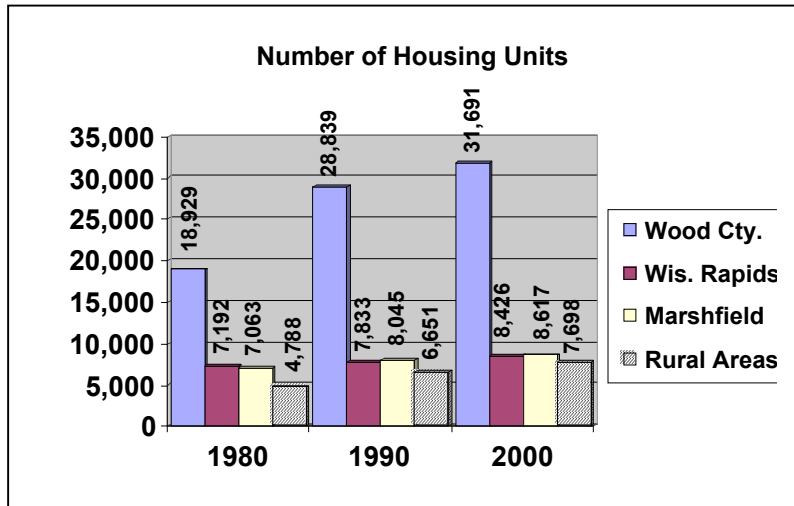


Housing Options Provide for Quality of Life



Key Facts

- Between 1990 and 2000, the number of housing units in Wood county increased by 2,852 (9.9%). During that same period the county’s population increased by 2.8%.
- In 2000, of the 31,691 housing units, 30,135 were occupied, leaving a vacancy of 1,556 units or a vacancy rate of 4.9%
- In 2000, of the 30,135 occupied units, 74.3% were owner occupied and 25.7% were renter occupied.
- In 2000, the median value of all housing units was \$81,400.

Why is this Information Important?

A community that provides enough housing for its residents enables itself to grow and prosper. A well-balanced inventory of housing stock is necessary for the quality of life we strive for in Wood County.

Wood County Housing

The Census Bureau defines a housing unit as a house, apartment, mobile home, a group of rooms or a single room intended for separate living quarters.

Everyone needs a place to live and call home, whether it is a 3 bedroom house, a mobile home or a studio apartment. A good quality of life depends on a housing supply that meets the demand of a growing population. An ample housing supply makes it possible to attract new employees and families to a community. A variety of housing options also help families move to larger or smaller homes to meet their needs.

Preservation is also important for maintenance and reinvesting to a sound housing stock. Quality materials, fine workmanship and architectural significance are treasures that cannot be duplicated easily. Future generations should have the privilege of enjoying the warmth, charm and history of the past.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau