

Central 4 Field Education Unit Population Profile – Cooperative Extension Service

Extension’s Central 4 Field Education Unit consists of four non-core counties: Bon Homme, Charles Mix, Douglas and Hutchinson. Southeast Charles Mix County includes the Yankton Reservation (considered an “open” reservation because the land base is not consolidated). All four counties include Hutterite Colonies (10 total). Bon Homme county’s sex ratio of 123.04, indicating 123 males per 100 females, is the highest in South Dakota, and is inflated by over 1,100 residents of the Mike Durfee State Prison and Springfield Academy.

The total population – 28,143 in the 2000 census – includes 3.7 percent of South Dakota’s residents. Hutchinson and Douglas counties are classified as **population-loss** counties. Charles Mix is classified as a **persistent-poverty** county and a **nonmetro-recreation** county. Bon Homme, Douglas and Hutchinson are **older-population** counties. All four counties are **farming-dependent**.

	Bon Homme	Charles Mix	Douglas	Hutchinson
Population	7,260	9,350	3,458	8,075
Under 18	1,674	2,990	958	2,008
Over 65	1,513	1,619	780	2,118
Median Age	40.3	35.7	41.5	32.1
% White	95.5	69.6	98.1	98.8
Per capita income	\$13,892	\$11,502	\$13,827	\$15,922
Med Household income	\$30,654	\$26,060	\$28,478	\$30,026
BS, BA or more	15.3%	14.1%	14.5%	14.1%
Fertility rate	57.1	95.2	60.2	66.7
Farms	737	796	462	931
Average Farm Size	437 acres	864 acres	571 acres	540 acres
Average net farm Income 2002	\$12,843	\$21,070	\$35,323	\$32,478
Commute to work in county	13.9%	9.8%	11.3%	17.7%
Commute to work from county	25.1%	6.5%	19.3%	22.2%
Language other than English spoken at home	8.4%	11.0%	6.9%	15.6%

Population Indices Bon Homme County

general dependency ratio	63.11
youth dependency ratio	29.12
aged dependency ratio	33.99
index of aging	116.74

sex ratio	123.04
Child/woman ratio	343.87
young adult ratio	31.07
median age	40.3

Population Indices Charles Mix County

general dependency ratio	77.79
youth dependency ratio	47.01
aged dependency ratio	30.79
index of aging	65.49

sex ratio	96.55
Child/woman ratio	487.51
young adult ratio	29.43
median age	35.7

Population Indices Douglas County

general dependency ratio	78.71
youth dependency ratio	38.40
aged dependency ratio	40.31
index of aging	104.98

sex ratio	95.15
Child/woman ratio	356.63
young adult ratio	24.61
Median age	41.8

Population Indices Hutchinson County

general dependency ratio	84.91
youth dependency ratio	36.41
aged dependency ratio	48.50
index of aging	123.21

sex ratio	94.86
Child/woman ratio	384.24
young adult ratio	25.00
Median age	43.1