

North Dakota County Business Establishments, Business Employees, and Payroll: 2006

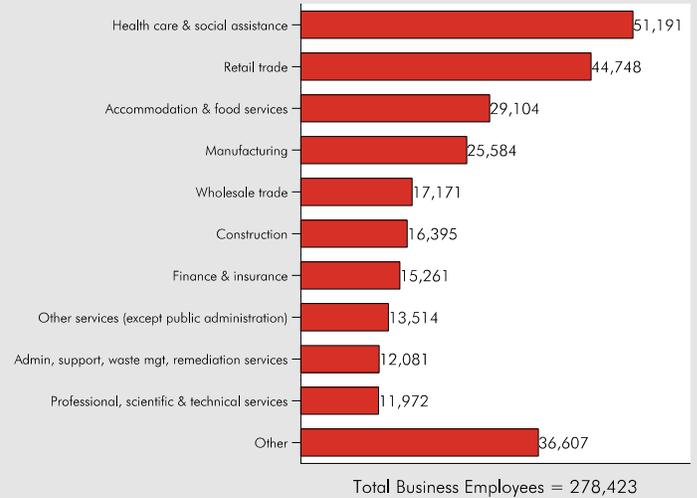
The number of North Dakota business establishments with paid employees grew 5.9 percent from 2000 through 2006, according to a U.S. Census Bureau report, "County Business Patterns," which focuses on the number of single physical locations at which business is conducted. The 21,332 business establishments in the state employed 278,423 persons in mid-March 2006, up 9.1 percent from 255,178 persons in mid-March 2000. Total business payroll for the state was \$8.4 billion in 2006, up 38.7 percent from \$6.1 billion in 2000 (Table 1).

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Approximately half of all North Dakota counties experienced growth in the number of business establishments from 2000 through 2006 (28 of 53) (Figure 2).

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: 2006



Note: Numbers exclude most government employees, railroad workers, and self-employed persons. Source: U.S. Census Bureau, County Business Patterns, www.census.gov/epcd/cbp/view/cbpview.html.

Figure 2. Numeric Change in Number of Business Establishments with Paid Employees in North Dakota by County: 2000 to 2006

Note: Establishment counts exclude most government agencies, railroads, and self-employed persons. Source: U.S. Census Bureau, County Business Patterns, www.census.gov/epcd/cbp/view/cbpview.html.

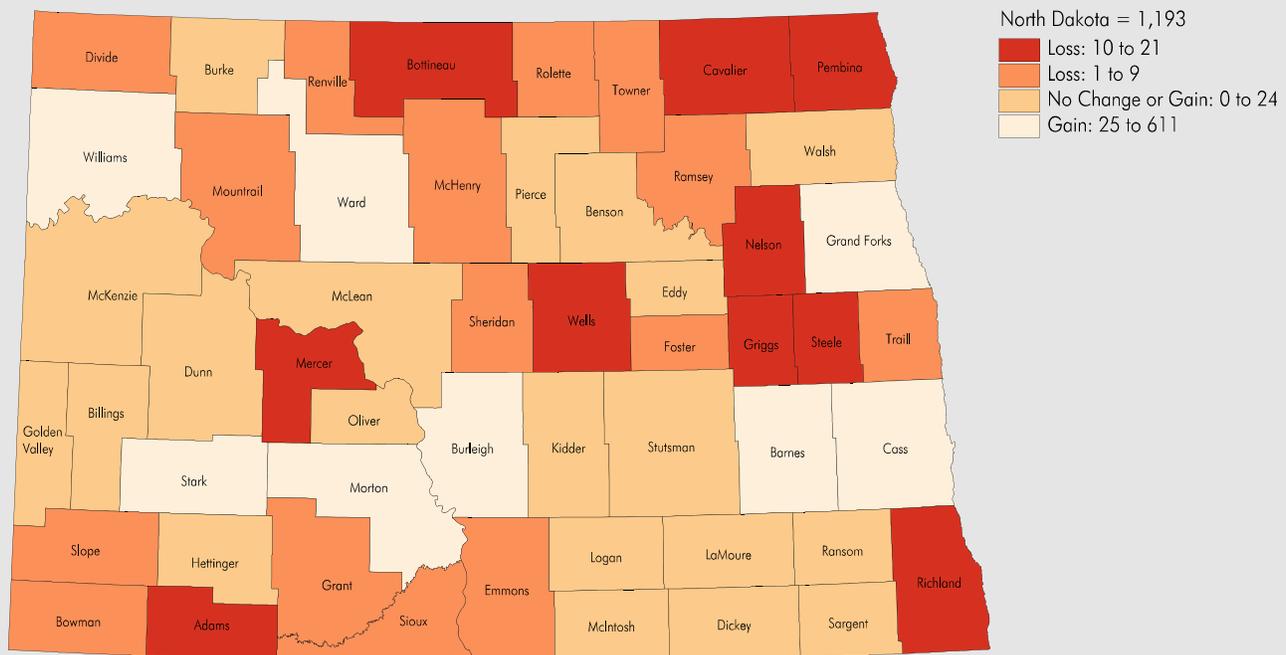


Table 1. Business Establishments, Business Employees, and Annual Payroll in North Dakota by County: 2000 and 2006

Notes: Numbers exclude most government employees, railroad workers, and self-employed persons. "A" indicates 500 to 999 employees, "B" indicates 20 to 99 employees, and "NA" indicates that data are withheld to avoid disclosure of the operations of an individual employer.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, County Business Patterns, www.census.gov/epcd/cbp/view/cbpview.html.

Area	Businesses with Paid Employees											
	Establishments				Employees				Annual Payroll (\$1,000)			
	2000	2006	Change: 2000-06		2000	2006	Change: 2000-06		2000	2006	Change: 2000-06	
Numeric			Percent	Numeric			Percent	Numeric			Percent	
North Dakota	20,139	21,332	1,193	5.9	255,178	278,423	23,245	9.1	6,057,225	8,399,587	2,342,362	38.7
Adams	112	102	-10	-8.9	755	710	-45	-6.0	14,637	16,673	2,036	13.9
Barnes	364	403	39	10.7	3,950	4,070	120	3.0	67,581	93,028	25,447	37.7
Benson	109	113	4	3.7	1,135	1,235	100	8.8	22,787	25,994	3,207	14.1
Billings	29	30	1	3.4	186	B	-	-	4,646	NA	-	-
Bottineau	265	249	-16	-6.0	1,650	1,655	5	0.3	28,608	36,272	7,664	26.8
Bowman	166	157	-9	-5.4	1,024	988	-36	-3.5	17,394	23,754	6,360	36.6
Burke	84	89	5	6.0	292	362	70	24.0	5,360	9,120	3,760	70.1
Burleigh	2,324	2,559	235	10.1	35,087	40,289	5,202	14.8	861,701	1,284,889	423,188	49.1
Cass	4,173	4,784	611	14.6	73,330	84,955	11,625	15.9	1,976,197	2,852,410	876,213	44.3
Cavalier	183	163	-20	-10.9	1,276	1,197	-79	-6.2	24,819	30,508	5,689	22.9
Dickey	204	225	21	10.3	1,708	1,903	195	11.4	28,129	43,207	15,078	53.6
Divide	84	83	-1	-1.2	539	509	-30	-5.6	7,638	9,319	1,681	22.0
Dunn	81	86	5	6.2	702	750	48	6.8	13,606	17,750	4,144	30.5
Eddy	81	83	2	2.5	554	569	15	2.7	8,910	12,097	3,187	35.8
Emmons	142	136	-6	-4.2	1,214	872	-342	-28.2	30,918	18,697	-12,221	-39.5
Foster	156	149	-7	-4.5	1,598	1,395	-203	-12.7	30,115	36,327	6,212	20.6
Golden Valley	70	76	6	8.6	455	473	18	4.0	7,015	9,903	2,888	41.2
Grand Forks	1,739	1,809	70	4.0	27,655	30,882	3,227	11.7	663,946	880,449	216,503	32.6
Grant	82	78	-4	-4.9	476	452	-24	-5.0	7,532	8,960	1,428	19.0
Griggs	111	97	-14	-12.6	917	790	-127	-13.9	17,476	18,585	1,109	6.3
Hettinger	99	107	8	8.1	409	408	-1	-0.2	7,145	9,448	2,303	32.2
Kidder	61	69	8	13.1	380	399	19	5.0	6,097	9,649	3,552	58.3
LaMoure	140	149	9	6.4	882	919	37	4.2	16,093	20,694	4,601	28.6
Logan	66	71	5	7.6	429	398	-31	-7.2	5,324	7,108	1,784	33.5
McHenry	133	129	-4	-3.0	657	656	-1	-0.2	11,549	16,189	4,640	40.2
McIntosh	123	132	9	7.3	973	1,054	81	8.3	15,129	20,711	5,582	36.9
McKenzie	164	167	3	1.8	1,136	1,082	-54	-4.8	21,194	35,946	14,752	69.6
McLean	239	242	3	1.3	1,892	2,033	141	7.5	52,615	69,124	16,509	31.4
Mercer	254	237	-17	-6.7	3,518	3,700	182	5.2	131,592	168,915	37,323	28.4
Morton	648	729	81	12.5	7,026	7,859	833	11.9	166,043	239,083	73,040	44.0
Mountrail	194	191	-3	-1.5	1,636	1,381	-255	-15.6	28,833	34,431	5,598	19.4
Nelson	137	127	-10	-7.3	795	748	-47	-5.9	13,724	15,157	1,433	10.4
Oliver	34	42	8	23.5	396	A	-	-	19,245	NA	-	-
Pembina	333	312	-21	-6.3	2,956	2,955	-1	0.0	69,051	79,444	10,393	15.1
Pierce	150	171	21	14.0	1,570	1,523	-47	-3.0	27,617	34,346	6,729	24.4
Ramsey	418	409	-9	-2.2	4,336	4,064	-272	-6.3	79,705	92,816	13,111	16.4
Ransom	205	213	8	3.9	1,495	1,748	253	16.9	28,996	40,219	11,223	38.7
Renville	101	94	-7	-6.9	549	685	136	24.8	9,977	18,564	8,587	86.1
Richland	550	529	-21	-3.8	7,038	6,803	-235	-3.3	161,519	186,141	24,622	15.2
Rolette	213	208	-5	-2.3	2,959	2,628	-331	-11.2	59,293	66,229	6,936	11.7
Sargent	129	140	11	8.5	2,089	2,269	180	8.6	83,564	97,042	13,478	16.1
Sheridan	48	43	-5	-10.4	190	191	1	0.5	4,189	3726	-463	-11.1
Sioux	31	27	-4	-12.9	859	964	105	12.2	19,880	24,512	4,632	23.3
Slope	12	9	-3	-25.0	39	B	-	-	894	NA	-	-
Stark	853	900	47	5.5	8,473	10,016	1,543	18.2	173,735	287,632	113,897	65.6
Steele	77	62	-15	-19.5	407	415	8	2.0	8,766	11,385	2,619	29.9
Stutsman	656	674	18	2.7	9,519	8,658	-861	-9.0	199,232	209,126	9,894	5.0
Towner	94	92	-2	-2.1	766	623	-143	-18.7	13,225	12,898	-327	-2.5
Traill	307	303	-4	-1.3	2,431	2,536	105	4.3	47,991	61,134	13,143	27.4
Walsh	439	441	2	0.5	4,071	3,640	-431	-10.6	80,774	83,769	2,995	3.7
Ward	1,626	1,695	69	4.2	21,807	22,579	772	3.5	467,956	598,413	130,457	27.9
Wells	203	186	-17	-8.4	1,400	1,320	-80	-5.7	22,478	27,800	5,322	23.7
Williams	799	881	82	10.3	6,832	7,785	953	13.9	135,972	236,116	100,144	73.7
No Fixed Locale	44	80	36	81.8	760	1,624	864	113.7	28,813	121,229	92,416	320.7

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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.

Total annual business payroll for the state was \$8.4 billion in 2006, up 38.7 percent from \$6.1 billion in 2000. Annual payroll per business employee averaged \$30,168 statewide in 2006, up 27.1 percent from \$23,737 seven years earlier. Inflation rose 17.1 percent during this time. Nationally, the annual payroll per business employee averaged \$39,965 in 2006, up 17.5 percent from \$34,011 in 2000.

Various service industries, along with retail trade, employ a large proportion of North Dakota's business work force. Health care and social assistance alone employed 18.4 percent in 2006. Accommodation and food services accounted for another 10.5 percent. Retail trade employed 16.1 percent of the state's business work force. Business employment followed similar trends nationwide, with health care/social assistance and retail trade industries representing the largest business employers in 2006 (13.7 percent and 13.1 percent, respectively). "What is surprising and noteworthy is the rapid rise in businesses without a fixed location," said Richard Rathge, Director of the State Data Center. "These businesses, which nearly doubled in number between 2000 and 2006, expanded their paid workforce by 114 percent over that time period. One possible reason for this growth is the emergence of employee leasing companies which may have client businesses in multiple counties," said Rathge.

Nationally, the number of business establishments grew 7.5 percent between 2000 and 2006. Nevada reported the largest percentage gain in businesses (27.0 percent), followed by Utah (24.2 percent), Idaho (22.2 percent), Florida (20.7 percent), and Arizona (20.1 percent). Four states reported losses (Ohio, Massachusetts, Michigan, and West Virginia). Approximately half of all North Dakota counties experienced growth in the number of business establishments from 2000 through 2006 (28 of 53).

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