

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

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Table 1. Demographic Characteristics

| Demographics | Walhalla | | Pembina County | | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|----------|-------|----------------|-------|-------------|-------|-------|-------|
| | 1990 | 2000 | 1990 | 2000 | Projections | | | |
| | | | | | 2005 | 2010 | 2015 | 2020 |
| Total population | 1,131 | 1,044 | 9,238 | 8,585 | 8,254 | 8,125 | 7,971 | 7,810 |
| AGE | | | | | | | | |
| Ages 0 to 19 | 306 | 288 | 2,775 | 2,330 | 2,040 | 1,774 | 1,641 | 1,578 |
| % of total population | 27.1 | 27.6 | 30.0 | 27.1 | 24.7 | 21.8 | 20.6 | 20.2 |
| Ages 65 and Older | 274 | 247 | 1,712 | 1,670 | 1,646 | 1,779 | 2,014 | 2,327 |
| % of total population | 24.2 | 23.7 | 18.5 | 19.5 | 19.9 | 21.9 | 25.3 | 29.8 |
| RACE* | | | | | | | | |
| White | 1,038 | 924 | 8,973 | 8,220 | | | | |
| % of total population | 91.8 | 88.5 | 97.1 | 95.7 | | | | |
| Black | 0 | 0 | 26 | 4 | | | | |
| % of total population | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 0.0 | | | | |
| American Indian or Alaska Native | 93 | 62 | 157 | 119 | | | | |
| % of total population | 8.2 | 5.9 | 1.7 | 1.4 | | | | |
| Asian, Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander | 0 | 0 | 17 | 18 | | | | |
| % of total population | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.2 | | | | |
| Other | 0 | 0 | 65 | 81 | | | | |
| % of total population | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.7 | 0.9 | | | | |
| Two or more races | - | 58 | - | 143 | | | | |
| ETHNICITY | | | | | | | | |
| Hispanic Origin of any race | 3 | 9 | 79 | 242 | | | | |
| % of total population | 0.3 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 2.8 | | | | |

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 Walhalla and Pembina County experienced a decline in population between 1990 and 2000.
- Population projections for Pembina County indicate that population declines are likely to continue over the next two decades.
- The city of Walhalla experienced a slight increase in the proportion of youth under 20 years of age and a slight decline in the proportion of elderly ages 65 and older between 1990 and 2000. Conversely, Pembina County experienced a slight decline in the proportion of youth and a slight increase in the proportion of elderly during this same time period. Projections for Pembina 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 in the city of Walhalla and Pembina County between 1990 and 2000; nearly all residents were white in 2000.

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Table 2. Housing Characteristics

| Housing | Walhalla | | | | Pembina County | | | |
|---|----------|---------|----------|---------|----------------|---------|----------|---------|
| | 1990 | | 2000 | | 1990 | | 2000 | |
| | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| Total housing units | 552 | 100.0 | 560 | 100.0 | 4,294 | 100.0 | 4,115 | 100.0 |
| Occupied housing units | 454 | 82.2 | 453 | 80.9 | 3,555 | 82.8 | 3,535 | 85.9 |
| Owner-occupied housing units | 305 | 55.3 | 309 | 55.2 | 2,751 | 64.1 | 2,769 | 67.3 |
| Renter-occupied housing units | 149 | 27.0 | 144 | 25.7 | 804 | 18.7 | 766 | 18.6 |
| Vacant housing units | 98 | 17.8 | 107 | 19.1 | 739 | 17.2 | 580 | 14.1 |
| For rent | 53 | 9.6 | 61 | 10.9 | 128 | 3.0 | 138 | 3.4 |
| For sale only | 11 | 2.0 | 16 | 2.9 | 63 | 1.5 | 124 | 3.0 |
| Rented or sold, not occupied | 0 | 0.0 | 6 | 1.1 | 27 | 0.6 | 40 | 1.0 |
| For seasonal or recreational use | 3 | 0.5 | 8 | 1.4 | 47 | 1.1 | 102 | 2.5 |
| For migrant workers | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 92 | 2.1 | 71 | 1.7 |
| Other vacant | 31 | 5.6 | 16 | 2.9 | 382 | 8.9 | 105 | 2.6 |
| Median value for specified owner-occupied housing units (2000 inflation adjusted dollars) | \$54,545 | | \$49,300 | | \$54,414 | | \$55,100 | |
| Median year housing structure built (all housing units) | 1966 | | 1965 | | 1960 | | 1962 | |
| Median price asked for specified vacant-for-sale-only housing units (dollars) | NA | | \$22,500 | | NA | | \$12,700 | |

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 Walhalla experienced a slight increase in the total number of housing units between 1990 and 2000 while Pembina County experienced a decline in housing. In 2000, 67 percent of housing units in Pembina County and 55 percent in Walhalla were owner-occupied.
- The number of vacant housing units increased slightly in the city of Walhalla between 1990 and 2000 while vacant units declined in Pembina County. In 2000, vacant housing comprised 19 percent of all housing in Walhalla and 14 percent in Pembina County.
- In 2000, the median value of an owner-occupied home in the city of Walhalla was \$49,300, compared to \$55,100 in Pembina County. After adjusting for inflation, the median value for owner-occupied homes actually declined in the city of Walhalla between 1990 and 2000.
- In 2000, half of all housing units in the city of Walhalla were built before 1965; half of all housing units in Pembina County were built before 1962.

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Table 3. Income and Poverty Characteristics

| Income and Poverty | Walhalla | | Pembina County | |
|---|----------|----------|----------------|----------|
| | 1990 | 2000 | 1990 | 2000 |
| Median household income (2000 inflation adjusted dollars) | \$24,985 | \$31,875 | \$30,640 | \$36,430 |
| Per capita income (2000 inflation adjusted dollars) | \$12,723 | \$16,894 | \$14,899 | \$18,692 |
| Persons for whom poverty is determined | 1,067 | 987 | 9,030 | 8,367 |
| Living below poverty | 137 | 123 | 833 | 769 |
| % of all persons | 12.8 | 12.5 | 9.2 | 9.2 |
| Ages 0 to 17 below poverty | 38 | 30 | 260 | 232 |
| % of all persons below poverty | 27.7 | 24.4 | 31.2 | 30.2 |
| Ages 65 and older below poverty | 30 | 29 | 162 | 152 |
| % of all persons below poverty | 21.9 | 23.6 | 19.4 | 19.8 |

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 Walhalla was \$31,875 in 2000, compared to \$36,430 in Pembina 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 Walhalla and Pembina County.
- The proportion of residents living below poverty saw little change in both the city of Walhalla and Pembina County between 1990 and 2000. In 2000, 13 percent of residents in Walhalla and 9 percent in Pembina County were impoverished.
- The number of impoverished children declined in both the city of Walhalla and Pembina County between 1990 and 2000. At the same time, the number of impoverished elderly remained relatively unchanged in Walhalla and declined slightly in Pembina County. In 2000, children comprised 30 percent of all impoverished residents in Pembina County and 24 percent in the city of Walhalla. Elderly comprised 20 percent of all impoverished residents in Pembina County and 24 percent in the city of Walhalla in 2000.

Table 4. Religious Congregation and Membership Characteristics

| Religion | Walhalla | | Pembina County | |
|--|----------|------|----------------|-------|
| | 1990 | 2000 | 1990 | 2000 |
| Number of churches, synagogues, mosques, and temples | NA | NA | 44 | 45 |
| Full-time members | NA | NA | 4,279 | 3,955 |
| Number of attendees | NA | NA | NA | 1,885 |

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 Pembina County increased by one between 1990 and 2000; however, 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 | Pembina County | | | |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|------|-------|-------|
| | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 |
| Total resident births | 78 | 76 | 71 | 85 |
| Birth rate (births per 1,000 persons) | 9.09 | 8.85 | 8.27 | 9.90 |
| Births to teenage mothers | NR | NR | 8 | 9 |
| Total resident deaths | 76 | 85 | 88 | 101 |
| Death rate (deaths per 1,000 persons) | 8.85 | 9.90 | 10.25 | 11.76 |
| Deaths due to suicide | NR | NR | 0 | NR |
| Deaths due to cancer | 16 | 15 | 20 | 20 |
| Deaths due to heart disease | 23 | 36 | 25 | 39 |
| Foster care placements | 5 | 19 | 24 | 20 |

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.

- Pembina County reported 85 births in 2005, a rate of 9.90 per 1,000 persons. This rate was up from 8.27 in 2004.
- The number of deaths occurring in Pembina County totaled 101 in 2005, up from 76 in 2002. Major contributors to death were heart disease and cancer.
- The number of foster care placements in Pembina County totaled 20 in 2005, up from five in 2002.

Table 6. Labor Force Characteristics

| Labor Force | Walhalla | | Pembina County | |
|---|----------|------|----------------|-------|
| | 1990 | 2000 | 1990 | 2000 |
| Persons 16 years and older | 888 | 831 | 6,914 | 6,810 |
| In the labor force | 481 | 471 | 4,217 | 4,231 |
| Armed Forces | 2 | 4 | 9 | 23 |
| Civilian employed | 443 | 432 | 4,006 | 4,004 |
| Civilian unemployed | 36 | 35 | 202 | 204 |
| Unemployment rate (unemployed as a % of civilian labor force) | 7.5 | 7.5 | 4.8 | 4.8 |
| Not in the labor force | 407 | 360 | 2,697 | 2,579 |

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 Walhalla experienced a slight decline in the labor force between 1990 and 2000 while Pembina County experienced a slight increase.
- The unemployment rate remained steady for both the city of Walhalla and Pembina County between 1990 and 2000.

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Table 7. Employment Characteristics

| Employment | Walhalla | | | | Pembina County | | | |
|--|----------|---------|--------|---------|----------------|---------|--------|---------|
| | 1990 | | 2000 | | 1990 | | 2000 | |
| | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| Total employed (in civilian labor force) | 443 | 100.0 | 432 | 100.0 | 4,006 | 100.0 | 4,004 | 100.0 |
| GENDER | | | | | | | | |
| Females | 188 | 42.4 | 208 | 48.1 | 1,696 | 42.3 | 1,785 | 44.6 |
| Males | 255 | 57.6 | 224 | 51.9 | 2,310 | 57.7 | 2,219 | 55.4 |
| INDUSTRY | | | | | | | | |
| Agriculture, forestry, mining | 97 | 21.9 | 64 | 14.8 | 942 | 23.5 | 635 | 15.9 |
| Manufacturing | 31 | 7.0 | 66 | 15.3 | 325 | 8.1 | 632 | 15.8 |
| Retail Trade | 103 | 23.3 | 63 | 14.6 | 672 | 16.8 | 477 | 11.9 |
| Services | 127 | 28.7 | 137 | 31.7 | 1,109 | 27.7 | 1,220 | 30.5 |
| Other | 85 | 19.2 | 102 | 23.6 | 958 | 23.9 | 1,040 | 26.0 |

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 saw little change for both the city of Walhalla and Pembina County between 1990 and 2000.
- The percentage of employment that was female increased for both the city of Walhalla and Pembina County between 1990 and 2000. In 2000, females comprised 48 percent of all employed in Walhalla and 45 percent of all employed in Pembina County.
- Both the city of Walhalla and Pembina County experienced declines in agricultural and retail trade employment, and growth in manufacturing and service industry employment. In 2000, the service sector was the largest industry in both areas, employing 31 percent of workers in Pembina County and 32 percent in Walhalla.

Table 8. Educational Attainment Characteristics

| Educational Attainment | Walhalla | | | | Pembina County | | | |
|---------------------------------------|----------|---------|--------|---------|----------------|---------|--------|---------|
| | 1990 | | 2000 | | 1990 | | 2000 | |
| | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| Persons 25 years and older | 806 | 100.0 | 720 | 100.0 | 6,150 | 100.0 | 5,908 | 100.0 |
| Less than High School | 260 | 32.3 | 200 | 27.8 | 1,656 | 26.9 | 1,192 | 20.2 |
| Less than 9th grade | 180 | 22.3 | 140 | 19.4 | 1,001 | 16.3 | 688 | 11.6 |
| 9th to 12th grade, no diploma | 80 | 9.9 | 60 | 8.3 | 655 | 10.7 | 504 | 8.5 |
| High school graduate (or equivalency) | 244 | 30.3 | 249 | 34.6 | 1,974 | 32.1 | 1,885 | 31.9 |
| Some college, no degree | 129 | 16.0 | 143 | 19.9 | 1,145 | 18.6 | 1,419 | 24.0 |
| College degree | 173 | 21.5 | 128 | 17.8 | 1,375 | 22.4 | 1,412 | 23.9 |
| Associate degree | 65 | 8.1 | 28 | 3.9 | 567 | 9.2 | 443 | 7.5 |
| Bachelor's degree | 96 | 11.9 | 79 | 11.0 | 669 | 10.9 | 762 | 12.9 |
| Graduate or professional degree | 12 | 1.5 | 21 | 2.9 | 139 | 2.3 | 207 | 3.5 |

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/>.

- In both the city of Walhalla and Pembina County, the number and proportion of persons ages 25 and older with some college education but no degree increased slightly between 1990 and 2000.

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Table 9. School District Characteristics

| Enrollment, Achievement, and Proficiency | Walhalla Public School District | | | |
|---|---------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | 2001-2002 | 2002-2003 | 2003-2004 | 2004-2005 |
| Total K-12 enrollment | 306 | 314 | 300 | 298 |
| GRADE | | | | |
| Kindergarten to 6th grade | 156 | 164 | 145 | 149 |
| 7th to 8th grade | 42 | 44 | 51 | 48 |
| 9th to 12th grade | 108 | 106 | 104 | 101 |
| RACE* | | | | |
| % White | 68.8 | 86.3 | 85.7 | 86.9 |
| % Black | 0.0 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 |
| % American Indian | 30.8 | 12.8 | 13.3 | 12.1 |
| % Asian | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| % Hispanic | 0.0 | 0.6 | 0.7 | 0.7 |
| High school graduation rate | 96.4 | 92.3 | 92.3 | 95.8 |
| High school dropouts | 0 | 3 | 1 | 0 |
| Student to classroom teacher ratio | 16.8 | 15.5 | 15.1 | 15.0 |
| % of students who scored at the proficient or advanced achievement level in reading | 41.5 | 63.1 | 53.6 | 72.6 |
| % of students who scored at the proficient or advanced achievement level in math | 27.5 | 33.9 | 31.0 | 73.2 |

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 Walhalla Public School District declined over the past few years, from 306 students in 2001-2002 to 298 students in 2004-2005.
- In 2004-2005, 73 percent of students in the Walhalla Public School District were proficient or advanced in reading, up from 42 percent in 2001-2002. In addition, 73 percent of students were proficient or advanced in math in 2004-2005, up from 28 percent in 2001-2002.