

Linton, North Dakota - Understanding the Community in Which We Live

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Table 1. Demographic Characteristics

Demographics	Linton		Emmons County					
	1990	2000	1990	2000	Projections			
					2005	2010	2015	2020
Total population	1,414	1,311	4,830	4,331	4,187	4,105	3,925	3,710
AGE								
Ages 0 to 19	362	296	1,350	1,127	1,076	963	854	795
% of total population	25.6	22.6	28.0	26.0	25.7	23.5	21.8	21.4
Ages 65 and Older	379	412	1,034	1,107	1,160	1,275	1,372	1,414
% of total population	26.8	31.4	21.4	25.6	27.7	31.1	35.0	38.1
RACE*								
White	1,414	1,309	4,820	4,316				
% of total population	100.0	99.8	99.8	99.7				
Black	0	0	0	2				
% of total population	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0				
American Indian or Alaska Native	0	2	10	4				
% of total population	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.1				
Asian, Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	0	0	0	2				
% of total population	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0				
Other	0	0	0	3				
% of total population	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1				
Two or more races	-	0	-	4				
ETHNICITY								
Hispanic Origin of any race	0	10	9	41				
% of total population	0.0	0.8	0.2	0.9				

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 Linton and Emmons County experienced a modest decline in population between 1990 and 2000.
- Population projections for Emmons County indicate that population declines are likely to continue over the next two decades.
- The city of Linton and Emmons 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 Emmons County indicate that these trends will likely continue for the next couple decades.
- There was little change in the racial diversity in the city of Linton and Emmons County between 1990 and 2000; nearly all residents were white.

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Table 2. Housing Characteristics

Housing	Linton				Emmons County			
	1990		2000		1990		2000	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total housing units	671	100.0	696	100.0	2,200	100.0	2,168	100.0
Occupied housing units	618	92.1	611	87.8	1,849	84.0	1,786	82.4
Owner-occupied housing units	488	72.7	474	68.1	1,520	69.1	1,503	69.3
Renter-occupied housing units	130	19.4	137	19.7	329	15.0	283	13.1
Vacant housing units	55	8.2	85	12.2	351	16.0	382	17.6
For rent	15	2.2	22	3.2	25	1.1	33	1.5
For sale only	14	2.1	26	3.7	28	1.3	70	3.2
Rented or sold, not occupied	4	0.6	15	2.2	19	0.9	17	0.8
For seasonal or recreational use	0	0.0	13	1.9	37	1.7	189	8.7
For migrant workers	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Other vacant	22	3.3	9	1.3	242	11.0	73	3.4
Median value for specified owner-occupied housing units (2000 inflation adjusted dollars)	\$49,539		\$41,500		\$42,161		\$37,000	
Median year housing structure built (all housing units)	1960		1957		1950		1955	
Median price asked for specified vacant-for-sale-only housing units (dollars)	NA		\$10,000		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/>.

- The city of Linton experienced an increase in the total number of housing units between 1990 and 2000 and Emmons County experienced a decline in housing units. In 2000, 69 percent of housing units in Emmons County and 68 percent in Linton were owner-occupied.
- The number of vacant housing units increased in both the city of Linton and Emmons County between 1990 and 2000. In 2000, vacant housing comprised 12 percent of all housing in Linton and 18 percent in Emmons County.
- In 2000, the median value of an owner-occupied home in the city of Linton was \$41,500, compared to \$37,000 in Emmons County. These 2000 median values were actually lower than the 1990 median values after adjusting for inflation.
- In 2000, half of all housing units in the city of Linton were built before 1957; half of all housing units in Emmons County were built before 1955.

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Table 3. Income and Poverty Characteristics

Income and Poverty	Linton		Emmons County	
	1990	2000	1990	2000
Median household income (2000 inflation adjusted dollars)	\$22,926	\$25,750	\$22,256	\$26,119
Per capita income (2000 inflation adjusted dollars)	\$12,854	\$14,661	\$11,095	\$14,604
Persons for whom poverty is determined	1,414	1,309	4,761	4,249
Living below poverty	231	218	1,131	852
% of all persons	16.3	16.7	23.8	20.1
Ages 0 to 17 below poverty	46	41	353	249
% of all persons below poverty	19.9	18.8	31.2	29.2
Ages 65 and older below poverty	95	122	231	255
% of all persons below poverty	41.1	56.0	20.4	29.9

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 Linton was \$25,750 in 2000, compared to \$26,119 in Emmons County. When the 1990 median values are adjusted for inflation, the 2000 median household incomes represent an increase in purchasing power for both the city of Linton and Emmons County.
- The proportion of residents living below poverty changed little in the city of Linton and declined in Emmons County between 1990 and 2000. In 2000, 20 percent of residents in Emmons County and 17 percent in Linton were impoverished.
- The number of impoverished children declined in both Linton and Emmons County between 1990 and 2000. At the same time, the number of impoverished elderly increased in both areas. In 2000, children comprised 29 percent of all impoverished residents in Emmons County and 19 percent in Linton. Elderly comprised 30 percent of all impoverished residents in Emmons County and 56 percent in Linton in 2000.

Table 4. Religious Congregation and Membership Characteristics

Religion	Linton		Emmons County	
	1990	2000	1990	2000
Number of churches, synagogues, mosques, and temples	NA	NA	20	17
Full-time members	NA	NA	1,274	1,115
Number of attendees	NA	NA	NA	634

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 Emmons County declined by three 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	Emmons County			
	2002	2003	2004	2005
Total resident births	34	38	27	34
Birth rate (births per 1,000 persons)	7.85	8.77	6.23	7.85
Births to teenage mothers	0	0	NR	NR
Total resident deaths	48	39	52	62
Death rate (deaths per 1,000 persons)	11.08	9.00	12.01	14.32
Deaths due to suicide	NR	0	NR	0
Deaths due to cancer	12	6	10	14
Deaths due to heart disease	12	12	19	24
Foster care placements	1	0	0	1

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.

- Emmons County reported 34 births in 2005, a rate of 7.85 per 1,000 persons. This rate was up from 6.23 in 2004, but down from 8.77 in 2003.

- The number of deaths occurring in Emmons County totaled 62 in 2005, up from 39 in 2003. Major contributors to death were heart disease and cancer.

Table 6. Labor Force Characteristics

Labor Force	Linton		Emmons County	
	1990	2000	1990	2000
Persons 16 years and older	1,130	1,055	3,729	3,419
In the labor force	603	559	1,939	1,936
Armed Forces	0	0	0	2
Civilian employed	549	545	1,819	1,870
Civilian unemployed	54	14	120	64
Unemployment rate (unemployed as a % of civilian labor force)	9.0	2.5	6.2	3.3
Not in the labor force	527	496	1,790	1,483

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 city of Linton experienced a decline in the labor force between 1990 and 2000, while Emmons County saw little change.

- The unemployment rate declined for both the city of Linton and Emmons County between 1990 and 2000.

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Table 7. Employment Characteristics

Employment	Linton				Emmons County			
	1990		2000		1990		2000	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total employed (in civilian labor force)	549	100.0	545	100.0	1,819	100.0	1,870	100.0
GENDER								
Females	271	49.4	279	51.2	751	41.3	875	46.8
Males	278	50.6	266	48.8	1,068	58.7	995	53.2
INDUSTRY								
Agriculture, forestry, mining	41	7.5	30	5.5	605	33.3	524	28.0
Manufacturing	8	1.5	9	1.7	52	2.9	41	2.2
Retail Trade	129	23.5	52	9.5	213	11.7	142	7.6
Services	221	40.3	311	57.1	545	30.0	754	40.3
Other	150	27.3	143	26.2	404	22.2	409	21.9

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 remained steady for the city of Linton between 1990 and 2000 while Emmons County experienced an increase.
- Between 1990 and 2000, the percentage of employment that was female increased slightly for the city of Linton and increased more substantially for Emmons County. In 2000, females comprised 51 percent of all employed in the city of Linton and 47 percent of all employed in Emmons County.
- Both the city of Linton and Emmons County experienced growth in service industry employment between 1990 and 2000 and declines in agricultural and retail trade employment. In 2000, the service sector was the largest industry in both areas, employing 57 percent of workers in Linton and 40 percent of workers in Emmons County.

Table 8. Educational Attainment Characteristics

Educational Attainment	Linton				Emmons County			
	1990		2000		1990		2000	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Persons 25 years and older	1,007	100.0	985	100.0	3,317	100.0	3,125	100.0
Less than High School	466	46.3	371	37.7	1,418	42.7	1,066	34.1
Less than 9th grade	399	39.6	282	28.6	1,152	34.7	787	25.2
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	67	6.7	89	9.0	266	8.0	279	8.9
High school graduate (or equivalency)	250	24.8	255	25.9	1,027	31.0	936	30.0
Some college, no degree	136	13.5	170	17.3	392	11.8	578	18.5
College degree	155	15.4	189	19.2	480	14.5	545	17.4
Associate degree	41	4.1	41	4.2	180	5.4	162	5.2
Bachelor's degree	63	6.3	107	10.9	196	5.9	304	9.7
Graduate or professional degree	51	5.1	41	4.2	104	3.1	79	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/>.

- Both the city of Linton and Emmons County experienced increases in the number and proportion of persons ages 25 and older with some college but no degree and in the proportion with a college degree between 1990 and 2000.

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Table 9. School District Characteristics

Enrollment, Achievement, and Proficiency	Linton Public School District			
	2001-2002	2002-2003	2003-2004	2004-2005
Total K-12 enrollment	379	377	375	343
GRADE				
Kindergarten to 6th grade	198	200	192	174
7th to 8th grade	62	60	57	59
9th to 12th grade	119	117	126	110
RACE*				
% White	99.2	100.0	100.0	99.1
% Black	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
% American Indian	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.6
% Asian	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
% Hispanic	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.3
High school graduation rate	95.5	100.0	100.0	92.0
High school dropouts	0	0	3	3
Student to classroom teacher ratio	17.2	16.4	16.3	16.0
% of students who scored at the proficient or advanced achievement level in reading	67.8	76.9	68.2	72.9
% of students who scored at the proficient or advanced achievement level in math	62.5	46.2	57.6	77.9

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 Linton Public School District declined over the past few years, from 379 students in 2001-2002 to 343 students in 2004-2005.
- In 2004-2005, 73 percent of students in the Linton Public School District were proficient or advanced in reading, up from 68 percent in 2001-2002. In addition, 78 percent of students were proficient or advanced in math in 2004-2005, up from 63 percent in 2001-2002.