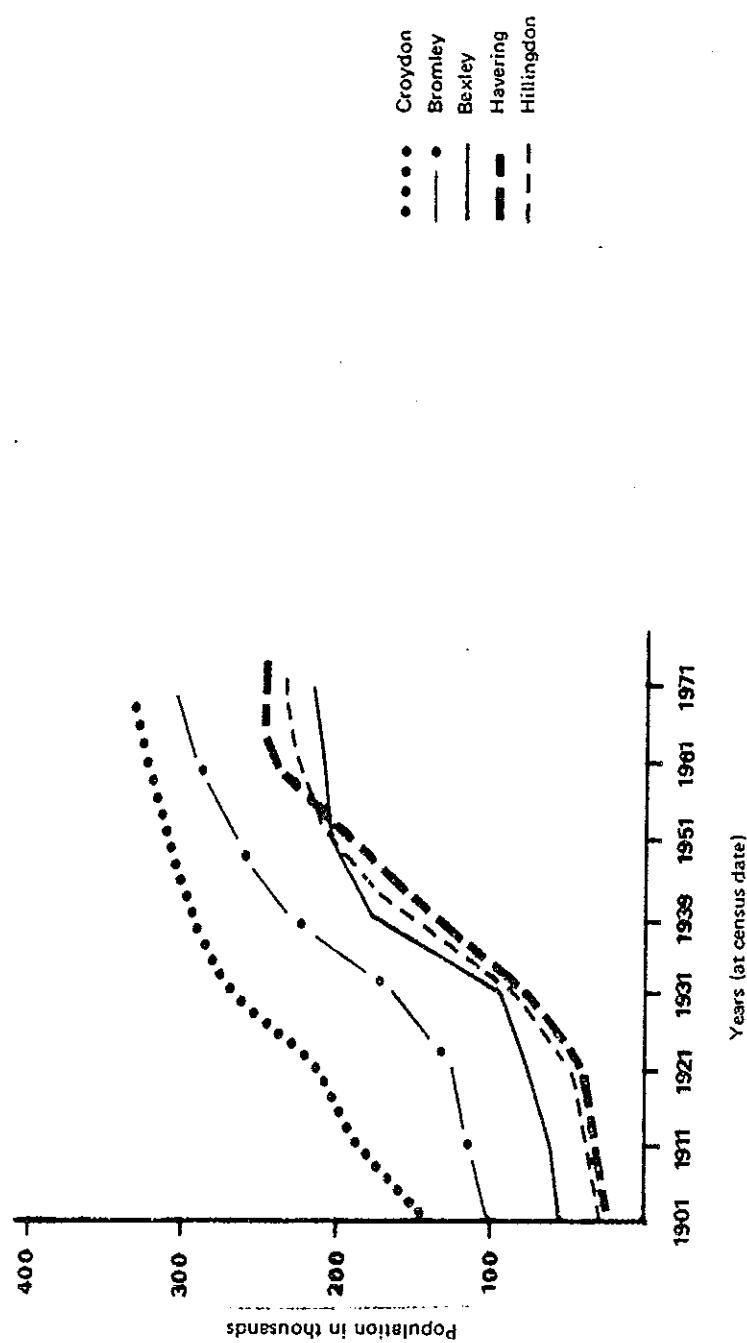
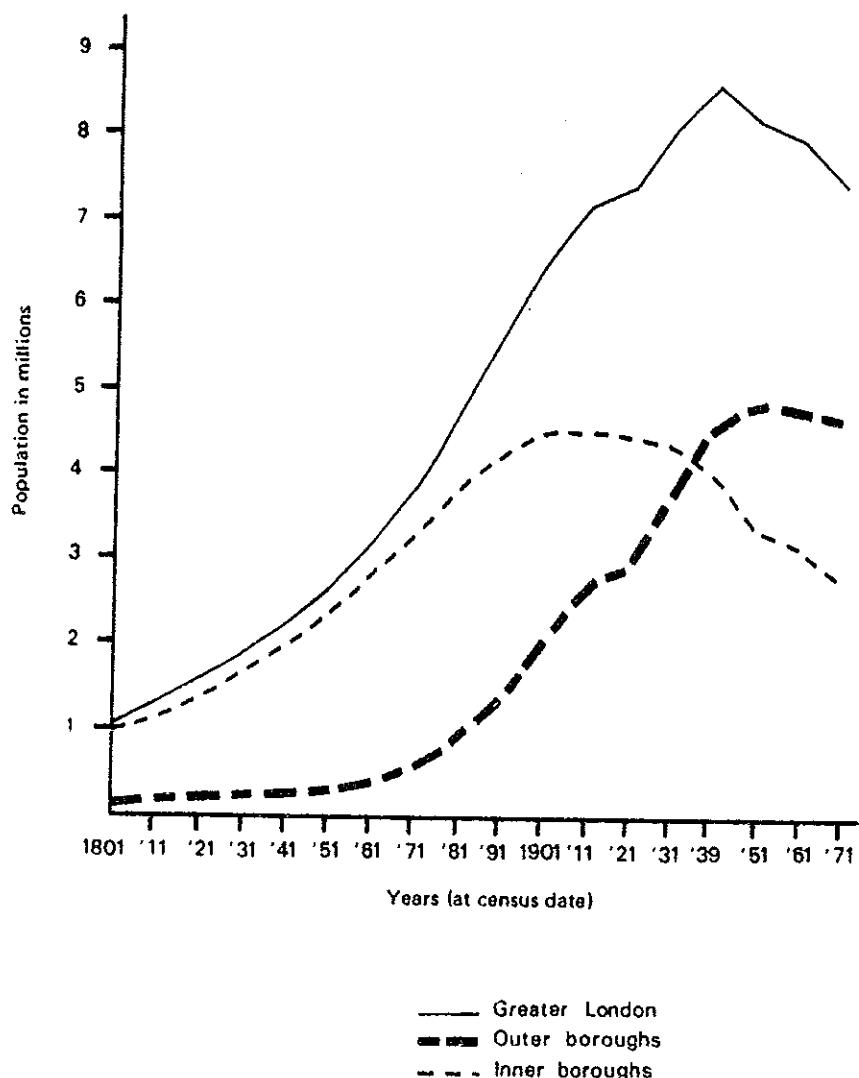
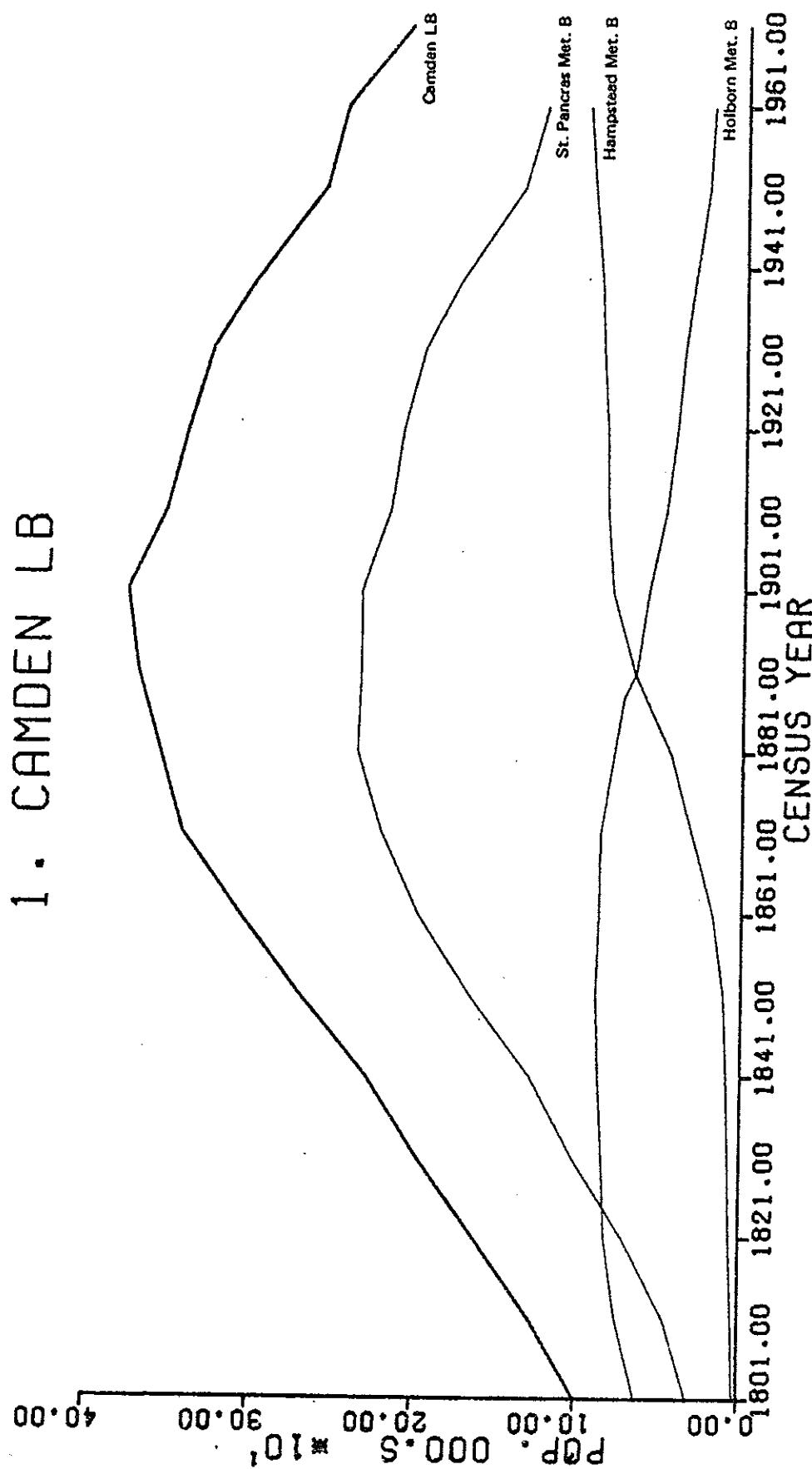


FIGURE 8 Population of outer boroughs that reached their peaks in 1971 or have not yet reached their peaks

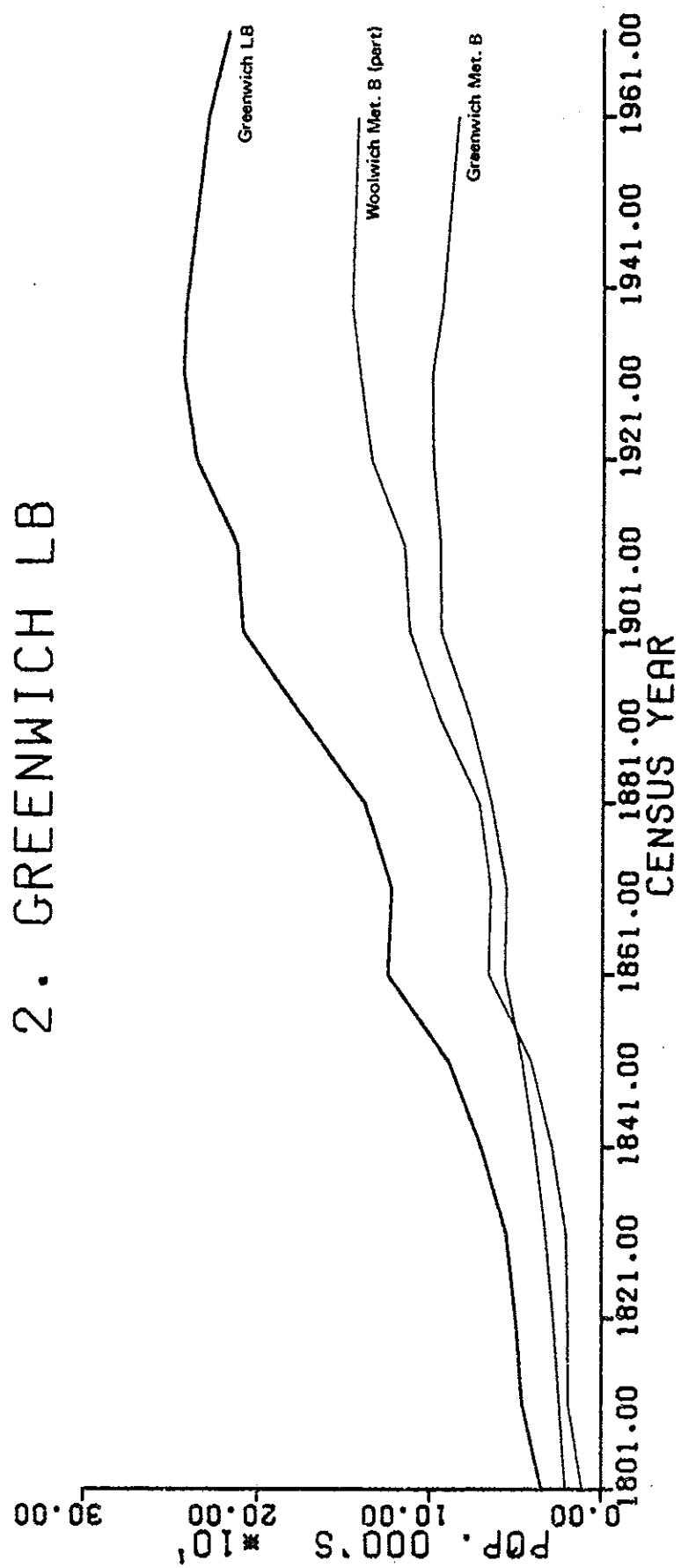


**FIGURE.9 Population of inner London 1801 to 1971
and of outer London 1901 to 1971**

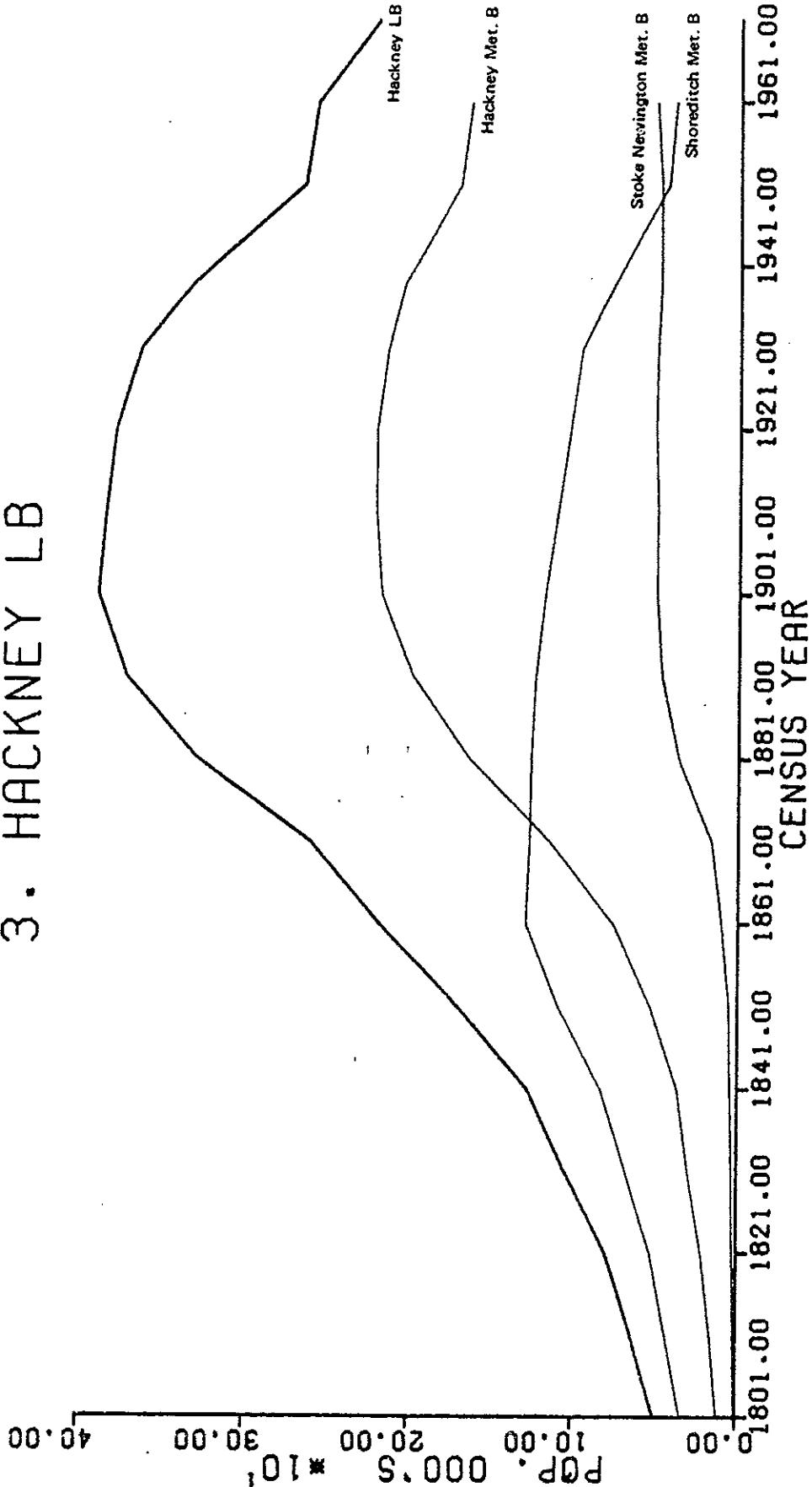




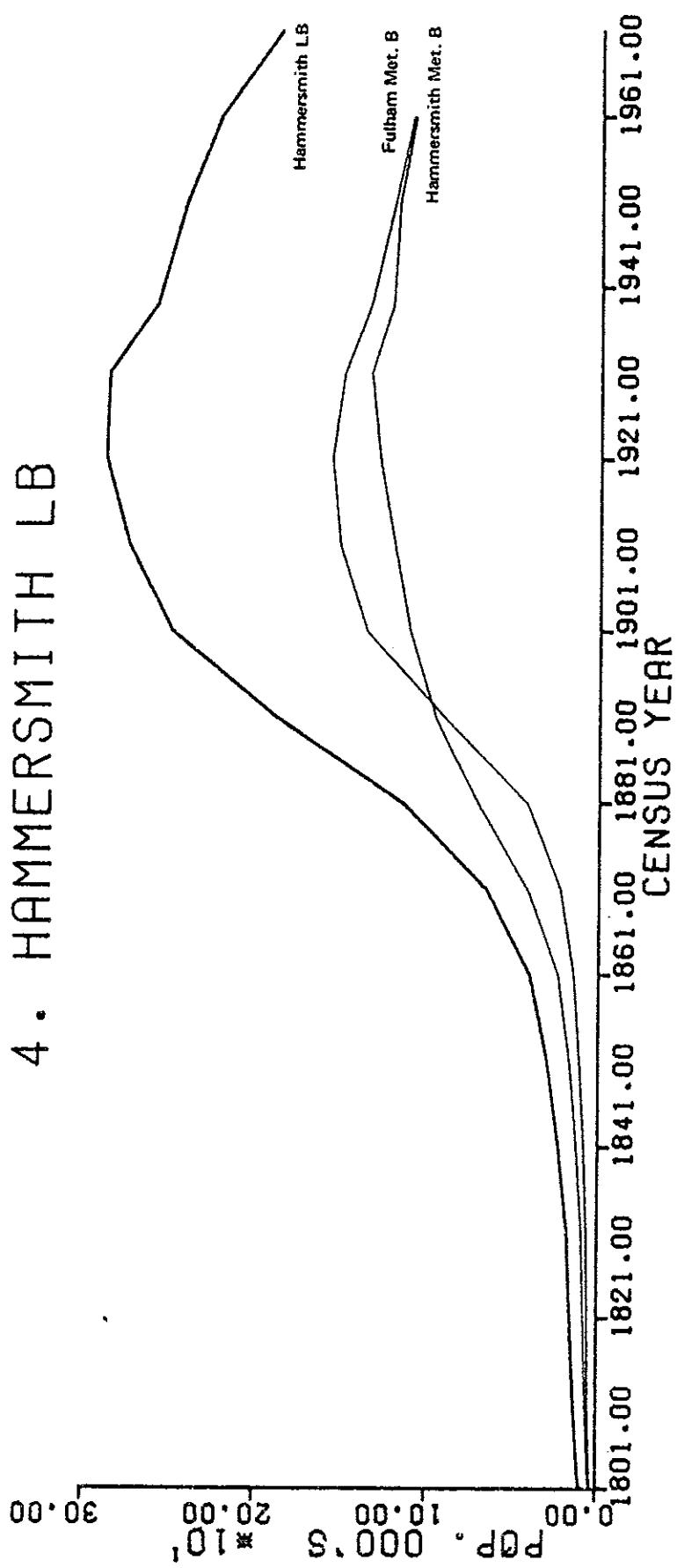
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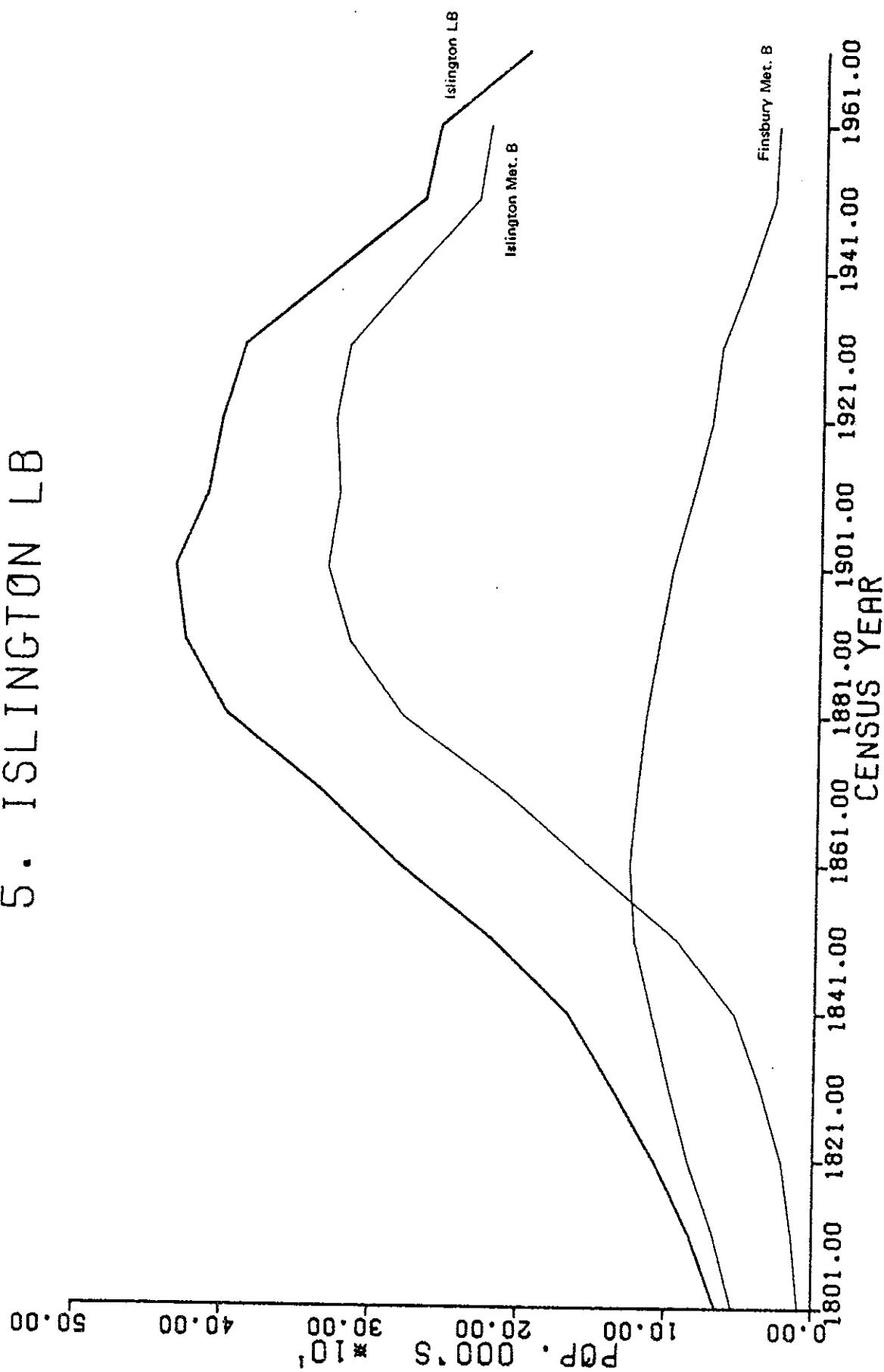
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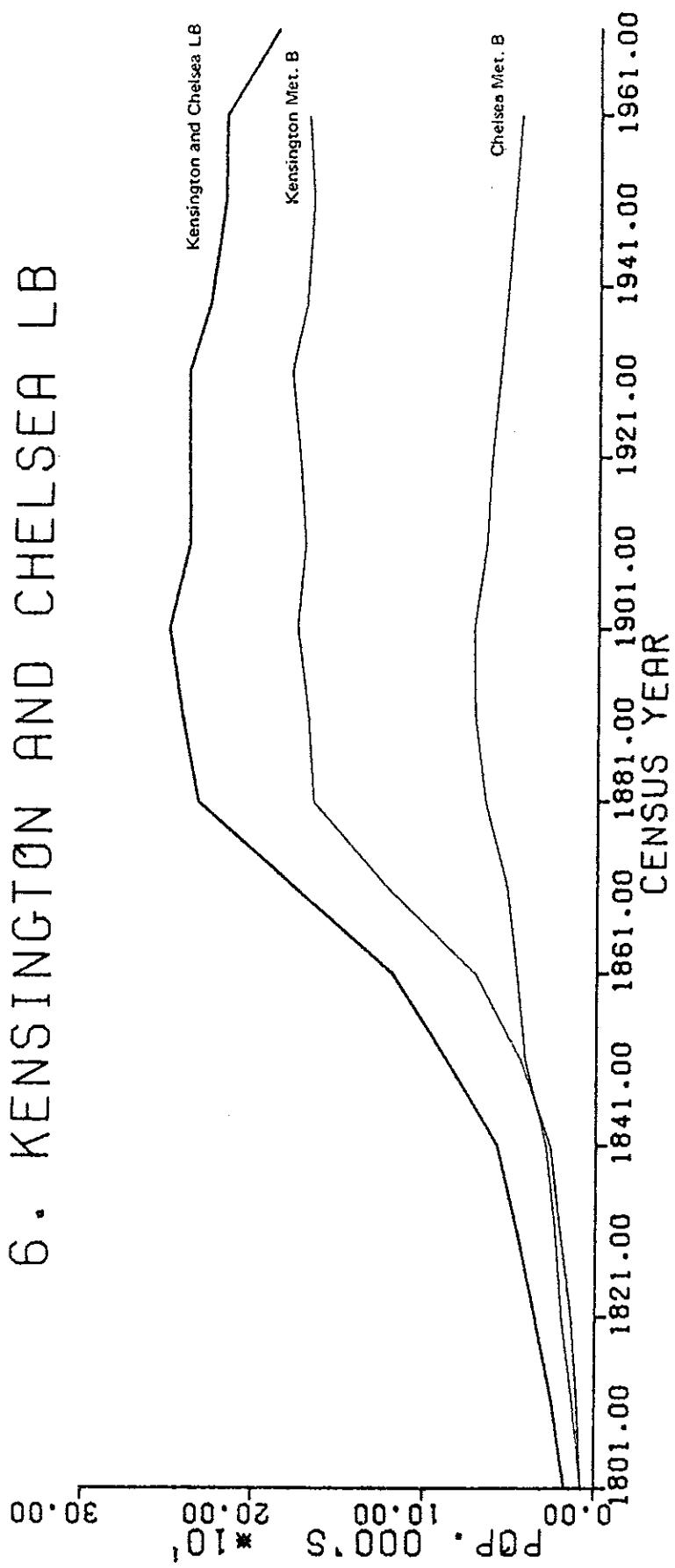
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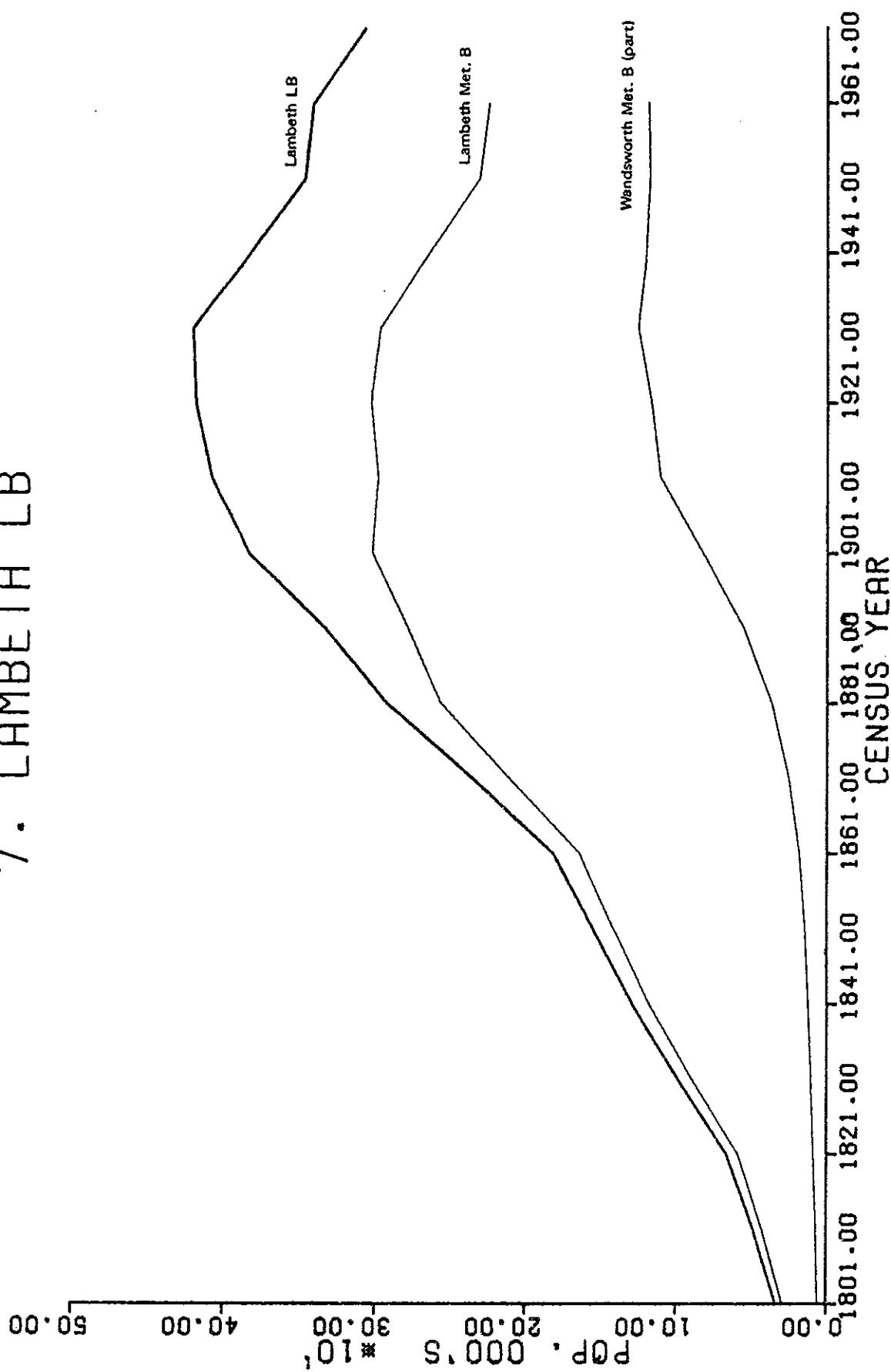
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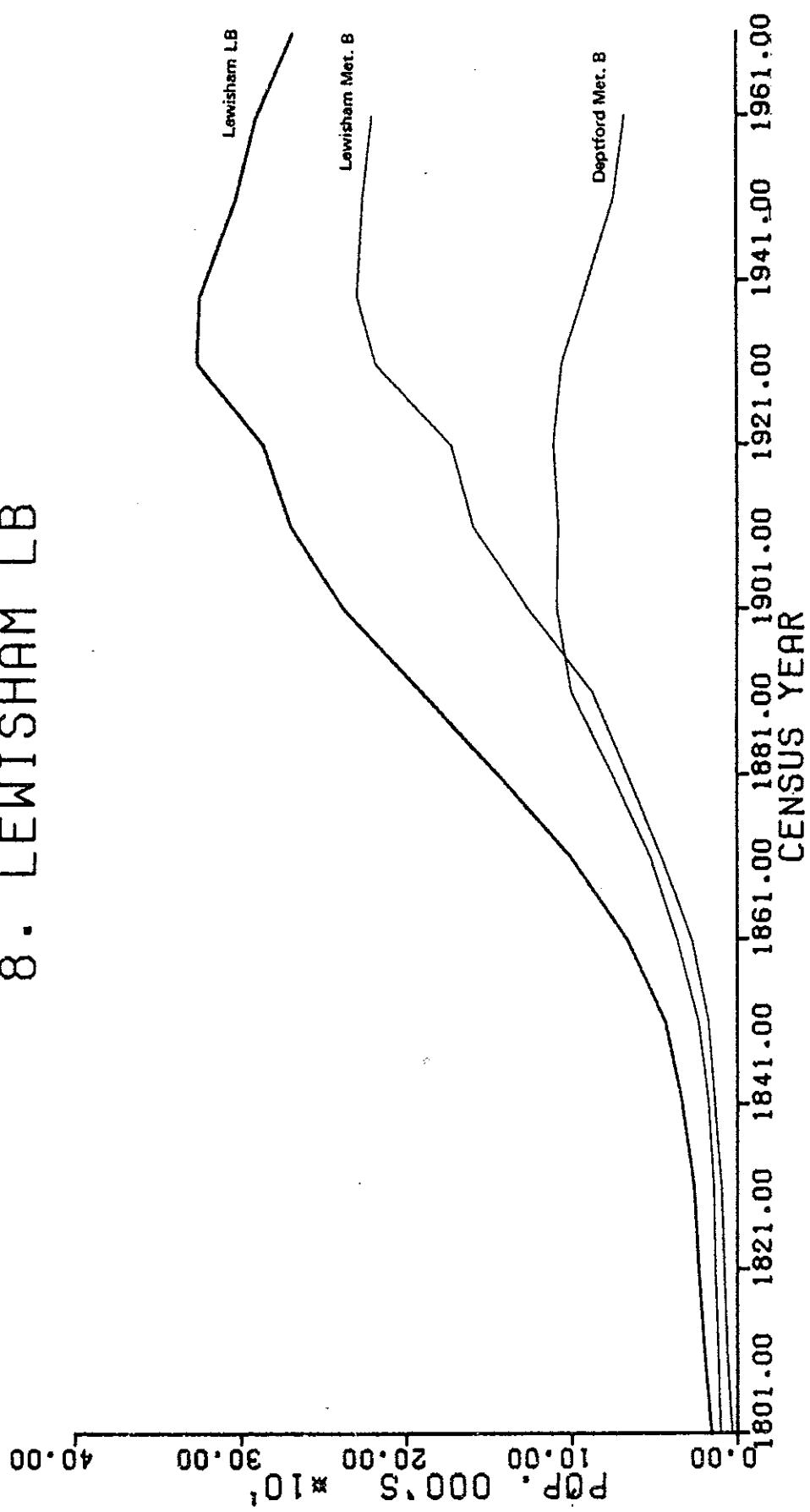
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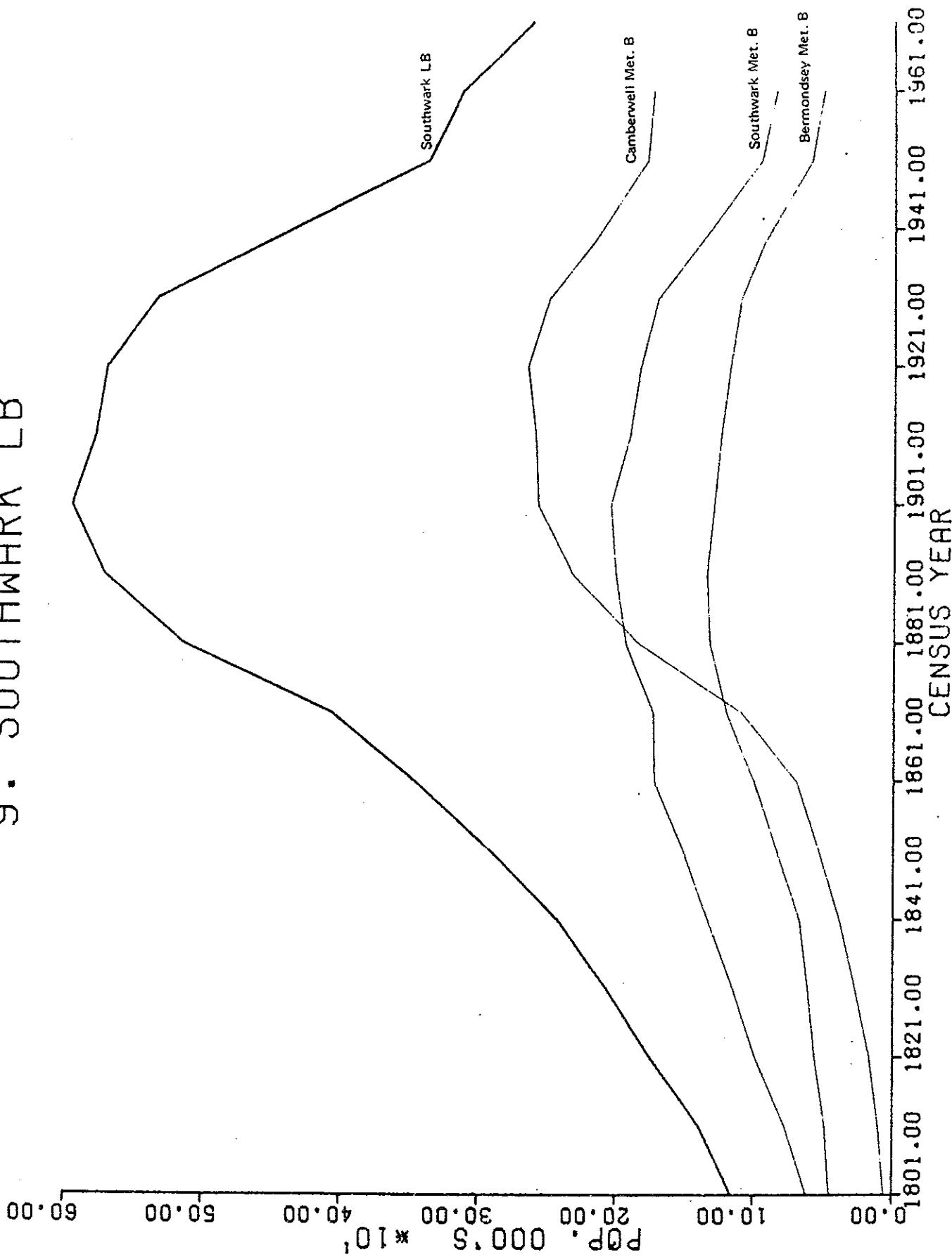
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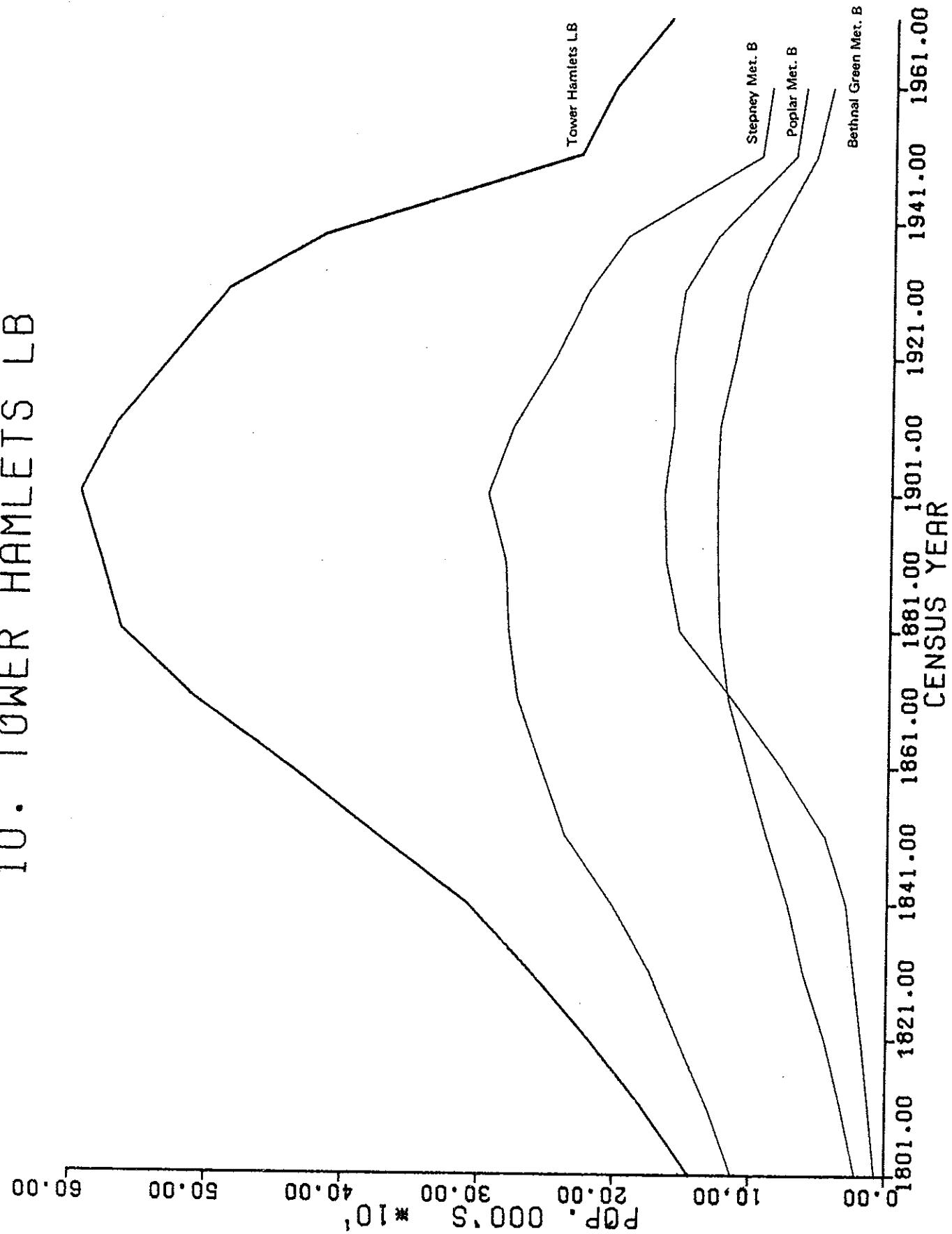
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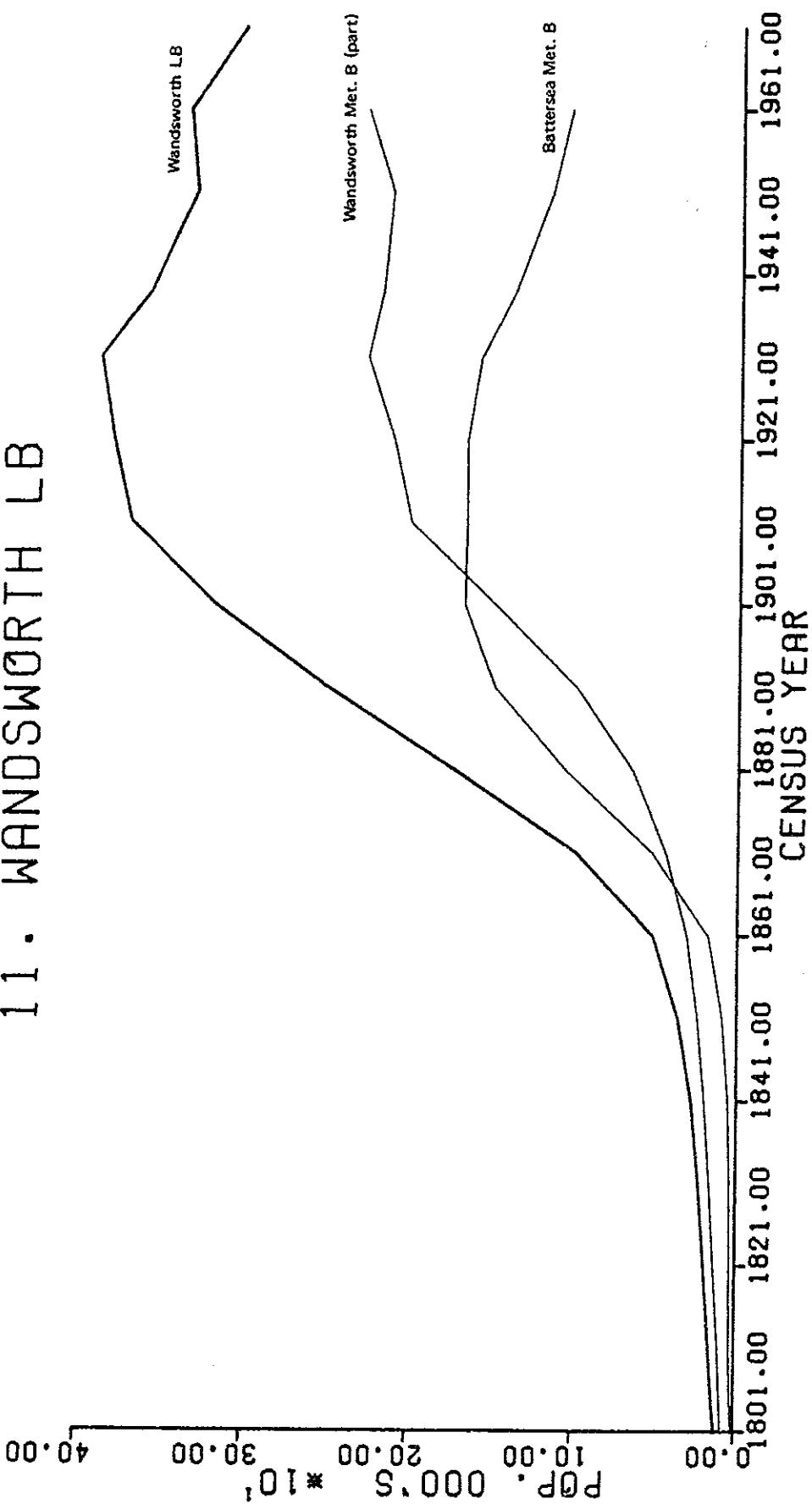
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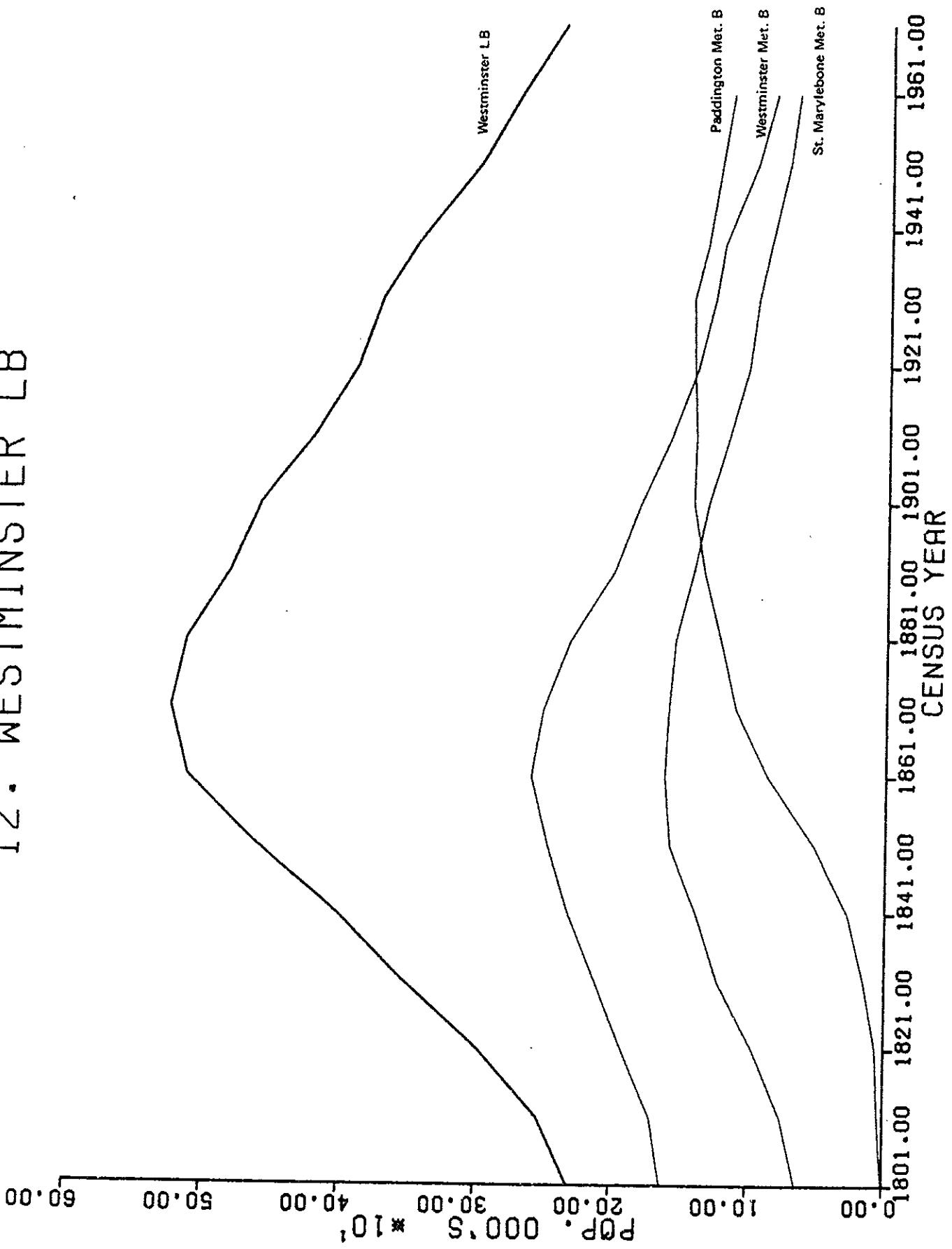
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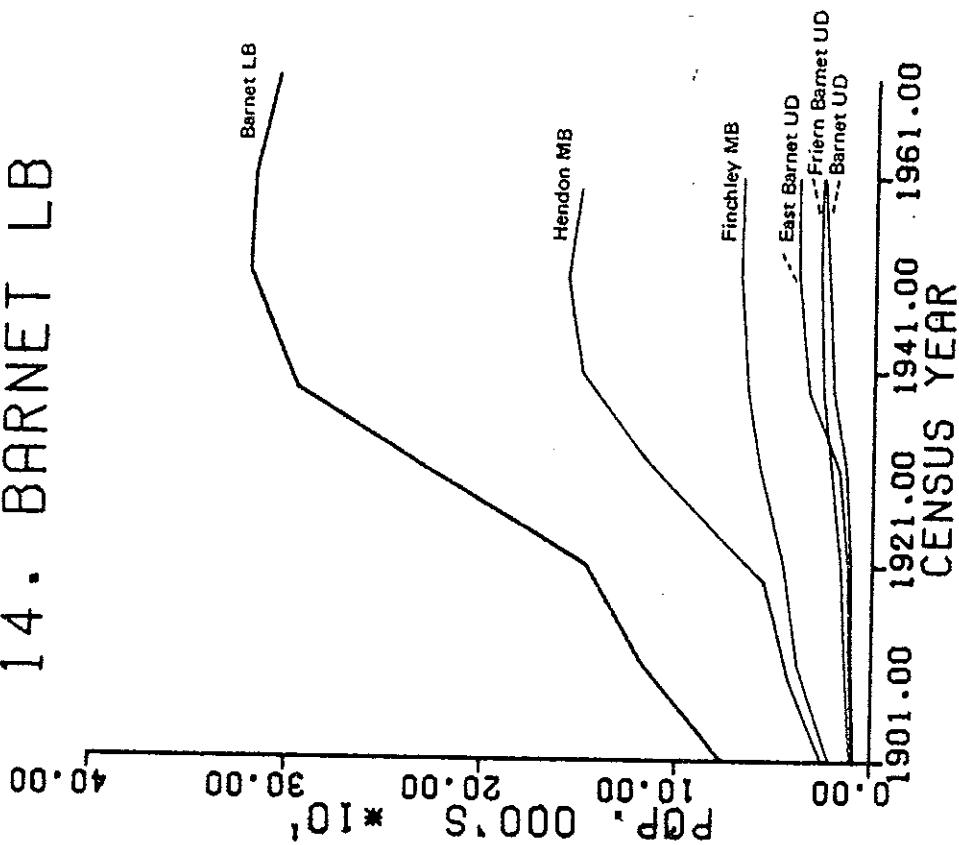
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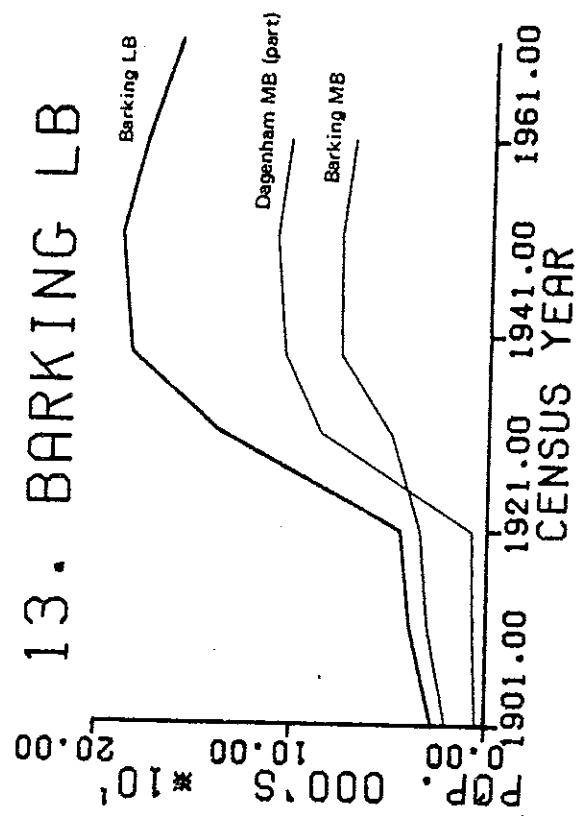
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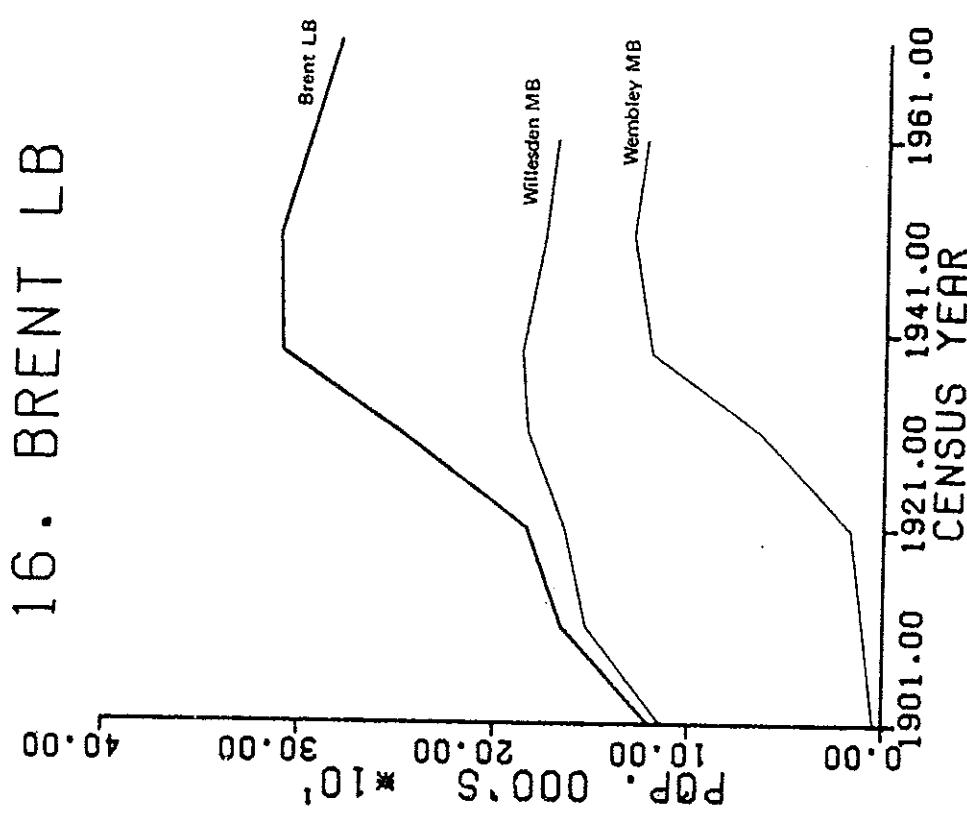
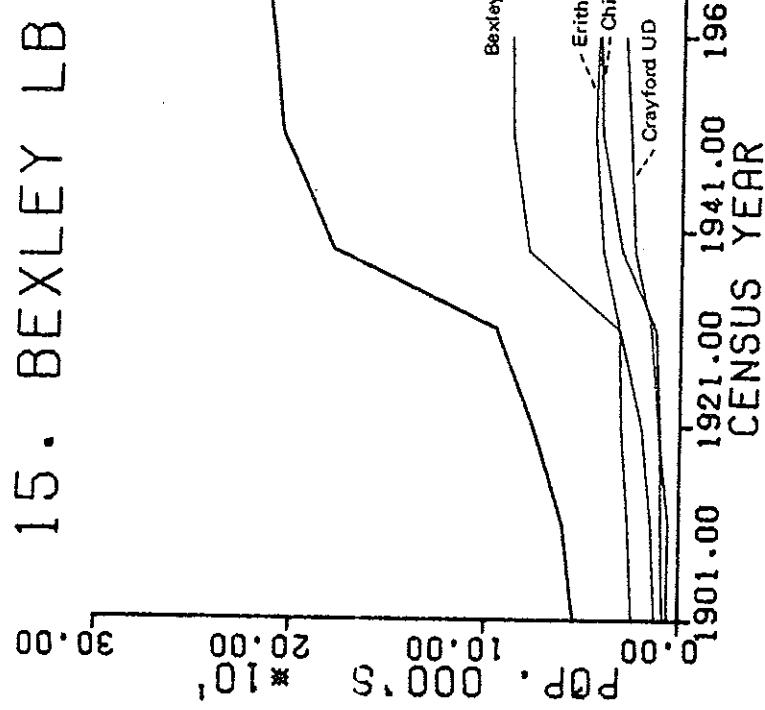


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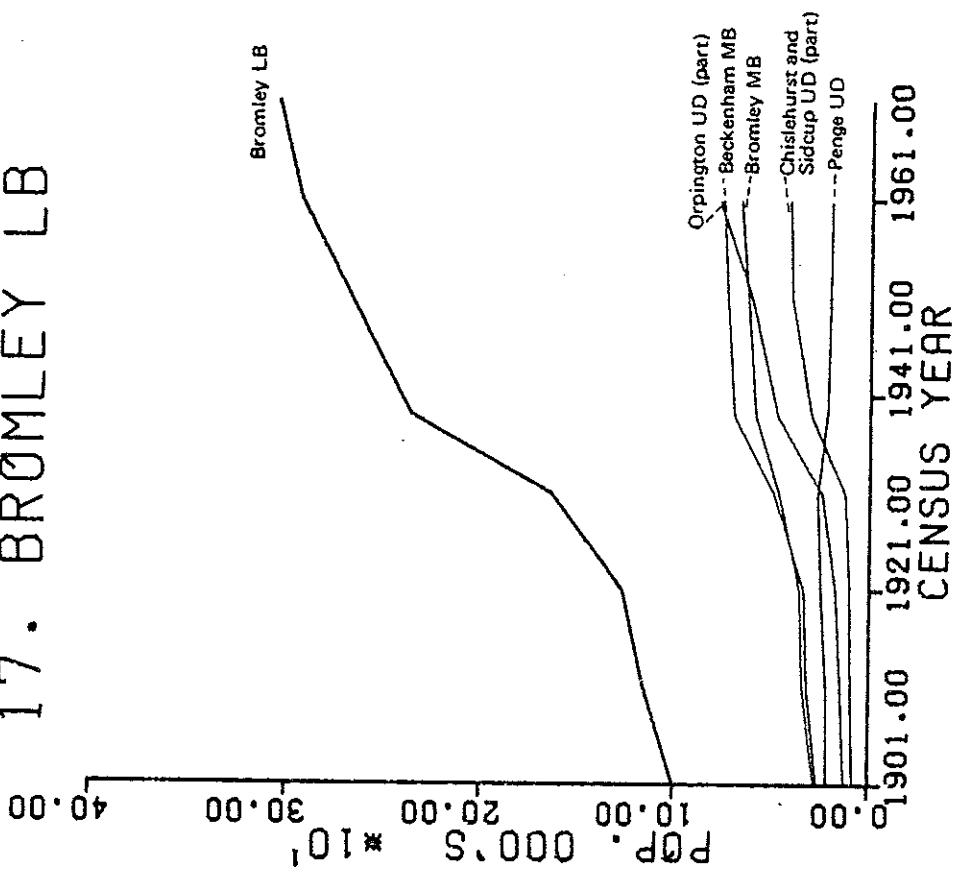


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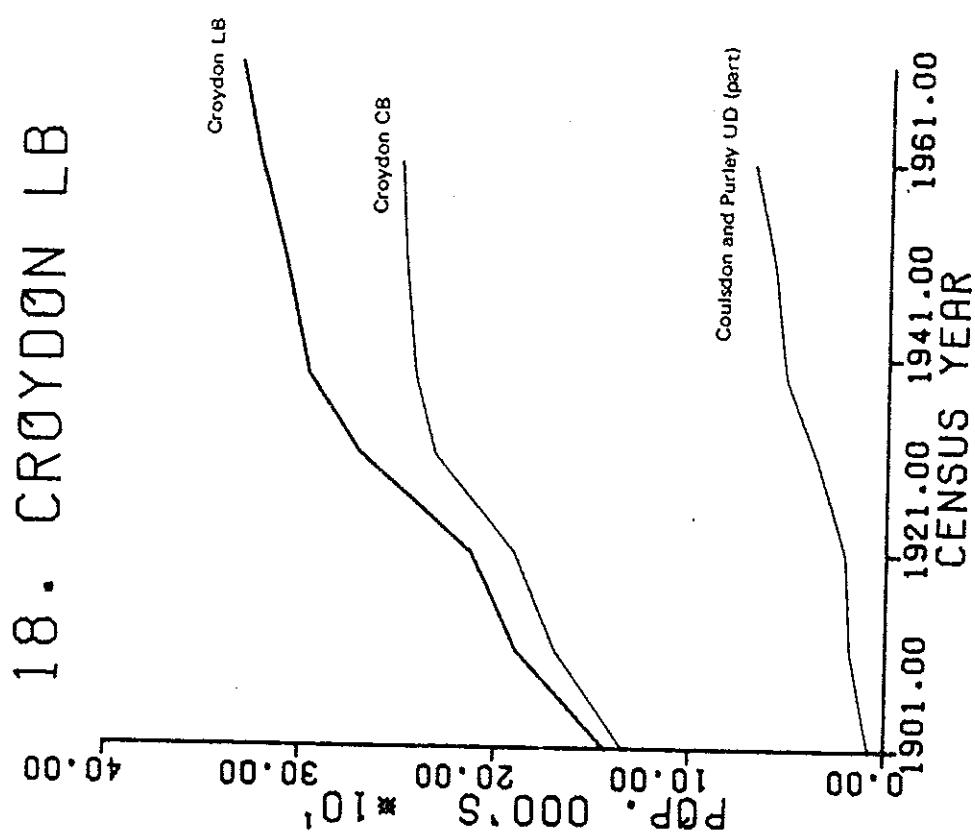




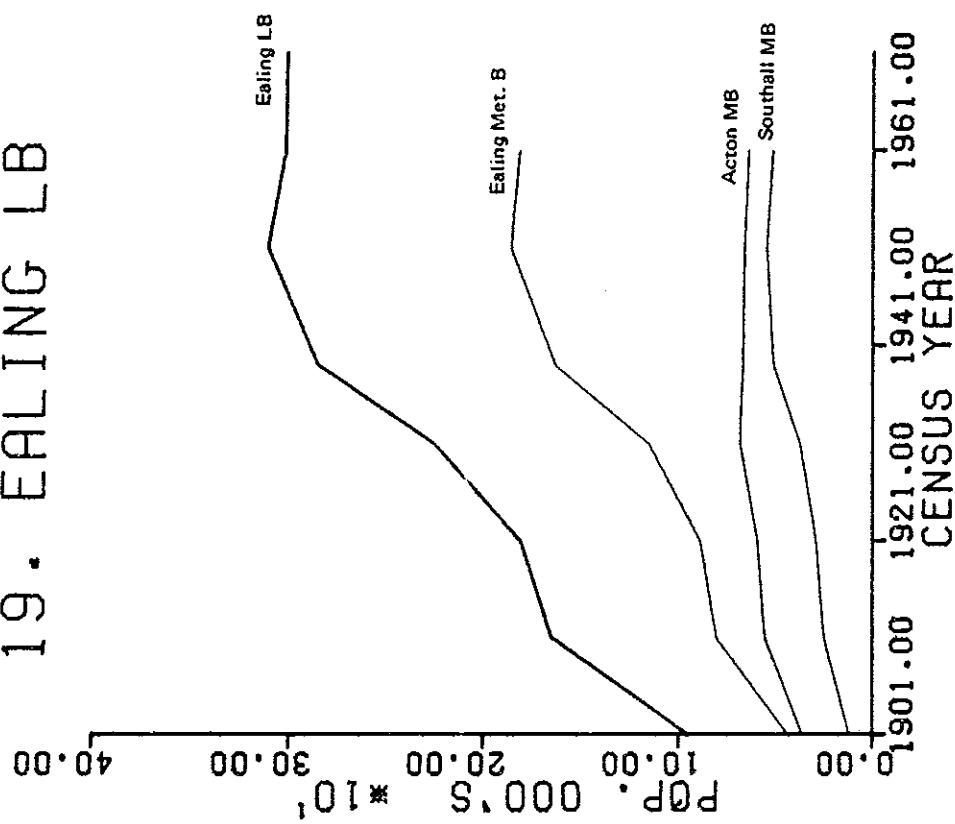
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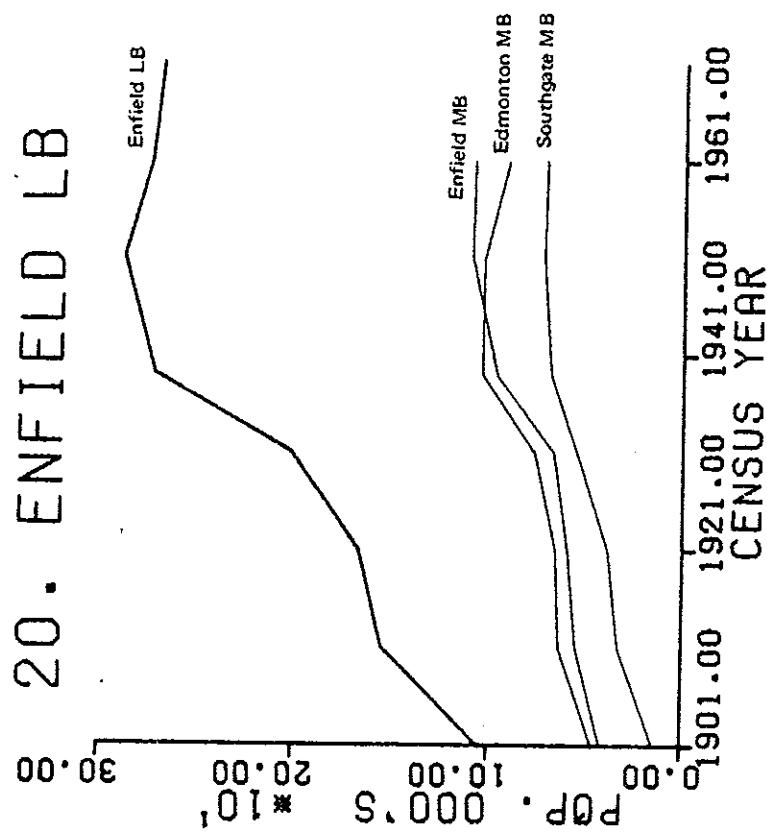
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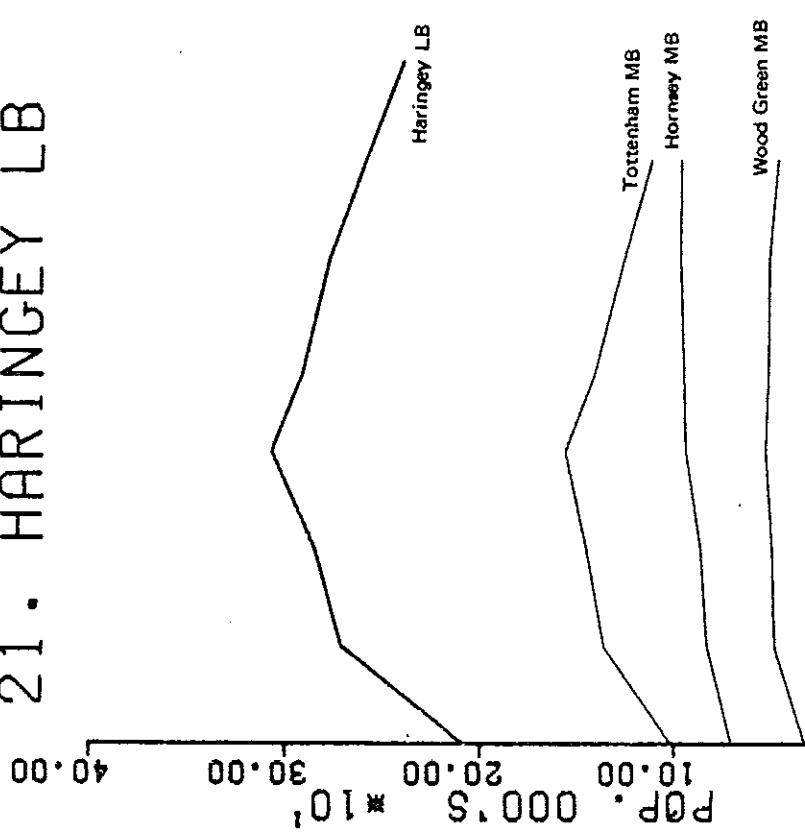
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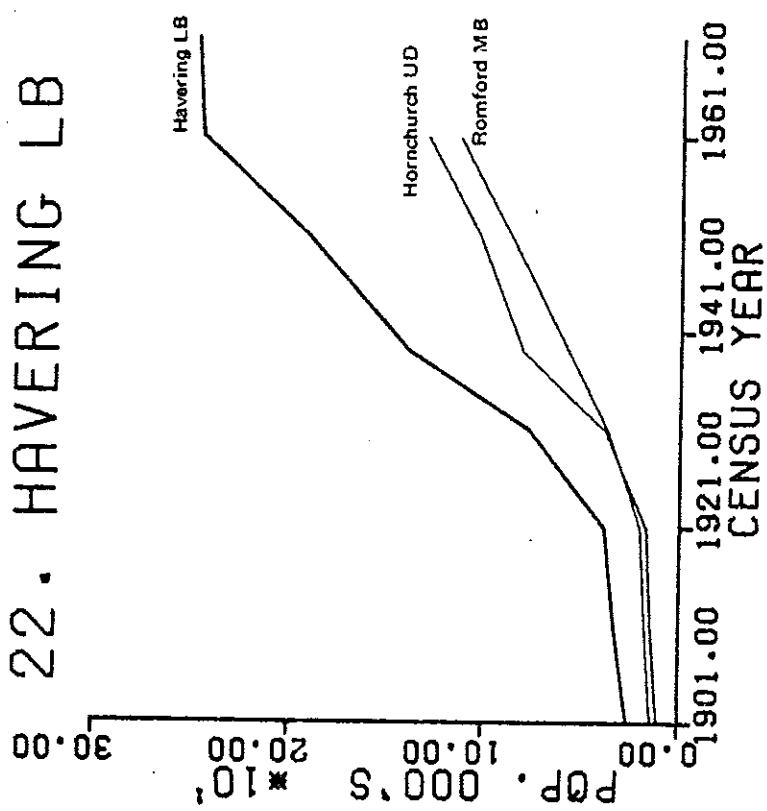
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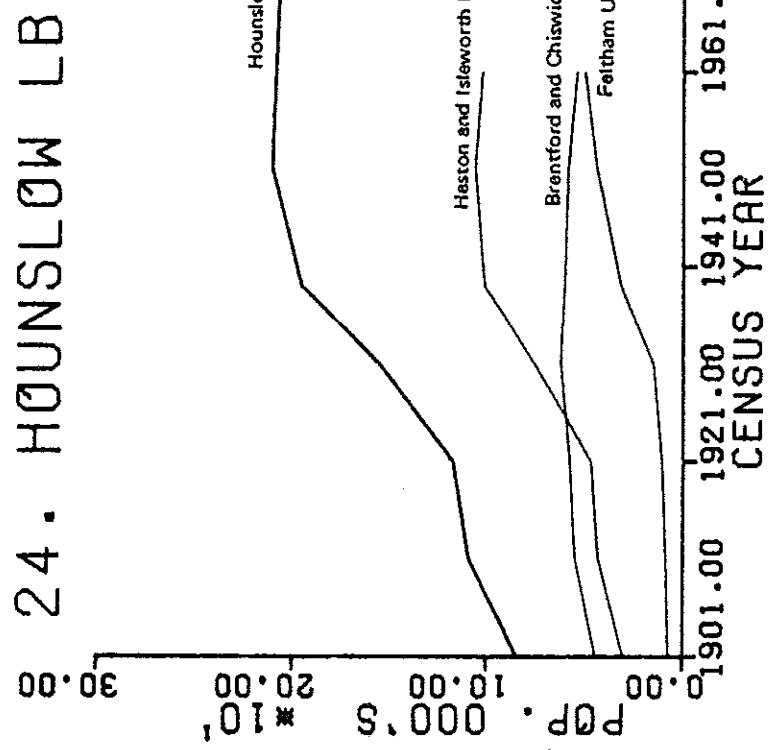
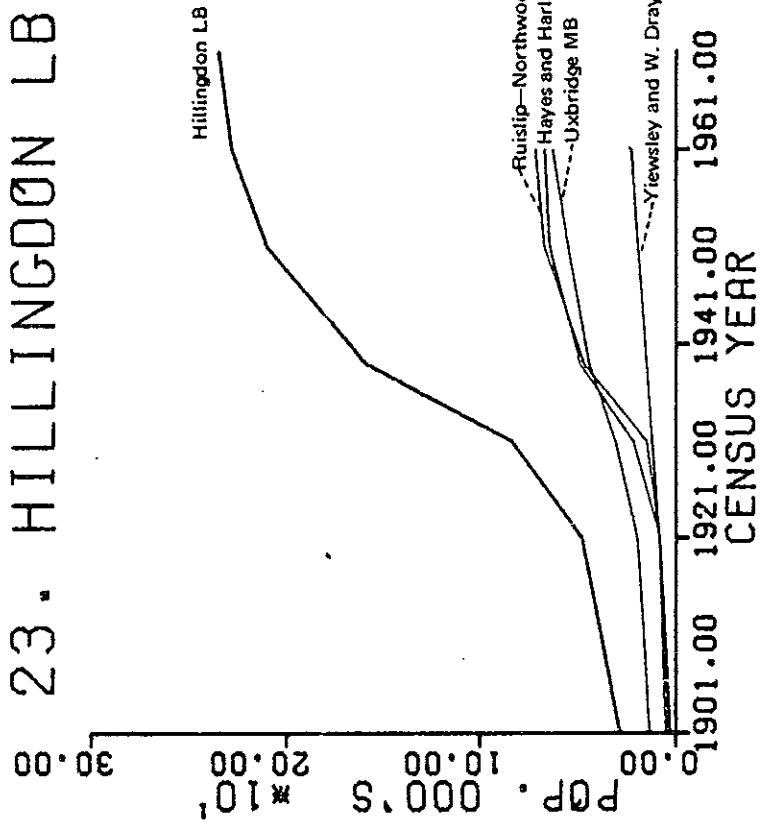


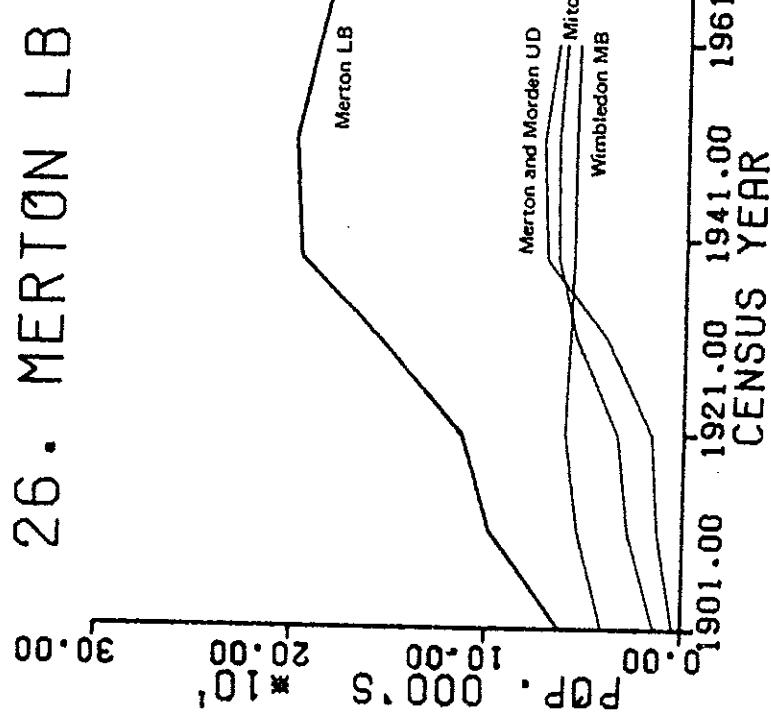
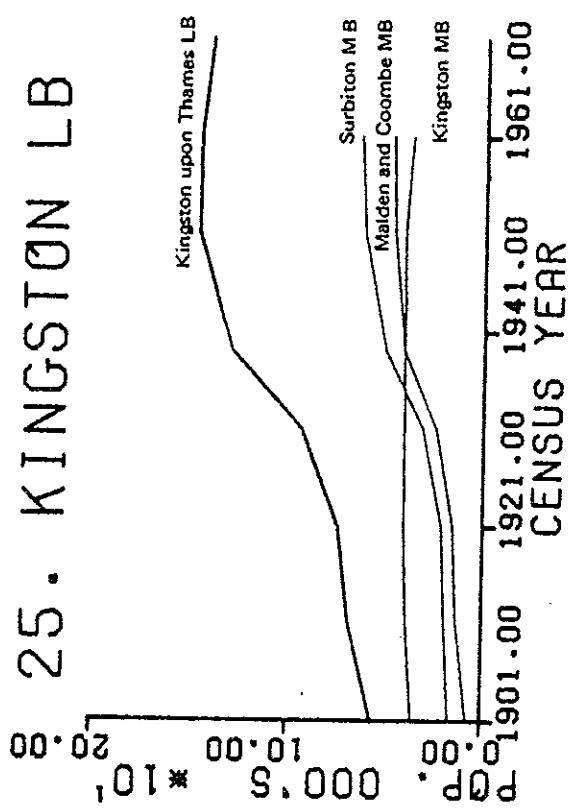
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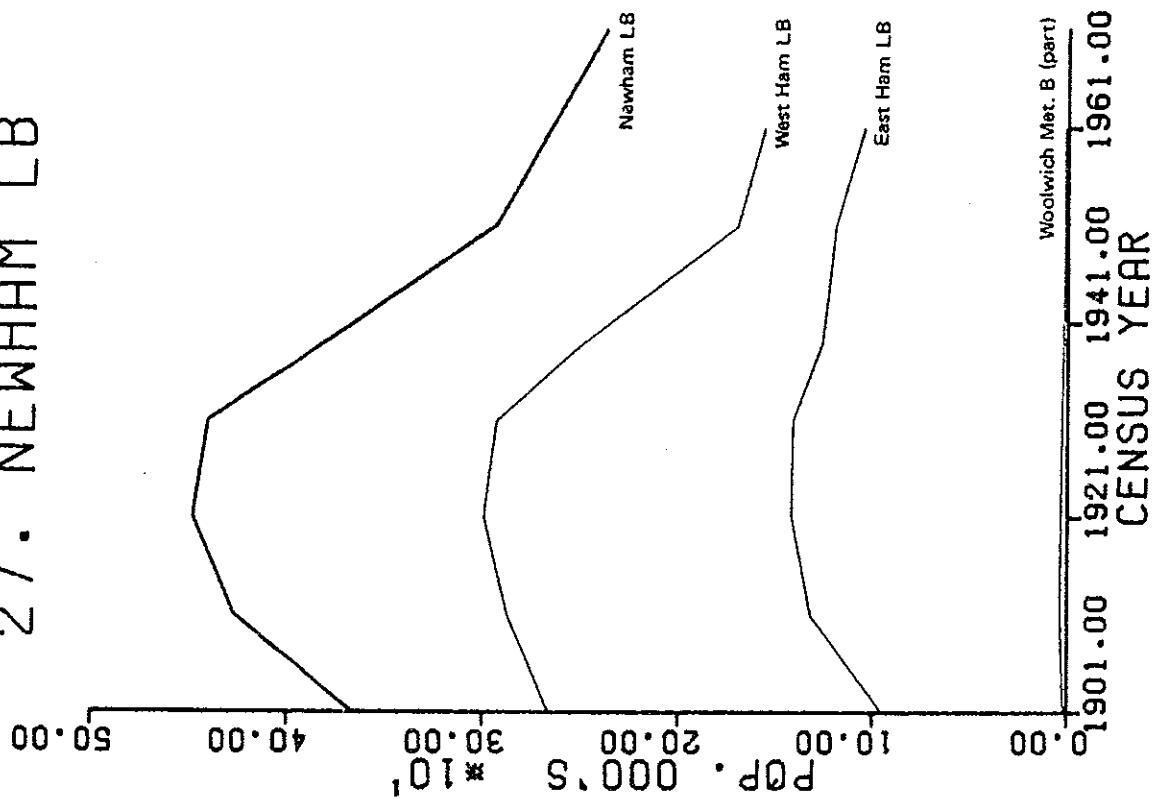
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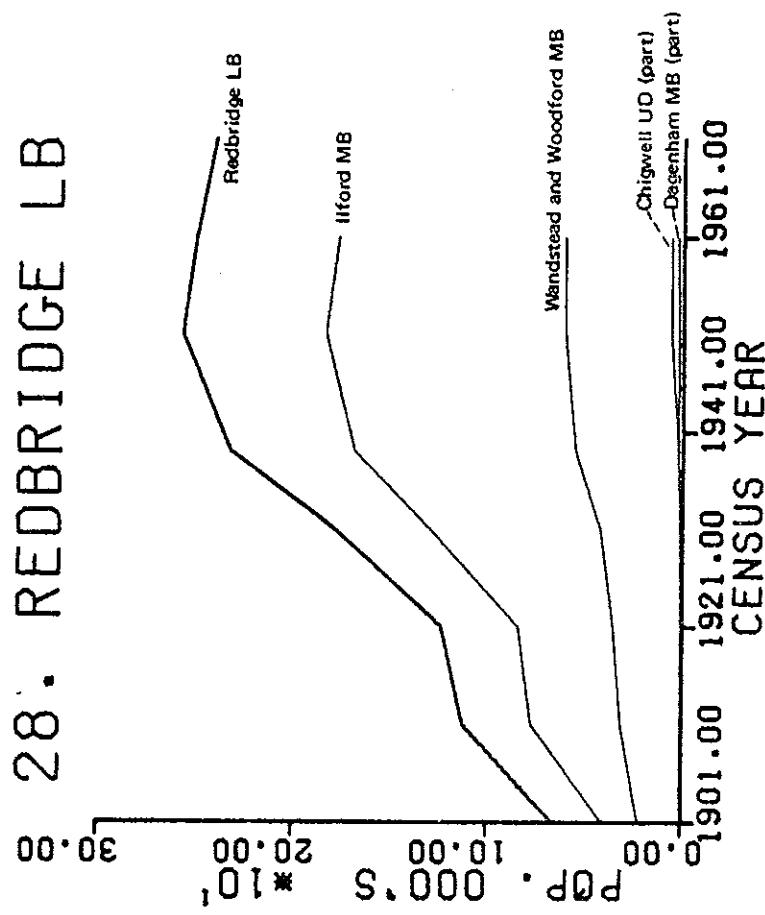


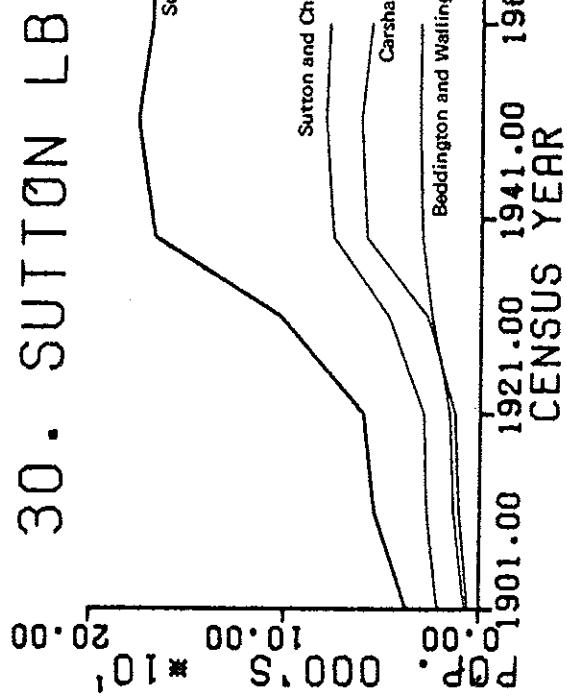
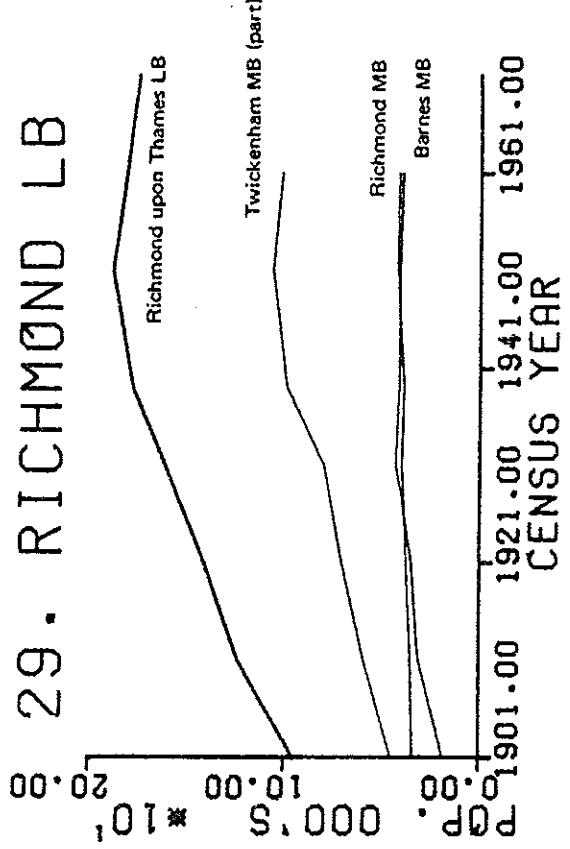


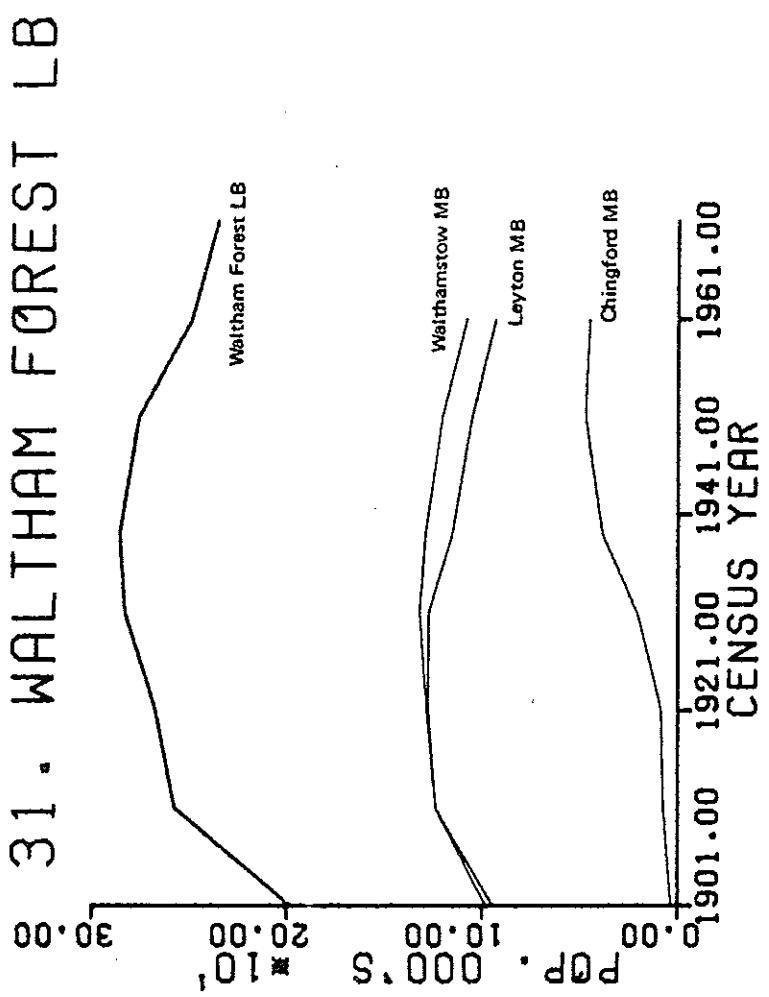
27. NEWHAM LB



28. REDBRIDGE LB







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