

## Total Population for North Dakota: Census 2010

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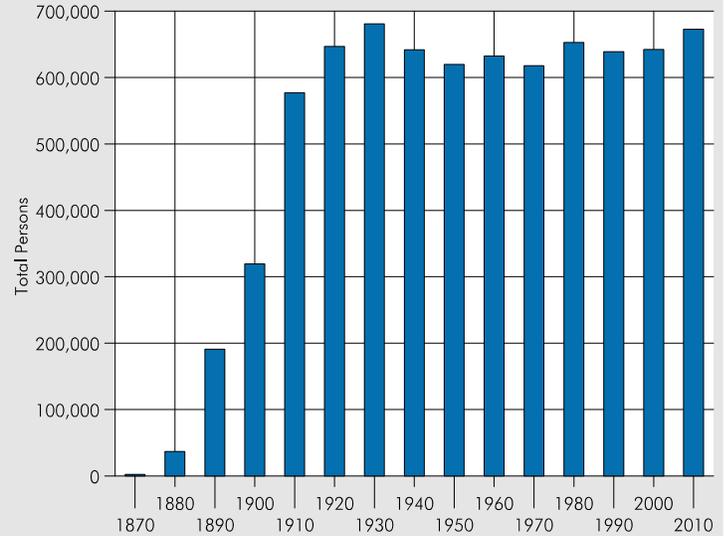
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Among all the states in 2010, North Dakota ranked 48<sup>th</sup> in total population and had the 37<sup>th</sup> largest population growth rate from 2000 to 2010. One state, Michigan, lost population during this time (-0.6 percent). The fastest growing states were Nevada, Arizona, Utah, Idaho, and Texas, each growing at least 20 percent since 2000.

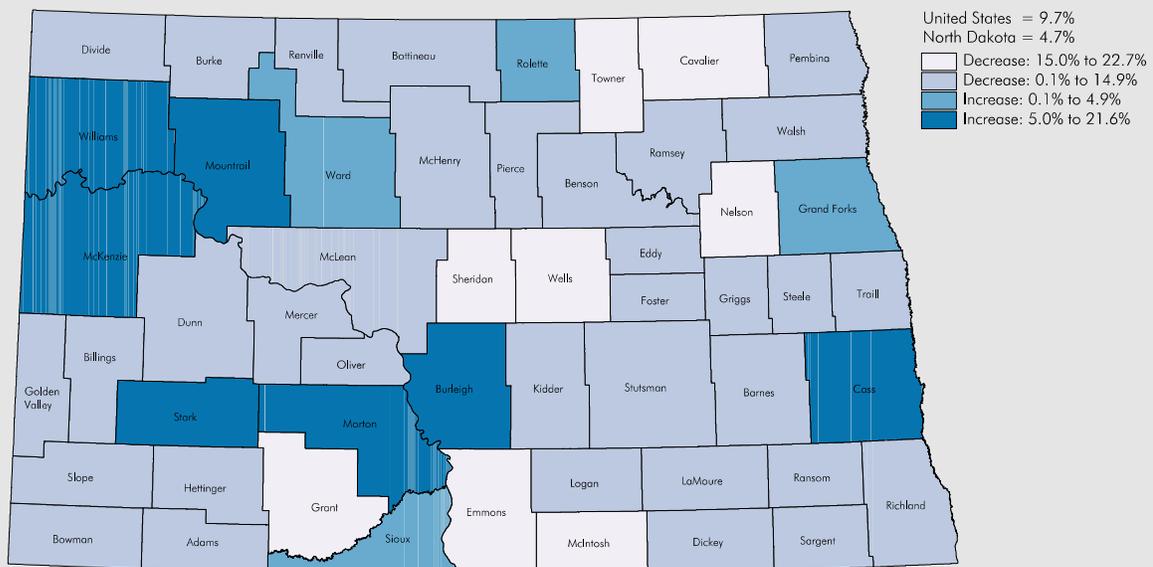
Figure 1. Total Population in North Dakota: 1870 to 2010



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Decennial Census

Figure 2. Percent Change in Total Population in North Dakota by County: 2000 to 2010

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 Census Redistricting Data (Public Law 94-171) Summary File, Table P1



**Table 1. Total Population for North Dakota by County: 1900 to 2010**

Note: --- not available.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Decennial Censuses and 2010 Redistricting Data SF (PL 94-171), <http://factfinder2.census.gov>.

Area	April 1, Census											
	1900	1910	1920	1930	1940	1950	1960	1970	1980	1990	2000	2010
North Dakota	319,146	577,056	646,872	680,845	641,935	619,636	632,446	617,792	652,717	638,800	642,200	672,591
Adams	---	5,407	5,593	6,343	4,664	4,910	4,449	3,832	3,584	3,174	2,593	2,343
Barnes	13,159	18,066	18,678	18,804	17,814	16,884	16,719	14,669	13,960	12,545	11,775	11,066
Benson	8,320	12,681	13,095	13,327	12,629	10,675	9,435	8,245	7,944	7,198	6,964	6,660
Billings	975	10,186	3,126	3,140	2,531	1,777	1,513	1,198	1,138	1,108	888	783
Bottineau	7,532	17,295	15,109	14,853	13,253	12,140	11,315	9,496	9,239	8,011	7,149	6,429
Bowman	---	4,668	4,768	5,119	3,860	4,001	4,154	3,901	4,229	3,596	3,242	3,151
Burke	---	9,064	9,511	9,998	7,653	6,621	5,886	4,739	3,822	3,002	2,242	1,968
Burleigh	6,081	13,087	15,578	19,769	22,736	25,673	34,016	40,714	54,811	60,131	69,416	81,308
Cass	28,625	33,935	41,477	48,735	52,849	58,877	66,947	73,653	88,247	102,874	123,138	149,778
Cavalier	12,580	15,659	15,555	14,554	13,923	11,840	10,064	8,213	7,636	6,064	4,831	3,993
Dickey	6,061	9,839	10,499	10,877	9,696	9,121	8,147	6,976	7,207	6,107	5,757	5,289
Divide	---	6,015	9,637	9,636	7,086	5,967	5,566	4,564	3,494	2,899	2,283	2,071
Dunn	---	5,302	8,828	9,566	8,376	7,212	6,350	4,895	4,627	4,005	3,600	3,536
Eddy	3,330	4,800	6,493	6,346	5,741	5,372	4,936	4,103	3,554	2,951	2,757	2,385
Emmons	4,349	9,796	11,288	12,467	11,699	9,715	8,462	7,200	5,877	4,830	4,331	3,550
Foster	3,770	5,313	6,108	6,353	5,824	5,337	5,361	4,832	4,611	3,983	3,759	3,343
Golden Valley	---	---	4,832	4,122	3,498	3,499	3,100	2,611	2,391	2,108	1,924	1,680
Grand Forks	24,459	27,888	28,795	31,956	34,518	39,443	48,677	61,102	66,100	70,683	66,109	66,861
Grant	---	---	9,553	10,134	8,264	7,114	6,248	5,009	4,274	3,549	2,841	2,394
Griggs	4,744	6,274	7,402	6,889	5,818	5,460	5,023	4,184	3,714	3,303	2,754	2,420
Hettinger	---	6,557	7,685	8,796	7,457	7,100	6,317	5,075	4,275	3,445	2,715	2,477
Kidder	1,754	5,962	7,798	8,031	6,692	6,168	5,386	4,362	3,833	3,332	2,753	2,435
LaMoure	6,048	10,724	11,564	11,517	10,298	9,498	8,705	7,117	6,473	5,383	4,701	4,139
Logan	1,625	6,168	7,723	8,089	7,561	6,357	5,369	4,245	3,493	2,847	2,308	1,990
McHenry	5,253	17,627	15,544	15,439	14,034	12,556	11,099	8,977	7,858	6,528	5,987	5,395
McIntosh	4,818	7,251	9,010	9,621	8,984	7,590	6,702	5,545	4,800	4,021	3,390	2,809
McKenzie	---	5,720	9,544	9,709	8,426	6,849	7,296	6,127	7,132	6,383	5,737	6,360
McLean	4,791	14,496	17,266	17,991	16,082	18,824	14,030	11,251	12,383	10,457	9,311	8,962
Mercer	1,778	4,747	8,224	9,516	9,611	8,686	6,805	6,175	9,404	9,808	8,644	8,424
Morton	10,277	25,289	18,714	19,647	20,184	19,295	20,992	20,310	25,177	23,700	25,303	27,471
Mountrail	---	8,491	12,140	13,544	10,482	9,418	10,077	8,437	7,679	7,021	6,631	7,673
Nelson	7,316	10,140	10,362	10,203	9,129	8,090	7,034	5,807	5,233	4,410	3,715	3,126
Oliver	990	3,577	4,425	4,262	3,859	3,091	2,610	2,322	2,495	2,381	2,065	1,846
Pembina	17,869	14,749	15,177	14,757	15,671	13,990	12,946	10,728	10,399	9,238	8,585	7,413
Pierce	4,765	9,740	9,283	9,074	9,208	8,326	7,394	6,323	6,166	5,052	4,675	4,357
Ramsey	9,198	15,199	15,427	16,252	15,626	14,373	13,443	12,915	13,048	12,681	12,066	11,451
Ransom	6,919	10,345	11,618	10,983	10,061	8,876	8,078	7,102	6,698	5,921	5,890	5,457
Renville	---	7,840	7,776	7,263	5,533	5,405	4,698	3,828	3,608	3,160	2,610	2,470
Richland	17,387	19,659	20,887	21,008	20,519	19,865	18,824	18,089	19,207	18,148	17,998	16,321
Rolette	7,995	9,558	10,061	10,760	12,583	11,102	10,641	11,549	12,177	12,772	13,674	13,937
Sargent	6,039	9,202	9,655	9,298	8,693	7,616	6,856	5,937	5,512	4,549	4,366	3,829
Sheridan	---	8,103	7,935	7,373	6,616	5,253	4,350	3,232	2,819	2,148	1,710	1,321
Sioux	---	---	3,308	4,687	4,419	3,696	3,662	3,632	3,620	3,761	4,044	4,153
Slope	---	---	4,940	4,150	2,932	2,315	1,893	1,484	1,157	907	767	727
Stark	7,621	12,504	13,542	15,340	15,414	16,137	18,451	19,613	23,697	22,832	22,636	24,199
Steele	5,888	7,616	7,401	6,972	6,193	5,145	4,719	3,749	3,106	2,420	2,258	1,975
Stutsman	9,143	18,189	24,575	26,100	23,495	24,158	25,137	23,550	24,154	22,241	21,908	21,100
Towner	6,491	8,963	8,327	8,393	7,200	6,360	5,624	4,645	4,052	3,627	2,876	2,246
Traill	13,107	12,545	12,210	12,600	12,300	11,359	10,583	9,571	9,624	8,752	8,477	8,121
Walsh	20,288	19,491	19,078	20,047	20,747	18,859	17,997	16,251	15,371	13,840	12,389	11,119
Ward	7,961	25,281	28,811	33,597	31,981	34,782	47,072	58,560	58,392	57,921	58,795	61,675
Wells	8,310	11,814	12,957	13,285	11,198	10,417	9,237	7,847	6,979	5,864	5,102	4,207
Williams	1,530	14,234	17,980	19,553	16,315	16,442	22,051	19,301	22,237	21,129	19,761	22,398

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## North Dakota's 2010 Census Count 2<sup>nd</sup> Highest in State's History

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This month's "Population Bulletin," a monthly publication from the North Dakota State Data Center at North Dakota State University, focuses on the recently released 2010 redistricting data from the U.S. Census Bureau.

On Dec. 21, 2010, the nation saw the very first results from the 2010 Census when the U.S. Census Bureau released the total population counts for the nation and each state. As mandated by the Constitution, the census counts every resident in the United States every 10 years to determine the number of seats each state receives in the U.S. House of Representatives. These counts will also show us how our population has grown and shifted over the last decade.

In February and March of 2011 each state received local-level 2010 Census data on race, Hispanic origin, and the voting age population. As required by law, the Census Bureau provides these key demographic data to the states (on a state-by-state basis), so the state governments can redraw the boundaries of their U.S. Congressional and state legislative districts.

Additional data from the 2010 Census will be released on a flow basis through 2013.

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"The small number of counties showing growth was a finding that surprised me regarding the new census figures. I was expecting a greater share of the population growth to be distributed in the state's western counties. These findings reinforce how powerful the pull factor is from our state's largest communities," said Richard Rathge, director of the State Data Center.

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During the past decade, only one state lost population (i.e, Michigan's population decreased 0.6 percent from 2000 to 2010).

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