

Urban and Rural Population Distribution and Metropolitan Designation for North Dakota Counties

Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000 Summary File 1 (SF 1) 100-Percent Data, Table P2; OMB; USDA, ERS

County	U.S. Census Bureau ¹					Urban Designation: Urbanized Area (UA) or Urban Cluster (UC) Containing Urban Population in 2000	Office of Management and Budget (OMB) ² Metropolitan Status: 2003	US Department of Agriculture, Economic Research Service (USDA - ERS) ³ 2003 Rural-Urban Continuum Codes
	Total Population: 2000							
	Total	Urban		Rural				
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent				
North Dakota	642,200	358,958	55.9	283,242	44.1			
Adams	2,593	0	0.0	2,593	100.0		Nonmetro - Other	Nonmetro - 9
Barnes	11,775	6,790	57.7	4,985	42.3	UC - Valley City, ND	Nonmetro - Other	Nonmetro - 6
Benson	6,964	0	0.0	6,964	100.0		Nonmetro - Other	Nonmetro - 9
Billings	888	0	0.0	888	100.0		Nonmetro - Micro	Nonmetro - 9
Bottineau	7,149	0	0.0	7,149	100.0		Nonmetro - Other	Nonmetro - 9
Bowman	3,242	0	0.0	3,242	100.0		Nonmetro - Other	Nonmetro - 9
Burke	2,242	0	0.0	2,242	100.0		Nonmetro - Other	Nonmetro - 9
Burleigh	69,416	58,420	84.2	10,996	15.8	UA - Bismarck, ND	Metro	Metro - 3
Cass	123,138	106,577	86.6	16,561	13.4	UA - Fargo, ND-MN (part)	Metro	Metro - 3
Cavalier	4,831	0	0.0	4,831	100.0		Nonmetro - Other	Nonmetro - 9
Dickey	5,757	0	0.0	5,757	100.0		Nonmetro - Other	Nonmetro - 9
Divide	2,283	0	0.0	2,283	100.0		Nonmetro - Other	Nonmetro - 9
Dunn	3,600	0	0.0	3,600	100.0		Nonmetro - Other	Nonmetro - 9
Eddy	2,757	0	0.0	2,757	100.0		Nonmetro - Other	Nonmetro - 9
Emmons	4,331	0	0.0	4,331	100.0		Nonmetro - Other	Nonmetro - 8
Foster	3,759	0	0.0	3,759	100.0		Nonmetro - Other	Nonmetro - 9
Golden Valley	1,924	0	0.0	1,924	100.0		Nonmetro - Other	Nonmetro - 9
Grand Forks	66,109	54,547	82.5	11,562	17.5	UA - Grand Forks, ND-MN (part); UC - Emerado, ND	Metro	Metro - 3
Grant	2,841	0	0.0	2,841	100.0		Nonmetro - Other	Nonmetro - 8
Griggs	2,754	0	0.0	2,754	100.0		Nonmetro - Other	Nonmetro - 9
Hettinger	2,715	0	0.0	2,715	100.0		Nonmetro - Other	Nonmetro - 9
Kidder	2,753	0	0.0	2,753	100.0		Nonmetro - Other	Nonmetro - 8
LaMoure	4,701	0	0.0	4,701	100.0		Nonmetro - Other	Nonmetro - 9
Logan	2,308	0	0.0	2,308	100.0		Nonmetro - Other	Nonmetro - 9
McHenry	5,987	0	0.0	5,987	100.0		Nonmetro - Micro	Nonmetro - 9
McIntosh	3,390	0	0.0	3,390	100.0		Nonmetro - Other	Nonmetro - 9
McKenzie	5,737	0	0.0	5,737	100.0		Nonmetro - Other	Nonmetro - 9
McLean	9,311	0	0.0	9,311	100.0		Nonmetro - Other	Nonmetro - 8
Mercer	8,644	2,916	33.7	5,728	66.3	UC - Beulah, ND	Nonmetro - Other	Nonmetro - 6
Morton	25,303	16,571	65.5	8,732	34.5	UA - Bismarck, ND	Metro	Metro - 3
Mountrail	6,631	0	0.0	6,631	100.0		Nonmetro - Other	Nonmetro - 9
Nelson	3,715	0	0.0	3,715	100.0		Nonmetro - Other	Nonmetro - 8
Oliver	2,065	0	0.0	2,065	100.0		Nonmetro - Other	Nonmetro - 8
Pembina	8,585	0	0.0	8,585	100.0		Nonmetro - Other	Nonmetro - 9
Pierce	4,675	2,892	61.9	1,783	38.1	UC - Rugby, ND	Nonmetro - Other	Nonmetro - 7
Ramsey	12,066	7,454	61.8	4,612	38.2	UC - Devils Lake, ND	Nonmetro - Other	Nonmetro - 7
Ransom	5,890	0	0.0	5,890	100.0		Nonmetro - Other	Nonmetro - 8
Renville	2,610	0	0.0	2,610	100.0		Nonmetro - Micro	Nonmetro - 9
Richland	17,998	8,658	48.1	9,340	51.9	UC - Wahpeton, ND-MN	Nonmetro - Micro	Nonmetro - 6
Rolette	13,674	0	0.0	13,674	100.0		Nonmetro - Other	Nonmetro - 9
Sargent	4,366	0	0.0	4,366	100.0		Nonmetro - Other	Nonmetro - 9
Sheridan	1,710	0	0.0	1,710	100.0		Nonmetro - Other	Nonmetro - 9
Sioux	4,044	0	0.0	4,044	100.0		Nonmetro - Other	Nonmetro - 8
Slope	767	0	0.0	767	100.0		Nonmetro - Other	Nonmetro - 9
Stark	22,636	15,920	70.3	6,716	29.7	UC - Dickinson, ND	Nonmetro - Micro	Nonmetro - 7
Steele	2,258	0	0.0	2,258	100.0		Nonmetro - Other	Nonmetro - 8
Stutsman	21,908	15,488	70.7	6,420	29.3	UC - Jamestown, ND	Nonmetro - Micro	Nonmetro - 7
Towner	2,876	0	0.0	2,876	100.0		Nonmetro - Other	Nonmetro - 9
Trail	8,477	0	0.0	8,477	100.0		Nonmetro - Other	Nonmetro - 8
Walsh	12,389	4,503	36.3	7,886	63.7	UC - Grafton, ND	Nonmetro - Other	Nonmetro - 6
Ward	58,795	45,168	76.8	13,627	23.2	UC - Minot, ND; UC - Minot AFB, ND	Nonmetro - Micro	Nonmetro - 5
Wells	5,102	0	0.0	5,102	100.0		Nonmetro - Other	Nonmetro - 9
Williams	19,761	13,054	66.1	6,707	33.9	UC - Williston, ND	Nonmetro - Micro	Nonmetro - 7

Notes:
¹The U.S. Census Bureau has defined what is rural by exclusion. For Census 2000, the Census Bureau classifies as 'urban' all territory, population, and housing units located within an urbanized area (UA) or an urban cluster (UC). It delineates UA and UC boundaries to encompass densely settled territory, which consists of: core census block groups or blocks that have a population density of at least 1,000 people per square mile; surrounding census blocks that have an overall density of at least 500 people per square mile; in addition, under certain conditions, less densely settled territory may be part of each UA or UC. Urbanized areas (UAs) include a central city and the surrounding area with a population of 50,000 or more. An urban cluster (UC) consists of densely settled territory that has at least 2,500 people but fewer than 50,000. Everything else is non-urban, i.e., rural. In North Dakota, 14 counties had 'urban' population in 2000. For more detailed definitions, visit http://www.census.gov/geo/www/ua/ua_2k.html
 For additional clarification, visit <http://www.census.gov/prod/cen2000/doc/sf3.pdf>, Appendix A, Geographic Terms and Concepts.

²Metro and nonmetro areas are defined by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). In 2003, OMB defined metro areas as (1) central counties with one or more UAs, and (2) outlying counties that are economically tied to the central counties as measured by work commuting. Outlying counties are included if 25 percent of workers living in the county commute to the central counties, or if 25 percent of the employment in the county consists of workers coming out from the central counties—the so-called 'reverse' commuting pattern. Nonmetro counties are outside the boundaries of metro areas and are further subdivided into two types: micropolitan areas and all remaining counties. Micropolitan areas are defined as (1) central counties with one or more UCs of 10,000 or more persons, and (2) outlying counties that are economically tied to the central counties as measured by work commuting. In North Dakota, 4 counties are designated 'Metro', 8 counties are 'Nonmetro-Micro'. For detailed definitions, visit: Federal Register / Vol. 65, No. 249 / Wednesday, December 27, 2000 / Notices, p.82228-82229, <http://www.census.gov/population/www/estimates/00-32997.pdf>
 Another useful resource for Micro/Metro is <http://www.census.gov/population/www/estimates/metroarea.html>.

³The Economic Research Service (ERS) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has devised multiple ways of classifying geographic areas. These include Rural-Urban Continuum Codes to distinguish metropolitan counties by size and nonmetropolitan counties by their degree of urbanization and proximity to metropolitan areas.

- Rural-Urban Continuum Codes:
 Metro Counties
 . 1=Counties in metro areas of 1 million population or more
 . 2=Counties in metro areas of 250,000 to 1 million population
 . 3=Counties in metro areas of fewer than 250,000 population
 Nonmetro Counties
 . 4=Urban population of 20,000 or more, adjacent to a metro area
 . 5=Urban population of 20,000 or more, not adjacent to a metro area
 . 6=Urban population of 2,500 to 19,999, adjacent to a metro area
 . 7=Urban population of 2,500 to 19,999, not adjacent to a metro area
 . 8=Completely rural or less than 2,500 urban population, adjacent to a metro area
 . 9=Completely rural or less than 2,500 urban population, not adjacent to a metro area
 For detailed definitions, visit <http://www.ers.usda.gov/briefing/rurality/RuralUrbanCon/>