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Demographic Information

The Metropolitan Council estimated that Belle Plaine had a population of 6,595 in 2006. This is a 74 percent increase from the 2000 U.S. Census population of 3,789. During the same time period, the number of households in Belle Plaine grew by 69 percent. This growth is consistent with Metropolitan Council forecasts that project moderate population growth in the city through 2030. Belle Plaine's population is expected to reach 16,300 in 2030, a nearly 150 percent increase from its current population estimate. The State Demographer's Office projects that the number of households in Scott County will increase 81 percent between 2000 and 2020, from 30,692 households to 55,540 households. Belle Plaine will likely experience higher household growth given previous Belle Plaine household growth relative to Scott County household growth and population projections. (Figure B1)

Belle Plaine had a median age of 34.9 years in 2001 according to the U.S. Census. Comparatively, Scott County's median age was 32.7 years and Minnesota's median age statewide was 35.4. 49.4 percent of the population was male, and 50.6 percent was female (Figure B2). 97 percent of the population was white, and the largest minority group was Hispanic or Latino, comprising of 1.1 percent of the population. Results from the American Community Survey indicate that diversity is increasing in Scott County, particularly among Asians, African Americans, and Hispanics. (Figure B3)

Socioeconomic Information

The 2000 Census reported that 81.5 percent of the population age 25 and older in Belle Plaine has attained at least high school diploma, and 17.3 percent a bachelor's degree or higher. 16 percent of Belle Plaine's non-institutionalized population had a disability in 2000. 97.5 percent of the city's population spoke English at home.

The Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development reported the unemployment rate in Scott County was 5 percent in March 2008. This compares to 5.4 percent statewide and 5.2 percent nationwide. There were 28 families (29 percent of all families) or 206 individuals (5.6 percent of population) below the poverty level in Belle Plaine. The Median income was \$50,272 in the city in 2000, above the nationwide figure of \$41,994.

Manufacturing was the largest employing industry among Belle Plaine's workforce in 2000, followed by education (Figure B4). According to the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development, major employers in the city include Belle Plaine Lutheran Home, the Belle Plaine School District, and Emma Krumbie's. (Figure B5).

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95 percent of Belle Plaine's workforce age 16 and older in 2000 did not work at home and therefore must commute. Of these commuters, 81 percent drove alone, 10.7 percent carpoled, 3.5 percent walked, and less than 1 percent used other means. No commuters reported using public transportation. The average travel time to work was 24.5 minutes. (Figure B6)

	1990-2000 Growth	2000-2010 Growth Projection	2010-2020 Growth Projection	2020-2030 Growth Projection
Belle Plaine	20.30%	92.70%	61.60%	38.10%
Belle Plaine Twp	16.60%	-4.50%	2.60%	64.60%
Scott County	54.70%	63.50%	27.60%	18.70%

Source: U.S. Census, 2000

Figure B1. Belle Plaine / Scott County Population Growth, CRD, May, 2008.

Sex and Age	Number	Percent
Sex		
Male	1,873	49.4
Female	1,916	50.6
Age Group (Years)		
Under 5	283	7.50%
5 to 9	295	7.80%
10 to 14	301	7.90%
15 to 19	277	7.30%
20 to 24	187	4.90%
25 to 34	554	14.60%
35 to 44	631	16.70%
45 to 54	382	10.10%
55 to 59	139	3.70%
60 to 64	126	3.30%
65 to 74	256	6.80%
75 to 84	238	6.30%
85+	120	3.20%
Total	3,789	100.00%

Figure B2. Belle Plaine Sex and Age, CRD, May, 2008.

Source: U.S. Census, 2000

Race or Ethnicity	2000 Population	
	Number	Percent
One Race	3,754	99.10%
White	3,690	97.40%
Black or African American	5	0.10%
American Indian or Alaska Native	15	0.40%
Asian	27	0.70%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	0.00%
Some Other Race	17	0.40%
Two or More Races	2	0.10%
Hispanic or Latino	43	1.10%
<i>Total Population</i>	<i>3,789</i>	<i>100.00%</i>

Figure B3. 2000 Belle Plaine Race and Ethnicity, CRD, May, 2008.

Source: U.S. Census, 2000

Industry	Number of Workers	Percent
Manufacturing	389	20.00%
Educational; health and social services	336	17.20%
Construction	216	11.10%
Arts; entertainment; recreation; accommodation and food services	215	11.00%
Retail trade	210	10.80%
Finance; insurance; real estate and rental and leasing	127	6.50%
Transportation and warehousing; and utilities	116	6.00%
Other services (except public administration)	88	4.50%
Professional; scientific; management; administrative; and waste management services	81	4.20%
Public administration	79	4.10%
Wholesale trade	48	2.50%
Information	39	2.00%
Agriculture; forestry; fishing and hunting; and mining	5	0.30%
<i>Total</i>	<i>1,949</i>	<i>100.00%</i>

Source: U.S. Census, 2000

Figure B4. 2000 Belle Plaine Employment by Industry, CRD, May, 2008.

Employer	Employee Count
Belle Plaine Lutheran Home	276
Belle Plaine Public Schools-ISD #716	90
Emma Krumbree's Family Restaurant	85
Bell Pharmaceuticals	30
Huber's SuperValu	25
Lupient - Belle Plaine	25
State Bk of Belle Plaine	21
Belle Plaine, City of	20
Valley View Golf Club	20
Belle Plaine Co-op	18
Seimon Implement	17
Subway	13
Belle Plaine Clinic	12
Creative Tool & Engineering	12
Prairie Farm Supply	11

Source: Minn. Dept. of Employment & Economic Development

Figure B5. 2000 Belle Plaine Major Employers, CRD, May, 2008.

		Commute Time (Minutes)				
		0-9	10-14	15-19	20-29	30+
Belle Plaine Commuters	Number of Commuters	495	179	676	372	93
	Percent of Commuters	27.30%	9.90%	37.20%	20.50%	5.10%

Source: U.S. Census, 2000

Figure B6. 2000 Belle Plaine Commute Time to Work, CRD, May, 2008.