

-Understanding The Community In Which We Live - Red Lake Falls, MN

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Table 1. Demographics

DEMOGRAPHICS	Red Lake Falls, MN		Red Lake County, MN					
	Census		Census		Projections			
	1990	2000	1990	2000	2005	2010	2015	2020
Total Population	1,481	1,602	4,525	4,299	4,300	4,290	4,340	4,450
AGE:								
Ages 0 to 19	436	449	1,439	1,229	1,170	1,120	1,140	1,160
Percent of Total Population	29.4	28.0	31.8	28.6	27.2	26.1	26.3	26.1
Ages 65 and Older	306	346	838	817	820	820	910	1,030
Percent of Total Population	20.7	21.6	18.5	19.0	19.1	19.1	21.0	23.1
RACE*								
White	1,423	1,484	4,457	4,160				
Percent of Total Population	96.1	92.6	98.5	96.8				
Black or African American	0	0	0	0				
Percent of Total Population	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0				
American Indian or Alaska Native	0	100	5	103				
Percent of Total Population	0.0	6.2	0.1	2.4				
Asian/Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0	0	5	11				
Percent of Total Population	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.3				
Other	58	0	58	1				
Percent of Total Population	3.9	0.0	1.3	0.0				

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>; 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 Red Lake Falls has increased modestly over the past decade even though the overall county population has declined slightly.
- Future projections indicate that the Red Lake County population will remain relatively stable, thus Red Lake Falls is likely to grow modestly over time.
- Nearly 22 percent of the residents in Red Lake Falls city are at least 65 years of age. This proportion has increased slightly since 1990. Nonetheless, the elderly projections for the county indicate that the proportion of seniors in Red Lake Falls city will grow over time.
- The racial mix of residents in Red Lake Falls city and Red Lake County remain predominately white. Little change in the overall diversity of the area occurred over the past decade with the exception of a marked increase in Native Americans.

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Table 2. Housing

HOUSING	Red Lake Falls, MN				Red Lake County, MN			
	1990		2000		1990		2000	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total Housing Units	649	100.0	659	100.0	1,899	100.0	1,883	100.0
Occupied Housing Units	599	100.0	615	100.0	1,730	100.0	1,727	100.0
Owner-Occupied Housing Units	427	71.3	455	74.0	1,363	78.8	1,371	79.4
Renter-Occupied Housing Units	172	28.7	160	26.0	367	21.2	356	20.6
Vacant Housing Units	50	100.0	44	100.0	169	100.0	156	100.0
For Rent	20	40.0	24	54.5	41	24.3	40	25.6
For Sale Only	12	24.0	6	13.6	29	17.2	25	16.0
Rented or Sold, Not Occupied	5	10.0	6	13.6	18	10.7	10	6.4
For Seasonal, Recreational, or Occasional Use	3	6.0	2	4.5	21	12.4	35	22.4
For Migrant Workers	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	1.2	1	0.6
Other Vacant	10	20.0	6	13.6	58	34.3	45	28.8
Median Value for Specified Owner-Occupied Housing Units (Dollars)	\$33,300		\$47,400		\$29,000		\$43,200	
Median Year Housing Structure Built (All Housing Units)	1957		1962		1954		1957	
Median Price Asked for Specified Vacant-for-sale-only Housing Units (Dollars)			\$17,500				\$18,300	

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 Red Lake Falls city has increased slightly during the past decade.
- The proportion of owner-occupied housing units in Red Lake Falls city has increased modestly since 1990 and now stands at 74 percent. Owner-occupied housing units in Red Lake County is slightly higher at 79 percent.
- The number of vacant housing units in Red Lake Falls city is relatively small. More than half of the vacant units are rental units.
- The median value of an owner-occupied home in Red Lake Falls was \$47,400 in 2000 compared to \$43,200 in Red Lake County.
- Housing units in Red Lake Falls are relatively new with the majority of units built after 1962. Similarly, half of the homes in Red Lake County were built after 1957.

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Table 3. Income and Poverty

INCOME AND POVERTY	Red Lake Falls, MN		Red Lake County, MN	
	1990	2000	1990	2000
Median Household Income (Dollars)	\$18,507	\$30,536	\$19,926	\$32,052
Per Capita Personal Income (Dollars)	\$8,965	\$15,177	\$8,963	\$15,372
Persons in Poverty	238	167	675	448
Percent of Persons in Poverty	16.8	11.4	15.1	10.8
Persons Ages 0 to 17 in Poverty	85	44	219	125
Percent of Persons 0 to 17 in Poverty	20.6	11.8	16.2	11.8
Persons Ages 65 and Older in Poverty	56	42	198	94
Percent of Persons Ages 65 and Older in Poverty	22.5	16.9	25.4	13.1

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 Red Lake Falls city are lower than those in Red Lake County. The median household income in Red Lake Falls in 2000 was \$30,536 relative to \$32,052 in Red Lake County.
- The proportion of Red Lake Falls city residents in poverty has declined from 16.8 percent in 1990 to 11.4 percent in 2000.
- The number and proportion of children impoverished in Red Lake Falls city has been cut nearly in half since 1990, dropping from 20.6 percent in 1990 to 11.8 percent in 2000. A similar but less dramatic decline in elderly poor also occurred during the same time period.

Table 4. Spiritual

SPIRITUAL	Red Lake Falls, MN		Red Lake County, MN	
	1990	2000	1990	2000
Number of Churches, Synagogues, Mosques, Temples			17	12
Full-Time Members			1,321	1,068
Number of Attendees				457

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 Red Lake County has declined slightly over the past ten years. Nonetheless, 25 percent of the residents are full-time members of a church or synagogue.

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Table 5. Health

HEALTH	Red Lake County, MN		
	2000	2001	2002
Total Births	NA	47	37
Birth Rate (Births Per 1,000 Persons)	NA	10.90	8.60
Births to Teenage Mothers	NA	NA	NA
Total Deaths	46	47	48
Death Rate (Deaths Per 1,000 Persons)	NA	10.90	11.10
Deaths Due to Suicide	1	NA	0
Deaths Due to Cancer	7	7	10
Deaths Due to Heart Disease	14	12	15
Children in Out-of-Home Care	12	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.htm>>; 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 Red Lake County dropped from 47 in 2001 to 37 in 2002. Prior to 2001, the number of births had been relatively stable with 48 births recorded in 1990.
- The number of deaths occurring in the county continues to rise as the proportion of elderly increases. Not surprisingly, therefore, major contributors to death include heart disease and cancer.

Table 6. Labor Force

LABOR FORCE	Red Lake Falls, MN		Red Lake County, MN	
	1990	2000	1990	2000
Persons 16 Years and Older	1,117	1,263	3,338	3,381
In Labor Force	674	778	1,983	2,123
Civilian Employed	614	726	1,755	1,930
Civilian Unemployed	60	52	226	193
Unemployed as Percent of Civilian Labor Force	8.9	6.7	11.4	9.1
Not in Labor Force	443	485	1,355	1,258

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 Red Lake Falls city and the overall county has increased modestly over the past 10 years.
- The unemployment rate dropped in Red Lake Falls and in the overall county between 1990 and 2000. In 2000, the unemployment rate in Red Lake Falls was 6.7 percent while ten years earlier it was 8.9 percent.

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Table 7. Employment by Gender and Industry

EMPLOYMENT BY GENDER AND INDUSTRY	Red Lake Falls, MN				Red Lake County, MN			
	1990		2000		1990		2000	
	Numbe	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total Employment of Persons 16 Years and Older	614	100.0	726	100.0	1,755	100.0	1,930	100.0
By Gender:								
Females	309	50.3	371	51.1	779	44.4	930	48.2
Males	305	49.7	355	48.9	976	55.6	1,000	51.8
By Select Industry:								
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	33	5.4	12	1.7	353	20.1	191	9.9
Manufacturing	59	9.6	114	15.7	195	11.1	283	14.7
Services	228	37.1	282	38.8	536	30.5	656	34.0

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 Red Lake Falls is slightly higher than that of men, with women representing nearly 51 percent of those employed in the city in 2000. The reverse is true for Red Lake County.

Table 8. Educational Attainment

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT	Red Lake Falls, MN				Red Lake County, MN			
	1990		2000		1990		2000	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Persons 25 Years and Older	977	100.0	1,080	100.0	2,917	100.0	2,879	100.0
Less than 9 th Grade	203	20.8	162	15.0	626	21.5	364	12.6
9 th to 12 th Grade, no Diploma	119	12.2	75	6.9	415	14.2	246	8.5
High School Graduate (includes equivalency)	321	32.9	376	34.8	946	32.4	1,101	38.2
Some College, no Degree	138	14.1	218	20.2	441	15.1	633	22.0
Associate Degree	63	6.4	96	8.9	217	7.4	226	7.9
Bachelor's Degree	86	8.8	112	10.4	201	6.9	231	8.0
Graduate or Professional Degree	47	4.8	41	3.8	71	2.4	78	2.7

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 Red Lake Falls residents have increased significantly over the past decade. In 1990, one-third of the city residents over the age of 25 had not completed high school. By 2000, that proportion had dropped to roughly 22 percent. In addition, 14 percent had a college degree in 2000 with an additional 29 percent having some college or an associates degree.

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

ENROLLMENT BY GRADE LEVEL AND RACE/HISPANIC ORIGIN	Red Lake Falls, MN School District		
	2000-2001	2001-2002	2002-2003
Total K-12 Enrollment	421	393	391
K-8	239	245	225
9-12	176	144	163
K-12 Enrollment by Race/Hispanic Origin:	421	393	391
White	418	385	379
Black	0	1	3
American Indian	0	0	1
Asian/Pacific Islander	0	0	0
Hispanic Origin	3	7	8
High School Graduates	50	29	38
High School Dropouts	4	4	1
Student/Teacher Ratio	NA	NA	NA
Percent of Students Meeting Proficiency Cutpoints in Reading	NA	NA	NA
Percent of Students Meeting Proficiency Cutpoints in Math	NA	NA	NA

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 Red Lake Falls school district continues to decline modestly.
- 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.