

THE TWENTIES

Reading a Chart

Although the first automobiles were actually built in Europe, America rapidly took the lead in the mass production of cars. In 1920, more than 2 million cars were manufactured in the United States. The second largest producer, France, manufactured only 40,000.

Automobile Sales

Directions: Use the chart below and your knowledge of history to answer the questions on a separate sheet of paper.

American Automobile Sales in the 1920s	
Year	Number of Automobiles Sold
1920	2 million
1921	1.5 million
1922	2.5 million
1923	3.6 million
1924	3.2 million
1925	3.7 million
1926	3.7 million
1927	3 million
1928	3.7 million
1929	4.5 million

Questions to Think About

1. By how much did annual automobile sales increase between 1920 and 1925? Between 1925 and 1929?
2. During what year did automobile sales increase the most from the previous year? By approximately how many automobiles did it increase?
3. During what year did automobile sales decrease the most from the previous year? By approximately how many automobiles did it decrease?
4. **Draw Conclusions** What can be said about the overall rate of automobile sales between the beginning and end of the 1920s?
5. **Link Past and Present** Review the feature in Section 4 of your textbook on the impact of the automobile. What influence do you think the automobile has had on American culture today?