

Housing Units in North Dakota: July 1, 2009 Estimates

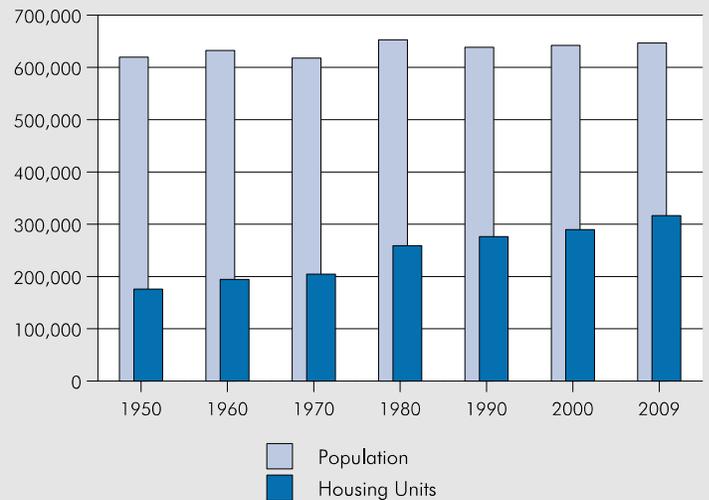
North Dakota's population remained relatively stable from 1950 to 2009. During the same time, housing units grew substantially (Figure 1). In 1950, housing units totaled 175,769 statewide, compared with 289,677 in 2000. This represents a 65 percent increase in housing during this 50-year period. Current estimates suggest a 9 percent growth from 2000 to 2009, reaching 316,435 housing units (Table 1).

North Dakota's metropolitan counties of Burleigh, Cass, Grand Forks, and Morton along with the western counties of Stark, Ward, and Williams are the largest contributors to growth in housing throughout the state since 2000.

Nationally, housing grew 12 percent from 2000 to 2009, 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, 2009 Estimate



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

Figure 2. Percent Change in the Number of Housing Units in the United States by County: 2000 to 2009

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Decennial Censuses; U.S. Census Bureau, Population Division, Table HU-EST2009-County Housing Unit Estimates, <http://www.census.gov/popest/housing>

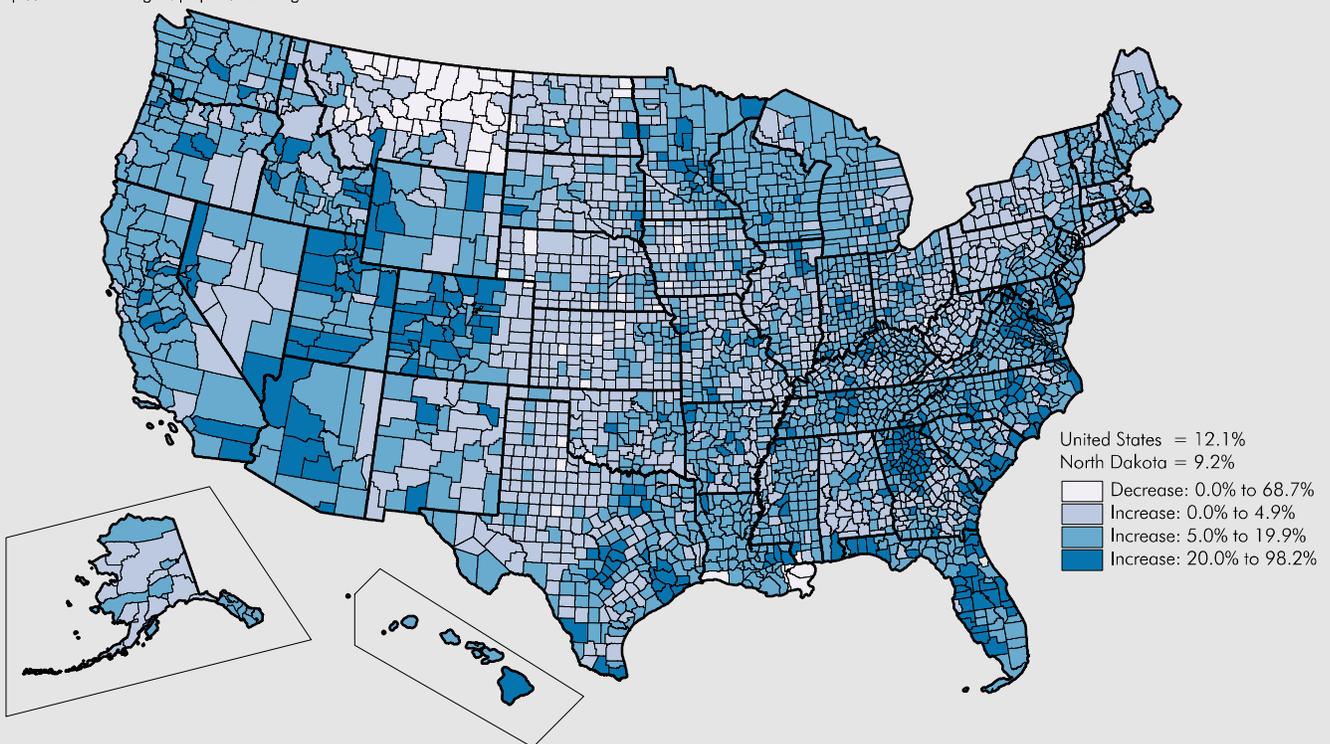


Table 1. Housing Units in North Dakota by County: 1950 to 2000 Census and July 1, 2001 to July 1, 2009 Estimates

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Decennial Censuses; U.S. Census Bureau, Population Division, Table HU-EST2009-38-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	2009
North Dakota	175,769	194,597	204,235	258,772	276,340	289,677	292,388	294,829	297,890	301,299	305,063	308,458	311,273	314,105	316,435
Adams	1,454	1,418	1,317	1,563	1,504	1,416	1,426	1,424	1,424	1,422	1,423	1,423	1,427	1,427	1,426
Barnes	4,939	5,151	5,302	5,976	5,801	5,599	5,606	5,621	5,626	5,668	5,707	5,743	5,776	5,803	5,848
Benson	3,086	3,003	2,718	3,084	3,163	2,932	2,952	2,965	2,981	2,997	3,010	3,007	3,002	3,003	3,003
Billings	487	429	392	517	533	529	530	531	530	531	531	531	530	531	532
Bottineau	3,878	4,219	4,009	4,679	4,661	4,409	4,436	4,466	4,491	4,514	4,536	4,536	4,529	4,545	4,545
Bowman	1,272	1,371	1,365	1,722	1,691	1,596	1,599	1,600	1,600	1,597	1,599	1,597	1,596	1,600	1,602
Burke	2,241	2,202	1,813	1,816	1,691	1,412	1,419	1,423	1,427	1,430	1,432	1,432	1,429	1,428	1,428
Burleigh	7,185	10,311	12,983	20,848	23,803	29,003	29,502	30,115	30,715	31,412	32,008	32,501	33,108	33,717	34,327
Cass	16,506	20,679	24,278	35,215	42,407	53,790	55,057	56,247	57,795	59,408	61,357	63,238	64,351	65,567	66,293
Cavalier	3,332	3,213	2,932	3,123	3,038	2,725	2,735	2,745	2,756	2,753	2,757	2,755	2,752	2,756	2,756
Dickey	2,665	2,605	2,471	2,838	2,763	2,656	2,665	2,668	2,675	2,683	2,686	2,684	2,689	2,690	2,688
Divide	2,022	2,008	1,667	1,783	1,667	1,469	1,474	1,478	1,478	1,477	1,475	1,472	1,473	1,471	1,469
Dunn	1,869	1,851	1,605	1,849	2,057	1,965	1,970	1,971	1,971	1,970	1,970	1,968	1,978	1,984	1,985
Eddy	1,509	1,518	1,477	1,541	1,470	1,418	1,426	1,432	1,435	1,439	1,441	1,439	1,436	1,435	1,434
Emmons	2,478	2,317	2,167	2,322	2,200	2,168	2,182	2,188	2,190	2,186	2,185	2,182	2,179	2,177	2,176
Foster	1,551	1,635	1,649	1,827	1,876	1,793	1,796	1,798	1,798	1,798	1,800	1,801	1,798	1,798	1,796
Golden Valley	1,034	995	915	1,033	1,035	973	971	972	974	972	970	970	969	967	967
Grand Forks	10,788	14,185	18,192	24,563	27,085	27,373	27,422	27,493	27,705	28,161	28,576	29,013	29,385	29,625	29,866
Grant	1,875	1,886	1,649	1,969	2,011	1,722	1,732	1,739	1,747	1,754	1,761	1,758	1,755	1,754	1,754
Griggs	1,640	1,684	1,658	1,739	1,660	1,521	1,525	1,529	1,533	1,537	1,545	1,542	1,539	1,538	1,536
Hettinger	1,845	1,810	1,579	1,668	1,637	1,419	1,421	1,425	1,429	1,432	1,437	1,435	1,433	1,432	1,430
Kidder	1,685	1,615	1,505	1,740	1,672	1,610	1,620	1,632	1,646	1,658	1,668	1,666	1,664	1,664	1,664
LaMoure	2,647	2,639	2,550	2,527	2,434	2,271	2,286	2,295	2,316	2,324	2,331	2,330	2,326	2,327	2,325
Logan	1,616	1,586	1,384	1,422	1,335	1,193	1,199	1,201	1,205	1,208	1,214	1,212	1,209	1,209	1,210
McHenry	3,615	3,505	3,223	3,437	3,320	2,983	3,005	3,019	3,031	3,032	3,041	3,040	3,041	3,040	3,047
McIntosh	2,150	2,153	1,982	2,197	2,031	1,853	1,863	1,867	1,866	1,866	1,870	1,874	1,870	1,868	1,866
McKenzie	2,183	2,451	2,227	2,944	3,178	2,719	2,740	2,753	2,769	2,786	2,797	2,795	2,798	2,801	2,801
McLean	5,356	4,723	4,282	5,754	5,515	5,264	5,277	5,290	5,311	5,331	5,358	5,368	5,406	5,444	5,461
Mercer	2,375	2,336	2,253	3,978	4,496	4,402	4,424	4,443	4,456	4,466	4,474	4,477	4,477	4,485	4,503
Morton	5,204	6,091	6,317	9,382	9,467	10,587	10,706	10,788	10,979	11,147	11,321	11,480	11,745	11,988	12,106
Mountrail	3,060	3,254	3,176	3,201	3,675	3,438	3,447	3,450	3,454	3,467	3,510	3,522	3,528	3,550	3,607
Nelson	2,449	2,416	2,214	2,442	2,261	2,014	2,017	2,031	2,032	2,032	2,032	2,029	2,026	2,023	2,020
Oliver	813	749	753	960	968	903	905	904	904	903	902	901	900	901	901
Pembina	3,979	4,001	3,894	4,438	4,294	4,115	4,119	4,116	4,113	4,110	4,123	4,118	4,112	4,114	4,115
Pierce	2,271	2,185	2,076	2,376	2,355	2,269	2,280	2,284	2,294	2,290	2,286	2,284	2,283	2,280	2,278
Ramsey	4,049	4,121	4,387	5,259	5,616	5,729	5,759	5,769	5,780	5,799	5,816	5,819	5,812	5,812	5,813
Ransom	2,608	2,633	2,602	2,712	2,569	2,604	2,655	2,695	2,725	2,744	2,750	2,750	2,747	2,747	2,744
Renville	1,711	1,628	1,395	1,530	1,558	1,413	1,424	1,428	1,433	1,440	1,444	1,443	1,440	1,440	1,439
Richland	5,535	5,719	5,749	7,182	7,394	7,575	7,595	7,626	7,636	7,653	7,670	7,692	7,731	7,758	7,763
Rolette	2,702	2,675	3,015	3,923	4,742	5,027	5,038	5,034	5,030	5,025	5,050	5,048	5,043	5,047	5,051
Sargent	2,141	2,032	2,025	2,210	2,057	2,016	2,026	2,032	2,046	2,054	2,064	2,085	2,094	2,099	2,101
Sheridan	1,486	1,386	1,202	1,180	1,061	924	928	930	933	931	933	932	936	937	936
Sioux	862	851	943	1,062	1,175	1,216	1,228	1,236	1,247	1,257	1,264	1,263	1,262	1,263	1,263
Slope	702	622	477	513	481	451	454	456	459	462	464	464	463	463	463
Stark	4,194	5,103	5,748	8,487	9,585	9,722	9,770	9,825	9,881	9,958	10,036	10,160	10,240	10,318	10,406
Steele	1,528	1,549	1,394	1,447	1,311	1,231	1,235	1,238	1,241	1,244	1,250	1,259	1,264	1,270	1,269
Stutsman	6,285	7,037	7,741	9,663	9,770	9,817	9,869	9,871	9,884	9,894	9,924	9,942	9,995	10,004	10,036
Towner	1,938	1,855	1,684	1,692	1,770	1,558	1,563	1,566	1,570	1,574	1,582	1,580	1,577	1,576	1,576
Trails	3,342	3,412	3,529	3,926	3,770	3,708	3,718	3,723	3,733	3,737	3,748	3,756	3,765	3,773	3,774
Walsh	5,199	5,508	5,307	6,153	6,093	5,757	5,764	5,762	5,763	5,759	5,755	5,749	5,746	5,755	5,751
Ward	10,130	14,098	17,402	21,521	23,585	25,097	25,270	25,362	25,476	25,587	25,736	25,916	26,111	26,253	26,506
Wells	3,017	3,025	2,881	2,886	2,869	2,643	2,651	2,656	2,663	2,670	2,674	2,671	2,666	2,666	2,663
Williams	5,281	7,149	6,780	8,953	10,180	9,680	9,707	9,717	9,734	9,750	9,770	9,806	9,862	9,982	10,116



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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 316,435 units in 2009.

This month's "Population Bulletin," a monthly publication from the North Dakota State Data Center at North Dakota State University, presents the July 1, 2009 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 a 9 percent growth from 2000 to 2009.

"Housing growth has been an interesting irony for North Dakota recently. Even though we have had a robust economy this decade, the housing expansion has been modest, especially in the western counties where housing demand has soared due to energy development activity," said Richard Rathge, director of the State Data Center.

North Dakota's metropolitan counties of Burleigh, Cass, Grand Forks, and Morton along with the western counties of Stark, Ward, and Williams are the largest contributors to growth in housing throughout the state since 2000.

In contrast to the state's growth in housing, population has remained relatively unchanged over the past several decades. Changes in household composition help explain this apparent contradiction. In 1950, people living alone comprised 9 percent of all households. By 2009, the percentage living by themselves more than tripled to 31 percent. With more people living by themselves, North Dakota's average household size has declined. In 1950, North Dakota households averaged 3.7 people each. In 2009, the average household size dropped to 2.2 persons per household.

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