## Firms Owned by American Indians and Alaska Natives in North Dakota: 2007

The number of North Dakota firms owned by American Indians and Alaska natives (AIAN) totaled 988 in 2007, which is an increase of 16 percent from 852 firms in 2002 (Figure 2). Total revenue of North Dakota AIAN firms was $\$ 198$ million in 2007, which is up 43 percent from 2002 after adjusting for inflation.

In 2007, the largest industry, in terms of the number of firms owned by American Indians and Alaska natives, was health care and social assistance (208 firms with $\$ 3$ million in revenue) (Figure 1). The largest industry in terms of revenue generated by AIAN firms was construction (134 firms with $\$ 59$ million in revenue).

American Indians and Alaska natives, North Dakota's largest minority group, represented 5 percent of the population statewide and owned 2 percent of all North Dakota firms in 2007. Nationally, 1 percent of firms were owned by American Indians and Alaska natives.

The 2007 Survey of Business Owners (SBO) defines American Indian and Alaska native-owned firms as privately held nonfarm business organizations (companies with one or more establishments) in which American Indians and Alaska natives own 51 percent or more of the interest or stock of the business. The SBO excludes businesses owned by an American Indian tribal entity, which are considered to be government-owned entities.


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Figure 1. Industries with the Most Firms Owned by American Indians and Alaska Natives in North Dakota: 2007

U.S. Census Bureau, 2007 Survey of Business Owners (SBO), Company Statistics Series: Statistics for All U.S. Firms by Geographic Area, Industry, Gender, Ethnicity, and Race: 2007, Released March 11, 2011, http://www.census.gov/econ/sbo/.

[^0]Table 1. Statistics for All Firms and Firms Owned by American Indians and Alaska Natives by State: 2007
Note: ' $\mathrm{S}^{\prime}$ - Withheld because estimate did not meet publication standards. ' $D$ ' - Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual companies; data are included in higher level totals. 'b' 20 to 99 employees. Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2007 Survey of Business Owners (SBO), Company Statistics Series: Statistics for All U.S. Firms by Geographic Area, Industry, Gender, Ethnicity, and Race: 2007, Released March 11, 2011, http://www.census.gov/econ/sbo/.

| State | All Firms <br> (with and without Employees) |  | Firms Owned by American Indians and Alaska Natives |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | All Firms |  | Firms with Paid Employees |  |  |  |
|  | Firms (number) | Sales and Receipts $(\$ 1,000)$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Firms } \\ \text { (number) } \end{gathered}$ | Sales and Receipts $(\$ 1,000)$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Firms } \\ \text { (number) } \end{gathered}$ | Sales and Receipts $(\$ 1,000)$ | Employees (number) | Annual Payroll ( $\$ 1,000$ ) |
| United States | 27,097,236 | 30,033,458,345 | 236,967 | 34,388,920 | 23,704 | 27,516,059 | 184,416 | 5,926,577 |
| Alabama | 382,449 | 408,241,241 | 3,068 | 650,084 | 422 | 553,537 | 5,254 | 138,712 |
| Alaska | 68,733 | 70,741,748 | 6,852 | 903,144 | 408 | 714,416 | 4,191 | 151,736 |
| Arizona | 491,550 | 492,600,361 | 9,108 | 832,279 | 511 | 610,948 | 6,790 | 141,724 |
| Arkansas | 239,081 | 237,498,701 | 2,650 | 405,120 | 324 | 329,221 | 2,469 | 63,089 |
| California | 3,425,818 | 3,765,938,646 | 45,629 | 4,638,264 | 3,823 | 3,052,042 | 20,174 | 706,613 |
| Colorado | 547,837 | 482,485,956 | 4,618 | 697,481 | 639 | 579,151 | 3,432 | 123,606 |
| Connecticut | 332,183 | 523,362,596 | 1,626 | 140,254 | 91 | 70,500 | 442 | 19,843 |
| Delaware | 74,590 | 148,387,886 | S | S | S | S | S | S |
| Dist. of Col. | 55,909 | 120,725,735 | 507 | 58,309 | 33 | 32,381 | 209 | 13,968 |
| Florida | 2,009,747 | 1,467,083,787 | 9,747 | 1,061,483 | 886 | 780,958 | 3,655 | 125,384 |
| Georgia | 901,281 | 923,749,723 | 5,979 | 875,748 | 484 | 651,863 | 6,098 | 173,387 |
| Hawaii | 120,394 | 97,093,813 | 1,555 | 317,772 | 135 | 282,817 | 1,307 | 45,641 |
| Idaho | 151,671 | 124,016,977 | 1,348 | 198,917 | 204 | 171,091 | 1,407 | 49,165 |
| Illinois | 1,124,087 | 1,473,224,693 | 5,467 | 703,062 | 588 | 539,598 | 4,691 | 110,306 |
| Indiana | 482,983 | 640,533,046 | 2,210 | 236,874 | 244 | 194,184 | 1,294 | 43,945 |
| lowa | 259,985 | 312,276,501 | 604 | 42,446 | 88 | 30,695 | 314 | 8,103 |
| Kansas | 237,100 | 302,282,664 | 2,228 | 539,813 | 299 | 473,128 | 3,257 | 75,372 |
| Kentucky | 337,627 | 395,023,300 | 1,015 | 116,622 | S | S | S | S |
| Lovisiana | 375,863 | 519,744,685 | 2,682 | 629,421 | 295 | 560,015 | 2,836 | 98,015 |
| Maine | 150,389 | 93,506,200 | 714 | 45,658 | 99 | 35,237 | 257 | 6,995 |
| Maryland | 528,207 | 497,133,240 | 3,302 | 325,042 | 318 | 239,231 | 1,971 | 79,595 |
| Massachusetts | 596,835 | 761,977,465 | 2,294 | 219,697 | 343 | 170,393 | 1,320 | 38,221 |
| Michigan | 817,162 | 858,127,517 | 6,079 | 754,576 | 614 | 636,838 | 5,160 | 163,017 |
| Minnesota | 496,742 | 597,102,941 | 2,890 | 538,135 | 380 | 476,983 | 4,180 | 135,308 |
| Mississippi | 226,034 | 200,173,837 | 727 | 154,425 | 122 | 137,393 | 756 | 24,842 |
| Missouri | 501,130 | 555,390,879 | 2,895 | 430,833 | 477 | 354,223 | 2,827 | 85,195 |
| Montana | 114,439 | 70,170,306 | 2,343 | 427,351 | S | S | S | S |
| Nebraska | 159,667 | 190,358,189 | 690 | 64,466 | 77 | 39,068 | 416 | 10,523 |
| Nevada | 221,282 | 223,457,605 | 1,776 | 445,369 | 170 | 400,587 | 1,782 | 81,671 |
| New Hampshire | 137,816 | 118,321,647 | 533 | 152,432 | S | S | S | S |
| New Jersey | 781,687 | 1,109,995,742 | 2,883 | 291,077 | 345 | 231,240 | 1,805 | 75,034 |
| New Mexico | 157,249 | 131,696,941 | 8,313 | 697,166 | 464 | 554,065 | 3,828 | 103,250 |
| New York | 1,956,895 | 2,257,362,689 | 13,113 | 1,548,978 | 1,025 | 1,249,586 | 6,449 | 225,822 |
| North Carolina | 798,966 | 818,218,006 | 8,053 | 1,089,804 | 970 | 780,623 | 7,791 | 203,614 |
| North Dakota | 61,554 | 65,388,609 | 988 | 198,309 | 144 | 185,233 | 1,436 | 33,280 |
| Ohio | 898,205 | 1,114,157,249 | 2,989 | 577,542 | 340 | 491,134 | 4,273 | 102,551 |
| Oklahoma | 333,864 | 320,166,079 | 21,194 | 4,517,196 | 2,844 | 3,904,911 | 26,627 | 828,328 |
| Oregon | 348,213 | 326,360,625 | 4,263 | 465,082 | 531 | 360,019 | 2,458 | 69,095 |
| Pennsylvania | 981,809 | 1,175,703,200 | 2,862 | 373,657 | 229 | 283,082 | 1,552 | 54,755 |
| Rhode Island | 96,843 | 86,067,253 | 394 | 41,874 | 34 | D | b | D |
| South Carolina | 360,448 | 329,223,562 | 1,651 | 286,101 | 262 | 245,827 | 4,579 | 111,235 |
| South Dakota | 77,036 | 83,082,455 | 1,729 | 205,736 | 204 | 179,456 | 1,410 | 30,771 |
| Tennessee | 545,469 | 553,420,996 | 2,708 | 653,502 | 290 | 564,657 | 1,963 | 191,377 |
| Texas | 2,165,252 | 2,621,468,458 | 19,057 | 3,685,457 | 1,478 | 2,984,437 | 13,168 | 494,351 |
| Utah | 246,393 | 236,538,951 | 1,462 | 424,686 | 260 | 391,856 | 2,300 | 61,991 |
| Vermont | 78,729 | 46,797,784 | 410 | 36,725 | S | S | S | S |
| Virginia | 638,823 | 718,945,708 | 3,353 | 633,095 | 408 | 536,271 | 3,018 | 134,733 |
| Washington | 551,439 | 625,760,957 | 6,532 | 1,449,529 | 834 | 1,256,868 | 6,300 | 252,113 |
| West Virginia | 120,395 | 114,537,400 | S | S | S | S | S | S |
| Wisconsin | 433,841 | 562,795,474 | 2,641 | 348,282 | 324 | 292,785 | 2,220 | 59,032 |
| Wyoming | 61,199 | 65,038,324 | 469 | 111,168 | 82 | 101,272 | 755 | 13,877 |

Economic Brief

## American Indian and Alaska Native-Owned Firms Grew 16 Percent from 2002 to 2007

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This month's "Economic Briefs," a monthly publication from the North Dakota State Data Center at North Dakota State University, focuses on the number of firms owned by American Indians and Alaska natives in North Dakota. The U.S. Census Bureau's 2007 Survey of Business Owners focuses on nonfarm business organizations (companies with one or more establishments) and defines American Indian and Alaska native-owned firms as companies in which American Indians and Alaska natives own 51 percent or more of the interest or stock of the business (excluding businesses owned by an American Indian tribal entity, which are considered to be government-owned entities).

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Within North Dakota, 27 percent of all firms had employees. Among firms owned by American Indians and Alaska natives, 15 percent had employees (employing 1,436 people).

The largest industry, in terms of the number of firms owned by American Indians and Alaska natives, was health care and social assistance in 2007 (208 firms with $\$ 3$ million in revenue). However, the largest industry in terms of revenue generated by firms owned by American Indians and Alaska natives was construction ( 134 firms with $\$ 59$ million in revenue).

The industry which showed the largest growth from 2002 to 2007 in firms owned by American Indians and Alaska natives was administrative/support/waste management/remediation services, which grew by 104 firms. The professional/scientific/technical services industry grew by approximately 66 firms, followed by finance and insurance (increase of 24 firms) and accommodation and food services (increase of approximately 19 firms).
"What is impressive about the changes in American Indian-owned firms in North Dakota is not only the magnitude of growth, but the diversification by industry. This growth in American Indian-owned firms parallels the economic expansion we are seeing from energy development activity," said Richard Rathge, director of the North Dakota State Data Center.


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