

Lidgerwood, North Dakota - Understanding the Community in Which We Live

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Table 1. Demographic Characteristics

Demographics	Lidgerwood		Richland County					
	1990	2000	1990	2000	Projections			
					2005	2010	2015	2020
Total population	799	737	18,148	17,998	17,715	17,570	17,414	17,218
AGE								
Ages 0 to 19	156	179	5,828	5,472	5,194	4,771	4,623	4,459
% of total population	19.5	24.3	32.1	30.4	29.3	27.2	26.5	25.9
Ages 65 and Older	284	226	2,924	2,778	2,739	3,028	3,352	4,020
% of total population	35.5	30.7	16.1	15.4	15.5	17.2	19.2	23.3
RACE*								
White	799	711	17,666	17,404				
% of total population	100.0	96.5	97.3	96.7				
Black	0	0	16	43				
% of total population	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.2				
American Indian or Alaska Native	0	12	390	321				
% of total population	0.0	1.6	2.1	1.8				
Asian, Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	0	8	72	68				
% of total population	0.0	1.1	0.4	0.4				
Other	0	0	4	24				
% of total population	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1				
Two or more races	-	6	-	138				
ETHNICITY								
Hispanic Origin of any race	0	5	81	121				
% of total population	0.0	0.7	0.4	0.7				

Note: *Racial reporting procedures changed with Census 2000, allowing persons to report multiple races.

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.edu/sdc/data/ndpopulationprojections.htm>. RACE - U.S. Census Bureau, 1990 Census, Summary Tape File 3 (STF3) Table P8; 2000 Census, Summary File 3 (SF3) Table P6. ETHNICITY - U.S. Census Bureau, 1990 Census, Summary Tape File 3 (STF3) Table P10; 2000 Census, Summary File 3 (SF3) Table P7.

- Both the city of Lidgerwood and Richland County experienced a modest decline in population between 1990 and 2000.
- Population projections for Richland County indicate that modest population declines are likely to continue over the next two decades.
- The city of Lidgerwood experienced an increase in the proportion of youth under 20 years of age and a decline in the proportion of elderly ages 65 and older between 1990 and 2000. At the same time, Richland County experienced a decline in the proportion of both youth and elderly. Projections for Richland County indicate that this loss of youth will likely continue over the next couple decades; however, the proportion of elderly is expected to increase.
- There was little change in the racial diversity in the city of Lidgerwood and Richland County between 1990 and 2000; nearly all residents were white.

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Table 2. Housing Characteristics

Housing	Lidgerwood				Richland County			
	1990		2000		1990		2000	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total housing units	431	100.0	405	100.0	7,394	100.0	7,575	100.0
Occupied housing units	388	90.0	345	85.2	6,518	88.2	6,885	90.9
Owner-occupied housing units	307	71.2	283	69.9	4,489	60.7	4,787	63.2
Renter-occupied housing units	81	18.8	62	15.3	2,029	27.4	2,098	27.7
Vacant housing units	43	10.0	60	14.8	876	11.8	690	9.1
For rent	1	0.2	9	2.2	292	3.9	219	2.9
For sale only	14	3.2	15	3.7	117	1.6	185	2.4
Rented or sold, not occupied	1	0.2	4	1.0	128	1.7	34	0.4
For seasonal or recreational use	0	0.0	9	2.2	52	0.7	109	1.4
For migrant workers	0	0.0	0	0.0	27	0.4	29	0.4
Other vacant	27	6.3	23	5.7	260	3.5	114	1.5
Median value for specified owner-occupied housing units (2000 inflation adjusted dollars)	\$19,895		\$28,600		\$56,917		\$67,200	
Median year housing structure built (all housing units)	1941		1946		1960		1964	
Median price asked for specified vacant-for-sale-only housing units (dollars)	NA		\$10,000-		NA		\$45,000	

Notes: "\$10,000-" indicates that the median falls below \$10,000. For 1990 data, occupied and vacant housing units may not sum to total housing units due to two different data sets used to collect 1990 data; see Data Sources. The 1990 median values for owner-occupied housing units are inflated to their 2000 values using the consumer price index. NA indicates that data are not available.

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, H37, and H88, <http://factfinder.census.gov/>.

- The city of Lidgerwood experienced a modest decline in the total number of housing units between 1990 and 2000. During the same time period, Richland County experienced a modest increase in the number of housing units. In 2000, 63 percent of housing units in Richland County and 70 percent in Lidgerwood were owner-occupied.
- The number of vacant housing units increased in the city of Lidgerwood between 1990 and 2000 and declined in Richland County. In 2000, vacant housing comprised 15 percent of all housing in Lidgerwood and 9 percent in Richland County.
- In 2000, the median value of an owner-occupied home in the city of Lidgerwood was \$28,600, compared to \$67,200 in Richland County.
- In 2000, half of all housing units in Lidgerwood were built before 1946; half of all housing units in Richland County were built before 1964.

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Table 3. Income and Poverty Characteristics

Income and Poverty	Lidgerwood		Richland County	
	1990	2000	1990	2000
Median household income (2000 inflation adjusted dollars)	\$22,476	\$25,887	\$31,947	\$36,098
Per capita income (2000 inflation adjusted dollars)	\$12,353	\$14,303	\$13,916	\$16,339
Persons for whom poverty is determined	792	737	16,686	16,719
Living below poverty	134	101	2,042	1,744
% of all persons	16.9	13.7	12.2	10.4
Ages 0 to 17 below poverty	37	31	630	375
% of all persons below poverty	27.6	30.7	30.9	21.5
Ages 65 and older below poverty	50	18	394	236
% of all persons below poverty	37.3	17.8	19.3	13.5

Note: The 1990 median household income and per capita income values are inflated to their 2000 values using the consumer price index.
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 the city of Lidgerwood was \$25,887 in 2000, compared to \$36,098 in Richland County. When the 1990 median values are adjusted for inflation, the 2000 median household incomes represent an increase in purchasing power for both the city of Lidgerwood and Richland County.
- The number and proportion of residents living below poverty declined in both the city of Lidgerwood and Richland County between 1990 and 2000. In 2000, 14 percent of residents in Lidgerwood and 10 percent in Richland County were impoverished.
- The number of impoverished elderly declined significantly in both Lidgerwood and Richland County between 1990 and 2000. Declines in impoverished children were also seen in both areas; however, more significantly in Richland County. In 2000, children comprised 22 percent of all impoverished residents in Richland County and 31 percent in Lidgerwood. Elderly comprised 14 percent of all impoverished residents in Richland County and 18 percent in Lidgerwood in 2000.

Table 4. Religious Congregation and Membership Characteristics

Religion	Lidgerwood		Richland County	
	1990	2000	1990	2000
Number of churches, synagogues, mosques, and temples	NA	NA	54	52
Full-time members	NA	NA	7,349	6,992
Number of attendees	NA	NA	NA	2,867

Note: NA indicates that data are not available for this geography.
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 Richland County declined by two between 1990 and 2000 and the number of full-time members declined as well. These declines may be a reflection of the overall population loss the county experienced during the same time period.

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Table 5. Health Characteristics

Health	Richland County			
	2002	2003	2004	2005
Total resident births	227	187	207	213
Birth rate (births per 1,000 persons)	12.61	10.39	11.50	11.83
Births to teenage mothers	27	17	24	13
Total resident deaths	134	165	142	153
Death rate (deaths per 1,000 persons)	7.45	9.17	7.89	8.50
Deaths due to suicide	NR	NR	NR	NR
Deaths due to cancer	28	30	35	27
Deaths due to heart disease	38	50	40	48
Foster care placements	33	27	30	40

Note: NR - Data are not reported for geographies where the number of events is five or less.

Data Sources: BIRTHS and DEATHS - Calendar year data. North Dakota Department of Health, Vital Records, <http://www.vitalnd.com/>. FOSTER CARE - Fiscal year data. North Dakota Department of Human Services, Children and Family Services Division, unpublished data.

- Richland County reported 213 births in 2005, a rate of 11.83 per 1,000 persons. This rate was up from 11.50 in 2004, but down from 12.61 in 2002.
- The number of deaths occurring in Richland County totaled 153 in 2005, up from 134 in 2002. Major contributors to death were heart disease and cancer.
- The number of foster care placements in Richland County totaled 40 in 2005, up from 33 in 2002.

Table 6. Labor Force Characteristics

Labor Force	Lidgerwood		Richland County	
	1990	2000	1990	2000
Persons 16 years and older	674	594	13,588	14,181
In the labor force	296	314	8,284	9,361
Armed Forces	0	2	11	49
Civilian employed	270	296	7,800	8,741
Civilian unemployed	26	16	473	571
Unemployment rate (unemployed as a % of civilian labor force)	8.8	5.1	5.7	6.1
Not in the labor force	378	280	5,304	4,820

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/>.

- Both the city of Lidgerwood and Richland County experienced an increase in the labor force between 1990 and 2000.
- The unemployment rate declined for the city of Lidgerwood between 1990 and 2000 and increased slightly in Richland County.

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Table 7. Employment Characteristics

Employment	Lidgerwood				Richland County			
	1990		2000		1990		2000	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total employed (in civilian labor force)	270	100.0	296	100.0	7,800	100.0	8,741	100.0
GENDER								
Females	113	41.9	133	44.9	3,278	42.0	3,919	44.8
Males	157	58.1	163	55.1	4,522	58.0	4,822	55.2
INDUSTRY								
Agriculture, forestry, mining	22	8.1	17	5.7	1,321	16.9	1,015	11.6
Manufacturing	5	1.9	47	15.9	1,095	14.0	1,410	16.1
Retail Trade	92	34.1	45	15.2	1,191	15.3	867	9.9
Services	84	31.1	105	35.5	2,679	34.3	3,370	38.6
Other	67	24.8	82	27.7	1,514	19.4	2,079	23.8

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 increased for both the city of Lidgerwood and Richland County between 1990 and 2000.
- The percentage of employment that was female increased slightly for both the city of Lidgerwood and Richland County between 1990 and 2000. In 2000, females comprised 45 percent of all employed in both Lidgerwood and Richland County.
- Both the city of Lidgerwood and Richland County experienced growth in manufacturing and service industry employment, and declines in agricultural and retail trade employment between 1990 and 2000. In 2000, the service sector was the largest industry in both Lidgerwood and Richland County, employing approximately one-third of all workers in both areas.

Table 8. Educational Attainment Characteristics

Educational Attainment	Lidgerwood				Richland County			
	1990		2000		1990		2000	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Persons 25 years and older	615	100.0	529	100.0	11,025	100.0	10,991	100.0
Less than High School								
Less than 9th grade	176	28.6	70	13.2	1,953	17.7	1,054	9.6
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	52	8.5	53	10.0	705	6.4	793	7.2
High school graduate (or equivalency)	194	31.5	208	39.3	3,045	27.6	3,012	27.4
Some college, no degree	81	13.2	108	20.4	2,165	19.6	2,749	25.0
College degree	112	18.2	90	17.0	3,157	28.6	3,383	30.8
Associate degree	52	8.5	48	9.1	1,724	15.6	1,715	15.6
Bachelor's degree	47	7.6	37	7.0	1,114	10.1	1,289	11.7
Graduate or professional degree	13	2.1	5	0.9	319	2.9	379	3.4

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/>.

- In both the city of Lidgerwood and Richland County, the proportion of persons ages 25 and older with some college education but no degree increased between 1990 and 2000.

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Table 9. School District Characteristics

Enrollment, Achievement, and Proficiency	Lidgerwood Public School District			
	2001-2002	2002-2003	2003-2004	2004-2005
Total K-12 enrollment	233	236	227	211
GRADE				
Kindergarten to 6th grade	104	110	104	103
7th to 8th grade	42	39	36	36
9th to 12th grade	87	87	87	72
RACE*				
% White	97.5	96.2	96.9	95.3
% Black	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.5
% American Indian	0.4	0.8	0.0	1.4
% Asian	2.1	2.1	2.2	2.4
% Hispanic	0.0	0.8	0.4	0.5
High school graduation rate	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
High school dropouts	0	0	0	1
Student to classroom teacher ratio	21.5	13.0	12.4	11.5
% of students who scored at the proficient or advanced achievement level in reading	61.2	62.5	50.9	80.3
% of students who scored at the proficient or advanced achievement level in math	28.0	33.9	30.2	71.8

Notes: *The North Dakota Department of Public Instruction classifies Hispanic origin as a separate race, not as an ethnic origin of any race. NA indicates that data are not available.
Data Sources: Academic year data. North Dakota Department of Public Instruction, North Dakota School District Profiles, <http://www.dpi.state.nd.us/dpi/reports/Profile/index.shtm>.

- Enrollment within the Lidgerwood Public School District declined over the past few years, from 236 students in 2002-2003 to 211 students in 2004-2005.
- In 2004-2005, 80 percent of students in the Lidgerwood Public School District were proficient or advanced in reading, up from 61 percent in 2001-2002. In addition, 72 percent of students were proficient or advanced in math in 2004-2005, up from 28 percent in 2001-2002.