

Federal Government Expenditures to North Dakota: Fiscal Year 2009

According to the *Consolidated Federal Funds Report (CFFR)* published by the U. S. Census Bureau, North Dakota received \$8.6 billion of the \$3.2 trillion in funds the federal government distributed nationally in 2009. 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 \$1.4 billion of North Dakota funds in 2009. 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 \$2.2 billion of North Dakota funds in 2009.

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 nearly 500 grant programs receiving federal funds in North Dakota, two programs accounted for \$863 million of all federal funds North Dakota received in 2009 (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 high nationally on a per-capita basis for federal funds received. Per-capita federal expenditures to North Dakota totaled \$13,323 in 2009 (Table 1), ranking North Dakota sixth in the nation among states. Nationally, per-capita federal expenditures totaled \$10,396 in 2009, which was 22 percent below North Dakota's level. Per-capita federal funds to North Dakota ranged from a low of \$7,671 in Cass County to a high of \$49,036 in Slope County (Figure 2).

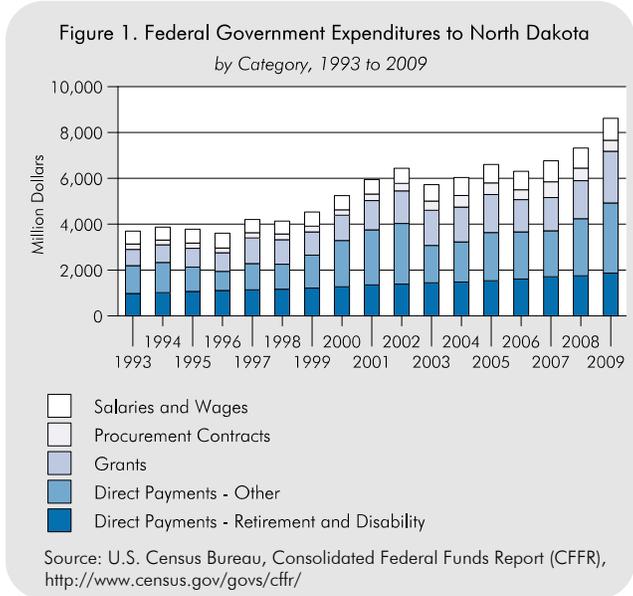


Figure 2. Per Capita Federal Government Expenditures to North Dakota by County: Fiscal Year 2009
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Consolidated Federal Funds Report (CFFR), <http://www.census.gov/govs/cffr/>

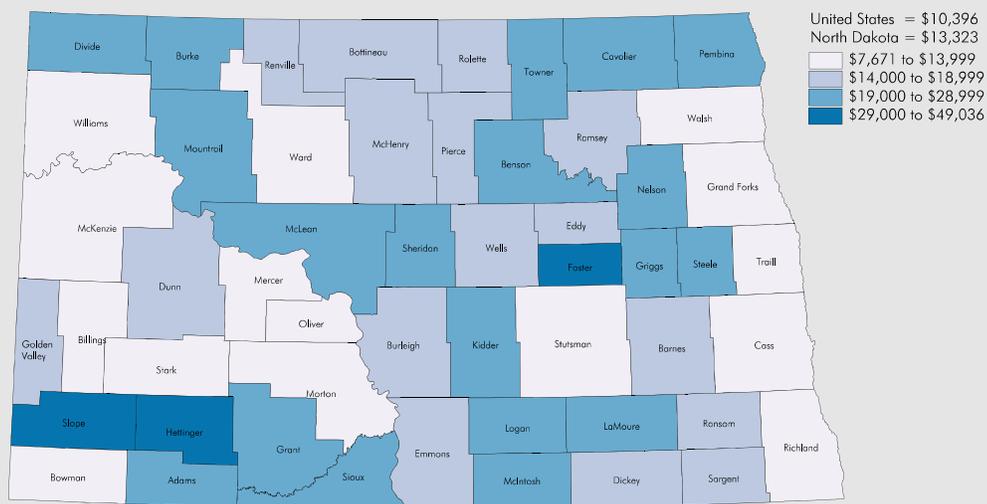


Table 1. Federal Government Expenditures to North Dakota by County: Fiscal Year 2009

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	\$8,617,898,705	\$13,323	\$1,865,157,203	\$3,064,634,506	\$2,254,442,212	\$474,202,458	\$959,462,326
Adams	\$43,997,989	\$19,677	\$9,051,782	\$26,636,627	\$6,764,791	\$350,376	\$1,194,413
Barnes	\$158,698,938	\$14,759	\$38,162,433	\$80,594,207	\$27,266,181	\$3,942,866	\$8,733,251
Benson	\$144,968,096	\$20,979	\$16,892,420	\$57,689,035	\$53,678,787	\$9,565,429	\$7,142,425
Billings	\$11,449,950	\$13,845	\$1,449,859	\$6,367,167	\$1,781,039	\$25,484	\$1,826,401
Bottineau	\$94,017,965	\$14,801	\$23,329,169	\$54,655,775	\$9,299,483	\$883,496	\$5,850,042
Bowman	\$40,997,971	\$13,540	\$10,828,881	\$25,699,908	\$3,015,776	\$280,592	\$1,172,814
Burke	\$39,438,091	\$21,445	\$7,438,494	\$21,822,168	\$3,322,802	\$333,813	\$6,520,814
Burleigh	\$1,175,859,616	\$14,731	\$220,999,856	\$145,395,064	\$640,054,447	\$39,467,421	\$129,942,828
Cass	\$1,099,485,900	\$7,671	\$326,857,293	\$208,127,115	\$206,742,452	\$171,827,509	\$185,931,531
Cavalier	\$99,619,021	\$26,931	\$14,724,004	\$74,581,095	\$7,502,148	\$418,158	\$2,393,616
Dickey	\$94,768,100	\$18,165	\$16,661,376	\$62,588,282	\$12,540,492	\$424,328	\$2,553,622
Divide	\$38,833,224	\$19,803	\$7,101,390	\$24,382,777	\$5,230,553	\$248,295	\$1,870,209
Dunn	\$59,017,249	\$17,539	\$7,303,486	\$37,234,641	\$7,196,840	\$6,075,270	\$1,207,012
Eddy	\$35,285,573	\$15,422	\$9,375,852	\$19,669,007	\$4,089,187	\$499,911	\$1,651,616
Emmons	\$64,318,778	\$18,928	\$12,594,125	\$37,247,815	\$12,648,322	\$366,301	\$1,462,215
Foster	\$153,195,336	\$47,007	\$11,809,369	\$28,798,604	\$102,361,848	\$7,644,491	\$2,581,024
Golden Valley	\$25,215,261	\$15,555	\$6,286,742	\$15,830,723	\$2,279,259	\$140,130	\$678,407
Grand Forks	\$650,078,586	\$9,788	\$148,115,022	\$131,333,307	\$162,575,815	\$55,485,854	\$152,568,588
Grant	\$46,573,650	\$19,929	\$8,403,036	\$25,734,448	\$10,587,436	\$336,317	\$1,512,413
Griggs	\$51,526,854	\$21,964	\$9,968,827	\$26,578,481	\$10,441,306	\$3,536,827	\$1,001,413
Hettinger	\$85,689,676	\$36,573	\$9,713,424	\$61,769,646	\$11,910,706	\$311,086	\$1,984,814
Kidder	\$52,331,605	\$23,776	\$7,584,577	\$21,227,562	\$21,584,225	\$363,625	\$1,571,616
LaMoure	\$95,556,632	\$24,452	\$14,808,917	\$66,356,793	\$10,262,679	\$496,219	\$3,632,024
Logan	\$39,491,821	\$20,939	\$6,540,176	\$24,974,913	\$6,762,655	\$220,065	\$994,012
McHenry	\$79,242,020	\$15,318	\$20,212,090	\$39,671,513	\$15,066,728	\$809,456	\$3,482,233
McIntosh	\$56,926,234	\$22,047	\$11,626,146	\$31,609,458	\$11,495,023	\$336,991	\$1,858,616
McKenzie	\$74,460,005	\$12,840	\$13,251,999	\$39,090,207	\$14,405,922	\$4,325,458	\$3,386,419
McLean	\$169,163,735	\$20,357	\$35,192,750	\$83,491,585	\$36,059,086	\$8,485,877	\$5,934,437
Mercer	\$72,806,604	\$9,248	\$24,071,234	\$29,829,840	\$15,190,955	\$686,749	\$3,027,826
Morton	\$212,048,162	\$8,013	\$76,832,282	\$72,150,691	\$37,947,674	\$17,737,060	\$7,380,455
Mountrail	\$135,178,844	\$19,906	\$20,054,036	\$57,525,870	\$51,647,549	\$1,927,168	\$4,024,221
Nelson	\$71,447,953	\$22,834	\$16,967,474	\$41,368,255	\$10,733,662	\$462,137	\$1,916,425
Oliver	\$21,783,966	\$13,259	\$4,218,718	\$14,541,683	\$2,558,954	\$100,408	\$364,203
Pembina	\$156,197,882	\$21,131	\$26,160,209	\$65,188,902	\$37,522,681	\$8,664,653	\$18,661,437
Pierce	\$70,292,012	\$17,617	\$13,678,295	\$32,666,473	\$21,250,522	\$830,309	\$1,866,413
Ramsey	\$174,918,522	\$15,562	\$41,685,718	\$81,471,450	\$24,570,067	\$1,783,844	\$25,407,443
Ransom	\$86,936,420	\$15,807	\$17,943,998	\$42,353,106	\$22,991,164	\$580,925	\$3,067,227
Renville	\$38,026,397	\$17,075	\$9,307,660	\$24,407,323	\$2,730,415	\$254,987	\$1,326,012
Richland	\$188,551,220	\$11,735	\$41,449,451	\$91,875,984	\$44,219,418	\$3,301,696	\$7,704,671
Rolette	\$232,522,719	\$16,853	\$36,614,150	\$54,127,859	\$74,365,070	\$32,255,011	\$35,160,629
Sargent	\$73,513,040	\$18,606	\$13,757,915	\$47,514,582	\$9,302,901	\$498,217	\$2,439,425
Sheridan	\$32,051,616	\$26,101	\$5,170,612	\$17,932,737	\$8,186,821	\$132,039	\$629,407
Sioux	\$87,929,427	\$20,921	\$8,718,296	\$21,003,675	\$47,984,195	\$405,453	\$9,817,808
Slope	\$31,824,434	\$49,036	\$1,226,708	\$28,415,951	\$2,078,368	\$22,006	\$81,401
Stark	\$224,912,555	\$9,844	\$65,328,709	\$91,782,461	\$54,580,931	\$1,573,801	\$11,646,653
Steele	\$50,653,208	\$28,994	\$6,843,676	\$33,872,435	\$3,921,341	\$5,188,349	\$827,407
Stutsman	\$258,136,671	\$12,615	\$69,558,774	\$108,228,612	\$55,628,741	\$5,419,262	\$19,301,282
Towner	\$46,758,452	\$21,167	\$8,411,940	\$32,223,029	\$3,803,003	\$377,265	\$1,943,215
Traill	\$101,515,982	\$12,902	\$26,687,338	\$54,056,079	\$10,673,009	\$7,123,718	\$2,975,838
Walsh	\$134,355,072	\$12,443	\$37,363,073	\$70,765,081	\$19,581,580	\$2,186,290	\$4,459,048
Ward	\$704,885,194	\$12,364	\$186,934,786	\$118,361,286	\$94,525,616	\$60,111,140	\$244,952,366
Wells	\$77,520,271	\$18,944	\$18,468,936	\$45,427,845	\$10,687,459	\$725,402	\$2,210,629
Williams	\$187,990,523	\$9,192	\$61,213,901	\$81,098,113	\$35,690,377	\$2,356,072	\$7,632,060
Undistributed*	\$364,933,683	NA	\$205,819	\$227,287,261	\$135,143,751	\$2,296,852	\$0

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Federal Expenditure Dollars to North Dakota Up in 2009

North Dakota received \$8.6 billion of the \$3.2 trillion in funds the federal government expended nationally in 2009, an increase of 18 percent from 2008.

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 2009 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, 8 percent in 2008, and 18 percent in 2009.

Of the \$8.6 billion the federal government spent in North Dakota in 2009, nearly one-fifth of the funds went to Social Security (\$1.4 billion). "We will begin seeing significant increases in the proportion of federal expenditures going to social security as the leading edge of the babyboom generation turns 65 in 2011," said Richard Rathge director of the State Data Center.

Crop insurance payments accounted for 15 percent of total funds to North Dakota in 2009 and Medicare accounted for 10 percent. Of the nearly 500 grant programs receiving federal funds in North Dakota, two programs accounted for \$863 million (10 percent) of all federal funds North Dakota received in 2009: Medicaid (\$449 million) and highway planning and construction (\$414 million). Procurement contracts (governmental purchases and contractual outlays) to North Dakota totaled \$474 million and salaries/wages for federal employees in North Dakota totaled \$959 million in 2009.

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 \$13,323 in 2009, ranking North Dakota sixth in the nation. Nationally, per-capita federal expenditures totaled \$10,396 in 2009, which was 22 percent below North Dakota's level. Per-capita federal funds to North Dakota ranged from a low of \$7,671 in Cass County to a high of \$49,036 in Slope County.

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