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Custer

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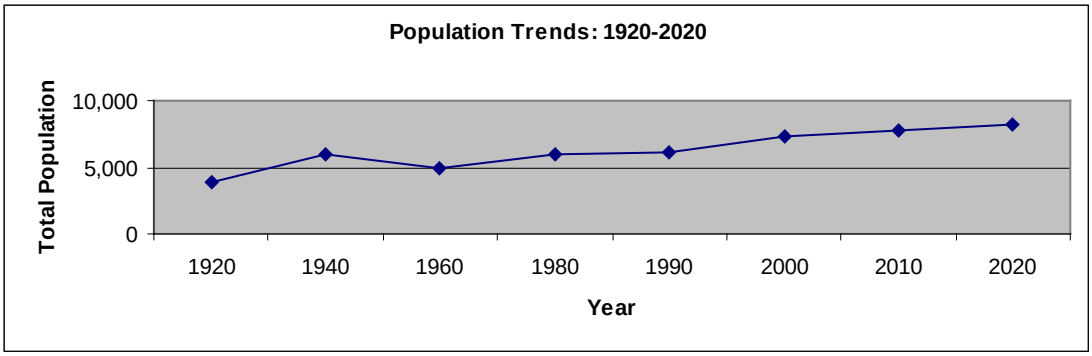
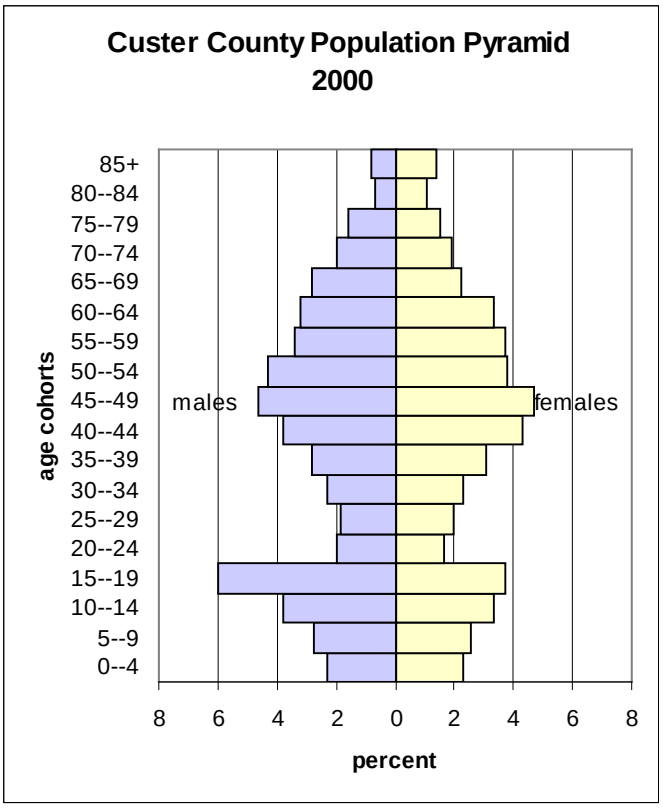
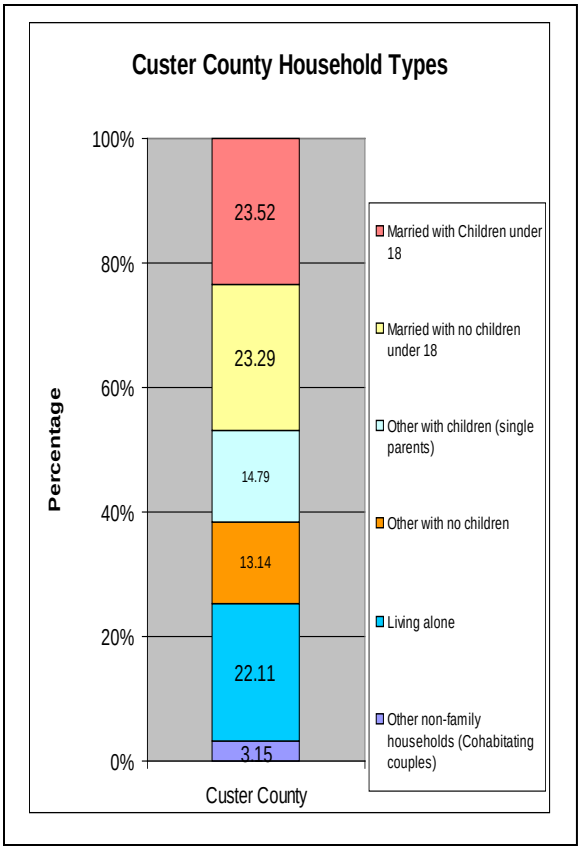






	South Dakota	**Custer**	**Fall River**	**Pennington**
Urban	51.92	0	54.70	76.66
Rural-Farm	7.72	6.67	8.21	1.52
Rural-Non farm	40.36	93.33	37.09	21.82

Population Highlights

- From 1990 to 2000, Custer County **gained 1096 residents** which is a **17.7% increase** from 1990. Custer County's increase was the second greatest on the West side of the river.

- From 1990 to 2000, Custer County **gained 1121 residents to in-migration**.

- **16.04%** of Custer County's population is **aged 65+.**

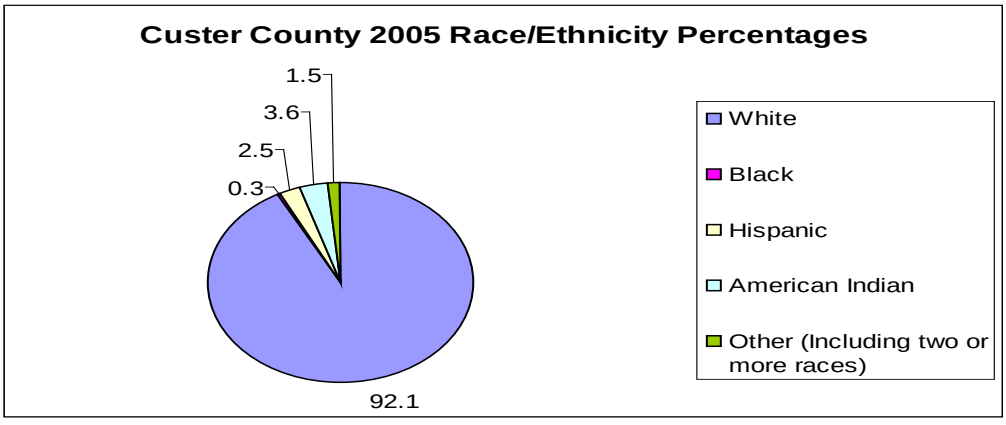
- Custer County's **sex ratio is 104.41**, which means there are 104 males for every 100 females. However, from the population pyramid, we can tell that there are a greater percentage of young men compared with young women. This may be due to the tourism industry attracting male workers more than female workers.

- Custer County's **dependency ratio is 49.41**, which is lower than both Fall River and Pennington. This means that fewer people are at the dependent ages (under age 15 and over age 65) in Custer County compared with the other two counties.

- Custer County's **fertility rate is 56.8**, which is slightly lower than both Fall River and Pennington Counties.

- Custer County's **median age is 43.2** This is younger than Fall River, but older than Pennington.

Race/Ethnicity in Custer County



Custer County Agriculture in 2002

- Custer County had **303 farms** in 2002, which was a **11.4 decrease** from 1997.
- Custer County's **average farm size was 1,944 acres**. This average is smaller than Fall River, but larger than Pennington.
- Custer County's **average income per farm was $7,058**. This is much lower than Fall River, but slightly greater than Pennington.

Custer County Economics in 2000

- The **per capita income** for Custer County was **$17,945**. This is slightly higher than Fall River, but slightly lower than Pennington.
- The **median household income** for Custer County was **$36,303**.
- **24.4%** of Custer County's population had **completed a B.S. or higher**. This is comparable with Pennington County, but higher than Fall River County.
- **9.43%** of Custer County's population is **below the official poverty line**. This compares with 13.59% for Fall River and 11.53% for Pennington. The state average is 13.18%.
- **14.45%** of Custer County's **children age 5 and under** are living at or below the official poverty line. This compares with 22.59% for Fall River and 21.58% for Pennington County. The state average is 19.77%.
- **32.7%** of Custer County's workers commute to work from the county. This is by far the greatest commuting rate of the other counties located in the Southwestern portion of the state.

Custer County Employment by Industry

Total Employed	Percentage	Number
Education/health/social services	20.62	703
Agriculture	12.20	416
Retail	10.00	341
Manufacturing	7.51	256
Construction	7.45	254
Public Administration	5.84	199
Total Employed:		3,409

Income Distribution

	South Dakota	Custer	Fall River	Pennington
Total:	290,336	2,975	3,109	34,662
Less than $10,000	30,881	263	418	2,864
$10,000 to $14,999	22,421	282	315	2,280
$15,000 to $19,999	22,190	199	237	2,658
$20,000 to $24,999	24,633	235	350	2,912
$25,000 to $29,999	22,190	271	246	2,910
$30,000 to $34,999	21,694	188	247	2,537
$35,000 to $39,999	19,408	165	186	2,366
$40,000 to $44,999	19,077	239	191	2,456
$45,000 to $49,999	16,675	213	107	2,173
$50,000 to $59,999	27,809	257	251	3,220
$60,000 to $74,999	26,008	329	248	3,126
$75,000 to $99,999	20,150	187	172	2,691
$100,000 to $124,999	7,597	86	67	1,044
$125,000 to $149,999	3,493	21	41	495
$150,000 to $199,999	2,872	21	12	439
$200,000 or more	3,238	19	21	491

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