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**Table 1. Demographics**

DEMOGRAPHICS	Ellendale, ND		Dickey County, ND					
	Census		Census		Projections			
	1990	2000	1990	2000	2005	2010	2015	2020
Total Population	1,780	1,549	6,107	5,757	5,536	5,426	5,365	5,283
AGE:								
Ages 0 to 19	497	397	1,738	1,534	1,464	1,390	1,345	1,363
Percent of Total Population	27.9	25.6	28.5	26.6	26.4	25.6	25.1	25.8
Ages 65 and Older	461	373	1,314	1,226	1,191	1,300	1,408	1,546
Percent of Total Population	25.9	24.1	21.5	21.3	21.5	24.0	26.2	29.3
RACE*								
White	1,734	1,501	6,043	5,631				
Percent of Total Population	97.4	96.9	99.0	97.8				
Black or African American	6	0	6	7				
Percent of Total Population	0.3	0.0	0.1	0.1				
American Indian or Alaska Native	32	34	32	44				
Percent of Total Population	1.8	2.2	0.5	0.8				
Asian/Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0	0	13	20				
Percent of Total Population	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.3				
Other	8	8	13	31				
Percent of Total Population	0.4	0.5	0.2	0.5				

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.

- Ellendale experienced a 13 percent loss in population from 1990 to 2000. Dickey County experienced a 6 percent decline over the same time period.
- Population projections indicate that current declines in population in Dickey County are likely to continue.
- Approximately 21 percent of persons in Dickey County were age 65 and older in 2000. This proportion is projected to reach 29 percent by 2020.
- Ellendale has experienced little change in racial diversity over the past decade. Dickey County has experienced modest growth in diversity over the past decade. However, the racial mix in Ellendale city and Dickey County remains predominantly white.

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**Table 2. Housing**

HOUSING	Ellendale, ND				Dickey County, ND			
	1990		2000		1990		2000	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total Housing Units	757	100.0	746	100.0	2,763	100.0	2,656	100.0
Occupied Housing Units	637	100.0	599	100.0	2,299	100.0	2,283	100.0
Owner-Occupied Housing Units	368	57.8	374	62.4	1,611	70.1	1,629	71.4
Renter-Occupied Housing Units	269	42.2	225	37.6	688	29.9	654	28.6
Vacant Housing Units	119	100.0	147	100.0	464	100.0	373	100.0
For Rent	58	48.7	76	51.7	102	22.0	125	33.5
For Sale Only	26	21.8	33	22.4	64	13.8	67	18.0
Rented or Sold, Not Occupied	4	3.4	5	3.4	50	10.8	21	5.6
For Seasonal, Recreational, or Occasional Use	5	4.2	13	8.8	35	7.5	75	20.1
For Migrant Workers	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Other Vacant	26	21.8	20	13.6	213	45.9	85	22.8
Median Value for Specified Owner-Occupied Housing Units (Dollars)	\$30,600		\$33,900		\$32,100		\$48,700	
Median Year Housing Structure Built (All Housing Units)	1960		1959		1960		1961	
Median Price Asked for Specified Vacant-for-sale-only Housing Units (Dollars)			\$11,300				\$10,400	

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 Ellendale city and Dickey County has declined slightly over the past decade.
- The proportion of owner-occupied housing units in Ellendale city and Dickey County increased slightly from 1990 to 2000. Approximately 62 percent of housing units in Ellendale city and 71 percent in Dickey County were owner-occupied in 2000.
- While the number and proportion of vacant housing units have risen in Ellendale city, the opposite is true for Dickey County overall. The number and proportion of vacant housing units for rent have risen in the city and the county overall-now representing more than half of vacant units in Ellendale city and one-third in Dickey County.
- The median value of an owner-occupied home in 2000 is much higher in Dickey County, at \$48,700, than in Ellendale city, at \$33,900.
- The majority of housing units in Ellendale city and Dickey County were built after 1959.

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**Table 3. Income and Poverty**

INCOME AND POVERTY	Ellendale, ND		Dickey County, ND	
	1990	2000	1990	2000
Median Household Income (Dollars)	\$15,196	\$22,850	\$20,248	\$29,231
Per Capita Personal Income (Dollars)	\$8,252	\$12,668	\$9,747	\$15,846
Persons in Poverty	322	266	1,007	794
Percent of Persons in Poverty	22.4	21.0	17.8	14.8
Persons Ages 0 to 17 in Poverty	111	84	364	283
Percent of Persons 0 to 17 in Poverty	31.2	30.0	24.2	21.0
Persons Ages 65 and Older in Poverty	66	43	147	116
Percent of Persons Ages 65 and Older in Poverty	17.4	14.1	13.0	10.8

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/>>.

- The median household income in 2000 in Ellendale city was \$22,850 compared to \$29,231 in Dickey County.
- Gains in median household income and per capita personal income were made in Ellendale from 1990 to 2000. A similar trend was observed in Dickey County over the same time period.
- Both the number and proportion of total persons, children, and elderly living in poverty decreased in Ellendale city and Dickey County between 1990 and 2000.

**Table 4. Spiritual**

SPIRITUAL	Ellendale, ND		Dickey County, ND	
	1990	2000	1990	2000
Number of Churches, Synagogues, Mosques, Temples			25	28
Full-Time Members			2,951	2,980
Number of Attendees				1,620

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, synagogues, mosques, and temples in Dickey County has increased by three over the past ten years. There has been a slight increase in the number of full-time members over the same time period, despite overall declines in population.

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**Table 5. Health**

HEALTH	Dickey County, ND		
	2000	2001	2002
Total Births	75	65	71
Birth Rate (Births Per 1,000 Persons)	13.03	11.29	12.33
Births to Teenage Mothers	6	NR	NR
Total Deaths	87	64	59
Death Rate (Deaths Per 100,000 Persons)	1,511.20	1,111.69	1,024.84
Deaths Due to Suicide	0	0	0
Deaths Due to Cancer	16	12	14
Deaths Due to Heart Disease	25	19	22
Foster Care Placements	9	8	NA
Adoptions			

Data Sources: BIRTHS and DEATHS - North Dakota Department of Health, Vital Records, "unpublished data" and <<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, "unpublished data" and <<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, "unpublished data" and <<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: NR indicates that data are not reported (event number may be less than 5).

- Dickey County reported 71 births in 2002, a rate of 12.3 births per 1,000 persons. This rate is up from 11.3 in 2001 and down from 13.0 in 2000.
- The number of deaths occurring in Dickey County declined from 87 to 59 between 2000 and 2002. The expected rise in the number of elderly may 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	Ellendale, ND		Dickey County, ND	
	1990	2000	1990	2000
Persons 16 Years and Older	1,446	1,315	4,772	4,578
In Labor Force	716	826	2,842	2,970
Civilian Employed	703	765	2,750	2,857
Civilian Unemployed	13	61	92	113
Unemployed as Percent of Civilian Labor Force	1.8	7.4	3.2	3.8
Not in Labor Force	730	489	1,930	1,608

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 force in Ellendale has increased by 15 percent between 1990 and 2000. During the same time, the labor force increased by 5 percent in Dickey County.
- The unemployment rate in Ellendale rose significantly between 1990 and 2000, from 1.8 to 7.4.

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

EMPLOYMENT BY GENDER AND INDUSTRY	Ellendale, ND				Dickey County, ND			
	1990		2000		1990		2000	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total Employment of Persons 16 Years and Older	703	100.0	765	100.0	2,750	100.0	2,857	100.0
Females	352	50.1	411	53.7	1,186	43.1	1,363	47.7
Males	351	49.9	354	46.3	1,564	56.9	1,494	52.3
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting, and Mining	49	7.0	41	5.4	746	27.1	493	17.3
Manufacturing	6	0.9	16	2.1	123	4.5	245	8.6
Services	384	54.6	452	59.1	915	33.3	1,146	40.1

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/>>.

- Total employment has risen in Ellendale city and Dickey County in the last decade. There have been moderate increases in the number and proportion of employed persons who are female in Ellendale city and Dickey County.
- The majority of employed persons in Ellendale work in the service sector, at 59 percent.

**Table 8. Educational Attainment**

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT	Ellendale, ND				Dickey County, ND			
	1990		2000		1990		2000	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Persons 25 Years and Older	1,074	100.0	945	100.0	3,979	100.0	3,815	100.0
Less Than 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade	276	25.7	186	19.7	883	22.2	525	13.8
9 <sup>th</sup> to 12 <sup>th</sup> Grade, No Diploma	89	8.3	77	8.1	357	9.0	254	6.7
High School Graduate (Includes Equivalency)	169	15.7	205	21.7	1,031	25.9	1,217	31.9
Some College, No Degree	225	21.0	219	23.2	736	18.5	918	24.1
Associate Degree	92	8.6	62	6.6	334	8.4	269	7.1
Bachelor's Degree	153	14.2	157	16.6	505	12.7	510	13.4
Graduate or Professional Degree	70	6.5	39	4.1	133	3.3	122	3.2

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/>>.

- The proportion of residents who had, at most, a high school diploma increased in Ellendale city and Dickey County from 1990 to 2000.
- While the proportion of Ellendale city residents with at least some college remained stable in the last decade (approximately half of residents in Ellendale have some college), the proportion in Dickey County increased slightly to nearly half.

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

ENROLLMENT BY GRADE LEVEL AND RACE/HISPANIC ORIGIN	Ellendale, ND School District		
	2000-2001	2001-2002	2002-2003
Total K-12 Enrollment	390	388	374
K-8	268	267	258
9-12	122	121	116
K-12 Enrollment by Race/Hispanic Origin:	390	388	374
White	390	378	363
Black	0	1	1
American Indian	0	7	7
Asian/Pacific Islander	0	2	0
Hispanic Origin	0	0	3
High School Graduation Rates	91.3	91.9	92.3
High School Dropouts		1	1
Student/Teacher Ratio	14.6	13.7	12.6
Percent of Students Meeting Proficiency Cutpoints in Reading		56.5	57.3
Percent of Students Meeting Proficiency Cutpoints in Math		34.2	34.8

Data Sources: North Dakota Department of Public Instruction, North Dakota School District Profiles, "unpublished data" and <<http://www.dpi.state.nd.us/dpi/reports/profile/index.shtm>>; Minnesota Department of Education, School Report Cards, <[http://education.state.mn.us/html/intro\\_mde\\_analysis.htm](http://education.state.mn.us/html/intro_mde_analysis.htm)>; South Dakota Department of Education, <<http://www.state.sd.us/deca/Finance/Data/stats/statbook.htm>>.

- The Ellendale school district experienced a 4 percent loss in enrollment between 2000-01 and 2002-03.
- Ellendale school district experienced minimal dropouts and high graduation rates between 2000-01 and 2002-03.