

2.0 POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS continued

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is black, with 1.1 percent of minority groups other than black. The Spanish ethnic group is somewhat smaller in Lea County than in Eddy; only 10.9 percent of the population are of Spanish origin or descent.

In 1970, 76.9 percent of the population of Eddy County resided in urban places, approximately 18.1 percent of the population lived in rural non-farm settings, and 5.0 percent lived on farms. In Lea County the population was slightly more urban in distribution; 81.1 percent of the population resided in urban areas, while 15.1 percent resided in rural non-farm areas, and the remaining (approximately 3.8 percent lived on farms.