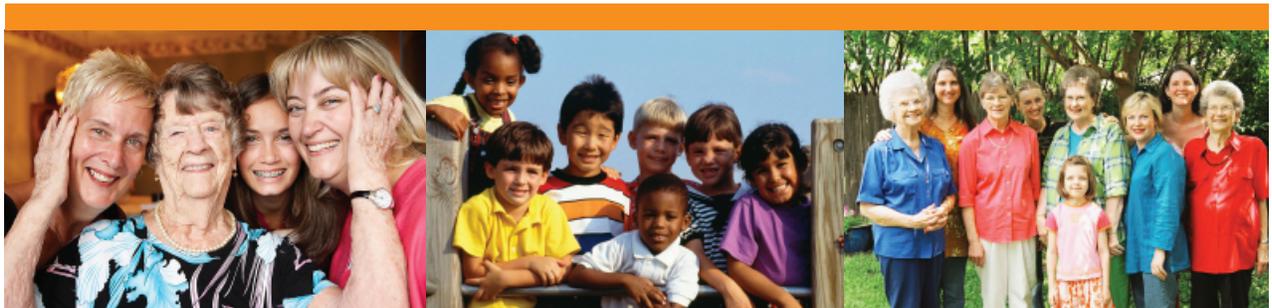


Status of Women and Children in the Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Area

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Introduction

This report was prepared for the Fargo-Moorhead Area Foundation in an effort to assess and track the status of women and children in the Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Area which is comprised of Cass County in North Dakota and Clay County in Minnesota.

This report uses *The Status of Women in Your County: A Community Research Tool* published by the Institute for Women's Policy Research (IWPR) and sponsored by the James A. Knight Foundation as a framework to present a portrait of the status of women and children in the Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Area. Consistent with the research tool, we utilize each of their suggested topics and respond to their questions posed. We were unable to address all of their suggested issues plainly because of a lack of data on certain topics. For context, we abstracted nearly verbatim their explanation for why each of the topics is important to consider. IWPR identifies six topic areas which we have included in this report: Basic Demographics, Political Participation, Employment and Earnings, Social and Economic Autonomy, Reproductive Health, and Health and Well-Being. A seventh topic identified by the Fargo-Moorhead Area Foundation focusing on the characteristics of children, has also been included.

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Highlights for the Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Area

- In the Fargo-Moorhead (FM) Metropolitan Area, women comprised 50% of the total population in 2010; however, 22% of county-elected officials in the FM Metropolitan Area are women.
- One-third of women had completed four or more years of college according to 2009 statistics (34%), which is similar to 34% of men.
- In 2009, 71% of adult women participated in the labor force (compared to 80% of men); 84% of mothers with minor children participated. Females working full-time year-round had median earnings of \$30,771 in 2009, which is 27% less than their male counterparts (\$41,935).
- Women owned 27% of all businesses in 2007 (i.e., 5,051 firms). An additional 19% of all businesses were owned equally by women and men (i.e., 3,567 firms).
- In 2009, 15% of females were impoverished (i.e., nearly 14,000 females). Native American females were three times more likely to be impoverished than white females (41% compared to 14%).
- Of single mothers with children ages 0 to 17, 36% were living in poverty in 2009. For single mothers with young children ages 0-4, the proportion living in poverty was 57%.
- The teenage birth rate, which is slightly higher in Cass County (20.6 births per 1,000 teen girls) than in Clay County (16.4), has increased in both counties when comparing the three-year period average from 2004-2006 to 2007-2009.
- The majority of children (71%) lived with both parents, 24% lived with a single parent, 2% lived with a grandparent, 1% lived with some other relative, and 1% lived in a non-relative situation (e.g., foster care) in 2009.
- In October 2010, 13% of public school children were enrolled in special education classes (i.e., approximately 4,000 children).
- In 2009, 12% of all children ages 0-17 were impoverished (i.e., approximately 5,000 children). Native American children ages 0-17 were nearly four times more likely to be impoverished than white children in 2009 (33% compared to 9%). For children ages 0 to 4 living with single mothers, the proportion living in poverty was 55%.

Basic Demographics

“Demographic information is important because it presents a profile of the state’s female population and can be used to provide insight on the other topics covered in this tool. These data can also help target programs and advocacy efforts. Basic demographic data ... include the percent of the population that is female, the racial/ethnic makeup of the female population, the percent of women with a disability, and the marital status of women” (IWPR).

Q: What portion of the metro area’s population are women?

A: In the FM Metropolitan Area, women comprised 50% of the total population in 2010.

Gender Distribution in the FM Metropolitan Area: 2010

Area	Total population	Females		Males	
		Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Cass County, ND	149,778	74,227	50%	75,551	50%
Clay County, MN	58,999	29,862	51%	29,137	49%
FM Metro Area	208,777	104,089	50%	104,688	50%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 Census, Demographic Profile

Q: What is the racial composition of women in the metro area?

A: In the FM Metropolitan Area, 7% of all females were nonwhite in 2009.

Racial Distribution of Females in the FM Metropolitan Area: 2009

Area	Total females	Percent of females who are:						
		White	Black	American Indian or Alaska Native	Asian	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	Some other race	Two or more races
Cass County, ND	67,826	93%	2%	1%	2%	0%	1%	1%
Clay County, MN	28,439	94%	1%	1%	2%	0%	1%	1%
FM Metro Area	96,265	93%	2%	1%	2%	0%	1%	1%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2005-2009 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, Tables B01001 and B01001A-B01001G

Q: What percentage of women in the metro area are Hispanic or Latina?

A: In the FM Metropolitan Area, 3% of all females were of Hispanic or Latina origin in 2009.

Hispanic or Latina Origin Status of Females in the FM Metropolitan Area: 2009

Area	All females		
	Total	Hispanic or Latina origin	
		Number	Percent
Cass County, ND	67,826	1,471	2%
Clay County, MN	28,439	947	3%
FM Metro Area	96,265	2,418	3%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2005-2009 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, Tables B01001 and B01001I

Q: What percentage of women in the metro area have a disability?

A: In the FM Metropolitan Area, 8% of females had a disability in 2009. Of all the females in the FM Metropolitan Area with a disability, 20% were younger than 35 years of age and 34% were ages 75 and older.

Disability Status for Females in the FM Metropolitan Area: 2009

Area	Civilian non-institutionalized females								
	Total	With a disability		Of women with a disability, percent who are ages:					
		Number	Percent of total	0-4	5-17	18-34	35-64	65-74	75+
Cass County, ND	70,372	5,215	7%	0%	5%	11%	39%	7%	38%
Clay County, MN	29,200	2,545	9%	0%	8%	20%	37%	8%	26%
FM Metro Area	99,572	7,760	8%	0%	6%	14%	38%	7%	34%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2009 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates, Table B18101

Q: What is the marital status of women in the metro area?

A: In the FM Metropolitan Area, one in two women was then married in 2009.

Marital Status for Women in the FM Metropolitan Area: 2009

Area	Women 15 years and older	Percent of women who are:			
		Never married	Now married	Widowed	Divorced
Cass County, ND	55,355	33%	52%	7%	8%
Clay County, MN	23,516	35%	48%	9%	8%
FM Metro Area	78,871	34%	50%	8%	8%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2005-2009 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, Table B12001

Political Participation

“Political participation allows women to influence policies that affect their lives. By voting, running for office, and taking advantage of other avenues of participation, women can make their concerns, experiences, and priorities visible in policy decisions. This section discusses data on four aspects of women’s involvement in the political process: female elected representation, women’s ... institutional resources (for example, a task force or a commission focused on the status of women), and women’s voter registration and turnout” (IWPR).

Q: What percentage of the metro area officeholders are women?

A: Approximately one in five county-elected officials from the FM Metropolitan Area are women (22%).

Proportion of County-Elected Officials that are Women in the FM Metropolitan Area: 2011

Area	Percent of county-elected officials that are women				
	County Commissioners	County State’s Attorney, Recorder, Treasurer, Auditor, Sheriff	District Judgeships	State Senators and Representatives	Total
Cass County, ND	20%	40%	13%	23%	23%
Clay County, MN	0%	40%	25%	0%	18%
FM Metro Area	10%	40%	17%	21%	22%

Source: County and state government websites for Cass County, North Dakota, and Clay County, Minnesota

Q: Does the metro area have a task force or a commission focused on the status of women?

A: At the state level of geography, the *Commission on the Status of Women* in North Dakota coordinates activities and serves as a clearinghouse and an advisory group to the Department of Economic Development and Finance for information relating to economic development programs that focus on career development for women. The commission encourages interest, participation, and cooperation with state departments, agencies, and other organizations in developing needed services, facilities, and opportunities and provides consultant help to local organizations created for the purpose of coordinating activities for the economic and career development of women (http://governor.nd.gov/boards/boards-query.asp?Board_ID=114).

Also at the state level, the *Office of the Economic Status of Women (OESW)* in Minnesota advises the legislature and provides information and statistics on women in Minnesota. The office gathers information on population characteristics, educational attainment and enrollments, marital and parental status, household characteristics, labor force status and employment characteristics, and basic information on women’s legal and economic rights (<http://www.oesw.leg.mn/>).

Q: What percentage of women in the metro area were registered to vote?

A: Voter registration is required in Minnesota, but not in North Dakota. According to the Minnesota Secretary of State, prior to the 2008 election in November, there were 31,736 registered voters (men and women) in Clay County, Minnesota (approximately 70% of all eligible voters).

Q: What percentage of women in the metro area voted in the last national general election?

A: While voter turnout characteristics for the FM Metropolitan area are not available, we do know that 69% of women in Cass County, North Dakota voted in the 2008 presidential election. Data for Clay County in Minnesota was not available because of suppression due to small sample size. Statewide, 71% of North Dakota women voted in the 2008 presidential election; 78% of Minnesota women voted.

Voter Turnout by Gender in the FM Metropolitan Area for the 2008 General Election

Area	Women		Men	
	Yes, I voted	No, I did not vote	Yes, I voted	No, I did not vote
Cass County, ND	69%	26%	61%	32%
Clay County, MN	-	-	-	-
FM Metro Area	-	-	-	-
North Dakota	71%	24%	63%	30%
Minnesota	78%	11%	72%	15%

Note: “-” indicates that the data are suppressed due to small numbers.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, November 2008 Voting and Registration Supplement

Employment and Earnings

“Because earnings are the largest component of income for most families, earnings and economic well-being are closely linked. Ensuring women’s economic rights includes improving access to employment, eliminating occupational segregation and employment discrimination, and helping men and women balance work and family responsibilities. This section directs you to data on several aspects of women’s economic status: women’s earnings, the female/male earnings ratio, women’s labor force participation, and the percent of women who are employed in professional or managerial occupations” (IWPR).

Q: What are the median annual earnings of full-time, year-round female workers in the metro area?

A: In the FM Metropolitan Area, women working full-time year-round had median earnings of \$30,771 in 2009, which is 27% less than their male counterparts (\$41,935).

Median Earnings in the Past 12 Months by Gender by Work Status in the FM Metropolitan Area: 2009

Area	Persons ages 16 and older with earnings					Gender wage gap for full-time, year-round workers
	Total	Women		Men		
		Total	Worked full-time, year-round	Total	Worked full-time, year-round	
Cass County, ND	\$25,536	\$21,140	\$30,691	\$30,767	\$41,554	26%
Clay County, MN	\$23,021	\$16,095	\$31,033	\$30,755	\$42,821	28%
FM Metro Area	\$24,950	\$20,112	\$30,771	\$30,765	\$41,935	27%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2005-2009 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, Table B20017

Q: What is the labor force participation status of women in the metro area?

A: In the FM Metropolitan Area, 71% of women ages 16 and older participated in the labor force in 2009 (compared to 80% of men). Of mothers with children ages 0-17, the proportion in the labor force was 84%.

Labor Force Status of Women in the FM Metropolitan Area: 2009

Area	Women 16 years and older	Percent of women who are:				
		In labor force				Not in labor force
		Total	Armed forces	Employed	Unemployed	
Cass County, ND	54,467	72%	0%	69%	3%	28%
Clay County, MN	23,088	67%	0%	64%	3%	34%
FM Metro Area	77,555	71%	0%	68%	3%	29%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2005-2009 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, Table B23001

Q: What are the major occupations among women in the metro area?

A: In the FM Metropolitan Area, 36% of women were employed in management, professional, and related occupations in 2009; an equal proportion were employed in sales and office positions.

Occupations of Women in the FM Metropolitan Area: 2009

Area	Civilian employed women 16 years and older	Percent of women who are employed in the following occupations:				
		Management, professional, and related occupations	Service	Sales and office	Construction, extraction, maintenance, and repair	Production, transportation, and material moving
Cass County, ND	37,595	38%	20%	36%	1%	5%
Clay County, MN	14,727	32%	28%	34%	1%	5%
FM Metro Area	52,322	36%	22%	36%	1%	5%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2005-2009 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, Table C24010

Social and Economic Autonomy

“While labor force participation and earnings are critical to women’s financial security, many additional resources and opportunities affect women’s ability to act independently, exercise choice, and control their lives. This section highlights several topics important to women’s social and economic autonomy: health insurance coverage, educational attainment, business ownership, and poverty” (IWPR).

Q: What is the health insurance coverage status of women in the metro area?

A: In the FM Metropolitan Area, 91% of females had health insurance in 2009.

Health Insurance Coverage Status by Gender in the FM Metropolitan Area: 2009

Area	Civilian non-institutionalized population						
	Total	Females			Males		
		Total	Without health insurance		Total	Without health insurance	
			Number	Percent		Number	Percent
Cass County, ND	141,944	70,372	7,019	10%	71,572	8,404	12%
Clay County, MN	56,082	29,200	1,898	7%	26,882	2,592	10%
FM Metro Area	198,026	99,572	8,917	9%	98,454	10,996	11%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2009 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates, Table B27001

Q: What percentage of women in the metro area have completed four or more years of college?

A: In the FM Metropolitan Area, 34% of women ages 25 and older had completed four or more years of college according to 2009 statistics, which is similar to 34% of men.

Educational Attainment Levels of Women in the FM Metropolitan Area: 2009

Area	Women 25 years and older	Percent of women with:				
		Less than a high school diploma	High school diploma or GED	Some college, but less than Bachelor’s	Bachelor’s degree	Masters, Professional, or Doctorate degree
Cass County, ND	40,772	6%	23%	35%	27%	8%
Clay County, MN	16,087	7%	28%	34%	23%	7%
FM Metro Area	56,859	6%	25%	35%	26%	8%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2005-2009 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, Table B15002

Q: What percentage of businesses in the metro area are owned by women?

A: In the FM Metropolitan Area, women owned 27% of all businesses in 2007. An additional 19% of all businesses in the FM Metropolitan Area were owned equally by women and men in 2007.

Business Firms in the FM Metropolitan Area by Gender of Business Owner: 2007

Area	Total firms	Female-owned firms		Male-owned firms		Equally female-male owned	
		Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Cass County, ND	13,934	3,709	27%	6,772	49%	2,549	18%
Clay County, MN	5,098	1,343	26%	2,491	49%	1,024	20%
FM Metro Area	18,922	5,051	27%	9,228	49%	3,567	19%

Note: Numbers of firms will not add to the total because not all firms are identifiable by gender.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2007 Survey of Business Owners

Q: What percentage of women in the metro area live below the official federal poverty line?

A: In the FM Metropolitan Area, 15% of females were impoverished in 2009. Native American females in the FM Metropolitan Area were three times more likely to be impoverished than white females in 2009 (41% compared to 14%). For a family of four, the 2009 federal poverty threshold was an annual family income of \$21,954.

Poverty Status of Females in the FM Metropolitan Area: 2009

Area	All females living in poverty		American Indian females living in poverty		White females living in poverty	
	Number	% of all females	Number	% of all American Indian females	Number	% of all white females
Cass County, ND	9,447	15%	356	36%	8,232	14%
Clay County, MN	4,070	16%	194	52%	3,653	15%
FM Metro Area	13,517	15%	550	41%	11,885	14%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2005-2009 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, Tables B17001, B17001A, and B17001C

A: In the FM Metropolitan Area, 36% of single mothers with children ages 0-17 were impoverished in 2009. For single mothers with young children ages 0 to 4, the proportion living in poverty was 57%.

Poverty Status of Single Mothers in the FM Metropolitan Area: 2009

Area	Single mothers with children ages 0-17 living in poverty		Single mothers with children ages 0-4 living in poverty		Single mothers with children ages 5-17 only living in poverty	
	Number	% of all single mothers with children ages 0-17	Number	% of all single mothers with children ages 0-4	Number	% of all single mothers with children ages 5-17 only
Cass County, ND	1,232	35%	777	57%	455	21%
Clay County, MN	652	40%	351	57%	301	29%
FM Metro Area	1,884	36%	1,128	57%	756	24%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2005-2009 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, Table B17010

Reproductive Health

Reproductive health is an important component of women’s lives. It includes issues related to access to health services for women and birth outcomes. This section addresses the infant mortality rate, the percentage of low birth weight babies, the percentage of mothers receiving prenatal care, the teenage birth rate, and the percentage of babies born to an unmarried woman.

Q: What are the characteristics of live births in the metro area?

A: In the FM Metropolitan Area, 6.6 infants died for every 1,000 live births during 2005-2009.

A: In the FM Metropolitan Area, 6% of babies were born weighing less than 2,500 grams (i.e., 5.5 pounds) and were thus considered low birth weight in 2009.

A: In the FM Metropolitan Area, 99% of babies had mothers who received adequate prenatal care in 2009.

A: In the FM Metropolitan Area, 29% of babies were born to an unmarried mother in 2009.

A: For every 1,000 teenage girls in Cass County, 20.6 of them had a baby in 2007-2009; this rate is up from 18.2 in 2004-2006. Clay County also saw an increase in the teen birth rate between these two time periods, from 15.3 births per 1,000 teenage girls in 2004-2006 to 16.4 in 2007-2009.

Characteristics of Live Births in the FM Metropolitan Area

Area	Total live births, 2009	Percent of live births that are:			Infant death rate (i.e., deaths under 1 year of age per 1,000 live births), 2005-2009	Teen birth rate (i.e., teen births per 1,000 females ages 15-19)		
		Low birth weight (i.e., <2,500 grams), 2009	Born to mothers receiving inadequate prenatal care, 2009	Born to an unmarried mother, 2009		2001-2003	2004-2006	2007-2009
Cass County, ND	2,170	6%	1%	29%	5.3	18.9	18.2	20.6
Clay County, MN	771	6%	1%	29%	10.2	12.8	15.3	16.4
FM Metro Area	2,941	6%	1%	29%	6.6	-	-	-

Note: “-” indicates that the data are not available. Source: North Dakota Department of Health, Vital Records Division, “North Dakota Resident Vital Event Summary Data 1995-2009,” Minnesota Department of Health, Center for Health Statistics, “County Health Tables”

Q: Do the health plans for public employees in the metro area cover infertility treatments and contraceptives?

A: Through the North Dakota Public Employees Retirement System (NDPERS), benefits are available for infertility services. NDPERS does not cover contraceptives.

The Minnesota Public Employees Insurance Program (PEIP) covers oral contraceptives. PEIP does provide benefits for infertility services for Health Partners only (not for Blue Cross Blue Shield or Preferred One).

Health and Well-Being

“Health is a crucial factor in women’s overall status. Health problems can seriously impair women’s quality of life, as well as their ability to care for themselves and their families. Women’s overall health status is closely connected to many of the other indicators in this tool, including women’s poverty status, access to health insurance, and reproductive [health]. Women’s health and well-being can be measured by many indicators, including mortality from heart disease; mortality or incidence rates from lung cancer and breast cancer; incidence of diabetes and AIDS; and mortality from suicide” (IWPR).

Q: What is women’s mortality rate from various causes in the metro area?

A: In the FM Metropolitan Area, 598 women died of heart disease – a rate of 211 per 100,000 women in 2005-2007.

A: In the FM Metropolitan Area, 86 women died of lung cancer – a rate of 30 per 100,000 women in 2005-2007.

A: In the FM Metropolitan Area, 58 women died of breast cancer – a rate of 21 per 100,000 women in 2005-2007.

A: In the FM Metropolitan Area, 10 females committed suicide in 2005-2007 – a rate of 3.5 per 100,000 women.

Death Rates by Cause for Females in the FM Metropolitan Area: 2005-2007

Area	Heart disease deaths among females		Lung cancer deaths among females		Breast cancer deaths among females		Suicide deaths among females	
	Number	Rate per 100,000 females	Number	Rate per 100,000 females	Number	Rate per 100,000 females	Number	Rate per 100,000 females
Cass County, ND	393	196.3	62	31.0	40	20.5	-	-
Clay County, MN	205	245.9	24	28.8	18	21.6	-	-
FM Metro Area	598	210.9	86	30.3	58	20.5	10	3.5

Note: “-” indicates that the data are suppressed due to small numbers.

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics, CDC WONDER On-line Database

Q: What are the incidence rates of women in the metro area for diabetes and HIV/AIDS?

A: In the FM Metropolitan Area, 4% of adults reported having diabetes in 2009. Based on state-wide statistics, there is little difference in diabetes incidence rates by gender.

A: In 2009, there were 47 females (of all ages) living with HIV/AIDS in North Dakota and 1,524 females living with HIV/AIDS in Minnesota. Incidence of HIV/AIDS was higher for males in both states.

Incidence Rates for Diabetes and AIDS by Gender in the FM Metropolitan Area

Area	Percent of adults told by a doctor they have diabetes, 2009			Number of persons living with HIV/AIDS, 2009		
	Total	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male
Cass County, ND	-	-	-	-	-	-
Clay County, MN	-	-	-	29	-	-
FM Metro Area	4%	-	-	-	-	-
North Dakota	8%	8%	8%	222	47	175
Minnesota	8%	8%	7%	6,552	1,524	5,028

Note: “-” indicates that the data are suppressed due to small numbers or unavailable.

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Office of Surveillance, Epidemiology, and Laboratory Services, Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS); North Dakota Department of Health HIV Program; Minnesota Department of Health, Infectious Disease Epidemiology, Prevention and Control Division

Children

This section highlights several topics important to understanding the health and well-being of children: age, living arrangements, disability status, high school dropout status, health insurance coverage, poverty, free/reduced price lunch, and abuse and neglect.

Q: What proportion of the metro area's population are children?

A: In the FM Metropolitan Area, children comprised 22% of the total population in 2010. Of all children ages 0-17 in the FM Metropolitan Area, 31% were younger children ages 0-4.

Age Distribution of Children in the FM Metropolitan Area: 2010

Area	Population ages 0-17	Percent of children 0-17 who are ages:				Population ages 18-24	Population ages 25+
		0-4	5-9	10-14	15-17		
Cass County, ND	32,660	32%	27%	26%	15%	24,222	92,896
Clay County, MN	13,744	30%	27%	27%	16%	10,362	34,893
FM Metro Area	46,404	31%	27%	26%	16%	34,584	127,789

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 Census, Demographic Profile

Q: What are the living arrangements of children living in the metro area?

A: In the FM Metropolitan Area, the majority of children (71%) lived with both parents, 24% lived with a single parent, 2% lived with a grandparent, 1% lived with some other relative, and 1% lived in a non-relative situation (e.g., foster care) in 2009.

Living Arrangements of Children in the FM Metropolitan Area: 2009

Area	Population ages 0-17	Percent of children ages 0-17 living:						
		With a relative householder				With non-relative householder	In group quarters	As a householder, spouse, or partner
		Both parents	Single parent	Grand parent	Other relative			
Cass County, ND	30,055	72%	23%	2%	1%	1%	0%	0%
Clay County, MN	12,444	69%	26%	2%	1%	2%	0%	0%
FM Metro Area	42,499	71%	24%	2%	1%	1%	0%	0%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2005-2009 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, Tables B09001, B09002, and B09006

Q: What percentage of children in the metro area have a disability?

A: In the FM Metropolitan Area, 4% of children ages 0-17 had a disability in 2009.

A: Of all public school children enrolled in FM Metropolitan Area schools, 13% were enrolled in special education classes in December 2010 (i.e., approximately 4,000 children) (ND and MN Departments of Education).

Disability Status of Children in the FM Metropolitan Area: 2009

Area	Civilian non-institutionalized population					
	Children ages 0-17 with a disability		Children ages 0-4 with a disability		Children ages 5-17 with a disability	
	Number	% of all children ages 0-17	Number	% of all children ages 0-4	Number	% of all children ages 5-17
Cass County, ND	1,452	5%	79	1%	1,373	6%
Clay County, MN	455	3%	0	0%	455	5%
FM Metro Area	1,907	4%	79	1%	1,828	6%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2009 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates, Table B18101

Q: What percentage of children in the metro area dropped out of high school?

A: In the FM Metropolitan Area, 2% of youth ages 16-19 were not enrolled in school and were not high school graduates (i.e., high school dropouts) in 2009.

School Enrollment Status of Youth in the FM Metropolitan Area: 2009

Area	Youth ages 16-19	Percent of youth ages 16-19 who are:		
		Enrolled in school	Not enrolled in school	
			High school graduate	Not a high school graduate
Cass County, ND	8,966	88%	10%	2%
Clay County, MN	4,878	90%	8%	2%
FM Metro Area	13,844	89%	9%	2%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2005-2009 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, Table B14005

Q: What percentage of children in the metro area do not have health insurance coverage?

A: In the FM Metropolitan Area, 5% of children ages 0-17 did not have health insurance in 2009.

Health Insurance Coverage Status of Youth in the FM Metropolitan Area: 2009

Area	Civilian non-institutionalized population ages 0-17		
	Total	Without health insurance	
		Number	Percent
Cass County, ND	31,045	1,188	4%
Clay County, MN	13,425	849	6%
FM Metro Area	44,470	2,037	5%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2009 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates, Table B27001

Q: What percentage of children in the metro area are living below poverty?

A: In the FM Metropolitan Area, 12% of all children ages 0-17 were impoverished in 2009. Native American children ages 0-17 in the FM Metropolitan Area were nearly four times more likely to be impoverished than white children in 2009 (33% compared to 9%). For FM Metropolitan children ages 0 to 4 living with single mothers, the proportion living in poverty was 55%.

Poverty Status of Children in the FM Metropolitan Area: 2009

Area	Children ages 0-17 living in poverty		American Indian children ages 0-17 living in poverty		Children ages 0-4 with single mothers living in poverty	
	Number	% of all children ages 0-17	Number	% of all American Indian children ages 0-17	Number	% of all children ages 0-4 with single mothers
Cass County, ND	3,271	11%	163	29%	931	57%
Clay County, MN	1,649	13%	122	43%	355	51%
FM Metro Area	4,920	12%	285	33%	1,286	55%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2005-2009 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, Tables B17001, B17001C, and B17006

Q: What percentage of children in the metro area receive a free or reduced price school lunch?

A: In the FM Metropolitan Area, 28% of all children enrolled in public school received a free or reduced price lunch in October 2010. This proportion is up from 21% in October 2000. To be eligible, household income must be below 185% of the federal poverty guidelines.

Free and Reduced Price Lunch Recipients in the FM Metropolitan Area: October 2010

Area	Public school enrollment		
	Total	Receiving free or reduced price lunch	
		Number	Percent
Cass County, ND	21,561	5,623	26%
Clay County, MN	8,773	2,879	33%
FM Metro Area	30,334	8,502	28%

Source: North Dakota Department of Public Instruction and the Minnesota Department of Education

Free and Reduced Price Lunch Recipients in the FM Metropolitan Area: October 2000 to October 2010

Area	Percent of public school students receiving free or reduced price lunch in October of:										
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Cass County, ND	17%	18%	18%	18%	19%	21%	22%	22%	23%	26%	26%
Clay County, MN	28%	28%	27%	27%	26%	27%	28%	28%	28%	30%	33%
FM Metro Area	21%	20%	21%	21%	21%	23%	23%	24%	25%	27%	28%

Source: North Dakota Department of Public Instruction and the Minnesota Department of Education

Q: What percentage of children in the metro area are abused and neglected?

A: For every 1,000 youth in the FM Metropolitan Area, 5.8 were involved in situations where abuse or neglect was substantiated and services were required in 2009.

Child Victims of Abuse and Neglect in the FM Metropolitan Area: 2009

Area	Children ages 0-17		
	Total	Abused and/or neglected	
		Number	Rate per 1,000 children
Cass County, ND	31,914	24	1.9
Clay County, MN	12,878	237	7.4
FM Metro Area	44,792	261	5.8

Source: The Annie E. Casey Foundation, KIDS COUNT Data Center website, Data by State