

Demographics

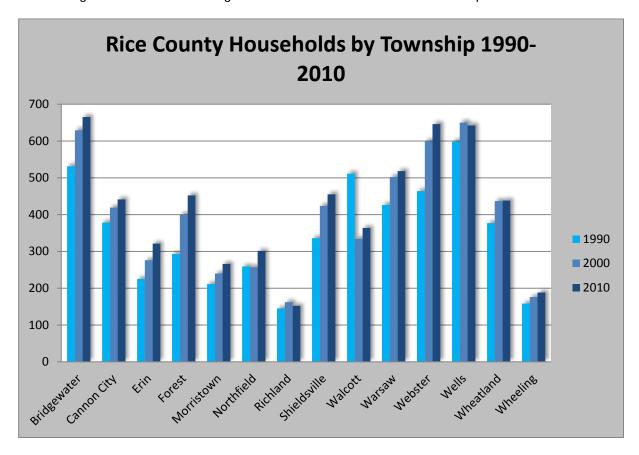
Household Characteristics

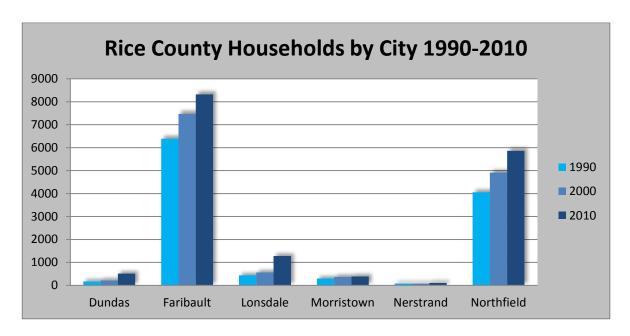
Over the last 20 years, the number of households in Rice County has grown across the board with one notable exception. Walcott Township saw a drop in the number of households between 1990 - 2000 as a

Household Size: The total number of people living in a housing unit.

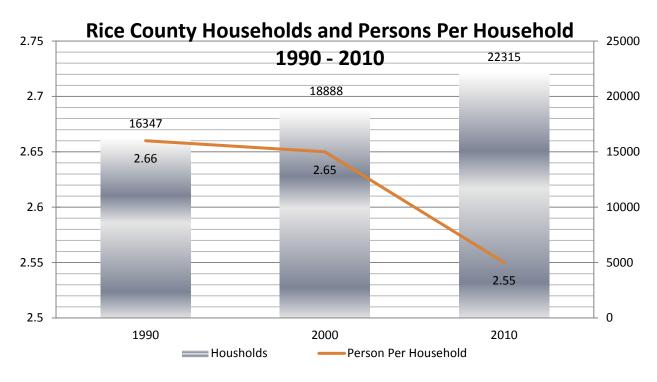
Household: A household includes all the people who occupy a housing unit as their usual place of residence.

result of orderly growth and annexation agreements with the city of Faribault. The rate of household growth since 1990 ranges between 4.8% in Richland Township to 197.1% in Dundas.



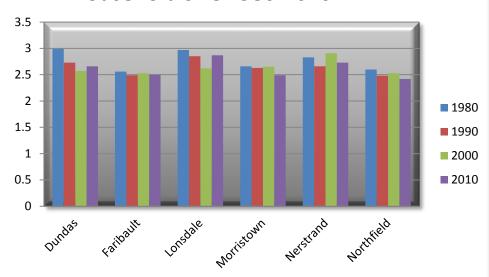


While the number of households in Rice County continues to increase, household size continues a downward trend. With few exceptions, household size has decreased in nearly all municipalities over the last 30 years. The decrease in household size follows state and national trends.



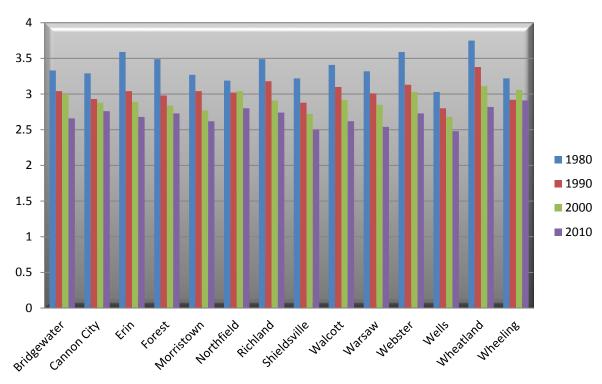
The above figure shows a direct comparison between household size and total number of households. Household size has declined nationwide over the past two decades. This is consistent with Rice County, which experienced a modest change from 2.65 in 2000 to 2.55 persons per household in 2010.

Rice County Cities Average Household Size 1980-2010



Although there is noticeable variation in the 10 year cycle of household size, the overall trend shows a net decrease over the last 30 years. Several different variables factor into household size trends. Rice County patterns are similar to those seen at the state level.

Rice County Townships Average Household Size: 1980-2010



*Above information can be referenced by linking to the U.S. Census Bureau American FactFinder at http://factfinder.census.gov/faces/nav/jsf/pages/index.xhtml unless otherwise noted.