

# Meade County Comprehensive Plan

## Community Meetings





# Introductions

## ➤ **Black Hills Council of Local Governments**

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## ➤ **Meade County Planning Staff**

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# Purpose of Comprehensive Planning

- Provides a firm foundation for policy and action that allows a county to function more efficiently and effectively
- Strengthens the County's policies and regulations
- Addresses current problems and issues
- Helps create a more desirable and certain future
- Authorized by South Dakota Codified Law (Chapter 11-2)

## ***11-2-12. Purposes of comprehensive county plan.***

- *To protect and guide the physical, social, economic, and environmental development of the county;*
- *To protect the tax base;*
- *To encourage a distribution of population or mode of land utilization that will facilitate the economical and adequate provisions of transportation, roads, water supply, drainage, sanitation, education, recreation, or other public requirements;*
- *To lessen governmental expenditure; and,*
- *To conserve and develop natural resources.*

# Benefits of Comprehensive Planning

**Provides guidance for future decision-making by elected officials and county staff.**

**Makes land use regulations stronger and less susceptible to legal challenges.**

**Provides residents or developers advanced knowledge of the intentions of the County.**

**Strengthens eligibility of grant and funding applications for public infrastructure improvements.**

**= Positive Future Growth & Change**

# Comprehensive Plan

## **What it is:**

- A collection of information and materials designed to guide future development
- Also known as a general plan or master plan
- Typically includes a future land use map and other visuals
- Easy to read
- Updated regularly to reflect changing conditions
- A “to do list” or “road map” used to create a more desirable future

## **What it is Not:**

- Strict plan for regulating development
- Zoning Ordinance
- Zoning Map
- Subdivision Regulations
- Capital Improvement Plan
- Building or Fire Codes
- These are specific documents intended to help implement the vision and goals of the comp plan

# Comprehensive Planning Involves

- ✓ **Analysis of past, current, and anticipated future conditions**
- ✓ **Public input about the needs and desires of the County**
- ✓ **Visioning and goal-setting, as well as policies and strategies for achieving a collective vision and goals**
- ✓ **Careful consideration of the County's future growth and development (~10 years into the future)**

# Comprehensive Plan Elements

## ➤ Addresses more than Land Use:

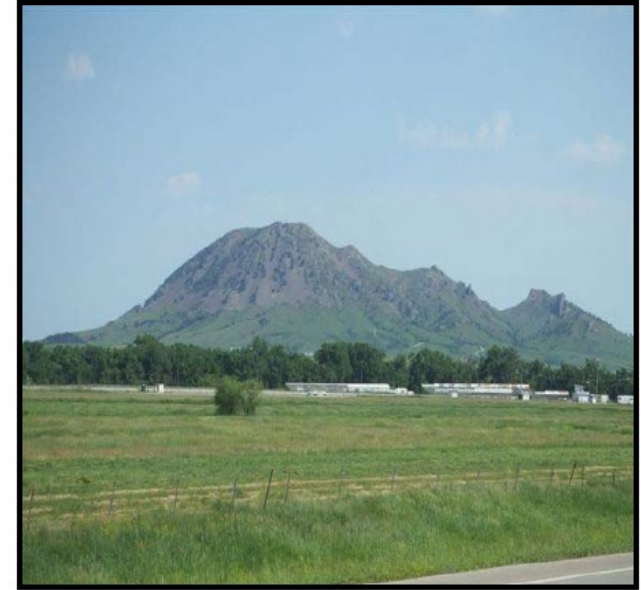
- Population & Demographics
- Transportation
- Parks & Open Space
- Housing
- Utilities & Services
- Urban Design (Aesthetics)
- Facilities
- Economic Development
- Environment & Natural Resources
- Historic & Cultural Resources



# Meade County Comp Plan 2010

## Major themes:

- **Land Use**
- **Development Stability**
- **Development Advantage**
- **Development Transition**
- **Development Limitations**
- **Environmental Policies**
- **Commercial & Industrial Development**
- **Management & Coordination**
- **Economic Development**



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COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

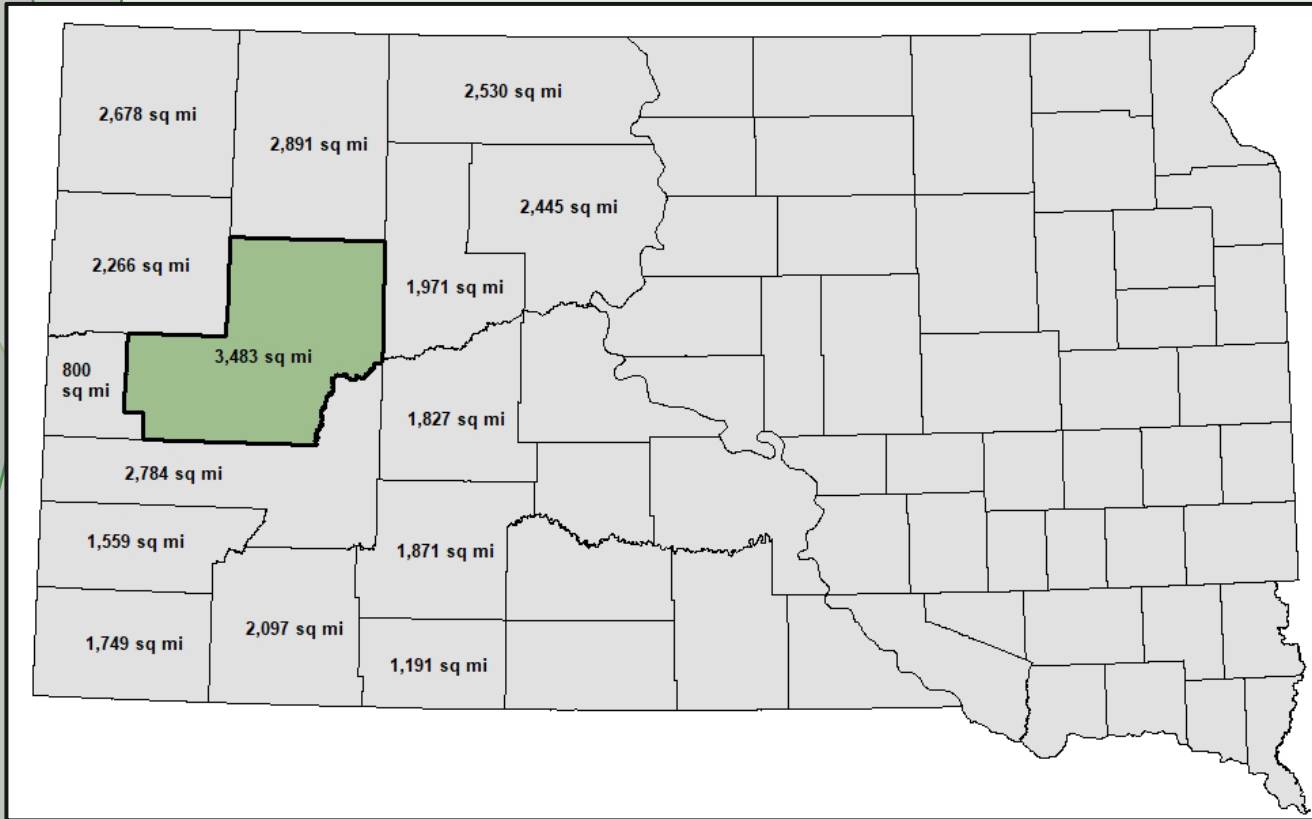


# Planning Process & Timeline

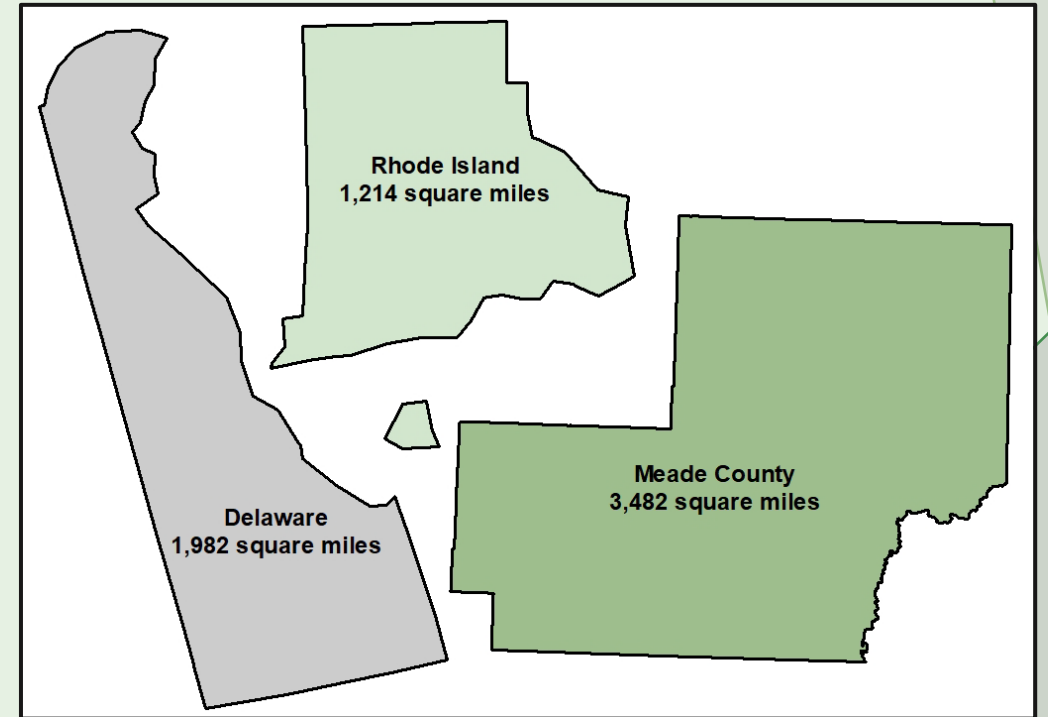


# Meade County Profile

South Dakota's largest county by area.



Larger than Rhode Island and Delaware combined (3,196 sq mi)



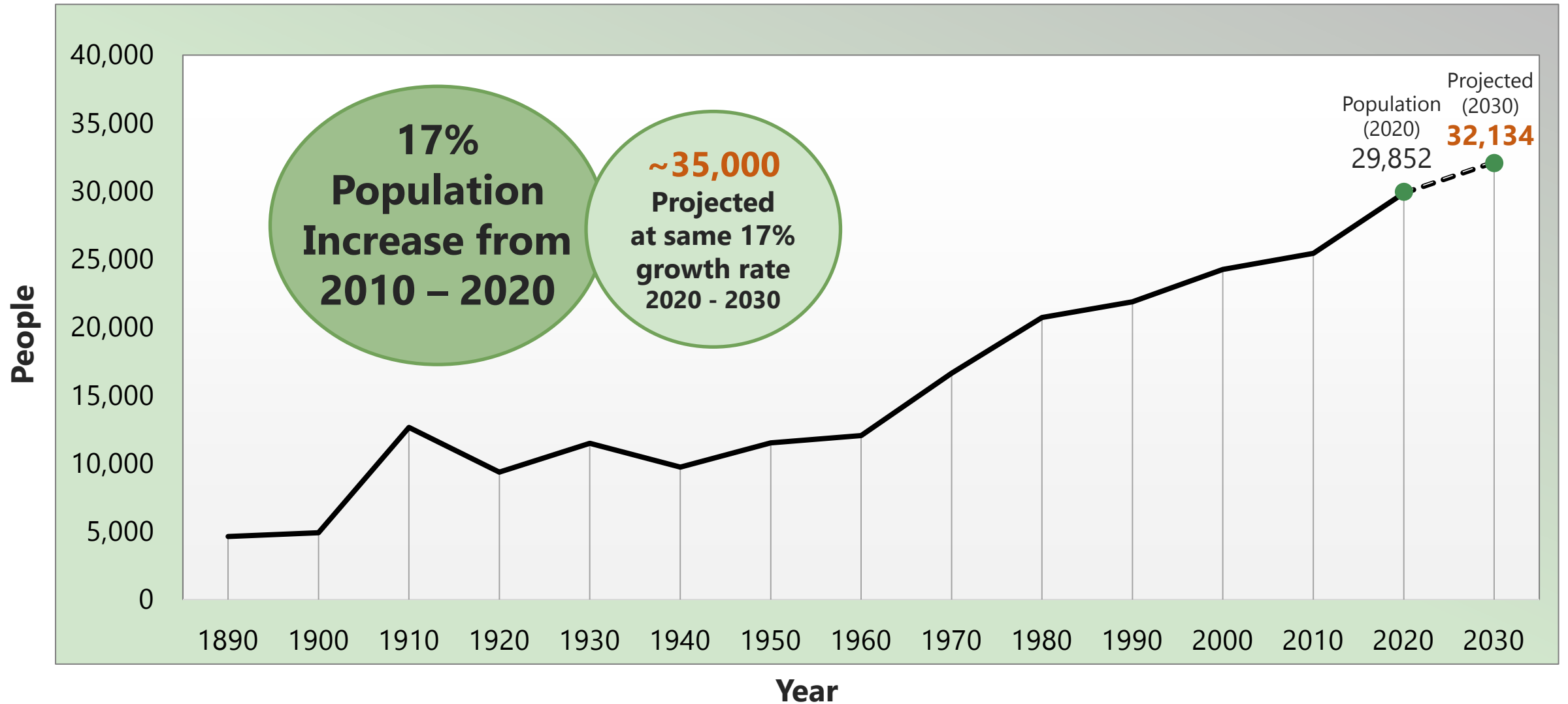
# Meade County Profile

	2000	2010	2020	2030*
<b>Population</b>	24,253	25,434	29,852	<b>32,134</b>
<b>Males</b>	50.5%	51%	52%	52%
<b>Females</b>	49.5%	49%	48%	48%
<b>Median Age</b>	33.4	35.9	36.2	-
<b>Under 5 years</b>	8%	8%	6%	6%
<b>19 years and under</b>	31%	28%	25%	22%
<b>Over 19 years</b>	69%	72%	75%	78%
<b>65 years and over</b>	10%	12%	15%	20%

*\*Estimates*

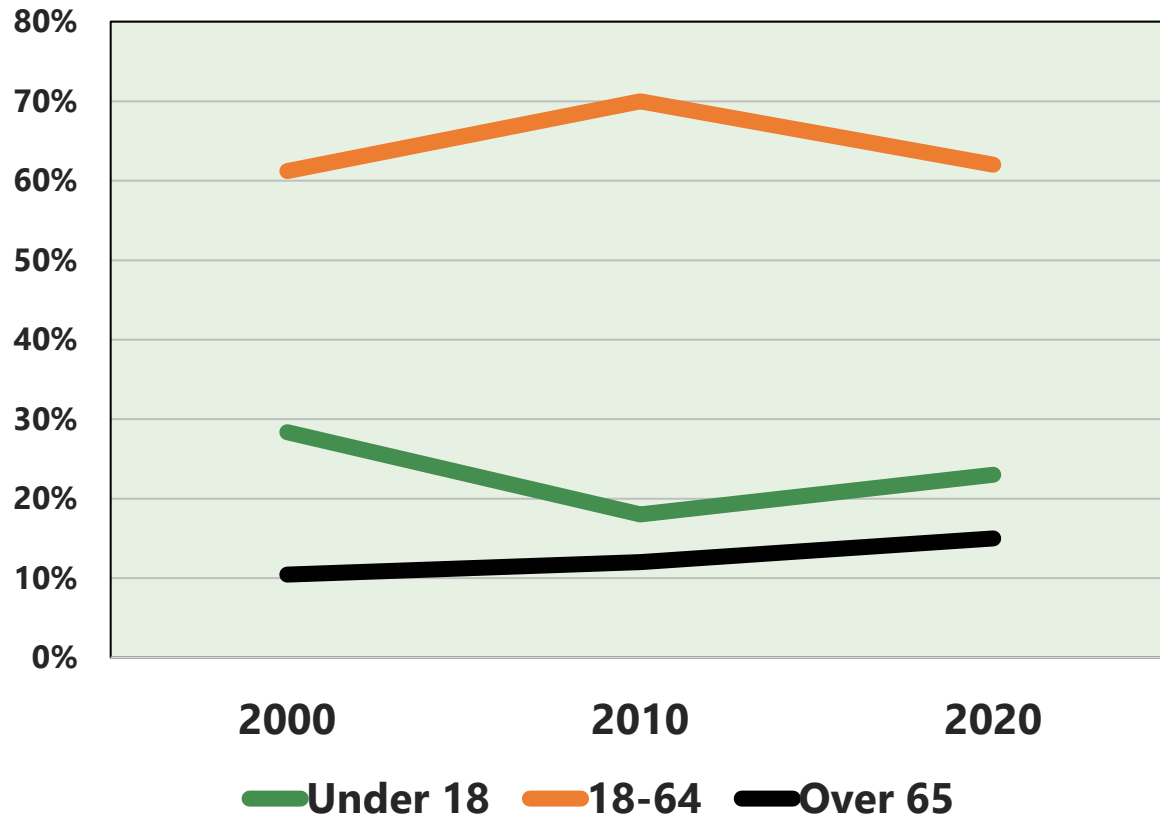
*Sources: U.S. Census Bureau 2000, 2010, & 2020 Decennial Census, 2020 American Community Survey, and EMSI Population Demographics Report*

# Meade County Population

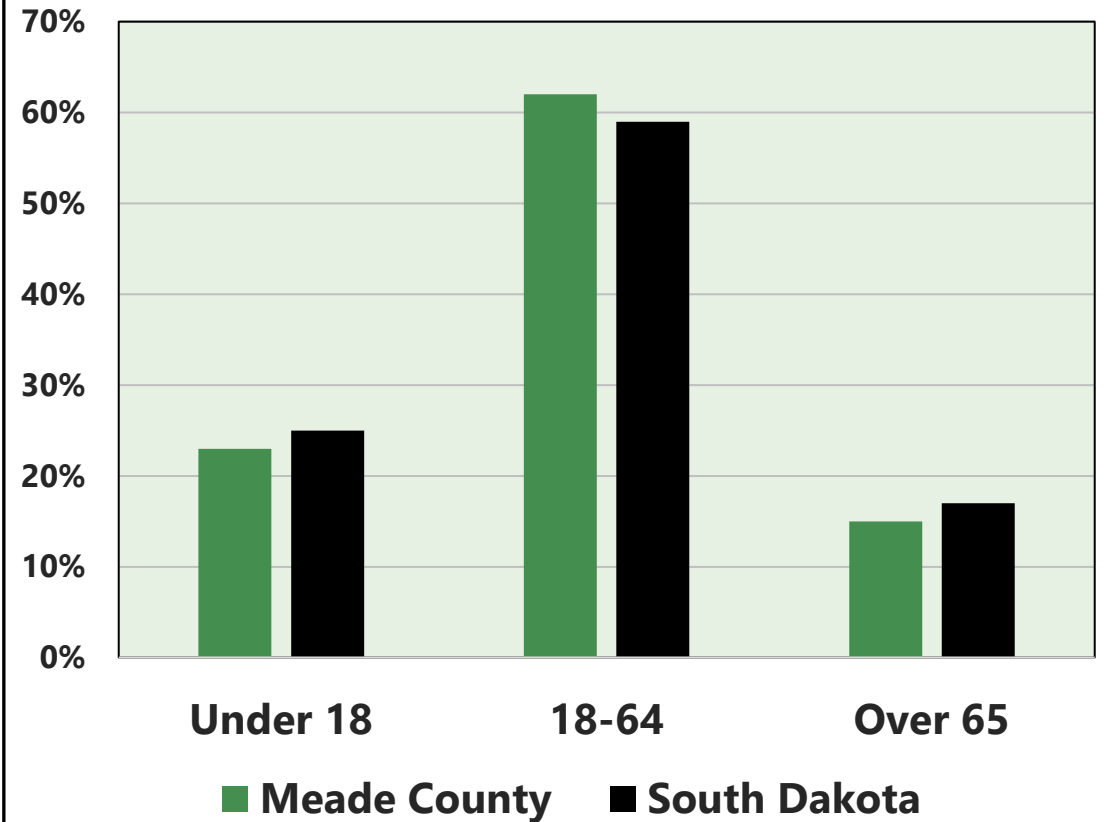


# Meade County Population

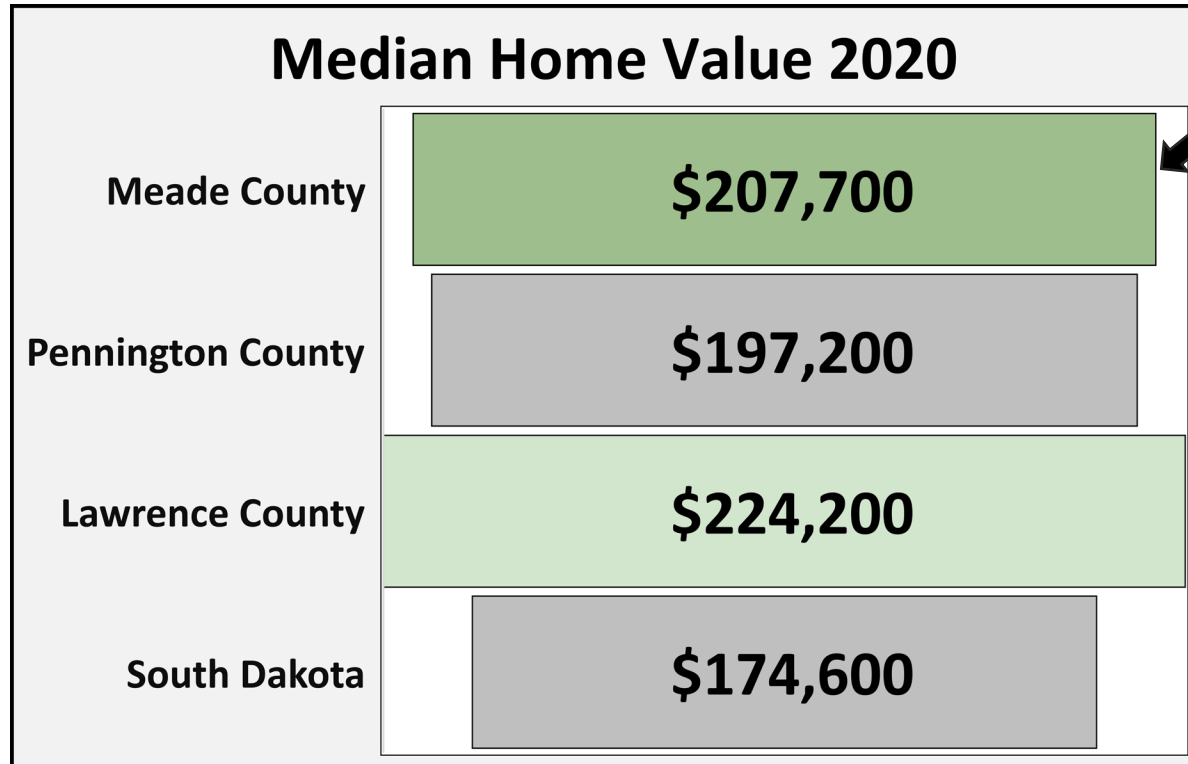
## Age Cohorts 2000-2020



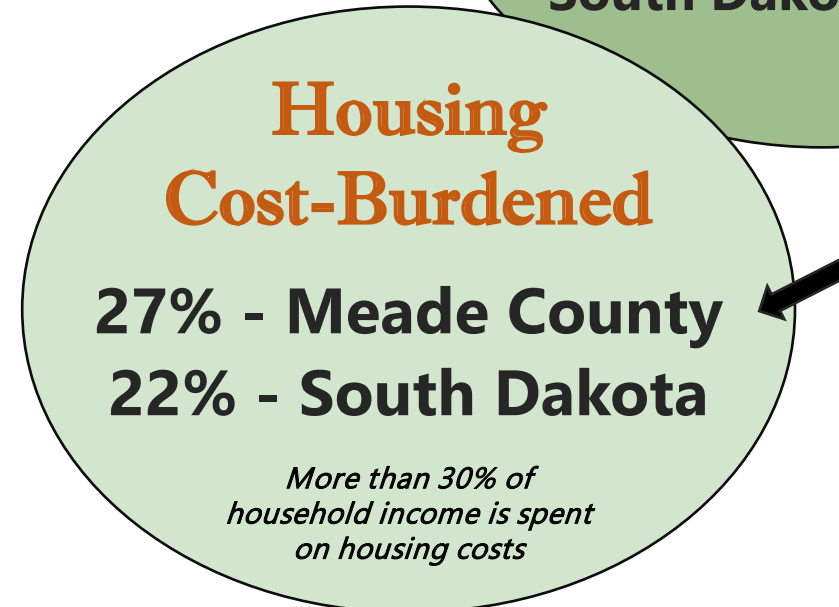
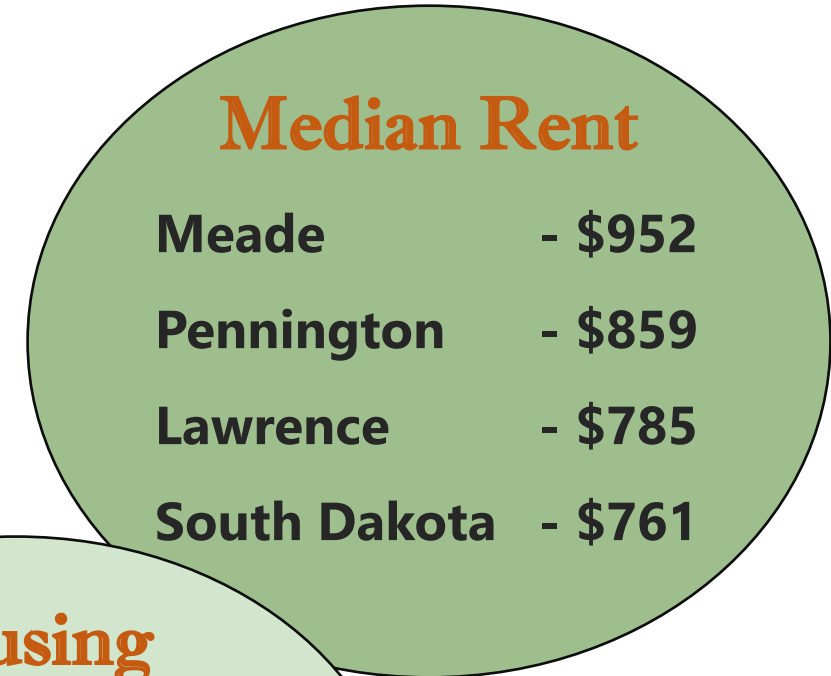
## Age Cohorts 2020



# Meade County Housing

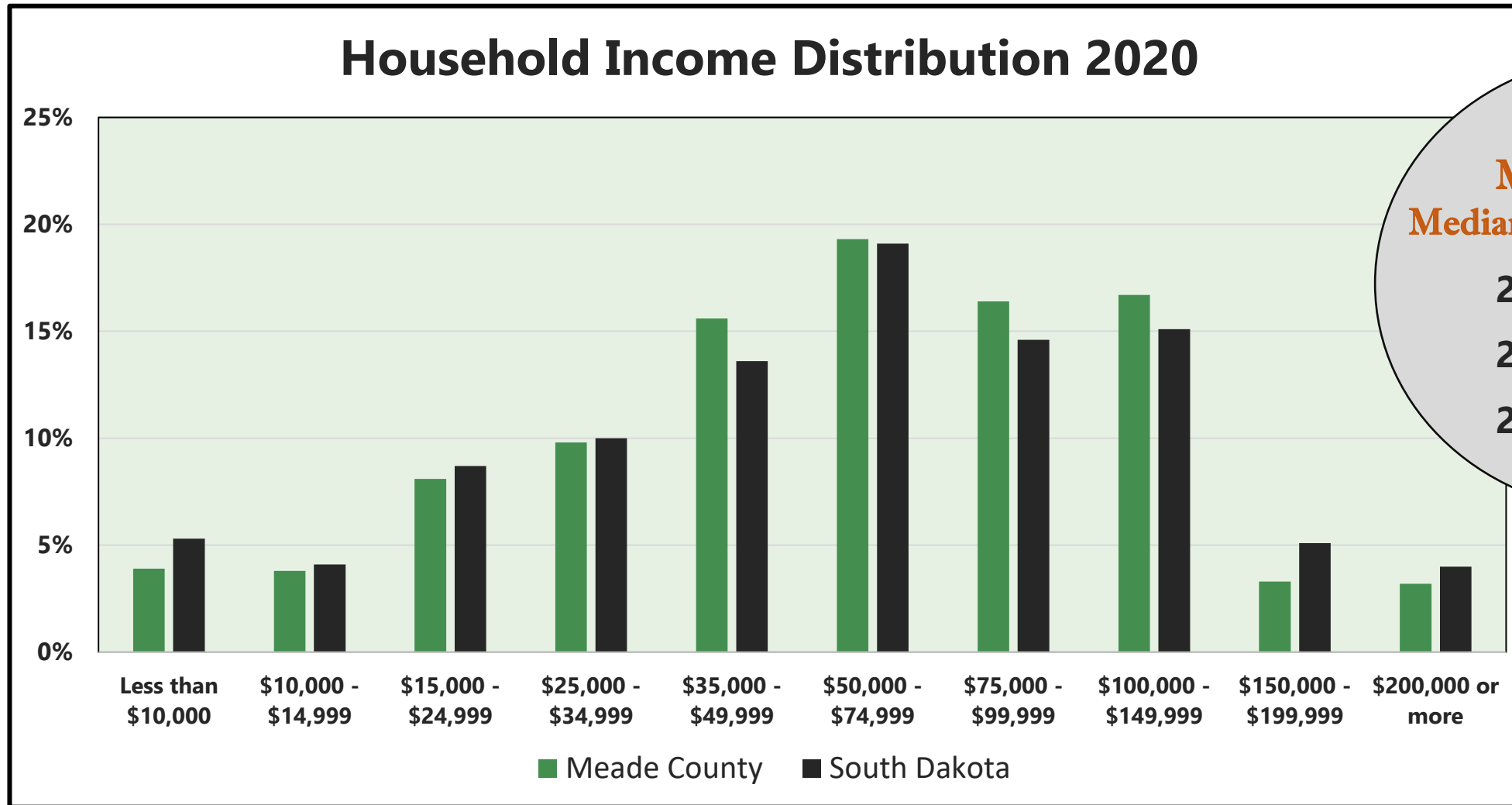


2000 - \$82,200  
2010 - \$145,800



Lawrence & Pennington = similar %

# Meade County Income



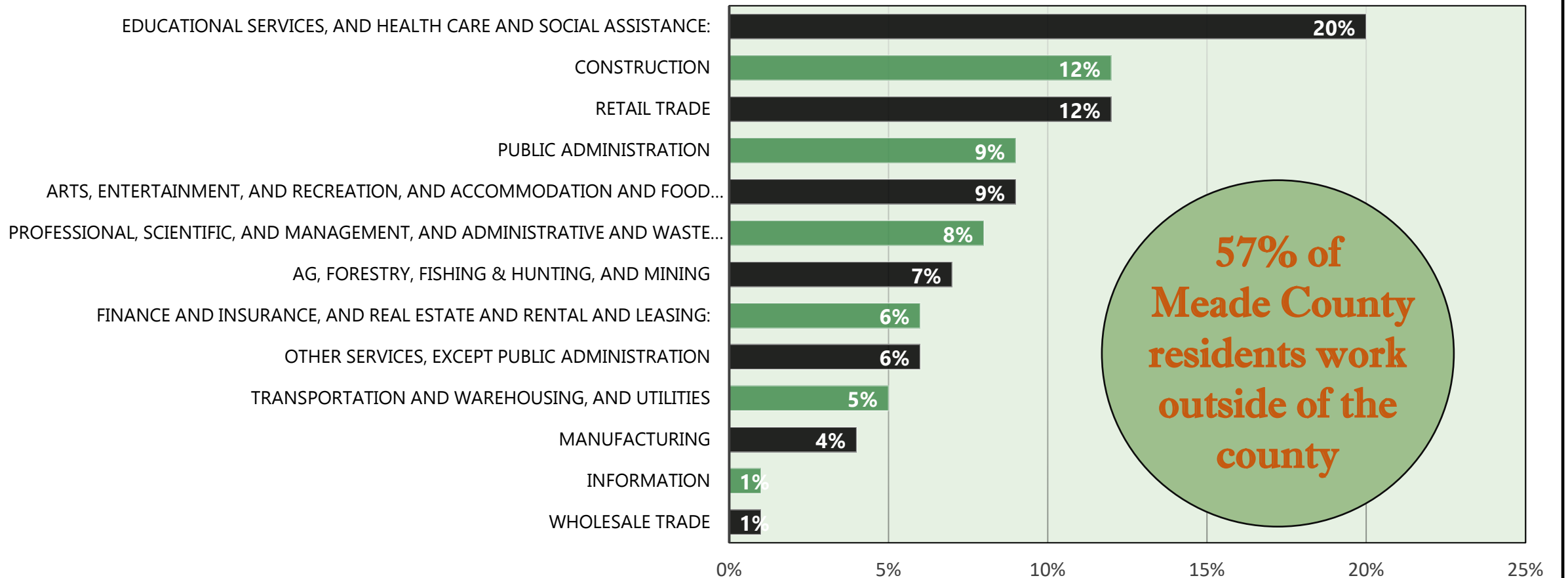
**Meade County  
Median Household Income**

2000 - \$36,992  
 2010 - \$46,180  
 2020 - \$62,275

Compared to  
South Dakota  
**\$59,896**

# Meade County Industry

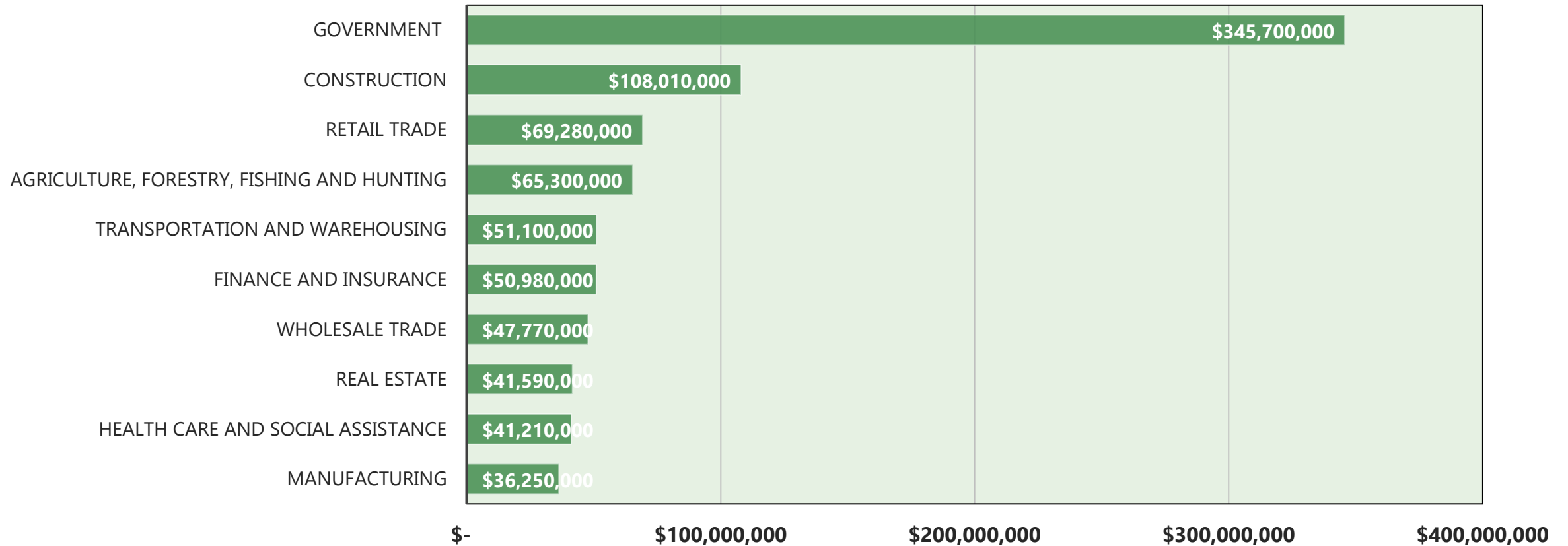
## % of Workers per Industry in Meade County – 2020





# Meade County Industry

## Top 10 Industries by Gross Regional Product (GRP)



# Project Website

[www.meadecountycompplan.com](http://www.meadecountycompplan.com)

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## MEADE COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

### **WE'D LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU.**

Help us plan Meade County's future by participating in the comprehensive planning process. Your input will help to ensure the current and future needs of the county are met.

# Questions?

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