

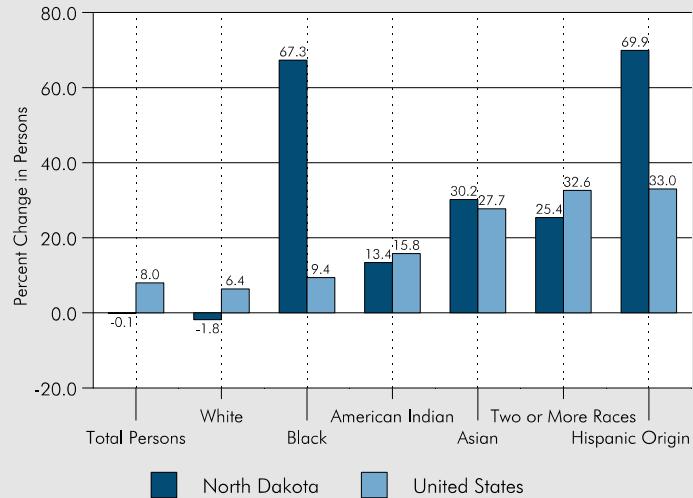
## Population by Race and Hispanic Origin in North Dakota: Census 2000 and July 1, 2008 Estimate

According to the July 1, 2008 population estimates released by the U.S. Census Bureau, North Dakota's racial minority population (i.e., persons who are nonwhite or report multiple races) totaled 55,209 (8.6 percent of the state's total population). While the racial minority population in North Dakota grew 21.4 percent (9,727 people) from 2000 to 2008, the white population (which comprises the vast majority of all persons in the state) decreased 1.8 percent (10,446 people) (Table 1).

The American Indian population, North Dakota's largest racial minority, grew by 4,226 people from 2000 to 2008, an increase of 13.4 percent. During the same period of time, the black population grew by 2,799 persons (67.3 percent), the Asian population grew by 1,183 (30.2 percent), and persons of multiple races grew by 1,519 (25.4 percent) (Figure 1).

The Hispanic population (an ethnic category reported separately from race) currently represents 2.1 percent of North Dakota's total population and grew by 5,441 people (69.9 percent) from 2000 to 2008. Nationally, the Hispanic population grew 33.0 percent from 2000 to 2008 (Figure 2).

**Figure 1. Percent Change in Population by Race & Hispanic Origin  
North Dakota and the United States: Census 2000 to July 1, 2008 Estimate**

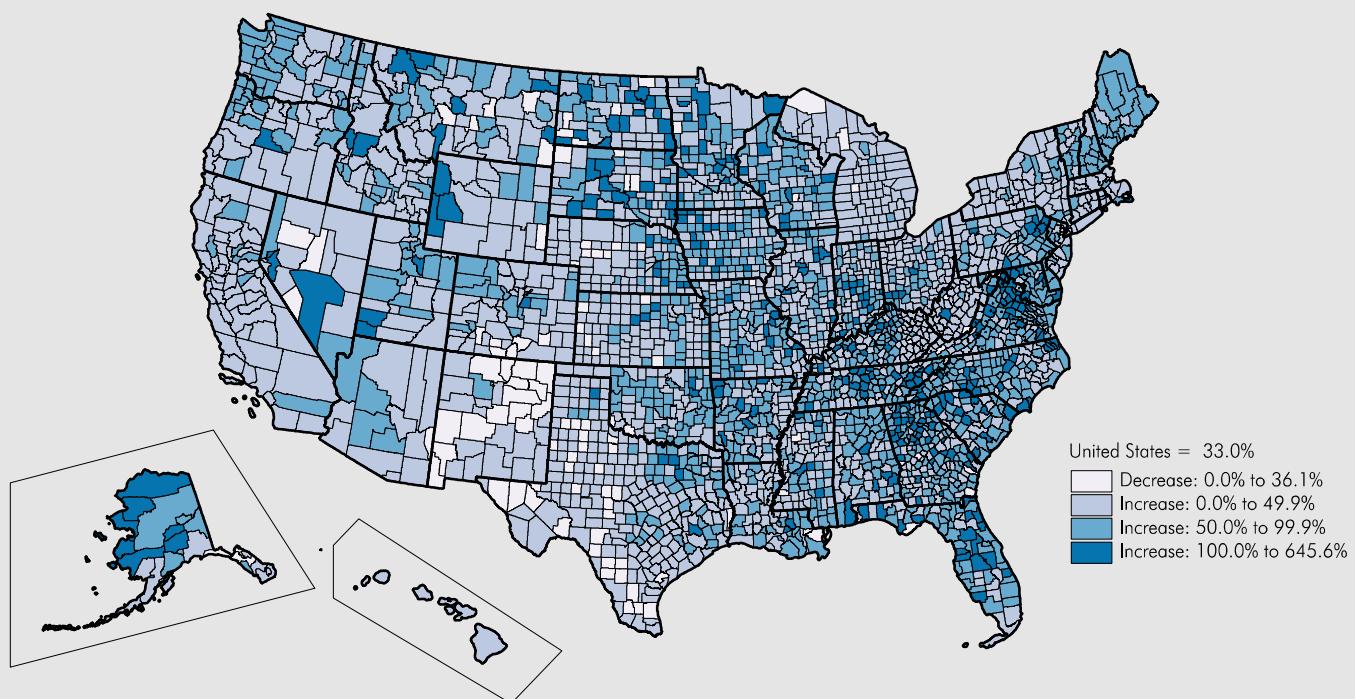


Notes: American Indian includes Alaska Natives. Asian includes Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders. Hispanic Origin represents persons of any race.

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, 2008, <http://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, 2008**

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Division, Table CC-EST2008-alldata-38 - County Population Estimates by Age, Sex, Race and Hispanic Origin:  
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**Table 1. Population by Race and Hispanic Origin in North Dakota by County: Census 2000 and July 1, 2008 Estimate**

Note: % Chg=the percent change in population from Census 2000 to the July 1, 2008 population estimate. NA=Not applicable.

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Area	One Race Only												Hispanic Origin (of any race)			Total Persons		
	White			Black			American Indian/ Alaska Native			Asian/Native Hawaiian/ and Pacific Islander								
	2000	2008	% Chg	2000	2008	% Chg	2000	2008	% Chg	2000	2008	% Chg	2000	2008	% Chg	2000	2008	% Chg
North Dakota	596,718	586,272	-1.8	4,157	6,956	67.3	31,440	35,666	13.4	3,912	5,095	30.2	7,786	13,227	69.9	642,200	641,481	-0.1
Adams	2,557	2,207	-13.7	14	14	0.0	8	9	12.5	6	4	-33.3	7	7	0.0	2,593	2,244	-13.5
Barnes	11,550	10,396	-10.0	55	79	43.6	91	109	19.8	22	26	18.2	64	80	25.0	11,775	10,682	-9.3
Benson	3,554	3,136	-11.8	7	30	328.6	3,348	3,682	10.0	2	4	100.0	55	147	167.3	6,964	6,953	-0.2
Billings	878	799	-9.0	0	0	NA	1	1	0.0	1	2	100.0	3	3	0.0	888	811	-8.7
Bottineau	6,964	6,085	-12.6	16	18	12.5	105	147	40.0	14	21	50.0	35	55	57.1	7,149	6,338	-11.3
Bowman	3,220	2,992	-7.1	1	1	0.0	5	7	40.0	1	2	100.0	22	63	186.4	3,242	3,019	-6.9
Burke	2,225	1,802	-19.0	6	5	-16.7	5	5	0.0	3	3	0.0	8	15	87.5	2,242	1,820	-18.8
Burleigh	66,134	73,467	11.1	187	515	175.4	2,283	3,437	50.5	305	510	67.2	468	1,132	141.9	69,416	78,689	13.4
Cass	117,949	131,013	11.1	1,134	2,997	164.3	1,343	2,212	64.7	1,613	2,173	34.7	1,518	3,175	109.2	123,138	139,918	13.6
Cavalier	4,749	3,751	-21.0	7	6	-14.3	25	28	12.0	5	8	60.0	31	31	0.0	4,831	3,841	-20.5
Dickey	5,662	5,106	-9.8	6	9	50.0	20	39	95.0	29	28	-3.4	78	106	35.9	5,757	5,237	-9.0
Divide	2,265	1,959	-13.5	0	0	NA	3	6	100.0	12	15	25.0	14	21	50.0	2,283	1,986	-13.0
Dunn	3,123	2,818	-9.8	1	2	100.0	448	467	4.2	3	3	0.0	27	43	59.3	3,600	3,318	-7.8
Eddy	2,663	2,280	-14.4	2	3	50.0	66	77	16.7	6	5	-16.7	17	19	11.8	2,757	2,388	-13.4
Emmons	4,304	3,352	-22.1	2	2	0.0	6	5	-16.7	15	14	-6.7	50	52	4.0	4,331	3,377	-22.0
Foster	3,729	3,400	-8.8	5	6	20.0	16	27	68.8	0	0	NA	7	23	228.6	3,759	3,447	-8.3
Golden Valley	1,887	1,602	-15.1	1	3	200.0	14	14	0.0	2	1	-50.0	20	25	25.0	1,924	1,640	-14.8
Grand Forks	62,049	61,896	-0.2	934	1,065	14.0	1,548	1,864	20.4	694	881	26.9	1,359	2,048	50.7	66,109	66,585	0.7
Grant	2,763	2,310	-16.4	0	0	NA	49	77	57.1	10	6	-40.0	17	19	11.8	2,841	2,415	-15.0
Griggs	2,739	2,345	-14.4	0	0	NA	6	6	0.0	4	3	-25.0	11	16	45.5	2,754	2,359	-14.3
Hettinger	2,688	2,323	-13.6	4	4	0.0	10	38	280.0	4	4	0.0	6	14	133.3	2,715	2,378	-12.4
Kidder	2,739	2,271	-17.1	5	5	0.0	3	5	66.7	2	6	200.0	16	36	125.0	2,753	2,290	-16.8
LaMoure	4,674	3,958	-15.3	2	2	0.0	8	9	12.5	6	6	0.0	26	34	30.8	4,701	3,986	-15.2
Logan	2,292	1,920	-16.2	2	2	0.0	3	3	0.0	4	3	-25.0	16	17	6.3	2,308	1,943	-15.8
McHenry	5,918	5,074	-14.3	5	5	0.0	24	44	83.3	4	4	0.0	24	42	75.0	5,987	5,168	-13.7
McIntosh	3,358	2,608	-22.3	0	0	NA	5	5	0.0	11	9	-18.2	28	30	7.1	3,390	2,639	-22.2
McKenzie	4,457	4,329	-2.9	4	30	650.0	1,216	1,230	1.2	4	10	150.0	58	93	60.3	5,737	5,674	-1.1
McLean	8,632	7,610	-11.8	2	9	350.0	568	587	3.3	12	19	58.3	81	97	19.8	9,311	8,337	-10.5
Mercer	8,344	7,503	-10.1	4	12	200.0	173	217	25.4	55	46	-16.4	32	51	59.4	8,644	7,854	-9.1
Morton	24,315	24,944	2.6	42	87	107.1	608	785	29.1	81	123	51.9	164	264	61.0	25,303	26,255	3.8
Mountain	4,548	4,086	-10.2	7	27	285.7	1,988	2,277	14.5	17	20	17.6	87	184	111.5	6,631	6,511	-1.8
Nelson	3,672	3,113	-15.2	3	3	0.0	13	19	46.2	11	14	27.3	6	21	250.0	3,715	3,166	-14.8
Oliver	2,016	1,644	-18.5	3	3	0.0	26	29	11.5	2	2	0.0	13	15	15.4	2,065	1,695	-17.9
Pembina	8,319	7,096	-14.7	13	29	123.1	124	149	20.2	21	20	-4.8	264	302	14.4	8,585	7,419	-13.6
Pierce	4,611	4,015	-12.9	6	8	33.3	32	48	50.0	12	9	-25.0	28	33	17.9	4,675	4,091	-12.5
Ramsey	11,174	9,929	-11.1	25	50	100.0	653	954	46.1	34	55	61.8	63	135	114.3	12,066	11,234	-6.9
Ransom	5,799	5,496	-5.2	11	13	18.2	19	49	157.9	15	19	26.7	48	62	29.2	5,890	5,628	-4.4
Renville	2,555	2,181	-14.6	6	9	50.0	17	23	35.3	12	14	16.7	19	23	21.1	2,610	2,245	-14.0
Richland	17,465	15,633	-10.5	62	84	35.5	301	385	27.9	54	66	22.2	123	260	111.4	17,998	16,334	-9.2
Rolette	3,453	3,423	-0.9	12	148	1133.3	9,994	9,713	-2.8	10	87	770.0	110	337	206.4	13,674	13,657	-0.1
Sargent	4,312	3,985	-7.6	2	4	100.0	20	25	25.0	4	4	0.0	32	43	34.4	4,366	4,048	-7.3
Sheridan	1,698	1,254	-26.1	2	2	0.0	7	7	0.0	0	0	NA	6	5	-16.7	1,710	1,266	-26.0
Sioux	588	760	29.3	1	14	1300.0	3,422	3,396	-0.8	3	5	66.7	65	131	101.5	4,044	4,232	4.6
Slope	765	672	-12.2	0	0	NA	1	1	0.0	0	0	NA	1	1	0.0	767	675	-12.0
Stark	22,164	21,911	-1.1	54	109	101.9	213	280	31.5	58	81	39.7	236	331	40.3	22,636	22,575	-0.3
Steele	2,226	1,759	-21.0	2	3	50.0	14	15	7.1	1	1	0.0	4	14	250.0	2,258	1,795	-20.5
Stutsman	21,431	19,703	-8.1	64	109	70.3	207	314	51.7	92	119	29.3	204	273	33.8	21,908	20,394	-6.9
Towner	2,800	2,111	-24.6	2	2	0.0	59	68	15.3	2	4	100.0	5	7	40.0	2,876	2,202	-23.4
Traill	8,343	7,646	-8.4	16	20	25.0	81	101	24.7	14	18	28.6	185	231	24.9	8,477	7,820	-7.8
Walsh	12,100	10,517	-13.1	45	51	13.3	129	165	27.9	36	48	33.3	700	1,043	49.0	12,389	10,880	-12.2
Ward	54,825	51,647	-5.8	1,341	1,285	-4.2	1,224	1,531	25.1	533	492	-7.7	1,125	1,737	54.4	58,795	55,986	-4.8
Wells	5,060	4,137	-18.2	7	7	0.0	12	17	41.7	12	16	33.3	15	19	26.7	5,102	4,191	-17.9
Williams	18,413	18,298	-0.6	25	65	160.0	876	958	9.4	39	62	59.0	185	262	41.6	19,761	19,846	0.4



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## North Dakota's Population Becoming More Racially, Ethnically Diverse

Although racial minorities in North Dakota continue to represent a relatively small proportion of the state's total population (fewer than one in 10), the racial minority population has grown by one-fifth over the past eight years.

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 population estimates by race and ethnicity as released from the U.S. Census Bureau, Population Division.

These estimates reveal a continuing increase in population diversity throughout North Dakota. The state's racial minority population (i.e., people who are nonwhite or report multiple races) totaled 55,209 in 2008, which is 8.6 percent of the state's total population of 641,481. While the white population (which comprises the vast majority of all people in the state) declined 1.8 percent (10,446 people) from 2000 to 2008, the racial minority population in North Dakota grew by 21.4 percent (9,727 people).

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Nationally, the Hispanic population grew 33.0 percent from 2000 to 2008.

"The growth in North Dakota's racial minority and Hispanic populations is helping to mitigate some of the population losses in rural areas, especially in the western portion of our state," said Richard Rathge, Director of the State Data Center.

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