

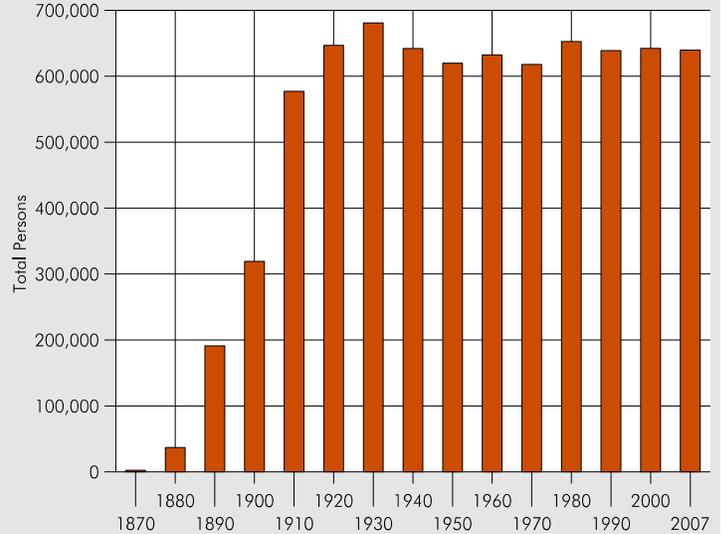
Annual Population for North Dakota: April 1, Census 2000 to the July 1, 2007 Estimate

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Figure 1. Total Population in North Dakota: 1870 to 2007



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Decennial Census and the Population Division, www.census.gov/popest/estimates.php.

Figure 2. Percent Change in Total Population Estimates for North Dakota by County: July 1, 2006 to July 1, 2007

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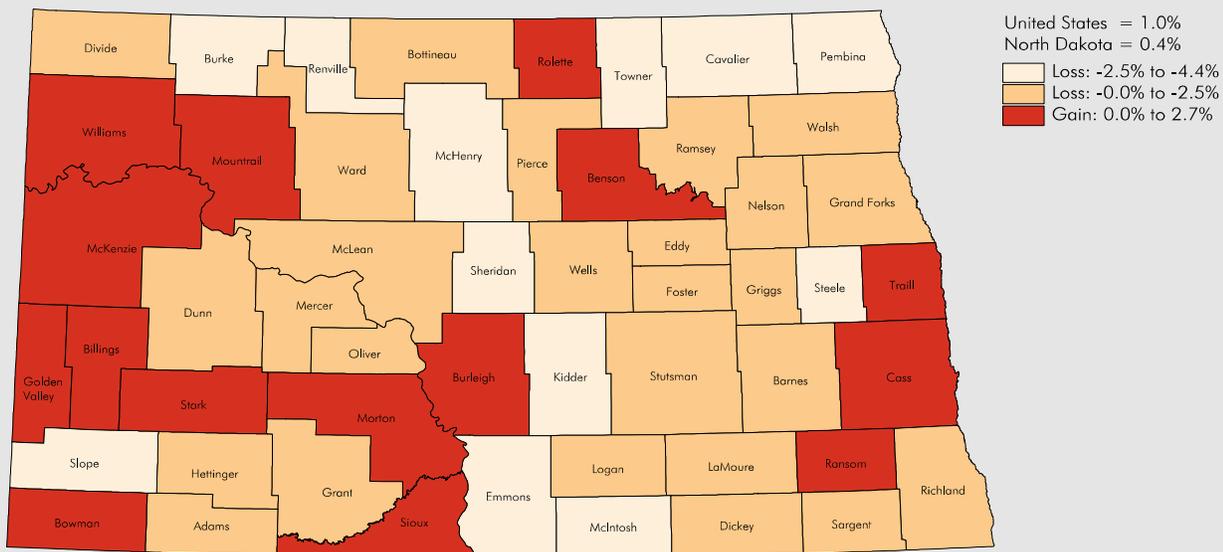


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Area	April 1, Census 2000	July 1, Population Estimates								Change: 2006 to 2007	
		2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	Numeric	Percent
North Dakota	642,200	641,236	636,385	633,861	633,159	636,814	635,938	637,460	639,715	2,255	0.4
Adams	2,593	2,576	2,531	2,489	2,439	2,396	2,356	2,292	2,279	-13	-0.6
Barnes	11,775	11,706	11,420	11,224	11,105	11,078	10,995	10,874	10,783	-91	-0.8
Benson	6,964	6,958	6,947	6,809	6,858	6,934	6,920	6,935	6,971	36	0.5
Billings	888	877	883	862	830	805	788	777	798	21	2.7
Bottineau	7,149	7,121	6,986	6,826	6,777	6,667	6,622	6,499	6,409	-90	-1.4
Bowman	3,242	3,229	3,099	3,052	3,039	3,066	2,966	2,935	2,944	9	0.3
Burke	2,242	2,232	2,165	2,105	2,062	2,024	1,970	1,912	1,862	-50	-2.6
Burleigh	69,416	69,525	70,097	71,036	71,873	72,663	74,184	75,683	77,316	1,633	2.2
Cass	123,138	123,492	124,928	126,065	127,770	131,165	132,586	135,158	137,582	2,424	1.8
Cavalier	4,831	4,804	4,655	4,546	4,435	4,322	4,219	4,060	3,911	-149	-3.7
Dickey	5,757	5,751	5,667	5,588	5,483	5,554	5,460	5,387	5,356	-31	-0.6
Divide	2,283	2,264	2,173	2,180	2,175	2,160	2,090	2,045	2,004	-41	-2.0
Dunn	3,600	3,595	3,558	3,505	3,462	3,365	3,325	3,324	3,308	-16	-0.5
Eddy	2,757	2,741	2,671	2,629	2,618	2,593	2,550	2,463	2,430	-33	-1.3
Emmons	4,331	4,301	4,187	4,065	3,964	3,876	3,730	3,608	3,470	-138	-3.8
Foster	3,759	3,736	3,630	3,563	3,493	3,488	3,530	3,528	3,490	-38	-1.1
Golden Valley	1,924	1,916	1,862	1,821	1,796	1,732	1,699	1,662	1,670	8	0.5
Grand Forks	66,109	65,951	65,403	65,281	65,384	67,090	66,588	67,134	66,983	-151	-0.2
Grant	2,841	2,833	2,802	2,712	2,662	2,599	2,563	2,510	2,467	-43	-1.7
Griggs	2,754	2,730	2,635	2,580	2,550	2,495	2,473	2,425	2,397	-28	-1.2
Hettinger	2,715	2,691	2,624	2,579	2,500	2,522	2,490	2,481	2,427	-54	-2.2
Kidder	2,753	2,736	2,645	2,568	2,563	2,531	2,419	2,408	2,349	-59	-2.5
LaMoure	4,701	4,675	4,611	4,534	4,475	4,420	4,284	4,182	4,110	-72	-1.7
Logan	2,308	2,293	2,208	2,177	2,110	2,069	2,009	1,960	1,956	-4	-0.2
McHenry	5,987	5,951	5,820	5,723	5,672	5,570	5,447	5,375	5,224	-151	-2.8
McIntosh	3,390	3,376	3,305	3,212	3,165	3,043	2,955	2,877	2,752	-125	-4.3
McKenzie	5,737	5,712	5,604	5,616	5,504	5,471	5,540	5,542	5,617	75	1.4
McLean	9,311	9,252	9,108	8,948	8,845	8,661	8,447	8,355	8,349	-6	-0.1
Mercer	8,644	8,596	8,488	8,432	8,341	8,229	8,111	8,001	7,972	-29	-0.4
Morton	25,303	25,314	25,081	25,078	25,016	25,139	25,276	25,571	25,926	355	1.4
Mountrail	6,631	6,604	6,545	6,486	6,469	6,519	6,493	6,416	6,481	65	1.0
Nelson	3,715	3,696	3,589	3,451	3,407	3,408	3,380	3,265	3,217	-48	-1.5
Oliver	2,065	2,053	1,969	1,925	1,876	1,834	1,793	1,756	1,725	-31	-1.8
Pembina	8,585	8,551	8,344	8,188	8,170	8,064	7,870	7,759	7,531	-228	-2.9
Pierce	4,675	4,657	4,571	4,498	4,392	4,294	4,203	4,164	4,103	-61	-1.5
Ramsey	12,066	12,024	11,824	11,780	11,541	11,421	11,299	11,201	11,189	-12	-0.1
Ransom	5,890	5,885	5,851	5,817	5,827	5,780	5,756	5,674	5,682	8	0.1
Renville	2,610	2,591	2,521	2,515	2,463	2,424	2,404	2,380	2,314	-66	-2.8
Richland	17,998	17,944	17,600	17,388	17,549	17,360	17,181	16,760	16,498	-262	-1.6
Rolette	13,674	13,682	13,736	13,685	13,584	13,632	13,626	13,604	13,665	61	0.4
Sargent	4,366	4,355	4,328	4,241	4,130	4,067	4,105	4,138	4,110	-28	-0.7
Sheridan	1,710	1,698	1,622	1,567	1,515	1,442	1,407	1,370	1,320	-50	-3.7
Sioux	4,044	4,057	3,998	4,055	4,049	4,089	4,093	4,199	4,223	24	0.6
Slope	767	759	739	727	713	693	684	689	659	-30	-4.4
Stark	22,636	22,555	22,365	22,164	22,107	22,112	22,137	22,140	22,458	318	1.4
Steele	2,258	2,239	2,165	2,096	2,050	2,024	1,972	1,908	1,840	-68	-3.6
Stutsman	21,908	21,849	21,571	21,385	21,138	20,905	20,805	20,766	20,480	-286	-1.4
Towner	2,876	2,857	2,769	2,703	2,617	2,543	2,466	2,384	2,292	-92	-3.9
Traill	8,477	8,468	8,312	8,247	8,174	8,196	8,118	7,997	8,069	72	0.9
Walsh	12,389	12,356	12,102	11,790	11,669	11,505	11,398	11,218	11,011	-207	-1.8
Ward	58,795	58,691	57,765	57,160	56,847	57,063	56,542	56,106	55,927	-179	-0.3
Wells	5,102	5,079	4,876	4,770	4,652	4,570	4,481	4,346	4,269	-77	-1.8
Williams	19,761	19,652	19,430	19,418	19,254	19,142	19,133	19,257	19,540	283	1.5

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