

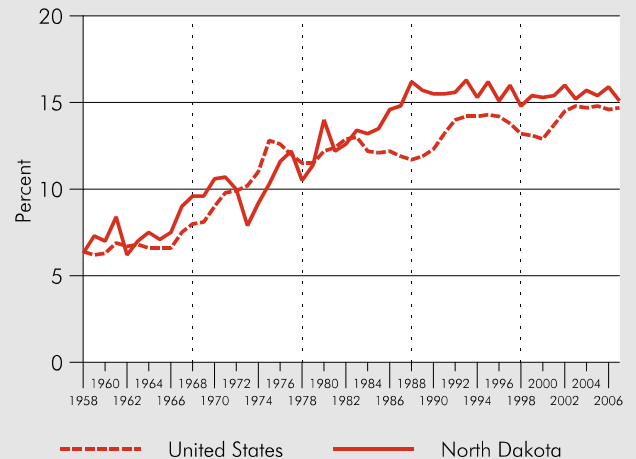
## Personal Transfer Receipts in North Dakota: 2007

Transfer receipts accounted for 15.1 percent of all personal income received by North Dakota residents in 2007, a proportion relatively unchanged since 1988 (Figure 1). Transfer receipts consist of income received by individuals for which they did not render services. They are payments by government and businesses to individuals and nonprofit institutions serving individuals. North Dakota residents received \$3.472 billion in personal transfer receipts in 2007, a 6.2 percent increase from \$3.270 billion in 2006.

The largest category of transfer receipts for North Dakota residents in 2007 consisted of retirement and disability insurance benefits (\$1.439 billion), followed by medical benefits (\$1.420 billion) and income maintenance benefits (\$239 million). The remaining \$374 million of transfer payments to North Dakotans included such payments as unemployment insurance compensation, veterans' benefits, federal education and training assistance, Bureau of Indian Affairs payments, disaster relief, personal injury payments, and educational assistance payments (Table 1).

Personal transfer receipts as a proportion of total personal income vary from state to state. Nationally, personal transfer receipts were 14.7 percent of total personal income in 2007 (Figure 2). Three states showed personal transfer receipts accounting for at least one-fifth of all personal income received by residents - West Virginia, Mississippi, and Arkansas (25.5 percent, 22.0 percent, and 20.9 percent, respectively). Colorado had the smallest proportion at 10.0 percent.

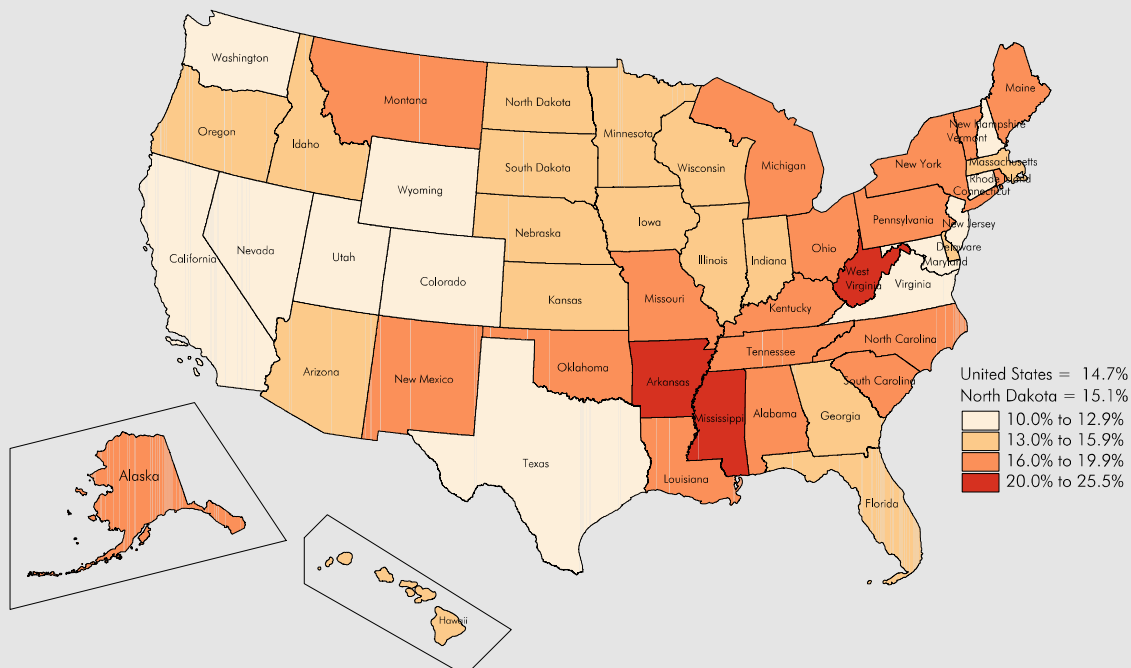
Figure 1. Personal Transfer Receipts as a Percent of Total Personal Income in North Dakota and the U.S.: 1958 to 2007



Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, Regional Economic Information System, <http://www.bea.gov/regional/>, Table SA04

Figure 2. Personal Transfer Receipts as a Percent of Total Personal Income by State: 2007

Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, Regional Economic Information System, <http://www.bea.gov/regional/>, Table SA04



**Table 1. Personal Transfer Receipts in North Dakota by Type, 2000-2007** (Thousands of Current Dollars, \$000)

Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, Regional Economic Information System, <http://www.bea.gov/regional/>, Table SA35

Type of Personal Transfer Receipt	Thousands of Dollars (\$000)							
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Personal transfer receipts (\$000)	2,461,983	2,531,458	2,675,198	2,766,225	2,932,198	3,094,381	3,269,653	3,472,013
<b>Transfer receipts for individuals from governments</b>	<b>2,322,194</b>	<b>2,377,895</b>	<b>2,540,034</b>	<b>2,630,778</b>	<b>2,820,403</b>	<b>2,961,081</b>	<b>3,137,536</b>	<b>3,321,391</b>
Retirement and disability insurance benefits	1,142,192	1,141,833	1,164,801	1,188,373	1,306,056	1,347,761	1,370,607	1,438,789
Old-age, survivors, and disability insurance (OASDI) benefits	972,559	1,021,606	1,055,965	1,082,062	1,125,399	1,174,986	1,232,026	1,297,171
Railroad retirement and disability benefits	50,177	50,926	52,340	52,665	53,689	54,978	56,798	58,157
Workers' compensation	119,191	69,027	56,167	53,274	126,596	117,434	81,442	83,106
Other government retirement and disability insurance benefits 1/	265	274	329	372	372	363	341	355
Medical benefits	879,923	912,704	1,004,838	1,039,549	1,115,563	1,188,777	1,335,333	1,419,647
Medicare benefits	429,028	472,131	501,490	547,853	591,661	641,875	807,979	855,565
Public assistance medical care benefits 2/	437,315	421,604	478,201	471,105	499,990	523,537	504,368	540,310
Military medical insurance benefits 3/	13,580	18,969	25,147	20,591	23,912	23,365	22,986	23,772
Income maintenance benefits	152,840	155,692	171,503	198,758	204,063	218,292	226,036	239,354
Supplemental security income (SSI) benefits	32,081	33,080	33,756	33,813	35,344	35,461	37,034	39,106
Family assistance 4/	23,971	19,574	22,587	30,004	24,072	23,520	22,778	23,235
Food stamps	25,652	27,853	32,173	37,750	41,159	45,315	46,900	52,969
Other income maintenance benefits 5/	71,136	75,185	82,987	97,191	103,488	113,996	119,324	124,044
Unemployment insurance compensation	33,015	36,342	59,539	59,166	44,917	44,484	44,826	47,900
State unemployment insurance compensation	29,701	34,066	57,038	56,362	41,530	41,954	42,720	45,874
Unemployment compensation for federal civilian employees (UCFE)	790	813	1,160	1,102	1,276	766	867	782
Unemployment compensation for railroad employees	1,827	950	941	952	826	661	621	661
Unemployment compensation for veterans (UCX)	261	241	381	615	639	567	505	369
Other unemployment compensation 6/	436	272	(L)	135	646	536	113	214
Veterans' benefits	60,871	64,845	72,401	79,554	87,578	93,144	100,681	109,297
Veterans' pension and disability benefits	50,590	55,216	63,256	69,602	77,031	82,795	90,304	98,049
Veterans' readjustment benefits 7/	5,845	5,255	4,662	5,529	6,230	6,256	6,387	7,344
Veterans' life insurance benefits	4,419	4,358	4,463	4,404	4,306	4,082	3,973	3,885
Other assistance to veterans 8/	(L)	(L)	(L)	(L)	(L)	(L)	(L)	(L)
Federal education and training assistance 9/	32,131	44,268	48,572	42,060	45,171	45,654	43,561	45,708
Other transfer receipts for individuals from governments 10/	21,222	22,211	18,380	23,318	17,055	22,969	16,492	20,696
<b>Transfer receipts for individuals from businesses 11/</b>	<b>71,636</b>	<b>78,841</b>	<b>58,988</b>	<b>50,776</b>	<b>23,722</b>	<b>22,637</b>	<b>21,665</b>	<b>37,084</b>
<b>Transfer receipts for nonprofit institutions serving individuals</b>	<b>68,153</b>	<b>74,722</b>	<b>76,176</b>	<b>84,671</b>	<b>88,073</b>	<b>110,663</b>	<b>110,452</b>	<b>113,538</b>
Receipts from the federal government	16,381	18,415	20,097	22,373	23,606	23,473	23,187	23,120
Receipts from state and local governments 12/	27,717	31,016	33,468	38,884	39,507	51,796	56,180	60,334
Receipts from businesses	24,055	25,291	22,611	23,414	24,960	35,394	31,085	30,084

Notes:

1/ Consists largely of temporary disability payments, pension benefit guaranty payments, and black lung payments.

2/ Consists of medicaid and other medical vendor payments.

3/ Consists of payments made under the TriCare Management Program (formerly called CHAMPUS) for the medical care of dependents of active duty military personnel and of retired military personnel and their dependents at nonmilitary medical facilities.

4/ Through 1995, consists of emergency assistance and Aid to Families with Dependent Children. Beginning with 1998, consists of benefits -- generally known as Temporary Assistance for Needy Families -- provided under the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996. For 1996-97, consists of payments under all three of these programs.

5/ Consists largely of general assistance; expenditures for food under the supplemental program for Women, Infants, and Children; refugee assistance; foster home care and adoption assistance; earned income tax credits; and energy assistance.

6/ Consists of trade readjustment allowance payments, Redwood Park benefit payments, public service employment benefit payments, and transitional benefit payments.

7/ Consists largely of veterans' readjustment benefit payments, educational assistance to spouses and children of disabled or deceased veterans, payments to paraplegic veterans, and payments for autos and conveyances for disabled veterans.

8/ Consists largely of state and local government payments to veterans.

9/ Consists largely of federal fellowship payments (National Science Foundation, fellowships and traineeships, subsistence payments to state maritime academy cadets, and other federal fellowships), interest subsidy on higher education loans, basic educational opportunity grants, and Job Corps payments.

10/ Consists largely of Bureau of Indian Affairs payments, education exchange payments, Alaska Permanent Fund dividend payments, compensation of survivors of public safety officers, compensation of victims of crime, disaster relief payments, compensation for Japanese internment, and other special payments to individuals.

11/ Consists of personal injury payments to individuals other than employees and other business transfer payments.

12/ Consists of state and local government educational assistance payments to nonprofit institutions and other state and local government payments to nonprofit institutions.

(L) Less than \$50,000. The estimates for this item are included in the total.

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## Personal Transfer Receipts Continue to Represent Significant Segment of North Dakota's Economy

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"We should expect this percentage to begin rising dramatically in the next few years as the baby boom population begins entering retirement years. From 2007 to 2020, we will see a 60 percent increase in those ages 65 and older in North Dakota," said Richard Rathge, Director of the State Data Center.

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