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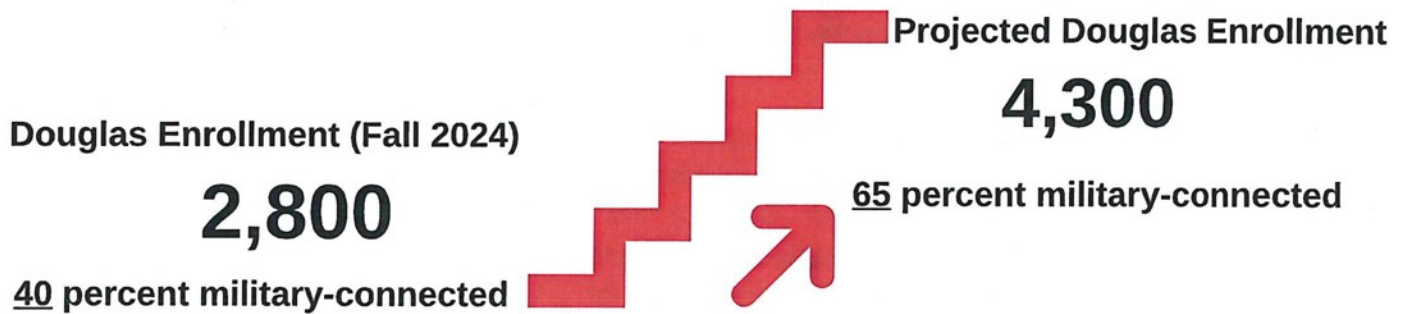


GROWING TOGETHER

Douglas School District Growth Fast Facts



In June 2021, the Department of Defense announced that Ellsworth Air Force Base (EAFB) would be the home of the B-21 Raider. Based on Department of Defense data, as a result of the Base expansion, it is estimated that **Douglas School District enrollment will increase by at least 1,500 students by 2041**. A subsequent demographic study by RSP & Associates indicates that the district's enrollment will increase by 281 **students in the next 5 years**. This growth necessitates a large investment in new school facilities.



*Approximately 70 percent of EAFB military-connected students attend Douglas School District

IMMEDIATE FACILITY NEED



New Elementary School #1 - \$62 million

Based on the DoD Environmental Impact Study, the largest influx of new students will be at the elementary level (73.8 percent are ages 0 to 11). Currently, there is no option to expand current District elementary school facilities. According to Douglas' facility needs assessment, the District will need to build multiple new elementary buildings over time to accommodate the arrival of new students. The District currently owns land for a future elementary school and is in the process of acquiring land for additional sites.

TIMELINES AND CHALLENGES

- All District facilities except Douglas High School are currently at or above student capacity.
- Securing funding sooner than later is critical. It typically takes 18 to 24 months to construct a school building, which means that, as of now, students associated with the B-21 program will begin arriving before a new building can be completed.
- Construction costs continue to rise dramatically and West River subcontractors are in high demand.



GROWING TOGETHER FUNDING

- The District continues to work collaboratively with our Federal Delegation to secure funding for Douglas Schools due to the impact of the B-21 mission. Senator Rounds has requested \$42 million in funds for Douglas School District through a Congressional Designated Spending request. This request is in the early phases of becoming a reality.
- Historically, the Douglas School District has received special funding from the State to build new buildings. The District received approximately 25 percent of the funds from the State of South Dakota needed to build both Douglas Middle School and Douglas High School. The State also assisted with funding for Badger Clark and Francis Case Elementary Schools in the 1960's. Douglas School District is asking for a similar commitment from the State to build Elementary School # 1, which would amount to a \$15 million allocation during the 2025 Legislative session. The Federal Government would contribute \$42 million, and Douglas School District would contribute \$5-\$7 Million, with the District also being responsible for any contingency and/or inflation increases.
- To date, District funds of approximately \$6.2 million along with a \$2.4 million grant from the Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation (OLDCC) have assisted with updating the District's master facilities plan, building design including construction drawings for Elementary School #1, and ongoing demographic studies relating to student enrollment growth projections. A new \$1 million OLDCC grant will assist with continued demographic studies, systems analysis and change support, building configuration, exploring options related to mobile units to eliminate overcrowding, and updating the District's master plan. A cooperative transportation study has also been included with the City of Box Elder.

Current unofficial economic impact analysis shows that EAFB-related spending accounted for approximately \$886 million in economic output annually in the State of South Dakota.



According to Representative Massie, based on \$2 billion in current, expected improvements to EAFB, the State of South Dakota will have sales and excise tax revenue of approximately \$82 million.

- Unlike most Districts in South Dakota, a large percentage of Douglas School District's boundary is located on federal land, which means the District is unable to generate enough funding to pay for large-scale building projects through a bond.
- According to Toby Morris, if Douglas were able to receive tax revenue from the additional \$2 Billion of infrastructure being built on EAFB, the District could raise an ADDITIONAL \$7 Million annually in Capital Outlay Dollars. Douglas does NOT receive those dollars.
- While Impact Aid makes up for some of the loss of Capital Outlay dollars, it does NOT help with borrowing capacity. Districts build facilities on their ability to borrow - Douglas does not have that same ability on the same scale as other Districts.
- While some other Districts in SD receive Impact Aid dollars, their growth is slow and linear in fashion giving them time to plan. The projected growth at Douglas will be fast and immediate and due to a Federal presence (EAFB).

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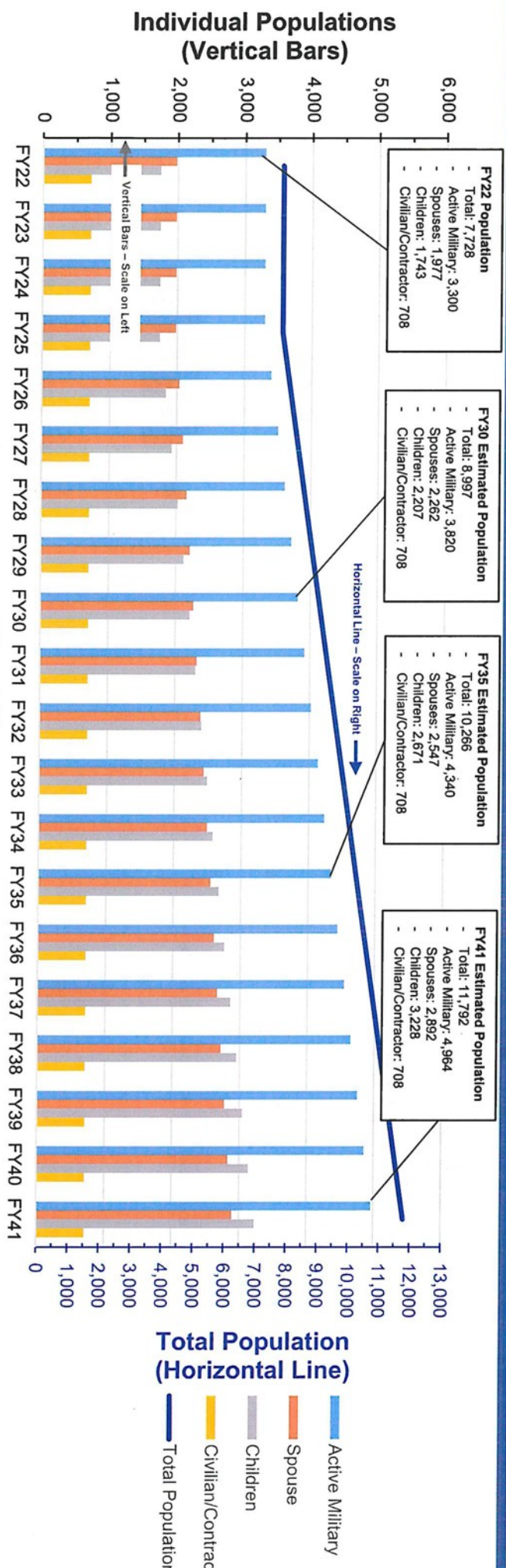
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Ellsworth AFB Population Growth B-21 & WGF

Active Military, Civilians/Contractors, Spouses and Children



Fiscal Year

Estimated Total Growth FY25 - FY41

Total - 4,064 Active Military - 1,664 Spouses - 915 Children - 1,485 Civilians/Contractors - 0

Notes:

- a. Data is subject to change based on Congressional direction and will continue to be refined
- b. Developed using March 2021 Environmental Impact Statement and May 2022 Ellsworth AFB population data
- c. Data includes B-21 and Weapon Generation Facility manning projections
- d. Data does not include contractors associated with construction
- e. Projected growth averaged across fiscal years. Starting FY25, average growth per year is: 254 Total, 104 Active Military, 57 Spouses, 93 Children, 0 Civilian/Contractor
- f. Numbers of spouses and children were extrapolated from the total number of dependents, assuming 55 percent of military, civilian, and contractor personnel are married and the remaining dependents are children. Data is consistent with 2018 Demographics Profile of the Military Community.
- g. Snapshot analysis considers overlap between B-21 and B-1 transition. Assumes all B-21 personnel and 10 percent of B-1 personnel are present on the base at the same time along with temporary contractor support associated with supporting the B-21 and B-1 transition. Snapshot personnel number = Baseline population - B-1 personnel + B-21 personnel + 10% B-1 personnel + temporary contractor support.



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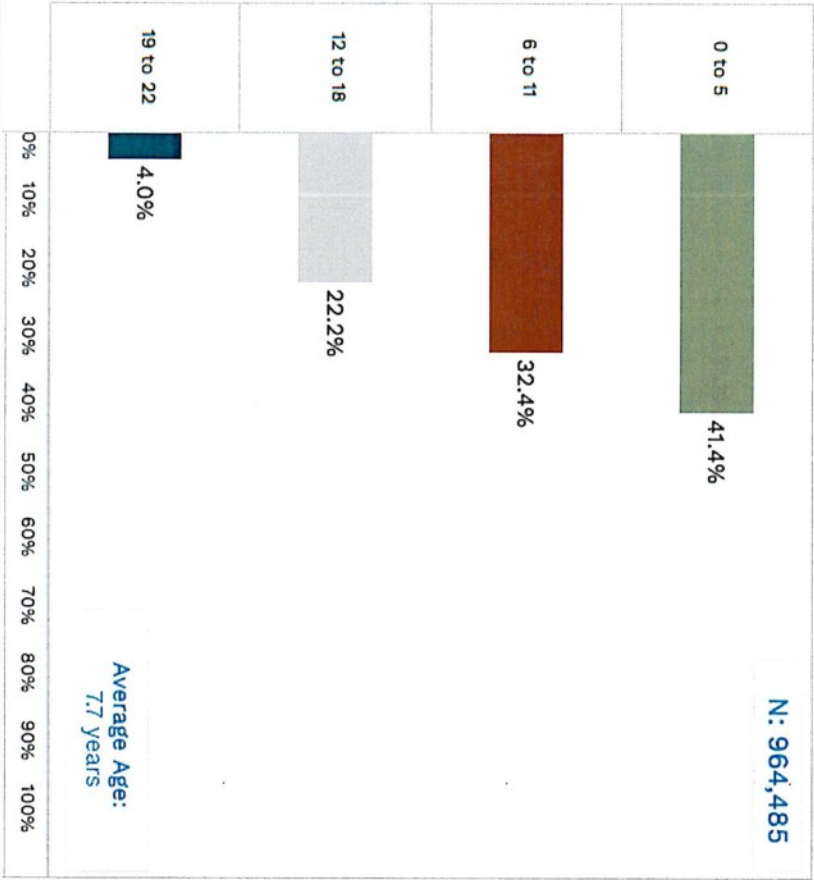
Child Age Demographics



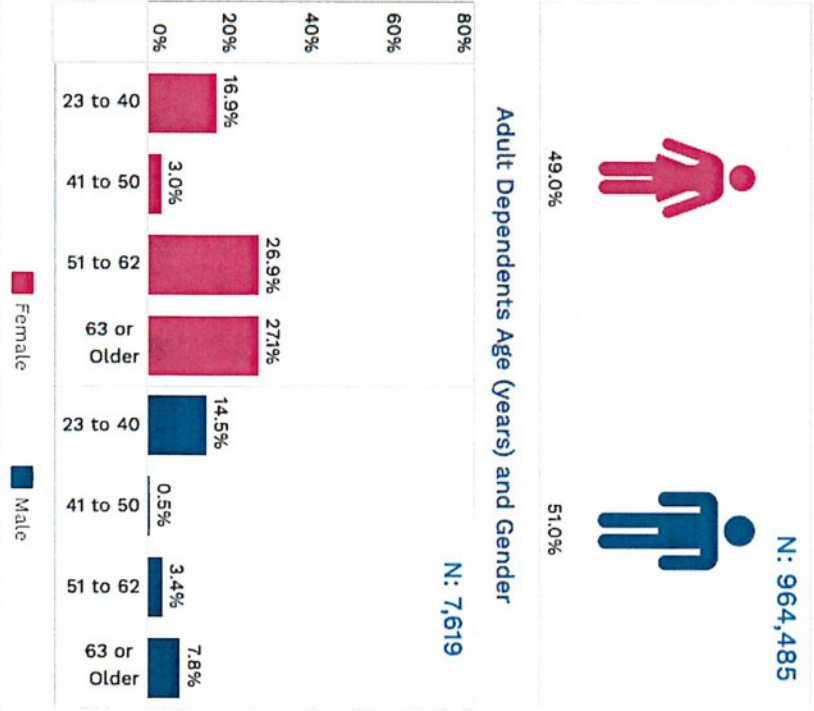
Active Duty Families: Dependents

Of the 964,485 Active Duty children in the selected criteria, 41.4% are 5 years of age or younger, 49.0% are female, and 51.0% are male.

Child Age (years)



Child Gender



Source: 2020 Demographics Profile of the Military Community

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South Dakota Ellsworth Development Authority



SDEDA Projects

- Land Compatibility Management
- \$24 Million Wastewater Treatment Plant
- Powder River Training Complex Expansion
- Powder River Close Air Support Site
- Military Spouse Licensure
- \$12 Million Liberty Fitness Center
- \$30 Million Black Hills Housing Trust Funds
- \$18 Million Clean Water Project

Create via legislature in 2009

- SDCL 1-16J
- Focused state effort to ensure EAFB remains safe from future BRAC considerations

Mission

- To ensure South Dakota remains a great place the Department of Defense to conduct its essential National defense mission.

Powers

- Borrow money, accept gifts, bond, receive grants
- Purchase, lease, develop, maintain real property and facilities