

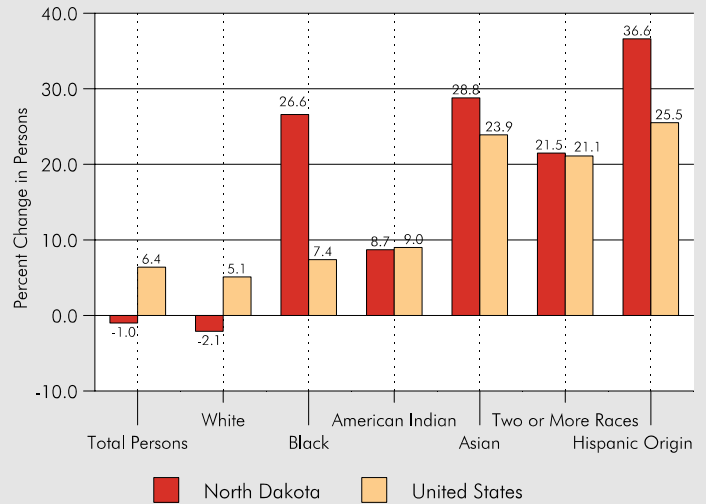
Population by Race and Hispanic Origin in North Dakota: Census 2000 and July 1, 2006 Estimate

According to the July 1, 2006 population estimates released by the U.S. Census Bureau, North Dakota's racial minority population (i.e., non-white) totaled 51,751 (8.1 percent of the state's total population). While the racial minority population in North Dakota grew 13.8 percent (6,269 people) between 2000 and 2006, the white population (which comprises the vast majority of all persons in the state) decreased 2.1 percent (12,602 people) (Table 1).

The American Indian population, North Dakota's largest racial minority, grew by 2,750 people between 2000 and 2006, an increase of 8.7 percent. During the same period of time, the black population grew by 1,105 (26.6 percent), the Asian population grew by 1,128 (28.8 percent), and persons of multiple races grew by 1,286 (21.5 percent) (Figure 1).

The Hispanic population (an ethnic category reported separately from race) currently represents 1.7 percent of North Dakota's total population and grew by 2,851 people (or 36.6 percent) between 2000 and 2006. Nationally, the Hispanic population grew 25.5 percent between 2000 and 2006 (Figure 2).

Figure 1. Percent Change in Population by Race & Hispanic Origin
North Dakota and the United States: Census 2000 to July 1, 2006 Estimate



Notes: "American Indian" includes Alaska Natives. "Asian" includes Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders.
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates Branch, Table CC-EST2006-alldata-38 - County Population Estimates by Age, Sex, Race and Hispanic Origin: April 1, 2000 to July 1, 2006, www.census.gov/popest/counties/asrh/

Figure 2. Percent Change in the Hispanic Population of the United States by County: Census 2000 to July 1, 2006 Estimate

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates Branch, Table CC-EST2006-alldata-38 - County Population Estimates by Age, Sex, Race and Hispanic Origin: April 1, 2000 to July 1, 2006, www.census.gov/popest/counties/asrh/

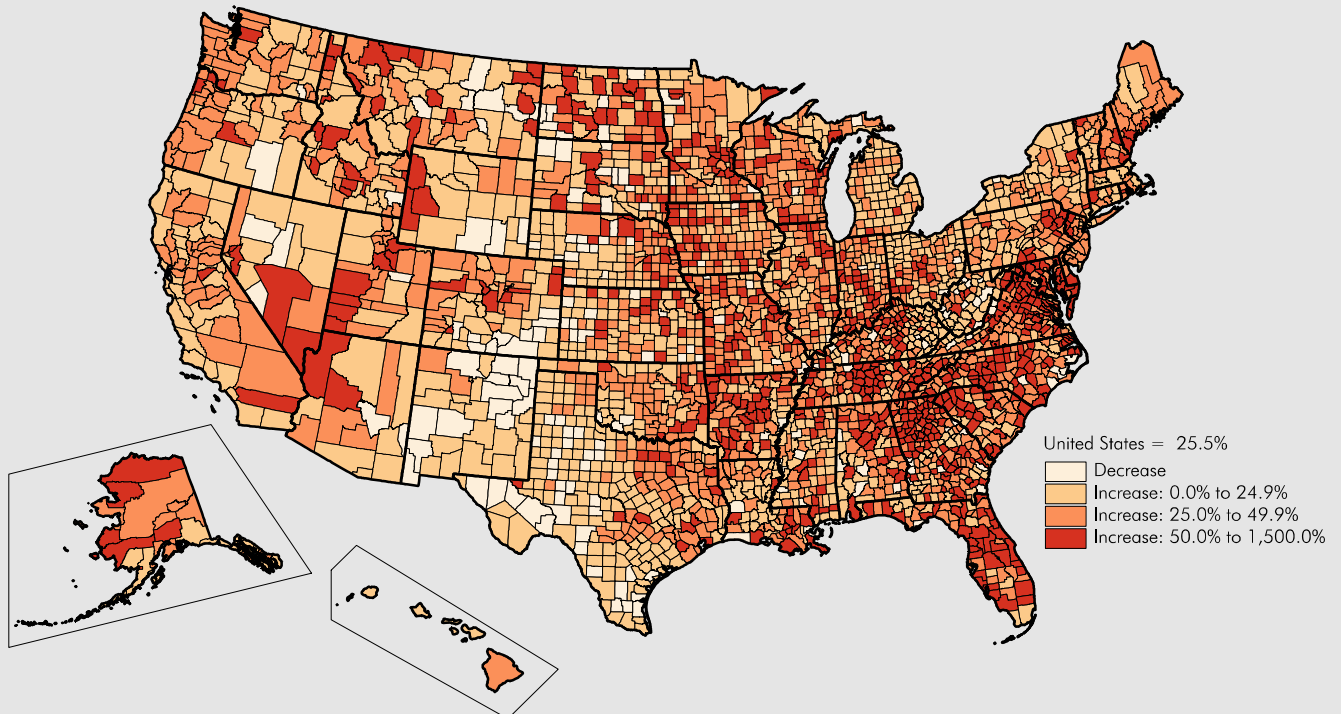


Table 1. Population by Race and Hispanic Origin in North Dakota by County: Census 2000 and July 1, 2006 Estimate

Note: % Chg=the percent change in population between Census 2000 and the July 1, 2006 population estimate.

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Origin: April 1, 2000 to July 1, 2006, www.census.gov/popest/counties/asrh/

Area	One Race Only												Hispanic Origin (of any race)			Total Persons		
	White			Black			American Indian/ Alaska Native			Asian/Native Hawaiian/ and Pacific Islander			2000	2006	% Chg	2000	2006	% Chg
	2000	2006	% Chg	2000	2006	% Chg	2000	2006	% Chg	2000	2006	% Chg						
North Dakota	596,718	584,116	-2.1	4,157	5,262	26.6	31,440	34,190	8.7	3,912	5,040	28.8	7,786	10,637	36.6	642,200	635,867	-1.0
Adams	2,557	2,290	-10.4	14	16	14.3	8	8	0.0	6	5	-16.7	7	7	0.0	2,593	2,332	-10.1
Barnes	11,550	10,680	-7.5	55	66	20.0	91	99	8.8	22	33	50.0	64	101	57.8	11,775	10,955	-7.0
Benson	3,554	3,341	-6.0	7	10	42.9	3,348	3,563	6.4	2	3	50.0	55	119	116.4	6,964	6,997	0.5
Billings	878	813	-7.4	0	0	--	1	1	0.0	1	4	300.0	3	3	0.0	888	829	-6.6
Bottineau	6,964	6,382	-8.4	16	22	37.5	105	143	36.2	14	31	121.4	35	41	17.1	7,149	6,650	-7.0
Bowman	3,220	2,962	-8.0	1	1	0.0	5	10	100.0	1	3	200.0	22	26	18.2	3,242	2,991	-7.7
Burke	2,225	1,923	-13.6	6	6	0.0	5	5	0.0	3	2	-33.3	8	26	225.0	2,242	1,947	-13.2
Burleigh	66,134	70,963	7.3	187	284	51.9	2,283	3,057	33.9	305	468	53.4	468	762	62.8	69,416	75,384	8.6
Cass	117,949	124,991	6.0	1,134	2,304	103.2	1,343	1,870	39.2	1,613	1,953	21.1	1,518	2,373	56.3	123,138	132,525	7.6
Cavalier	4,749	4,008	-15.6	7	9	28.6	25	30	20.0	5	8	60.0	31	30	-3.2	4,831	4,099	-15.2
Dickey	5,662	5,271	-6.9	6	19	216.7	20	39	95.0	29	27	-6.9	78	131	67.9	5,757	5,398	-6.2
Divide	2,265	2,065	-8.8	0	6	--	3	7	133.3	12	11	-8.3	14	19	35.7	2,283	2,092	-8.4
Dunn	3,123	2,943	-5.8	1	2	100.0	448	451	0.7	3	9	200.0	27	41	51.9	3,600	3,443	-4.4
Eddy	2,663	2,387	-10.4	2	2	0.0	66	73	10.6	6	6	0.0	17	20	17.6	2,757	2,502	-9.2
Emmons	4,304	3,622	-15.8	2	1	-50.0	6	5	-16.7	15	14	-6.7	50	50	0.0	4,331	3,645	-15.8
Foster	3,729	3,542	-5.0	5	9	80.0	16	21	31.3	0	0	--	7	40	471.4	3,759	3,583	-4.7
Golden Valley	1,887	1,654	-12.3	1	2	100.0	14	14	0.0	2	1	-50.0	20	20	0.0	1,924	1,691	-12.1
Grand Forks	62,049	60,846	-1.9	934	829	-11.2	1,548	1,813	17.1	694	955	37.6	1,359	1,537	13.1	66,109	65,435	-1.0
Grant	2,763	2,491	-9.8	0	0	--	49	58	18.4	10	8	-20.0	17	20	17.6	2,841	2,588	-8.9
Griggs	2,739	2,438	-11.0	0	0	--	6	10	66.7	4	3	-25.0	11	13	18.2	2,754	2,456	-10.8
Hettinger	2,688	2,497	-7.1	4	5	25.0	10	43	330.0	4	4	0.0	6	14	133.3	2,715	2,564	-5.6
Kidder	2,739	2,432	-11.2	5	5	0.0	3	4	33.3	2	3	50.0	16	38	137.5	2,753	2,453	-10.9
LaMoure	4,674	4,234	-9.4	2	2	0.0	8	10	25.0	6	5	-16.7	26	34	30.8	4,701	4,262	-9.3
Logan	2,292	1,981	-13.6	2	2	0.0	3	3	0.0	4	6	50.0	16	18	12.5	2,308	1,999	-13.4
McHenry	5,918	5,347	-9.6	5	6	20.0	24	25	4.2	4	7	75.0	24	42	75.0	5,987	5,429	-9.3
McIntosh	3,358	2,918	-13.1	0	1	--	5	8	60.0	11	12	9.1	28	29	3.6	3,390	2,956	-12.8
McKenzie	4,457	4,336	-2.7	4	29	625.0	1,216	1,254	3.1	4	13	225.0	58	86	48.3	5,737	5,700	-0.6
McLean	8,632	7,836	-9.2	2	10	400.0	568	590	3.9	12	12	0.0	81	100	23.5	9,311	8,543	-8.2
Mercer	8,344	7,894	-5.4	4	8	100.0	173	221	27.7	55	50	-9.1	32	69	115.6	8,644	8,234	-4.7
Morton	24,315	24,524	0.9	42	61	45.2	608	742	22.0	81	113	39.5	164	247	50.6	25,303	25,754	1.8
Mountrail	4,548	4,262	-6.3	7	12	71.4	1,988	2,013	1.3	17	25	47.1	87	144	65.5	6,631	6,442	-2.9
Nelson	3,672	3,223	-12.2	3	5	66.7	13	21	61.5	11	19	72.7	6	17	183.3	3,715	3,289	-11.5
Oliver	2,016	1,756	-12.9	3	3	0.0	26	32	23.1	2	2	0.0	13	16	23.1	2,065	1,808	-12.4
Pembina	8,319	7,574	-9.0	13	22	69.2	124	132	6.5	21	21	0.0	264	291	10.2	8,585	7,906	-7.9
Pierce	4,611	4,149	-10.0	6	6	0.0	32	45	40.6	12	11	-8.3	28	33	17.9	4,675	4,221	-9.7
Ramsey	11,174	10,080	-9.8	25	35	40.0	653	840	28.6	34	62	82.4	63	121	92.1	12,066	11,267	-6.6
Ransom	5,799	5,594	-3.5	11	10	-9.1	19	20	5.3	15	21	40.0	48	62	29.2	5,890	5,695	-3.3
Renville	2,555	2,358	-7.7	6	14	133.3	17	22	29.4	12	13	8.3	19	21	10.5	2,610	2,425	-7.1
Richland	17,465	16,125	-7.7	62	77	24.2	301	442	46.8	54	61	13.0	123	217	76.4	17,998	16,888	-6.2
Rolette	3,453	3,614	4.7	12	85	608.3	9,994	9,843	-1.5	10	94	840.0	110	240	118.2	13,674	13,903	1.7
Sargent	4,312	4,127	-4.3	2	8	300.0	20	31	55.0	4	4	0.0	32	42	31.3	4,366	4,198	-3.8
Sheridan	1,698	1,397	-17.7	2	2	0.0	7	7	0.0	0	0	--	6	5	-16.7	1,710	1,408	-17.7
Sioux	588	799	35.9	1	9	800.0	3,422	3,427	0.1	3	6	100.0	65	88	35.4	4,044	4,282	5.9
Slope	765	709	-7.3	0	1	--	1	1	0.0	0	1	--	1	1	0.0	767	713	-7.0
Stark	22,164	21,567	-2.7	54	64	18.5	213	238	11.7	58	81	39.7	236	326	38.1	22,636	22,167	-2.1
Steele	2,226	1,906	-14.4	2	7	250.0	14	15	7.1	1	1	0.0	4	15	275.0	2,258	1,943	-14.0
Stutsman	21,431	20,120	-6.1	64	98	53.1	207	282	36.2	92	123	33.7	204	252	23.5	21,908	20,761	-5.2
Towner	2,800	2,329	-16.8	2	2	0.0	59	69	16.9	2	4	100.0	5	6	20.0	2,876	2,417	-16.0
Traill	8,343	8,032	-3.7	16	21	31.3	81	87	7.4	14	13	-7.1	185	205	10.8	8,477	8,178	-3.5
Walsh	12,100	11,006	-9.0	45	49	8.9	129	171	32.6	36	36	0.0	700	882	26.0	12,389	11,362	-8.3
Ward	54,825	51,425	-6.2	1,341	966	-28.0	1,224	1,296	5.9	533	601	12.8	1,125	1,360	20.9	58,795	55,270	-6.0
Wells	5,060	4,376	-13.5	7	11	57.1	12	15	25.0	12	19	58.3	15	22	46.7	5,102	4,432	-13.1
Williams	18,413	17,977	-2.4	25	38	52.0	876	964	10.0	39	53	35.9	185	215	16.2	19,761	19,456	-1.5

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Racial Diversity in North Dakota Continues to Rise

Though racial minorities in North Dakota continue to represent a relatively small proportion of the state's total population (fewer than one in 10), their numbers are rising.

This month's "Population Bulletin," a monthly publication from the North Dakota State Data Center at North Dakota State University, presents the July 1, 2006 population estimates by race as released from the U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates Branch. These current estimates reveal a continuing increase in population diversity throughout North Dakota. North Dakota's racial minority population (i.e., non-white or multiple races) totaled 51,751, comprising 8.1 percent of the state's total population of 635,867. While the white population (which comprises the vast majority of all persons in the state) declined 2.1 percent (12,602 people) between 2000 and 2006, the racial minority population in North Dakota grew 13.8 percent (6,269 people). "We need to keep context in mind when we interpret the growth of our state's minority population. Even though our racial minority population grew by nearly 14 percent, the actual numeric change is relatively small," said Richard Rathge, Director of the State Data Center.

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