

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.

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.

Resources

Kids Count Data Book 2007:
State Profiles of Child Well-Being (2007),
Annie E. Casey Foundation: Baltimore, Md.

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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North Dakota Families and Households

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Population

North Dakota's population has been declining slowly, while the number of aging adults increases.

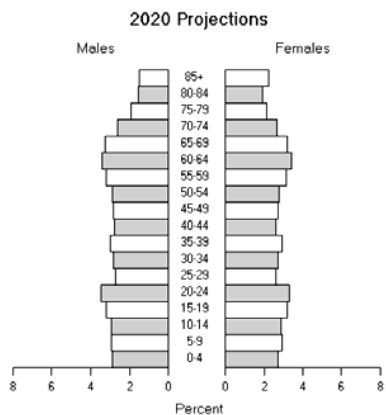
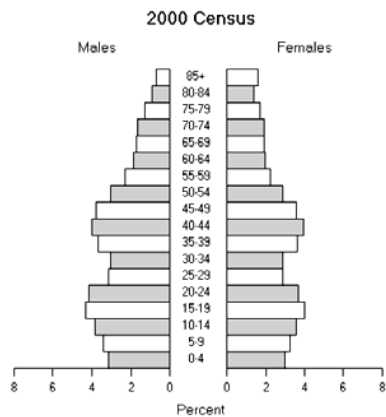
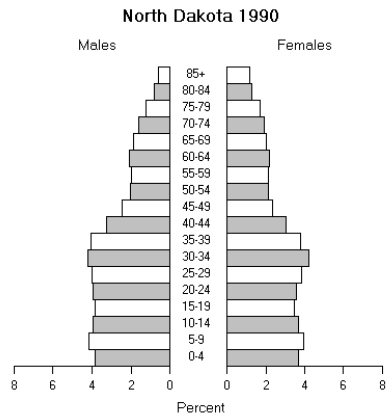
- The population of North Dakota in 2000 was 642,200. From 2000 to 2005, the population declined to 634,605. The 2006 population estimate is 635,867.
- By 2020, the population is estimated to reach 651,291.
- Between 2000 and 2005, North Dakota's population dropped by 1 percent, a decline of 7,595 people.
- Between 2005 and 2006, North Dakota's population increased by 1,262 people. Burleigh and Cass counties contributed

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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.

	North Dakota	
	2000	2006
White	596,718	584,116
Blacks	4,157	5,262
American Indian/Alaska Native	31,440	34,190
Asian/Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander	3,912	5,040
Hispanic	7,786	10,637
Total	642,200	635,867

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
- 7.8 percent were divorced

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

Births

North Dakota's fertility rates are rising.

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
(births per 1,000 population)					
Birth Rate	11.89	11.95	11.93	12.08	12.42
	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
(births per 1,000 women ages 15 to 44)					
Fertility rate	4.59	56.70	56.61	57.29	58.92

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	138,355
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 under age 18	80,213
Households with one or more people age 65 and older	63,993
Average household size	2.23
Average family size	2.82

Households by type - 1980, 1990, 2000, 2006

