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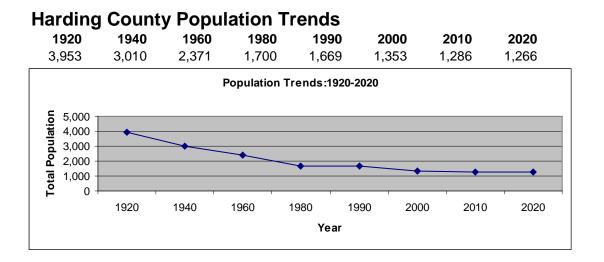
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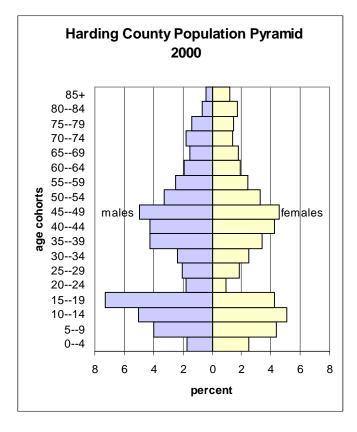
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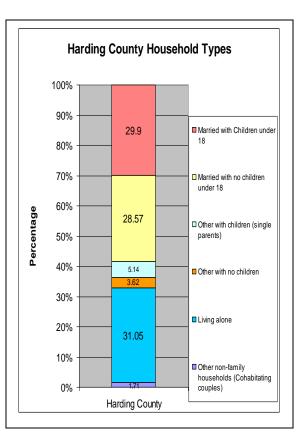
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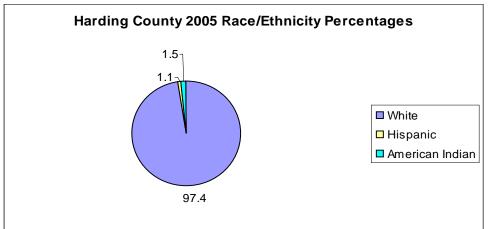


| Where People Live: 2000 | | | | | |
|-------------------------|--------------|---------|-------|---------|--|
| | South Dakota | Harding | Butte | Perkins | |
| Urban | 51.92 | 0 | 47.87 | 0 | |
| Rural-Farm | 7.72 | 39.99 | 12.58 | 26.40 | |
| Rural-Non farm | 40.36 | 60.01 | 39.55 | 73.60 | |

Harding County Population Highlights

- From 1990 to 2000, Harding County **lost 316 residents**, which was an **18.9% decrease** in its total population.
- From 1990 to 2000, Harding County lost 407 residents to out-migration, which was a 24.4% decrease in its total population. This is the largest decrease due to out-migration in the state of South Dakota.
- From the population pyramid, we can see that many of Harding County's residents aged 20-34 are leaving the county.
- 32.52% of Harding County's residents are **under the age of 18**, while 13.38% are **aged 65+**.
- Harding County's **median age is 37.6**. This is younger than both Butte and Perkins counties.
- Harding County's **sex ratio is 104.69**, meaning there are about 105 males for every 100 females. This is much higher than both Butte and Perkins counties.
- Harding County's **fertility rate is 53.4** births for every 1,000 females aged 15-44. This is lower than Butte, but slightly higher than Perkins.

Race/Ethnicity in Harding County



Harding County Agriculture in 2002

- Harding County had **223 farms**, which was a **15.9% decrease** since 1997.
- Harding County's **average farm size was 7,507 acres**, which was much larger than both Butte and Perkins counties.
- Harding County's **average net farm income was \$39,266**. This is higher than both Butte and Perkins counties.

Harding County Economics in 2000

- Harding County's **per capita income was \$12,794**. This is lower than Butte and Perkins counties.
- Harding County's **median household income was \$25,000**. This is lower than both Butte and Perkins counties.
- **17.8%** of Harding County's **residents aged 25+ had received a B.S. degree or higher.** This is higher than both Butte and Perkins counties.
- 21.13% of Harding County's residents are living at or below the official poverty line. This compares with 13.18% for the state of South Dakota, 12.80% for Butte County, and 16.92% for Perkins County.
- **38.18%** of Harding County's **children under the age of 5** are living **at or below the official poverty line.** This compares with 19.77% for the state of South Dakota, 22.30% for Butte County, and 25.26% for Perkins County.
- **5.3%** of workers in Harding County **commute into work from another county.** This is lower than both Butte and Potter counties.

Harding County Employment by Industry

| Total Employed | Percentage | Number |
|--------------------------|------------|--------|
| Agriculture | 54.33 | 370 |
| Educational, health, and | 10.28 | 70 |
| social services | | |
| Retail | 6.75 | 46 |
| Public Administration | 5.43 | 37 |
| Construction | 4.85 | 33 |
| Manufacturing | .76 | 5 |
| Total | | 681 |

| | South | Harding | Butte | Perkins |
|--------------|---------|---------|-------|---------|
| | Dakota | | | |
| Total: | 290,336 | 522 | 3,526 | 1,434 |
| Less than | | | | |
| \$10,000 | 30,881 | 114 | 376 | 230 |
| \$10,000 to | | | | |
| \$14,999 | 22,421 | 67 | 419 | 140 |
| \$15,000 to | | | | |
| \$19,999 | 22,190 | 39 | 402 | 146 |
| \$20,000 to | | | | |
| \$24,999 | 24,633 | 41 | 321 | 131 |
| \$25,000 to | | | | |
| \$29,999 | 22,190 | 45 | 283 | 133 |
| \$30,000 to | | | | |
| \$34,999 | 21,694 | 44 | 289 | 103 |
| \$35,000 to | | | | |
| \$39,999 | 19,408 | 27 | 272 | 73 |
| \$40,000 to | | | | |
| \$44,999 | 19,077 | 34 | 224 | 127 |
| \$45,000 to | | | | |
| \$49,999 | 16,675 | 19 | 212 | 62 |
| \$50,000 to | | | | |
| \$59,999 | 27,809 | 31 | 242 | 98 |
| \$60,000 to | | | | |
| \$74,999 | 26,008 | 26 | 201 | 87 |
| \$75,000 to | | | | |
| \$99,999 | 20,150 | 17 | 173 | 39 |
| \$100,000 to | 7 507 | - | | 10 |
| \$124,999 | 7,597 | 7 | 55 | 16 |
| \$125,000 to | 0.400 | | 0.4 | ~~~ |
| \$149,999 | 3,493 | 4 | 24 | 26 |
| \$150,000 to | 0.070 | | 0.4 | |
| \$199,999 | 2,872 | 1 | 24 | 7 |
| \$200,000 or | 0.000 | 0 | • | 10 |
| more | 3,238 | 6 | 9 | 16 |

Income Distribution

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