



Hand County

Full Report

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DEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS

COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

	Census	Census	Estimates				Projection
	2000	1990	2004	2005	2006	2007	2010
Population	3,741	4,272	3,372	3,320	3,323	3,273	3,463
Median Age	44	37	47	48	0	0	0
# of Households	1,840	1,644	1,876	1,880	0	0	0
Median Income	\$32,377	\$19,439	\$36,393	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

NET MIGRATION LAST FIVE YEARS AVAILABLE

	2006/2007	2005/2006	2004/2005	2003/2004	2002/2003
Net Migration	-19	7	-48	-87	-51

WORKFORCE EDUCATION ATTAINMENT (25 - 64 YEARS OF AGE)

Education Level	Number	Percentage
Under 12 Years	189	11.01%
12 Years Only	642	37.41%
13 To 15 Years		
Some College	388	22.61%
Associate Degree	144	8.39%
Subtotal	1,363	79.43%
College Graduates		
16 Years Only	287	16.72%
Over 16 Years	66	3.85%
Total	1,716	100.00%

CITY POPULATIONS

City	2000 Census	2006 Current
Miller	1530	1365

LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS

COVERED WORKERS AND WAGES

	Total Number Employed		Percent Employed		Average Annual Salary	
	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006
Natural Resources/Mining	62	66	5.05%	5.41%	\$20,616	\$16,869
Construction	46	48	3.75%	3.93%	\$25,249	\$24,250
Manufacturing	33	36	2.69%	2.95%	\$33,562	\$30,185
Trade/Transportation/Utilities	328	334	26.71%	27.35%	\$21,210	\$19,719
Information	0	11	0.00%	0.90%	\$0	\$19,508
Financial Activities	0	92	0.00%	7.53%	\$0	\$43,284
Professional/Business Services	45	39	3.66%	3.19%	\$31,217	\$30,896
Education/Health Services	253	250	20.60%	20.48%	\$23,455	\$23,142
Leisure/Hospitality	89	84	7.25%	6.88%	\$6,666	\$6,351
Other Services	23	24	1.87%	1.97%	\$18,160	\$18,563
Government	232	239	18.89%	19.57%	\$25,998	\$25,262
Total	1,228	1,221	100.00%	100.00%	\$23,700	\$23,058

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ANNUAL AVERAGE)

2006	2005	2004	2003	2002
2.80%	3.30%	3.00%	2.40%	2.40%

EMPLOYED RESIDENTS WORKING OUTSIDE THE COUNTY

Number	265	Percent	14.41%
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COMMUTE TIMES

	Number	Percent
Less than 15 minute	1,007	54.80%
15 to 29 minutes	246	13.40%
30 minutes or more	231	12.60%
Median Time	16 Minutes	

LABOR PARTICIPATION RATE

Male	79%
Female	69%
Overall	74%

OCCUPATIONAL SALARY

	Covered Employees	Salary				
		Average Hire Rate	Average Minimum	Weighted Average	Median	Average Maximum
CLERICAL						
Accounting Clerk	990	\$8.04	\$9.18	\$10.79	\$10.43	\$14.04
Customer Service Rep	140	\$7.76	\$9.03	\$11.70	\$11.52	\$16.74
Data Entry Clerk	150	\$7.61	\$8.25	\$9.97	\$9.36	\$13.32
Executive Secretary	380	\$10.62	\$11.83	\$13.24	\$13.01	\$16.68
Receptionist	260	\$7.49	\$8.11	\$9.54	\$9.29	\$12.55
Telesales Rep	140	\$7.76	\$9.03	\$11.70	\$11.52	\$16.74
PROFESSIONAL						
Accountant	340	\$14.91	\$16.43	\$20.18	\$19.19	\$27.08
Engineer	0	\$18.74	\$21.85	\$27.93	\$26.88	\$40.55
Management Trainee	200	\$11.88	\$13.44	\$17.01	\$16.13	\$22.83
Programmer/Analyst	40	\$15.01	\$16.44	\$19.54	\$18.85	\$25.63
Website Designer	20	\$17.93	\$19.16	\$21.92	\$21.13	\$27.60
RETAIL						

LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS

OCCUPATIONAL SALARY, CONT.

	Covered Employees	Salary				
		Average Hire Rate	Average Minimum	Weighted Average	Median	Average Maximum
Hospitality Clerk	240	\$6.76	\$7.46	\$8.07	\$8.10	\$9.84
Retail Store Clerk	1,050	\$6.45	\$7.37	\$9.45	\$8.15	\$14.41
Stock Room Clerk	350	\$5.80	\$6.27	\$7.49	\$7.05	\$9.89
SEMI-SKILLED						
Fork Lift Operator	40	\$9.47	\$10.35	\$11.77	\$11.93	\$14.02
Machine Operator	6	\$9.01	\$9.65	\$11.24	\$10.72	\$14.57
SKILLED						
Machine Maintenance	40	\$12.61	\$14.52	\$16.54	\$16.38	\$21.25
Machinist	30	\$9.07	\$9.51	\$11.06	\$10.22	\$16.15
Tool and Die	5	\$13.23	\$15.05	\$17.64	\$16.91	\$23.98
Welder	80	\$9.26	\$9.80	\$10.94	\$10.67	\$13.36
TECHNICAL						
Electronics Tech	20	\$10.59	\$14.60	\$20.11	\$19.56	\$31.69
Medical/Lab Tech	10	\$11.05	\$11.93	\$13.22	\$12.98	\$16.19
NC Machine Programmer	5	\$9.97	\$12.33	\$14.85	\$14.69	\$18.04
Network Tech	80	\$15.19	\$16.88	\$20.78	\$20.97	\$26.93
UNSKILLED						
General Laborer	370	\$7.26	\$7.69	\$9.47	\$8.41	\$12.80
Hand Packer	110	\$5.69	\$6.09	\$6.73	\$6.76	\$8.33
Light Assembly	20	\$7.26	\$8.01	\$9.60	\$9.33	\$12.86
Material Handler	610	\$7.09	\$7.69	\$8.79	\$8.67	\$10.91
Warehouse Person	610	\$7.09	\$7.69	\$8.79	\$8.67	\$10.91

	Office	Manufacturing
Average Work Week in Hours		42
Annual Average Turnover Percent	5.00%	7.90%

PERCENT OF WORKFORCE ORGANIZED

All Workers	5.90%
Manufacturing	5.40%

STRIKES AND WORK STOPPAGES, LAST 5 YEARS

Number	0
Average Duration	0 Days

UNION ELECTIONS - COMPANIES WITH 50 OR MORE EMPLOYEES, LAST 5 YEARS

	Number	Percent Won By Union
Manufacturing	0	0.00%
Distribution	0	0.00%
FIRE	0	0.00%
All Sectors	0	0.00%

RIGHT TO WORK?

Yes

LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS

UNION ELECTIONS (LAST 5 YEARS)

Company Name	Union	Election Date	SIC Code	Votes For	Votes Against
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STRIKES (LAST 5 YEARS)

Company Name	Union	SIC Code	Striking Workers	Strike Duration (in days)	National or Local
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LEADING EMPLOYERS

MILLER

Company Name	Product/Service	Function	NAICS	Employment	Union %
Hand County Memorial Hospital	Health Care	Headquarters	622110	85	0.00%
Miller Schools	Education	District Office	611110	94	0.00%
Prairie Good Samaritan Hospital	Care for Elderly	Regional Office	623311	72	0.00%
Hand County Court House	Government	Regional Office	921	72	0.00%
Data Trak Consulting	Medical Records Coding	Headquarters	541611	60	0.00%

NEW AND EXPANDED COMPANIES

Companies New to the area within the last Three Years and Companies that have Expanded in the area within the last Two Years

MILLER

Type of Action	Year	Company Name	Product	Function	NAICS	Estab.	Employ	Union
New	2008	Alco	Discount Dept Store	Branch	4521 12	0	19	No
New	2008	South Dakota Oil Seed Processors	Soybean Processing		3112 22		12	No

MILITARY INSTALLATIONS

Base/Installation	Ellsworth AFB	Civilian Personnel	1,053	Annual Discharges	0
Branch of Service	Air Force	Military Personnel	3,563	On Closing List	No
Location	Rapid City	Dependents	3,910		
Description of Operations					

TECHNICAL SCHOOL

Name of Institution	Mitchell Technical Institute
Location	Mitchell
Enrollment	
Part-Time	125
Full-Time	740
Total	865

Memo

Mitchell Technical Institute is home to some of the best communication technology in the state of South Dakota. A new \$4.5 million Technology Center opened in 2003 and houses the Satellite Communications and Telecommunications programs. Additionally, a 180 seat amphitheatre is available for businesses and industries to provide training for staff, clients or the public. A new uplink truck keeps students busy learning about and providing mobile communications services. The Digital Dakota Network, an integral part of the statewide distance learning network, is maintained by MTI technicians. MTI offers 29 programs in five career areas: Agriculture, Business, Food Service, Health, and Trade and Technical.

Masters Curricula

Doctorate Curricula

Annual Certificates	Course Length (months)	Annual Certificate
Administrative/Office Science	18	8
Computer Science/MI	18	20
Customer Service Mgmt	0	0
Electronics Technician	18	42
Engineering	0	0
Food Science	14	40
Graphic Arts	0	0
Lab/Medical Technician	21	33
Machine Trades	0	0
NC Machine Programming	0	0
Network Administrator	0	0
Other	0	215
Plastics Trades	0	0
Printing Trades	0	0
Radiologist	240	7
Webmaster/Website Design	0	0
Total		365

MILLER

HIGHWAYS

MAJOR HIGHWAYS LINKING THE AREA

Interstate		
Four Lane US		
Four Lane State		Miles From Central Business
Four Lane County		
Two Lane US	US 14	0
Two Lane State	SD 45	0
Two Lane County		0

NEAREST INTERSTATE HIGHWAY

Number	I90
Miles	54
Direction	South

NEAREST FOUR LANE HIGHWAY

Number	US 14
Miles	52
Direction	East

MOTOR CARRIERS/TRUCKS (NUMBER)

Common Carriers	2
Common Carriers With Local Terminals	0

DISTANCE IN MILES TO THE FIVE NEAREST METRO AREAS

Metro Area	Miles
Minneapolis	319
Omaha	354
Kansas City	538
Denver	593
Chicago	743

AIRPORTS

GENERAL

Name	Aberdeen Regional Airport	Longest Length (ft)	6900
Distance (miles)	90	Full Instruments	
Operation Hours	6:00 AM - 11:00 PM	Annual Days Closed	0
Number of Runways	2		

GENERAL

Name	Miller Airport	Longest Length (ft)	3600
Distance (miles)	0	Full Instruments	No
Operation Hours	Irregular Hours	Annual Days Closed	0
Number of Runways	2		

RAILROADS

Railroad Name	Main or Branch	National or Shortline	Distance to Switching Yard	Memo
DM&E	Main		0	

PORTS/FOREIGN TRADE ZONES

PORTS

Nearest Port	U.S. Customs Port, Sioux Falls, SD
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CUSTOM PORT OF ENTRIES

Name	
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TRANSPORTATION

PORTS, CONT.

Port Address	1 W. Weather Lane, Ste. 100
Port Type	
Channel Depth	0
Turning Basin	
Barging Facilities	
Cargo Facilities	
Container Facilities	
Storage Facilities	
Highways Serving Port	
Railways Serving Port	
Freight Forwarders (No.)	0
Import/Export Brokers (No.)	0
International Couriers (No.)	0

CUSTOM PORT OF ENTRIES, CONT.

Type

WAREHOUSES (NUMBER)

Bonded
Public

FOREIGN TRADE ZONES

Designation
Number
Location
Acreage
Operator

DELIVERY

FEDERAL EXPRESS

Hub Classification	Aberdeen
Latest Pick-Up	2 PM
Earliest Delivery	12 PM
Next Day Delivery	Yes
Saturday Delivery	No
Zone Classification	PM

UPS

Hub Classification	Aberdeen
Latest Pick-Up	2 PM
Earliest Delivery	12 PM
Next Day Delivery	No
Saturday Delivery	No
Zone Classification	

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

Nearest General Facility	Miller
Latest Pick-Up	4:15 pm
Earliest Delivery	9:30 am
Next Day Delivery	SD
Nearest Bulk Facility	Huron, SD
Percent On Time	96.00%
Efficiency Rating	96%
First Class	Yes
Next Day	Yes
Second Day	Yes

AIRBORNE EXPRESS

Hub Classification	
Latest Pick-Up	
Earliest Delivery	
Next Day Delivery	No
Saturday Delivery	No
Zone Classification	

DHL

Hub Classification	
Latest Pick-Up	
Earliest Delivery	
Next Day Delivery	No
Saturday Delivery	No
Zone Classification	

STATE TAXES

Corporate Income Tax - None
Personal Income Tax - None
Local Occupation Tax - None
Local Wage Tax - None
Personal Property Tax - None
State Property Tax - None

SALES/USE TAX

State

SALES/USE TAX ON

Office Construction Materials	<input type="text" value="Yes"/>
Industrial Construction Material	<input type="text" value="Yes"/>
Manufacturer's Raw Materials	<input type="text" value="No"/>
Standard Software	<input type="text" value="Yes"/>
Custom Software	<input type="text" value="Yes"/>

MACHINERY AND EQUIP SUBJECT TO SALES TAX

Production	<input type="text" value="Yes"/>	Pollution Control	<input type="text" value="Yes"/>
Non Production	<input type="text" value="Yes"/>	Office Furniture	<input type="text" value="Yes"/>

LOCAL TAXES

MILLER

SALES/USE TAX

Local

SALES TAX RATE BY UTILITY

Electric Power	<input type="text" value="6.00%"/>
Natural Gas	<input type="text" value="6.00%"/>
Fuel Oil	<input type="text" value="6.00%"/>
Water	<input type="text" value="6.00%"/>
Sewer	<input type="text" value="6.00%"/>
Hazardous Waste	<input type="text" value="4.00%"/>

TELEPHONE SALES TAX RATES

Local Area	<input type="text" value="6.00%"/>
Long Distance In State	<input type="text" value="6.00%"/>
Long Distance Out of State	<input type="text" value="6.00%"/>

WORKER'S COMPENSATION

Average Cost for All Manufacturing per \$100 Payroll	<input type="text" value="\$3.05"/>
Average Rate for Office Workers (8810)	<input type="text" value="\$0.25"/>
Maximum Weekly Benefit	<input type="text" value="\$571.00"/>

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

Taxable Base	<input type="text" value="\$9,000.00"/>
Average Percentage Rate Among Existing Employer	<input type="text" value="1.07%"/>
Statutory Percentage Rate for New Employers	<input type="text" value="1.75%"/>
Maximum Weekly Benefit	<input type="text" value="\$274.00"/>

INTANGIBLE PROPERTY

Describe What is Subject to Tax	<input type="text" value="Sales/use tax is not charged on intangible property."/>
Basis and Rate	<input type="text"/>
Stock Bond Transaction Fee (Yes or No, If Yes, List Rate)	<input type="text" value="no"/>

REAL PROPERTY TAX RATES

City Millage	<input type="text" value="6.67"/>
County Millage	<input type="text" value="4.512"/>
School Millage	<input type="text" value="18.766"/>
Special Millage	<input type="text" value="0.041"/>
Total Millage	<input type="text" value="29.989"/>
Assessment Ratio	<input type="text" value="85.00%"/>
Effective Tax Rate	<input type="text" value="2.55%"/>

MILLER

WATER AVAILABILITY AND TREATMENT

Source	Missouri River
Percent of Population Increase Served from the Source	0.00%
Provider	Mid-Dakota Rural Water
Capacity (mgd)	0.50
Average Daily Demand (mgd)	0.23
Peak Demand (mgd)	0.45
Chemical Breakdown	Total Dissolved Solids - 498; Specific Conductivity - 785; pH - 8.18; Alkalinity-M - 171; Alkalinity-P - 0 ; Sodium - 74.5 ; Potassium - 4.8; Calcium - 56.5; Magnesium - 24.0; Iron - 0.03; Manganese - 0.02; Chloride - 17; Sulfate - 214; Bicarbonate - 209; Carbonate - 0; Hardness - 240; LI Indicator +; Langlier's - Index - 0.61 Nitrate - 0.1; Fluoride - 1.12
Cost	\$3.00
Connection Fee	\$10.00

ELECTRIC POWER

Provider	Miller Municipal Electric
Communities Served	
Net Importer or Exporter	
Reserve Margin Percent	0.00%
Pool Membership Name	
Deregulation (Yes or No, if Yes, provide date)	
Average Cost per kWh (cents)	

	Small	Medium	Large
Industrial Low Load Factor - 28%	\$0.00000	\$0.00000	\$0.00000
Industrial High Load Factor- 92%	\$0.00000	\$0.00000	\$0.00000
Commercial Low Load Factor - 41	\$0.00000	\$0.00000	\$0.00000
Commercial High Load Factor - 50	\$0.00000	\$0.00000	\$0.00000

SEWER TREATMENT

Provider	City of Miller
Type of Service	Lagoon
Capacity (mgd)	0.00
Average Daily Demand (mgd)	0.00
Peak Demand (mgd)	0.00
Cost	
Connection Fee	\$15.00

NATURAL GAS

Provider	N/A
Average Industrial Cost (\$/mcf)	0
Firm Contract Rate	
Interruptible Rate	

BUSINESS SUPPORT SERVICE

Tool and Die	0
Machine Shop	1
Welding	1
Office Equipment Service and Repair	1
Temporary Employment Services	1

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Number of Local Service Providers	1
Number of Long Distance Providers	330
Number of Internet Service Providers	1
Switch Technology	Digital
Monitoring	Remotely
Local Service Providers and Locations	Qwest Corporation

Availability					
Fiber Service	Yes	DSL	Yes	Self-Healing	Yes
ISDN	Yes	ADSL	No	Dual Feed	Yes

AREA IN ATTAINMENT FOR FEDERAL AIR POLLUTION REGULATIONS

Carbon Monoxide	Yes
Lead	Yes
Nitrogen Dioxide	Yes
Ozone	Yes
Particular Matter	Yes
Sulfur Dioxide	Yes
One-Stop Permit	Yes

AVERAGE PERMIT APPROVAL TIME FROM DATE OF COMPLETED ROUTINE APPLICATION

Air Permit	180
Water Permit	180
Hazardous Waste Permit	0

HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL

Number of Haulers	0
Nearest Site	NA
Location	NA
Distance	0
Class	NA

AIR QUALITY AGENCY

Agency	DENR		
Address	523 E Capitol Ave, Pierre, SD		
Telephone	605-773-3151	Fax	605-773-5286

WATER QUALITY AGENCY

Agency	DENR		
Address	523 E Capitol Ave, Pierre, SD		
Telephone	605-773-3296	Fax	605-773-6035

HAZARDOUS WASTE QUALITY AGENCY

Agency	DENR		
Address	523 E Capitol Ave, Pierre, SD		
Telephone	605-773-3329	Fax	605-773-6035

MILLER LANDFILL

Locations	Pierre Landfill
Capacities	5 Years
Plans for a New Landfill?	Yes

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Governor	M. Michael Rounds
Years In Office	4
Term Expiration	2010
Next Election	2010
Another Term	Yes

Congressperson	Stephanie Sandlin
Years In Office	2
Term Expiration	2008
Next Election	2008
Congressional District	1

Senator	John Thune
Years In Office	2
Term Expiration	2010
Next Election	2010

Senator	Tim Johnson
Years In Office	8
Term Expiration	2008
Next Election	2008

STATE GOVERNMENT

Form of Government	House & Senate
Upper House Members	33
Lower House Members	66
Legislature Convening	Annual

HAND COUNTY GOVERNMENT

Form Of Government	Commission
County Manager	No
Number of County Commissioners	5
Top County Official	
Name	Ronald Campbell
Job Title	Chairman
Years In Office	2
Next Election	2008

MILLER CITY GOVERNMENT

Form Of Government	Aldermanic	Upper House Representing Area	1
City Manager	No	Lower House Representing Area	2
Number of Elected Officials	7		
Mayor Information			
Name	Tom McGough		
Years In Office	4		
Next Election	April 2005		

**MILLER
HOUSING**

New	Number on the Market	Average Selling Price
Single Family Home-4 Bedroom	0	\$0
Single Family Home-3 Bedroom	1	\$212,000
Townhouse/Condo-2 Bedroom	0	\$0

Existing		
Single Family Home-4 Bedroom	5	\$60,000
Single Family Home-3 Bedroom	5	\$60,000
Townhouse/Condo-2 Bedroom	0	\$0

NUMBER OF SINGLE FAMILY HOMES FOR SALE BY PRICE

\$150,000 and under	10
\$150,001 to \$200,000	0
\$200,001 to \$250,000	1
\$250,001 and over	0

AVERAGE MONTHLY RENT

Single Family, 3 Bedroom	\$350
New Apartment, 2 Bedroom	\$375
Apartment Vacancy Percent	0.00%

EDUCATION

District Number	
Total Spending Per Student	\$5,713.00
Instructional Spending Per Student	\$2,991.18
Elementary Enrollment	361
Secondary Enrollment	164
Student to Teacher Ratios	
Elementary	12.3
Secondary	12.3

8th Grade Standard Achievement Test

Test Name	Stanford 9 Achievement
Average Score	79

ACT

Percent Taking Test	86.00%
Average Score	21

SAT

Percent Taking Test	0.00%
Average Score	0

Percent of High School Seniors

Attending College	82.00%
Entering Labor Market	0.00%
Is There a Mandatory Competency Test For High School Graduation?	No
If so, What Percent Pass On First Attempt?	0.00%
Number of Science and Technology Magnet Schools	0
Number of Specialized High Schools	0
Number of Tech Prep Schools	0
Number of Occupational Clusters or Career Pathways	0
Number of Vocational High Schools	0
Private Elementary Schools	
Number of Schools	0
Enrollment	0
Tuition	\$0.00
Private Secondary Schools	
Number of Schools	1
Enrollment	83
Tuition	\$0.00
Number of Community Colleges	0

HEALTH CARE

Number of Hospitals	1
Number of Teaching Hospitals	0

HEALTH CARE, CONT.

Number of Hospital Beds	40
Number of Clinics	1
Number of Physicians	3
Ratio Per 1,000 Population	0.003
Number of Dentists	1
Ratio Per 1,000 Population	0.001

CRIME

Crime Rate Per 100,000 Population

Property	2,105
Violent	172
Total	2,277

CULTURE

TOP ANNUAL EVENTS

Event	Date
Bull 'O' Rama Championship	September
Christmas on the Prairie	December
City Wide Rummage Sale	June
Home Show	January
Miller Bull Bash	September
Miller C & C Easter Egg Hunt	Easter Sunday
Old Fashioned 4th of July	July 4th
Ranch Rodeo	September
Summer Crazy Days	July

RECREATIONAL OUTLETS

Hunting, Fishing, Boating, Camping

NUMBER OF CULTURAL PLACES AND AMENITIES

Museums	1
Dance Companies	1
Symphony Orchestras	0
Opera Companies	0
Theater Companies	0
Number of Enclosed Regional Malls	3

RELIGION

Number of Religious Institutions

Protestant	6
Catholic	1
Synagogues	0
Other	1

SPORTS

	Professional		College	
	Major	Minor	Major	Minor
Football	0	0	0	0
Baseball	0	0	0	0
Basketball	0	0	0	0
Hockey	0	0	0	0
Soccer	0	0	0	0

CLIMATE

Average Daily Temperature

	High	Average	Low
July	86	73	60
January	21	10	-1
Average Annual Temperature			45
Average Annual Rainfall			20
Average Annual Snowfall			39
Average Annual Wind Speed			11
Average Annual Number of Sunny or Partly Sunny Days			202
Average Elevation			1,578
Elevation Range			