North Dakota Families and Households

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Per-capita income/poverty
North Dakota poverty rates have been declining slowly.

- North Dakota per-capita personal income grew from $21,068 in 1996 to $33,034 in 2006.
- In the U.S., personal income grew from $24,175 to $36,629.
- In 2004, one in 10 North Dakotans (67,625 people) lived in poverty.
- In 1998, one in eight people lived in poverty. Sioux, Rolette and Benson counties had higher poverty rates, whereas one in four people lived in poverty in 2004.
- The median household income in 2004 was $39,233. The median income of families with children in 2005 was $53,000.
- The percentage of children ages 0 to 17 living in poverty was 13.5 percent (18,514) in 2004. The percentage of children age 4 and younger living in poverty was 18 percent (6,589).

North Dakota children
The well-being of children in North Dakota remains relatively high.

- The proportion of children living in single-parent families increased from 14 percent in the 1990s to 21 percent in 2005.
- The infant mortality rate decreased from 8.1 deaths per 1,000 in 2000 to 5.6 deaths per 1,000 in 2004.
- Child death rates (ages 1 to 14) increased from 19 per 100,000 in 2000 to 26 in 2004.
- The percentage of teens who are high school dropouts increased from 3 percent in 2000 to 5 percent in 2004.

Education
North Dakotans are becoming more educated.

- One in five North Dakotans age 25 and older (22 percent) had at least a bachelor’s degree in 2000.
- In 1990, this number was 18 percent.
- Approximately 9 percent of people 25 and older (15 percent in 1990) had less than a ninth-grade education. From 1990 to 2000, the percentage of population with a graduate or professional degree increased slightly, from 4.5 percent to 5.5 percent.

Resources


North Dakota State Data Center
www.ndsu.edu/sdc/

North Dakota Fast Facts
www.health.state.nd.us/vital/

2006 American Community Survey
http://factfinder.census.gov

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significantly to this increase. Thirteen other counties experienced an increase as well.

- The majority of people in North Dakota (55.7 percent) reside in Cass, Burleigh, Grand Forks, Ward and Morton counties.

Racial distribution
While the percentage of white population is declining slowly, the number of ethnic minority groups in North Dakota is increasing.

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<td>596,718</td>
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Marital status
The number of married people in North Dakota has been declining slowly, whereas the number of divorced and never-married people increases.

In 2000, of the North Dakotans age 15 and older:

- 56.8 percent were married
- 27.6 percent never were married
- 0.7 percent were separated
- 7.2 percent were widowed
- 7.6 percent were divorced

In 2006, 4,354 marriages and 1,961 divorces took place.

Births
North Dakota’s fertility rates are rising.

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<td>Fertility rate</td>
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Of the 8,616 births in North Dakota in 2006:

- 7.4 percent were to teenage girls
- 31.8 percent were to unmarried women

Households
The percentage of married-couple families has been increasing slowly.

In 2000, North Dakota had 257,152 households.

- 53.4 percent were married-couple families

In 2006, North Dakota had an estimated 272,352 households. Of those, 50.8 percent were married-couple families.

Total households .................................. 272,352
Family households (families) ....................... 169,022
  With own children under age 18 ............... 75,140
Married-couple families ............................ 198,355
  With own children under age 18 ............... 56,302
  Male householder, no wife present ............. 9,315
  With own children under age 18 ............... 4,623
  Female householder, no husband present ...... 21,352
  With own children under age 18 ............... 14,215
Nonfamily households ............................... 103,330
  Householder living alone ....................... 83,357
  Age 65 and older ............................... 29,556
Households with one or more people  ............... 80,213
  under age 18 ....................................
Households with one or more people  ............... 63,993
  age 65 and older ................................
Average household size ............................ 2.23
Average family size ............................... 2.82