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# NEWS & NOTES

from ND COMPASS

A monthly newsletter to keep you informed.

## A New Year, New Data, and New Staff

*Changes to look forward to in 2014*

There is a great deal of new information available for your endeavors this January. New American Community Survey (ACS) 5-year estimates were released last month and have been incorporated onto the [ND Compass](#) website for your use.

To assure quality and to support growth, the [ND Compass](#) project has hired new staff. Feel free to "meet" them in this month's [Ask a Researcher](#) column.

With more staff come more ideas and resources to better serve you. [ND Compass](#) is looking forward to making some exciting announcements in the future months. The first of which is that our articles and newsletter will now be published on a monthly basis, instead of every other month! Some amazing individuals have agreed to share their research and experiences with us in the new year, make sure to check the articles out!

Check your inboxes for more regular communication from the [ND Compass](#) staff!

## For Discussion

### Protecting North Dakota's Quality of Life

Neil Scharpe is a Project Director at the [North Dakota Center for Persons with Disabilities](#) at [Minot State University](#). His article reminds us that the quality of life in North Dakota is what makes living here so good.

[Read more.](#)



## Ask a Researcher

### New Compass Team Brings Changes in 2014

Kendra Erickson-Dockter is the new project lead of [ND Compass](#). This article highlights new staff members for [ND Compass](#) and upcoming developments.

[Read more.](#)



## ND COMPASS: New Data Available

Last month brought a lot of updates to the ND Compass data.

Check out the updated charts in:

[Poverty](#)

[Homeownership rate](#)

[Housing Cost Burden](#)

[Proportion of adults working](#)

## What do you use?



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