

Age Distribution

The overall age of Minnehaha County residents is on the rise. The median age has increased from 27.1 years in 1960 to 31.4 years in 1990, a trend that is expected to continue as the "Baby Boomer" generation ages. This age group comprised 34 percent of the 1990 county population, the largest percentage of any age group.

The over 65 year age group will begin to grow around the year 2010 as the early baby boomers reach retirement age. The excellent health care facilities available in the Sioux Falls area will not only lessen the out-migration of elderly residents but also attract persons in this age group to the area because of the availability of medical services.

TABLE 3

**Age Breakdown (in percent)
Minnehaha County**

	1960	1970	1980	1990
under 5	12.84	8.48	7.97	7.93
5 thru 14	21.26	22.11	15.19	15.28
15 thru 24	13.29	18.27	20.61	14.44
25 thru 34	12.78	11.59	17.55	19.07
35 thru 44	12.66	10.83	10.29	15.05
45 thru 54	9.86	10.65	9.21	8.95
55 thru 64	8.14	8.04	8.59	7.67
65 thru 74	6.12	5.9	5.84	6.44
75 and over	3.05	4.14	4.76	5.18

Denotes Baby Boom Generation

TABLE 4

**Residential Construction
1990-1997
Minnehaha County**

Townships	# of Units 1990 Census	Units Added							Total Added	Total
		90-91	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997		
Benton	200	7	10	9	8	6	2	8	50	250
Brandon	217	10	5	5	2	2	8	7	39	256
Buffalo	86	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	3	89
Burk	102	2	4	2	3	1	2	4	18	120
Clear Lake	68	1	0	2	1	0	1	1	6	74
Dell Rapids	117	7	4	2	7	4	3	6	33	150
Edison	122	3	2	1	8	2	6	3	25	147
Grand Meadow	94	2	2	2	2	1	3	1	13	107
Hartford	173	12	4	4	4	6	9	3	42	215
Highland	64	2	1	0	1	2	1	1	8	72
Humboldt	105	2	3	3	2	4	2	1	17	122
Logan	98	0	0	1	0	0	2	1	4	102
Lyons	210	4	2	2	4	1	2	5	20	230
Mapleton	630	22	18	21	17	8	20	13	119	749
Palisade	95	3	1	2	2	3	3	4	18	113
Red Rock	113	2	3	3	2	3	4	1	18	131
Split Rock	715	37	25	45	52	34	33	25	251	966
Sverdrup	218	8	10	3	3	4	6	4	38	256
Taopi	115	2	2	3	0	4	1	0	12	127
Valley Springs	112	9	2	3	1	2	1	2	20	132
Wall Lake	305	12	5	13	6	8	13	10	67	372
Wayne	435	6	13	13	15	10	8	8	73	508
Wellington	101	3	2	3	1	2	3	1	15	116
Township Total	4,495	156	118	142	141	108	133	111	909	5,404
Municipalities										
Baltic	249	4	6	9	5	2	3	14	43	292
Brandon	1,143	135	46	47	69	79	97	137	610	1,753
Colton	284	5	2	0	1	0	6	0	14	298
Crooks	215	14	14	9	6	7	5	10	65	280
Dell Rapids	955	37	27	74	27	26	24	28	243	1,198
Garretson	380	6	3	8	4	19	12	8	60	440
Hartford	465	20	19	21	50	27	38	16	191	656
Humboldt	188	1	6	7	1	11	0	1	27	215
Sherman	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	29
Sioux Falls*	41,095	1,325	905	1,190	1,175	915	895	889	7,294	48,389
Valley Springs	282	1	1	2	2	3	0	3	12	294
Municipal Total	45,285	1,548	1,029	1,367	1,340	1,089	1,080	1,106	8,559	53,844
Smaller cities	4,190	223	124	177	165	174	185	217	1,265	5,455
County Total	49,780	1,704	1,147	1,509	1,481	1,197	1,213	1,217	9,468	59,248

*Minnehaha portion only

