

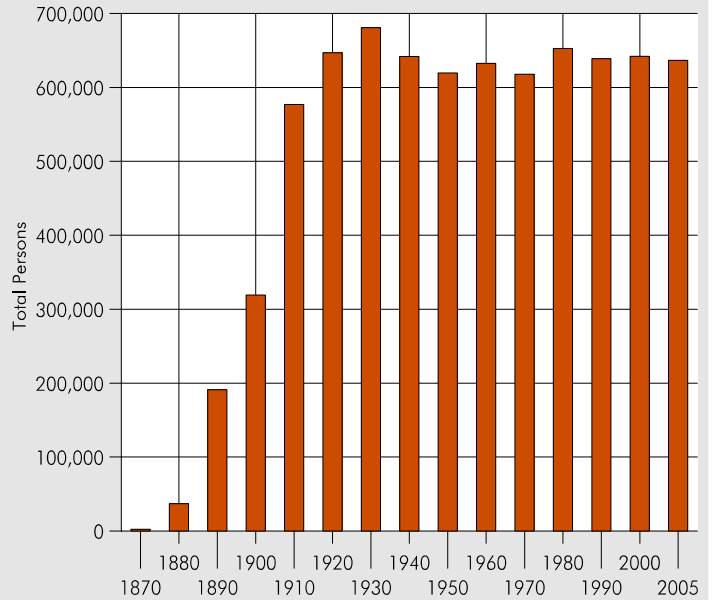
Annual Population for North Dakota: April 1, Census 2000 to the July 1, 2005 Estimate

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Figure 1. Total Population in North Dakota: 1870 to 2005



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Decennial Census and the Population Division, www.census.gov/popest/estimates.php.

For more information, visit the U.S. Census Bureau, Population Division at www.census.gov/popest/estimates.php.

Figure 2. Percent Change in Total Population Estimates for North Dakota by County: July 1, 2004 to July 1, 2005

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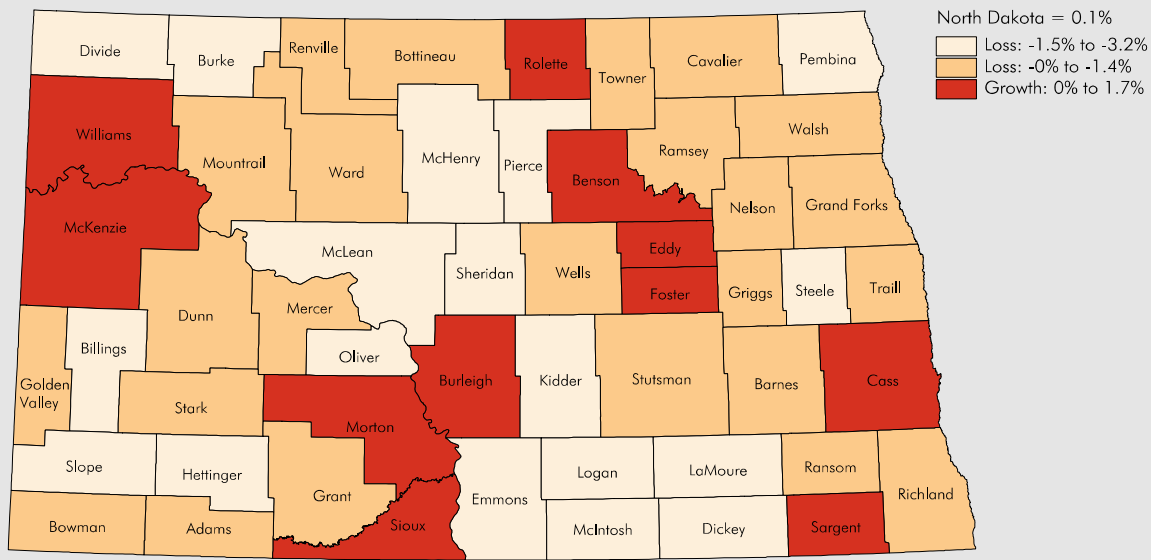


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Area	April 1, Census 2000	July 1, Population Estimates						Change: July 1, 2004 to July 1, 2005	
		2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	Numeric	Percent
North Dakota	642,200	641,153	636,239	633,571	633,051	636,308	636,677	369	0.1
Adams	2,593	2,582	2,548	2,511	2,463	2,450	2,433	-17	-0.7
Barnes	11,775	11,717	11,443	11,250	11,122	11,114	11,075	-39	-0.4
Benson	6,964	6,961	6,987	6,860	6,897	6,998	6,999	1	0.0
Billings	888	874	885	873	847	826	813	-13	-1.6
Bottineau	7,149	7,118	7,012	6,888	6,861	6,793	6,741	-52	-0.8
Bowman	3,242	3,230	3,123	3,089	3,073	3,091	3,048	-43	-1.4
Burke	2,242	2,232	2,175	2,117	2,099	2,077	2,032	-45	-2.2
Burleigh	69,416	69,517	70,074	70,920	71,758	72,563	73,818	1,255	1.7
Cass	123,138	123,373	124,336	125,189	126,595	129,583	131,019	1,436	1.1
Cavalier	4,831	4,809	4,675	4,581	4,503	4,393	4,330	-63	-1.4
Dickey	5,757	5,751	5,669	5,559	5,470	5,570	5,487	-83	-1.5
Divide	2,283	2,265	2,182	2,199	2,208	2,193	2,149	-44	-2.0
Dunn	3,600	3,601	3,563	3,534	3,537	3,455	3,442	-13	-0.4
Eddy	2,757	2,740	2,677	2,631	2,618	2,617	2,626	9	0.3
Emmons	4,331	4,306	4,199	4,090	4,016	3,930	3,845	-85	-2.2
Foster	3,759	3,741	3,642	3,578	3,513	3,527	3,580	53	1.5
Golden Valley	1,924	1,918	1,859	1,830	1,823	1,764	1,739	-25	-1.4
Grand Forks	66,109	65,866	65,203	64,850	64,721	66,014	65,940	-74	-0.1
Grant	2,841	2,836	2,783	2,688	2,665	2,625	2,615	-10	-0.4
Griggs	2,754	2,731	2,641	2,601	2,571	2,527	2,497	-30	-1.2
Hettinger	2,715	2,693	2,633	2,593	2,542	2,537	2,486	-51	-2.0
Kidder	2,753	2,736	2,668	2,592	2,595	2,560	2,481	-79	-3.1
LaMoure	4,701	4,680	4,623	4,570	4,524	4,490	4,384	-106	-2.4
Logan	2,308	2,296	2,218	2,193	2,125	2,099	2,059	-40	-1.9
McHenry	5,987	5,952	5,813	5,724	5,705	5,604	5,511	-93	-1.7
McIntosh	3,390	3,378	3,313	3,229	3,202	3,096	3,013	-83	-2.7
McKenzie	5,737	5,712	5,662	5,672	5,579	5,507	5,594	87	1.6
McLean	9,311	9,265	9,134	9,012	8,930	8,799	8,604	-195	-2.2
Mercer	8,644	8,606	8,555	8,524	8,485	8,410	8,364	-46	-0.5
Morton	25,303	25,333	25,148	25,220	25,191	25,322	25,528	206	0.8
Mountrail	6,631	6,603	6,560	6,496	6,484	6,526	6,513	-13	-0.2
Nelson	3,715	3,698	3,604	3,461	3,427	3,439	3,424	-15	-0.4
Oliver	2,065	2,056	1,988	1,952	1,900	1,873	1,813	-60	-3.2
Pembina	8,585	8,554	8,373	8,267	8,232	8,177	8,038	-139	-1.7
Pierce	4,675	4,663	4,598	4,534	4,448	4,356	4,291	-65	-1.5
Ramsey	12,066	12,026	11,813	11,752	11,575	11,463	11,429	-34	-0.3
Ransom	5,890	5,895	5,864	5,841	5,853	5,822	5,810	-12	-0.2
Renville	2,610	2,594	2,528	2,533	2,491	2,456	2,422	-34	-1.4
Richland	17,998	17,952	17,628	17,444	17,614	17,438	17,340	-98	-0.6
Rolette	13,674	13,685	13,791	13,761	13,716	13,816	13,864	48	0.3
Sargent	4,366	4,358	4,345	4,286	4,216	4,121	4,150	29	0.7
Sheridan	1,710	1,698	1,632	1,573	1,528	1,461	1,430	-31	-2.1
Sioux	4,044	4,061	4,022	4,110	4,124	4,138	4,182	44	1.1
Slope	767	758	754	744	747	727	709	-18	-2.5
Stark	22,636	22,546	22,310	22,176	22,121	22,141	22,073	-68	-0.3
Steele	2,258	2,241	2,181	2,115	2,077	2,061	2,007	-54	-2.6
Stutsman	21,908	21,853	21,569	21,376	21,166	20,930	20,835	-95	-0.5
Towner	2,876	2,856	2,777	2,713	2,646	2,581	2,544	-37	-1.4
Traill	8,477	8,470	8,361	8,309	8,267	8,326	8,321	-5	-0.1
Walsh	12,389	12,361	12,130	11,877	11,756	11,618	11,607	-11	-0.1
Ward	58,795	58,664	57,606	56,772	56,369	56,429	55,767	-662	-1.2
Wells	5,102	5,082	4,892	4,811	4,709	4,631	4,574	-57	-1.2
Williams	19,761	19,660	19,470	19,501	19,347	19,244	19,282	38	0.2

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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 county population estimates just released from the U.S. Census Bureau's Population Division. In 2000, North Dakota reported 642,200 people residing in the state. The state's population declined by 5,961 persons between 2000 and 2001 and by 3,188 persons between 2001 and 2003. The 2004 estimate reflected a change in direction. Between 2003 and 2004, North Dakota's population grew by 3,257 people. Between 2004 and 2005, the state's population grew by 369 people.

Within North Dakota, population grew in 11 counties between 2004 and 2005. "Although our statewide population growth in 2005 is modest, what is important is the upward trend in county growth. Between 2000 and 2001, only four counties grew in population compared to the 11 we see today," said Richard Rathge, Director of the State Data Center. Burleigh County had the largest percentage growth (1.7 percent) followed by McKenzie and Foster counties (1.6 percent and 1.5 percent, respectively). Oliver County showed the largest percentage decline during this period (-3.2 percent), followed by Kidder County (-3.1 percent). Population within North Dakota continues to be centralized. The majority of people living in North Dakota (55.3 percent) reside in the top five populated counties (Cass, Burleigh, Grand Forks, Ward, and Morton).

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