

South 3 Field Education Unit Population Profile – Cooperative Extension Service

Extension’s South 3 Field Education Unit consists of six counties – Brookings, Kingsbury, Lake, McCook, Miner and Moody. The total population – 67,186 in the 2000 census – includes 8.9 percent of South Dakota’s population. USDA’s Economic Research Service classifies Brookings as **micropolitan**, and McCook as part of the Sioux Falls **Metropolitan** Area. Kingsbury, Lake, Miner and Moody Counties are classified as **non-core**. Along the FEU’s west edge, Kingsbury and Miner Counties are classified as both **population-loss** and **older-population** counties. Brookings is classified as a **government-dependent** county, Lake as a **manufacturing-dependent** county, with the remaining four county economies classified as **farming-dependent**.

The significantly lower fertility rate in Brookings is due to an influx of university students who have (for the most part) postponed childbearing.

	Brookings	Kingsbury	Lake	McCook	Miner	Moody
Population	28,200	5,815	11,276	5,832	2,884	6,595
Under 18	5,840	1,424	2,677	1,657	735	1,921
Over 65	3,065	1,406	1,843	1,138	690	985
Median Age	26.6	42.7	36.5	38.6	42.5	37.0
% White	96.4	98.5	97.8	98.9	98.8	84.9
Per capita income	\$17,586	\$16,522	\$16,446	\$16,374	\$15,155	\$16,541
Med Household income	\$35,438	\$31,262	\$34,087	\$35,396	\$29,519	\$35,467
BS, BA	32.2%	16.2%	21.1%	16.3%	13.5%	17.4%
Fertility rate	43.9	54.8	51.1	77.3	54.6	67.0
Farms	962	599	513	539	370	580
Average Farm Size	435 acres	866 acres	634 acres	640 acres	787 acres	488 acres
Avg Income per farm 2002	\$17,411	\$21,657	\$36,218	\$43,977	\$33,128	\$36,740
Commute to work in county	12.5%	14.7%	9.5%	16.3%	18.9%	17.1%
Commute to work from county	10.1%	27.7%	17.6%	41.0%	21.0%	40.6 %
Language other than English	5.2%	2.7%	4.8%	4.1%	4.7%	5.8%

Population Indices Brookings County

general dependency ratio	38.54	sex ratio	102.12
Youth dependency ratio	23.49	Child/woman ratio	216.25
Aged dependency ratio	15.05	young adult ratio	74.09
Index of aging	64.05	median age	26.6

Population Indices Kingsbury County

general dependency ratio	77.45	sex ratio	96.25
Youth dependency ratio	34.54	Child/woman ratio	328.77
Aged dependency ratio	42.91	young adult ratio	23.75
Index of aging	124.20	median age	42.7

Population Indices Lake County

general dependency ratio	53.33	sex ratio	99.79
Youth dependency ratio	28.27	Child/woman ratio	261.47
Aged dependency ratio	25.06	young adult ratio	42.02
Index of aging	88.65	Median age	36.5

Population Indices McCook County

general dependency ratio	75.66	sex ratio	99.45
Youth dependency ratio	41.39	Child/woman ratio	372.98
Aged dependency ratio	34.28	young adult ratio	27.50
Index of aging	82.82	Median age	38.6

Population Indices Miner County

general dependency ratio	77.26	sex ratio	99.58
Youth dependency ratio	34.85	Child/woman ratio	303.90
Aged dependency ratio	42.41	young adult ratio	24.90
Index of aging	121.69	Median age	42.5

**Population Indices
Moody County**

general dependency ratio	61.05	sex ratio	99.85
Youth dependency ratio	37.00	Child/woman ratio	318.54
Aged dependency ratio	24.05	young adult ratio	32.40
Index of aging	65.02	Median age	37.0

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