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Table 1. Demographic Characteristics

	Zip Cod	e 58418	Wells County					
						Projec	ctions	
Demographics	1990	2000	1990	2000	2005	2010	2015	2020
Total population	369	448	5,864	5,102	4,783	4,593	4,364	4,094
AGE								
Ages 0 to 19	90	113	1,527	1,274	1,099	911	815	760
% of total population	24.4	25.2	26.0	25.0	23.0	19.8	18.7	18.6
Ages 65 and Older	94	125	1,412	1,329	1,300	1,376	1,427	1,491
% of total population	25.5	27.9	24.1	26.0	27.2	30.0	32.7	36.4
RACE*								
White	369	443	5,838	5,036				
% of total population	100.0	98.9	99.6	98.7				
Black	0	3	4	22				
% of total population	0.0	0.7	0.1	0.4				
American Indian or Alaska Native	0	0	6	35				
% of total population	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.7				
Asian, Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander	0	0	10	3				
% of total population	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.1				
Other	0	0	6	0				
% of total population	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0				
Two or more races	-	2	-	6				
ETHNICITY								
Hispanic Origin of any race	0	16	6	10				
% of total population	0.0	3.6	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 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 P7.

- The boundaries for zip code 58418 changed significantly between 1990 and 2000 (see boundary maps). Therefore, an assessment of change between 1990 and 2000 using these data is not appropriate.
- In 1990, zip code 58418 encompassed the south central portion of Wells County with 369 people. In 2000, a boundary change enlarged the territory to capture the northeast corner of Kidder County, expanding the population base to 448 people.
- Between 1990 and 2000, Well County experienced a decline in population. Population projections for Wells County indicate that population declines are likely to continue over the next two decades.
- In 2000, 25 percent of residents in both zip code 58418 and Wells County were under 20 years of age and a slightly higher proportion were elderly. Wells County experienced a decline in the proportion of youth and an increase in the proportion of elderly between 1990 and 2000. Projections for Wells County indicate that this loss of youth and gain in elderly will likely continue over the next couple decades.
- In 2000, nearly all residents in both zip code 58418 and Wells County were white.

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Table 2. Housing Characteristics

	Zip Code 58418			Wells County				
	1990 2000		1990		2000			
Housing	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total housing units	221	100.0	257	100.0	2,869	100.0	2,643	100.0
Occupied housing units	156	70.6	192	74.7	2,406	83.9	2,215	83.8
Owner-occupied housing units	129	58.4	157	61.1	1,797	62.6	1,695	64.1
Renter-occupied housing units	27	12.2	35	13.6	609	21.2	520	19.7
Vacant housing units	65	29.4	65	25.3	463	16.1	428	16.2
For rent	NA	NA	1	0.4	70	2.4	79	3.0
For sale only	NA	NA	17	6.6	71	2.5	121	4.6
Rented or sold, not occupied	NA	NA	0	0.0	12	0.4	26	1.0
For seasonal or recreational use	NA	NA	21	8.2	38	1.3	108	4.1
For migrant workers	NA	NA	0	0.0	3	0.1	0	0.0
Other vacant	NA	NA	26	10.1	269	9.4	94	3.6
Median value for specified owner-occupied								
housing units (2000 inflation adjusted dollars)	\$22,661		\$18,300		\$37,418		\$38,700	
Median year housing structure built (all housing								
units)	1955		1949		1957		1960	
Median price asked for specified vacant-for-								
sale-only housing units (dollars)	NA		\$10,000-		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/.

- The boundaries for zip code 58418 changed significantly between 1990 and 2000 (see boundary maps). Therefore, an assessment of change between 1990 and 2000 using these data is not appropriate.
- Wells County experienced a decline in total housing units between 1990 and 2000. In 2000, 64 percent of housing in Eddy County and 61 percent in zip code 58374 was owner-occupied.
- The number of vacant housing units declined slightly in Wells County between 1990 and 2000. In 2000, the vacancy rate was 16 percent in Wells County compared to 25 percent in zip code 58374.
- In 2000, the median value of an owner-occupied home in zip code 58418 was \$18,300, compared to \$38,700 in Wells County.
- In 2000, half of all housing units in zip code 58418 were built before 1949; half of all housing units in Wells County were built before 1960.

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Table 3. Income and Poverty Characteristics

	Zip Cod	e 58418	Wells County		
Income and Poverty	1990	2000	1990	2000	
Median household income (2000 inflation					
adjusted dollars)	\$20,902	\$25,625	\$24,464	\$31,894	
Per capita income (2000 inflation adjusted					
dollars)	\$12,653	\$17,063	\$13,119	\$17,932	
Persons for whom poverty is determined	369	446	5,738	4,992	
Living below poverty	64	82	1,035	673	
% of all persons	17.3	18.4	18.0	13.5	
Ages 0 to 17 below poverty	10	30	322	129	
% of all persons below poverty	15.6	36.6	31.1	19.2	
Ages 65 and older below poverty	18	21	260	221	
% of all persons below poverty	28.1	25.6	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 boundaries for zip code 58418 changed significantly between 1990 and 2000 (see boundary maps). Therefore, an assessment of change between 1990 and 2000 using these data is not appropriate.
- The median household income in zip code 58418 was \$25,625 in 2000, compared to \$31,894 in Wells County. When the 1990 median values are adjusted for inflation, the 2000 median household income represents an increase in purchasing power for Wells County residents.
- Between 1990 and 2000, the proportion of impoverished residents declined in Wells County. Nonetheless, 14 percent of residents in Wells County and 18 percent in zip code 58418 lived in poverty in 2000.
- In Wells County, the number of both impoverished youth and elderly declined between 1990 and 2000, with impoverished youth dropping by more than half. In 2000, 19 percent of impoverished residents in Wells County were children and 33 percent were elderly. In contrast, 37 percent of persons living in poverty in zip code 58418 were children and 26 percent were elderly in 2000.

Table 4. Religious Congregation and Membership Characteristics

	Zip Cod	e 58418	Wells County							
Religion	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

	Wells County							
Health	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 6.27 in 2003, but down from 7.64 in 2002.
- The number of deaths occurring in Wells County totaled 52 in 2005, down from 79 in 2003. Major contributors to death were heart disease and cancer.
- The number of foster care placements in Wells County declined over the past few years. In 2005, Wells County had seven foster care placements, down from 16 in 2002.

Table 6. Labor Force Characteristics

	Zip Cod	e 58418	Wells County			
Labor Force	1990	2000	1990	2000		
Persons 16 years and older	293	352	4,574	4,106		
In the labor force	167	201	2,430	2,296		
Armed Forces	0	0	3	0		
Civilian employed	163	190	2,332	2,159		
Civilian unemployed	4	11	95	137		
Unemployment rate (unemployed as a %						
of civilian labor force)	2.4	5.5	3.9	6.0		
Not in the labor force	126	151	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/

- The boundaries for zip code 58418 changed significantly between 1990 and 2000 (see boundary maps). Therefore, an assessment of change between 1990 and 2000 using these data is not appropriate.
- Wells County experienced a decline in the labor force between 1990 and 2000.
- In 2000, the unemployment rate was 6.0 percent in Wells County and 5.5 percent in zip code 58418.

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Table 7. Employment Characteristics

	Zip Code 58418			Wells County				
	199	90	2000		1990		2000	
Employment	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total employed (in civilian labor force)	163	100.0	190	100.0	2,332	100.0	2,159	100.0
GENDER								
Females	61	37.4	75	39.5	1,007	43.2	995	46.1
Males	102	62.6	115	60.5	1,325	56.8	1,164	53.9
INDUSTRY								
Agriculture, forestry, mining	77	47.2	65	34.2	584	25.0	392	18.2
Manufacturing	0	0.0	15	7.9	42	1.8	63	2.9
Retail Trade	11	6.7	15	7.9	348	14.9	242	11.2
Services	33	20.2	54	28.4	789	33.8	880	40.8
Other	42	25.8	41	21.6	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/.

- The boundaries for zip code 58418 changed significantly between 1990 and 2000 (see boundary maps). Therefore, an assessment of change between 1990 and 2000 using these data is not appropriate.
- Total employment declined in Wells County between 1990 and 2000.
- Between 1990 and 2000, the percentage of employment that was female increased slightly for Wells County. In 2000, females comprised 40 percent of all employed in zip code 58418 and comprised 46 percent of all employed in Wells County.
- Between 1990 and 2000, Wells County experienced growth in manufacturing and service industry employment, and declines in retail trade and agriculture, forestry, and mining industry employment. In 2000, the service sector was the largest industry in Wells County employing 41 percent of workers. In zip code 58418, agriculture was the largest industry in 2000, employing 34 percent of all workers, just slightly more than the service industry which employed 28 percent of the workforce.

Table 8. Educational Attainment Characteristics

		Zip Code 58418				Wells County			
	19	90	2000		1990		2000		
Educational Attainment	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
Persons 25 years and older	264	100.0	328	100.0	4,173	100.0	3,715	100.0	
Less than High School	95	36.0	88	26.8	1,535	36.8	1,019	27.4	
Less than 9th grade	74	28.0	45	13.7	1,087	26.0	592	15.9	
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	21	8.0	43	13.1	448	10.7	427	11.5	
High school graduate (or equivalency)	78	29.5	83	25.3	1,199	28.7	1,148	30.9	
Some college, no degree	55	20.8	112	34.1	642	15.4	805	21.7	
College degree	36	13.6	45	13.7	797	19.1	743	20.0	
Associate degree	21	8.0	8	2.4	324	7.8	234	6.3	
Bachelor's degree	15	5.7	35	10.7	379	9.1	411	11.1	
Graduate or professional degree	0	0.0	2	0.6	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/.

• The proportion of persons ages 25 and older in Wells County with some college education but no degree and the proportion with a college degree increased between 1990 and 2000. In 2000, 20 percent of residents 25 years and older in Wells County and 14 percent in zip code 58418 had a college degree.

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Table 9. School District Characteristics

	Fessenden-Bowdon Public School District								
Enrollment, Achievement, and Proficiency	2001-2002	2002-2003	2003-2004	2004-2005					
Total K-12 enrollment	252	237	225	191					
GRADE									
Kindergarten to 6th grade	100	88	87	79					
7th to 8th grade	46	46	35	29					
9th to 12th grade	106	103	103	83					
RACE*									
% White	98.0	97.0	94.7	96.3					
% Black	0.0	0.4	0.9	0.0					
% American Indian	0.0	0.0	1.8	2.1					
% Asian	1.6	2.1	2.2	1.0					
% Hispanic	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.5					
High school graduation rate	88.9	92.3	91.4	96.0					
High school dropouts	1	2	1	0					
Student to classroom teacher ratio	15.8	14.7	14.3	12.8					
% of students who scored at the proficient or									
advanced achievement level in reading	64.3	64.4	67.2	77.3					
% of students who scored at the proficient or									
advanced achievement level in math	53.5	45.2	55.1	81.5					

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 Fessenden-Bowdon Public School District declined over the past few years, from 252 students in 2001-002 to 191 students in 2004-2005.
- In 2004-2005, 77 percent of students in the Fessenden-Bowdon Public School District were proficient or advanced in reading, up from 64 percent in 2001-2002. In addition, 82 percent of students were proficient or advanced in math in 2004-2005, up from 54 percent in 2001-2002.