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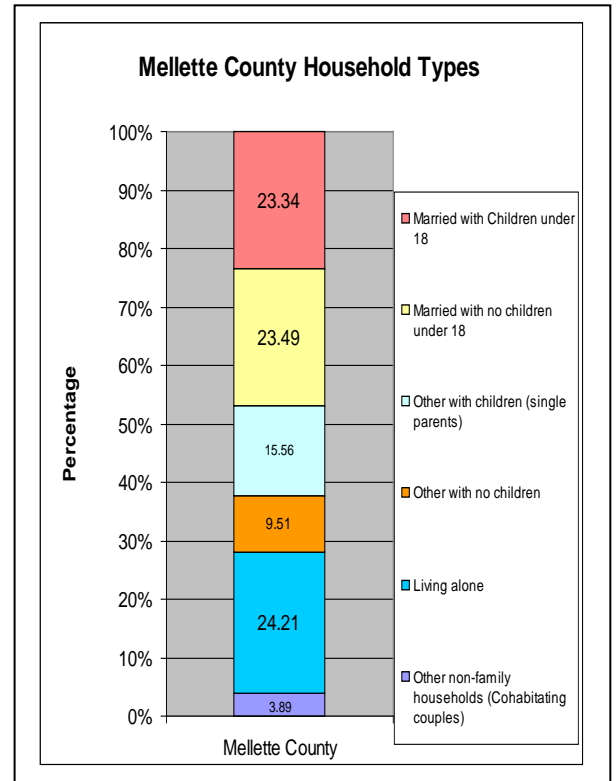
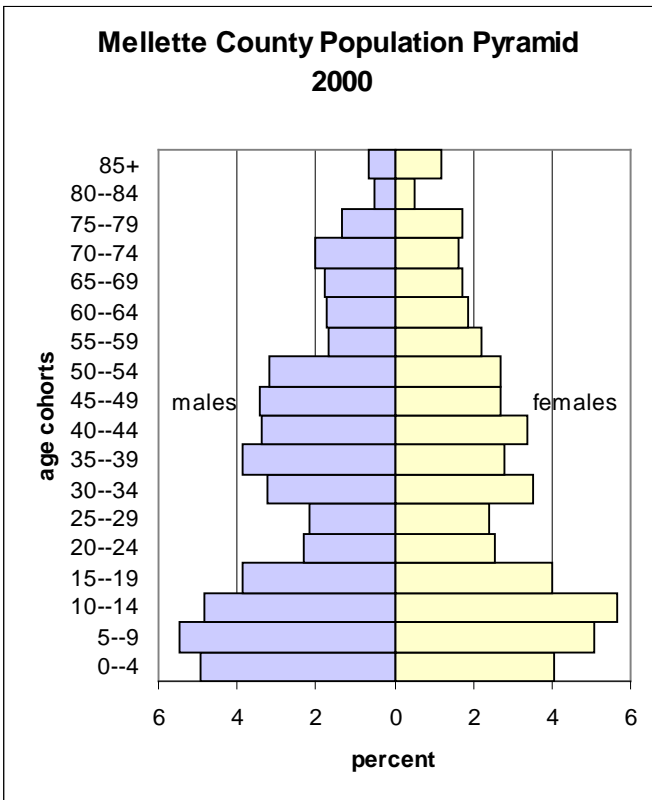
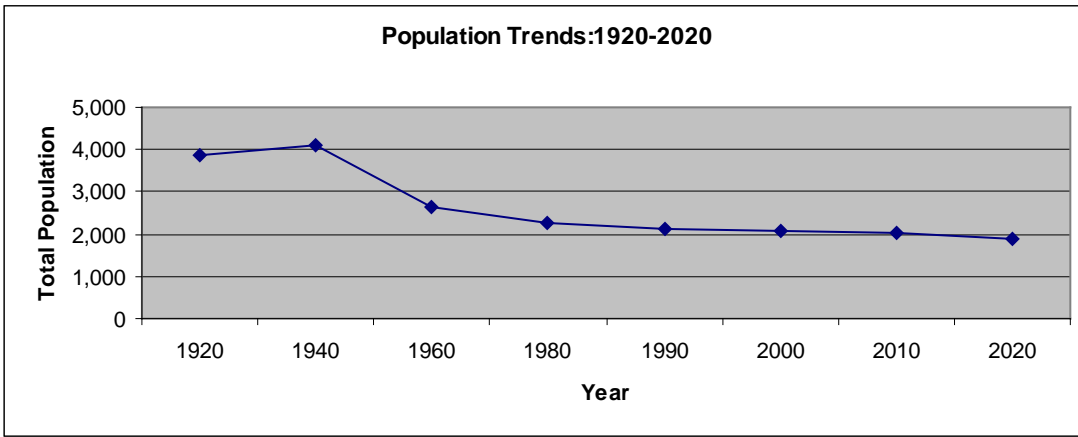
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Mellette County Population Trends

1920	1940	1960	1980	1990	2000	2010	2020
3,850	4,107	2,664	2,249	2,137	2,083	2,043	1,901

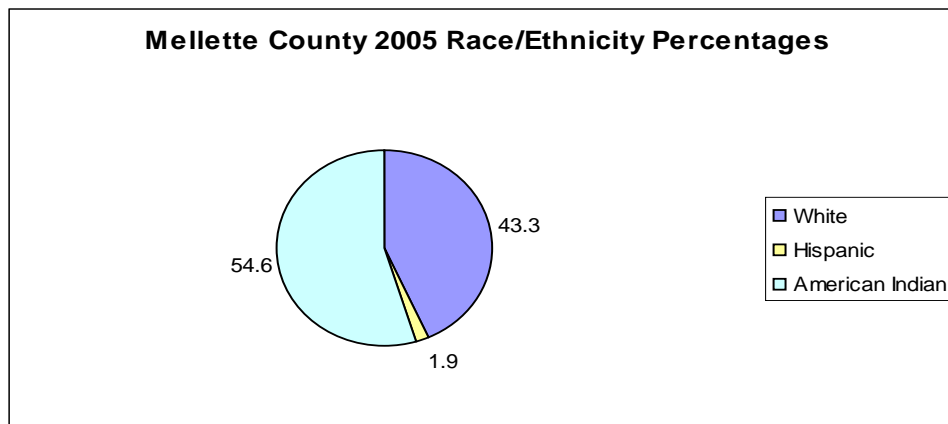


Where People Live: 2000				
	South Dakota	Mellette	Jackson	Todd
Urban	51.92	0	0	0
Rural-Farm	7.72	13.78	12.56	4.73
Rural-Non farm	40.36	86.22	87.44	95.27

Mellette County Population Highlights

- From 1990 to 2000, Mellette County **lost 54 residents** which was a **2.4% decrease** in its total population.
- From 1990 to 2000, Mellette County **lost 196 residents to out-migration**, which was a **9.2% decrease** in its total population
- Mellette County's **median age is 32.1**. This is older than both Jackson and Todd counties.
- Mellette County's **sex ratio was 101.26** meaning that there are about 101 males for every 100 females. This is a higher ratio than both Jackson and Todd counties.
- Mellette County's **fertility rate is 94.1** births for every 1,000 women aged 15-44. This is lower than both Jackson and Todd counties.
- **36.36%** of Mellette County's population is **less than 18 years of age**. **12.94%** of Mellette County's population is **aged 65+**.
- From the population pyramid we can see that Mellette County is losing a large share of their 20-29 year olds to out-migration.

Race/Ethnicity in Mellette County



Mellette County's Agriculture in 2002

- Mellette County had **200 farms** which was a **6.1% decrease** from 1997.
- Mellette County's **average farm size was 3,302 acres**. This is smaller than both Jackson and Todd.
- Mellette County's **average net farm income was \$31,702**. This was much higher than both Jackson and Todd counties.

Mellette County's Economics in 2000

- The **per capita income** in Mellette County was **\$10,362**. This is higher than both Jackson and Todd counties.
- The **median household income** in Mellette County was **\$23,219**. This was lower than Jackson, but higher than Todd.
- **16.6%** of Mellette County's population aged 25+ had **completed a B.S. degree**. This is comparable with Jackson County, but higher than Todd County.
- **26.4%** of Mellette County's workers **commute to another county to work**. This is higher than any surrounding county, including Jackson and Todd.
- **35.81%** of Mellette County's population is **below the official poverty line**. This compares with 13.81% for the state of South Dakota, 36.50% for Jackson County, and 48.32% for Todd County.
- **43.98%** of Mellette County's **children under the age of 5 live below the poverty line**. This compares with 19.77% for the state of South Dakota, 42.57% for Jackson County, and 62.82% for Todd County.

Mellette County Employment by Industry

Industry	Percentage	Number
Educational, health, and social services	242	31.51
Agriculture	227	29.56
Construction	71	9.24
Retail	58	7.55
Public Administration	48	3.44
Manufacturing	2	.26
Total Employed		768

Income Distribution

	South Dakota	Mellette	Jackson	Todd
Total:	290,336	1,114	944	2,474
Less than \$10,000	30,881	222	184	656
\$10,000 to \$14,999	22,421	120	119	324
\$15,000 to \$19,999	22,190	97	80	255
\$20,000 to \$24,999	24,633	111	116	270
\$25,000 to \$29,999	22,190	121	102	214
\$30,000 to \$34,999	21,694	85	81	92
\$35,000 to \$39,999	19,408	44	36	115
\$40,000 to \$44,999	19,077	61	48	96
\$45,000 to \$49,999	16,675	52	17	103
\$50,000 to \$59,999	27,809	64	50	86
\$60,000 to \$74,999	26,008	60	55	106
\$75,000 to \$99,999	20,150	55	35	87
\$100,000 to \$124,999	7,597	14	5	43
\$125,000 to \$149,999	3,493	6	0	7
\$150,000 to \$199,999	2,872	0	12	6
\$200,000 or more	3,238	2	4	14

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