

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

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Table 1. Demographic Characteristics

| Demographics | Rolette | | Rolette County | | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|---------|------|----------------|--------|-------------|--------|--------|--------|
| | 1990 | 2000 | 1990 | 2000 | Projections | | | |
| | | | | | 2005 | 2010 | 2015 | 2020 |
| Total population | 607 | 549 | 12,772 | 13,674 | 13,687 | 13,965 | 14,019 | 14,029 |
| AGE | | | | | | | | |
| Ages 0 to 19 | 117 | 136 | 5,269 | 5,450 | 5,069 | 4,651 | 4,304 | 4,149 |
| % of total population | 19.3 | 24.8 | 41.3 | 39.9 | 37.0 | 33.3 | 30.7 | 29.6 |
| Ages 65 and Older | 229 | 152 | 1,330 | 1,346 | 1,503 | 1,911 | 2,379 | 2,955 |
| % of total population | 37.7 | 27.7 | 10.4 | 9.8 | 11.0 | 13.7 | 17.0 | 21.1 |
| RACE* | | | | | | | | |
| White | 537 | 380 | 4,231 | 3,507 | | | | |
| % of total population | 88.5 | 69.2 | 33.1 | 25.6 | | | | |
| Black | 0 | 0 | 10 | 14 | | | | |
| % of total population | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.1 | | | | |
| American Indian or Alaska Native | 68 | 134 | 8,507 | 9,710 | | | | |
| % of total population | 11.2 | 24.4 | 66.6 | 71.0 | | | | |
| Asian, Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander | 0 | 0 | 0 | 148 | | | | |
| % of total population | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.1 | | | | |
| Other | 2 | 0 | 24 | 9 | | | | |
| % of total population | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.1 | | | | |
| Two or more races | - | 35 | - | 286 | | | | |
| ETHNICITY | | | | | | | | |
| Hispanic Origin of any race | 8 | 0 | 57 | 66 | | | | |
| % of total population | 1.3 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 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.

- The city of Rolette experienced a decline in population between 1990 and 2000 while Rolette County experienced an increase in population.
- Population projections for Rolette County indicate that population increases are likely to continue over the next two decades.
- The city of Rolette experienced an increase in the proportion of youth under 20 years of age and a decline in the proportion of elderly ages 65 and older between 1990 and 2000. At the same time, Rolette County experienced a decline in the proportion of both youth and elderly. Projections for Rolette County indicate that this loss of youth will likely continue over the next couple decades; however, the proportion of elderly is expected to increase.
- While the white population declined in both the city of Rolette and Rolette County between 1990 and 2000, the American Indian or Alaska Native population increased. In 2000, American Indians comprised one-fourth of the population in the city of Rolette and nearly three-fourths of the population in Rolette County.

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Table 2. Housing Characteristics

| Housing | Rolette | | | | Rolette County | | | |
|---|----------|---------|----------|---------|----------------|---------|----------|---------|
| | 1990 | | 2000 | | 1990 | | 2000 | |
| | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| Total housing units | 301 | 100.0 | 291 | 100.0 | 4,742 | 100.0 | 5,027 | 100.0 |
| Occupied housing units | 269 | 89.4 | 250 | 85.9 | 4,150 | 87.5 | 4,556 | 90.6 |
| Owner-occupied housing units | 197 | 65.4 | 150 | 51.5 | 2,692 | 56.8 | 3,072 | 61.1 |
| Renter-occupied housing units | 72 | 23.9 | 100 | 34.4 | 1,458 | 30.7 | 1,484 | 29.5 |
| Vacant housing units | 33 | 11.0 | 41 | 14.1 | 592 | 12.5 | 471 | 9.4 |
| For rent | 19 | 6.3 | 29 | 10.0 | 144 | 3.0 | 116 | 2.3 |
| For sale only | 7 | 2.3 | 5 | 1.7 | 46 | 1.0 | 40 | 0.8 |
| Rented or sold, not occupied | 0 | 0.0 | 3 | 1.0 | 51 | 1.1 | 51 | 1.0 |
| For seasonal or recreational use | 2 | 0.7 | 0 | 0.0 | 142 | 3.0 | 75 | 1.5 |
| For migrant workers | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 7 | 0.1 |
| Other vacant | 5 | 1.7 | 4 | 1.4 | 209 | 4.4 | 182 | 3.6 |
| Median value for specified owner-occupied housing units (2000 inflation adjusted dollars) | \$41,897 | | \$43,800 | | \$51,383 | | \$55,200 | |
| Median year housing structure built (all housing units) | 1966 | | 1970 | | 1973 | | 1976 | |
| Median price asked for specified vacant-for-sale-only housing units (dollars) | NA | | \$55,000 | | NA | | \$14,600 | |

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 Rolette experienced a slight decline in the total number of housing units between 1990 and 2000 while Rolette County experienced a modest increase in housing units. In 2000, 61 percent of housing units in Rolette County and 52 percent in the city of Rolette were owner-occupied.
- The number of vacant housing units increased slightly in the city of Rolette between 1990 and 2000, while vacant units declined in Rolette County. In 2000, vacant housing comprised 14 percent of all housing in the city of Rolette and 9 percent in Rolette County.
- In 2000, the median value of an owner-occupied home in the city of Rolette was \$43,800, compared to \$55,200 in Rolette County.
- In 2000, half of all housing units in the city of Rolette were built before 1970; half of all housing units in Rolette County were built before 1976.

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Table 3. Income and Poverty Characteristics

| Income and Poverty | Rolette | | Rolette County | |
|---|----------|----------|----------------|----------|
| | 1990 | 2000 | 1990 | 2000 |
| Median household income (2000 inflation adjusted dollars) | \$21,943 | \$27,500 | \$19,978 | \$26,232 |
| Per capita income (2000 inflation adjusted dollars) | \$12,411 | \$15,742 | \$8,924 | \$10,873 |
| Persons for whom poverty is determined | 558 | 506 | 12,549 | 13,495 |
| Living below poverty | 69 | 85 | 5,103 | 4,188 |
| % of all persons | 12.4 | 16.8 | 40.7 | 31.0 |
| Ages 0 to 17 below poverty | 22 | 38 | 2,476 | 1,948 |
| % of all persons below poverty | 31.9 | 44.7 | 48.5 | 46.5 |
| Ages 65 and older below poverty | 16 | 8 | 272 | 250 |
| % of all persons below poverty | 23.2 | 9.4 | 5.3 | 6.0 |

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 Rolette was \$27,500 in 2000, compared to \$26,232 in Rolette 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 Rolette and Rolette County.
- The number and proportion of residents living below poverty increased in the city of Rolette and declined in Rolette County between 1990 and 2000. In 2000, 17 percent of residents in the city of Rolette and 31 percent in Rolette County were impoverished.
- The number of impoverished elderly declined in both the city of Rolette and Rolette County between 1990 and 2000. At the same time, the number of impoverished children increased in the city of Rolette and declined in Rolette County. While nearly half of all impoverished residents in both areas were children in 2000, less than 10 percent were elderly.

Table 4. Religious Congregation and Membership Characteristics

| Religion | Rolette | | Rolette County | |
|--|---------|------|----------------|-------|
| | 1990 | 2000 | 1990 | 2000 |
| Number of churches, synagogues, mosques, and temples | NA | NA | 30 | 30 |
| Full-time members | NA | NA | 1,752 | 1,664 |
| Number of attendees | NA | NA | NA | 764 |

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 Rolette County did not change between 1990 and 2000; however, the number of full-time members declined.

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Table 5. Health Characteristics

| Health | Rolette County | | | |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|-------|-------|-------|
| | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 |
| Total resident births | 264 | 279 | 316 | 305 |
| Birth rate (births per 1,000 persons) | 19.31 | 20.40 | 23.11 | 22.31 |
| Births to teenage mothers | 48 | 63 | 72 | 55 |
| Total resident deaths | 119 | 107 | 133 | 130 |
| Death rate (deaths per 1,000 persons) | 8.70 | 7.83 | 9.73 | 9.51 |
| Deaths due to suicide | NR | NR | NR | NR |
| Deaths due to cancer | 33 | 26 | 32 | 33 |
| Deaths due to heart disease | 31 | 24 | 33 | 18 |
| Foster care placements | 131 | 132 | 104 | 96 |

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.

- Rolette County reported 305 births in 2005, a rate of 22.31 per 1,000 persons. This rate was down from 23.11 in 2004, but up from 19.31 in 2002.
- The number of deaths occurring in Rolette County totaled 130 in 2005, up from 119 in 2002. Major contributors to death were heart disease and cancer.
- The number of foster care placements in Rolette County declined over the last few years. In 2005, the number of foster care placements totaled 96, down from 132 in 2003.

Table 6. Labor Force Characteristics

| Labor Force | Rolette | | Rolette County | |
|---|---------|------|----------------|-------|
| | 1990 | 2000 | 1990 | 2000 |
| Persons 16 years and older | 513 | 446 | 8,350 | 9,251 |
| In the labor force | 238 | 237 | 4,563 | 5,306 |
| Armed Forces | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| Civilian employed | 222 | 214 | 3,725 | 4,544 |
| Civilian unemployed | 16 | 23 | 838 | 757 |
| Unemployment rate (unemployed as a % of civilian labor force) | 6.7 | 9.7 | 18.4 | 14.3 |
| Not in the labor force | 275 | 209 | 3,787 | 3,945 |

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 Rolette experienced little change in the labor force between 1990 and 2000 while Rolette County experienced an increase.
- The unemployment rate increased slightly for the city of Rolette while it declined slightly for Rolette County between 1990 and 2000.

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Table 7. Employment Characteristics

| Employment | Rolette | | | | Rolette County | | | |
|--|---------|---------|--------|---------|----------------|---------|--------|---------|
| | 1990 | | 2000 | | 1990 | | 2000 | |
| | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| Total employed (in civilian labor force) | 222 | 100.0 | 214 | 100.0 | 3,725 | 100.0 | 4,544 | 100.0 |
| GENDER | | | | | | | | |
| Females | 109 | 49.1 | 116 | 54.2 | 1,885 | 50.6 | 2,420 | 53.3 |
| Males | 113 | 50.9 | 98 | 45.8 | 1,840 | 49.4 | 2,124 | 46.7 |
| INDUSTRY | | | | | | | | |
| Agriculture, forestry, mining | 26 | 11.7 | 7 | 3.3 | 370 | 9.9 | 291 | 6.4 |
| Manufacturing | 7 | 3.2 | 8 | 3.7 | 457 | 12.3 | 256 | 5.6 |
| Retail Trade | 31 | 14.0 | 10 | 4.7 | 609 | 16.3 | 419 | 9.2 |
| Services | 102 | 45.9 | 111 | 51.9 | 1,390 | 37.3 | 2,247 | 49.4 |
| Other | 56 | 25.2 | 78 | 36.4 | 899 | 24.1 | 1,331 | 29.3 |

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 slightly for the city of Rolette between 1990 and 2000 and increased in Rolette County.
- The percentage of employment that was female increased for both the city of Rolette and Rolette County between 1990 and 2000. In 2000, females comprised 54 percent of all employed in the city of Rolette and 53 percent of all employed in Rolette County.
- Both the city of Rolette and Rolette County experienced growth in service industry employment and declines in agricultural and retail trade employment between 1990 and 2000. In addition, Rolette County saw a decline in manufacturing employment during this time period. In 2000, the service sector was the largest industry in both areas, employing 49 percent of workers in Rolette County and 52 percent in the city of Rolette.

Table 8. Educational Attainment Characteristics

| Educational Attainment | Rolette | | | | Rolette County | | | |
|---------------------------------------|---------|---------|--------|---------|----------------|---------|--------|---------|
| | 1990 | | 2000 | | 1990 | | 2000 | |
| | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| Persons 25 years and older | 471 | 100.0 | 383 | 100.0 | 6,660 | 100.0 | 7,406 | 100.0 |
| Less than High School | | | | | | | | |
| Less than 9th grade | 135 | 28.7 | 36 | 9.4 | 1,407 | 21.1 | 752 | 10.2 |
| 9th to 12th grade, no diploma | 66 | 14.0 | 46 | 12.0 | 1,300 | 19.5 | 1,197 | 16.2 |
| High school graduate (or equivalency) | 90 | 19.1 | 109 | 28.5 | 1,401 | 21.0 | 1,970 | 26.6 |
| Some college, no degree | | | | | | | | |
| College degree | 119 | 25.3 | 106 | 27.7 | 1,461 | 21.9 | 1,916 | 25.9 |
| Associate degree | 39 | 8.3 | 24 | 6.3 | 683 | 10.3 | 825 | 11.1 |
| Bachelor's degree | 69 | 14.6 | 68 | 17.8 | 634 | 9.5 | 808 | 10.9 |
| Graduate or professional degree | 11 | 2.3 | 14 | 3.7 | 144 | 2.2 | 283 | 3.8 |

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 city of Rolette and Rolette County, the proportion of persons ages 25 and older with a college degree, with some college education but no degree, and with only a high school education increased between 1990 and 2000.

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Table 9. School District Characteristics

| Enrollment, Achievement, and Proficiency | Rolette Public School District | | | |
|---|--------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | 2001-2002 | 2002-2003 | 2003-2004 | 2004-2005 |
| Total K-12 enrollment | 217 | 192 | 185 | 182 |
| GRADE | | | | |
| Kindergarten to 6th grade | 104 | 91 | 84 | 83 |
| 7th to 8th grade | 34 | 35 | 33 | 27 |
| 9th to 12th grade | 79 | 66 | 68 | 72 |
| RACE* | | | | |
| % White | 70.5 | 81.3 | 80.5 | 72.5 |
| % Black | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 |
| % American Indian | 28.1 | 18.2 | 18.9 | 26.9 |
| % Asian | 0.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| % Hispanic | 0.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| High school graduation rate | 83.3 | 86.7 | 78.9 | 100.0 |
| High school dropouts | 4 | 0 | 22 | 32 |
| Student to classroom teacher ratio | 11.5 | 10.2 | 9.8 | 10.0 |
| % of students who scored at the proficient or advanced achievement level in reading | 56.0 | 68.4 | 64.7 | 81.0 |
| % of students who scored at the proficient or advanced achievement level in math | 49.2 | 47.3 | 49.0 | 75.8 |

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 Rolette Public School District declined over the past few years, from 217 students in 2001-2002 to 182 students in 2004-2005.
- In 2004-2005, 81 percent of students in the Rolette Public School District were proficient or advanced in reading, up from 56 percent in 2001-2002. In addition, 76 percent of students were proficient or advanced in math in 2004-2005, up from 49 percent in 2001-2002.