

Federal Government Expenditures to North Dakota: Fiscal Year 2007

According to the *Consolidated Federal Funds Report (CFFR)* published by the U. S. Census Bureau, North Dakota received \$6.8 billion of the \$2.6 trillion in funds the federal government distributed nationally in 2007. The CFFR categorizes federal expenditures into direct payments, grants, procurement contracts, and salaries and wages (Figure 1).

Direct payments to individuals for retirement and disability include Social Security, veteran benefits, various federal retirement and disability payments, and other compensation funds. Social Security alone accounted for \$1.3 billion of North Dakota funds in 2007. Examples of *other direct payments* include crop insurance, agricultural assistance programs, Medicare, Food Stamps, unemployment compensation, housing assistance, federal employee life and health insurance, and various Native American programs. Combined, Medicare and crop insurance accounted for \$1.3 billion of North Dakota funds in 2007.

Grants include block, formula, project, and cooperative agreement grants. They represent the federal obligation incurred at the time the grant was awarded and do not represent actual expenditures. Of the more than 400 grant programs receiving federal funds in North Dakota, two programs accounted for \$737 million of all federal funds North Dakota received in 2007 (Medicaid and highway planning and construction). *Procurement contracts* refer to governmental purchases and contractual outlays. *Salaries and wages* include payroll expenditures for the military, postal employees, and the FBI among others.

North Dakota, with a relatively small population base, ranks well nationally on a per-capita basis for federal funds received. Per-capita federal expenditures to North Dakota totaled \$10,576 in 2007 (Table 1), ranking North Dakota sixth in the nation. Nationally, per-capita federal expenditures totaled \$8,339 in 2007, which was 21 percent below North Dakota's level. Per-capita federal funds to North Dakota ranged from a low of \$6,580 in Mercer County to a high of \$22,866 in Burke County (Figure 2).

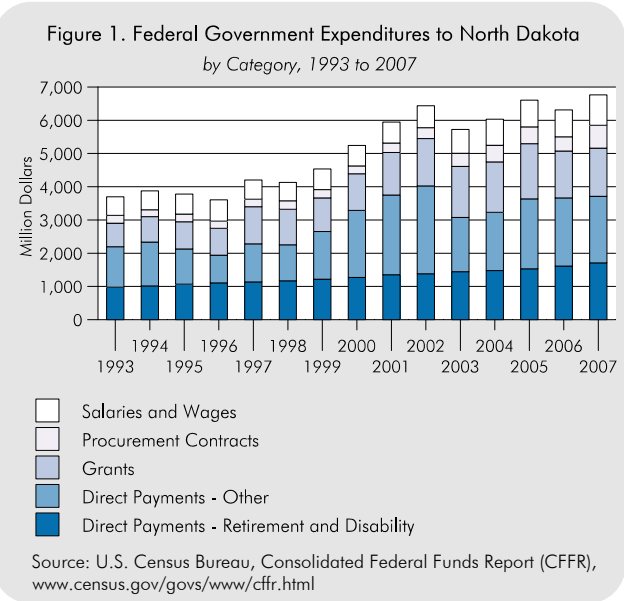


Figure 2. Per Capita Federal Government Expenditures to North Dakota by County: Fiscal Year 2007

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Consolidated Federal Funds Report (CFFR), www.census.gov/govs/www/cffr.html

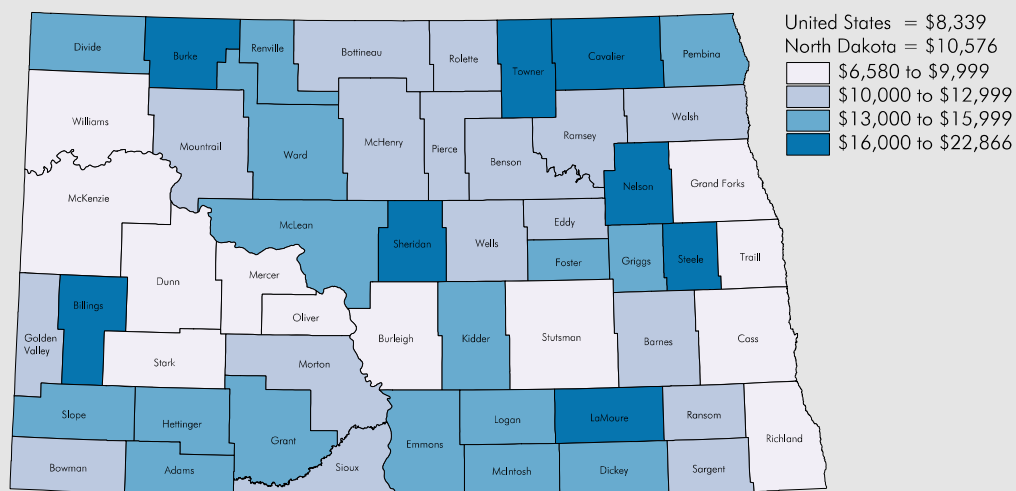


Table 1. Federal Government Expenditures to North Dakota by County: Fiscal Year 2007

Note: NA indicates that data are not applicable. *Undistributed represents funds for which no specific geographic destination in North Dakota was reported.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Consolidated Federal Funds Report (CFFR), www.census.gov/govs/www/cffr.html

Area	Total Expenditures	Per-Capita Expenditures	Total Expenditures by Category				
			Direct Payments		Grants	Procurement Contracts	Salaries and Wages
			Retirement and Disability	Other			
North Dakota	\$6,765,697,013	\$10,576	\$1,707,802,812	\$2,005,042,989	\$1,448,981,327	\$688,391,189	\$915,478,696
Adams	\$36,338,627	\$15,945	\$8,717,156	\$14,979,948	\$11,143,462	\$235,644	\$1,262,417
Barnes	\$109,679,100	\$10,171	\$35,314,595	\$50,682,493	\$17,039,828	\$1,290,916	\$5,351,268
Benson	\$87,832,070	\$12,600	\$16,795,987	\$32,335,743	\$22,651,334	\$9,218,574	\$6,830,432
Billings	\$17,125,372	\$21,460	\$1,196,051	\$2,428,806	\$10,981,553	\$995,261	\$1,523,701
Bottineau	\$75,062,125	\$11,712	\$22,642,124	\$34,503,307	\$11,326,773	\$917,564	\$5,672,357
Bowman	\$31,744,346	\$10,783	\$9,839,762	\$12,921,148	\$7,441,110	\$310,207	\$1,232,119
Burke	\$42,576,767	\$22,866	\$7,549,924	\$16,275,197	\$12,141,085	\$452,442	\$6,158,119
Burleigh	\$746,418,209	\$9,654	\$211,801,822	\$119,700,484	\$316,190,084	\$15,752,702	\$82,973,117
Cass	\$934,425,918	\$6,792	\$281,383,330	\$141,776,610	\$220,584,731	\$150,333,506	\$140,347,741
Cavalier	\$67,953,570	\$17,375	\$14,275,793	\$44,296,977	\$6,402,103	\$371,474	\$2,607,223
Dickey	\$71,326,028	\$13,317	\$15,380,796	\$44,746,095	\$8,244,607	\$516,396	\$2,438,134
Divide	\$31,483,719	\$15,710	\$6,912,438	\$19,630,402	\$2,835,635	\$260,334	\$1,844,910
Dunn	\$30,934,459	\$9,351	\$7,042,321	\$11,649,193	\$8,499,474	\$2,192,651	\$1,550,820
Eddy	\$30,324,845	\$12,479	\$9,103,662	\$13,434,688	\$5,722,623	\$452,350	\$1,611,522
Emmons	\$53,470,698	\$15,409	\$12,280,466	\$33,980,688	\$5,437,094	\$337,630	\$1,434,820
Foster	\$46,259,580	\$13,255	\$11,310,738	\$18,062,726	\$7,840,233	\$6,865,854	\$2,180,029
Golden Valley	\$17,195,828	\$10,297	\$5,910,993	\$8,743,994	\$1,831,768	\$101,865	\$607,208
Grand Forks	\$617,509,950	\$9,219	\$129,411,924	\$98,038,965	\$128,025,245	\$81,171,042	\$180,862,774
Grant	\$36,295,539	\$14,712	\$7,919,580	\$21,478,394	\$4,733,318	\$600,830	\$1,563,417
Griggs	\$33,007,934	\$13,771	\$8,990,395	\$16,627,330	\$4,921,649	\$1,304,740	\$1,163,820
Hettinger	\$38,423,267	\$15,832	\$9,489,916	\$24,266,724	\$2,734,566	\$235,644	\$1,696,417
Kidder	\$32,481,310	\$13,828	\$7,065,241	\$17,007,669	\$6,394,195	\$314,982	\$1,699,223
LaMoure	\$74,461,576	\$18,117	\$14,393,819	\$39,499,719	\$16,904,232	\$571,971	\$3,091,835
Logan	\$27,251,425	\$13,932	\$6,340,452	\$16,978,406	\$2,675,844	\$216,007	\$1,040,716
McHenry	\$57,426,250	\$10,993	\$18,961,399	\$26,544,750	\$6,813,326	\$1,494,030	\$3,612,745
McIntosh	\$41,796,733	\$15,188	\$11,124,132	\$24,147,546	\$4,767,517	\$276,718	\$1,480,820
McKenzie	\$37,703,669	\$6,712	\$12,026,663	\$14,826,099	\$7,347,871	\$76,410	\$3,426,626
McLean	\$127,058,076	\$15,218	\$31,821,380	\$36,708,973	\$17,323,720	\$35,361,153	\$5,842,850
Mercer	\$52,457,269	\$6,580	\$21,048,104	\$16,523,000	\$11,177,855	\$117,370	\$2,996,940
Morton	\$266,753,026	\$10,289	\$69,689,155	\$49,779,076	\$53,130,878	\$85,634,440	\$8,519,477
Mountrail	\$76,721,959	\$11,838	\$19,162,055	\$26,630,139	\$22,605,958	\$2,264,778	\$6,059,029
Nelson	\$54,168,400	\$16,838	\$15,520,724	\$29,828,349	\$6,528,774	\$424,822	\$1,865,731
Oliver	\$15,601,035	\$9,044	\$3,835,368	\$7,171,025	\$4,265,726	\$47,514	\$281,402
Pembina	\$118,564,911	\$15,744	\$24,577,490	\$37,540,804	\$17,173,185	\$22,377,179	\$16,896,253
Pierce	\$44,831,073	\$10,926	\$13,135,647	\$22,190,783	\$7,584,582	\$285,644	\$1,634,417
Ramsey	\$121,758,897	\$10,882	\$38,639,352	\$53,279,971	\$13,158,211	\$2,904,797	\$13,776,566
Ransom	\$57,156,942	\$10,059	\$16,793,299	\$29,696,013	\$6,993,084	\$649,009	\$3,025,537
Renville	\$30,369,951	\$13,124	\$8,519,248	\$17,320,508	\$2,869,112	\$282,367	\$1,378,716
Richland	\$117,662,488	\$7,132	\$39,497,260	\$56,234,511	\$13,991,258	\$1,206,072	\$6,733,387
Rolette	\$139,872,122	\$10,236	\$32,170,768	\$29,404,696	\$39,813,323	\$7,542,097	\$30,941,238
Sargent	\$51,491,077	\$12,528	\$12,469,997	\$31,064,209	\$4,481,984	\$755,052	\$2,719,835
Sheridan	\$24,195,335	\$18,330	\$4,815,039	\$12,795,316	\$5,874,950	\$117,822	\$592,208
Sioux	\$53,033,872	\$12,558	\$7,579,224	\$8,555,051	\$24,462,724	\$4,436,963	\$7,999,910
Slope	\$9,738,429	\$14,778	\$1,126,649	\$6,117,337	\$2,288,767	\$39,274	\$166,402
Stark	\$157,367,146	\$7,007	\$60,181,692	\$46,154,896	\$38,707,213	\$1,770,570	\$10,552,775
Steele	\$40,074,548	\$21,780	\$6,420,239	\$20,052,483	\$6,385,135	\$6,487,184	\$729,507
Stutsman	\$179,564,670	\$8,768	\$62,848,487	\$63,384,856	\$34,182,763	\$4,045,446	\$15,103,118
Towner	\$39,449,531	\$17,212	\$8,244,863	\$26,165,603	\$2,681,168	\$392,480	\$1,965,417
Traill	\$79,182,418	\$9,813	\$25,068,783	\$33,627,288	\$15,729,160	\$1,764,337	\$2,992,850
Walsh	\$115,020,668	\$10,446	\$35,625,381	\$53,347,110	\$19,709,951	\$1,262,152	\$5,076,074
Ward	\$877,413,714	\$15,689	\$168,690,560	\$87,842,656	\$100,093,735	\$227,543,855	\$293,242,908
Wells	\$55,381,216	\$12,973	\$17,619,446	\$30,534,186	\$4,633,460	\$478,289	\$2,115,835
Williams	\$147,878,680	\$7,568	\$59,366,957	\$52,020,211	\$26,746,749	\$2,738,779	\$7,005,984
Undistributed*	\$286,420,646	NA	\$154,166	\$201,509,838	\$84,756,642	\$0	\$0

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Federal Expenditure Dollars to North Dakota Up in 2007

North Dakota received \$6.8 billion of the \$2.6 trillion in funds the federal government expended nationally in 2007, an increase of 7 percent from 2006.

This month's "Population Bulletin," a monthly publication from the North Dakota State Data Center at North Dakota State University, focuses on federal expenditure data obtained from the 2007 *Consolidated Federal Funds Report* (CFFR) published by the U.S. Census Bureau.

During the mid- to late 1990s, federal dollars flowing into North Dakota showed little variation, averaging approximately \$4 billion per year. From 1999 to 2002, federal expenditures to North Dakota increased 12 percent per year on average. Federal expenditures decreased 11 percent from 2002 to 2003, and then increased 5 percent in 2004 and 10 percent in 2005. After a slight dip of 5 percent in 2006, total expenditures to North Dakota increased 7 percent in 2007.

A sizeable proportion of North Dakota's increase in 2007 can be attributed to increases in procurement contracts with the U.S. Department of Defense and crop insurance payments. In 2007, 6 percent of all federal funds entering North Dakota were for procurement contracts with the Department of Defense (\$412 million), up from 4 percent in 2006 (\$238 million). Direct payments for crop insurance totaled \$623 million in 2007, up from \$464 million in 2006. Three additional areas saw federal fund increases of at least \$80 million from 2006 to 2007: salaries and wages for active military employees (up by \$89 million for a total of \$370 million), non-defense procurement contracts (up by \$83 million for a total of \$234 million), and highway planning and construction (up by \$82 million for a total of \$379 million). Expenditures for Social Security in North Dakota rose by \$58 million to reach \$1.3 billion in 2007.

"The fluctuation in federal expenditures for North Dakota over the past seven years is largely due to increased support for agriculture and defense contracting," said Richard Rathge, Director of the State Data Center. "However, future changes in federal expenditures for our state may be the result of population change, specifically the aging baby boomers and a corresponding increase in Social Security payments," said Rathge.

Of the \$6.8 billion the federal government spent in North Dakota in 2007, nearly one-fifth of the monies went to Social Security (\$1.3 billion). Medicare and crop insurance payments each accounted for approximately 10 percent of total funds to North Dakota. Of the more than 400 grant programs receiving federal funds in North Dakota, two programs accounted for \$737 million (11 percent) of all federal funds North Dakota received in 2007: Medicaid (\$358 million) and highway planning and construction (\$379 million). Procurement contracts (governmental purchases and contractual outlays) to North Dakota totaled \$688 million and salaries/wages for federal employees in North Dakota totaled \$915 million in 2007.

While North Dakota received less than half a percent of all federal funds distributed nationally, the state fared better on a per-capita basis. Per-capita federal expenditures to North Dakota totaled \$10,576 in 2007, ranking North Dakota sixth in the nation for per-capita federal expenditures. Nationally, per-capita federal expenditures totaled \$8,339 in 2007, which was 21 percent below North Dakota's level. Per-capita federal funds to North Dakota ranged from a low of \$6,580 in Mercer County to a high of \$22,866 in Burke County.