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**Table 1. Demographics**

DEMOGRAPHICS	Eureka, SD		McPherson County, SD					
	Census		Census		Projections			
	1990	2000	1990	2000	2005	2010	2015	2020
Total Population	1,204	1,096	3,228	2,904				
AGE:								
Ages 0 to 19	199	184	783	685				
Percent of Total Population	16.5	16.8	24.3	23.6				
Ages 65 and Older	524	501	889	850				
Percent of Total Population	43.5	45.7	27.5	29.3				
RACE*								
White	1,200	1,081	3,224	2,889				
Percent of Total Population	99.7	98.6	99.9	99.5				
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	11	0	11				
Percent of Total Population	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.4				
Asian/Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	4	0	4	0				
Percent of Total Population	0.3	0.0	0.1	0.0				
Other	0	0	0	0				
Percent of Total Population	0.0	0.0	0.0	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](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 Eureka city has decreased approximately 10 percent over the past decade, as has the overall population of McPherson County.
- Though the number of residents at least 65 years of age has declined between 1990 and 2000, proportions have risen slightly. Approximately 46 percent of the population in Eureka city and 29 percent of the population in McPherson County are at least 65 years of age.
- The racial mix of residents in Eureka city and McPherson County remains predominately white. Over the last decade there has been little change in racial diversity.

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**Table 2. Housing**

HOUSING	Eureka, SD				McPherson County, SD			
	1990		2000		1990		2000	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total Housing Units	640	100.0	623	100.0	1,566	100.0	1,465	100.0
Occupied Housing Units	553	100.0	528	100.0	1,332	100.0	1,227	100.0
Owner-Occupied Housing Units	459	83.0	425	80.5	1,083	81.3	1,021	83.2
Renter-Occupied Housing Units	94	17.0	103	19.5	249	18.7	206	16.8
Vacant Housing Units	89	100.0	95	100.0	234	100.0	238	100.0
For Rent	29	32.6	14	14.7	52	22.2	27	11.3
For Sale Only	15	16.9	19	20.0	28	12.0	31	13.0
Rented or Sold, Not Occupied	29	32.6	12	12.6	47	20.1	25	10.5
For Seasonal, Recreational, or Occasional Use	3	3.4	40	42.1	15	6.4	61	25.6
For Migrant Workers	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Other Vacant	13	14.6	10	10.5	92	39.3	94	39.5
Median Value for Specified Owner-Occupied Housing Units (Dollars)	\$14,999		\$19,800		\$14,999		\$20,100	
Median Year Housing Structure Built (All Housing Units)	1953		1947		1950		1946	
Median Price Asked for Specified Vacant-for-sale-only Housing Units (Dollars)								

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 Eureka city and McPherson County declined slightly during the past decade.
- Owner-occupied housing accounts for roughly four out of five housing units in Eureka city and McPherson County.
- While the number and proportion of vacant housing units for rent in Eureka city and McPherson County have declined, the number and proportion of seasonal vacancies has increased. The overall number and proportion of vacant housing units have risen slightly.
- The median value of an owner-occupied home in 2000 is very similar in Eureka city, at \$19,800, and in McPherson County, at \$20,100.
- Half of all housing units in Eureka city and McPherson County were built before 1946.

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**Table 3. Income and Poverty**

INCOME AND POVERTY	Eureka, SD		McPherson County, SD	
	1990	2000	1990	2000
Median Household Income (Dollars)	\$14,483	\$19,826	\$15,345	\$22,380
Per Capita Personal Income (Dollars)	\$8,247	\$13,379	\$8,790	\$12,748
Persons in Poverty	172	162	680	640
Percent of Persons in Poverty	15.0	15.9	21.5	22.6
Persons Ages 0 to 17 in Poverty	22	12	184	165
Percent of Persons 0 to 17 in Poverty	11.6	7.7	25.0	26.1
Persons Ages 65 and Older in Poverty	116	100	219	175
Percent of Persons Ages 65 and Older in Poverty	24.7	22.7	26.3	22.2

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/>>.

- Median household income levels for Eureka city were slightly lower than McPherson County in 2000. Per capita personal income for both in 2000 was roughly \$13,000, compared with a statewide average of \$17,562.
- While the number of persons living in poverty decreased in both Eureka City and McPherson County between 1990 and 2000, the proportions they comprise of the overall population increased slightly.
- Eureka city and McPherson County both experienced a decrease in the number and proportion of elderly poor over the past decade.

**Table 4. Spiritual**

SPIRITUAL	Eureka, SD		McPherson County, SD	
	1990	2000	1990	2000
Number of Churches, Synagogues, Mosques, Temples			16	15
Full-Time Members			2,160	1,849
Number of Attendees				727

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 McPherson County declined by one over the last decade, and the number of full-time members declined as well. These declines reflect population losses in the county over the past decade.

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**Table 5. Health**

HEALTH	McPherson County, SD		
	2000	2001	2002
Total Births	26	22	37
Birth Rate (Births Per 1,000 Persons)	9.00	7.60	12.70
Births to Teenage Mothers			
Total Deaths			35
Death Rate (Deaths Per 1,000 Persons)			12.10
Deaths Due to Suicide			
Deaths Due to Cancer	10	10	9
Deaths Due to Heart Disease	27	12	16
Foster Care Placements			
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/>>.

- McPherson County reported a total of 37 births in 2002, a rate of 12.7 births per 1,000 persons. This rate is up from 7.6 in 2001 and 9.0 in 2000. There were 35 total deaths in McPherson County in 2002. Total deaths for previous years were not available. Major contributors to death are heart disease and cancer.

**Table 6. Labor Force**

LABOR FORCE	Eureka, SD		McPherson County, SD	
	1990	2000	1990	2000
Persons 16 Years and Older	1,037	947	2,590	2,337
In Labor Force	471	444	1,397	1,217
Civilian Employed	460	435	1,371	1,190
Civilian Unemployed	11	9	26	27
Unemployed as Percent of Civilian Labor Force	2.3	2.0	1.9	2.2
Not in Labor Force	566	503	1,193	1,120

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 declined by 6 percent in Eureka city and 13 percent in McPherson County in the last decade.
- The unemployment rate changed little in the last decade in Eureka city and McPherson County.

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

EMPLOYMENT BY GENDER AND INDUSTRY	Eureka, SD				McPherson County, SD			
	1990		2000		1990		2000	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total Employment of Persons 16 Years and Older	460	100.0	435	100.0	1,371	100.0	1,190	100.0
Females	223	48.5	206	47.4	560	40.8	526	44.2
Males	237	51.5	229	52.6	811	59.2	664	55.8
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting, and Mining	51	11.1	33	7.6	471	34.4	360	30.3
Manufacturing	21	4.6	32	7.4	57	4.2	71	6.0
Services	192	41.7	183	42.1	346	25.2	399	33.5

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 gone down in Eureka city and McPherson County in the last decade. More than half of employed persons in the city and county are male.
- In Eureka, 42 percent of employed persons were employed in the service sector in 1990. This proportion remained unchanged in 2000. However, the proportion of employed persons working in the service sector in McPherson County increased from 25 percent in 1990 to 34 percent in 2000.

**Table 8. Educational Attainment**

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT	Eureka, SD				McPherson County, SD			
	1990		2000		1990		2000	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Persons 25 Years and Older	978	100.0	886	100.0	2,352	100.0	2,128	100.0
Less Than 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade	528	54.0	351	39.6	1,112	47.3	732	34.4
9 <sup>th</sup> to 12 <sup>th</sup> Grade, No Diploma	35	3.6	68	7.7	159	6.8	144	6.8
High School Graduate (Includes Equivalency)	153	15.6	221	24.9	456	19.4	586	27.5
Some College, No Degree	92	9.4	129	14.6	264	11.2	329	15.5
Associate Degree	72	7.4	30	3.4	125	5.3	110	5.2
Bachelor's Degree	68	7.0	63	7.1	175	7.4	174	8.2
Graduate or Professional Degree	30	3.1	24	2.7	61	2.6	53	2.5

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 over the age of 25 in Eureka city and McPherson County who did not graduate from high school declined to less than half of all residents over the age of 25 in 2000.
- The proportion of persons in Eureka who have, at most, a high school diploma increased from 16 percent in 1990 to 25 percent in 2000. A similar trend was observed in McPherson County over the past decade.

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

ENROLLMENT BY GRADE LEVEL AND RACE/HISPANIC ORIGIN	Eureka, SD School District		
	2000-2001	2001-2002	2002-2003
Total K-12 Enrollment	257	257	241
K-8	170	165	
9-12	87	92	
K-12 Enrollment by Race/Hispanic Origin:			
White			
Black			
American Indian			
Asian/Pacific Islander			
Hispanic Origin			
High School Graduates	16	21	21
High School Dropouts	0	0	0
Student/Teacher Ratio	11.5	11.1	10.9
Percent of Students Meeting Proficiency Cutpoints in Reading			
Percent of Students Meeting Proficiency Cutpoints in Math			

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.shtml>>; 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>>.

- Eureka school district enrollment remained unchanged between 2000-01 and 2001-02, but experienced a 6 percent loss in 2002-03. The number of high school graduates varies with class size but was relatively stable over the past three years. There were no high school dropouts between 2001-02 and 2002-03.