

Population Trends for Communities in Northeastern South Dakota



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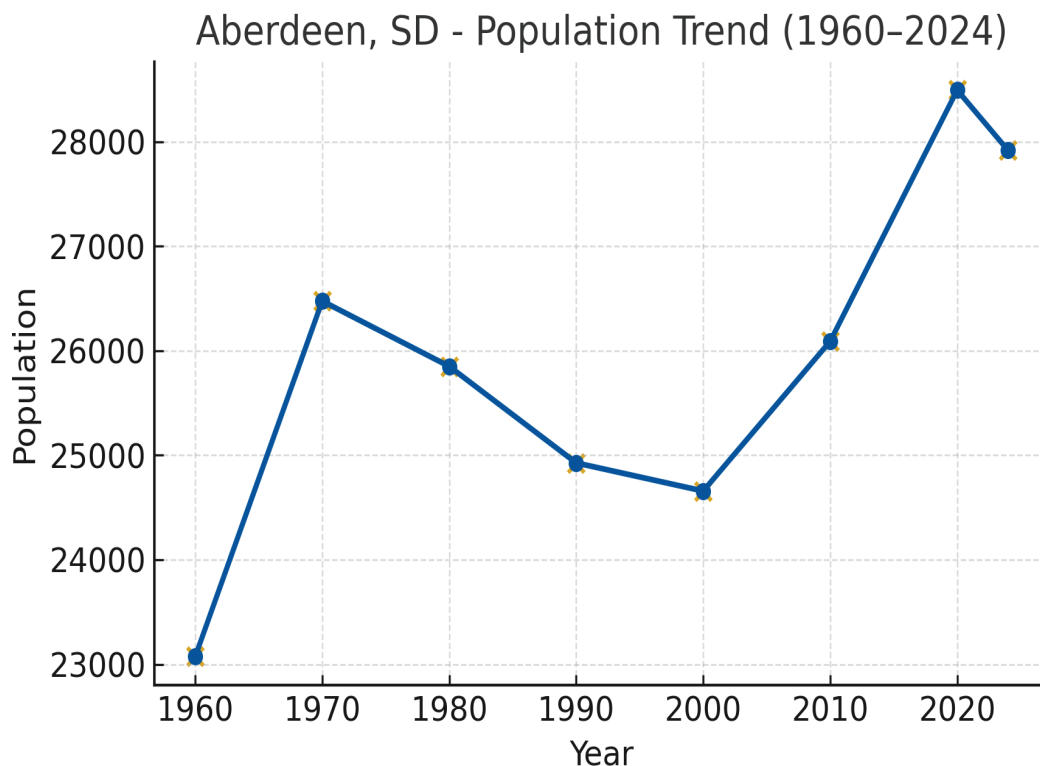
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Other Towns Included In This Report

Sioux Falls	213,991	Huron.....	14,789	Harrisburg	8,250	Hot Springs.....	3,465
Rapid City.....	79,077	Pierre	14,190	Sturgis.....	7,850	Milbank.....	3,330
Brookings	24,288	Box Elder	13,327	Tea	6,660	Mobridge	3,219
Watertown.....	22,847	Spearfish	12,477	Madison.....	6,622	South Dakota.....	919,318
Mitchell.....	15,502	Vermillion.....	11,605	Dell Rapids	4,205	North Dakota	813,926
Yankton.....	15,613	Brandon	11,102	Canton	3,505	United States .	336,556,000

Aberdeen, South Dakota — Population Trends

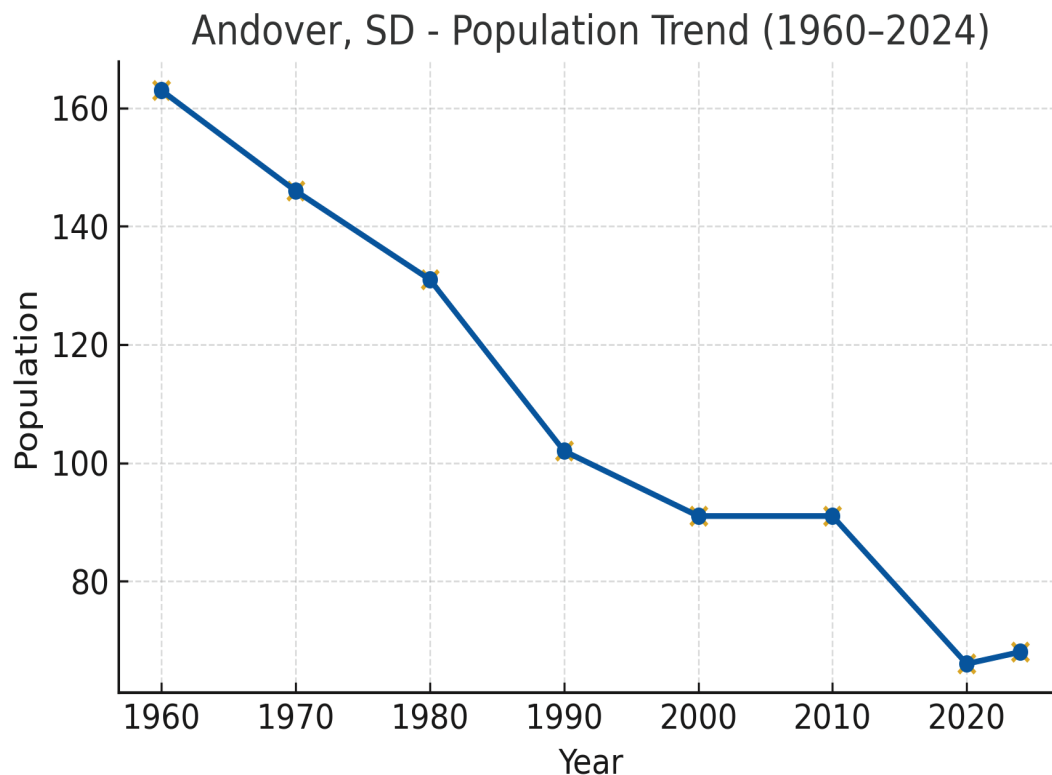
Year	Population
1960	23073
1970	26476
1980	25851
1990	24927
2000	24658
2010	26091
2020	28495
2024	27919



Aberdeen grew strongly from 1960 to 1970, then saw mild fluctuations through the 1980s and 1990s. Growth resumed in the 2000s and accelerated into 2020, reaching 28,495 residents. The 2024 estimate of 27,919 suggests a slight pullback from the 2020 peak but still above 2010 levels. Overall, Aberdeen remains a regional hub with long-term stability compared with many peer communities.

Andover, South Dakota — Population Trends

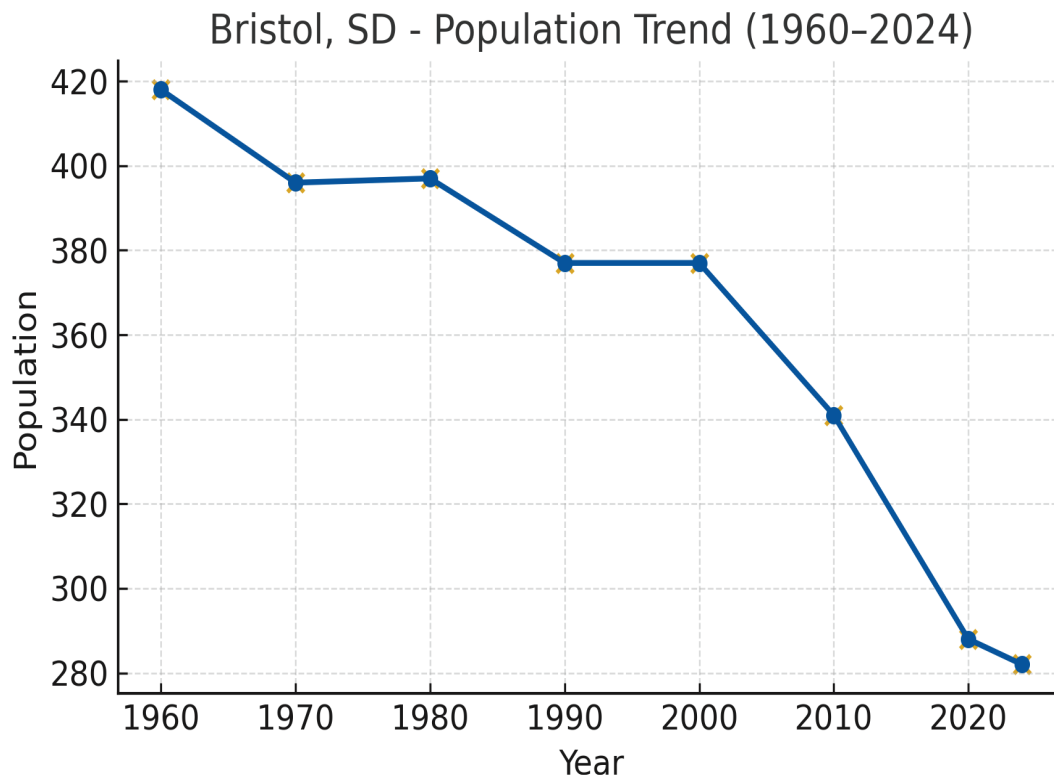
Year	Population
1960	163
1970	146
1980	131
1990	102
2000	91
2010	91
2020	66
2024	68



Andover's population has steadily declined over the past six decades, dropping from 163 in 1960 to just 66 in 2020. The 2024 estimate of 68 shows a slight uptick but remains far below historic levels. This long-term decline reflects the challenges faced by many small rural communities in retaining residents.

Bristol, South Dakota — Population Trends

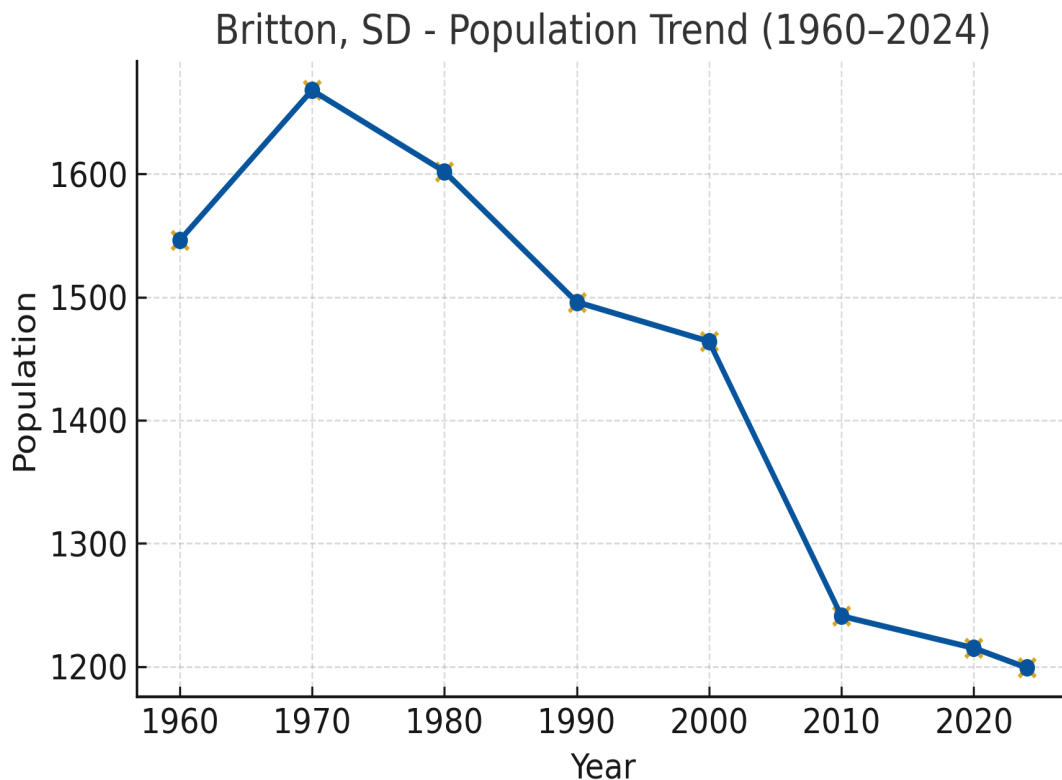
Year	Population
1960	418
1970	396
1980	397
1990	377
2000	377
2010	341
2020	288
2024	282



Bristol's population has declined steadily from 418 residents in 1960 to 288 in 2020. The 2024 estimate of 282 reflects a continuation of this downward trend. As a small community in Day County, Bristol's demographic shifts mirror broader rural trends in northeastern South Dakota.

Britton, South Dakota — Population Trends

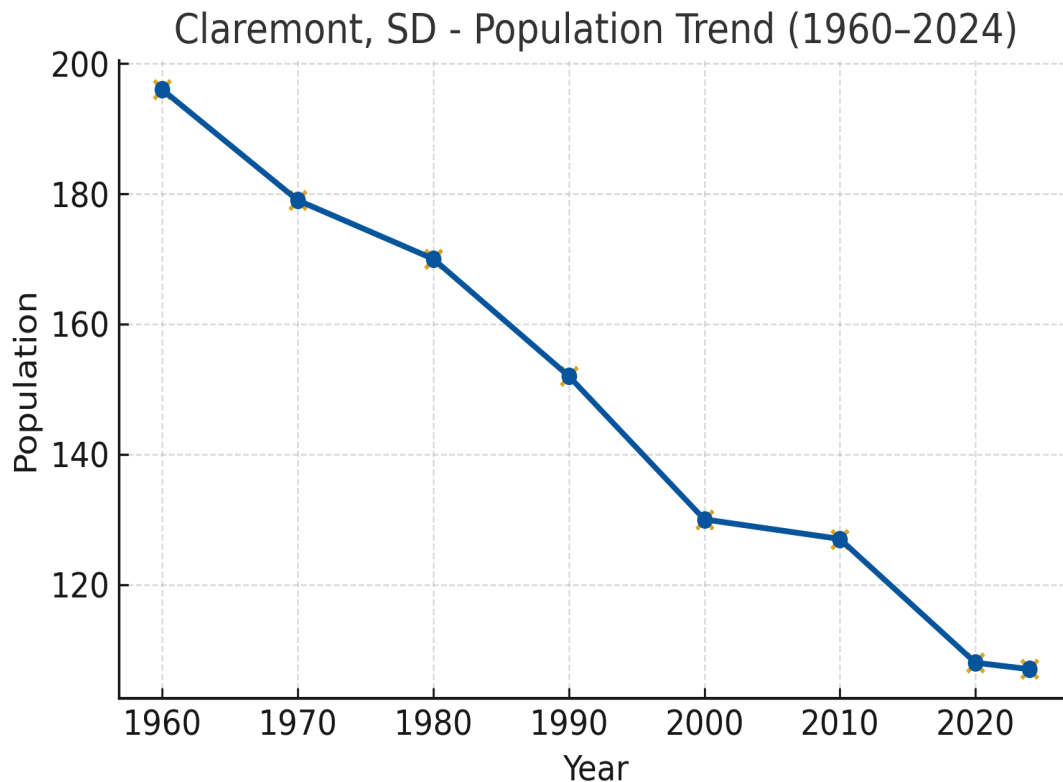
Year	Population
1960	1546
1970	1668
1980	1602
1990	1496
2000	1464
2010	1241
2020	1215
2024	1199



Britton's population peaked in 1970 at 1,668 residents and has since experienced a gradual decline. From 2000 to 2020, the city's population dropped from 1,464 to 1,215, with a 2024 estimate of 1,199. This trend mirrors broader rural population shifts in the Upper Midwest.

Claremont, South Dakota — Population Trends

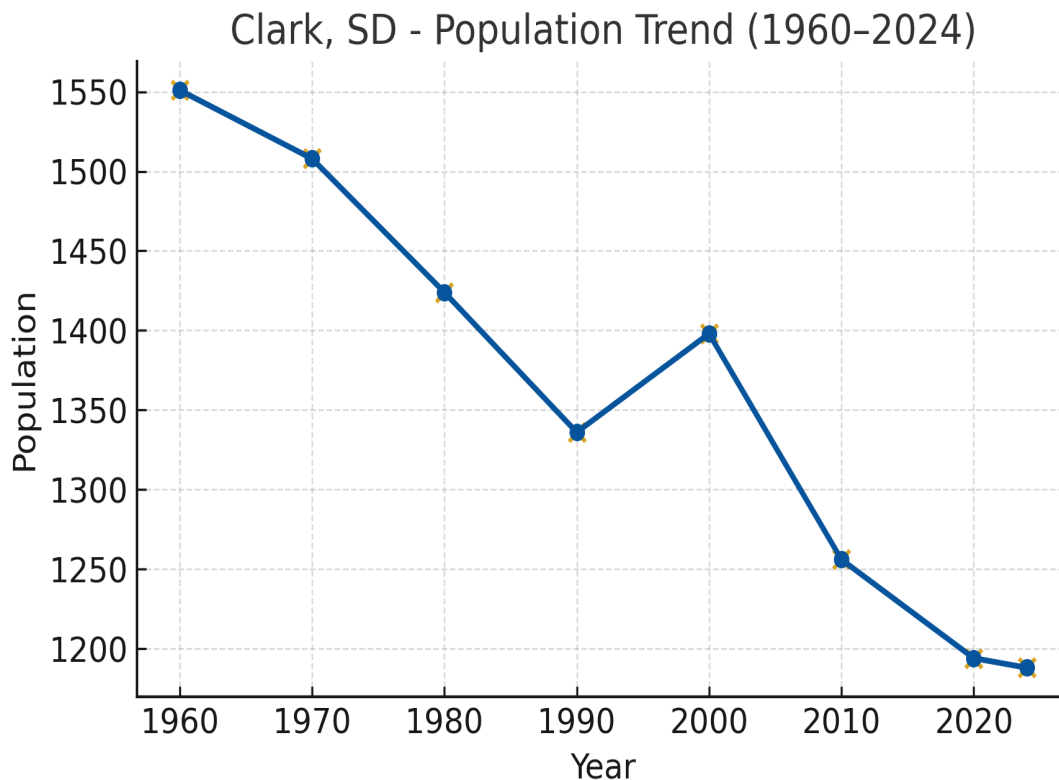
Year	Population
1960	196
1970	179
1980	170
1990	152
2000	130
2010	127
2020	108
2024	107



Claremont's population has gradually declined from 196 in 1960 to 108 in 2020. The 2024 estimate of 107 continues this slow downward trend. Like many small towns in the region, Claremont has faced population loss due to urban migration and agricultural consolidation.

Clark, South Dakota — Population Trends

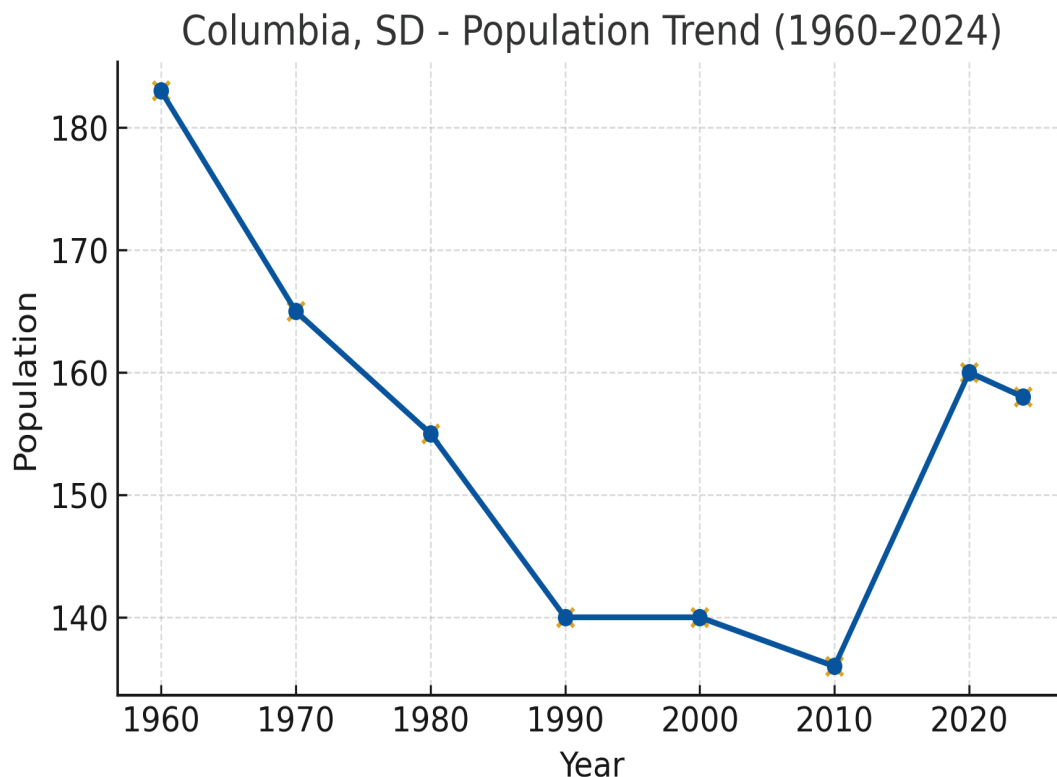
Year	Population
1960	1551
1970	1508
1980	1424
1990	1336
2000	1398
2010	1256
2020	1194
2024	1188



Clark's population has gradually declined from 1,551 in 1960 to 1,194 in 2020. The 2024 estimate of 1,188 suggests continued stability at just under 1,200 residents. As the county seat of Clark County, the town remains an important hub despite long-term demographic changes.

Columbia, South Dakota — Population Trends

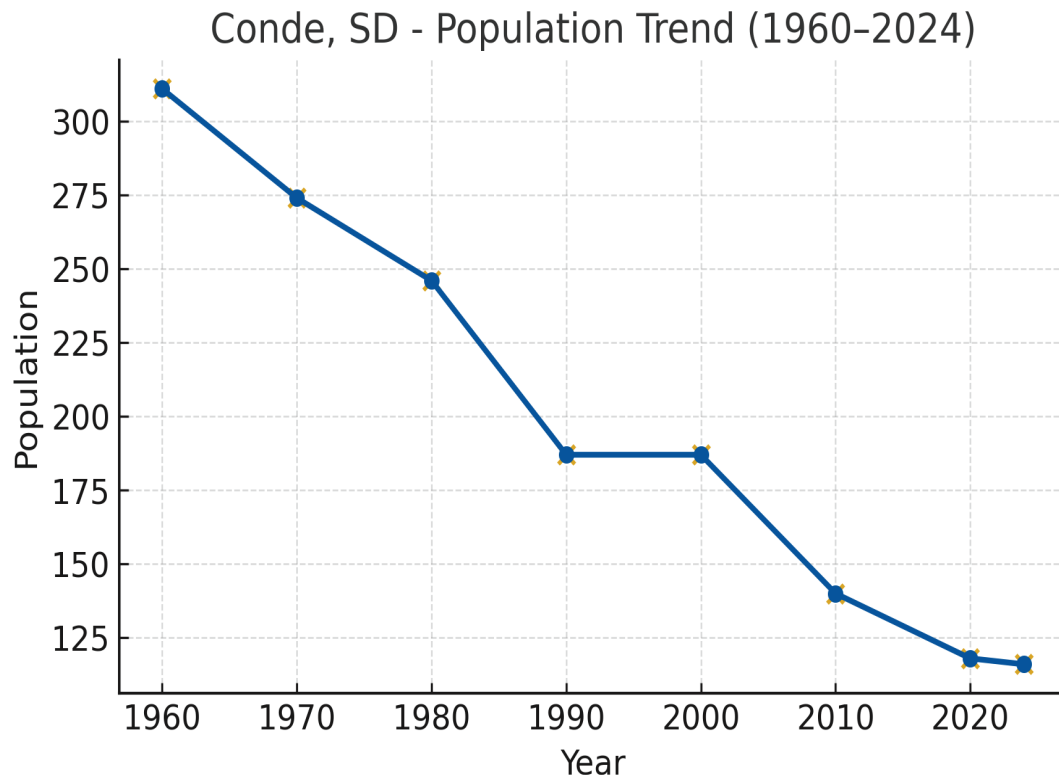
Year	Population
1960	183
1970	165
1980	155
1990	140
2000	140
2010	136
2020	160
2024	158



Columbia's population declined steadily from 1960 through 2010, reaching 136 residents. However, the 2020 census recorded a rise to 160, with a slight dip to an estimated 158 in 2024. The recent increase suggests some stabilization after decades of decline.

Conde, South Dakota — Population Trends

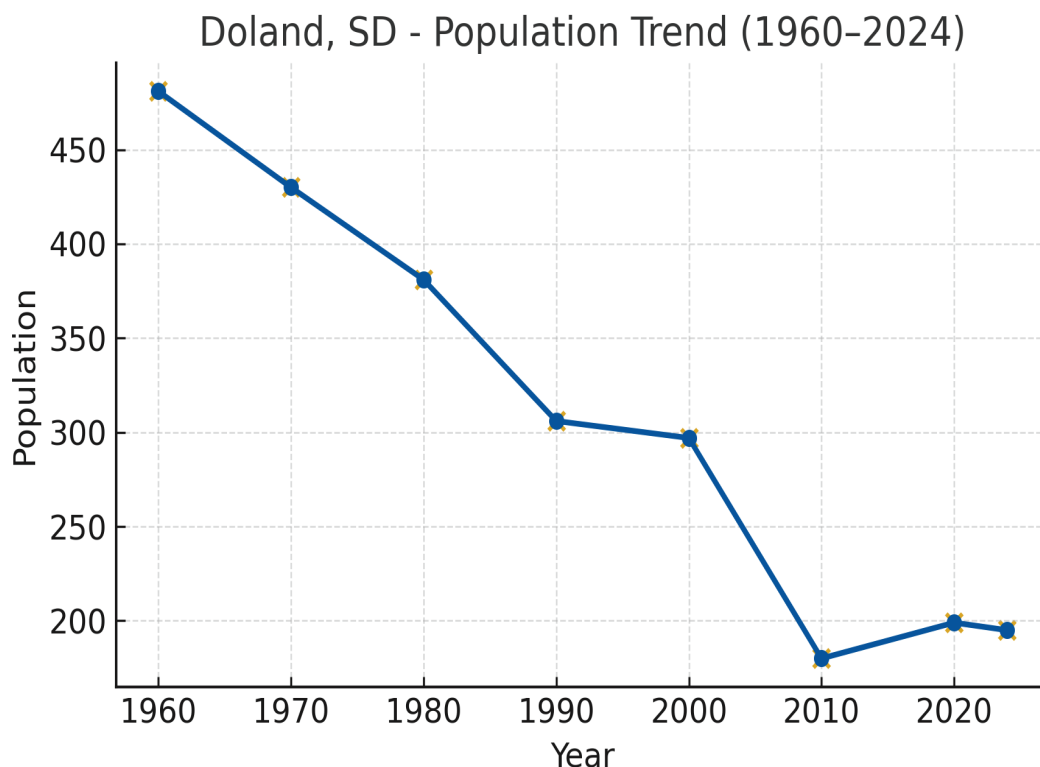
Year	Population
1960	311
1970	274
1980	246
1990	187
2000	187
2010	140
2020	118
2024	116



Conde's population has steadily declined over the last 60 years, dropping from 311 residents in 1960 to just 118 in 2020. The 2024 estimate of 116 continues the long-term downward trend, reflecting the demographic challenges faced by many small rural towns.

Doland, South Dakota — Population Trends

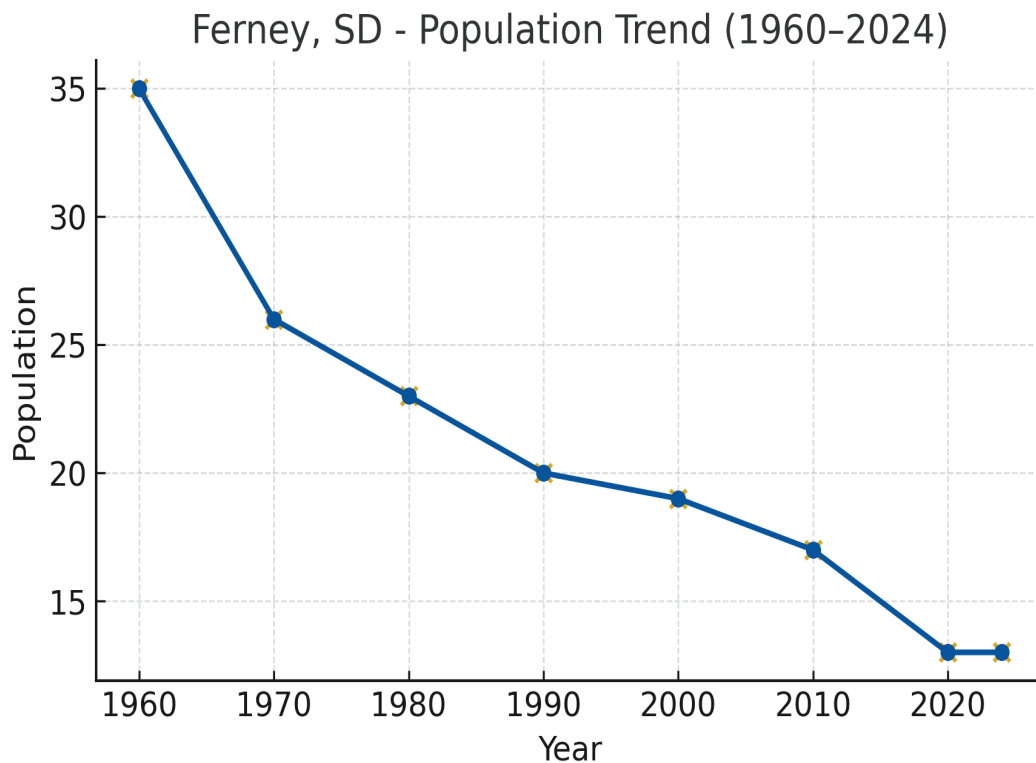
Year	Population
1960	481
1970	430
1980	381
1990	306
2000	297
2010	180
2020	199
2024	195



Doland's population has trended downward since 1960, declining from 481 residents to 430 in 1970 and 381 in 1980. The city continued to shrink through 2000 (297) and reached a low of 180 by the 2010 Census before rebounding slightly to 199 in 2020. The 2024 estimate of 195 suggests continued stability at just under 200 residents, following the sharp drop seen between 2000 and 2010.

Ferney, South Dakota — Population Trends

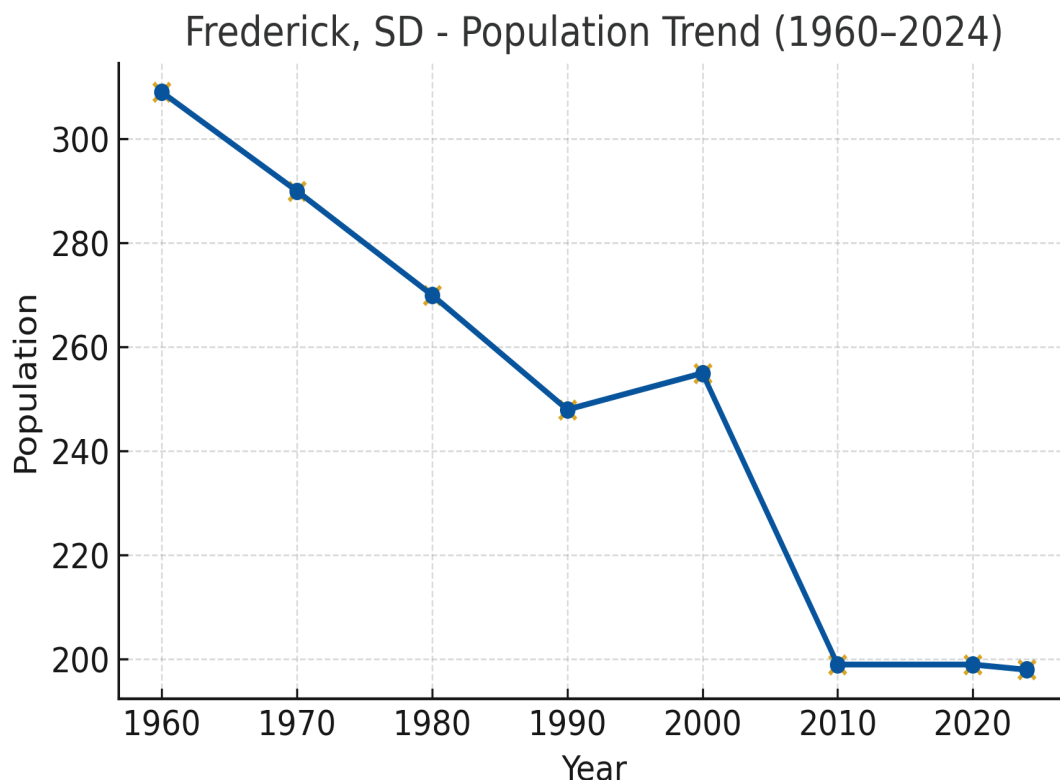
Year	Population
1960	35
1970	26
1980	23
1990	20
2000	19
2010	17
2020	13
2024	13



Ferney's population has steadily declined over the past six decades, from 35 residents in 1960 to just 13 in 2020. The 2024 estimate remains at 13, indicating a stable but very small community. Ferney is one of the smallest incorporated towns in South Dakota, with its population reflecting broader rural depopulation trends.

Frederick, South Dakota — Population Trends

Year	Population
1960	309
1970	290
1980	270
1990	248
2000	255
2010	199
2020	199
2024	198



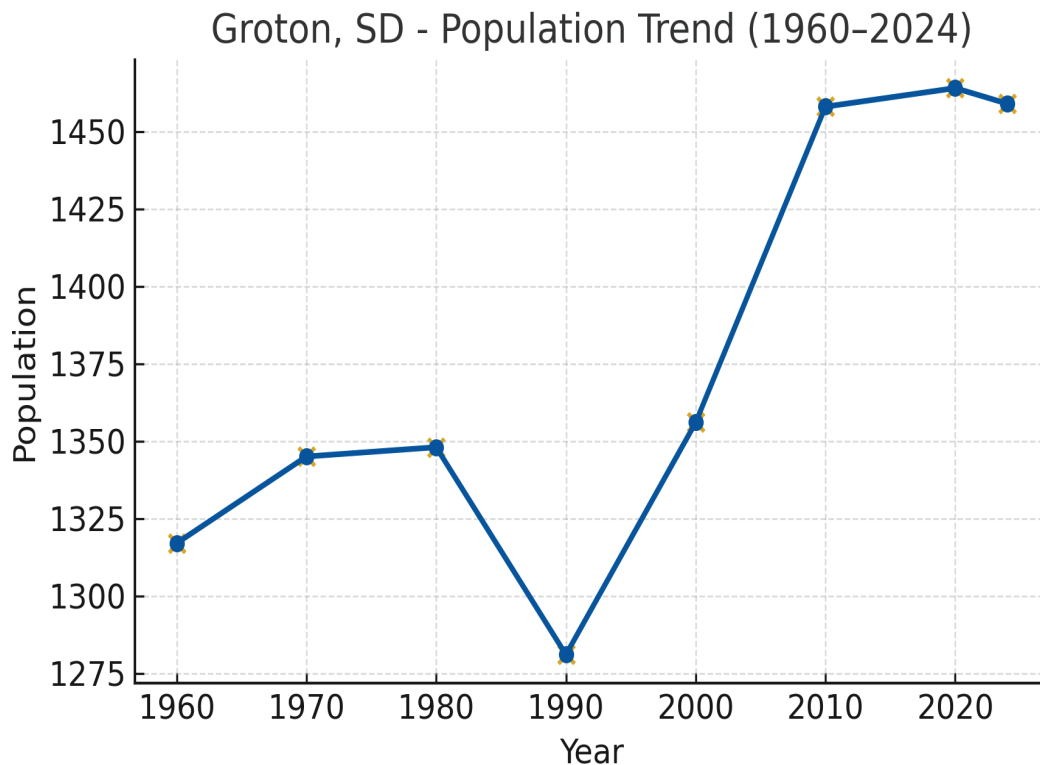
Frederick's population has gradually declined from 309 in 1960 to 199 in 2020, with a slight dip to an estimated 198 in 2024. While the rate of decline has slowed in recent decades, the overall trend reflects the challenges faced by small rural communities.

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Groton, South Dakota — Population Trends

Year	Population
1960	1317
1970	1345
1980	1348
1990	1281
2000	1356
2010	1458
2020	1464
2024	1459

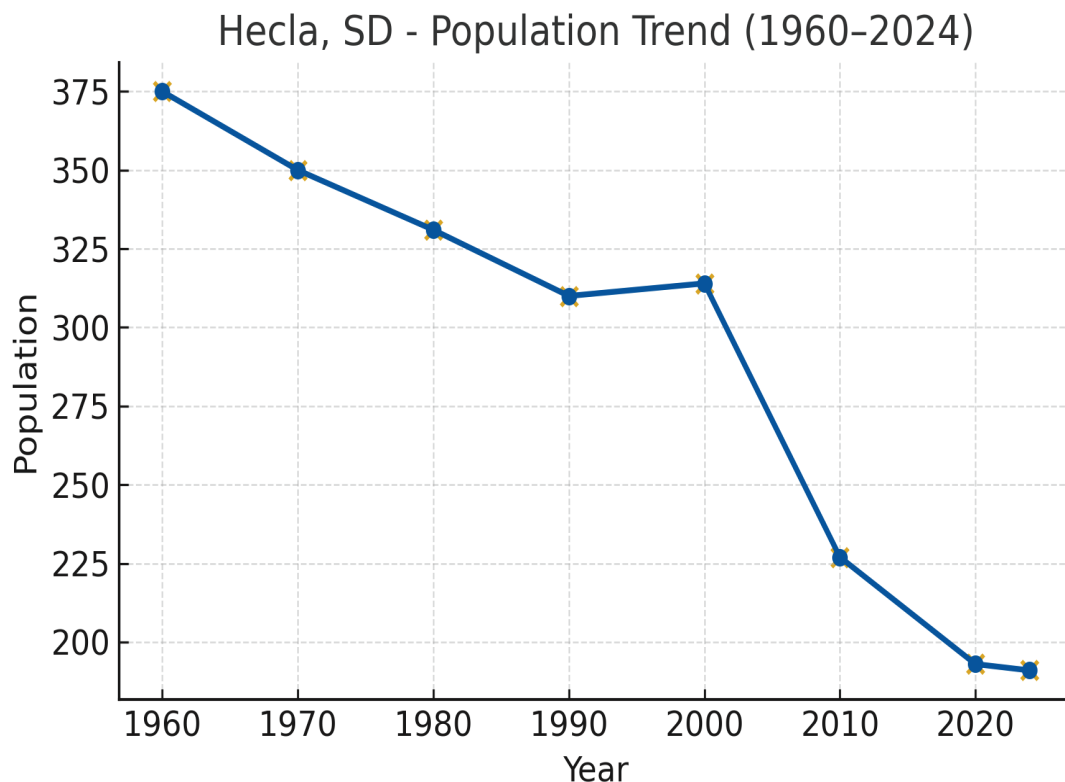


Groton's population has remained relatively stable over the past 60 years, fluctuating within a narrow range. After a modest decline in the 1990s, the city grew in the 2000s, peaking at 1,464 residents in 2020. The 2024 estimate of 1,459 indicates continued stability, reflecting Groton's appeal as a small-town community near a regional center.

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Hecla, South Dakota — Population Trends

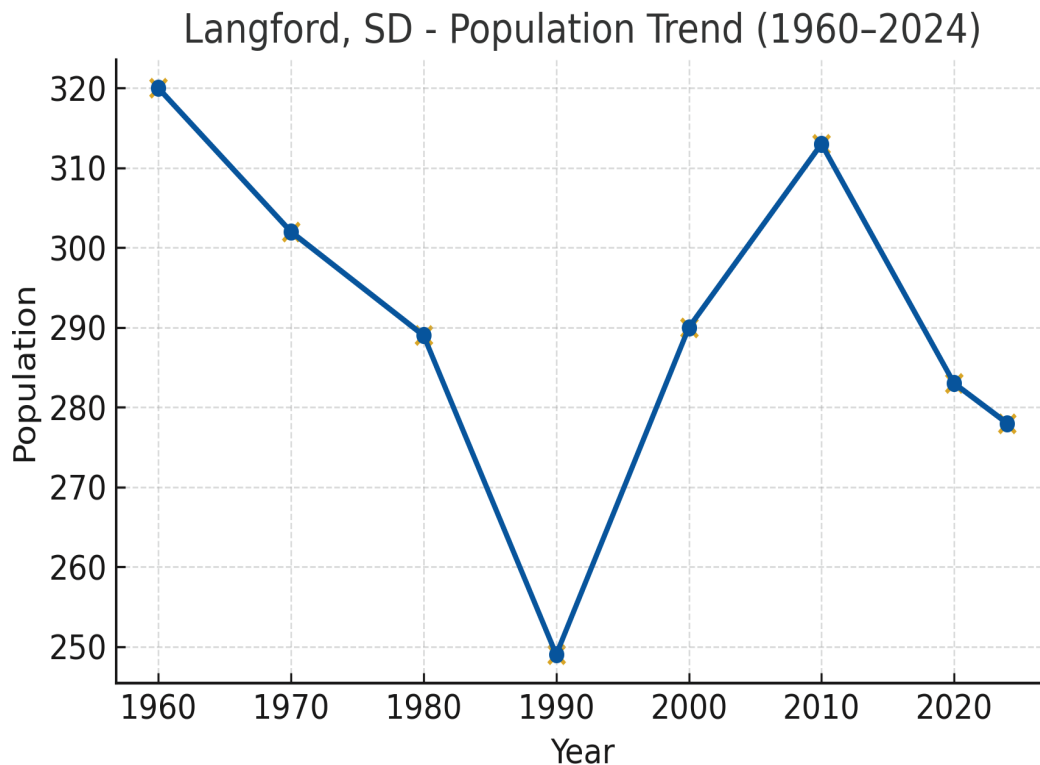
Year	Population
1960	375
1970	350
1980	331
1990	310
2000	314
2010	227
2020	193
2024	191



Hecla's population has declined steadily since 1960, falling from 375 residents to just 193 in 2020. The 2024 estimate of 191 continues this trend. This decline mirrors patterns seen in many rural towns as younger generations migrate to urban areas for work and education.

Langford, South Dakota — Population Trends

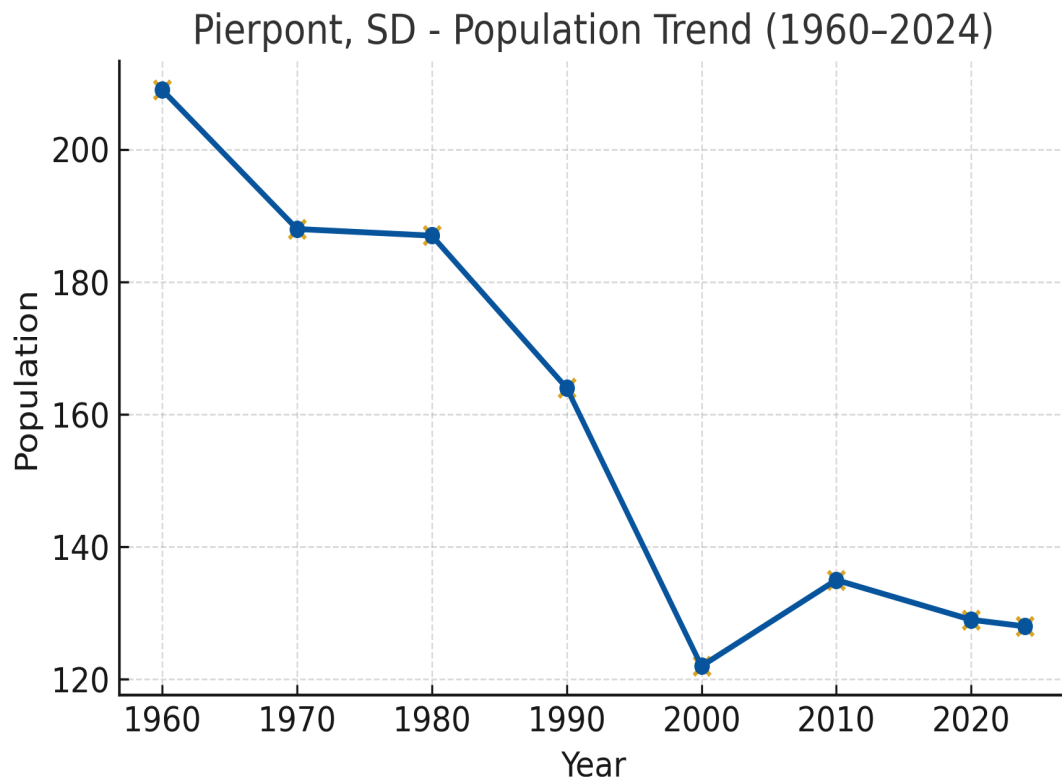
Year	Population
1960	320
1970	302
1980	289
1990	249
2000	290
2010	313
2020	283
2024	278



Langford's population has fluctuated modestly over the past six decades, ranging between 249 and 320 residents. After a slight increase in the 2000s, the population declined to 283 in 2020, with a 2024 estimate of 278. The overall stability suggests Langford has maintained its role as a small but steady rural community.

Pierpont, South Dakota — Population Trends

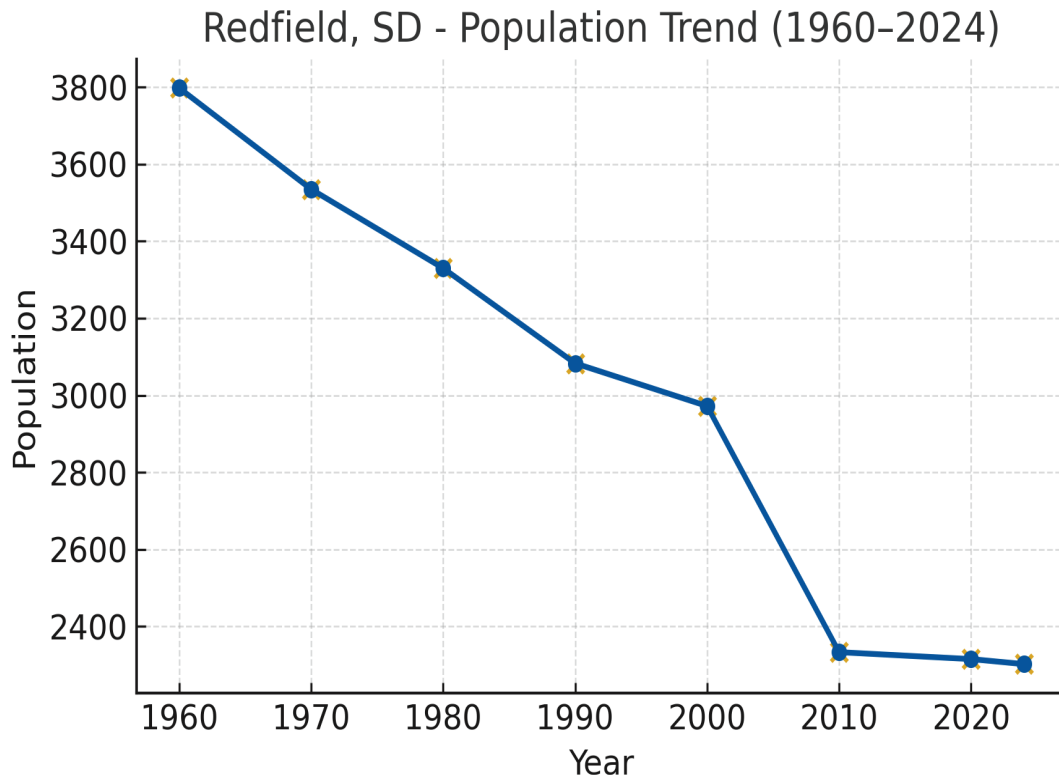
Year	Population
1960	209
1970	188
1980	187
1990	164
2000	122
2010	135
2020	129
2024	128



Pierpont's population has steadily declined from 209 residents in 1960 to 129 in 2020. The 2024 estimate of 128 continues this gradual downward trend. Like many rural South Dakota towns, Pierpont's demographic changes reflect economic shifts and migration patterns over the decades.

Redfield, South Dakota — Population Trends

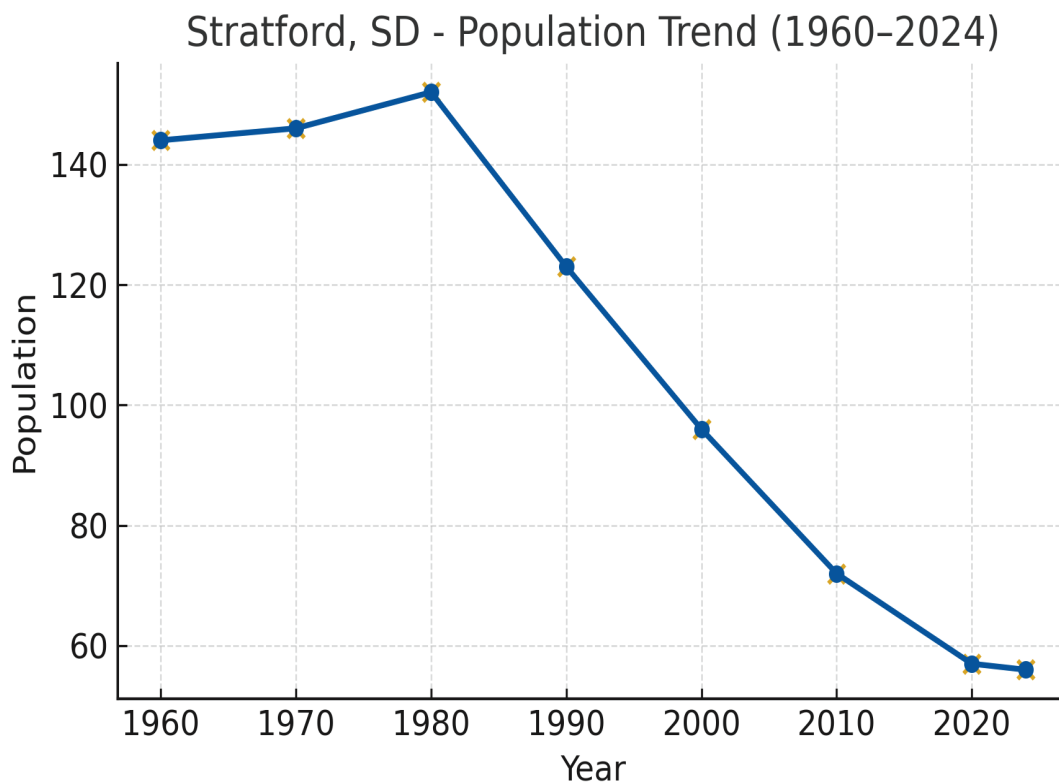
Year	Population
1960	3798
1970	3535
1980	3330
1990	3083
2000	2972
2010	2333
2020	2315
2024	2302



Redfield's population has steadily declined from 3,798 in 1960 to 2,315 in 2020. The 2024 estimate of 2,302 continues this long-term downward trend. While Redfield remains a key community in Spink County, demographic shifts and economic changes have influenced its population decline.

Stratford, South Dakota — Population Trends

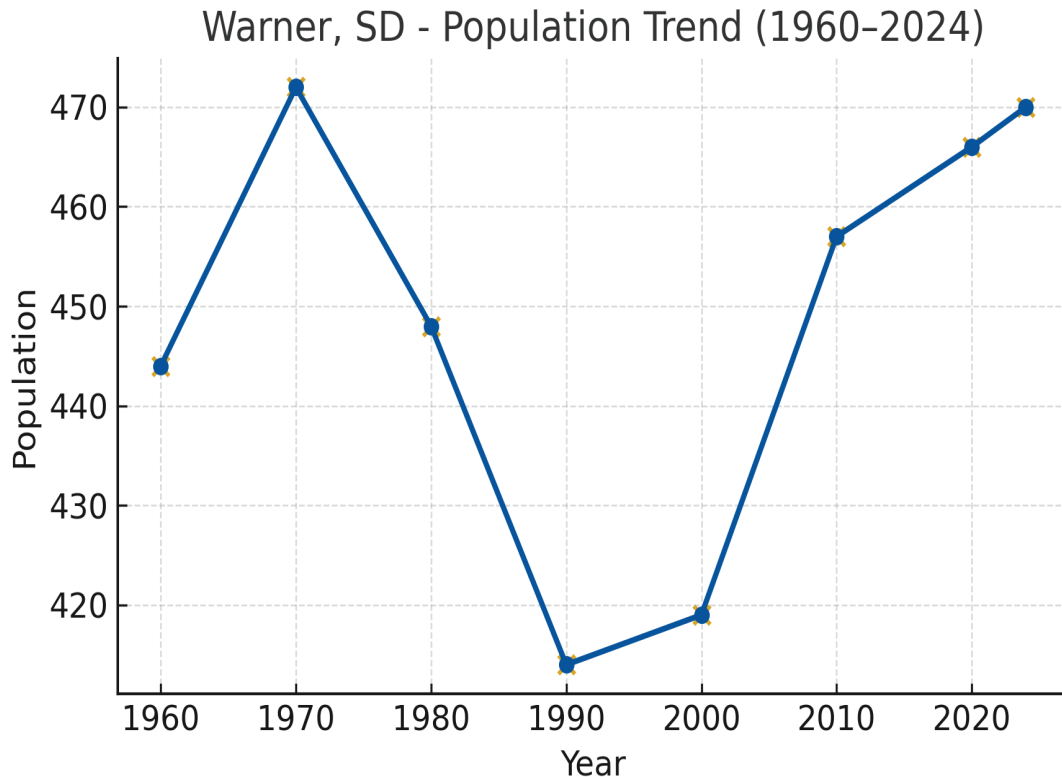
Year	Population
1960	144
1970	146
1980	152
1990	123
2000	96
2010	72
2020	57
2024	56



Stratford's population has declined significantly over the past 60 years, from 144 residents in 1960 to 57 in 2020. The 2024 estimate of 56 reflects a continuation of this trend. Like many small rural communities, Stratford has experienced outmigration and demographic shifts over the decades.

Warner, South Dakota — Population Trends

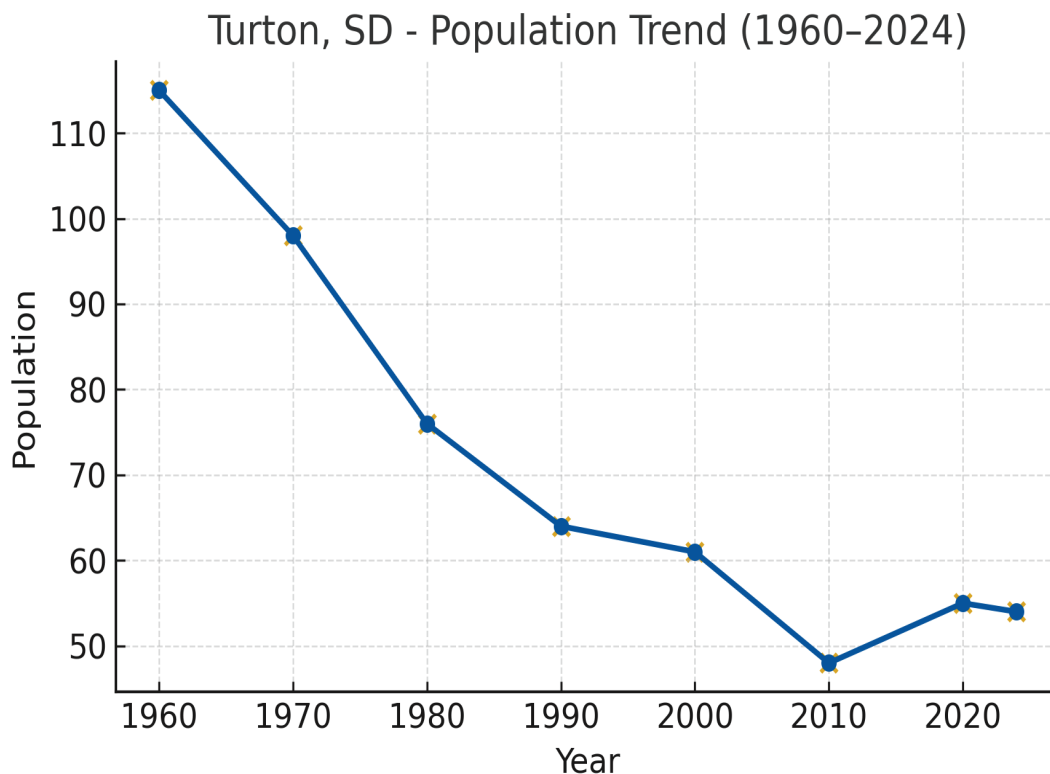
Year	Population
1960	444
1970	472
1980	448
1990	414
2000	419
2010	457
2020	466
2024	470



Warner's population has remained relatively stable over the past six decades, ranging from 414 in 1990 to 472 in 1970. The 2024 estimate of 470 suggests continued growth stability in recent decades, reflecting Warner's ability to maintain a consistent population base.

Turton, South Dakota — Population Trends

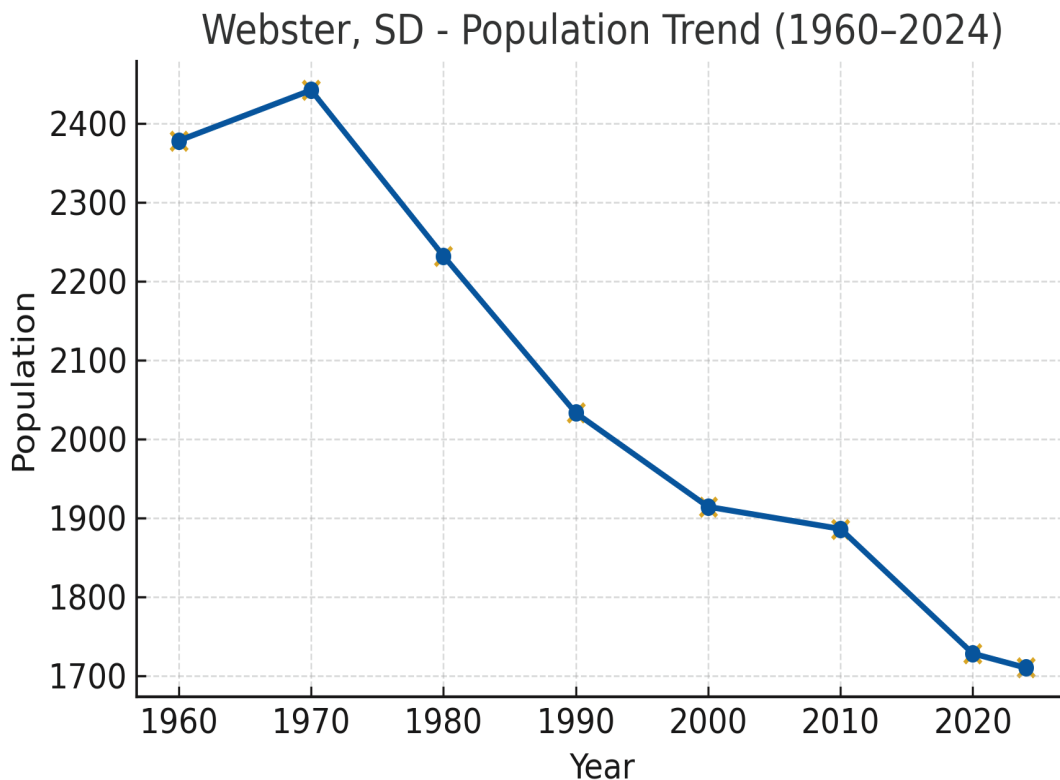
Year	Population
1960	115
1970	98
1980	76
1990	64
2000	61
2010	48
2020	55
2024	54



Turton's population has steadily declined over the past six decades, dropping from 115 in 1960 to 76 by 1980 and 61 by 2000. The 2010 Census recorded 48 residents, marking the lowest point in the period. By 2020, the population had risen slightly to 55, with the 2024 estimate at 54, indicating stability in recent years after decades of decline.

Webster, South Dakota — Population Trends

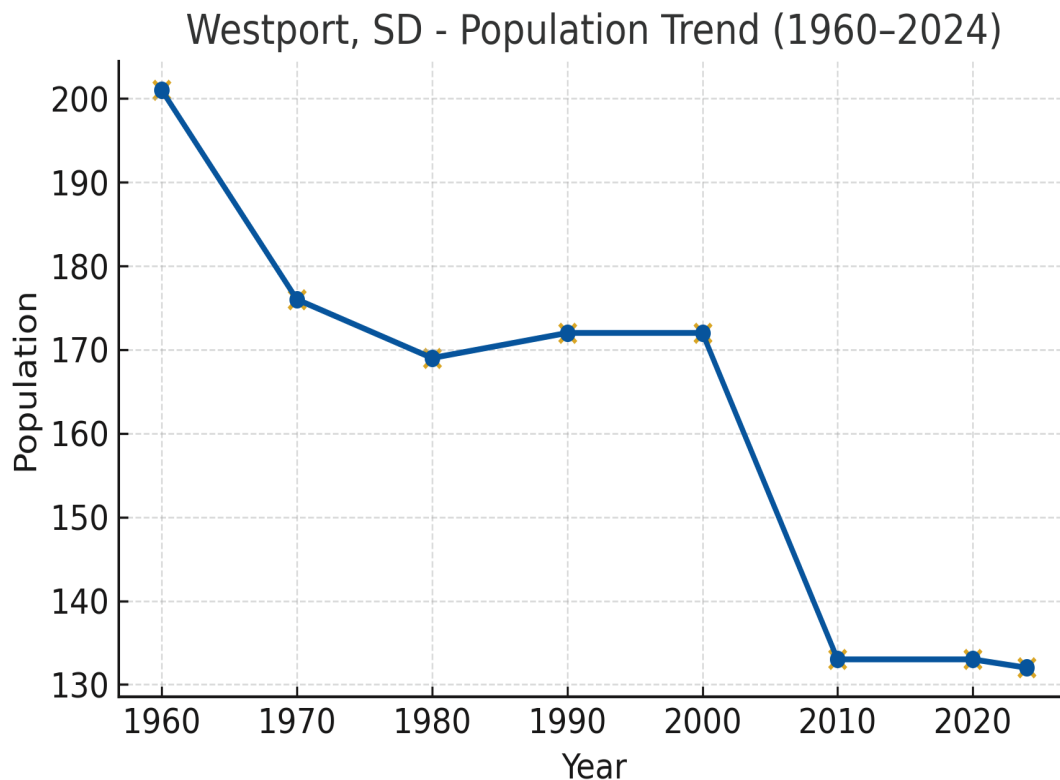
Year	Population
1960	2378
1970	2442
1980	2232
1990	2033
2000	1914
2010	1886
2020	1728
2024	1710



Webster's population peaked at 2,442 in 1970 and has steadily declined since, reaching 1,728 in 2020. The 2024 estimate of 1,710 continues this long-term decline. As the largest town in Day County, Webster remains an important regional hub despite gradual population losses.

Westport, South Dakota — Population Trends

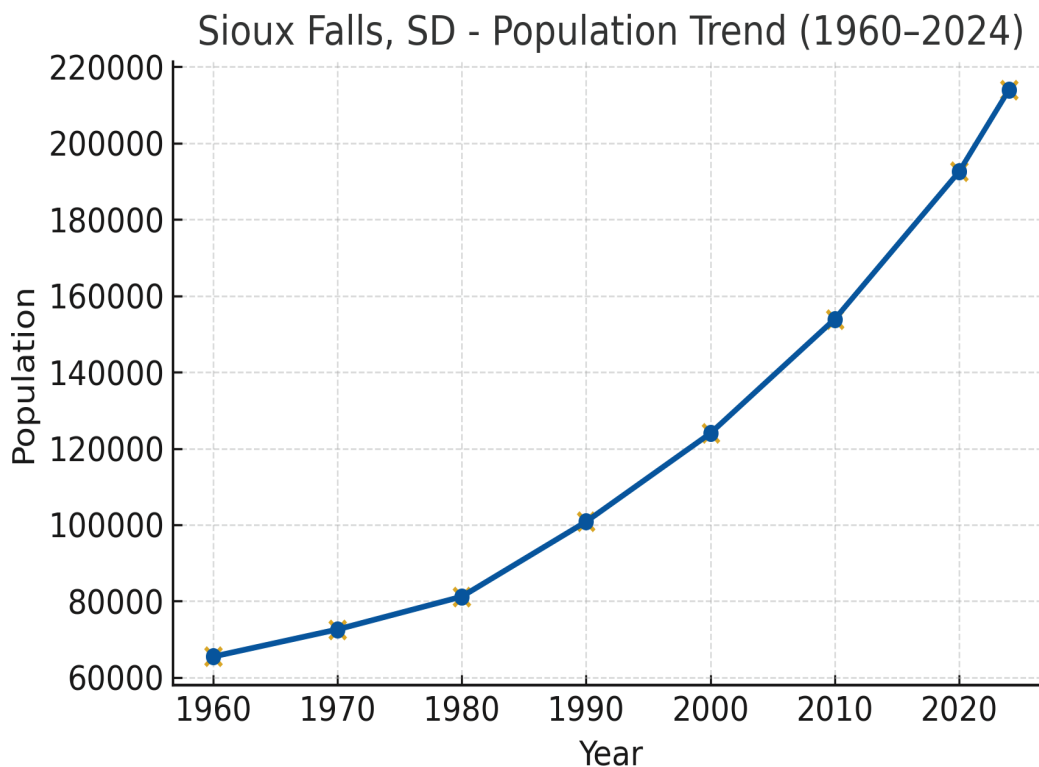
Year	Population
1960	201
1970	176
1980	169
1990	172
2000	172
2010	133
2020	133
2024	132



Westport's population has declined gradually over the past six decades, from 201 residents in 1960 to 133 in 2020. The 2024 estimate of 132 shows continued stability at this smaller population level. The town's size reflects broader rural population trends in northeastern South Dakota.

Sioux Falls, South Dakota — Population Trends

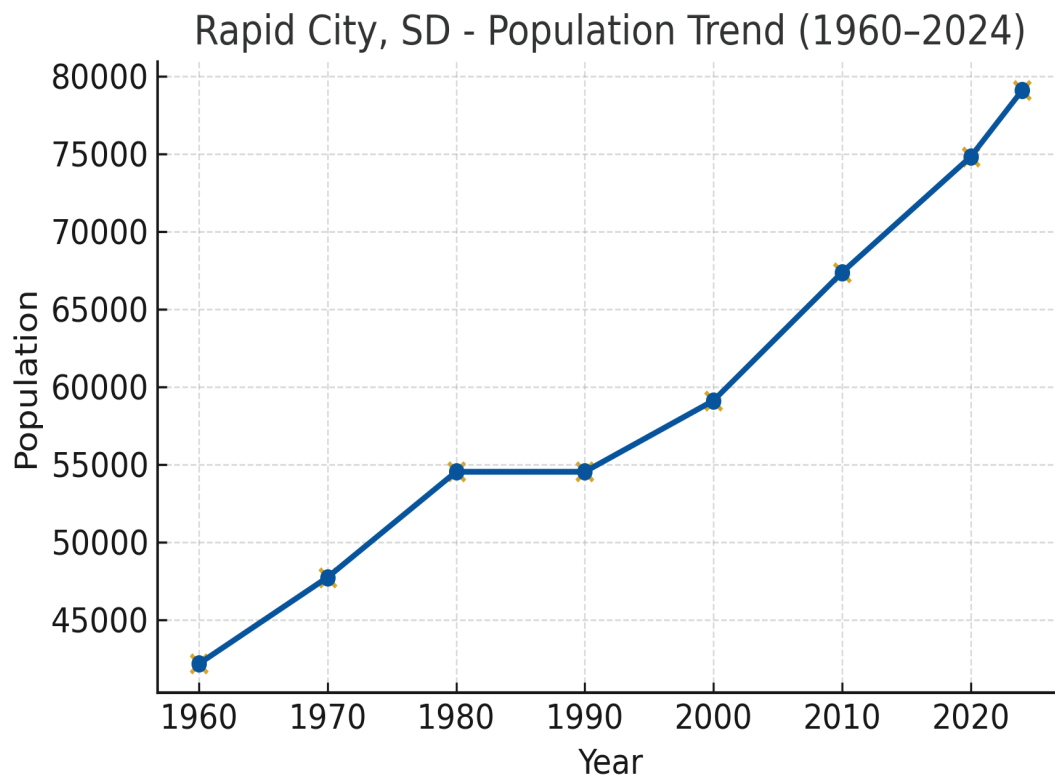
Year	Population
1960	65466
1970	72588
1980	81182
1990	100814
2000	123975
2010	153888
2020	192517
2024	213891



Sioux Falls has experienced consistent and rapid population growth over the past six decades, rising from 65,466 residents in 1960 to 192,517 in 2020. The 2024 estimate of 213,891 marks continued strong growth, driven by economic expansion, regional migration, and its role as South Dakota's largest urban center.

Rapid City, South Dakota — Population Trends

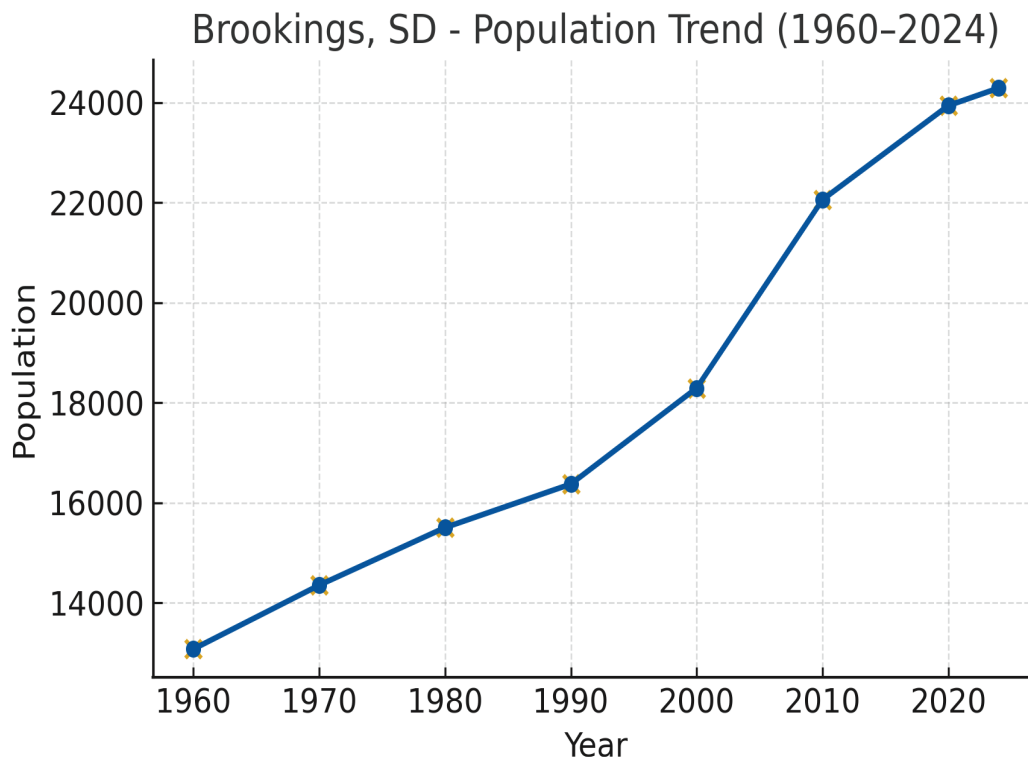
Year	Population
1960	42158
1970	47724
1980	54523
1990	54523
2000	59100
2010	67356
2020	74803
2024	79077



Rapid City's population has grown steadily from 42,158 in 1960 to 74,803 in 2020. The 2024 estimate of 79,077 indicates continued growth, supported by the city's role as a regional economic center and its proximity to the Black Hills tourist region.

Brookings, South Dakota — Population Trends

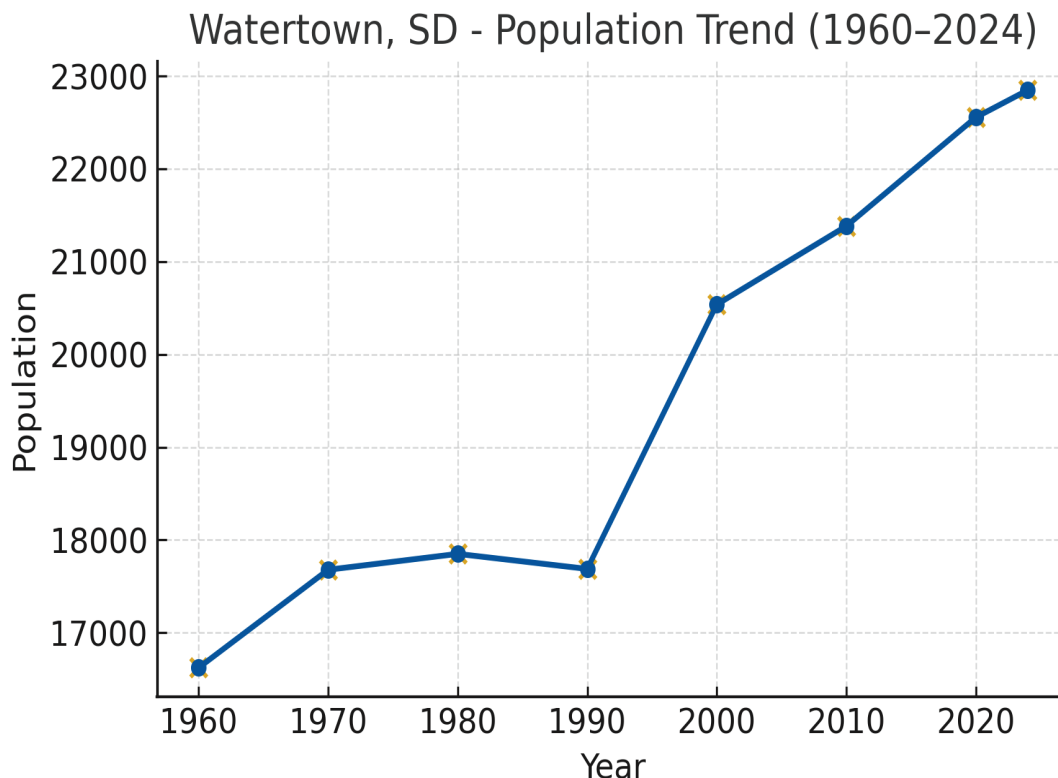
Year	Population
1960	13074
1970	14351
1980	15502
1990	16372
2000	18291
2010	22056
2020	23937
2024	24288



Brookings has experienced steady population growth over the past six decades, increasing from 13,074 in 1960 to 23,937 in 2020. The 2024 estimate of 24,288 reflects continued expansion, driven by its role as a regional center for education, healthcare, and manufacturing, as well as being home to South Dakota State University.

Watertown, South Dakota — Population Trends

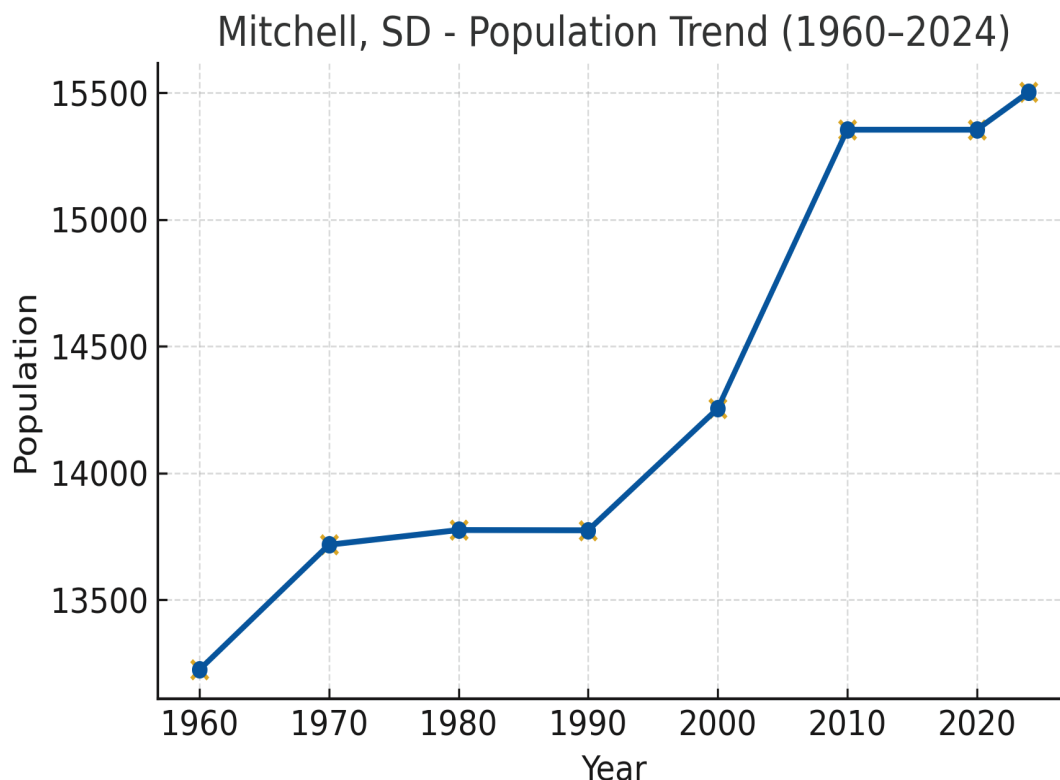
Year	Population
1960	16623
1970	17679
1980	17850
1990	17688
2000	20537
2010	21382
2020	22554
2024	22847



Watertown's population has grown from 16,623 in 1960 to 22,554 in 2020, with periods of stability and accelerated growth. The 2024 estimate of 22,847 reflects continued expansion, supported by the city's role as a regional trade, manufacturing, and service center in northeastern South Dakota.

Mitchell, South Dakota — Population Trends

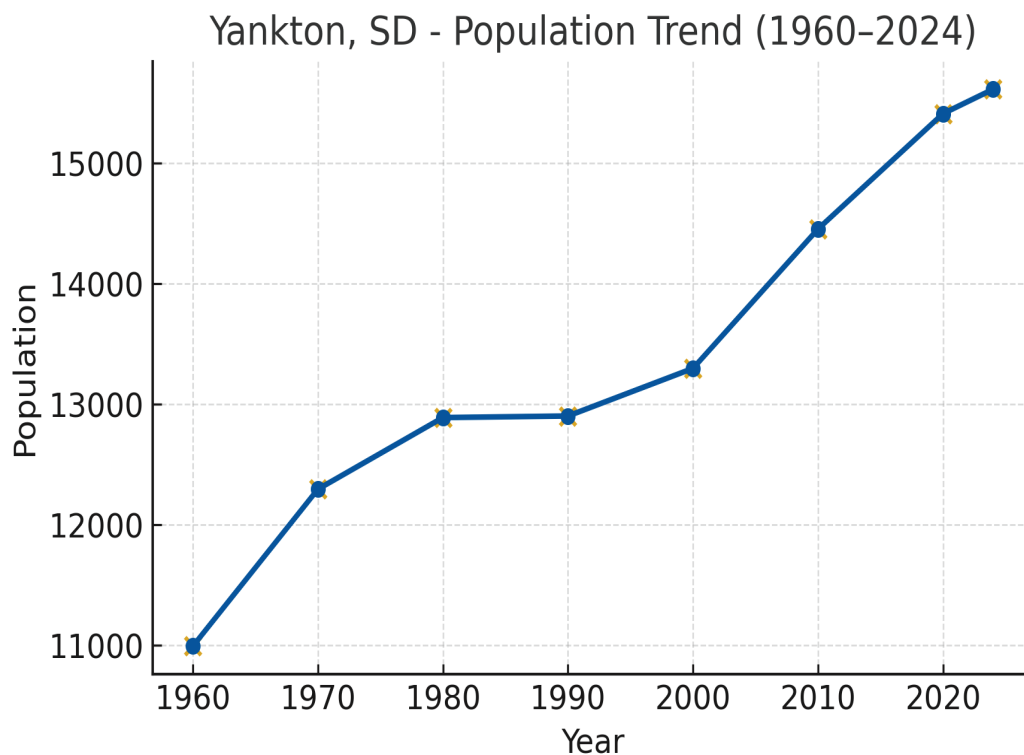
Year	Population
1960	13224
1970	13717
1980	13775
1990	13774
2000	14254
2010	15354
2020	15354
2024	15502



Mitchell's population has remained relatively stable over the past six decades, increasing slightly from 13,224 in 1960 to 15,354 in 2020. The 2024 estimate of 15,502 indicates modest growth, supported by its role as a regional service center and tourist destination, home to the iconic Corn Palace.

Yankton, South Dakota — Population Trends

Year	Population
1960	10994
1970	12296
1980	12890
1990	12903
2000	13298
2010	14454
2020	15411
2024	15613

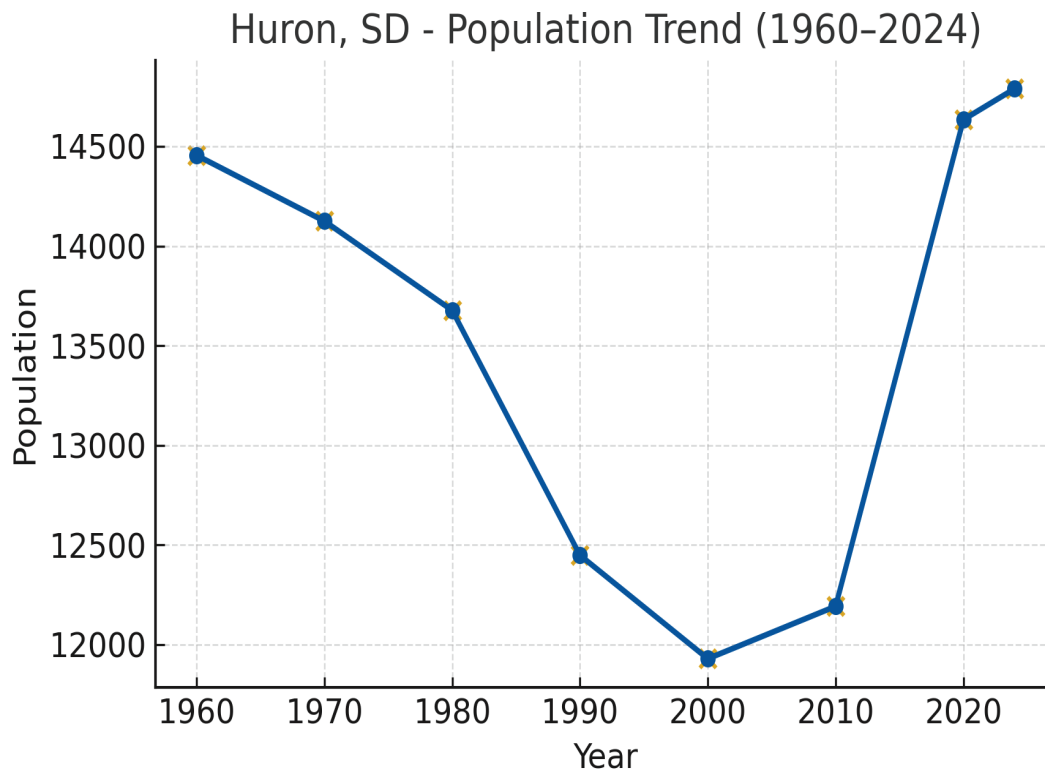


Yankton's population has grown moderately from 10,994 in 1960 to 15,411 in 2020. The 2024 estimate of 15,613 indicates continued stability, supported by its diverse economy, historic significance, and recreational opportunities along the Missouri River.

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Huron, South Dakota — Population Trends

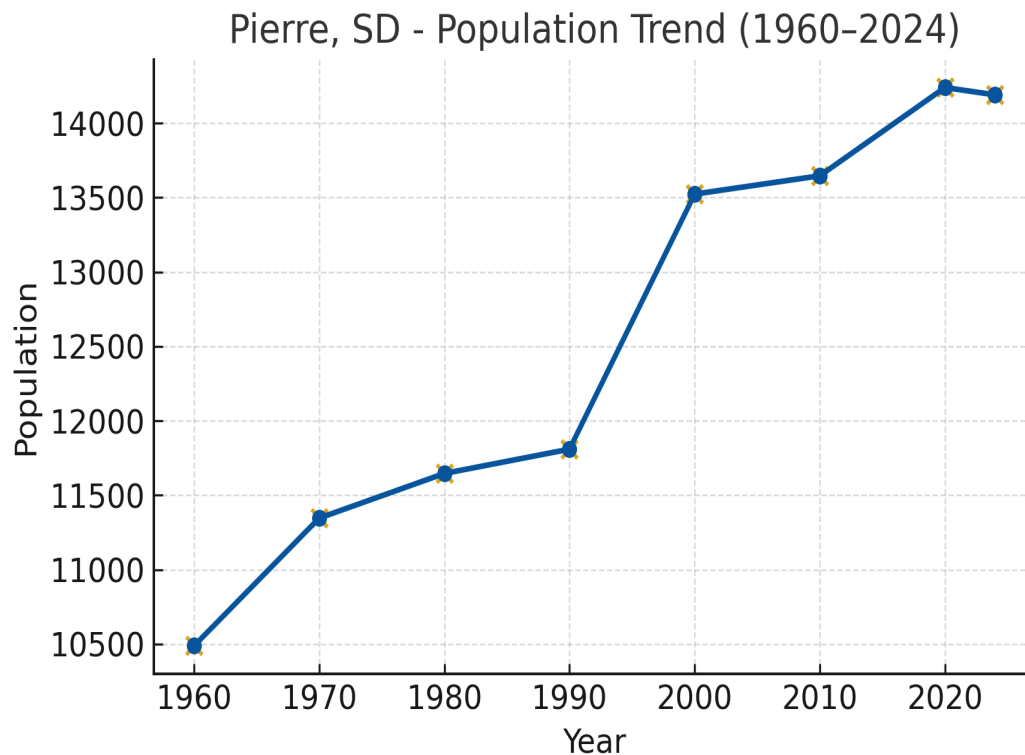
Year	Population
1960	14455
1970	14125
1980	13677
1990	12448
2000	11929
2010	12192
2020	14634
2024	14789



Huron's population declined from 14,455 in 1960 to 11,929 in 2000, before reversing course in the 21st century. The city grew to 14,634 by 2020 and is estimated at 14,789 in 2024, supported by economic diversification, immigration, and its role as a regional hub in eastern South Dakota.

Pierre, South Dakota — Population Trends

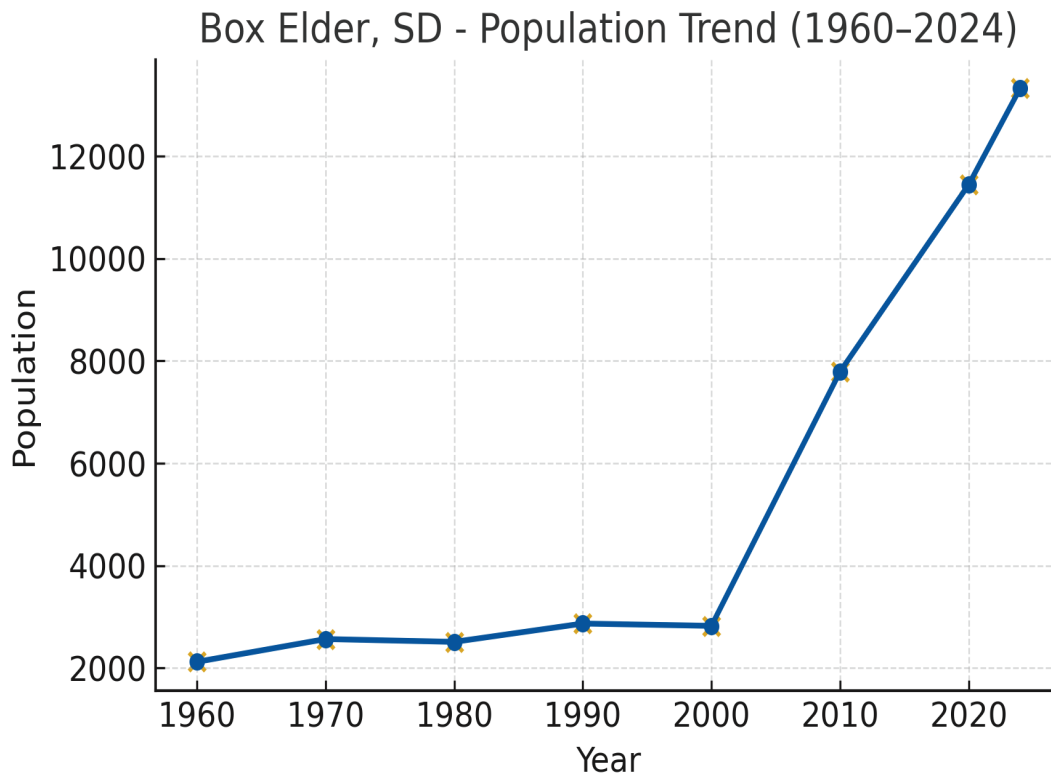
Year	Population
1960	10488
1970	11346
1980	11646
1990	11809
2000	13523
2010	13646
2020	14239
2024	14190



Pierre's population grew steadily from 10,488 in 1960 to 13,646 in 2010, before peaking at 14,239 in 2020. The 2024 estimate of 14,190 reflects slight recent stability, with the city continuing to serve as South Dakota's capital and a hub for government and regional services.

Box Elder, South Dakota — Population Trends

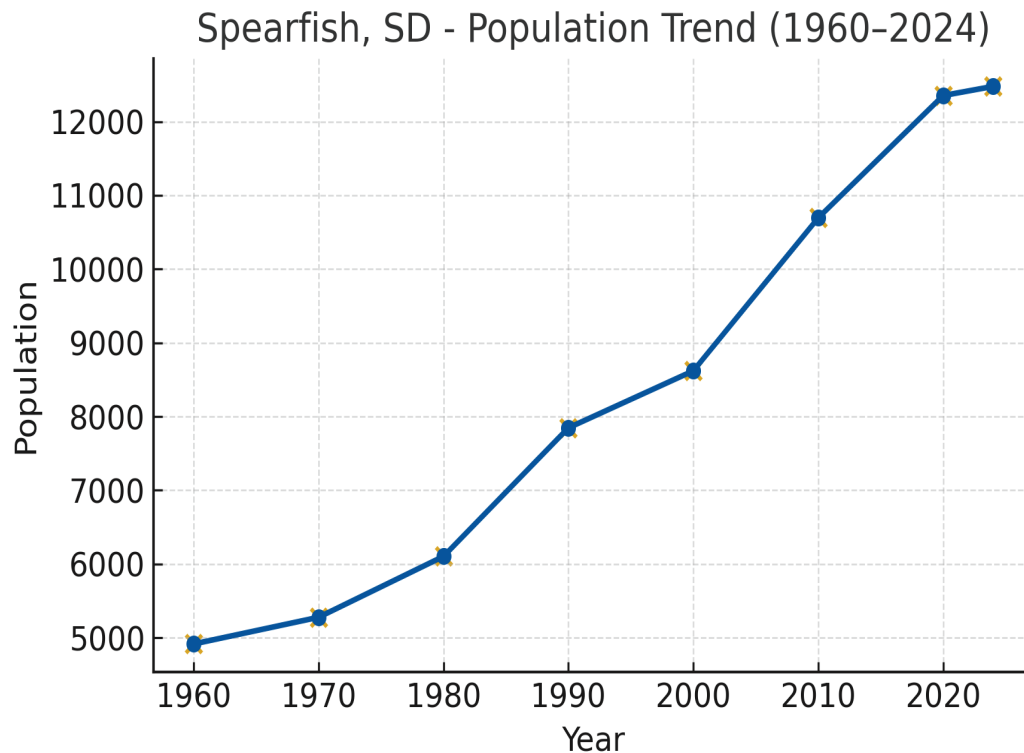
Year	Population
1960	2120
1970	2565
1980	2510
1990	2868
2000	2823
2010	7790
2020	11446
2024	13327



Box Elder's population remained relatively small for decades, ranging from 2,120 in 1960 to 2,823 in 2000. However, growth accelerated in the 21st century, reaching 11,446 in 2020 and an estimated 13,327 in 2024, driven largely by the expansion of Ellsworth Air Force Base and nearby development.

Spearfish, South Dakota — Population Trends

Year	Population
1960	4916
1970	5278
1980	6104
1990	7847
2000	8620
2010	10694
2020	12353
2024	12477

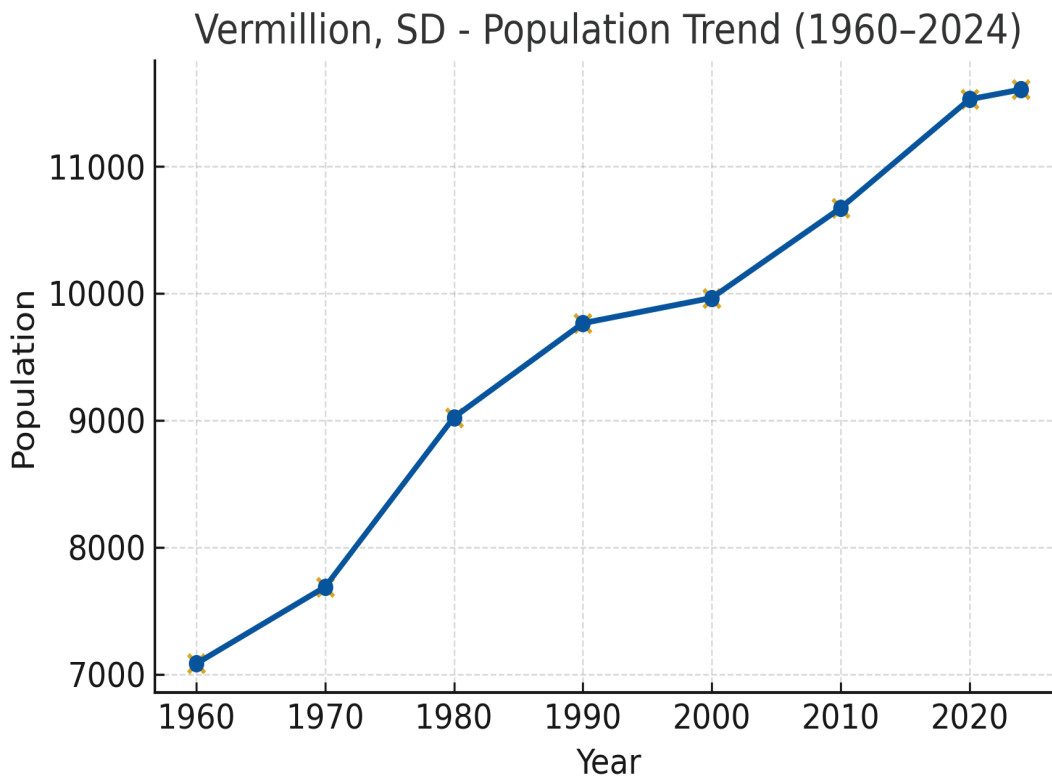


Spearfish has seen steady and significant growth from 4,916 in 1960 to 12,353 in 2020. The 2024 estimate of 12,477 indicates ongoing expansion, supported by its location in the Black Hills, tourism, outdoor recreation, and the presence of Black Hills State University.

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Vermillion, South Dakota — Population Trends

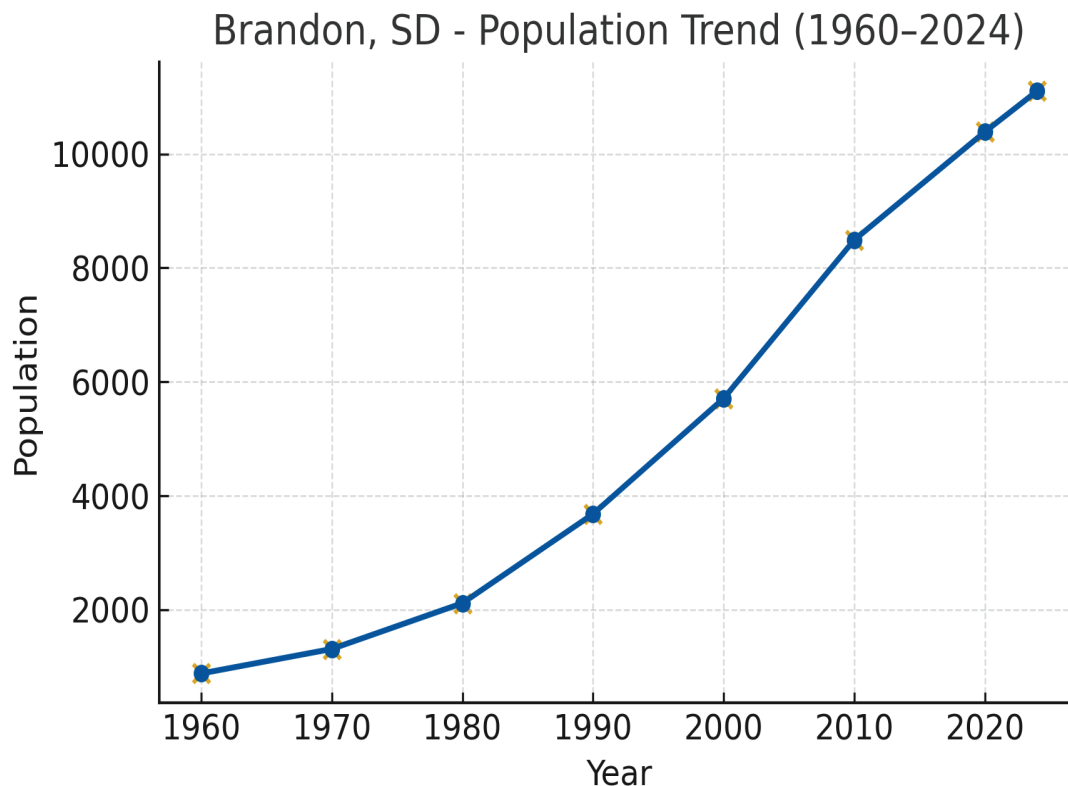
Year	Population
1960	7084
1970	7688
1980	9024
1990	9765
2000	9964
2010	10671
2020	11528
2024	11605



Vermillion's population has grown steadily from 7,084 in 1960 to 11,528 in 2020. The 2024 estimate of 11,605 reflects continued stability and growth, driven by its role as home to the University of South Dakota, which significantly influences the city's economy and cultural life.

Brandon, South Dakota — Population Trends

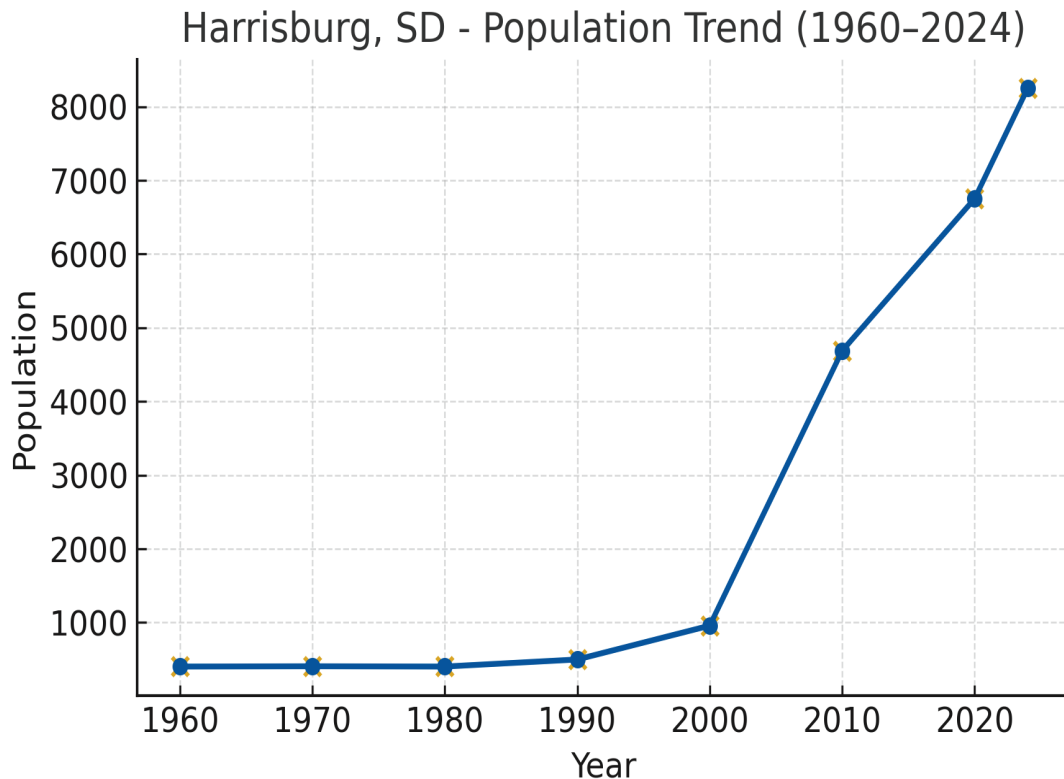
Year	Population
1960	881
1970	1311
1980	2115
1990	3680
2000	5707
2010	8489
2020	10386
2024	11102



Brandon's population has experienced steady and rapid growth since 1960, rising from 881 residents to 10,386 in 2020. The 2024 estimate of 11,102 reflects its continued expansion as a popular suburb of Sioux Falls, offering a small-town atmosphere with easy access to metropolitan amenities.

Harrisburg, South Dakota — Population Trends

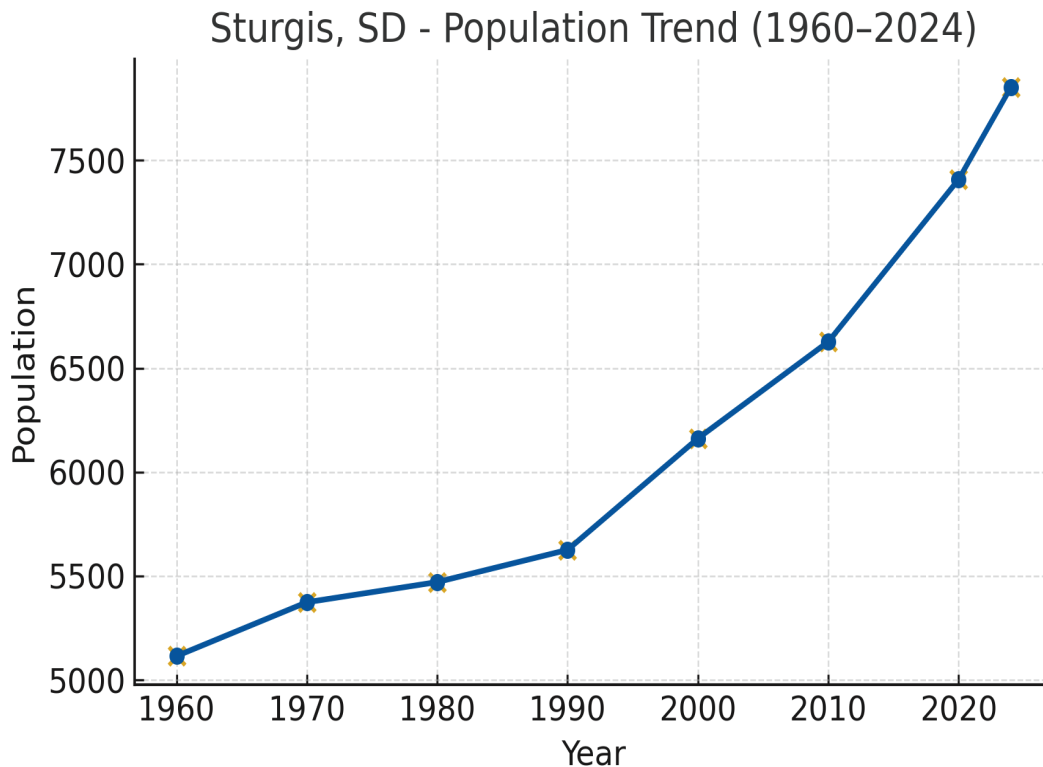
Year	Population
1960	403
1970	407
1980	403
1990	499
2000	958
2010	4689
2020	6753
2024	8250



Harrisburg's population held steady at around 400 residents for decades before explosive growth began in the early 2000s. From 958 residents in 2000, the city grew to 6,753 by 2020 and is estimated at 8,250 in 2024, fueled by its proximity to Sioux Falls and rapid residential development.

Sturgis, South Dakota — Population Trends

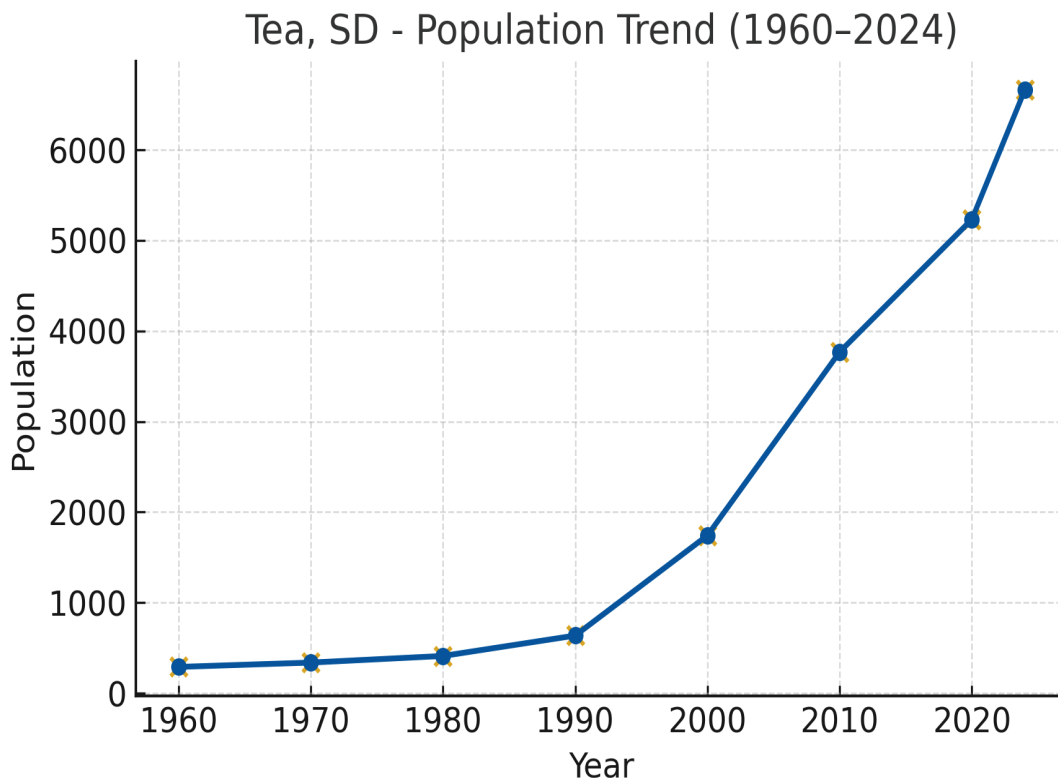
Year	Population
1960	5115
1970	5374
1980	5471
1990	5626
2000	6162
2010	6627
2020	7408
2024	7850



Sturgis has experienced steady growth over the decades, rising from 5,115 residents in 1960 to 7,408 in 2020. The 2024 estimate of 7,850 reflects its ongoing expansion, bolstered by tourism, particularly the annual Sturgis Motorcycle Rally, and its role as a regional hub in the northern Black Hills.

Tea, South Dakota — Population Trends

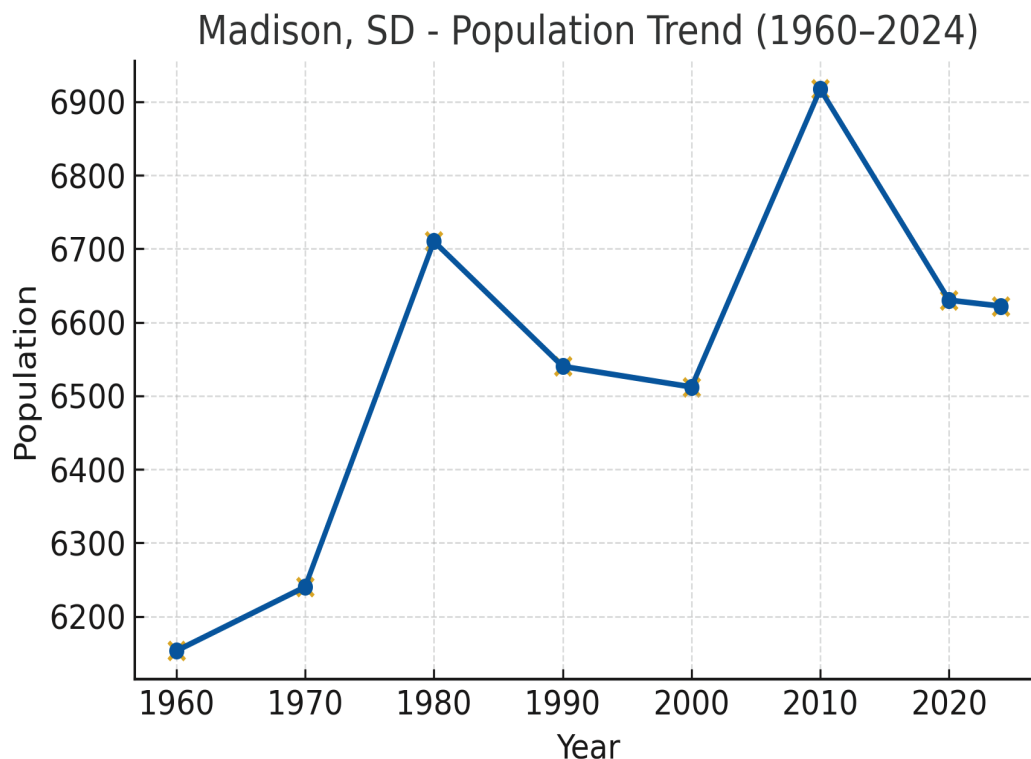
Year	Population
1960	291
1970	339
1980	412
1990	637
2000	1742
2010	3768
2020	5232
2024	6660



Tea's population has surged dramatically in recent decades, growing from just 291 in 1960 to 5,232 in 2020. The 2024 estimate of 6,660 reflects continued rapid suburban growth, driven by its proximity to Sioux Falls and appeal as a residential community with expanding amenities.

Madison, South Dakota — Population Trends

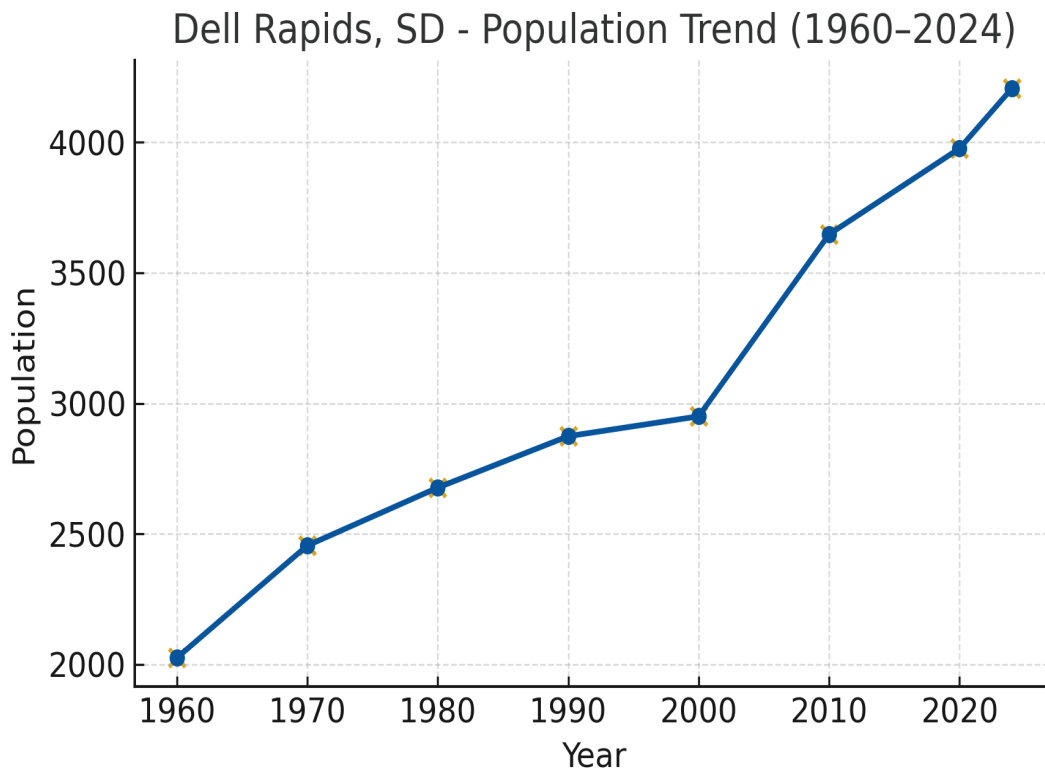
Year	Population
1960	6153
1970	6240
1980	6710
1990	6540
2000	6512
2010	6917
2020	6630
2024	6622



Madison's population has remained relatively stable over the past six decades, fluctuating between 6,100 and 6,900 residents. The peak occurred in 2010 with 6,917 residents, and the 2024 estimate of 6,622 shows slight recent decline, while the city continues to serve as a hub for education, manufacturing, and regional services.

Dell Rapids, South Dakota — Population Trends

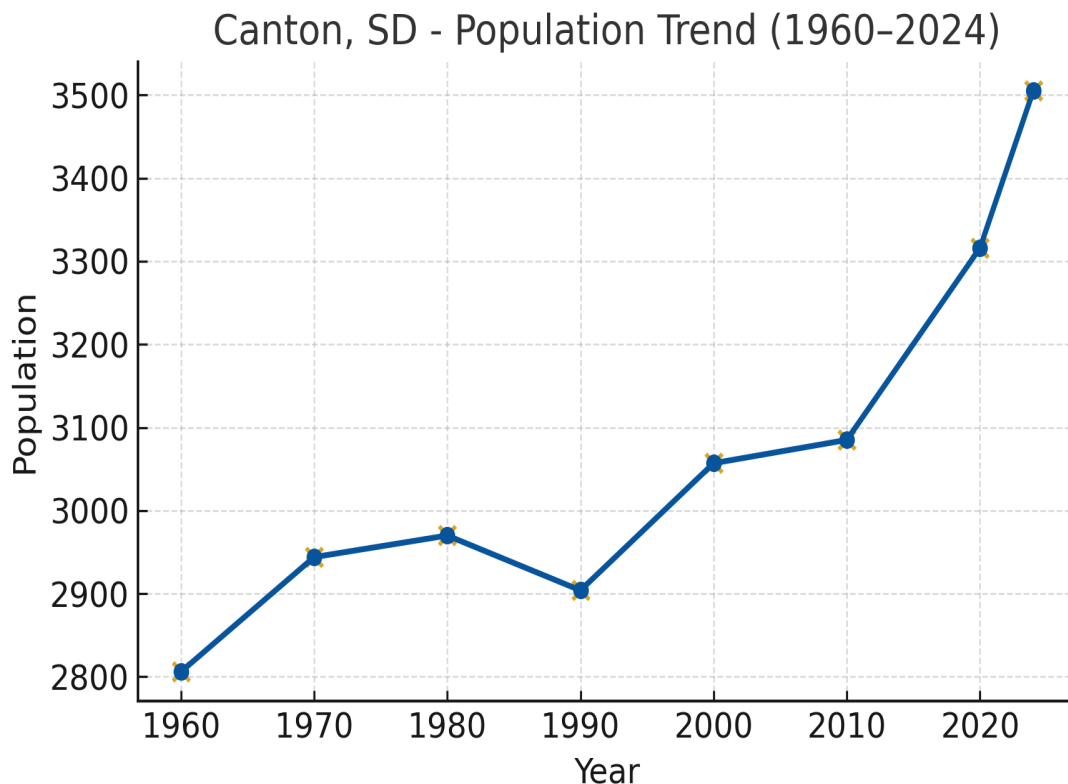
Year	Population
1960	2025
1970	2455
1980	2677
1990	2874
2000	2950
2010	3647
2020	3976
2024	4205



Dell Rapids has experienced steady growth over the decades, rising from 2,025 residents in 1960 to 3,976 in 2020. The 2024 estimate of 4,205 reflects continued expansion, supported by its location near Sioux Falls and a strong local economy.

Canton, South Dakota — Population Trends

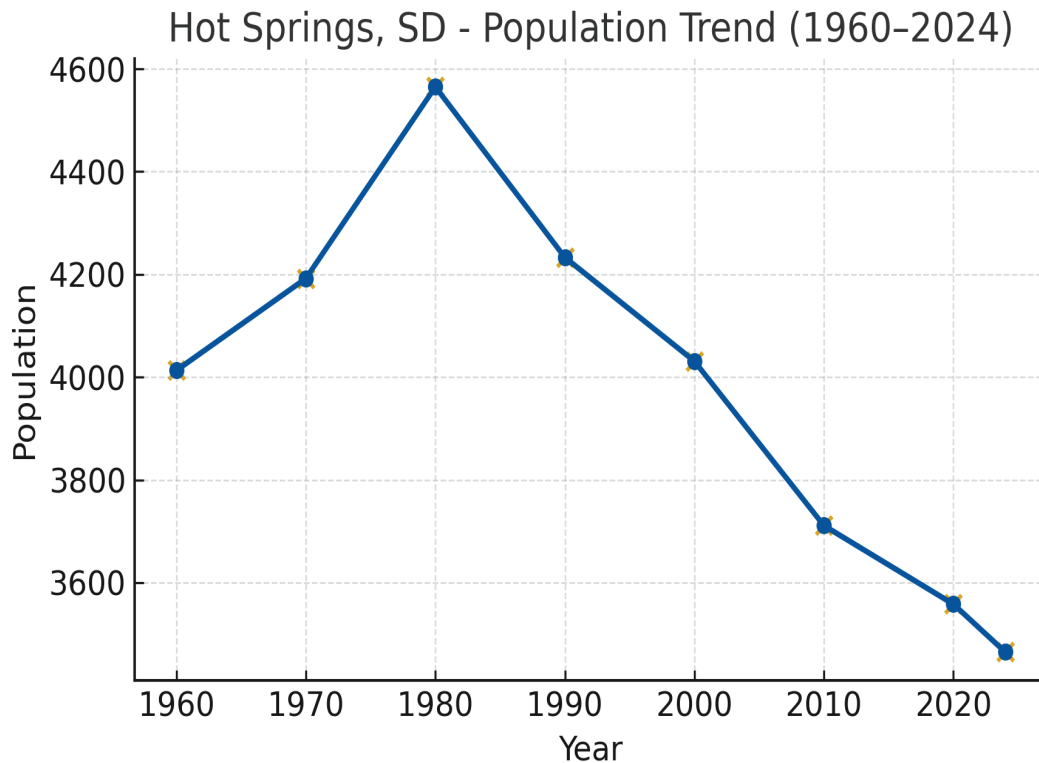
Year	Population
1960	2806
1970	2944
1980	2970
1990	2904
2000	3057
2010	3085
2020	3316
2024	3505



Canton's population has remained relatively stable over the decades, ranging from around 2,800 in 1960 to 3,316 in 2020. The 2024 estimate of 3,505 reflects modest recent growth, supported by its location near Sioux Falls and its small-town appeal.

Hot Springs, South Dakota — Population Trends

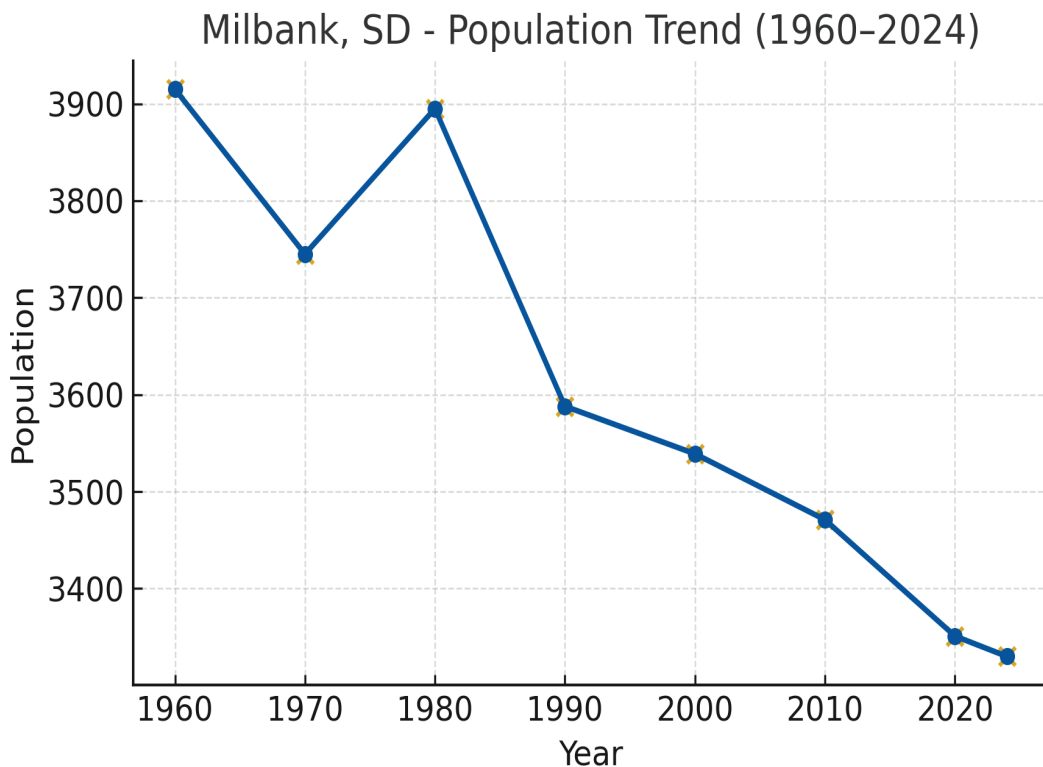
Year	Population
1960	4013
1970	4192
1980	4565
1990	4233
2000	4031
2010	3711
2020	3558
2024	3465



Hot Springs saw gradual growth through 1980, peaking at 4,565 residents, before experiencing a slow population decline. By 2020, the population had dropped to 3,558, with a 2024 estimate of 3,465, reflecting broader rural demographic trends despite its popularity as a tourist and retirement destination.

Milbank, South Dakota — Population Trends

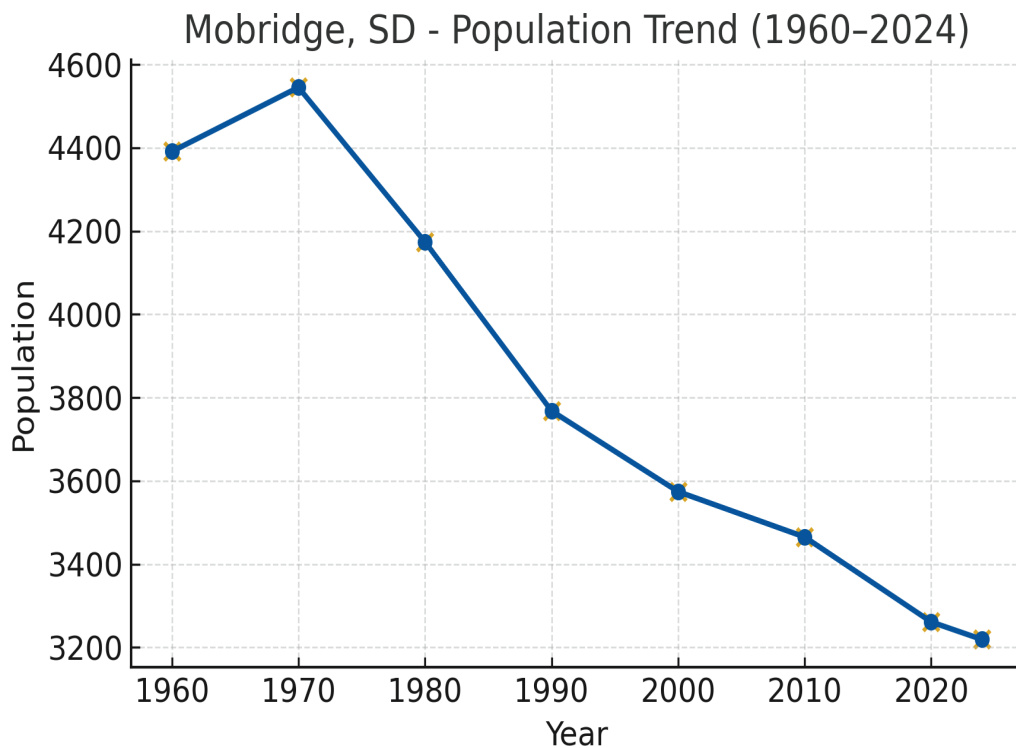
Year	Population
1960	3915
1970	3745
1980	3895
1990	3588
2000	3539
2010	3471
2020	3351
2024	3330



Milbank's population peaked in 1980 at 3,895 residents before experiencing gradual decline over the following decades. The 2024 estimate of 3,330 marks a continued but modest decrease, reflecting challenges faced by many small rural communities while still maintaining its role as a regional trade and service center.

Mobridge, South Dakota — Population Trends

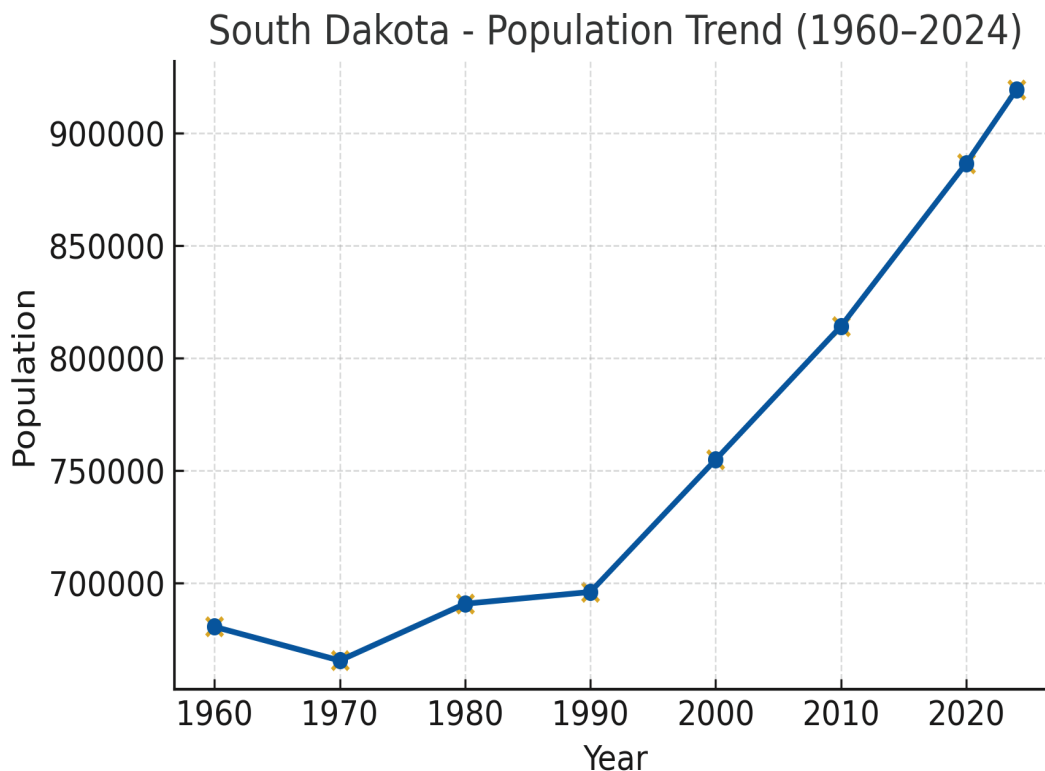
Year	Population
1960	4391
1970	4545
1980	4174
1990	3768
2000	3574
2010	3465
2020	3261
2024	3219



Mobridge's population rose slightly from 4,391 in 1960 to a peak of 4,545 in 1970, then trended downward in the following decades. By 2000, the city had 3,574 residents and declined further to 3,261 by the 2020 Census. The 2024 estimate of 3,219 suggests the long-term decline has continued, though the rate has slowed in recent years. Overall, Mobridge reflects broader demographic shifts seen across many rural communities along the Missouri River corridor.

South Dakota — Population Trends

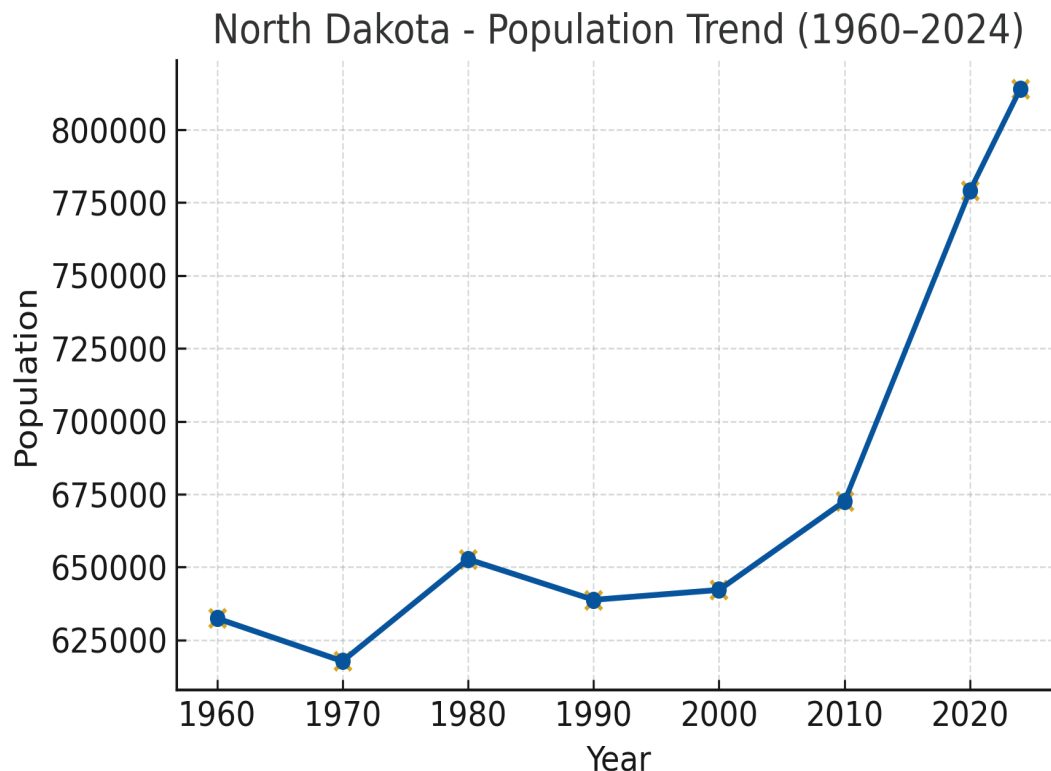
Year	Population
1960	680514
1970	665507
1980	690768
1990	696004
2000	754844
2010	814180
2020	886667
2024	919318



South Dakota's population has steadily grown since 1980 after a small decline in the 1960s and 1970s. The state increased from 680,514 residents in 1960 to 886,667 in 2020, with a 2024 estimate of 919,318. Growth has been fueled by economic diversification, migration, and a strong quality of life.

North Dakota — Population Trends

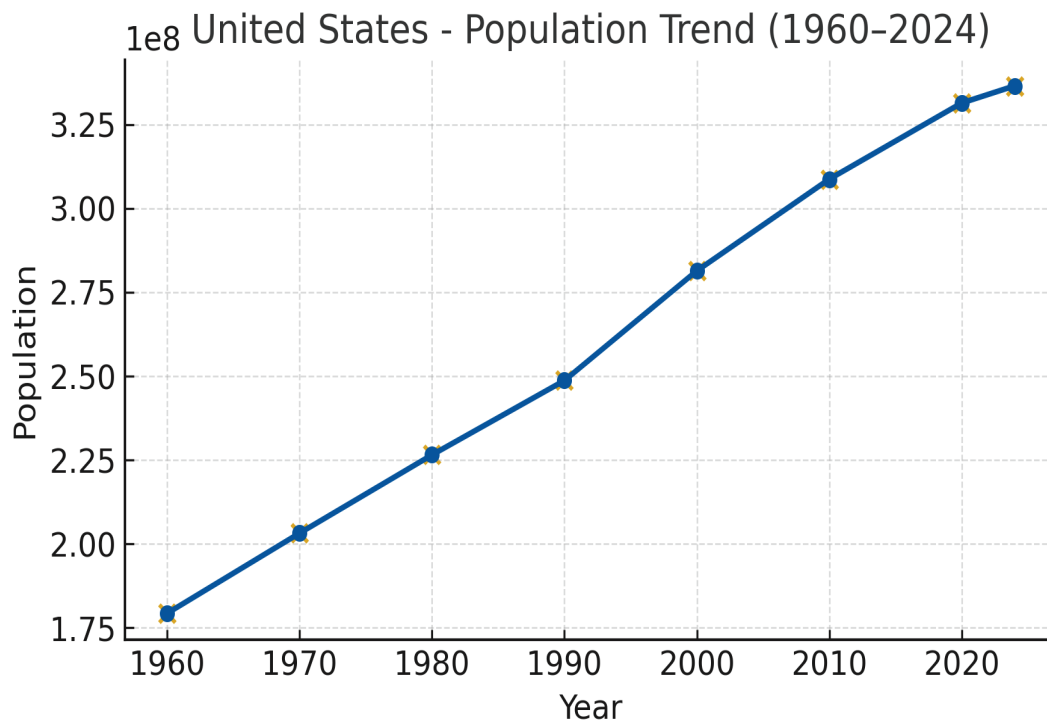
Year	Population
1960	632446
1970	617761
1980	652717
1990	638800
2000	642200
2010	672591
2020	779094
2024	813926



North Dakota's population remained relatively stable between 1960 and 2010, ranging from 617,761 to 672,591. However, the 2010s brought significant growth driven by the energy boom, increasing the population to 779,094 in 2020 and an estimated 813,926 in 2024.

United States — Population Trends

Year	Population
1960	179323175
1970	203211926
1980	226545805
1990	248709873
2000	281421906
2010	308745538
2020	331449281
2024	336556000



The United States population has grown steadily since 1960, increasing from about 179 million to over 331 million in 2020. The 2024 estimate of 336.6 million reflects a continued but slower growth rate compared to earlier decades, influenced by changing birth rates, immigration patterns, and economic factors.