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DATA FEATURE

Quality of Life: Household Access to Plumbing Facilities

WOODBURY COUNTY

99.5%

of households have access to plumbing facilities in Woodbury County. The national rate stood at 99.6%.

- CENSUS, 2025

DAKOTA COUNTY

99.2%

of households have access to plumbing facilities in Dakota County. The national rate stood at 99.6%.

- CENSUS, 2025

UNION COUNTY

99.7%

of households have access to plumbing facilities in Union County. The national rate stood at 99.6%.

- CENSUS, 2025

HOUSEHOLD PLUMBING FACILITY ACCESS IN SIOUXLAND

Background

Household plumbing access refers to whether a home has "complete" facilities, specifically defined by the U.S. Census Bureau as having hot and cold running water, an indoor bathtub or shower, and a functional flush toilet. Over half a million households (0.4%) in the United States still live in "plumbing poverty," lacking these basic essentials.

Access to Complete Plumbing Facilities in Siouxland

In the Siouxland region, access to complete plumbing facilities has fluctuated in recent years, often mirroring or exceeding the national "plumbing poverty" rate of 0.4%. In Woodbury County, the percentage of households lacking complete facilities rose from 0.4% in 2018 to a peak of 0.7% in 2021, before settling at 0.5% in 2023. Dakota County saw more dramatic shifts, starting at 0.4% in 2018, dropping to a low of 0.1% in 2019, but then climbing steadily to 0.8% by 2023–double the national average. Meanwhile, Union County maintained a very high access rate with only 0.1% lacking facilities for several years, though it saw a slight increase to 0.4% in 2022 and 0.3% in 2023.

These localized spikes, particularly in Dakota and Woodbury counties, suggest that while the national average remains stable, specific neighborhoods in the tri-state area are facing growing infrastructure challenges. This disparity often points to aging housing stock or a lack of investment in rental properties, leaving vulnerable residents at a higher risk for hygiene-related health issues and waterborne illnesses.

ABOUT US

Source For Siouxland is the region's central resource for trusted data, helping advance a healthy, safe, and vibrant community. We track key indicators across five focus areas—Economic Stability, Education, Health, Safety, and Quality of Life.

Through our annual Data Update and monthly Data Features, we collect and share local, regional, and national data to help community leaders, nonprofits, and funders make informed decisions.

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