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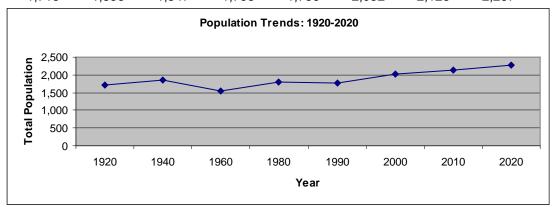
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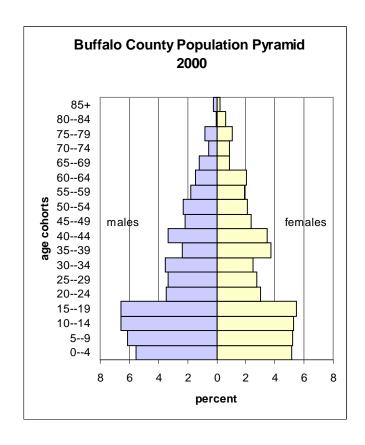
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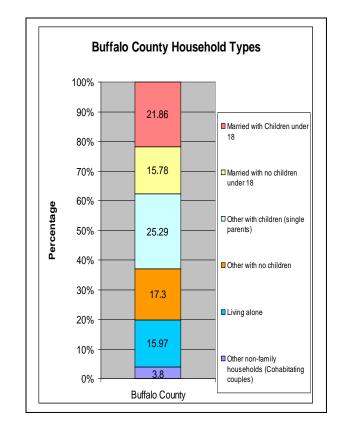
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# **Buffalo County Population Trends**

1920	1940	1960	1980	1990	2000	2010	2020
1.715	1.853	1.547	1.795	1.759	2.032	2.123	2.267





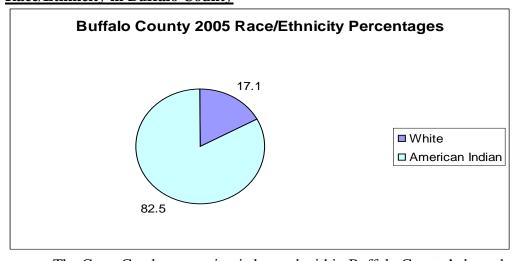


Where People Live in 2000 (by percent)						
	South Dakota	Buffalo	Brule	Lyman		
Urban	51.92	0	0	0		
Rural-Farm	7.72	7.19	15.34	13.02		
Rural-Non farm	40.36	92.81	84.66	86.98		

#### **Buffalo County Population Highlights**

- From 1990 to 2000, Buffalo County **gained 273 residents** which was a **15.5% increase** in its total population.
- From 1990 to 2000, Buffalo County **gained 68 residents** which was a **3.9%** increase in its total population.
- 41.34% of Buffalo County's population is under the age of 18 while 6.55% is aged 65+.
- The **median age in Buffalo County is 23.3**. This is much younger than any surrounding county including Brule and Lyman.
- **25.29%** of Buffalo County's households consist of a **single parent** with children under the age of 18.
- The **sex ratio** in Buffalo County is **105.46**, meaning that there are about 105 males for every 100 females. This is much higher than Brule, but similar to Lyman.
- The **fertility rate** in Buffalo County is **131.3** births for every 1,000 females aged 15-44. This is higher than both Brule and Lyman counties.

#### **Race/Ethnicity in Buffalo County**



• The Crow Creek reservation is located within Buffalo County's boundaries

#### **Buffalo County's Agriculture in 2002**

- Buffalo County had **73 farms** which was a **7.6% decrease** from 1997.
- Buffalo County's **average farm size was 3,903 acres**. This was larger than both Brule and Lyman counties.
- The **average net farm income was \$24,805**. This was higher than both Brule and Lyman counties.

#### **Buffalo County's Economics in 2000**

- Buffalo County's **per capita income was \$5,213**. This was much lower than Brule or Lyman County.
- Buffalo County's **median household income was \$12,692**. This is one of the lowest median household incomes in the state. It is much lower than both Brule and Lyman County
- **5.4%** of Buffalo County residents aged 25+ had **completed a B.S. degree or higher**. This was much lower than Brule and Lyman counties.
- **56.92%** of Buffalo County's population was **living at or below the official poverty line**. This compares with 13.18% for the state of South Dakota, 14.30% for Brule County and 24.27% for Lyman County.
- **64.42%** of Buffalo County's **children under the age of 5 are living at or below the official poverty line**. This compares with 19.77% for the state of South Dakota, 11.50% for Brule County, and 54.98% for Lyman County.
- 21.2% of workers in Buffalo County commute to work from another county. This is higher than both Brule and Lyman counties.

#### **Buffalo County Employment by Industry**

Top Industries (in terms of numbers)	Percentage	Number
Educational, health, and social services	32.10	139
Agriculture	20.09	87
<b>Public Administration</b>	12.70	55
Construction	6.93	30
Retail	6.47	28
Manufacturing	2.77	12
<b>Total Employed</b>		433

### **Income Distribution**

	South	Buffalo	Brule	Lyman
	Dakota			
Total:	290,336	520	1,986	1,392
Less than				
\$10,000	30,881	233	222	216
\$10,000 to				
\$14,999	22,421	51	151	154
\$15,000 to				
\$19,999	22,190	32	180	116
\$20,000 to				
\$24,999	24,633	39	144	132
\$25,000 to				
\$29,999	22,190	35	187	112
\$30,000 to				
\$34,999	21,694	29	194	93
\$35,000 to				
\$39,999	19,408	32	172	90
\$40,000 to				
\$44,999	19,077	12	124	86
\$45,000 to				
\$49,999	16,675	16	111	64
\$50,000 to				
\$59,999	27,809	20	202	110
\$60,000 to				
\$74,999	26,008	13	125	102
\$75,000 to				
\$99,999	20,150	1	98	64
\$100,000 to				
\$124,999	7,597	2	37	21
\$125,000 to	·			
\$149,999	3,493	3	18	3
\$150,000 to	·			
\$199,999	2,872	0	14	12
\$200,000 or more	3,238	2	7	17
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