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KEY TRENDS



North Dakota's population growth slowed over the past year.

After years of unprecedented growth in response to an expanding economy, North Dakota's population remained relatively unchanged from 2015 to 2016. With a 0.1 percent population increase from 2015, North Dakota reached an all-time high of 757,952 residents in 2016. While the growth rate has slowed, North Dakota had the fastest growing population of all states from 2010 to 2016 (12.7%).

North Dakota counties experienced differential population change.

From 2014 to 2015, core oil and gas producing counties maintained high population growth rates, metropolitan areas continued to see moderate growth, while mostly rural counties saw little change or continued the historic downward trend at a lower rate. Specifically, McKenzie County experienced the largest growth at 16.7 percent while Nelson County lost 2.4 percent of its population.









Despite the recent decline, North Dakota's economy is considerably larger compared to 2000.

Despite the decline in state revenues in 2015 due to dropping commodity prices both in the oil and gas industry and agriculture, North Dakota's economy is substantially larger than it was 15 years ago. The 2000-2015 real compound annual growth rate of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) was 5.5 percent in North Dakota as compared to 1.6 percent in the U.S. Additionally, North Dakota ranked first among all states based on the economic output per working-age adult (\$103,579) and placed second in the rank of real per capita GDP (\$66,507) in 2015.

While jobs declined in the past year, job creation in North Dakota far outpaced national averages in the past 15 years.

Employment in almost all industry sectors in North Dakota gained jobs in the past 15 years, with employment in the mining, quarrying, and oil and gas extraction sector increasing the most. However, after increasing for a number of years, the number of jobs declined 1.7 percent in 2015 as compared to the previous year.



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State of the State

Topic	National Rank	Key Measures	Current	Previous
AGING	30	Adults (age 65+) with at least one disability	35.9%	34.1%
	7	Adults (age 65+) who volunteer	32.9%	39.0%
	43	Median income, head of household (age 65+)	\$36,971	\$37,243
CHILDREN & YOUTH	- 29 16	High schoolers who trust at least one adult High schoolers who binge drink High schoolers who have ever had sex	84.3% 17.6% 38.9%	85.6% 21.9% 44.9%
CIVIC	29	Voted in last presidential election (voting-eligible)	59.1%	59.8%
ENGAGEMENT	7	Residents (age 16+) who volunteer	32.0%	32.7%
EARLY CHILDHOOD	3 44 25	Babies born at low birth weight Children enrolled in preschool Children (under age 6) with working parents	6.2% 36.0% 66.1%	6.2% 32.5% 68.9%
ECONOMY	50	Annual change in real Gross Domestic Product	-2.1%	6.0%
	-	Total nonfarm jobs	434,800	453,500
	16	Median household income	\$60,557	\$59,104
	9	Poverty rate	11.0%	11.5%
EDUCATION	-	3rd graders who are proficient in reading	50.4%	46.9%
	-	8th graders who are proficient in math	35.6%	34.7%
	17	Students who graduate high school on time	86.3%	86.9%
ENVIRONMENT	47	Population with low access to a grocery store	30.7%	-
	-	Days air quality was rated "good" (Williams county)	82.2%	83.8%
HEALTH	34	Adults (age 18+) who are obese	31.0%	32.2%
	13	Adults (age 18+) with diabetes	8.7%	8.6%
	21	Residents (under age 65) who are uninsured	8.9%	9.0%
HOUSING	43	Homeownership rate	61.7%	63.8%
	1	Households that are cost-burdened	22.4%	22.0%
WORKFORCE	1	Proportion of adults working (age 16-64)	78.5%	77.2%
	27	Adults (age 25+) with bachelor's degree or higher	29.1%	27.4%
	37	Graduation rate at 4-year institutions (within 6 years)	50.0%	47.1%

National Rank (1 = Best)

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NORTH DAKOTA'S POPULATION AT A GLANCE

Metropolitan

	2000		2015	
Overall population	642,200 -		757,952** -	
Children & youth (age 0-17)	160,849	25.0%	173,926	23.0%
Working age residents (age 20-64)	364,258	56.7%	452,536	59.8%
Older adults (age 65+)	94,478	14.7%	107,281	14.2%
People of color (non-white)	53,051	8.3%	107,788	14.2%
American Indian population	31,329	4.9%	41,315	5.5%
Individuals with at least one disability	-	-	79,278	10.7%
Individuals (age 25+) with a bachelor's degree or higher	89,843	22.0%	143,403	29.1%
People in poverty	73,457*	11.9%*	80,170	11.0%
*Numbers from 1999 **Numbers from 2016				

METRO/NON-METRO DIFFERENCES



Percent Below Poverty Level 11.1% 10.5% 2000 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 Percent (age 25+) w/ Bachelor's Degree or Higher 34.1% 21.8%

-Non-metropolitan

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North Dakota Compass looks at key measures in 12 topic areas to promote cradle-to-career success for all of North Dakota's youth, a strong and vibrant economy and workforce, and healthy communities throughout the state.



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Adults who live above the poverty level are three times more likely to have a bachelor's degree.

The percent of adults, age 25 and older, with at least a bachelor's degree in North Dakota increased slightly from 27.4 percent in 2014 to 29.1 percent in 2015. The gap in educational attainment by poverty status widened in 2015 in North Dakota as compared to the previous year. About one-third of adults age 25 and older (31.2%) who live above the poverty level had a bachelor's degree or higher as compared to 11.1 percent of adults living below the poverty level in 2015.

North Dakota youth show improvements in healthy behaviors by reporting a lower binge drinking rate.

Binge drinking among high school students continued to decline to 17.6 percent in 2015, closing the gap between North Dakota and the U.S. The percent of North Dakota high school students who binge drink has been cut nearly in half since 2009 when it was 30.7 percent. The percentage of high school students of color who binge drink also decreased from 35.6 percent in 2009 to 15.8 percent in 2015.





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Binge Drinking Among High School Students