

## Business Establishments, Employees, and Annual Payroll in North Dakota: 2002

Between 2001 and 2002, the number of business establishments in North Dakota rose 1.1 percent, from 20,206 to 20,422. Private-sector employment for the state as of mid-March 2002 was 253,980, down 1.3 percent from 257,335 in mid-March 2001. Annual total payroll for the state was \$6.6 billion, up 1.8 percent from \$6.4 billion in 2001. This resulted in an annual payroll per employee of \$25,805 in 2002, up 3.2 percent from \$25,012 the year before (Table 1). Nationally, the annual payroll per employee averaged \$35,081 in 2002.

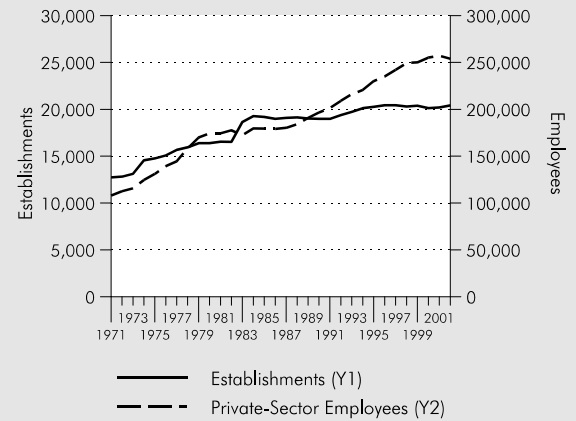
The number of business establishments in North Dakota has remained relatively stable over the past 10 years. In contrast, the number of private-sector employees rose consistently during this time (Figure 1).

The service industry continues to employ the largest portion of North Dakota's private-sector workforce at 43.7 percent in 2002, with an average annual payroll per employee of \$22,207.

Nevada, Florida, Utah and Idaho reported the largest percentage gains in businesses between 2001 and 2002 (5.2 percent, 3.6 percent, 3.4 percent, and 3.2 percent, respectively) (Figure 2). One state, Massachusetts, reported an overall loss in businesses during this time.

The businesses included in this bulletin are only those covered by the Federal Insurance Contributions Act (FICA). Self-employed persons, domestic service workers, railroad employees, agricultural production workers, and most government employees on ocean-borne vessels or in foreign countries are excluded.

Figure 1. Business Establishments and Private-Sector Employees in North Dakota: 1971 to 2002

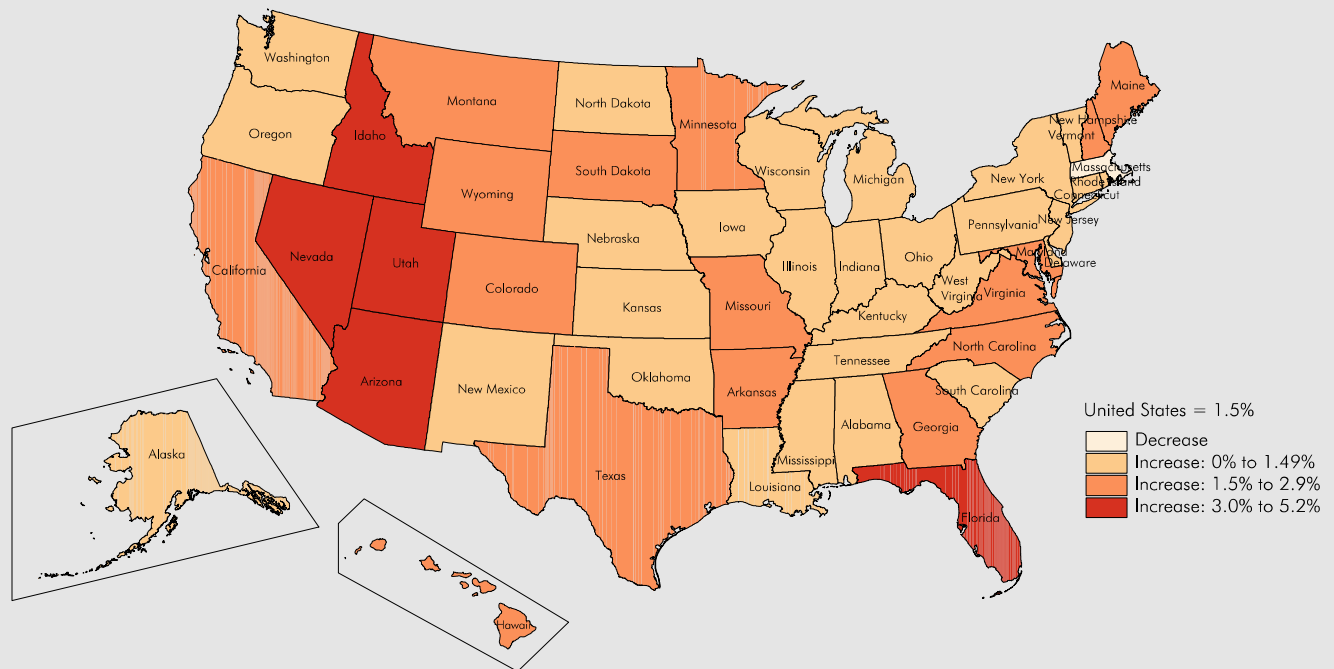


Source: U.S. Census Bureau, County Business Patterns, <<http://www.census.gov/epcd/cbp/view/cbpview.html>>.

Figure 2. Percent Change in Number of Business Establishments by State: 2001 to 2002

Note: Only businesses covered by the Federal Insurance Contributions Act (FICA) are included in payroll averages.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, County Business Patterns 2001 and 2002, <<http://www.census.gov/prod/www/abs/cbptotal.html>>.



**Table 1. Private-Sector Employees, Annual Payroll, and Business Establishments by State: 2001 and 2002**

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Area	Employees (for week including March 12)			Annual Payroll (\$1,000)			Business Establishments		
	2001	2002	% Change 2001-2002	2001	2002	% Change 2001-2002	2001	2002	% Change 2001-2002
United States	115,061,184	112,400,654	-2.3	3,989,086,323	3,943,179,606	-1.2	7,095,302	7,200,770	1.5
Alabama	1,620,952	1,581,117	-2.5	45,161,580	45,465,588	0.7	99,261	99,931	0.7
Alaska	214,297	213,600	-0.3	8,334,907	8,438,954	1.2	18,589	18,856	1.4
Arizona	1,941,599	1,945,472	0.2	60,018,362	61,108,350	1.8	116,304	119,740	3.0
Arkansas	995,521	974,969	-2.1	25,787,542	25,912,712	0.5	62,725	63,869	1.8
California	13,239,616	12,856,426	-2.9	521,765,494	510,841,212	-2.1	806,733	820,997	1.8
Colorado	1,986,570	1,912,152	-3.7	71,508,849	67,811,823	-5.2	139,225	142,247	2.2
Connecticut	1,555,214	1,555,595	0.0	68,920,127	68,477,685	-0.6	92,105	92,375	0.3
Delaware	389,376	389,304	0.0	15,021,674	14,716,473	-2.0	24,074	24,377	1.3
Dist. of Col.	422,549	418,755	-0.9	20,789,177	21,358,471	2.7	19,686	19,930	1.2
Florida	6,431,696	6,366,964	-1.0	189,628,359	192,931,952	1.7	434,583	450,188	3.6
Georgia	3,498,583	3,381,244	-3.4	115,912,570	113,752,313	-1.9	202,505	206,323	1.9
Hawaii	441,856	439,934	-0.4	12,684,140	13,352,194	5.3	30,175	30,633	1.5
Idaho	467,316	453,552	-2.9	12,357,730	12,562,415	1.7	37,622	38,842	3.2
Illinois	5,447,349	5,224,293	-4.1	204,268,006	197,827,878	-3.2	307,356	309,980	0.9
Indiana	2,601,738	2,517,180	-3.3	79,316,909	79,365,202	0.1	145,580	147,304	1.2
Iowa	1,255,162	1,229,609	-2.0	34,451,490	34,819,886	1.1	80,392	81,042	0.8
Kansas	1,118,898	1,098,894	-1.8	33,303,991	33,152,962	-0.5	74,565	75,077	0.7
Kentucky	1,497,466	1,462,517	-2.3	42,596,942	42,536,732	-0.1	89,501	90,493	1.1
Louisiana	1,599,482	1,583,308	-1.0	45,160,675	45,628,304	1.0	100,780	101,885	1.1
Maine	500,030	486,766	-2.7	14,204,726	14,374,843	1.2	39,650	40,292	1.6
Maryland	2,091,198	2,062,515	-1.4	74,186,613	75,032,122	1.1	129,301	131,815	1.9
Massachusetts	3,129,980	3,023,126	-3.4	134,666,641	127,902,287	-5.0	177,434	175,991	-0.8
Michigan	4,008,572	3,889,825	-3.0	142,938,848	142,419,255	-0.4	236,711	237,616	0.4
Minnesota	2,418,159	2,359,593	-2.4	84,861,128	84,527,829	-0.4	140,968	143,953	2.1
Mississippi	926,868	904,252	-2.4	22,717,675	22,773,227	0.2	59,056	59,902	1.4
Missouri	2,404,489	2,354,230	-2.1	74,427,930	74,124,495	-0.4	144,071	147,977	2.7
Montana	301,460	300,636	-0.3	7,226,881	7,429,132	2.8	32,294	32,972	2.1
Nebraska	746,168	749,098	0.4	20,830,587	21,740,356	4.4	49,710	50,259	1.1
Nevada	916,981	936,225	2.1	27,538,160	29,308,099	6.4	48,863	51,383	5.2
New Hampshire	556,877	550,725	-1.1	18,494,050	18,651,759	0.9	37,312	37,928	1.7
New Jersey	3,622,788	3,596,919	-0.7	154,238,653	152,369,728	-1.2	234,558	237,505	1.3
New Mexico	553,357	554,156	0.1	14,823,245	15,108,293	1.9	42,686	43,213	1.2
New York	7,428,349	7,234,915	-2.6	343,497,821	329,810,563	-4.0	493,863	498,921	1.0
North Carolina	3,431,554	3,322,004	-3.2	103,027,199	101,827,237	-1.2	204,075	207,562	1.7
North Dakota	257,335	253,980	-1.3	6,436,430	6,553,946	1.8	20,206	20,422	1.1
Ohio	4,932,943	4,743,151	-3.8	156,868,166	154,820,428	-1.3	269,944	271,181	0.5
Oklahoma	1,212,230	1,200,477	-1.0	33,404,026	33,564,498	0.5	85,276	86,029	0.9
Oregon	1,364,924	1,329,235	-2.6	44,082,073	43,522,363	-1.3	101,003	101,933	0.9
Pennsylvania	5,123,111	5,046,442	-1.5	169,850,265	169,236,446	-0.4	295,096	297,257	0.7
Rhode Island	414,638	415,970	0.3	13,157,996	13,547,296	3.0	28,539	28,860	1.1
South Carolina	1,596,385	1,538,750	-3.6	43,840,253	43,999,492	0.4	97,030	98,357	1.4
South Dakota	310,035	303,646	-2.1	7,613,298	7,749,874	1.8	24,032	24,439	1.7
Tennessee	2,378,510	2,291,504	-3.7	70,722,476	71,271,826	0.8	129,659	130,556	0.7
Texas	8,161,321	7,993,559	-2.1	282,315,344	277,847,486	-1.6	473,868	482,169	1.8
Utah	914,829	900,428	-1.6	26,064,189	26,174,116	0.4	56,851	58,788	3.4
Vermont	260,227	258,058	-0.8	7,286,419	7,435,893	2.1	21,449	21,624	0.8
Virginia	2,943,854	2,914,804	-1.0	102,537,895	101,693,473	-0.8	176,532	180,501	2.2
Washington	2,294,285	2,185,658	-4.7	86,532,590	83,127,354	-3.9	164,072	165,933	1.1
West Virginia	555,613	561,478	1.1	14,481,255	14,810,856	2.3	40,439	40,488	0.1
Wisconsin	2,400,575	2,355,816	-1.9	74,307,246	75,312,842	1.4	140,540	142,086	1.1
Wyoming	178,299	177,828	-0.3	4,917,721	5,051,086	2.7	18,453	18,769	1.7

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## 2002 Saw Little Growth in the Number of North Dakota Business Establishments

The number of businesses in North Dakota totaled 20,422 in 2002, rising 1.1 percent from 20,206 establishments in 2001.

This month's "Economic Briefs," a monthly publication from the North Dakota State Data Center at North Dakota State University, focuses on the number of North Dakota business establishments, employees and annual payroll as released in "County Business Patterns", a U.S. Census Bureau publication issued annually. The number of businesses in the state has remained relatively stable since the early 1990s. In contrast, the number of private-sector employees rose consistently during the 1990s. Unfortunately, we do not have detailed data that will allow us to determine how much of the employee growth during the 1990s was due to business expansion and how much was due to increased part-time work or multiple job holders. "However, we will be able to identify these trends in the very near future as a result of our participation in the Local Employment Dynamics Program, a partnership with the Census Bureau and the state's Job Services," said Richard Rathge, Director of the State Data Center.

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