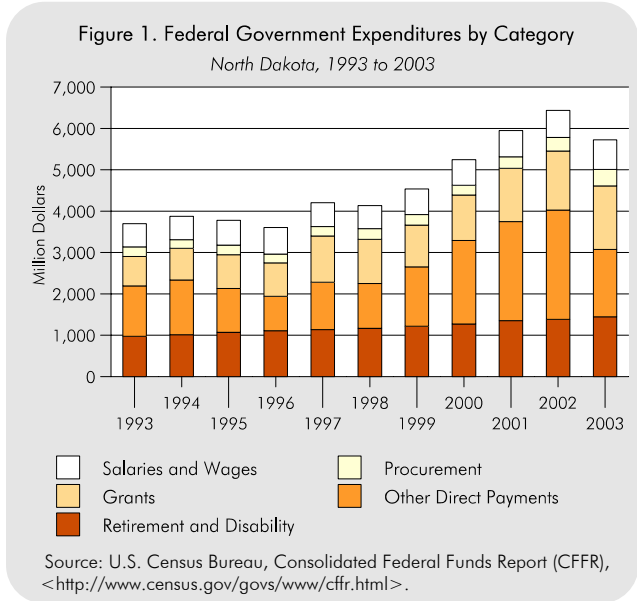


## Federal Government Expenditures to North Dakota: 2003

Federal dollars flowing into North Dakota, in the form of federal expenditures, totaled \$5.7 billion in 2003. Between 1999 and 2002, federal expenditures increased significantly throughout the state, 12 percent per year on average (Figure 1). Between 2002 and 2003, however, federal expenditures decreased 11 percent.

Much of this loss can be attributed to a decline in agricultural assistance payments. In 2002, 29 percent of all federal expenditures entering North Dakota were agricultural assistance payments, up from 26 percent in 2001 and 18 percent in 1999. In 2003, however, these payments dropped to only 14 percent of the total. These payments are included in the 'Other Direct Payments' category in Table 1.

Per capita federal expenditures in North Dakota totaled \$9,033 in 2003, down 13 percent from 2002 after adjusting for inflation. Even so, North Dakota ranked 5<sup>th</sup> in the nation in per capita federal expenditures in 2003. Nationally, per capita federal expenditures totaled \$6,910 in 2003, 24 percent below North Dakota's level. Throughout North Dakota, 2003 per capita federal expenditures ranged from a low of \$4,873 in Mercer County to a high of \$29,395 in Mountrail County (Figure 2).



Data for 'grants' represent the federal obligation incurred at the time the grant was awarded. Therefore the amounts do not represent actual expenditures. Also, initial amounts may be adjusted through deobligations resulting in negative amounts. 'Procurement' refers to governmental purchases and contractual outlays. Examples of 'other direct payments' include Medicare, agricultural assistance, insurance premiums for federal employee life and health insurance, housing assistance, food stamps, and unemployment compensation. Military, postal employee, FBI, and other payroll expenditures are included in the 'salaries and wages' category.

**Figure 2. Per Capita Federal Government Expenditures to North Dakota by County: 2003**

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Consolidated Federal Funds Report (CFFR), <<http://www.census.gov/govs/www/cffr.html>>.

