

South 2 Field Education Unit Population Profile – Cooperative Extension Service

Extension's South 2 Field Education Unit consists of three counties – Clay, Union and Yankton, in the Southeast corner of South Dakota. Union County is part of the Sioux City **Metropolitan Area**, while Yankton and Clay are classified as **micropolitan** counties. The total population is 47,773 – 6.3% of South Dakota.

Yankton County is classified as **non-specialized**, Clay County as **government-dependent**, and Union County as **manufacturing dependent**. Union County has the highest commuting rates in South Dakota.

	Clay	Union	Yankton
Population	13,537	12,584	21,652
Under 18	2,546	3,395	5,567
Over 65	1,364	1,702	3,164
Median Age	24.9	36.9	37.0
% White	92.8	96.8	95.1
Per capita income	\$14,452	\$24,355	\$17,312
Med Household income	\$27,535	\$44,790	\$35,374
BS, BA or higher degree	38.7%	26.3%	23.0%
Fertility rate	37.1	66.7	58.8
Farms	437	560	692
Average Farm Size	541 acres	463 acres	392 acres
Avg Income per farm 2002	\$52,651	\$27,613	\$34,857
Commute to work in county	14.9%	63.7%	19.9%
Commute to work from county	24.5%	43.1%	8.5%
Language other than English spoken at home	5.1%	4.1%	5.6%

Population Indices Clay County

general dependency ratio	34.62	sex ratio	94.27
youth dependency ratio	21.05	Child/woman ratio	178.63
aged dependency ratio	13.56	young adult ratio	93.10
index of aging	64.43	median age	24.9

**Population Indices
Union County**

general dependency ratio	55.51	sex ratio	99.24
youth dependency ratio	34.48	Child/woman ratio	344.03
aged dependency ratio	21.03	young adult ratio	33.07
index of aging	61.00	median age	36.9

**Population Indices
Yankton County**

general dependency ratio	55.51	sex ratio	101.90
youth dependency ratio	32.79	Child/woman ratio	319.83
aged dependency ratio	22.72	young adult ratio	34.75
index of aging	69.31	Median age	37.0

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