

# -Understanding The Community In Which We Live - Bagley, MN

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**Table 1. Demographics**

| DEMOGRAPHICS                                 | Bagley, MN |       | Clearwater County, MN |       |             |       |       |       |
|--|------------|-------|-----------------------|-------|-------------|-------|-------|-------|
|  | Census     |       | Census                |       | Projections |       |       |       |
|  | 1990       | 2000  | 1990                  | 2000  | 2005        | 2010  | 2015  | 2020  |
| Total Population                             | 1,388      | 1,232 | 8,309                 | 8,423 | 8,590       | 8,820 | 9,030 | 9,230 |
| AGE:   |            |       |                       |       |             |       |       |       |
| Ages 0 to 19                                 | 366        | 285   | 2,617                 | 2,449 | 2,350       | 2,310 | 2,310 | 2,340 |
| Percent of Total Population                  | 26.4       | 23.1  | 31.5                  | 29.1  | 27.4        | 26.2  | 25.6  | 25.4  |
| Ages 65 and Older                            | 438        | 353   | 1,613                 | 1,456 | 1,530       | 1,620 | 1,770 | 2,030 |
| Percent of Total Population                  | 31.6       | 28.7  | 19.4                  | 17.3  | 17.8        | 18.4  | 19.6  | 22.0  |
| RACE*  |            |       |                       |       |             |       |       |       |
| White  | 1,246      | 1,111 | 7,645                 | 7,614 |             |       |       |       |
| Percent of Total Population                  | 89.8       | 90.2  | 92.0                  | 90.4  |             |       |       |       |
| Black or African American                    | 0          | 5     | 0                     | 11    |             |       |       |       |
| Percent of Total Population                  | 0.0        | 0.4   | 0.0                   | 0.1   |             |       |       |       |
| American Indian or Alaska Native             | 142        | 87    | 657                   | 607   |             |       |       |       |
| Percent of Total Population                  | 10.2       | 7.1   | 7.9                   | 7.2   |             |       |       |       |
| Asian/Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander | 0          | 18    | 7                     | 30    |             |       |       |       |
| Percent of Total Population                  | 0.0        | 1.5   | 0.1                   | 0.4   |             |       |       |       |
| Other  | 0          | 0     | 0                     | 12    |             |       |       |       |
| Percent of Total Population                  | 0.0        | 0.0   | 0.0                   | 0.1   |             |       |       |       |

Note:\*Racial reporting procedures changed with the 2000 Census, allowing persons to report multiple races. The categories listed above for 2000 represent those persons who reported 'one race only'.

Data Sources: AGE - U.S. Census Bureau, 1990 Census, Summary Tape File 3 (STF3) Table P13, <<http://factfinder.census.gov/>>; 2000 Census, Summary File 3 (SF3) Table P8, <<http://factfinder.census.gov/>>; North Dakota State Data Center, *North Dakota Population Projections: 2005 to 2020-Including County Distributions by Age and Gender*, Issued September 2002, <<http://www.ndsu.nodak.edu/sdc/data/projections.htm>>; Minnesota Department of Administration, State and Community Services, State Demographic Center, Estimates and Projections, <[http://www.demography.state.mn.us/demog\\_03.html](http://www.demography.state.mn.us/demog_03.html)>; RACE - U.S. Census Bureau, 1990 Census, Summary Tape File 3 (STF3) Table P8; 2000 Census, Summary File 3 (SF3) Table P6.

- The total population in Bagley has declined modestly over the past decade even though the overall county population has increased slightly.
- Future projections indicate that Clearwater County will continue to grow at a modest pace suggesting that Bagley may remain relatively stable.
- Nearly 29 percent of the residents in Bagley city are at least 65 years of age. This proportion has dropped slightly since 1990. Nonetheless, the elderly projections for the county indicates that the proportion of seniors in Bagley city will grow over time.
- The racial mix of residents in Bagley city and Clearwater County remains predominately white. Little change in the amount of diversity occurred over the past decade, though the number of Native Americans decreased by more than one-third in Bagley during the past decade.

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**Table 2. Housing**

| HOUSING   | Bagley, MN |         |          |         | Clearwater County, MN |         |          |         |
|---|------------|---------|----------|---------|-----------------------|---------|----------|---------|
|   | 1990       |         | 2000     |         | 1990                  |         | 2000     |         |
|   | Number     | Percent | Number   | Percent | Number                | Percent | Number   | Percent |
| Total Housing Units   | 664        | 100.0   | 596      | 100.0   | 4,008                 | 100.0   | 4,114    | 100.0   |
| Occupied Housing Units  | 583        | 100.0   | 558      | 100.0   | 3,064                 | 100.0   | 3,330    | 100.0   |
| Owner-Occupied Housing Units  | 388        | 66.6    | 327      | 58.6    | 2,500                 | 81.6    | 2,717    | 81.6    |
| Renter-Occupied Housing Units   | 195        | 33.4    | 231      | 41.4    | 564                   | 18.4    | 613      | 18.4    |
| Vacant Housing Units  | 81         | 100.0   | 38       | 100.0   | 944                   | 100.0   | 784      | 100.0   |
| For Rent  | 15         | 18.5    | 16       | 42.1    | 69                    | 7.3     | 30       | 3.8     |
| For Sale Only   | 9          | 11.1    | 13       | 34.2    | 60                    | 6.4     | 64       | 8.2     |
| Rented or Sold, Not Occupied  | 5          | 6.2     | 3        | 7.9     | 66                    | 7.0     | 30       | 3.8     |
| For Seasonal, Recreational, or Occasional Use                                 | 13         | 16.0    | 6        | 15.8    | 528                   | 55.9    | 552      | 70.4    |
| For Migrant Workers   | 0          | 0.0     | 0        | 0.0     | 1                     | 0.1     | 0        | 0.0     |
| Other Vacant  | 39         | 48.1    | 0        | 0.0     | 220                   | 23.3    | 108      | 13.8    |
| Median Value for Specified Owner-Occupied Housing Units (Dollars)             | \$26,100   |         | \$42,600 |         | \$28,500              |         | \$51,300 |         |
| Median Year Housing Structure Built (All Housing Units)                       | 1949       |         | 1952     |         | 1965                  |         | 1968     |         |
| Median Price Asked for Specified Vacant-for-sale-only Housing Units (Dollars) |            |         | \$26,300 |         |                       |         | \$10,000 |         |

Data Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, 1990 Census, Summary Tape File 3 (STF3) Tables H1, H8, H61A, and H25A, Summary Tape File 1 (STF1) Table H5, <<http://factfinder.census.gov/>>; 2000 Census, Summary File 3 (SF3) Tables H1, H7, H8, H76, H35, and H88, <<http://factfinder.census.gov/>>.

- The total number of housing units in Bagley city has declined slightly during the past decade.
- The proportion of owner-occupied housing units in Bagley city continues to decline and now stands at approximately 59 percent. In contrast, over 81 percent of the housing units in Clearwater County are owner-occupied units.
- The number of vacant housing units in Bagley city declined between 1990 and 2000 largely because a change in the status of 39 units held by an owner.
- Seasonal housing vacancies are relatively small in Bagley city, however they comprise a significant portion of vacancies in Clearwater County.
- The median value of an owner-occupied home in Bagley was \$42,600 in 2000 compared to \$51,300 in Clearwater County.
- Housing units in Clearwater County are relatively new with the majority of units built after 1968. In contrast, half of the homes in Bagley were built prior to 1952.

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**Table 3. Income and Poverty**

| INCOME AND POVERTY                              | Bagley, MN |          | Clearwater County, MN |          |
|---|------------|----------|-----------------------|----------|
|   | 1990       | 2000     | 1990                  | 2000     |
| Median Household Income (Dollars)               | \$12,750   | \$23,125 | \$17,752              | \$30,517 |
| Per Capita Personal Income (Dollars)            | \$7,719    | \$15,472 | \$8,359               | \$15,694 |
| Persons in Poverty                              | 369        | 234      | 1,841                 | 1,248    |
| Percent of Persons in Poverty                   | 28.4       | 20.7     | 22.7                  | 15.1     |
| Persons Ages 0 to 17 in Poverty                 | 135        | 75       | 726                   | 428      |
| Percent of Persons 0 to 17 in Poverty           | 40.5       | 30.0     | 30.2                  | 19.6     |
| Persons Ages 65 and Older in Poverty            | 108        | 63       | 403                   | 241      |
| Percent of Persons Ages 65 and Older in Poverty | 29.3       | 22.5     | 27.7                  | 18.2     |

Data Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, 1990 Census, Summary Tape File 3 (STF3) Tables P80A, P114A, and P117, <<http://factfinder.census.gov/>>; 2000 Census, Summary File 3 (SF3) Tables P53, P82, and P87, <<http://factfinder.census.gov/>>.

- Income levels for Bagley city are lower than those in Clearwater County. The median household income in Bagley in 2000 was \$23,125 relative to \$30,517 in Clearwater County.
- Over one in five Bagley city residents live in poverty, a proportion that has declined over the past 10 years.
- The number of children impoverished in Bagley city has been reduced by 44 percent since 1990, dropping from 135 children in 1990 to 75 children in 2000. A similar but less dramatic decline in elderly poor also occurred during the same time period.

**Table 4. Spiritual**

| SPIRITUAL  | Bagley, MN |      | Clearwater County, MN |       |
|--|------------|------|-----------------------|-------|
|  | 1990       | 2000 | 1990                  | 2000  |
| Number of Churches, Synagogues, Mosques, Temples |            |      | 25                    | 20    |
| Full-Time Members                                |            |      | 2,715                 | 2,608 |
| Number of Attendees                              |            |      |                       | 1,231 |

Data Sources: *Religious Congregations and Membership in the United States 2000: An Enumeration by Region, State and County Based on Data Reported by 49 Religious Bodies*. Nashville, TN: Glenmary Research Center, 2002; *Churches and Church Membership in the United States 1990: An Enumeration by Region, State and County Based on Data Reported for 133 Church Groupings*. Atlanta, GA: Glenmary Research Center, 1992.

- The number of churches and synagogues in Clearwater County has declined slightly over the past ten years. Nonetheless, 31 percent of the residents are full-time members of a church or synagogue.

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**Table 5. Health**

| HEALTH   | Clearwater County, MN |       |       |
|--|-----------------------|-------|-------|
|  | 2000                  | 2001  | 2002  |
| Total Births                                     | NA                    | 119   | 94    |
| Birth Rate (Births Per 1,000 Persons)            | NA                    | 14.10 | 11.20 |
| Teen Birth Rate (Births Per 1,000 females 15-19) | NA                    | 48.60 | 42.10 |
| Total Deaths                                     | 110                   | 102   | 115   |
| Death Rate (Deaths Per 1,000 Persons)            | NA                    | 12.10 | 13.70 |
| Deaths Due to Suicide                            | 5                     | 2     | 0     |
| Deaths Due to Cancer                             | 22                    | 18    | 28    |
| Deaths Due to Heart Disease                      | 35                    | 31    | 28    |
| Children in Out-of-Home Care                     | 36                    | NA    | NA    |
| Adoptions  | NA                    | NA    | NA    |

Data Sources: BIRTHS and DEATHS - North Dakota Department of Health, Vital Records, <<http://www.vitalnd.com/>>; Minnesota Department of Health, Health Data and Statistics, <<http://www.health.state.mn.us/stats.html>>; South Dakota Department of Health, Vital Records, <<http://www.state.sd.us/doh/Stats/vstats.htm>>; FOSTER CARE and ADOPTIONS - North Dakota Department of Human Services, Children and Family Services Division, <<http://www.state.nd.us/humanservices/info/pubs/family.html>>; Minnesota Department of Human Services, Children and Family Services, <<http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/CFS/Research/outofhome.htm>> and <<http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/default.htm>>; South Dakota Department of Social Services, <<http://www.state.sd.us/social/>>.  
Note: NA indicates that data are not available or event number is less than 20.

- The number of births in Clearwater County dropped from 119 in 2001 to 94 in 2002. Prior to 2001, the number of births had been relatively stable with 112 births recorded in 1990.
- The number of deaths occurring in the county fluctuated over the past three years. However, the expected rise in the proportion of elderly will increase the number of deaths over time. Not surprisingly, therefore, major contributors to death are heart disease and cancer.

**Table 6. Labor Force**

| LABOR FORCE                             | Bagley, MN |       | Clearwater County, MN |       |
|---|------------|-------|-----------------------|-------|
|   | 1990       | 2000  | 1990                  | 2000  |
| Persons 16 Years and Older              | 1,086      | 1,013 | 6,175                 | 6,539 |
| In Labor Force                          | 462        | 509   | 3,407                 | 3,990 |
| Civilian Employed                       | 394        | 464   | 2,909                 | 3,574 |
| Civilian Unemployed                     | 68         | 42    | 495                   | 409   |
| Unemployed as Percent of Civilian Labor | 14.7       | 8.3   | 14.5                  | 10.3  |
| Not in Labor Force                      | 624        | 504   | 2,768                 | 2,549 |

Data Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, 1990 Census, Summary Tape File 3 (STF3) Table P70, <<http://factfinder.census.gov/>>; 2000 Census, Summary File 3 (SF3) Table P43, <<http://factfinder.census.gov/>>.

- The labor pool in Bagley city and the overall county has increased modestly over the past 10 years.
- The unemployment rate dropped sharply in Bagley and to a lesser extent in the overall county between 1990 and 2000. In 2000, the unemployment rate in Bagley was 8.3 percent while ten years earlier it was 14.7 percent.

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**Table 7. Employment by Gender and Industry**

| EMPLOYMENT BY GENDER AND INDUSTRY                      | Bagley, MN |         |        |         | Clearwater County, MN |         |        |         |
|--|------------|---------|--------|---------|-----------------------|---------|--------|---------|
|  | 1990       |         | 2000   |         | 1990                  |         | 2000   |         |
|  | Number     | Percent | Number | Percent | Number                | Percent | Number | Percent |
| Total Employment of Persons 16 Years and Older         | 394        | 100.0   | 464    | 100.0   | 2,909                 | 100.0   | 3,574  | 100.0   |
| By Gender:   |            |         |        |         |                       |         |        |         |
| Females  | 217        | 55.1    | 244    | 52.6    | 1,321                 | 45.4    | 1,737  | 48.6    |
| Males  | 177        | 44.9    | 220    | 47.4    | 1,588                 | 54.6    | 1,837  | 51.4    |
| By Select Industry:                                    |            |         |        |         |                       |         |        |         |
| Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting, and mining | 11         | 2.8     | 19     | 4.1     | 464                   | 16.0    | 298    | 8.3     |
| Manufacturing  | 19         | 4.8     | 61     | 13.1    | 254                   | 8.7     | 376    | 10.5    |
| Services   | 182        | 46.2    | 185    | 39.9    | 1,030                 | 35.4    | 1,502  | 42.0    |

Data Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, 1990 Census, Summary Tape File 3 (STF3) Tables P70 and P77, <<http://factfinder.census.gov/>>; 2000 Census, Summary File 3 (SF3) Tables P43 and P49, <<http://factfinder.census.gov/>>.

- The proportion of women employed in Bagley is higher than that of men, with women representing nearly 53 percent of those employed in the city in 2000. The reverse is true for Clearwater County.

**Table 8. Educational Attained**

| EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT                                | Bagley, MN |         |        |         | Clearwater County, MN |         |        |         |
|---|------------|---------|--------|---------|-----------------------|---------|--------|---------|
|   | 1990       |         | 2000   |         | 1990                  |         | 2000   |         |
|   | Number     | Percent | Number | Percent | Number                | Percent | Number | Percent |
| Persons 25 Years and Older                            | 955        | 100.0   | 860    | 100.0   | 5,362                 | 100.0   | 5,576  | 100.0   |
| Less than 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade                       | 293        | 30.7    | 160    | 18.6    | 1,152                 | 21.5    | 697    | 12.5    |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> to 12 <sup>th</sup> Grade, no Diploma | 113        | 11.8    | 83     | 9.7     | 732                   | 13.7    | 620    | 11.1    |
| High School Graduate (includes equivalency)           | 249        | 26.1    | 273    | 31.7    | 1,823                 | 34.0    | 1,971  | 35.3    |
| Some College, no Degree                               | 151        | 15.8    | 169    | 19.7    | 761                   | 14.2    | 1,151  | 20.6    |
| Associate Degree                                      | 66         | 6.9     | 35     | 4.1     | 367                   | 6.8     | 317    | 5.7     |
| Bachelor's Degree                                     | 54         | 5.7     | 99     | 11.5    | 375                   | 7.0     | 593    | 10.6    |
| Graduate or Professional Degree                       | 29         | 3.0     | 41     | 4.8     | 152                   | 2.8     | 227    | 4.1     |

Data Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, 1990 Census, Summary Tape File 3 (STF3) Table P57, <<http://factfinder.census.gov/>>; 2000 Census, Summary File 3 (SF3) Table P37, <<http://factfinder.census.gov/>>.

- Education levels among Bagley residents have increased significantly over the past decade. In 1990, over 42 percent of the city residents over the age of 25 had not completed high school. By 2000, that proportion had dropped to roughly 29 percent. In addition, nearly 17 percent had a bachelors degree or higher in 2000 relative to only 9 percent 10 years earlier.

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**Table 9. Enrollment by Grade Level and Race/Hispanic Origin**

| ENROLLMENT BY GRADE LEVEL AND RACE/HISPANIC ORIGIN           | Bagley, MN School District |           |           |
|--|----------------------------|-----------|-----------|
|  | 2000-2001                  | 2001-2002 | 2002-2003 |
| Total K-12 Enrollment  | 1,127                      | 1,086     | 1,080     |
| K-8  | 767                        | 753       | 741       |
| 9-12   | 338                        | 339       | 333       |
| K-12 Enrollment by Race/Hispanic Origin:                     | 1,127                      | 1,086     | 1,080     |
| White  | 938                        | 853       | 807       |
| Black  | 6                          | 2         | 2         |
| American Indian  | 176                        | 214       | 253       |
| Asian/Pacific Islander                                       | 3                          | 5         | 7         |
| Hispanic Origin  | 4                          | 12        | 11        |
| High School Graduates  | 53                         | 80        | 53        |
| High School Dropouts   | 19                         | 23        | 2         |
| Student/Teacher Ratio  |                            |           |           |
| Percent of Students Meeting Proficiency Cutpoints in Reading |                            |           |           |
| Percent of Students Meeting Proficiency Cutpoints in Math    |                            |           |           |

Data Sources: North Dakota Department of Public Instruction, North Dakota School District Profiles, <<http://www.dpi.state.nd.us>>; Minnesota Department of Education, School Report Cards, <<http://education.state.mn.us>>; South Dakota Department of Education, <<http://www.state.sd.us/deca>>.

- Enrollment within the Bagley school district continues to decline modestly with the greatest loss occurring in the K-8 grades.
- Although the number of high school dropouts fluctuates over time because of small class sizes, the overall number of students not completing school is very low.