

Grant County Communities in North Dakota - Understanding the Community in Which We Live

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Table 1. Demographic Characteristics

Demographics	Carson-Elgin-New Leipzig		Grant County					
	1990	2000	1990	2000	Projections			
					2005	2010	2015	2020
Total population	1,478	1,255	3,549	2,841	2,531	2,318	2,104	1,890
AGE								
Ages 0 to 19	321	279	1,014	723	596	505	462	418
% of total population	21.7	22.2	28.6	25.4	23.5	21.8	22.0	22.1
Ages 65 and Older	508	431	754	695	673	707	735	745
% of total population	34.4	34.3	21.2	24.5	26.6	30.5	34.9	39.4
RACE*								
White	1,448	1,221	3,498	2,753				
% of total population	98.0	97.3	98.6	96.9				
Black	0	0	1	0				
% of total population	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0				
American Indian or Alaska Native	30	12	50	38				
% of total population	2.0	1.0	1.4	1.3				
Asian, Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	0	0	0	9				
% of total population	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3				
Other	0	13	0	13				
% of total population	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.5				
Two or more races	-	9	-	28				
ETHNICITY								
Hispanic Origin of any race	0	13	7	13				
% of total population	0.0	1.0	0.2	0.5				

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 combined communities of Carson, Elgin, and New Leipzig and Grant County experienced a decline in population between 1990 and 2000.
- Population projections for Grant County indicate that population declines are likely to continue over the next two decades.
- The combined communities of Carson, Elgin, and New Leipzig experienced a slight increase in the proportion of youth under 20 years of age and little change in the proportion of elderly ages 65 and older between 1990 and 2000. Conversely, Grant County experienced a decline in the proportion of youth and an increase in the proportion of elderly. Projections for Grant County indicate that this loss of youth and gain in elderly will likely continue over the next couple decades.
- There was little change in the racial diversity of both the combined communities of Carson, Elgin, and New Leipzig and Grant County between 1990 and 2000; nearly all residents were white.

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Table 2. Housing Characteristics

Housing	Carson-Elgin-New Leipzig				Grant County			
	1990		2000		1990		2000	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total housing units	823	100.0	733	100.0	2,011	100.0	1,722	100.0
Occupied housing units	692	84.1	611	83.4	1,374	68.3	1,195	69.4
Owner-occupied housing units	522	63.4	459	62.6	1,118	55.6	951	55.2
Renter-occupied housing units	170	20.7	152	20.7	256	12.7	244	14.2
Vacant housing units	132	16.0	122	16.6	637	31.7	527	30.6
For rent	46	5.6	29	4.0	50	2.5	36	2.1
For sale only	21	2.6	31	4.2	28	1.4	60	3.5
Rented or sold, not occupied	7	0.9	11	1.5	15	0.7	13	0.8
For seasonal or recreational use	5	0.6	8	1.1	264	13.1	305	17.7
For migrant workers	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	0.1	0	0.0
Other vacant	53	6.4	43	5.9	278	13.8	113	6.6
Median value for specified owner-occupied housing units (2000 inflation adjusted dollars)	\$33,685		\$22,833		\$31,752		\$23,500	
Median year housing structure built (all housing units)	1963		1963		1960		1961	
Median price asked for specified vacant-for-sale-only housing units (dollars)	NA		NA		NA		\$10,000-	

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/>.

- Both the combined communities of Carson, Elgin, and New Leipzig and Grant County experienced a decline in the total number of housing units between 1990 and 2000. In 2000, 55 percent of housing units in Grant County and 63 percent in the combined communities were owner-occupied.
- The number of vacant housing units declined in both the combined communities of Carson, Elgin, and New Leipzig and Grant County between 1990 and 2000. In 2000, vacant housing comprised 17 percent of all housing in the combined communities and 31 percent in Grant County.
- In 2000, the median value of an owner-occupied home in the combined communities of Carson, Elgin, and New Leipzig was \$22,833, compared to \$23,500 in Grant County. These 2000 values were actually lower than the 1990 median values after adjusting for inflation.
- In 2000, half of all housing units in the combined communities of Carson, Elgin, and New Leipzig were built before 1963; half of all housing units in Grant County were built before 1961.

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Table 3. Income and Poverty Characteristics

Income and Poverty	Carson-Elgin-New Leipzig		Grant County	
	1990	2000	1990	2000
Median household income (2000 inflation adjusted dollars)	\$18,457	\$24,211	\$22,883	\$23,165
Per capita income (2000 inflation adjusted dollars)	\$12,021	\$15,355	\$11,213	\$14,616
Persons for whom poverty is determined	1,439	1,202	3,510	2,784
Living below poverty	322	181	860	565
% of all persons	22.4	15.1	24.5	20.3
Ages 0 to 17 below poverty	60	46	290	194
% of all persons below poverty	18.6	25.4	33.7	34.3
Ages 65 and older below poverty	150	68	180	134
% of all persons below poverty	46.6	37.6	20.9	23.7

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 combined communities of Carson, Elgin, and New Leipzig was \$24,211 in 2000, compared to \$23,165 in Grant County. When the 1990 median values are adjusted for inflation, the 2000 median household incomes represent an increase in purchasing power for both the combined communities of Carson, Elgin, and New Leipzig and Grant County.
- The number and proportion of residents living below poverty declined in both the combined communities of Carson, Elgin, and New Leipzig and Grant County between 1990 and 2000. Nonetheless, 15 percent of residents in the combined communities and 20 percent in Grant County were impoverished in 2000.
- The number of both impoverished children and impoverished elderly declined in both the combined communities of Carson, Elgin, and New Leipzig and Grant County between 1990 and 2000. In 2000, children comprised 34 percent of all impoverished residents in Grant County and 25 percent in the combined communities of Carson, Elgin, and New Leipzig. Elderly comprised 24 percent of all impoverished residents in Grant County and 38 percent in the combined communities in 2000.

Table 4. Religious Congregation and Membership Characteristics

Religion	Carson-Elgin-New Leipzig		Grant County	
	1990	2000	1990	2000
Number of churches, synagogues, mosques, and temples	NA	NA	21	21
Full-time members	NA	NA	1,706	1,425
Number of attendees	NA	NA	NA	756

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 Grant County remained the same between 1990 and 2000 while the number of full-time members declined. The decline 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	Grant County			
	2002	2003	2004	2005
Total resident births	14	10	17	20
Birth rate (births per 1,000 persons)	4.93	3.52	5.98	7.04
Births to teenage mothers	0	0	0	NR
Total resident deaths	48	33	36	39
Death rate (deaths per 1,000 persons)	16.90	11.62	12.67	13.73
Deaths due to suicide	NR	0	0	0
Deaths due to cancer	14	9	8	6
Deaths due to heart disease	12	11	8	12
Foster care placements	11	5	10	7

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.

- Grant County reported 20 births in 2005, a rate of 7.04 per 1,000 persons. This rate was up from 4.93 in 2002.
- The number of deaths occurring in Grant County totaled 39 in 2005, down from 48 in 2002. Major contributors to death were heart disease and cancer.
- In 2005, the number of foster care placements in Grant County totaled seven, down from 11 in 2002.

Table 6. Labor Force Characteristics

Labor Force	Carson-Elgin-New Leipzig		Grant County	
	1990	2000	1990	2000
Persons 16 years and older	1,226	1,012	2,719	2,293
In the labor force	537	510	1,562	1,286
Armed Forces	0	0	0	0
Civilian employed	515	490	1,508	1,256
Civilian unemployed	22	20	54	30
Unemployment rate (unemployed as a % of civilian labor force)	4.1	3.9	3.5	2.3
Not in the labor force	689	502	1,157	1,007

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 combined communities of Carson, Elgin, and New Leipzig and Grant County experienced a decline in the labor force between 1990 and 2000.
- There was little change in the unemployment rate for both the combined communities of Carson, Elgin, and New Leipzig and Grant County between 1990 and 2000.

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Table 7. Employment Characteristics

Employment	Carson-Elgin-New Leipzig				Grant County			
	1990		2000		1990		2000	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total employed (in civilian labor force)	515	100.0	490	100.0	1,508	100.0	1,256	100.0
GENDER								
Females	237	46.0	242	49.4	574	38.1	567	45.1
Males	278	54.0	248	50.6	934	61.9	689	54.9
INDUSTRY								
Agriculture, forestry, mining	104	20.2	52	10.6	834	55.3	421	33.5
Manufacturing	6	1.2	18	3.7	8	0.5	39	3.1
Retail Trade	96	18.6	62	12.7	114	7.6	111	8.8
Services	186	36.1	219	44.7	346	22.9	429	34.2
Other	123	23.9	139	28.4	206	13.7	256	20.4

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 declined for both the combined communities of Carson, Elgin, and New Leipzig and Grant County between 1990 and 2000.
- The percentage of employed that was female increased for both the combined communities of Carson, Elgin, and New Leipzig and Grant County between 1990 and 2000. In 2000, females comprised 49 percent of all employed in the combined communities of Carson, Elgin, and New Leipzig and 45 percent of all employed in Grant County.
- Both the combined communities of Carson, Elgin, and New Leipzig and Grant County experienced growth in manufacturing and service industry employment, and a decline in agricultural employment between 1990 and 2000. In 2000, the service sector was the largest industry in the combined communities, employing 45 percent of all workers. In Grant County, the agriculture and service sectors were the two largest industries in 2000, each employing 34 percent of workers.

Table 8. Educational Attainment Characteristics

Educational Attainment	Carson-Elgin-New Leipzig				Grant County			
	1990		2000		1990		2000	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Persons 25 years and older	1,122	100.0	937	100.0	2,454	100.0	2,044	100.0
Less than High School	548	48.8	303	32.3	917	37.4	544	26.6
Less than 9th grade	426	38.0	240	25.6	653	26.6	374	18.3
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	122	10.9	63	6.7	264	10.8	170	8.3
High school graduate (or equivalency)	276	24.6	288	30.7	766	31.2	677	33.1
Some college, no degree	133	11.9	194	20.7	381	15.5	463	22.7
College degree	165	14.7	152	16.2	390	15.9	360	17.6
Associate degree	75	6.7	55	5.9	171	7.0	132	6.5
Bachelor's degree	58	5.2	82	8.8	163	6.6	183	9.0
Graduate or professional degree	32	2.9	15	1.6	56	2.3	45	2.2

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 combined communities of Carson, Elgin, and New Leipzig and Grant County, the proportion of persons ages 25 and older with some college education but no degree and the proportion with a college degree increased between 1990 and 2000.

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Table 9. School District Characteristics

Enrollment, Achievement, and Proficiency	Roosevelt Public School District and Elgin-New Leipzig Public School District			
	2001-2002	2002-2003	2003-2004	2004-2005
Total K-12 enrollment	397	368	355	320
GRADE				
Kindergarten to 6th grade	181	165	175	152
7th to 8th grade	59	58	47	58
9th to 12th grade	157	145	133	110
RACE*				
% White	88.2	89.1	90.4	92.5
% Black	0.0	0.8	0.5	0.9
% American Indian	8.1	5.5	5.6	4.0
% Asian	1.2	1.3	1.4	0.9
% Hispanic	2.5	3.2	2.0	1.6
High school graduation rate	100.0	100.0	100.0	96.9
High school dropouts	0	0	1	NA
Student to classroom teacher ratio	11.5	11.1	10.6	13.1
% of students who scored at the proficient or advanced achievement level in reading	57.4	66.4	59.1	64.5
% of students who scored at the proficient or advanced achievement level in math	41.9	45.8	43.0	61.3

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 combined districts of Roosevelt Public School District and Elgin-New Leipzig Public School District declined over the past few years, from 397 students in 2001-2002 to 320 students in 2004-2005.
- In 2004-2005, 65 percent of students in the combined districts of Roosevelt Public School District and Elgin-New Leipzig Public School District were proficient or advanced in reading, up from 57 percent in 2001-2002. In addition, 61 percent of students were proficient or advanced in math in 2004-2005, up from 42 percent in 2001-2002.