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McPherson County

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McCook County Population Trends

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<td>Total Population</td>
<td>9,990</td>
<td>9,793</td>
<td>8,268</td>
<td>6,444</td>
<td>5,688</td>
<td>5,832</td>
<td>5,841</td>
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McCook County Population Pyramid

2000

Age cohorts

- 0-4
- 5-9
- 10-14
- 15-19
- 20-24
- 25-29
- 30-34
- 35-39
- 40-44
- 45-49
- 50-54
- 55-59
- 60-64
- 65-69
- 70-74
- 75-79
- 80-84
- 85+

McCook County Household Types

- Married with Children under 18
- Married with no children under 18
- Other with children (single parents)
- Other with no children
- Living alone
- Other non-family households (Cohabiting couples)
### Where People Live in 2000 (by percent)

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<td>Urban</td>
<td>51.92</td>
<td>0</td>
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<td>Rural-Farm</td>
<td>7.72</td>
<td>18.30</td>
<td>21.44</td>
<td>20.13</td>
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<td>Rural-Non farm</td>
<td>40.36</td>
<td>81.70</td>
<td>78.56</td>
<td>79.87</td>
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### McCook County Population Highlights

- From 1990 to 2000, McCook County gained **144** residents which was a **2.5% increase** in its total population.

- From 1990 to 2000, McCook County gained **247 residents from in-migration**, which was a **4.3% increase** in its total population.

- **28.41%** of McCook County’s population is **under the age of 18**, while **19.51%** is aged **65+**.

- McCook County’s **median age is 38.6**. This is older than Hanson, but younger than Turner.

- McCook County’s **sex ratio is 99.49**, meaning that there are about 99 males for every 100 females. This is lower than Hanson, but higher than Turner.

- McCook County’s **fertility rate is 77.3** births for every 1,000 females aged 15-44. This is lower than Hanson, but higher than Turner.

### Race/Ethnicity in McCook County

![Pie chart showing McCook County 2005 Race/Ethnicity Percentages]

- White: 98.1%
- Hispanic: 0.4%
- American Indian: 0.4%
- Other (Including two or more races): 1.1%
McCook County Agriculture in 2002

- McCook County had **539 farms** which was a **10.3% decrease** from 1997.
- McCook County’s **average farm size was 640 acres**. This was smaller than Hanson, but larger than Turner.
- McCook County’s **average net farm income was $43,977**. This was higher than both Hanson and Turner counties.

McCook County Economics in 2000

- McCook County’s **per capita income was $16,374**. This is higher than Hanson and lower than Turner.
- McCook County’s **median household income was $35,396**. This is higher than Hanson, but lower than Turner.
- **16.3%** of McCook County’s population aged 25+ had **completed a B.S. degree or higher**. This is higher than Hanson, but lower than Turner.
- **8.09%** of McCook County’s population is living **at or below the official poverty line**. This compares with 13.18% for the state of South Dakota, 16.60% for Hanson County, and 7.15% for Turner County.
- **26.21%** of McCook 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, 26.78% for Hanson County, and 2.46% for Turner County.
- **41.0%** of McCook County’s workers **commute to another county to work**. This is a lower percentage than both Hanson and Turner counties.
- The South Dakota Labor Market Center reports that McCook County has the highest percentage of low-paying jobs ($6.15/hour).

### McCook County Employment by Industry

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<th>Top Industries (in terms of numbers)</th>
<th>Percentage</th>
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<td>Educational, health, and social services</td>
<td>20.42</td>
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<td>Agriculture</td>
<td>15.59</td>
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<td>Manufacturing</td>
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<td>Retail</td>
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<td>Construction</td>
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<td>Public Administration</td>
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<td>Total Employed</td>
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## Income Distribution

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