

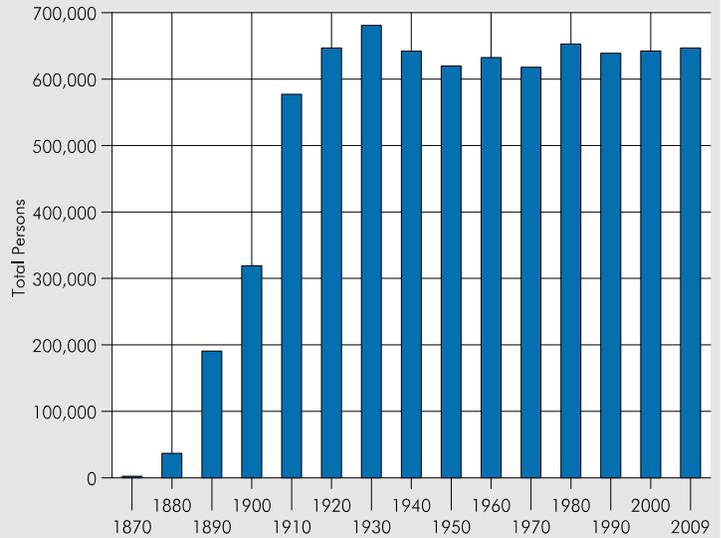
Annual Population for North Dakota: April 1, Census 2000 to the July 1, 2009 Estimate

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, current population estimates indicate that North Dakota's population was 646,844 in 2009, up 0.8 percent from 641,421 in 2008 (Table 1). Readers may notice that the 2008 estimate of 641,421 differs from the 2008 estimate released one year ago. It is important to recognize that most administrative record data sources used in calculating these estimates lag the current estimate year by up to two years. As updated data become available, the past years' estimates are revised so that the current year is always based on the most recent data available. For more information on methodology, visit the U.S. Census Bureau's Population Division at www.census.gov/popest/estimates.php.

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Figure 1. Total Population in North Dakota: 1870 to 2009



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 Counties in the United States: July 1, 2008 to July 1, 2009

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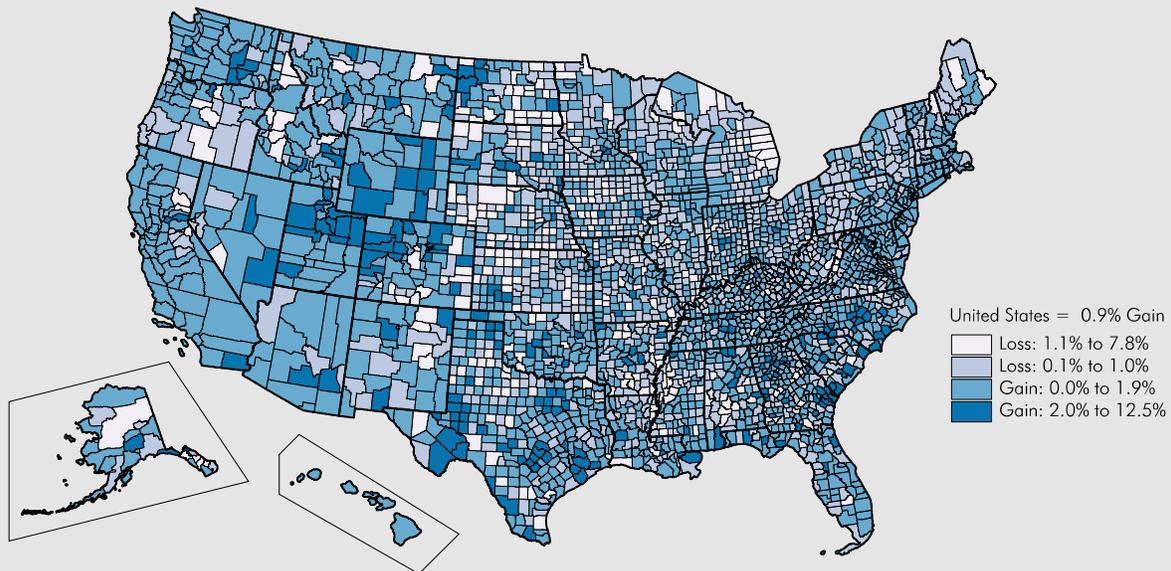


Table 1. Annual Population for North Dakota by County: April 1, Census 2000 to July 1, 2009 Estimate

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Area	Census 2000	July 1, Population Estimates										Percent Chg: 2008-2009
		2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	
North Dakota	642,200	641,200	636,267	633,617	632,809	636,303	635,365	636,771	638,202	641,421	646,844	0.8%
Adams	2,593	2,576	2,530	2,488	2,437	2,394	2,352	2,305	2,293	2,270	2,236	-1.5%
Barnes	11,775	11,704	11,419	11,220	11,100	11,072	10,993	10,894	10,807	10,753	10,753	0.0%
Benson	6,964	6,957	6,942	6,798	6,841	6,917	6,902	6,893	6,878	6,864	6,910	0.7%
Billings	888	877	883	860	830	804	788	759	785	798	827	3.6%
Bottineau	7,149	7,119	6,982	6,820	6,767	6,656	6,608	6,477	6,377	6,319	6,352	0.5%
Bowman	3,242	3,229	3,099	3,052	3,039	3,065	2,965	2,925	2,938	3,038	3,028	-0.3%
Burke	2,242	2,232	2,164	2,103	2,060	2,021	1,966	1,889	1,839	1,796	1,839	2.4%
Burleigh	69,416	69,530	70,096	71,021	71,851	72,622	74,126	75,673	77,178	78,445	79,822	1.8%
Cass	123,138	123,500	124,928	126,054	127,751	131,121	132,551	135,191	137,717	140,216	143,339	2.2%
Cavalier	4,831	4,803	4,653	4,543	4,431	4,316	4,213	4,009	3,838	3,767	3,699	-1.8%
Dickey	5,757	5,751	5,666	5,587	5,484	5,553	5,460	5,385	5,380	5,262	5,217	-0.9%
Divide	2,283	2,264	2,173	2,183	2,177	2,162	2,095	2,058	2,009	1,998	1,961	-1.9%
Dunn	3,600	3,595	3,553	3,498	3,455	3,355	3,313	3,305	3,290	3,315	3,365	1.5%
Eddy	2,757	2,741	2,670	2,627	2,616	2,590	2,546	2,455	2,419	2,375	2,288	-3.7%
Emmons	4,331	4,301	4,186	4,064	3,961	3,874	3,726	3,631	3,509	3,445	3,398	-1.4%
Foster	3,759	3,736	3,629	3,560	3,490	3,483	3,523	3,519	3,444	3,376	3,259	-3.5%
Golden Valley	1,924	1,916	1,862	1,822	1,797	1,733	1,699	1,660	1,652	1,638	1,621	-1.0%
Grand Forks	66,109	65,953	65,415	65,292	65,391	67,075	66,565	67,121	66,064	66,703	66,414	-0.4%
Grant	2,841	2,833	2,801	2,709	2,656	2,595	2,561	2,485	2,434	2,381	2,337	-1.8%
Griggs	2,754	2,730	2,633	2,579	2,549	2,494	2,470	2,402	2,373	2,340	2,346	0.3%
Hettinger	2,715	2,691	2,624	2,577	2,499	2,519	2,487	2,468	2,395	2,342	2,343	0.0%
Kidder	2,753	2,713	2,620	2,541	2,536	2,503	2,390	2,385	2,316	2,265	2,201	-2.8%
LaMoure	4,701	4,675	4,611	4,533	4,472	4,418	4,281	4,162	4,096	3,972	3,908	-1.6%
Logan	2,308	2,299	2,215	2,185	2,119	2,077	2,018	1,951	1,952	1,925	1,886	-2.0%
McHenry	5,987	5,950	5,818	5,719	5,667	5,564	5,439	5,357	5,214	5,193	5,173	-0.4%
McIntosh	3,390	3,376	3,305	3,210	3,163	3,040	2,952	2,865	2,723	2,647	2,582	-2.5%
McKenzie	5,737	5,714	5,603	5,610	5,491	5,454	5,524	5,495	5,540	5,610	5,799	3.4%
McLean	9,311	9,251	9,106	8,945	8,841	8,655	8,438	8,346	8,342	8,363	8,310	-0.6%
Mercer	8,644	8,596	8,486	8,424	8,330	8,212	8,088	7,979	7,967	7,866	7,873	0.1%
Morton	25,303	25,310	25,069	25,063	24,995	25,112	25,245	25,513	25,845	26,184	26,464	1.1%
Mountrail	6,631	6,603	6,540	6,475	6,454	6,501	6,471	6,388	6,482	6,569	6,791	3.4%
Nelson	3,715	3,696	3,586	3,448	3,404	3,406	3,379	3,266	3,224	3,171	3,129	-1.3%
Oliver	2,065	2,053	1,967	1,921	1,871	1,830	1,789	1,725	1,705	1,668	1,643	-1.5%
Pembina	8,585	8,551	8,341	8,181	8,159	8,053	7,865	7,743	7,580	7,455	7,392	-0.8%
Pierce	4,675	4,656	4,569	4,495	4,387	4,286	4,195	4,152	4,095	4,072	3,990	-2.0%
Ramsey	12,066	12,022	11,824	11,782	11,540	11,415	11,290	11,227	11,223	11,288	11,240	-0.4%
Ransom	5,890	5,885	5,849	5,814	5,825	5,775	5,748	5,696	5,745	5,659	5,500	-2.8%
Renville	2,610	2,591	2,521	2,514	2,461	2,422	2,401	2,361	2,260	2,207	2,227	0.9%
Richland	17,998	17,945	17,599	17,379	17,534	17,341	17,159	16,733	16,501	16,356	16,067	-1.8%
Rolette	13,674	13,678	13,733	13,682	13,580	13,626	13,628	13,588	13,643	13,706	13,797	0.7%
Sargent	4,366	4,355	4,329	4,244	4,134	4,073	4,117	4,133	4,079	4,009	3,951	-1.4%
Sheridan	1,710	1,697	1,620	1,565	1,513	1,440	1,406	1,350	1,310	1,247	1,228	-1.5%
Sioux	4,044	4,058	3,998	4,052	4,045	4,082	4,088	4,157	4,140	4,134	4,203	1.7%
Slope	767	760	739	727	713	695	685	687	652	667	649	-2.7%
Stark	22,636	22,553	22,358	22,152	22,087	22,082	22,100	22,096	22,404	22,517	22,847	1.5%
Steele	2,258	2,239	2,164	2,095	2,049	2,022	1,970	1,901	1,842	1,805	1,747	-3.2%
Stutsman	21,908	21,841	21,560	21,367	21,113	20,873	20,766	20,732	20,449	20,340	20,463	0.6%
Towner	2,876	2,857	2,769	2,703	2,616	2,542	2,464	2,393	2,300	2,223	2,209	-0.6%
Trail	8,477	8,467	8,312	8,246	8,174	8,197	8,121	8,011	8,071	7,912	7,868	-0.6%
Walsh	12,389	12,356	12,095	11,778	11,651	11,482	11,370	11,188	11,007	10,899	10,798	-0.9%
Ward	58,795	58,684	57,749	57,128	56,800	56,996	56,458	56,099	56,092	56,104	57,012	1.6%
Wells	5,102	5,079	4,874	4,766	4,647	4,564	4,475	4,316	4,218	4,150	4,092	-1.4%
Williams	19,761	19,652	19,430	19,416	19,256	19,144	19,136	19,272	19,566	19,797	20,451	3.3%

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North Dakota's Population Surpasses 2000 Census

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"What is most impressive about the latest round of population estimates in North Dakota is the continued strength of population shifts in western North Dakota. Fourteen of the 19 growing counties in the state, based on these estimates, are in the western half of the state," said Richard Rathge, Director of the State Data Center.

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