

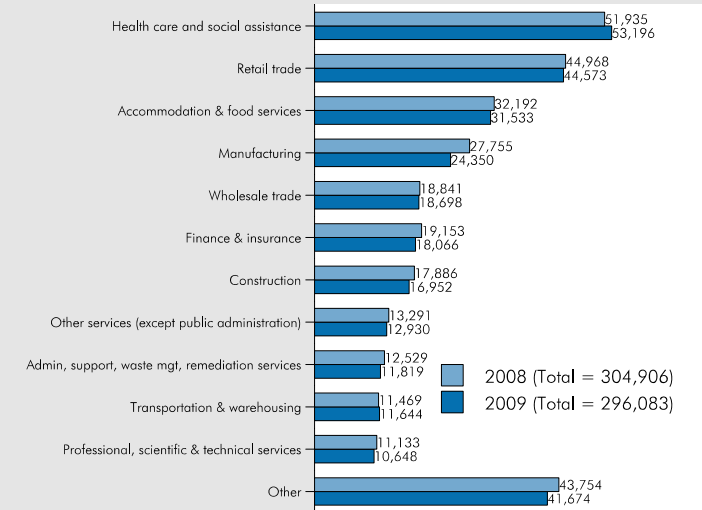
North Dakota Business Establishments, Business Employees, and Payroll by County: 2008 and 2009

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With the exception of a handful of industries (i.e., forestry, fishing, hunting, ag support; mining; arts, entertainment, recreation; health care; and transportation and warehousing), the majority of North Dakota businesses (with paid employees) saw a decrease in the number of employees from 2008 to 2009 (Figure 1). Data in this publication exclude most government employees, railroad workers, and self-employed persons.

Figure 1. Employees of Business Establishments by Industry in North Dakota: 2008 and 2009



Note: Numbers exclude most government employees, railroad workers, and self-employed persons. Source: U.S. Census Bureau, County Business Patterns, <http://www.census.gov/econ/cbp/>.

Figure 2. Percent Change in the Number of Business Establishments with Paid Employees by County: 2008 to 2009

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, County Business Patterns, www.census.gov/econ/cbp/

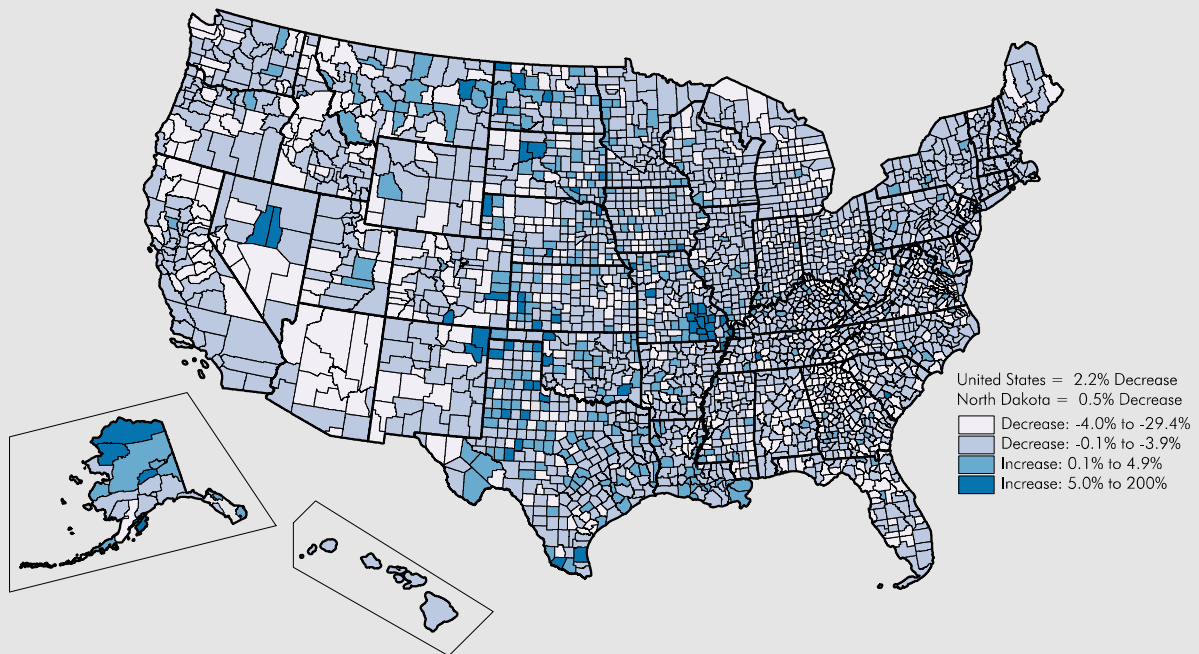


Table 1. Business Establishments, Business Employees, and Annual Payroll in North Dakota by County: 2008 and 2009

Notes: Numbers exclude most government employees, railroad workers, and self-employed persons. "C" indicates 100 to 249 employees, "E" is 250 to 499, "F" is 500 to 999, and "H" indicates 2,500 to 4,999 employees. "NA" indicates that data are withheld to avoid disclosure of the operations of an individual employer; data are included in higher level totals. "-" Not applicable. Source: U.S. Census Bureau, County Business Patterns, www.census.gov/econ/cbp/.

Area	Businesses with Paid Employees											
	Establishments				Employees				Annual Payroll (\$1,000)			
	2008	2009	Change: 2008-09		2008	2009	Change: 2008-09		2008	2009	Change: 2008-09	
			Numeric	Percent			Numeric	Percent			Numeric	Percent
North Dakota	21,558	21,445	-113	-0.5	304,906	296,083	-8,823	-2.9	10,054,513	10,045,929	-8,584	-0.1
Adams	95	98	3	3.2	745	741	-4	-0.5	19,723	20,520	797	4.0
Barnes	388	377	-11	-2.8	5,513	5,509	-4	-0.1	171,205	181,551	10,346	6.0
Benson	113	104	-9	-8.0	1,054	1,071	17	1.6	26,314	28,514	2,200	8.4
Billings	40	44	4	10.0	108	C	-	-	5,452	6,045	806	10.9
Bottineau	261	260	-1	-0.4	1,783	1,812	29	1.6	44,650	48,506	3,856	8.6
Bowman	158	154	-4	-2.5	1,161	1,088	-73	-6.3	31,023	29,353	-1,670	-5.4
Burke	91	81	-10	-11.0	341	370	29	8.5	11,277	12,392	1,115	9.9
Burleigh	2,692	2,687	-5	-0.2	43,283	42,751	-532	-1.2	1,479,402	1,477,271	-2,131	-0.1
Cass	4,981	4,977	-4	-0.1	101,726	95,776	-5,950	-5.8	3,506,727	3,499,200	-7,527	-0.2
Cavalier	157	158	1	0.6	1,185	1,193	8	0.7	36,108	36,262	154	0.4
Dickey	214	213	-1	-0.5	2,064	1,809	-255	-12.4	41,519	40,027	-1,492	-3.6
Divide	73	77	4	5.5	487	494	7	1.4	13,018	11,898	-1,120	-8.6
Dunn	94	91	-3	-3.2	882	961	79	9.0	26,084	25,563	-521	-2.0
Eddy	81	79	-2	-2.5	577	571	-6	-1.0	13,281	12,789	-492	-3.7
Emmons	130	130	0	0.0	855	765	-90	-10.5	20,961	19,683	-1,278	-6.1
Foster	146	142	-4	-2.7	1,401	1,360	-41	-2.9	43,021	47,532	4,511	10.5
Golden Valley	73	72	-1	-1.4	487	405	-82	-16.8	11,847	8,449	-3,398	-28.7
Grand Forks	1,836	1,818	-18	-1.0	31,698	30,760	-938	-3.0	968,486	961,384	-7,102	-0.7
Grant	72	74	2	2.8	432	414	-18	-4.2	9,535	9,965	430	4.5
Griggs	95	95	0	0.0	702	704	2	0.3	18,226	18,917	691	3.8
Hettinger	101	98	-3	-3.0	439	434	-5	-1.1	10,801	11,320	519	4.8
Kidder	64	62	-2	-3.1	427	409	-18	-4.2	11,454	11,074	-380	-3.3
LaMoure	155	149	-6	-3.9	945	1,154	209	22.1	27,304	26,307	-997	-3.7
Logan	71	72	1	1.4	436	406	-30	-6.9	8,098	8,779	681	8.4
McHenry	123	116	-7	-5.7	624	867	243	38.9	18,048	19,101	1,053	5.8
McIntosh	122	115	-7	-5.7	919	863	-56	-6.1	21,087	20,309	-778	-3.7
McKenzie	178	182	4	2.2	1,500	1,671	171	11.4	70,409	84,598	14,189	20.2
McLean	230	234	4	1.7	2,097	2,117	20	1.0	82,284	91,147	8,863	10.8
Mercer	239	237	-2	-0.8	H	H	-	-	NA	NA	-	-
Morton	737	723	-14	-1.9	8,066	8,245	179	2.2	268,464	286,301	17,837	6.6
Mountrail	198	214	16	8.1	1,554	1,631	77	5.0	48,847	55,173	6,326	13.0
Nelson	112	115	3	2.7	742	702	-40	-5.4	16,708	16,994	286	1.7
Oliver	46	38	-8	-17.4	E	E	-	-	NA	NA	-	-
Pembina	297	295	-2	-0.7	3,170	2,875	-295	-9.3	103,083	94,259	-8,824	-8.6
Pierce	168	167	-1	-0.6	1,504	1,452	-52	-3.5	37,117	38,043	926	2.5
Ramsey	395	384	-11	-2.8	4,097	3,974	-123	-3.0	100,803	101,333	530	0.5
Ransom	206	202	-4	-1.9	1,773	1,638	-135	-7.6	44,321	44,844	523	1.2
Renville	101	96	-5	-5.0	749	739	-10	-1.3	24,322	23,463	-859	-3.5
Richland	523	522	-1	-0.2	6,327	5,993	-334	-5.3	182,806	176,953	-5,853	-3.2
Rolette	202	194	-8	-4.0	2,674	2,395	-279	-10.4	67,624	62,762	-4,862	-7.2
Sargent	135	129	-6	-4.4	H	2,128	-	-	NA	59,892	-	-
Sheridan	39	45	6	15.4	156	C	-	-	3,440	3,475	35	1.0
Sioux	29	29	0	0.0	F	883	-	-	21,714	22,212	498	2.3
Slope	14	14	0	0.0	C	29	-	-	NA	778	-	-
Stark	897	903	6	0.7	10,166	10,474	308	3.0	331,493	351,694	20,201	6.1
Steele	69	63	-6	-8.7	475	445	-30	-6.3	14,711	15,406	695	4.7
Stutsman	655	652	-3	-0.5	8,678	8,680	2	0.0	226,879	231,330	4,451	2.0
Towner	88	82	-6	-6.8	608	577	-31	-5.1	14,193	14,804	611	4.3
Traill	293	295	2	0.7	2,501	2,530	29	1.2	72,162	73,035	873	1.2
Walsh	420	418	-2	-0.5	3,642	3,560	-82	-2.3	93,779	89,666	-4,113	-4.4
Ward	1,710	1,714	4	0.2	23,471	23,592	121	0.5	672,727	718,202	45,475	6.8
Wells	172	179	7	4.1	1,279	1,350	71	5.6	30,009	30,743	734	2.4
Williams	911	909	-2	-0.2	8,964	9,308	344	3.8	378,458	402,048	23,590	6.2
No Fixed Locale	68	67	-1	-1.5	1,565	1,793	228	14.6	130,426	123,960	-6,466	-5.0

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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 number of North Dakota business establishments with paid employees, business employees, and annual business payroll as released by "County Business Patterns," a U.S. Census Bureau data series published annually. The data focus on the number of single physical locations at which business is conducted. Data exclude most government employees, railroad workers, and self-employed persons.

Total business payroll for the state was \$10 billion in 2009, which is relatively unchanged from 2008. Annual payroll per business employee averaged \$33,929 statewide in 2009, up 3 percent from \$32,976 in 2008. Nationally, the annual payroll per business employee averaged \$42,403 in 2009, which is relatively unchanged from \$42,435 in 2008.

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"The modest losses in both the number of business establishments and employees reflects the economic recession that gripped the nation during this time period. What is most impressive is how well North Dakota performed during this period," said Richard Rathge, director of the State Data Center.

Nationally, the number of business establishments decreased 2 percent from 2008 to 2009 and the number of business employees decreased 5 percent (i.e., 6.4 million workers). No states had an increase in businesses from 2008 to 2009. North Dakota had the second smallest loss - behind Alaska.

Approximately one in four North Dakota counties experienced growth in the number of business establishments from 2008 to 2009 (15 of 53); 18 counties had growth in the number of business employees.

Data from "County Business Patterns" exclude most government employees, railroad workers, and self-employed persons. For more information, visit <http://www.census.gov/econ/cbp/>.

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