

## North Dakota County Business Establishments, Business Employees, and Payroll: 2005

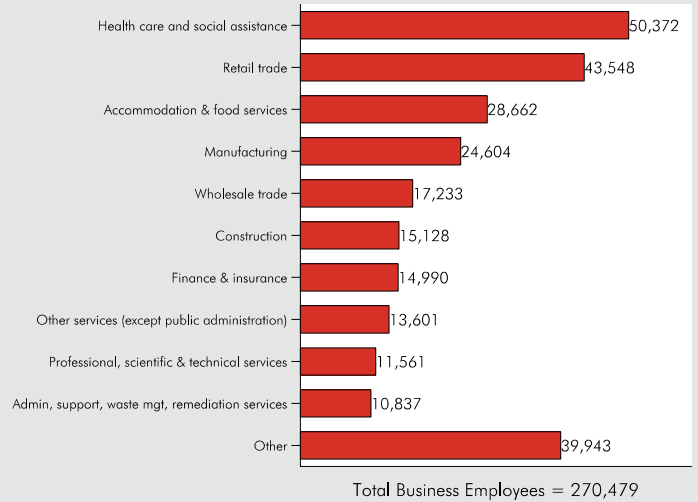
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Approximately half of all North Dakota counties experienced a growth in the number of business establishments between 2000 and 2005 (29 of 53) (Figure 2).

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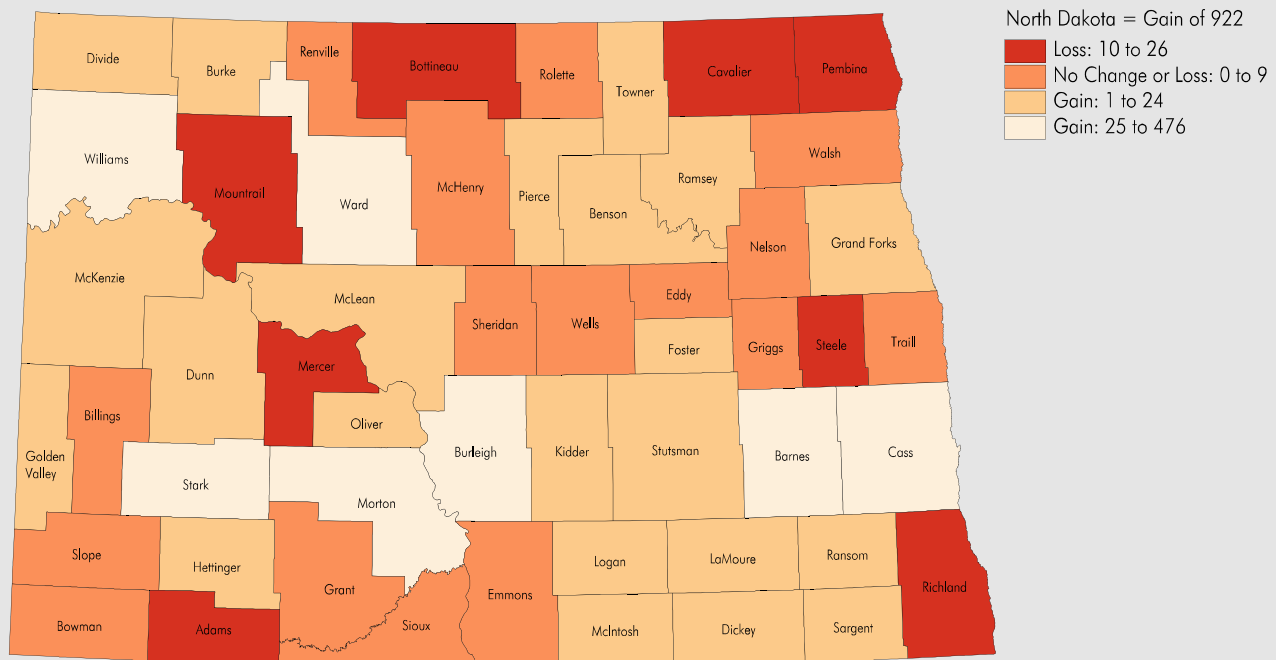
**Figure 1. Employees of Business Establishments by Industry in North Dakota: 2005**



Note: Numbers exclude the self-employed, railroad employees, and most government employees. Source: U.S. Census Bureau, *County Business Patterns*, [www.census.gov/epcd/cbp/view/cbpview.html](http://www.census.gov/epcd/cbp/view/cbpview.html).

**Figure 2. Numeric Change in Number of Business Establishments with Paid Employees in North Dakota by County: 2000 to 2005**

Note: Establishment counts exclude railroads, the self-employed, and government agencies. Source: U.S. Census Bureau, *County Business Patterns*, [www.census.gov/epcd/cbp/view/cbpview.html](http://www.census.gov/epcd/cbp/view/cbpview.html).



**Table 1. Business Establishments, Business Employees, and Annual Payroll in North Dakota by County: 2000 and 2005**

Notes: Numbers exclude the self-employed, railroad employees, and most government employees. "A" indicates 100 to 249 employees, "B" indicates 20 to 99 employees, and "NA" indicates that data are withheld to avoid disclosure of the operations of an individual employer.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, County Business Patterns, [www.census.gov/epcd/cbp/view/cbpview.html](http://www.census.gov/epcd/cbp/view/cbpview.html).

Area	Business Establishments (with paid employees)				Business Employees				Annual Payroll (\$1,000)			
	2000	2005	Change: 2000-05		2000	2005	Change: 2000-05		2000	2005	Change: 2000-05	
			Numeric	Percent			Numeric	Percent			Numeric	Percent
North Dakota	20,139	21,061	922	4.6	255,178	270,479	15,301	6.0	6,057,225	7,779,322	1,722,097	28.4
Adams	112	101	-11	-9.8	755	680	-75	-9.9	14,637	15,917	1,280	8.7
Barnes	364	398	34	9.3	3,950	4,199	249	6.3	67,581	87,640	20,059	29.7
Benson	109	111	2	1.8	1,135	1,151	16	1.4	22,787	25,786	2,999	13.2
Billings	29	29	0	0.0	186	117	-69	-37.1	4,646	4,825	179	3.9
Bottineau	265	254	-11	-4.2	1,650	1,677	27	1.6	28,608	35,136	6,528	22.8
Bowman	166	157	-9	-5.4	1,024	934	-90	-8.8	17,394	20,288	2,894	16.6
Burke	84	88	4	4.8	292	323	31	10.6	5,360	8,303	2,943	54.9
Burleigh	2,324	2,458	134	5.8	35,087	37,770	2,683	7.6	861,701	1,157,553	295,852	34.3
Cass	4,173	4,649	476	11.4	73,330	82,570	9,240	12.6	1,976,197	2,648,885	672,688	34.0
Cavalier	183	172	-11	-6.0	1,276	1,161	-115	-9.0	24,819	29,619	4,800	19.3
Dickey	204	215	11	5.4	1,708	1,933	225	13.2	28,129	43,416	15,287	54.3
Divide	84	88	4	4.8	539	548	9	1.7	7,638	9,795	2,157	28.2
Dunn	81	86	5	6.2	702	652	-50	-7.1	13,606	15,733	2,127	15.6
Eddy	81	79	-2	-2.5	554	583	29	5.2	8,910	12,648	3,738	42.0
Emmons	142	135	-7	-4.9	1,214	869	-345	-28.4	30,918	18,163	-12,755	-41.3
Foster	156	158	2	1.3	1,598	1,385	-213	-13.3	30,115	36,195	6,080	20.2
Golden Valley	70	78	8	11.4	455	506	51	11.2	7,015	9,558	2,543	36.3
Grand Forks	1,739	1,763	24	1.4	27,655	30,537	2,882	10.4	663,946	828,937	164,991	24.9
Grant	82	79	-3	-3.7	476	448	-28	-5.9	7,532	8,911	1,379	18.3
Griggs	111	110	-1	-0.9	917	870	-47	-5.1	17,476	18,920	1,444	8.3
Hettinger	99	109	10	10.1	409	428	19	4.6	7,145	8,778	1,633	22.9
Kidder	61	68	7	11.5	380	426	46	12.1	6,097	8,894	2,797	45.9
LaMoure	140	146	6	4.3	882	961	79	9.0	16,093	21,582	5,489	34.1
Logan	66	74	8	12.1	429	387	-42	-9.8	5,324	6,326	1,002	18.8
McHenry	133	132	-1	-0.8	657	670	13	2.0	11,549	16,894	5,345	46.3
McIntosh	123	131	8	6.5	973	1,045	72	7.4	15,129	21,294	6,165	40.8
McKenzie	164	166	2	1.2	1,136	1,054	-82	-7.2	21,194	29,654	8,460	39.9
McLean	239	255	16	6.7	1,892	2,013	121	6.4	52,615	65,964	13,349	25.4
Mercer	254	228	-26	-10.2	3,518	3,665	147	4.2	131,592	161,220	29,628	22.5
Morton	648	724	76	11.7	7,026	7,590	564	8.0	166,043	220,639	54,596	32.9
Mountrail	194	182	-12	-6.2	1,636	1,380	-256	-15.6	28,833	31,791	2,958	10.3
Nelson	137	132	-5	-3.7	795	750	-45	-5.7	13,724	14,476	752	5.5
Oliver	34	42	8	23.5	396	493	97	24.5	19,245	22,892	3,647	19.0
Pembina	333	317	-16	-4.8	2,956	2,814	-142	-4.8	69,051	80,996	11,945	17.3
Pierce	150	170	20	13.3	1,570	1,540	-30	-1.9	27,617	34,912	7,295	26.4
Ramsey	418	423	5	1.2	4,336	4,432	96	2.2	79,705	96,923	17,218	21.6
Ransom	205	219	14	6.8	1,495	1,642	147	9.8	28,996	37,152	8,156	28.1
Renville	101	94	-7	-6.9	549	667	118	21.5	9,977	15,244	5,267	52.8
Richland	550	529	-21	-3.8	7,038	6,770	-268	-3.8	161,519	183,716	22,197	13.7
Rolette	213	213	0	0.0	2,959	2,613	-346	-11.7	59,293	61,109	1,816	3.1
Sargent	129	140	11	8.5	2,089	1,994	-95	-4.5	83,564	74,961	-8,603	-10.3
Sheridan	48	43	-5	-10.4	190	A	-	-	4,189	NA	-	-
Sioux	31	26	-5	-16.1	859	963	104	12.1	19,880	23,628	3,748	18.9
Slope	12	8	-4	-33.3	39	B	-	-	894	NA	-	-
Stark	853	891	38	4.5	8,473	9,478	1,005	11.9	173,735	256,625	82,890	47.7
Steele	77	63	-14	-18.2	407	407	0	0.0	8,766	10,394	1,628	18.6
Stutsman	656	675	19	2.9	9,519	8,724	-795	-8.4	199,232	204,680	5,448	2.7
Towner	94	99	5	5.3	766	784	18	2.4	13,225	13,595	370	2.8
Traill	307	306	-1	-0.3	2,431	2,450	19	0.8	47,991	58,435	10,444	21.8
Walsh	439	433	-6	-1.4	4,071	3,784	-287	-7.1	80,774	88,332	7,558	9.4
Ward	1,626	1,680	54	3.3	21,807	21,511	-296	-1.4	467,956	557,119	89,163	19.1
Wells	203	197	-6	-3.0	1,400	1,336	-64	-4.6	22,478	26,238	3,760	16.7
Williams	799	855	56	7.0	6,832	7,335	503	7.4	135,972	208,035	72,063	53.0
No Fixed Locale	44	83	39	88.6	760	1,243	483	63.6	28,813	73,586	44,773	155.4

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## Numbers of North Dakota Business Establishments and Business Employees Grow in 2005

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This month's "Population Bulletin," a monthly publication from the North Dakota State Data Center at North Dakota State University, focuses on the number of North Dakota business establishments (with paid employees), business employees, and annual payroll as released in *County Business Patterns*, a U.S. Census Bureau publication issued annually. Total payroll for North Dakota business establishments was \$7.8 billion in 2005, up 28.4 percent from \$6.1 billion in 2000. Annual payroll per business employee averaged \$28,761 statewide in 2005, up 21.2 percent from \$23,737 six years earlier (inflation rose 13.4 percent during this time). Nationally, the annual payroll per business employee averaged \$38,539 in 2005, up 13.3 percent from \$34,011 in 2000. "This is very good news for North Dakota because the percentage growth in payroll per employee in the state is outpacing the nation. In addition, growth in annual payroll is several points above inflation, indicating that the paychecks of workers, on average, are growing in buying power," said Richard Rathge, Director of the State Data Center.

Various service industries along with retail trade employ a large proportion of North Dakota's business workforce. Health care and social assistance alone employed 18.6 percent in 2005; accommodation and food services accounted for another 10.6 percent. Retail trade employed 16.1 percent of the state's business workforce. Business employment nationwide followed similar trends with health care/social assistance and retail trade industries representing the largest business employers in 2005 (13.8 percent and 13.2 percent, respectively).

Nationally, the number of business establishments grew 6.1 percent between 2000 and 2005. Nevada reported the largest percentage gain in businesses (21.6 percent), followed by Utah (18.4 percent), Florida (17.8 percent), and Idaho (15.8 percent). Two states reported losses (Massachusetts and West Virginia). Approximately half of all North Dakota counties experienced a growth in the number of business establishments between 2000 and 2005 (29 of 53).

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