

Federal Government Expenditures to North Dakota: Fiscal Year 2008

According to the *Consolidated Federal Funds Report (CFFR)* published by the U. S. Census Bureau, North Dakota received \$7.3 billion of the \$2.8 trillion in funds the federal government distributed nationally in 2008. The CFFR categorizes federal expenditures into direct payments, grants, procurement contracts, and salaries and wages (Figure 1).

Direct payments to individuals for retirement and disability include Social Security, veteran benefits, various federal retirement and disability payments, and other compensation funds. Social Security alone accounted for \$1.3 billion of North Dakota funds in 2008. Examples of *other direct payments* include crop insurance, agricultural assistance programs, Medicare, Food Stamps, unemployment compensation, housing assistance, federal employee life and health insurance, and various Native American programs. Combined, Medicare and crop insurance accounted for \$1.8 billion of North Dakota funds in 2008.

Grants include block, formula, project, and cooperative agreement grants. They represent the federal obligation incurred at the time the grant was awarded and do not represent actual expenditures. Of the more than 400 grant programs receiving federal funds in North Dakota, two programs accounted for \$643 million of all federal funds North Dakota received in 2008 (Medicaid and highway planning and construction). *Procurement contracts* refer to governmental purchases and contractual outlays. *Salaries and wages* include payroll expenditures for the military, postal employees, and the FBI among others.

North Dakota, with a relatively small population base, ranks well nationally on a per-capita basis for federal funds received. Per-capita federal expenditures to North Dakota totaled \$11,415 in 2008 (Table 1), ranking North Dakota seventh in the nation among states. Nationally, per-capita federal expenditures totaled \$9,041 in 2008, which was 21 percent below North Dakota's level. Per-capita federal funds to North Dakota ranged from a low of \$6,905 in Morton County to a high of \$32,061 in Grant County (Figure 2).

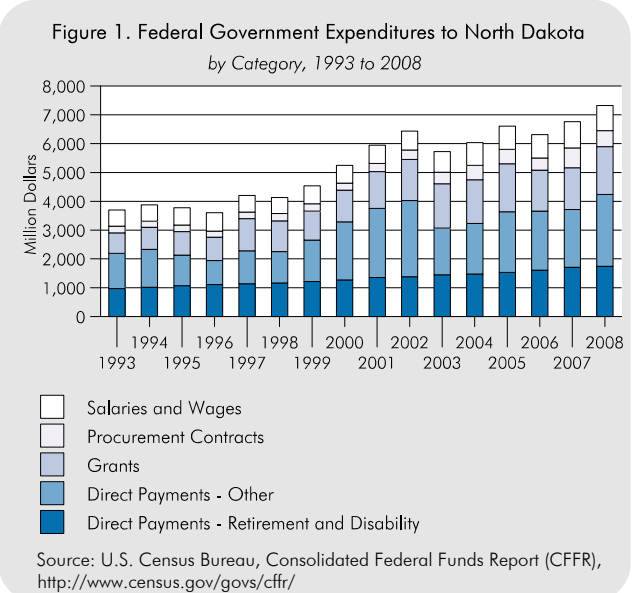


Figure 2. Per-Capita Federal Government Expenditures to North Dakota by County: Fiscal Year 2008
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Consolidated Federal Funds Report (CFFR), <http://www.census.gov/govs/cffr/>.

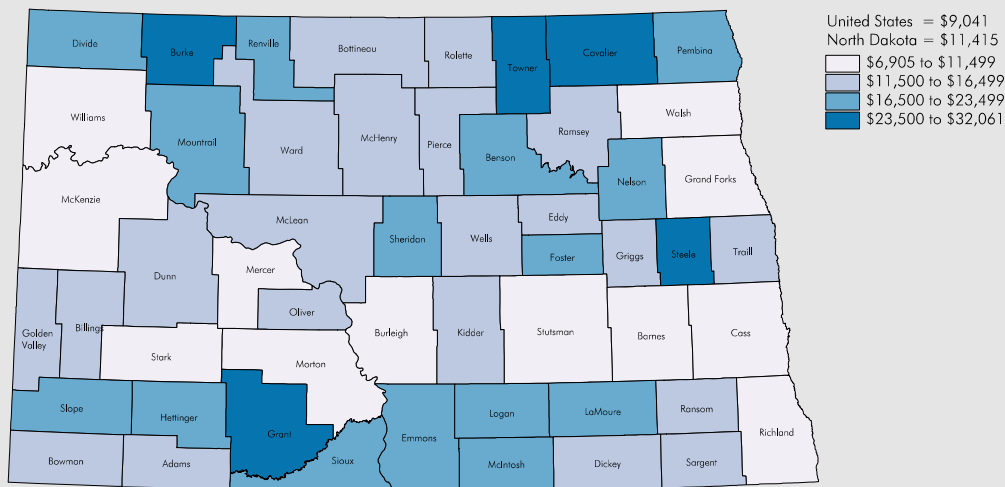


Table 1. Federal Government Expenditures to North Dakota by County: Fiscal Year 2008

Note: NA indicates that data are not applicable. *Undistributed represents funds for which no specific geographic destination in North Dakota was reported.
 Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Consolidated Federal Funds Report (CFFR), <http://www.census.gov/govs/cffr/>.

Area	Total Expenditures	Per-Capita Expenditures	Total Expenditures by Category				
			Direct Payments		Grants	Procurement Contracts	Salaries and Wages
			Retirement and Disability	Other			
North Dakota	\$7,322,574,046	\$11,415	\$1,747,491,553	\$2,490,454,384	\$1,660,074,902	\$552,108,464	\$872,444,743
Adams	\$35,066,373	\$15,627	\$8,670,050	\$18,237,859	\$6,767,140	\$254,080	\$1,137,244
Barnes	\$122,393,678	\$11,458	\$34,994,642	\$60,932,277	\$19,828,104	\$1,267,362	\$5,371,293
Benson	\$123,399,264	\$17,748	\$16,121,703	\$48,698,264	\$37,749,647	\$13,917,909	\$6,911,741
Billings	\$12,130,489	\$14,957	\$1,265,845	\$6,850,454	\$435,211	\$1,988,042	\$1,590,937
Bottineau	\$89,997,993	\$14,200	\$21,934,450	\$45,466,720	\$16,639,072	\$803,955	\$5,153,796
Bowman	\$36,218,829	\$11,997	\$10,132,793	\$18,379,742	\$6,169,802	\$307,311	\$1,229,181
Burke	\$57,363,460	\$31,518	\$7,524,405	\$21,876,711	\$3,879,170	\$18,192,867	\$5,890,307
Burleigh	\$768,318,038	\$9,764	\$213,412,334	\$128,644,695	\$323,828,494	\$36,420,105	\$66,012,410
Cass	\$1,015,806,724	\$7,260	\$289,940,561	\$180,061,944	\$228,613,191	\$167,258,803	\$149,932,225
Cavalier	\$108,851,766	\$28,339	\$14,113,217	\$70,419,186	\$21,277,422	\$488,823	\$2,553,118
Dickey	\$79,350,918	\$15,152	\$15,563,982	\$49,012,197	\$12,087,049	\$561,138	\$2,126,552
Divide	\$38,464,845	\$19,368	\$6,795,005	\$22,722,495	\$6,755,106	\$408,743	\$1,783,496
Dunn	\$42,720,957	\$12,876	\$6,971,979	\$27,040,880	\$6,628,230	\$670,624	\$1,409,244
Eddy	\$34,950,588	\$14,636	\$9,338,953	\$15,883,207	\$7,604,516	\$380,794	\$1,743,118
Emmons	\$61,857,180	\$18,317	\$12,272,856	\$30,886,349	\$16,852,767	\$484,964	\$1,360,244
Foster	\$60,740,278	\$17,621	\$11,414,476	\$21,941,889	\$17,708,236	\$7,800,874	\$1,874,803
Golden Valley	\$22,832,857	\$13,922	\$5,798,584	\$12,193,319	\$4,043,864	\$107,468	\$689,622
Grand Forks	\$628,402,856	\$9,438	\$133,424,123	\$112,351,164	\$131,272,296	\$106,161,038	\$145,194,235
Grant	\$77,427,861	\$32,061	\$12,427,722	\$22,720,349	\$10,024,896	\$318,650	\$31,936,244
Griggs	\$36,702,621	\$15,559	\$9,047,783	\$21,637,292	\$4,401,556	\$402,809	\$1,213,181
Hettinger	\$54,690,978	\$22,999	\$9,138,718	\$32,914,978	\$11,087,179	\$211,733	\$1,338,370
Kidder	\$37,268,756	\$16,275	\$7,216,367	\$21,637,325	\$6,516,519	\$296,427	\$1,602,118
LaMoure	\$76,581,776	\$19,213	\$14,709,912	\$47,330,667	\$11,041,805	\$616,777	\$2,882,615
Logan	\$34,867,064	\$17,945	\$6,503,616	\$18,736,985	\$8,386,360	\$211,733	\$1,028,370
McHenry	\$72,829,953	\$14,092	\$18,995,715	\$34,456,163	\$15,021,403	\$733,498	\$3,623,174
McIntosh	\$50,079,438	\$18,977	\$11,044,848	\$27,294,908	\$10,035,248	\$275,253	\$1,429,181
McKenzie	\$57,722,268	\$10,173	\$11,910,551	\$29,652,305	\$12,140,730	\$435,816	\$3,582,866
McLean	\$136,186,318	\$16,335	\$32,934,315	\$55,524,996	\$24,391,266	\$17,227,756	\$6,107,985
Mercer	\$61,911,850	\$7,883	\$21,730,059	\$23,044,057	\$13,728,151	\$690,094	\$2,719,489
Morton	\$181,300,308	\$6,905	\$70,616,395	\$56,076,466	\$45,855,091	\$998,504	\$7,753,852
Mountrail	\$110,890,141	\$17,031	\$19,589,346	\$42,224,318	\$40,517,573	\$3,009,101	\$5,549,803
Nelson	\$64,558,811	\$20,391	\$15,555,559	\$37,030,692	\$9,512,103	\$459,779	\$2,000,678
Oliver	\$20,264,737	\$11,956	\$3,892,152	\$9,938,677	\$6,106,432	\$41,602	\$285,874
Pembina	\$148,801,462	\$20,057	\$24,702,405	\$53,173,599	\$37,440,392	\$16,322,081	\$17,162,985
Pierce	\$55,956,257	\$13,678	\$12,862,452	\$28,677,959	\$12,702,522	\$254,080	\$1,459,244
Ramsey	\$138,647,113	\$12,342	\$38,986,480	\$63,136,102	\$23,862,053	\$3,130,122	\$9,532,356
Ransom	\$66,283,700	\$11,777	\$16,943,385	\$36,572,793	\$9,394,549	\$778,484	\$2,594,489
Renville	\$39,549,740	\$17,617	\$8,589,591	\$24,036,252	\$5,141,573	\$260,080	\$1,522,244
Richland	\$155,830,941	\$9,540	\$38,876,235	\$79,913,781	\$27,579,702	\$3,857,000	\$5,604,223
Rolette	\$179,654,080	\$13,155	\$33,549,459	\$45,234,878	\$61,703,669	\$7,070,648	\$32,095,426
Sargent	\$66,092,930	\$16,327	\$12,611,613	\$40,067,519	\$10,252,274	\$572,846	\$2,588,678
Sheridan	\$28,180,285	\$22,259	\$4,815,528	\$15,836,403	\$6,765,692	\$127,040	\$635,622
Sioux	\$83,067,612	\$19,628	\$7,681,996	\$23,997,760	\$39,655,657	\$2,925,640	\$8,806,559
Slope	\$14,930,392	\$22,119	\$1,147,790	\$12,075,291	\$1,600,201	\$21,173	\$85,937
Stark	\$172,257,026	\$7,630	\$60,526,680	\$67,438,040	\$31,648,244	\$2,432,084	\$10,211,978
Steele	\$51,735,211	\$28,822	\$6,451,474	\$26,326,870	\$7,275,581	\$10,784,727	\$896,559
Stutsman	\$209,743,566	\$10,285	\$63,363,931	\$82,779,717	\$46,330,875	\$4,037,016	\$13,232,027
Towner	\$52,642,513	\$23,907	\$8,142,693	\$35,987,809	\$6,942,732	\$263,909	\$1,305,370
Traill	\$93,231,690	\$11,922	\$25,202,950	\$41,004,249	\$17,996,140	\$6,158,240	\$2,870,111
Walsh	\$122,204,782	\$11,232	\$35,356,666	\$62,697,163	\$18,751,307	\$931,227	\$4,468,419
Ward	\$676,794,151	\$12,089	\$172,597,502	\$111,500,872	\$69,486,943	\$96,471,710	\$226,737,124
Wells	\$66,955,542	\$15,976	\$17,864,480	\$36,873,166	\$9,171,354	\$828,053	\$2,218,489
Williams	\$164,012,108	\$8,264	\$58,939,893	\$60,936,437	\$26,033,369	\$11,477,872	\$6,624,537
Undistributed*	\$323,852,972	NA	\$13,275,334	\$170,368,194	\$93,434,444	\$0	\$46,775,000

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Federal Expenditure Dollars to North Dakota Up in 2008

North Dakota received \$7.3 billion of the \$2.8 trillion in funds the federal government expended nationally in 2008, an increase of 8 percent from 2007.

This month's "Population Bulletin," a monthly publication from the North Dakota State Data Center at North Dakota State University, focuses on federal expenditure data obtained from the 2008 Consolidated Federal Funds Report (CFFR) published by the U.S. Census Bureau.

During the mid to late 1990s, federal dollars flowing into North Dakota showed little variation, averaging approximately \$4 billion per year. From 1999 to 2002, federal expenditures to North Dakota increased 12 percent per year on average. Federal expenditures decreased 11 percent from 2002 to 2003, but then increased 5 percent in 2004 and 10 percent in 2005. After a dip of 5 percent in 2006, total federal expenditures to North Dakota increased 7 percent in 2007 and 8 percent in 2008.

A sizeable proportion of North Dakota's increase in 2008 can be attributed to increases in crop insurance payments, Medicare, and crop disaster grant monies. In 2008, direct payments for crop insurance totaled \$940 million, which is up from \$629 million in 2007. Medicare payments rose from \$713 million in 2007 to \$817 million in 2008 and grant money for the crop disaster program rose from \$3.7 million in 2007 to \$179 million in 2008.

Of the \$7.3 billion the federal government spent in North Dakota in 2008, nearly one-fifth of the funds went to Social Security (\$1.3 billion). "This amount is expected to dramatically increase as North Dakota's baby boom population starts tapping into Social Security. The leading edge of the baby boom turns 65 next year," said Richard Rathge, Director of the State Data Center.

Crop insurance payments accounted for 13 percent of total funds to North Dakota in 2008 and Medicare accounted for 12 percent. Of the more than 400 grant programs receiving federal funds in North Dakota, two programs accounted for \$643 million (9 percent) of all federal funds North Dakota received in 2008: Medicaid (\$401 million) and highway planning and construction (\$242 million). Procurement contracts (governmental purchases and contractual outlays) to North Dakota totaled \$552 million and salaries/wages for federal employees in North Dakota totaled \$872 million in 2008.

While North Dakota received less than half a percent of all federal funds distributed nationally, the state fared better on a per-capita basis. Per-capita federal expenditures to North Dakota totaled \$11,415 in 2008, ranking North Dakota seventh in the nation. Nationally, per-capita federal expenditures totaled \$9,041 in 2008, which was 21 percent below North Dakota's level. Per-capita federal funds to North Dakota ranged from a low of \$6,905 in Morton County to a high of \$32,061 in Grant County.

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