

Housing Units in North Dakota: July 1, 2008 Estimates

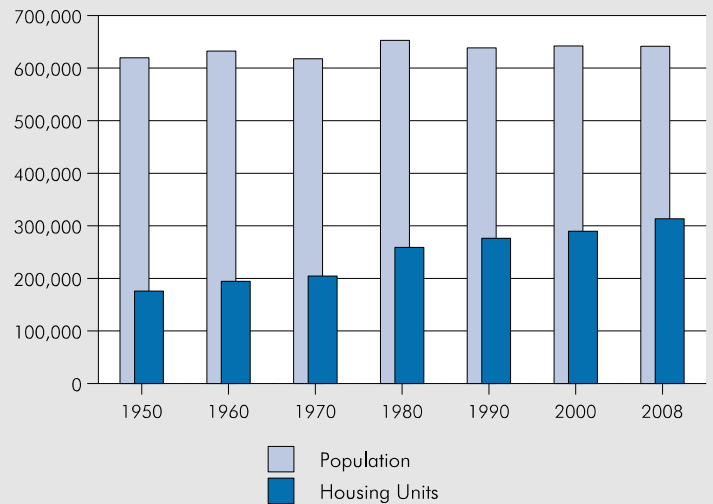
North Dakota's population remained relatively stable from 1950 to 2007. During the same time, housing units grew substantially (Figure 1). In 1950, housing units totaled 175,769 statewide, compared with 289,677 in 2000. This represents a 65 percent increase in housing during this 50-year period. Current estimates suggest another 8 percent growth from 2000 to 2008, reaching 313,332 housing units (Table 1).

Larger metropolitan areas are the largest contributors to growth in housing throughout the state. From 2000 to 2008, 70 percent of all growth statewide was attributed to Cass and Burleigh counties.

Nationally, housing grew 11 percent from 2000 to 2008, with counties in the Great Plains region showing some of the slowest rates of growth (Figure 2).

A housing unit, as defined by the U.S. Census Bureau, may be a house, an apartment, a mobile home, a group of rooms, or a single room that is occupied (or, if vacant, is intended for occupancy) as separate living quarters.

**Figure 1. Population and Housing Units in North Dakota
1950 to 2000 Census and July 1, 2008 Estimate**



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Decennial Censuses; Population Division, <http://www.census.gov/popest/estimates.php>

Figure 2. Percent Change in Housing Units in the United States by County: 2000 to 2008

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000; U.S. Census Bureau, Population Division, Table HU-EST2008-38-County Housing Unit Estimates, <http://www.census.gov/popest/housing>

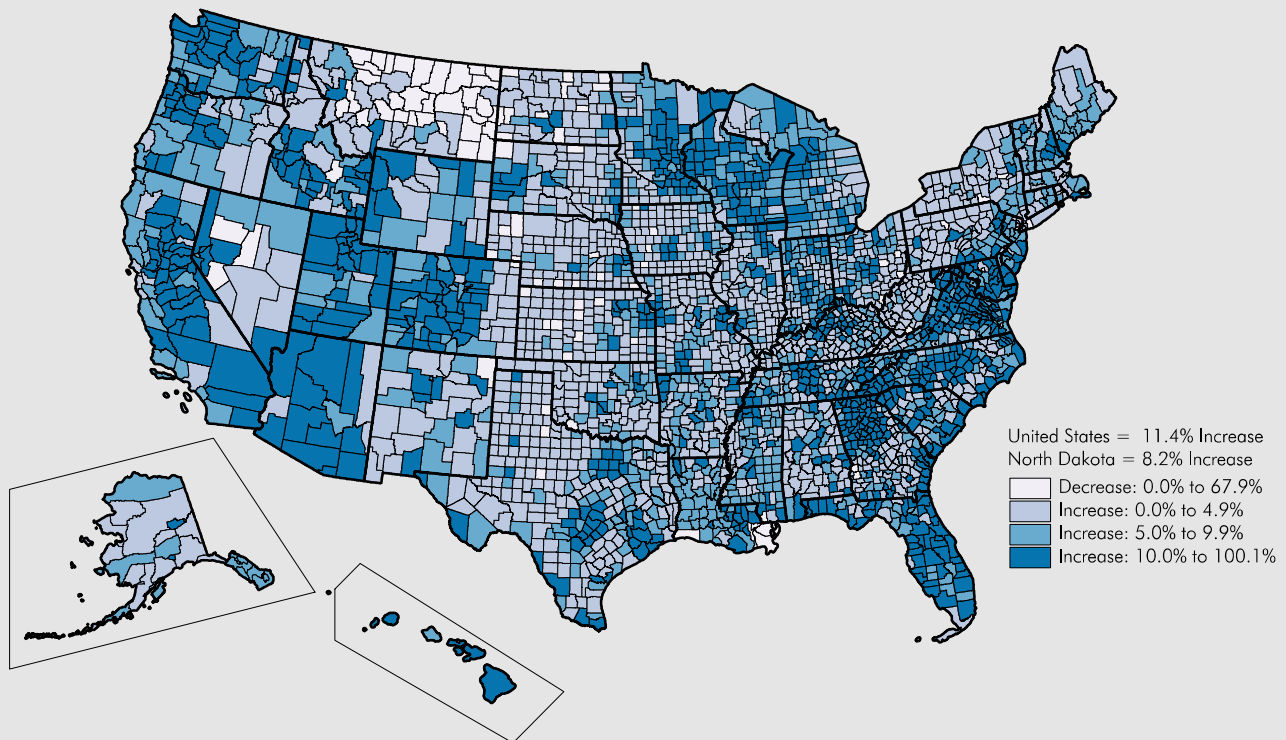


Table 1. Housing Units in North Dakota by County: 1950 to 2000 Census and July 1, 2001 to July 1, 2008 Estimates

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Decennial Censuses; U.S. Census Bureau, Population Division, Table HU-EST2008-38-County Housing Unit Estimates, <http://www.census.gov/popest/housing>

Area	Census						July 1 Estimate							
	1950	1960	1970	1980	1990	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
North Dakota	175,769	194,597	204,235	258,772	276,340	289,677	292,235	294,561	297,507	300,795	304,436	307,760	310,545	313,332
Adams	1,454	1,418	1,317	1,563	1,504	1,416	1,425	1,423	1,422	1,419	1,419	1,419	1,423	1,422
Barnes	4,939	5,151	5,302	5,976	5,801	5,599	5,602	5,615	5,618	5,657	5,694	5,729	5,760	5,785
Benson	3,086	3,003	2,718	3,084	3,163	2,932	2,949	2,960	2,974	2,988	2,998	2,993	2,986	2,985
Billings	487	429	392	517	533	529	529	530	528	529	528	527	526	526
Bottineau	3,878	4,219	4,009	4,679	4,661	4,409	4,433	4,461	4,484	4,504	4,524	4,522	4,512	4,526
Bowman	1,272	1,371	1,365	1,722	1,691	1,596	1,598	1,598	1,597	1,593	1,594	1,591	1,590	1,593
Burke	2,241	2,202	1,813	1,816	1,691	1,412	1,418	1,421	1,424	1,426	1,428	1,427	1,423	1,421
Burleigh	7,185	10,311	12,983	20,848	23,803	29,003	29,488	30,092	30,684	31,371	31,955	32,442	33,055	33,670
Cass	16,506	20,679	24,278	35,215	42,407	53,790	55,055	56,243	57,793	59,404	61,352	63,255	64,394	65,638
Cavalier	3,332	3,213	2,932	3,123	3,038	2,725	2,733	2,742	2,752	2,747	2,751	2,747	2,743	2,746
Dickey	2,665	2,605	2,471	2,838	2,763	2,656	2,663	2,664	2,670	2,676	2,678	2,674	2,678	2,677
Divide	2,022	2,008	1,667	1,783	1,667	1,469	1,474	1,477	1,476	1,475	1,472	1,469	1,469	1,467
Dunn	1,869	1,851	1,605	1,849	2,057	1,965	1,967	1,966	1,964	1,961	1,960	1,956	1,964	1,968
Eddy	1,509	1,518	1,477	1,541	1,470	1,418	1,425	1,430	1,433	1,435	1,436	1,434	1,430	1,427
Emmons	2,478	2,317	2,167	2,322	2,200	2,168	2,180	2,184	2,185	2,180	2,177	2,172	2,168	2,165
Foster	1,551	1,635	1,649	1,827	1,876	1,793	1,795	1,796	1,795	1,794	1,795	1,795	1,791	1,791
Golden Valley	1,034	995	915	1,033	1,035	973	971	971	972	970	968	967	965	964
Grand Forks	10,788	14,185	18,192	24,563	27,085	27,373	27,411	27,474	27,679	28,129	28,537	28,974	29,351	29,590
Grant	1,875	1,886	1,649	1,969	2,011	1,722	1,731	1,737	1,743	1,748	1,754	1,750	1,746	1,743
Griggs	1,640	1,684	1,658	1,739	1,660	1,521	1,525	1,527	1,531	1,534	1,541	1,538	1,534	1,532
Hettinger	1,845	1,810	1,579	1,668	1,637	1,419	1,421	1,424	1,427	1,430	1,434	1,432	1,429	1,427
Kidder	1,685	1,615	1,505	1,740	1,672	1,610	1,619	1,630	1,642	1,653	1,662	1,659	1,655	1,654
LaMoure	2,647	2,639	2,550	2,527	2,434	2,271	2,284	2,293	2,313	2,320	2,326	2,324	2,320	2,319
Logan	1,616	1,586	1,384	1,422	1,335	1,193	1,198	1,200	1,204	1,206	1,211	1,208	1,206	1,205
McHenry	3,615	3,505	3,223	3,437	3,320	2,983	3,002	3,014	3,024	3,022	3,029	3,026	3,025	3,022
McIntosh	2,150	2,153	1,982	2,197	2,031	1,853	1,862	1,865	1,864	1,863	1,866	1,870	1,866	1,862
McKenzie	2,183	2,451	2,227	2,944	3,178	2,719	2,737	2,747	2,761	2,775	2,784	2,779	2,780	2,781
McLean	5,356	4,723	4,282	5,754	5,515	5,264	5,272	5,282	5,300	5,317	5,340	5,348	5,383	5,420
Mercer	2,375	2,336	2,253	3,978	4,496	4,402	4,421	4,438	4,448	4,455	4,461	4,461	4,459	4,464
Morton	5,204	6,091	6,317	9,382	9,467	10,587	10,696	10,771	10,954	11,114	11,280	11,434	11,699	11,940
Mountrail	3,060	3,254	3,176	3,201	3,675	3,438	3,443	3,444	3,445	3,455	3,495	3,505	3,508	3,528
Nelson	2,449	2,416	2,214	2,442	2,261	2,014	2,016	2,029	2,029	2,028	2,027	2,023	2,019	2,016
Oliver	813	749	753	960	968	903	904	903	902	901	899	898	896	896
Pembina	3,979	4,001	3,894	4,438	4,294	4,115	4,116	4,111	4,105	4,100	4,110	4,103	4,095	4,095
Pierce	2,271	2,185	2,076	2,376	2,355	2,269	2,279	2,282	2,290	2,285	2,279	2,276	2,274	2,270
Ramsey	4,049	4,121	4,387	5,259	5,616	5,729	5,755	5,762	5,769	5,785	5,799	5,798	5,788	5,785
Ransom	2,608	2,633	2,602	2,712	2,569	2,604	2,654	2,692	2,722	2,740	2,745	2,743	2,738	2,737
Renville	1,711	1,628	1,395	1,530	1,558	1,413	1,423	1,426	1,430	1,436	1,440	1,437	1,434	1,432
Richland	5,535	5,719	5,749	7,182	7,394	7,575	7,591	7,619	7,625	7,638	7,652	7,671	7,709	7,733
Rolette	2,702	2,675	3,015	3,923	4,742	5,027	5,032	5,023	5,015	5,005	5,025	5,018	5,009	5,008
Sargent	2,141	2,032	2,025	2,210	2,057	2,016	2,024	2,029	2,042	2,049	2,057	2,077	2,086	2,089
Sheridan	1,486	1,386	1,202	1,180	1,061	924	927	929	932	929	930	928	933	933
Sioux	862	851	943	1,062	1,175	1,216	1,227	1,234	1,244	1,253	1,259	1,258	1,256	1,256
Slope	702	622	477	513	481	451	454	455	458	460	462	461	460	460
Stark	4,194	5,103	5,748	8,487	9,585	9,722	9,766	9,819	9,871	9,946	10,021	10,144	10,223	10,301
Steele	1,528	1,549	1,394	1,447	1,311	1,231	1,234	1,236	1,238	1,240	1,245	1,253	1,258	1,263
Stutsman	6,285	7,037	7,741	9,663	9,770	9,817	9,863	9,861	9,869	9,875	9,900	9,914	9,964	9,970
Towner	1,938	1,855	1,684	1,692	1,770	1,558	1,562	1,564	1,567	1,570	1,578	1,575	1,571	1,570
Trail	3,342	3,412	3,529	3,926	3,770	3,708	3,716	3,720	3,728	3,731	3,740	3,747	3,755	3,762
Walsh	5,199	5,508	5,307	6,153	6,093	5,757	5,760	5,756	5,753	5,747	5,739	5,731	5,725	5,732
Ward	10,130	14,098	17,402	21,521	23,585	25,097	25,254	25,333	25,435	25,532	25,668	25,839	26,028	26,161
Wells	3,017	3,025	2,881	2,886	2,869	2,643	2,650	2,653	2,659	2,665	2,668	2,663	2,657	2,656
Williams	5,281	7,149	6,780	8,953	10,180	9,680	9,701	9,706	9,718	9,730	9,744	9,776	9,829	9,949



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Number of North Dakota Housing Units Show Consistent Growth

The number of housing units in North Dakota has grown an average of 1 percent per year since 2000, reaching 313,332 units in 2008.

This month's "Population Bulletin," a monthly publication from the North Dakota State Data Center at North Dakota State University, presents the July 1, 2008 housing unit estimates released from the U.S. Census Bureau, Population Division.

These estimates reveal a continuing increase in the number of North Dakota housing units. In 1950, housing units totaled 175,769 statewide, compared with 289,677 in 2000. This represents a 65 percent increase during this 50-year period. Current estimates suggest another 8 percent growth from 2000 to 2008.

"Fear of another energy boom and bust cycle has held back much of the potential housing growth in the western side of the state," said Richard Rathge, Director of the State Data Center.

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