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# NEWS & NOTES

from ND COMPASS

A monthly newsletter to keep you informed.

Greetings from North Dakota Compass!

Compass is a dynamic site that is always under development, featuring frequent data updates and new resources continuously being added. Our monthly newsletter will keep you up-to-date on changes to the website, current discussions with experts in the field, and insight from researchers who understand the data. Welcome to our second newsletter!

## For Discussion

### Addressing Needs of Older North Dakotans

By Jane Strommen, Gerontology Specialist, NDSU Extension

The purpose of the NDSU Extension Service is to create learning partnerships that help adults and youth enhance their lives and communities. Extension added the Gerontology Specialist position in response to the state's growing senior population. Between 2011 and 2025, the number of seniors is expected to increase 50 percent, with the overall state proportion of older adults rising to 17.6 percent. In addition, the energy development in western North Dakota has influenced population growth in parts of the state while a shift in population from rural to urban areas continues. [Read more.](#)



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## Ask a Researcher

## Learn How to Make ND Compass Work for You

*Compass Assistant Director Ramona Danielson provides an orientation to key aspects of the site, including what are social indicators, who will find this site useful, and how to use some of the more in-depth areas of the site.*



Q: What are social indicators?

A: Social indicators represent important dimensions reflecting quality of life in our state. [Read more.](#)

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## *New and Updated...*

Check out our newly added and updated data and resources. We have a [new Workforce key measure](#) and updated jobs data in the Economy topic area, including [farm and nonfarm breakdowns](#).

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 an inch or two to find all three of these content areas.

We have just finished major revisions to our ND Compass brochure that you can [download](#) and print out and share!

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## ND COMPASS Presentations

Ramona Danielson, ND Compass Assistant Director, made three presentations since our last newsletter:

Venture Youth Alliance board meeting, Dakota Medical Foundation, Fargo  
Health Equity Discussion, Clay County Public Health, Moorhead  
ND Parent Resource Center annual meeting, Grand Forks

The presentations consist of an overview and brief demonstration of the ND Compass website.

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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