

# Demographic Trends Impacting Our North Dakota Communities



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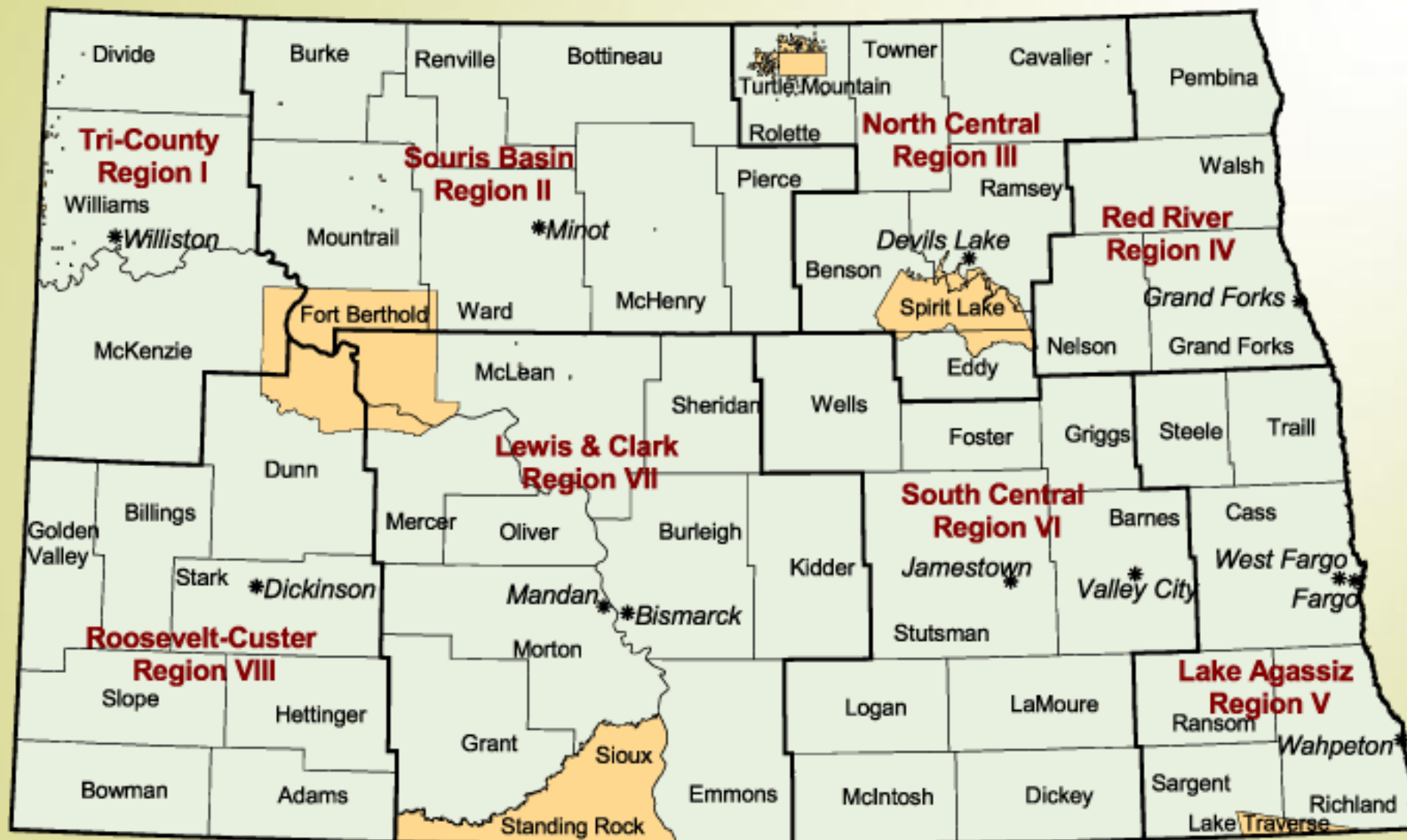
# Presentation Objectives:

1. To introduce the social indicators website ND Compass.
2. To examine demographic trends impacting North Dakota's communities.



# ND Compass

Compass **gives everyone** in our state  
– policymakers, business and  
community leaders, concerned  
individuals who live and work here –  
a **common foundation** to identify,  
understand, and act on quality of life  
issues that affect our communities.



... Measuring progress. Inspiring action.

# Working to Change the Equation

**From:**

*Good intentions +*

*No common base of information =*

***Inefficient decisions***

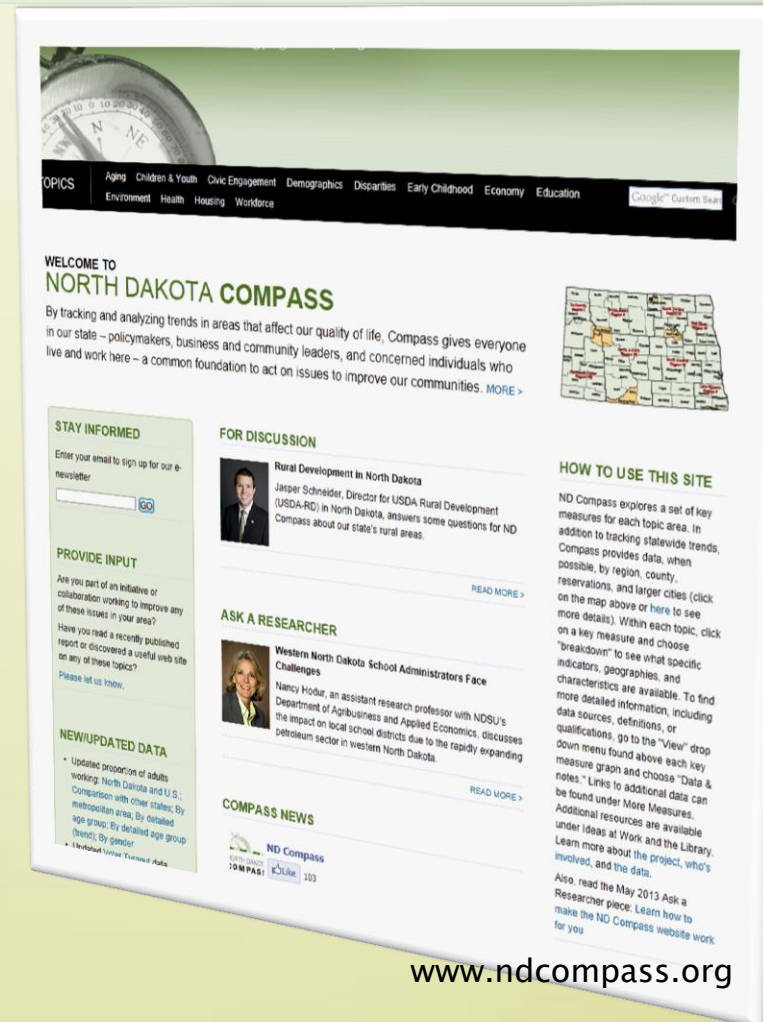
**To:**

*Good intentions +*

*Sound, credible information +*

*Common sense of purpose =*

***Productive decisions  
for strong communities***



The screenshot shows the North Dakota Compass website. At the top is a navigation bar with 'TOPICS' and a list of categories: Aging, Children & Youth, Civic Engagement, Demographics, Disabilities, Early Childhood, Economy, Education, Environment, Health, Housing, and Workforce. Below this is a 'WELCOME TO NORTH DAKOTA COMPASS' section with a brief description of the site's purpose. To the right is a map of North Dakota. Below the welcome section are three main content areas: 'STAY INFORMED' with an email sign-up form, 'FOR DISCUSSION' featuring a profile of Jasper Schneider and a link to 'Rural Development in North Dakota', and 'ASK A RESEARCHER' featuring a profile of Nancy Kador and a link to 'Western North Dakota School Administrators Face Challenges'. At the bottom left is a 'NEW/UPDATED DATA' section with a list of updates. At the bottom right is a 'COMPASS NEWS' section with a link to 'ND Compass' and a date of '103'. The website footer includes the URL 'www.ndcompass.org'.





# ND Compass

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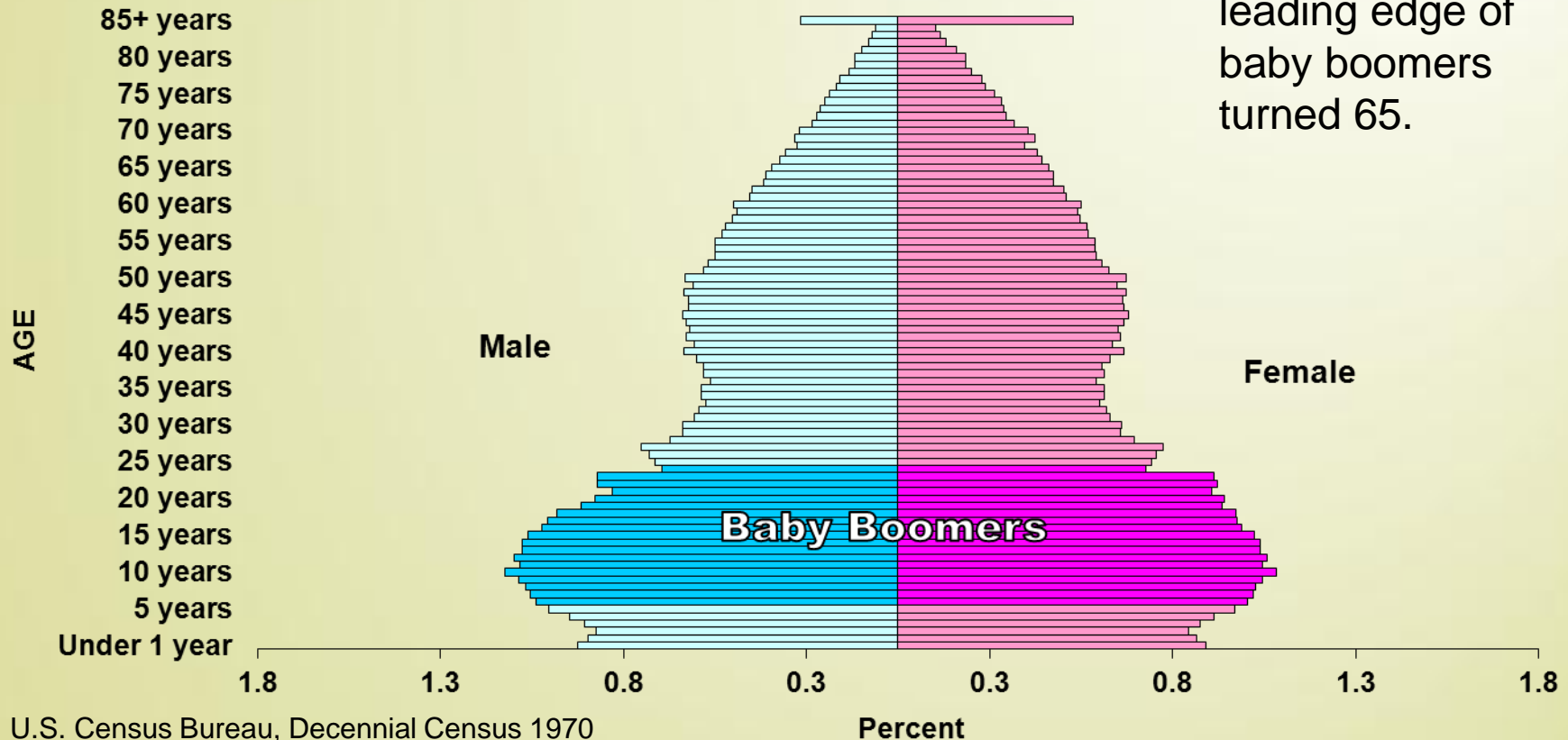
- A one-stop social indicators website in North Dakota with tools to help access and interpret data.
  - 12 topic areas → 39 key measures
  - More than 1,000 graphs and tables
    - Data by state, region, county, metro/micro areas, reservations
    - Data by race, ethnicity, gender, income, and more
    - Exportable for use in presentations
  - Additional resources in More Measures and Ideas at Work
  - Monthly guest columns providing analysis and commentary
  - Twitter feed and Facebook page with breaking data news
  - An e-library of recent publications, research-tested strategies
  - Dynamic site, always under development
- Input from stakeholders across the state

# The Shifting Demographic Landscape in North Dakota

- ▶ Robust economic climate has created opportunities and challenges for western ND
  - Strain on service delivery
  - Inflated housing demand (higher rents, higher property taxes)
  - Rising school enrollments
  - Dynamic population
- ▶ Shifting concentration of seniors
  - Aging of baby boomers
  - Population loss or mixed growth

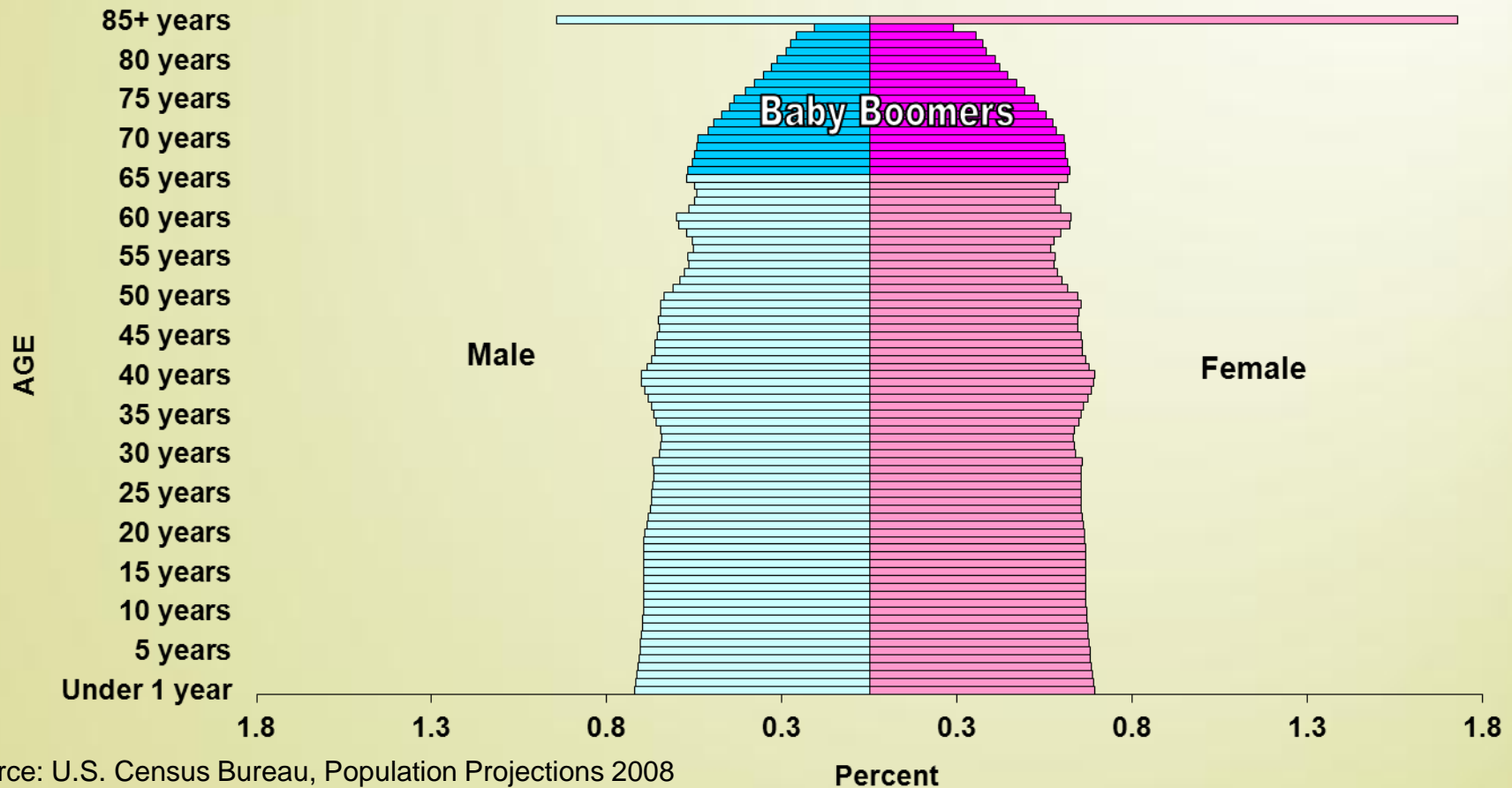
# Population by Single Year of Age and Sex in the U.S. : 1970

In 2011, the leading edge of baby boomers turned 65.

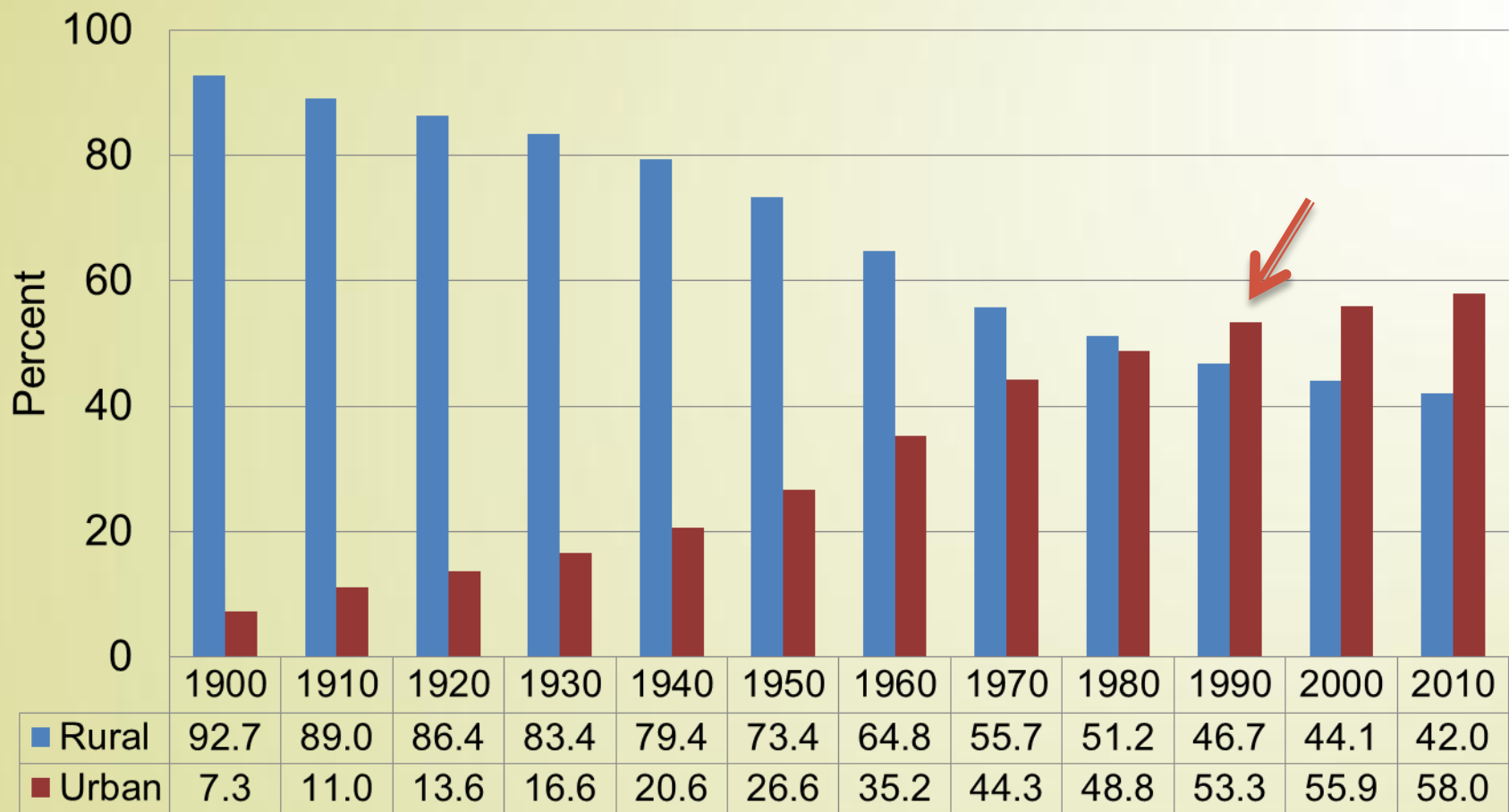




# Population by Single Year of Age and Sex in the U.S. : 2030



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Projections 2008

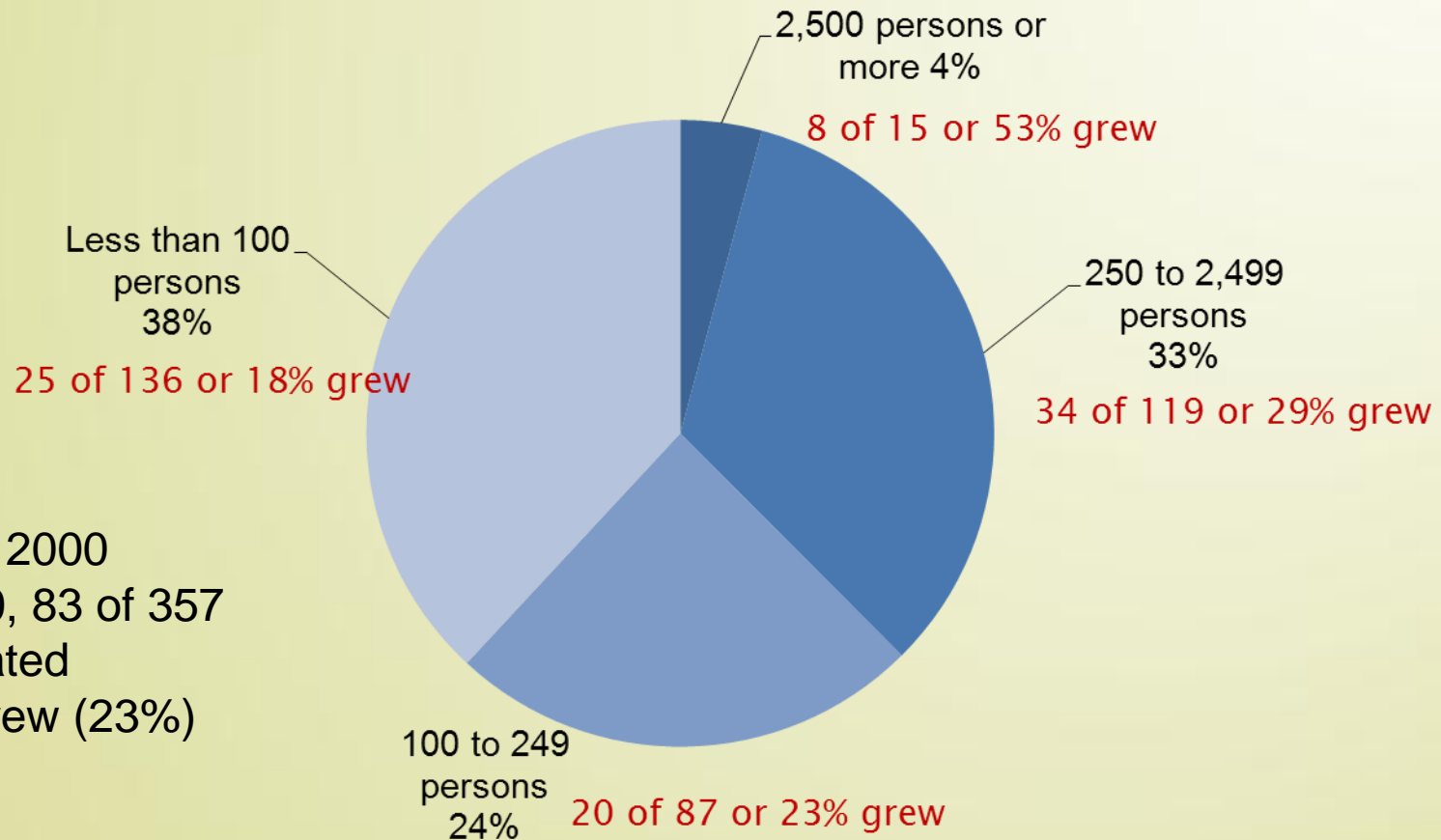


## ND Rural-Urban Population Distribution >>

More North Dakotans lived in urban areas (2,500+) by 1990.  
 223 (62%) of ND's 357 incorporated places are smaller than 250 people.

# City Size in North Dakota: 2010

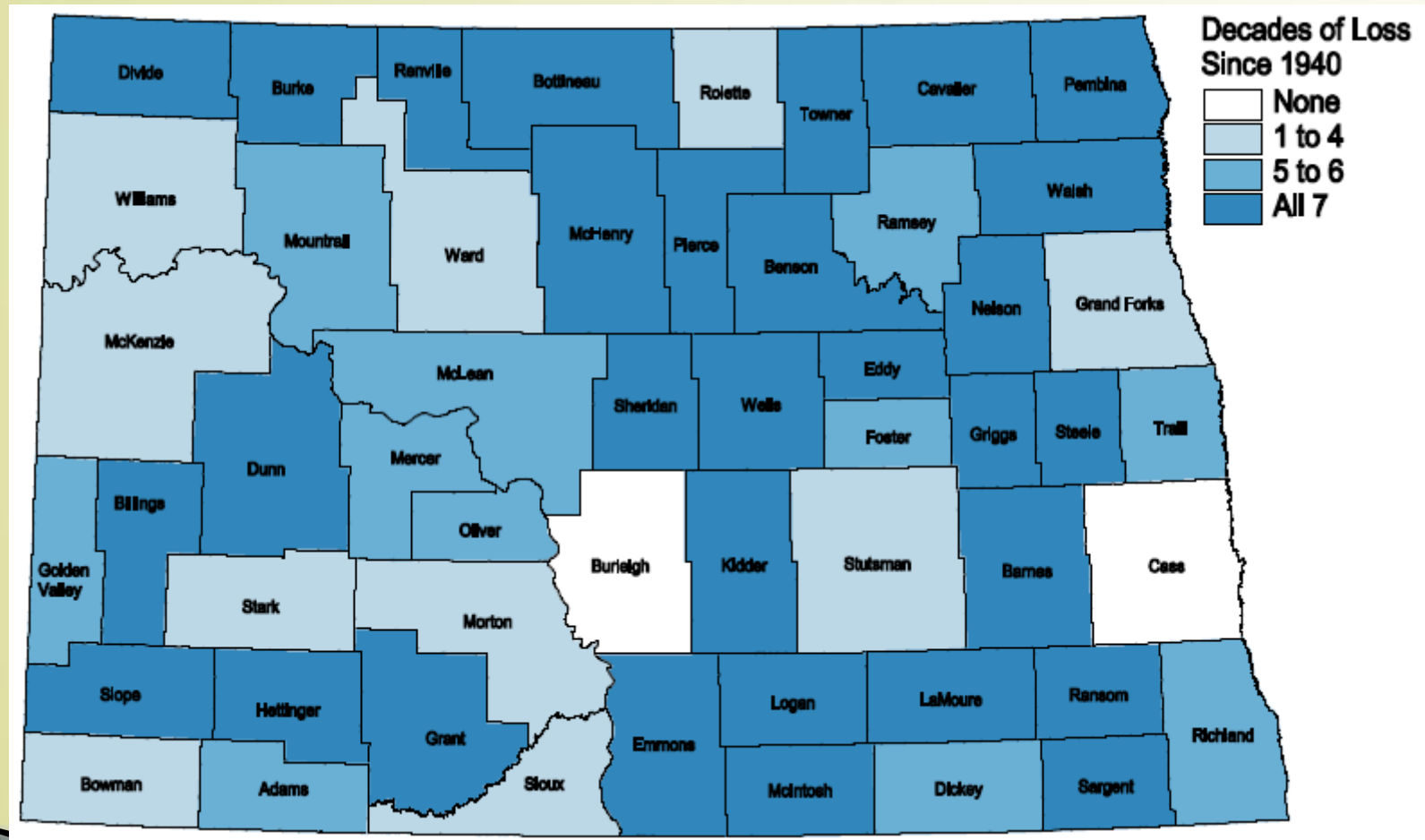
% change 2000 to 2010 noted in red



Between 2000 and 2010, 83 of 357 incorporated places grew (23%)

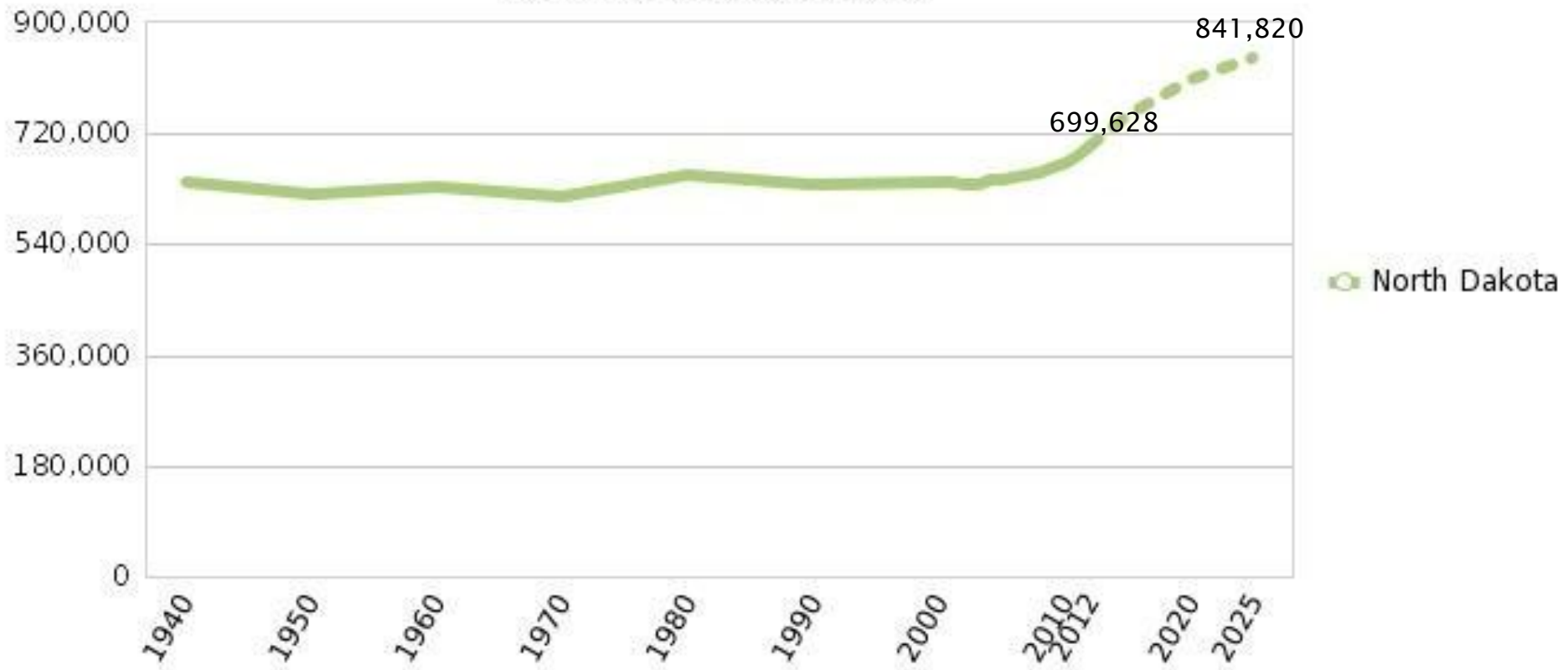
Note: Based on 357 incorporated cities  
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2010

All but 2 counties experienced population decline in at least one decade since 1940; 30 in all 7 decades



# Total population, trend and forecast

North Dakota, 1940-2025



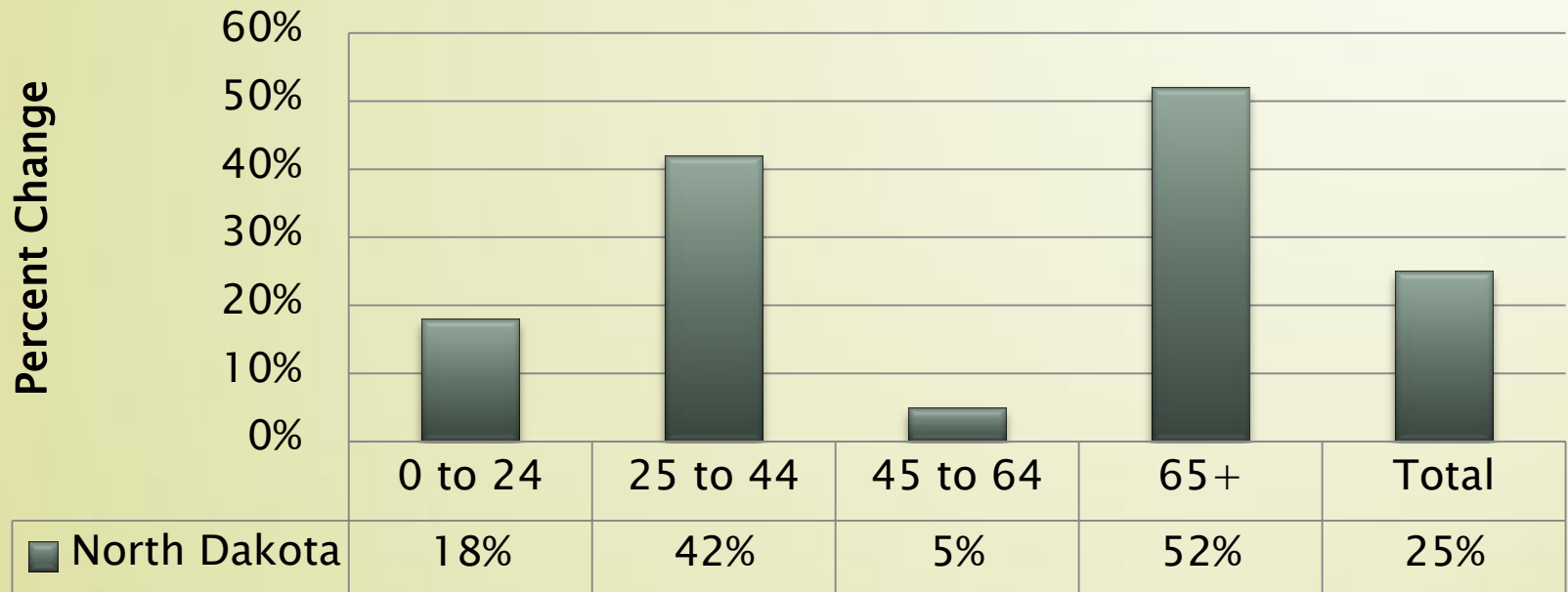
- ND reached a historic high in 2012 – 699,628.

- Previous peak was in 1930 at 680,845.
- Projected to reach 841,820 by 2025.



# Population Projected to Increase

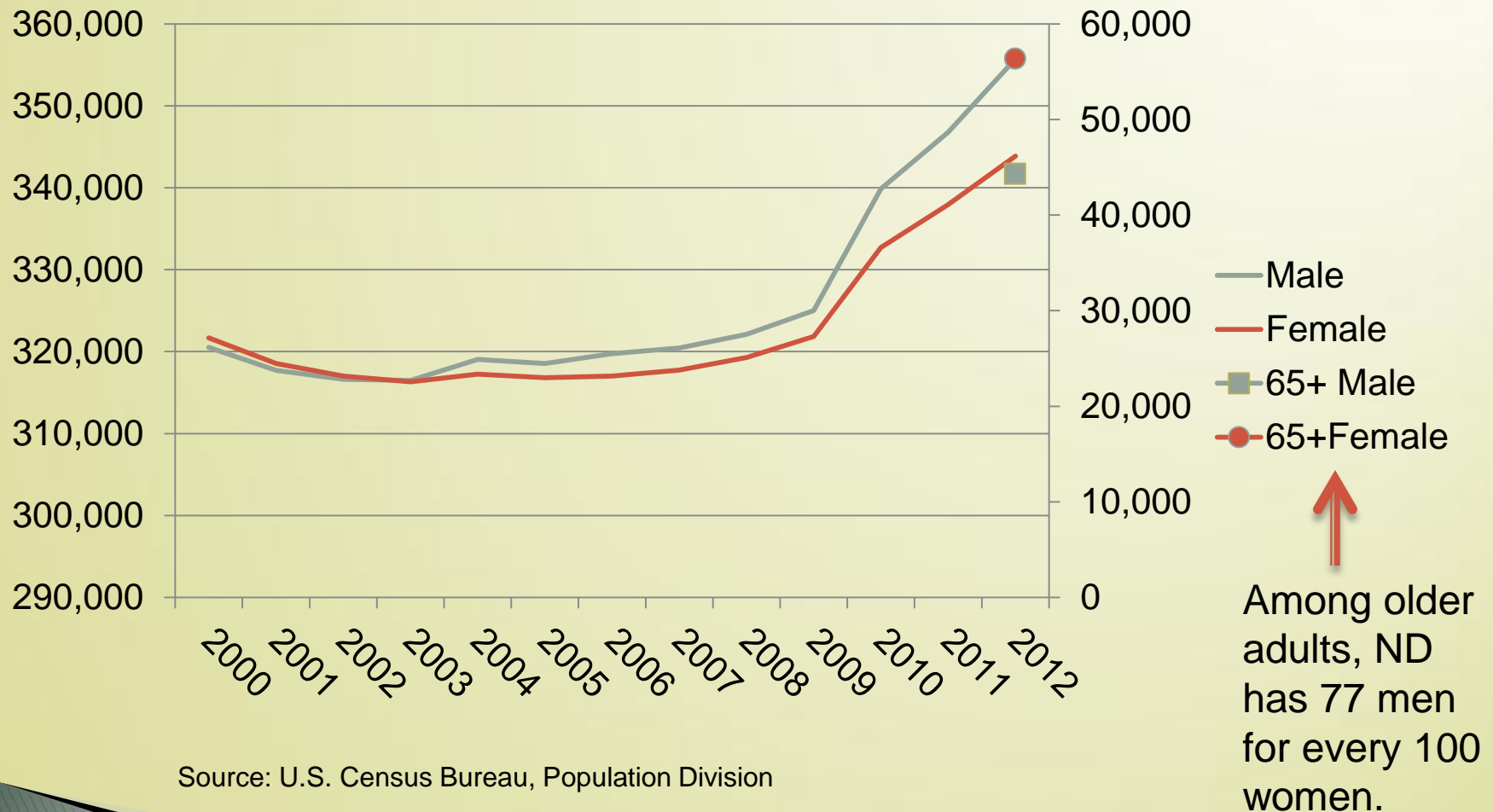
## Percent Change in Population by Age, 2010 to 2025



- Increases in other age groups (largely due to oil boom) lessening “graying of ND” that once seemed inevitable.

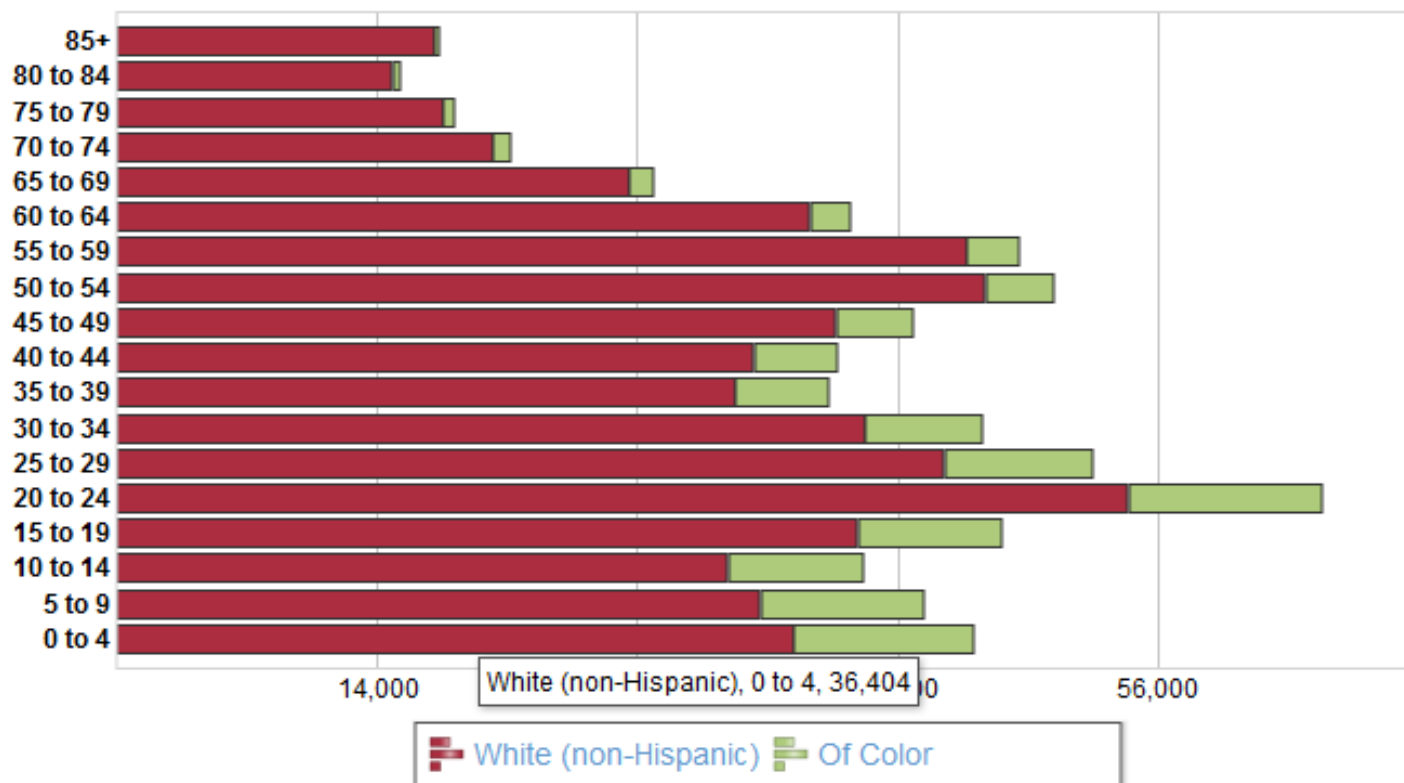
# Gender Distribution in ND

In the Fargo metro area, in contrast, the overall gender ratio is 50/50.



## Population by age and race

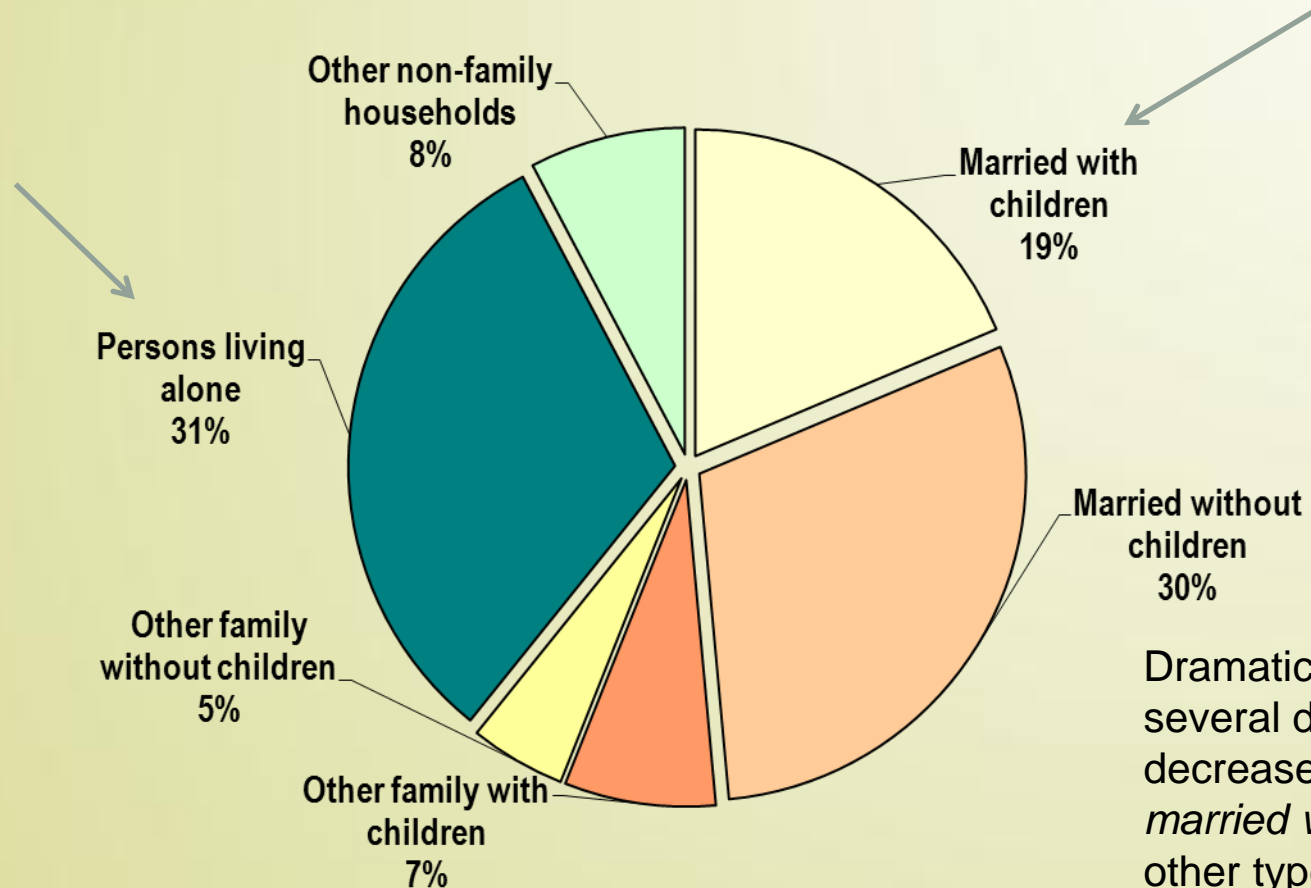
North Dakota, 2012



## Population Diversity »

Diversity is increasing, with much larger numbers/proportions of Of Color residents in the younger age groups.

# Household Types in North Dakota: 2010



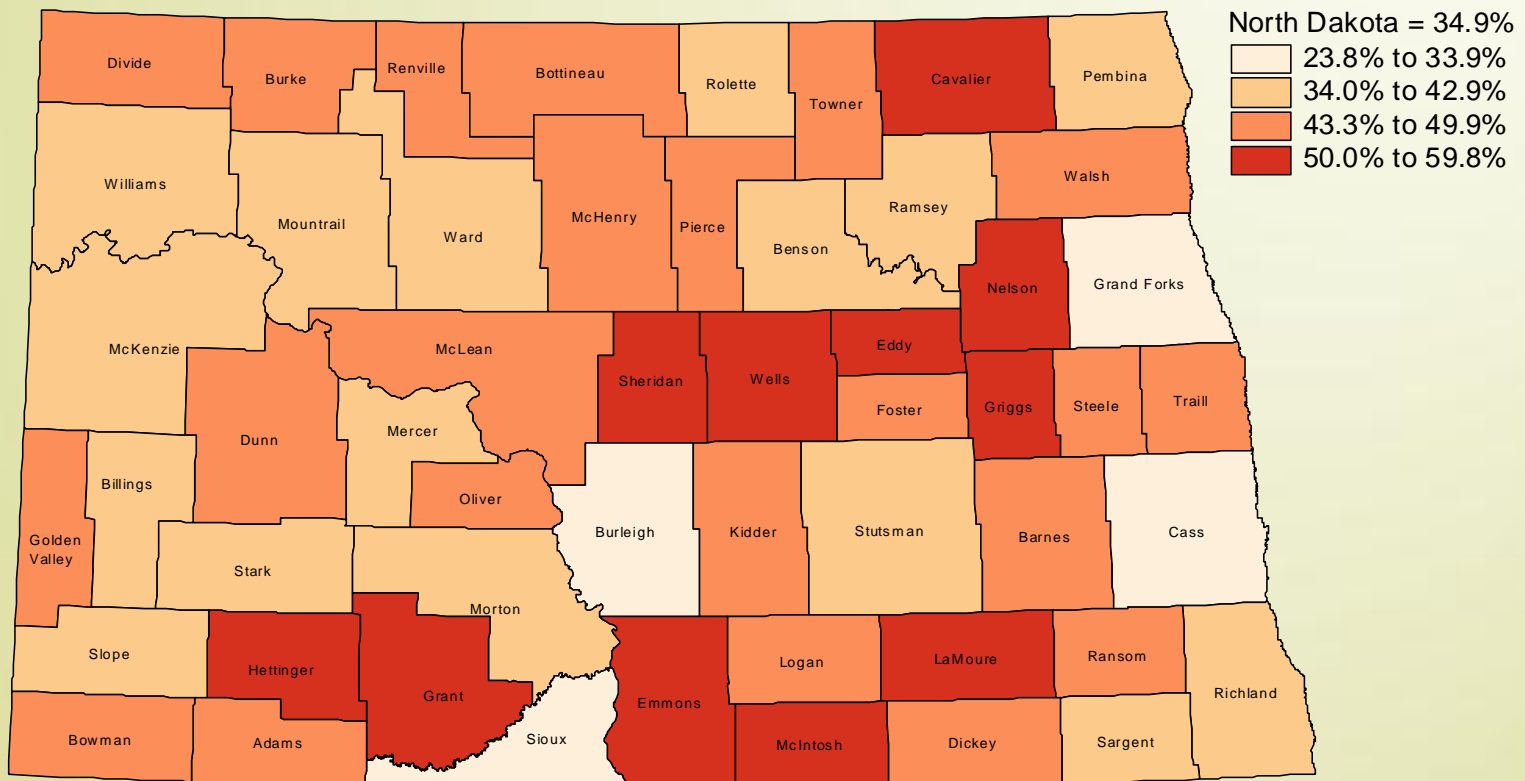
Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Dramatic shifts over the past several decades include decrease in # and % that are *married with children* while other types have growth. *Non-family households* have seen greatest increases (people living alone).

# % of Single-Person Households that are Seniors 65+: 2010

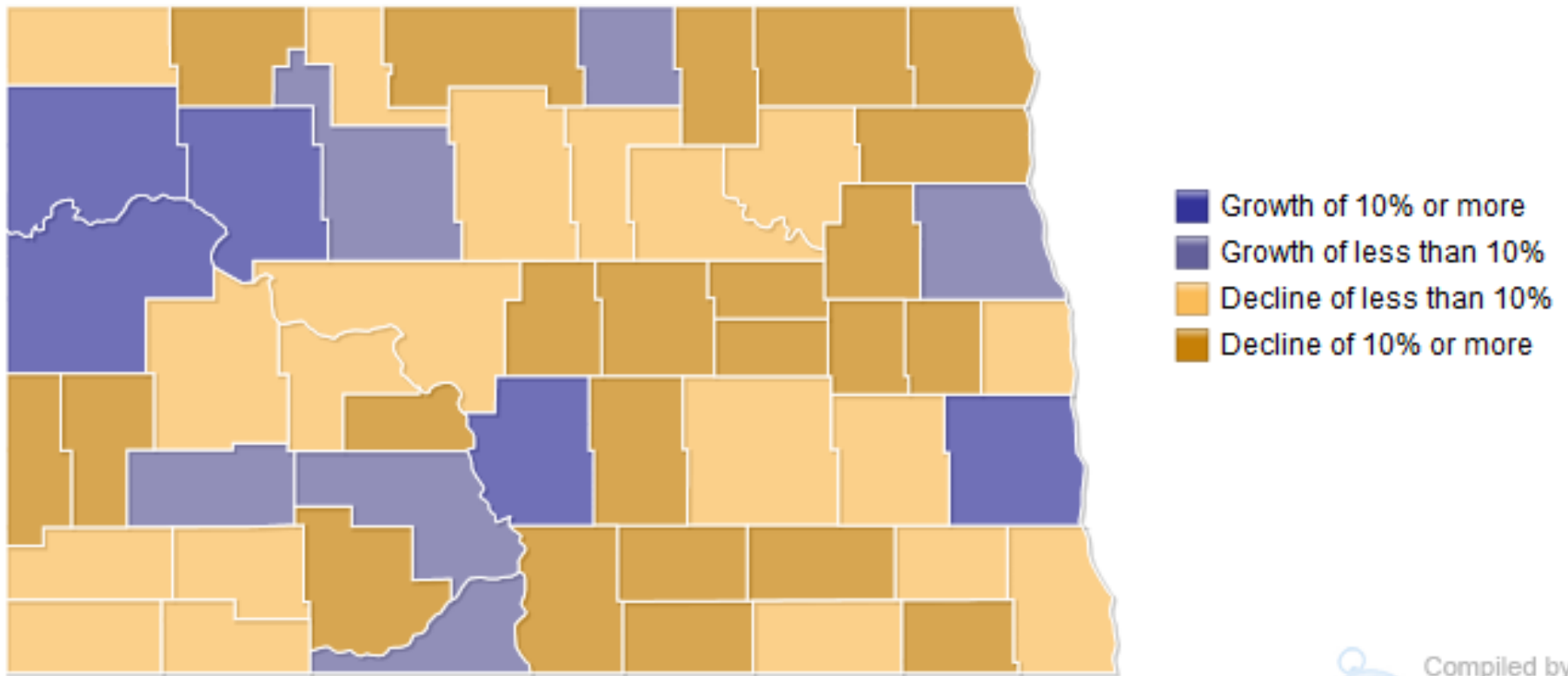
Of Householders Living Alone, Percent Age 65 Plus in North Dakota by County: 2010

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 Census Demographic Profile





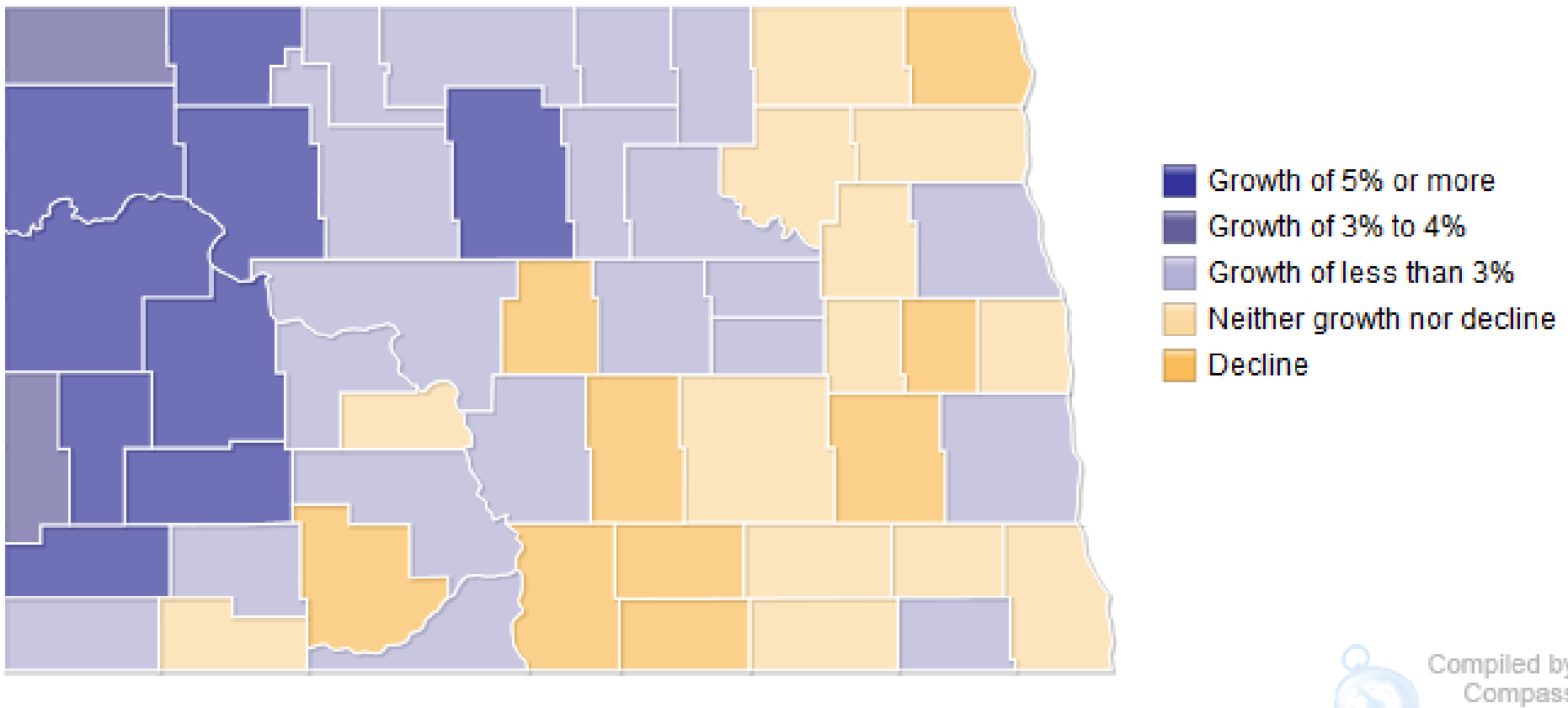
# Percent Change in Population: 2000 to 2010



Compiled by  
Compass

- Only 11 of 53 counties gained population between 2000 - 2010

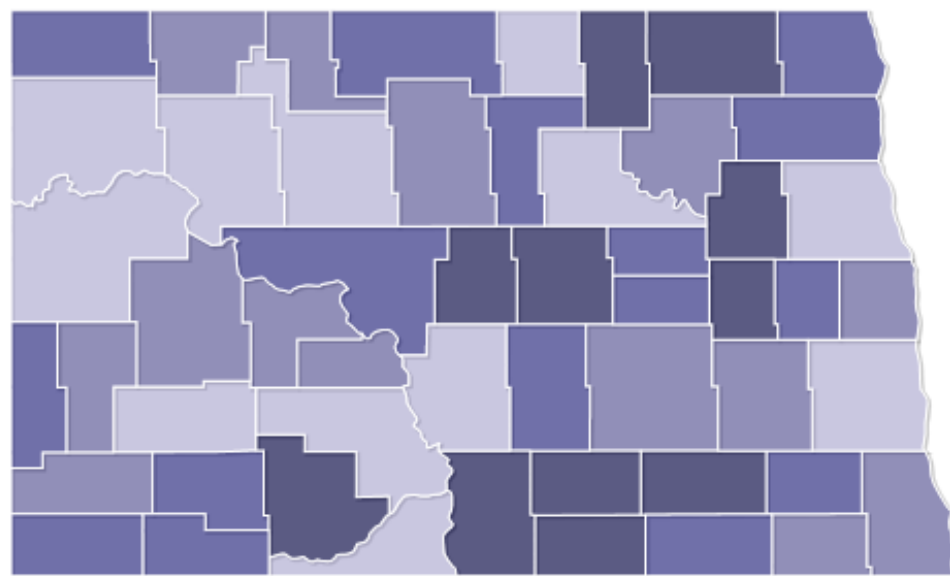
# % Change in Population: 2011–2012



- ND's population grew 2.2% from 2011 to 2012, the fastest growth among all states; 38 of 53 ND counties gained population from 2011 to 2012.
- Population loss still a reality for many counties.

## Percent of population age 65+

North Dakota counties, 2012



ND= 14%

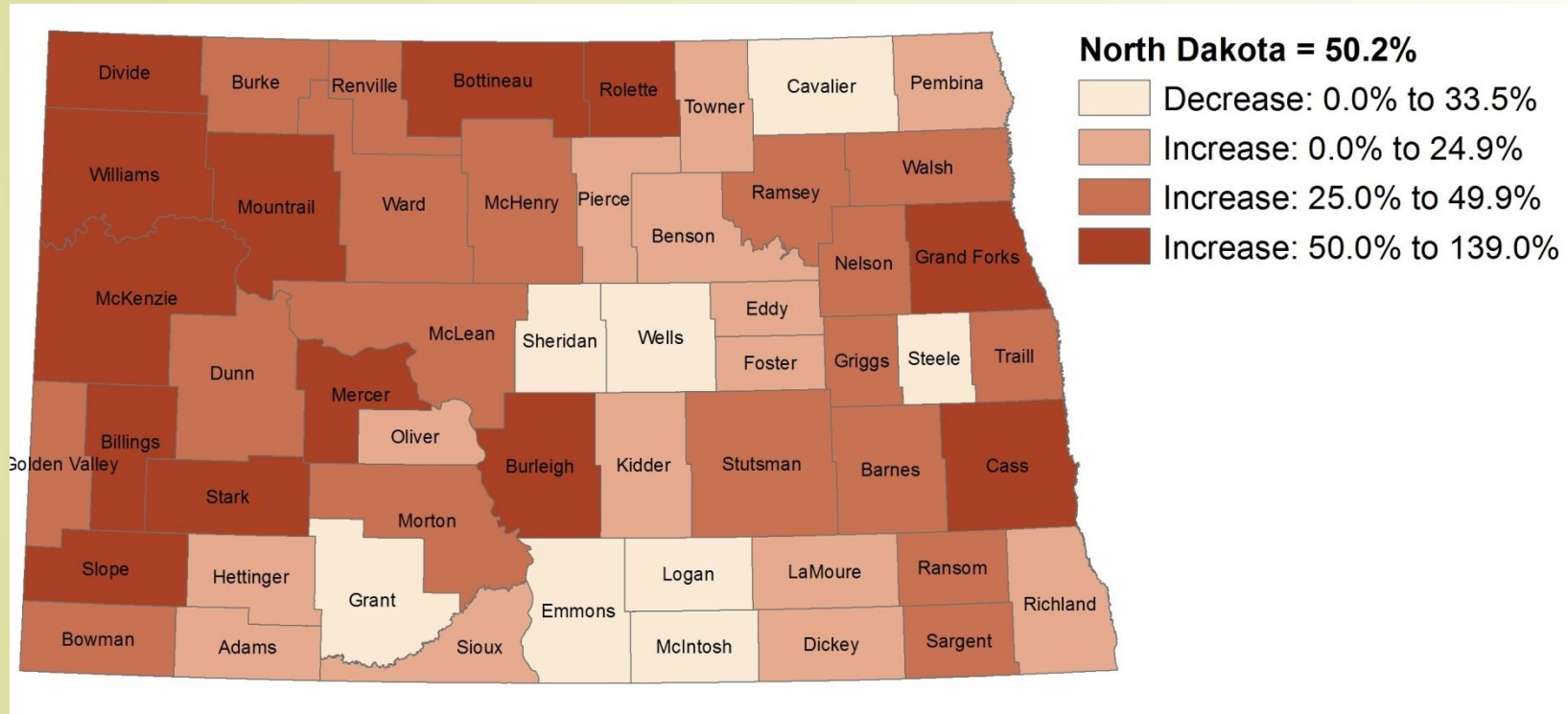
- Less than 15%
- 15% to 19%
- 20% to 24%
- 25% or higher

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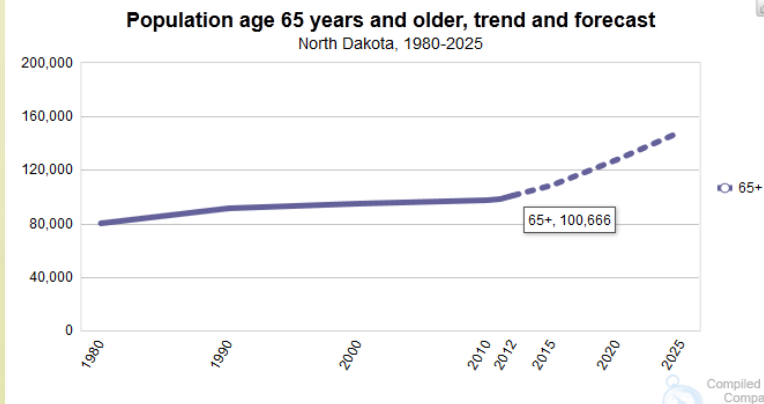
Rank of counties, North Dakota, 2012

Rank	County (1=greatest proportion age 65+)	2012
1	McIntosh	33.3%
2	Sheridan	30.6%
3	Griggs	27.7%
4	Grant	27.6%
5	Wells	27.5%
6	Emmons	27.3%
7	Logan	27.3%
8	Nelson	27.2%
9	Cavalier	25.7%
10	LaMoure	25.0%

# Projected Percent Change in Ages 65+: 2011 to 2025

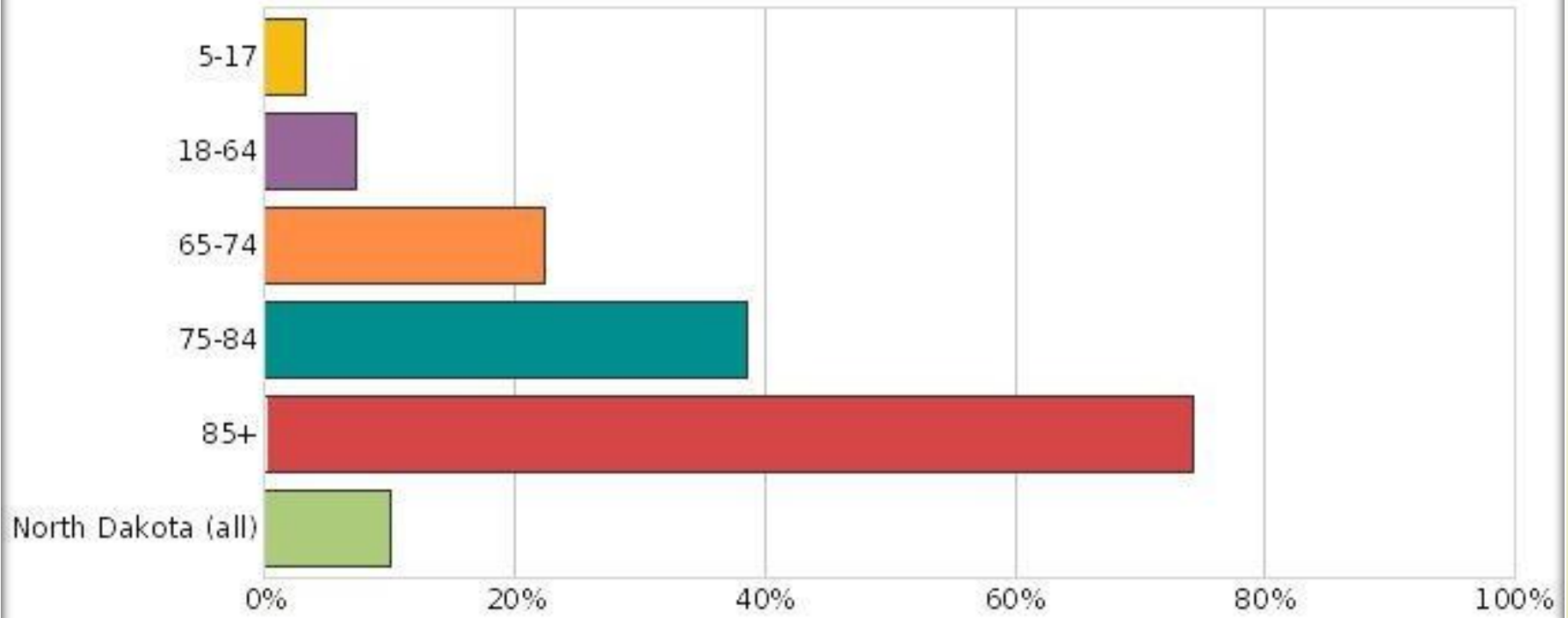


- Increases in age groups (largely due to oil boom) lessening the “graying of ND”
- # of older adults in ND is expected to increase 50%.\*



## Percent of residents with a disability by age

North Dakota, 2011



Disability by Age >>

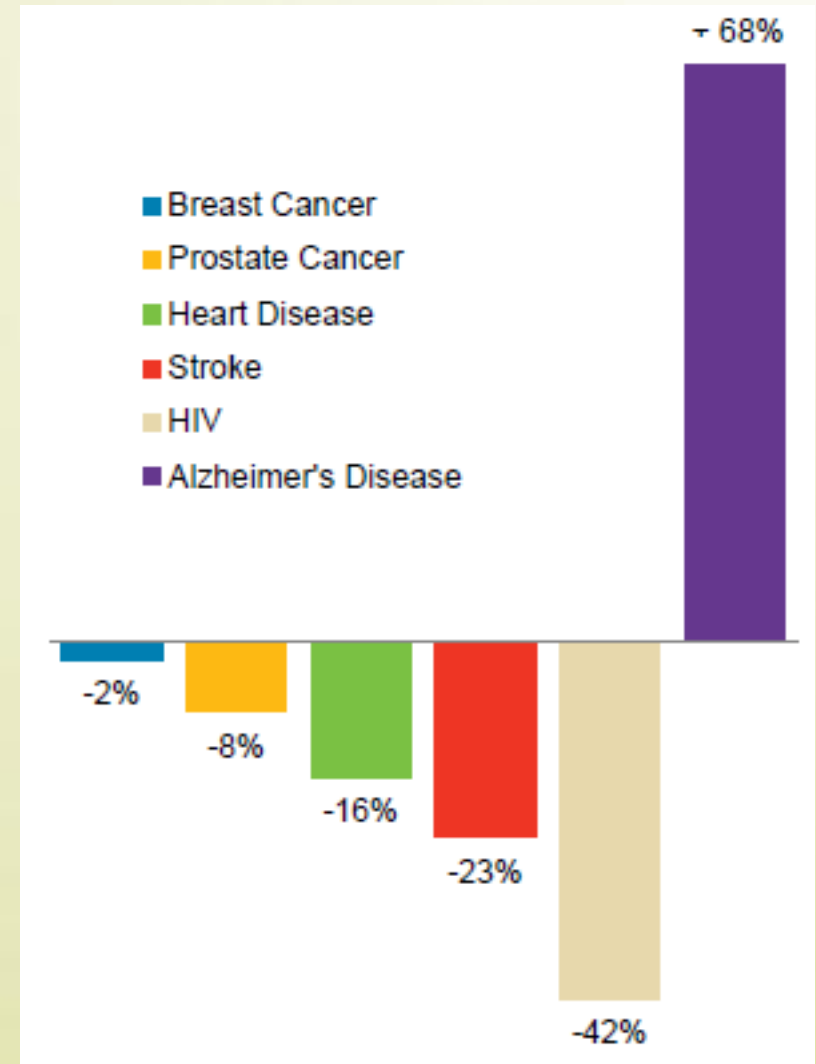


# Long-Term Care Facilities

- ▶ In 2010, about 6% of ND older adults live in skilled nursing facilities.\*
  - The majority of these residents are 85+.
  - Two-thirds of nursing home residents are female.
- ▶ In 2009, ~10% of ND older adults had at least one nursing home stay.\*
  - 30% of residents 85+ had at least one stay.

# Alzheimer's Disease

- ▶ Most common form of cognitive impairment.
- ▶ In 2010, ~18,000 ND older adults lived with Alzheimer's:
  - 700 ages 65 to 74
  - 7,700 ages 75 to 84
  - 9,800 ages 85+
- ▶ Nationally, prevalence of Alzheimer's disease:
  - 1 in 9 people ages 65+
  - 1 in 3 people ages 85+
- ▶ Alzheimer's disease is the 6<sup>th</sup> leading cause of death in the U.S. (4<sup>th</sup> in ND) among older adults



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