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# NEWS & NOTES

from ND COMPASS

A monthly newsletter to keep you informed.

Greetings from North Dakota Compass--welcome to our third issue!

We just had an [Advisory Committee](#) meeting, the first since we went live, and are excited to move forward with the suggestions that came up during our conversation. Look for a new color for our logo to differentiate us from MN Compass, business cards that you can download and print off, and a "Toolkit" dropdown menu at the top for items such as Community Building. All this and more coming soon.

## For Discussion

### **Economic Contribution of the Petroleum Industry in ND**

By Dean Bangsund, NDSU research scientist in Agribusiness and Applied Economics



The shale oil formations in the Williston Basin continue to garner local, state, and national headlines. North Dakota has been a top-10 oil-producing state for over a decade, witnessing unprecedented growth. As of 2012, our state ranked second in oil production behind only Texas. To those familiar with North Dakota's economy, the petroleum sector has always been an important part of the state's economic base. Recent work by state agencies, planners, and researchers has produced a better understanding of the potential rate and extent of oil field development. [Read more.](#)

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## Ask a Researcher

### Annual Population Estimates Tell Interesting Stories About ND's Growth Patterns.

*Megan Chmielewski, a researcher with Minnesota Compass and Wilder Research, shares some interesting patterns the estimates bring to light for North Dakota.*



At the national level, nearly all states, including **North Dakota**, saw their total population increase from 2000 to 2010, but a look at Population Estimates through 2012 reveals a very interesting picture. Population in the United States has grown fairly steadily over the past twelve years. In North Dakota, however, the oil boom has fueled an exponential increase in the state's population in the last seven years. [Read more.](#)

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## New and Updated...

Check out our newly added and updated data and resources:

- New topic area: **Disparities**
  - Updated key measure: **Jobs charts** and lots more...
  - Keep up to date on the latest by visiting "New/Updated Data," "New Resources," and "Compass News" all on our homepage. Just [click here](#) and scroll down to find all three of these content areas.
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## ND COMPASS Presentations

**Listen** to Prairie Public's "Main Street" radio show podcast featuring our own Karen Olson and Ramona Danielson discussing the national **2013 KIDS COUNT Data Book** and plugging ND Compass!

Ramona Danielson, ND Compass Assistant Director, provided an overview and brief demonstration of the ND Compass website at the following event:  
**Greater Fargo-Moorhead Community Health Needs Assessment Collaborative** Key Community Stakeholder Meeting on June 27

We will be exploring ways to demonstrate ND Compass and its benefits to communities and organizations through webinars and other technologies as well as conference presentations across the state.

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*By tracking and analyzing trends in areas that affect our quality of life, North Dakota Compass gives everyone in our state--policymakers, business and community leaders, and concerned individuals who live and work here--a common foundation to act on issues to improve our communities.*

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