

## Harvey, North Dakota - Understanding the Community in Which We Live

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**Table 1. Demographic Characteristics**

Demographics	Harvey		Wells County					
	1990	2000	1990	2000	Projections			
					2005	2010	2015	2020
Total population	2,259	1,985	5,864	5,102	4,783	4,593	4,364	4,094
AGE								
Ages 0 to 19	548	406	1,527	1,274	1,099	911	815	760
% of total population	24.3	20.5	26.0	25.0	23.0	19.8	18.7	18.6
Ages 65 and Older	661	643	1,412	1,329	1,300	1,376	1,427	1,491
% of total population	29.3	32.4	24.1	26.0	27.2	30.0	32.7	36.4
RACE*								
White	2,255	1,960	5,838	5,036				
% of total population	99.8	98.7	99.6	98.7				
Black	0	10	4	22				
% of total population	0.0	0.5	0.1	0.4				
American Indian or Alaska Native	0	12	6	35				
% of total population	0.0	0.6	0.1	0.7				
Asian, Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	0	3	10	3				
% of total population	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.1				
Other	4	0	6	0				
% of total population	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.0				
Two or more races	-	0	-	6				
ETHNICITY								
Hispanic Origin of any race	4	4	6	10				
% of total population	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2				

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 city of Harvey and Wells County experienced a modest decline in population between 1990 and 2000.
- Population projections for Wells County indicate that population declines are likely to continue over the next two decades.
- The city of Harvey and Wells County experienced a decline in the proportion of youth under 20 years of age and an increase in the proportion of elderly ages 65 and older between 1990 and 2000. Projections for Wells County indicate that these trends will likely continue for the next couple decades.
- There was little change in the racial diversity of Harvey and Wells County between 1990 and 2000; nearly all residents were white in 2000.

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**Table 2. Housing Characteristics**

Housing	Harvey				Wells County			
	1990		2000		1990		2000	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total housing units	1,053	100.0	1,057	100.0	2,869	100.0	2,643	100.0
Occupied housing units	964	91.5	927	87.7	2,406	83.9	2,215	83.8
Owner-occupied housing units	637	60.5	641	60.6	1,797	62.6	1,695	64.1
Renter-occupied housing units	327	31.1	286	27.1	609	21.2	520	19.7
Vacant housing units	90	8.5	130	12.3	463	16.1	428	16.2
For rent	38	3.6	68	6.4	70	2.4	79	3.0
For sale only	28	2.7	44	4.2	71	2.5	121	4.6
Rented or sold, not occupied	3	0.3	0	0.0	12	0.4	26	1.0
For seasonal or recreational use	1	0.1	18	1.7	38	1.3	108	4.1
For migrant workers	0	0.0	0	0.0	3	0.1	0	0.0
Other vacant	20	1.9	0	0.0	269	9.4	94	3.6
Median value for specified owner-occupied housing units (2000 inflation adjusted dollars)	\$49,407		\$52,200		\$37,418		\$38,700	
Median year housing structure built (all housing units)	1966		1966		1957		1960	
Median price asked for specified vacant-for-sale-only housing units (dollars)	NA		\$14,600		NA		\$10,300	

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/>.

- While the city of Harvey experienced little change in the total number of housing units between 1990 and 2000, Wells County experienced a decline in housing. In 2000, 64 percent of housing units in Wells County and 61 percent in Harvey were owner-occupied.
- The number of vacant housing units increased in the city of Harvey and declined slightly in Wells County between 1990 and 2000. In 2000, vacant housing comprised 12 percent of all housing in Harvey and 16 percent in Wells County.
- In 2000, the median value of an owner-occupied home in the city of Harvey was \$52,200, compared to \$38,700 in Wells County.
- In 2000, half of all housing units in the city of Harvey were built before 1966; half of all housing units in Wells County were built before 1960.

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**Table 3. Income and Poverty Characteristics**

Income and Poverty	Harvey		Wells County	
	1990	2000	1990	2000
Median household income (2000 inflation adjusted dollars)	\$24,283	\$33,017	\$24,464	\$31,894
Per capita income (2000 inflation adjusted dollars)	\$14,014	\$21,477	\$13,119	\$17,932
Persons for whom poverty is determined	2,133	1,882	5,738	4,992
Living below poverty	288	226	1,035	673
% of all persons	13.5	12.0	18.0	13.5
Ages 0 to 17 below poverty	85	31	322	129
% of all persons below poverty	29.5	13.7	31.1	19.2
Ages 65 and older below poverty	127	133	260	221
% of all persons below poverty	44.1	58.8	25.1	32.8

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 city of Harvey was \$33,017 in 2000, compared to \$31,894 in Wells County. When the 1990 median values are adjusted for inflation, the 2000 median household incomes represent an increase in purchasing power for the city of Harvey and Wells County.
- While the proportion of residents living below poverty remained relatively unchanged in the city of Harvey between 1990 and 2000, the proportion of impoverished residents declined in Wells County. In 2000, 12 percent of residents in Harvey and 14 percent in Wells County were impoverished.
- The number of impoverished children declined in both the city of Harvey and Wells County between 1990 and 2000. At the same time, the number of impoverished elderly increased slightly in Harvey and declined in Wells County. In 2000, children comprised 19 percent of all impoverished residents in Wells County and 14 percent in Harvey. Elderly comprised 33 percent of all impoverished residents in Wells County and 59 percent in Harvey in 2000.

**Table 4. Religious Congregation and Membership Characteristics**

Religion	Harvey		Wells County	
	1990	2000	1990	2000
Number of churches, synagogues, mosques, and temples	NA	NA	38	30
Full-time members	NA	NA	2,793	2,224
Number of attendees	NA	NA	NA	989

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 Wells County declined by eight between 1990 and 2000 and the number of full-time members declined as well. These declines 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	Wells County			
	2002	2003	2004	2005
Total resident births	39	32	33	35
Birth rate (births per 1,000 persons)	7.64	6.27	6.47	6.86
Births to teenage mothers	NR	NR	NR	NR
Total resident deaths	72	79	56	52
Death rate (deaths per 1,000 persons)	14.11	15.48	10.98	10.19
Deaths due to suicide	NR	NR	0	0
Deaths due to cancer	17	20	9	12
Deaths due to heart disease	20	24	16	17
Foster care placements	16	7	9	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.

- Wells County reported 35 births in 2005, a rate of 6.86 per 1,000 persons. This rate was up from 6.47 in 2004, but down from 7.64 in 2002.
- The number of reported deaths in Wells County totaled 52 in 2005, down from 79 in 2003. Major contributors to death were heart disease and cancer.
- In 2005, the number of foster care placements in Wells County was seven, down from 16 in 2002.

**Table 6. Labor Force Characteristics**

Labor Force	Harvey		Wells County	
	1990	2000	1990	2000
Persons 16 years and older	1,810	1,653	4,574	4,106
In the labor force	951	891	2,430	2,296
Armed Forces	3	0	3	0
Civilian employed	930	844	2,332	2,159
Civilian unemployed	18	47	95	137
Unemployment rate (unemployed as a % of civilian labor force)	1.9	5.3	3.9	6.0
Not in the labor force	859	762	2,144	1,810

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 city of Harvey and Wells County experienced a decline in the labor force between 1990 and 2000.
- The unemployment rate increased for both the city of Harvey and Wells County between 1990 and 2000.

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**Table 7. Employment Characteristics**

Employment	Harvey				Wells County			
	1990		2000		1990		2000	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total employed (in civilian labor force)	930	100.0	844	100.0	2,332	100.0	2,159	100.0
GENDER								
Females	428	46.0	415	49.2	1,007	43.2	995	46.1
Males	502	54.0	429	50.8	1,325	56.8	1,164	53.9
INDUSTRY								
Agriculture, forestry, mining	78	8.4	47	5.6	584	25.0	392	18.2
Manufacturing	14	1.5	3	0.4	42	1.8	63	2.9
Retail Trade	217	23.3	92	10.9	348	14.9	242	11.2
Services	364	39.1	428	50.7	789	33.8	880	40.8
Other	257	27.6	274	32.5	569	24.4	582	27.0

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/>.

- Total employment declined for both the city of Harvey and Wells County between 1990 to 2000.
- The percentage of employment that was female increased between 1990 to 2000 for both the city of Harvey and Wells County. In 2000, females comprised 49 percent of all employed in the city of Harvey and 46 percent in Wells County.
- In both the city of Harvey and Wells County, service industry employment increased between 1990 and 2000 and agricultural and retail trade employment declined. In 2000, the service sector was the largest industry in both areas, employing 51 percent of all workers in Harvey and 41 percent in Wells County.

**Table 8. Educational Attainment Characteristics**

Educational Attainment	Harvey				Wells County			
	1990		2000		1990		2000	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Persons 25 years and older	1,646	100.0	1,511	100.0	4,173	100.0	3,715	100.0
Less than High School								
Less than 9th grade	531	32.3	338	22.4	1,087	26.0	592	15.9
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	153	9.3	167	11.1	448	10.7	427	11.5
High school graduate (or equivalency)	442	26.9	434	28.7	1,199	28.7	1,148	30.9
Some college, no degree	243	14.8	304	20.1	642	15.4	805	21.7
College degree	277	16.8	268	17.7	797	19.1	743	20.0
Associate degree	91	5.5	62	4.1	324	7.8	234	6.3
Bachelor's degree	129	7.8	164	10.9	379	9.1	411	11.1
Graduate or professional degree	57	3.5	42	2.8	94	2.3	98	2.6

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/>.

- Both the city of Harvey and Wells County experienced an increase in the proportion of persons ages 25 and older with some college education but no degree between 1990 and 2000.

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**Table 9. School District Characteristics**

Enrollment, Achievement, and Proficiency	Harvey Public School District			
	2001-2002	2002-2003	2003-2004	2004-2005
Total K-12 enrollment	533	517	490	448
GRADE				
Kindergarten to 6th grade	238	233	206	177
7th to 8th grade	99	84	84	84
9th to 12th grade	196	200	200	187
RACE*				
% White	98.1	98.7	98.6	97.8
% Black	0.2	0.2	0.8	0.2
% American Indian	0.7	0.4	0.4	0.7
% Asian	0.6	0.4	0.2	0.4
% Hispanic	0.4	0.4	0.0	0.9
High school graduation rate	93.8	100.0	97.7	93.3
High school dropouts	1	0	1	0
Student to classroom teacher ratio	17.8	16.8	16.9	16.8
% of students who scored at the proficient or advanced achievement level in reading	69.0	65.5	69.0	77.3
% of students who scored at the proficient or advanced achievement level in math	43.3	39.1	44.7	67.0

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 Harvey Public School District declined over the past few years, from 533 students in 2001-2002 to 448 students in 2004-2005.
- In 2004-2005, 77 percent of students in the Harvey Public School District were proficient or advanced in reading, up from 69 percent in 2001-2002. In addition, 67 percent of students were proficient or advanced in math in 2004-2005, up from 43 percent in 2001-2002.