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**Table 1. Demographics**

DEMOGRAPHICS	Mott, ND		Hettinger County, ND					
	Census		Census		Projections			
	1990	2000	1990	2000	2005	2010	2015	2020
Total Population	1,019	820	3,445	2,715	2,432	2,228	2,046	1,877
AGE:								
Ages 0 to 19	233	196	963	679	558	446	416	399
Percent of Total Population	22.9	23.9	28.0	25.0	22.9	20.0	20.3	21.3
Ages 65 and Older	331	267	773	688	682	708	745	784
Percent of Total Population	32.5	32.6	22.4	25.3	28.0	31.8	36.4	41.8
RACE*								
White	1,019	818	3,429	2,690				
Percent of Total Population	100.0	99.8	99.5	99.1				
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	2	0	12				
Percent of Total Population	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.4				
Asian/Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0	0	14	2				
Percent of Total Population	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.1				
Other	0	0	2	3				
Percent of Total Population	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1				

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.

- Mott experienced a 20 percent loss in population from 1990 to 2000. Hettinger County experienced a similar decline over the same time period.
- Population projections indicate that current declines in population in Hettinger County are likely to continue.
- Approximately, 35 percent of persons in Hettinger County were age 65 and older in 2000. This proportion is projected to reach 42 percent by 2020.
- There has been little change in the racial diversity of Mott city and Hettinger County over the past decade. The racial mix in Mott city and Hettinger County remains predominantly white.

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**Table 2. Housing**

HOUSING	Mott, ND				Hettinger County, ND			
	1990		2000		1990		2000	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total Housing Units	506	100.0	438	100.0	1,637	100.0	1,419	100.0
Occupied Housing Units	430	100.0	362	100.0	1,341	100.0	1,152	100.0
Owner-Occupied Housing Units	330	76.7	293	80.9	1,100	82.0	971	84.3
Renter-Occupied Housing Units	100	23.3	69	19.1	241	18.0	181	15.7
Vacant Housing Units	76	100.0	76	100.0	296	100.0	267	100.0
For Rent	30	39.5	26	34.2	65	22.0	29	10.9
For Sale Only	27	35.5	10	13.2	49	16.6	35	13.1
Rented or Sold, Not Occupied	0	0.0	0	0.0	19	6.4	19	7.1
For Seasonal, Recreational, or Occasional Use	3	3.9	28	36.8	13	4.4	83	31.1
For Migrant Workers	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Other Vacant	16	21.1	12	15.8	150	50.7	101	37.8
Median Value for Specified Owner-Occupied Housing Units (Dollars)	\$21,100		\$24,900		\$24,700		\$30,300	
Median Year Housing Structure Built (All Housing Units)	1959		1954		1954		1951	
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 Mott city and Hettinger County declined 13 percent over the past decade.
- The proportion of owner-occupied housing units in Mott city and Hettinger County increased slightly from 1990 to 2000. Approximately 81 percent of housing units in Mott city and 84 percent in Hettinger County were owner-occupied in 2000.
- The number and proportion of vacant housing units in Mott city and Hettinger County have remained relatively stable over the past decade. However, the number and proportion of seasonal vacancies increased.
- The median value of an owner-occupied home was \$24,900 in Mott city compared to \$30,300 in Hettinger County in 2000.
- In 2000, half of housing units were built before 1954 in Mott city and before 1951 in Hettinger County.

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**Table 3. Income and Poverty**

INCOME AND POVERTY	Mott, ND		Hettinger County, ND	
	1990	2000	1990	2000
Median Household Income (Dollars)	\$16,600	\$27,583	\$19,601	\$29,209
Per Capita Personal Income (Dollars)	\$9,176	\$15,718	\$9,203	\$15,555
Persons in Poverty	210	105	627	393
Percent of Persons in Poverty	21.9	13.9	18.5	14.8
Persons Ages 0 to 17 in Poverty	78	39	220	134
Percent of Persons 0 to 17 in Poverty	34.4	21.5	24.1	21.2
Persons Ages 65 and Older in Poverty	49	29	96	76
Percent of Persons Ages 65 and Older in Poverty	17.6	13.6	13.3	12.0

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 in Mott city were slightly lower than Hettinger County in 2000. Slight gains in median household income and per capita personal income were made in Mott from 1990 to 2000. A similar trend was observed in Hettinger County over the same time period.
- Both Mott city and Hettinger County experienced a decline in the number and proportion of impoverished persons, children, and elderly between 1990 and 2000.

**Table 4. Spiritual**

SPIRITUAL	Mott, ND		Hettinger County, ND	
	1990	2000	1990	2000
Number of Churches, Synagogues, Mosques, Temples			17	15
Full-Time Members			1,395	1,093
Number of Attendees				493

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 Hettinger County declined by two over the past ten years and the number of full-time members declined as well. These declines reflect population loss in the county over the past 10 years.

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**Table 5. Health**

HEALTH	Hettinger County, ND		
	2000	2001	2002
Total Births	18	18	15
Birth Rate (Births Per 1,000 Persons)	6.63	6.63	5.52
Births to Teenage Mothers	0	NR	0
Total Deaths	40	44	32
Death Rate (Deaths Per 100,000 Persons)	1,473.30	1,620.63	1,178.64
Deaths Due to Suicide	0	0	0
Deaths Due to Cancer	13	7	9
Deaths Due to Heart Disease	11	10	8
Foster Care Placements	3	3	
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/>>. Note: NR indicates that data are not reported (event number may be less than 5).

- The number of births in Hettinger County remained unchanged at 18 in 2000 and 2001, a rate of 6.6 births per 1,000 persons. In 2002, total births declined to 15, or 5.5 births per 1,000 persons.
- The number of deaths occurring in the county decreased from 40 to 32 between 2000 and 2002. However, the expected rise in the number of elderly may increase the number of deaths over time. Not surprisingly, therefore, major contributors to death are heart disease and cancer.

**Table 6. Labor Force**

LABOR FORCE	Mott, ND		Hettinger County, ND	
	1990	2000	1990	2000
Persons 16 Years and Older	816	654	2,648	2,181
In Labor Force	413	337	1,470	1,200
Civilian Employed	403	319	1,429	1,137
Civilian Unemployed	7	16	38	58
Unemployed as Percent of Civilian Labor Force	1.7	4.8	2.6	4.9
Not in Labor Force	403	317	1,178	981

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 in Mott city and Hettinger County decreased by 18 percent over the past 10 years.
- Unemployment increased by nine people in Mott city and by 20 people in Hettinger County between 1990 and 2000.

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

EMPLOYMENT BY GENDER AND INDUSTRY	Mott, ND				Hettinger County, ND			
	1990		2000		1990		2000	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total Employment of Persons 16 Years and Older	403	100.0	319	100.0	1,429	100.0	1,137	100.0
Females	185	45.9	141	44.2	570	39.9	464	40.8
Males	218	54.1	178	55.8	859	60.1	673	59.2
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting, and Mining	74	18.4	52	16.3	524	36.7	374	32.9
Manufacturing	6	1.5	11	3.4	43	3.0	37	3.3
Services	141	35.0	136	42.6	392	27.4	360	31.7

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 decreased by approximately 20 percent in Mott city and Hettinger County over the past decade. Despite numeric declines, there has been little change in the proportion of employed persons who are female in Mott city and Hettinger County.

**Table 8. Educational Attainment**

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT	Mott, ND				Hettinger County, ND			
	1990		2000		1990		2000	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Persons 25 Years and Older	763	100.0	601	100.0	2,377	100.0	1,978	100.0
Less Than 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade	247	32.4	144	24.0	544	22.9	343	17.3
9 <sup>th</sup> to 12 <sup>th</sup> Grade, No Diploma	71	9.3	56	9.3	181	7.6	155	7.8
High School Graduate (Includes Equivalency)	185	24.2	151	25.1	756	31.8	645	32.6
Some College, No Degree	93	12.2	116	19.3	432	18.2	410	20.7
Associate Degree	47	6.2	37	6.2	175	7.4	141	7.1
Bachelor's Degree	104	13.6	87	14.5	252	10.6	246	12.4
Graduate or Professional Degree	16	2.1	10	1.7	37	1.6	38	1.9

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 Mott city and Hettinger County who did not graduate from high school has declined since 1990. In addition, by 2000, more than half of Mott city and Hettinger County residents had at least some college.

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

ENROLLMENT BY GRADE LEVEL AND RACE/HISPANIC ORIGIN	Mott, ND School District	Mott-Regent, ND School District	
	2000-2001	2001-2002	2002-2003
Total K-12 Enrollment	235	321	294
K-8	161	208	182
9-12	74	113	112
K-12 Enrollment by Race/Hispanic Origin:	235	321	294
White	234	317	294
Black	0	1	0
American Indian	0	1	0
Asian/Pacific Islander	0	1	0
Hispanic Origin	1	1	0
High School Graduation Rates	89.3	96.3	96.0
High School Dropouts		1	1
Student/Teacher Ratio	18.4	12.5	11.3
Percent of Students Meeting Proficiency Cutpoints in Reading		56.6	56.0
Percent of Students Meeting Proficiency Cutpoints in Math		34.7	33.4

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.shtm>>; 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>>.

- The Mott and Regent school districts merged prior to the 2001-2002 school year. The combined school district experienced a loss of 8 percent after the first year of operation.
- In spite of the natural fluctuation in high school graduation rates as a result of class size, the combined school district experienced a high graduation rate during its first two years of operation. The combined school district has experienced minimal dropouts during the same period of time.