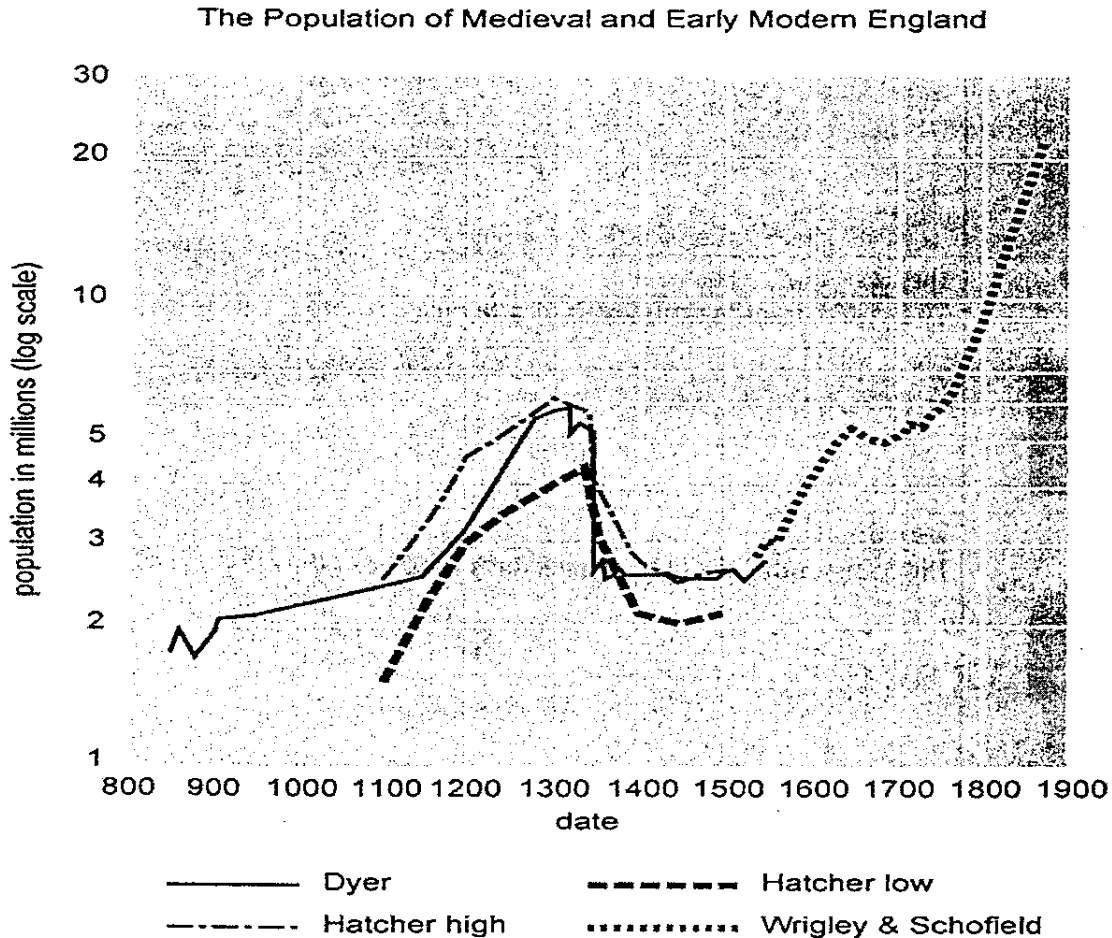


The Plague's Effect on European Population



As the disease raced through towns, people fled to the countryside. Others hid in their homes. The death toll was so high that gravediggers used carts to collect corpses as they walked the streets yelling out "Bring out Your Dead!" Between 1347 and 1353, some scholars estimate that the plague, or the Black Death, killed one third of the population of Europe (1 in every 3 people died) – more than 25 million people! Other scholars estimate that over 50% of Europe's population was killed.