

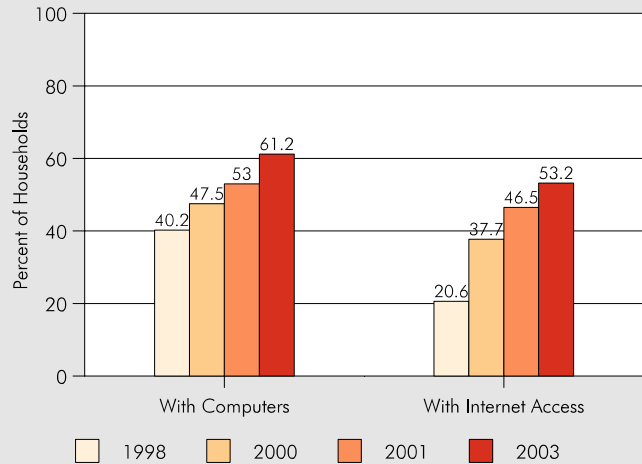
North Dakota Households with Computers and Internet Access: 1998, 2000, 2001, and 2003

For the past three years, the majority of North Dakota households have had computers. An estimated 61.2 percent of households statewide had computers in 2003 according to the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) and the U.S. Census Bureau. This percentage is up from 53.0 percent in 2001 and 40.2 percent in 1998 (Figure 1). Nationally, 61.8 percent of households had computers in 2003, up from 56.5 percent in 2001 and 42.1 percent in 1998 (Table 1).

The majority of North Dakota households now have Internet access as well. The share of households statewide with Internet access reached 53.2 percent in 2003, up from 46.5 percent in 2001 (Figure 1). Nationally, the proportion of households with Internet access rose to 54.6 percent in 2003, up from 50.5 percent in 2001 (Table 1).

For information on the data source, accuracy, and methodology, go to the following URL: <http://www.bls.census.gov/cps/computer/sdata.htm>.

Figure 1. North Dakota Households with Computers and Internet Access: 1998, 2000, 2001, and 2003



Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) and the U.S. Census Bureau, using the 1998, 2000, 2001, and 2003 Current Population Survey (CPS), <http://www.bls.census.gov/cps/computer/sdata.htm>.

Figure 2. Percent of Households with Internet Access by State: 2003

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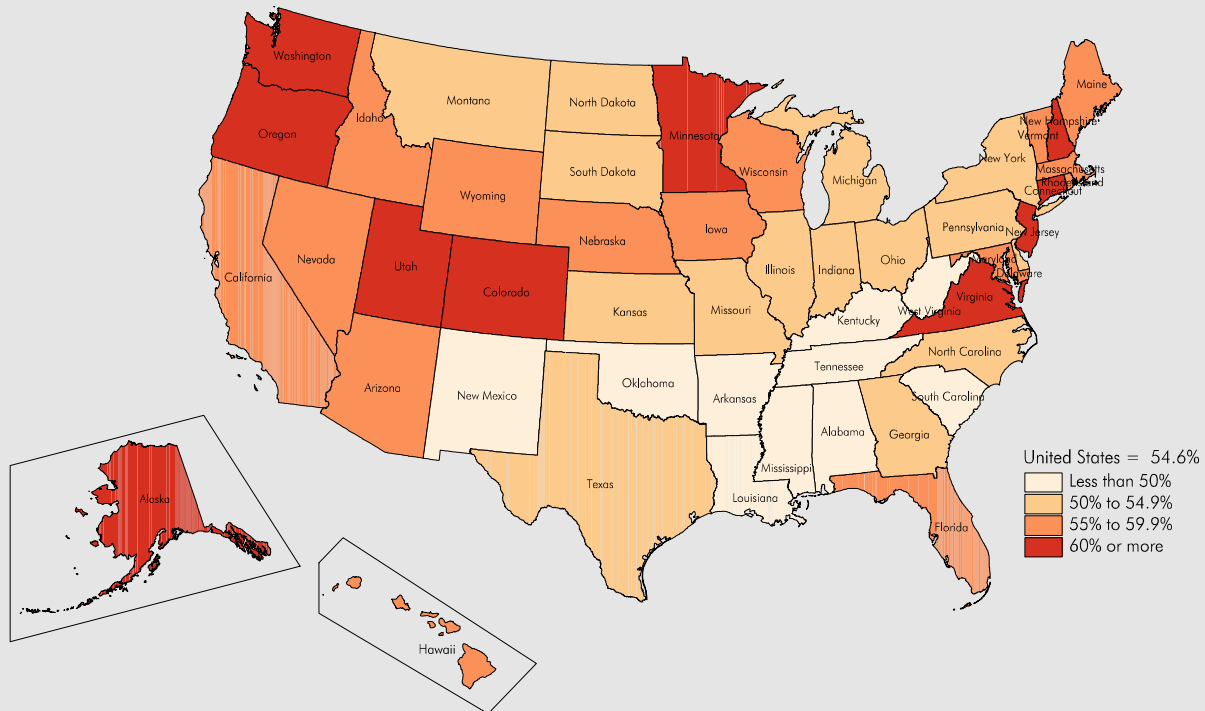


Table 1. Households with Computers and Internet Access by State: 1998, 2000, 2001, and 2003

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Area	Percent of Households with Computers				Percent of Households with Internet Access			
	1998	2000	2001	2003	1998	2000	2001	2003
United States	42.1	51.0	56.5	61.8	26.2	41.5	50.5	54.6
Alabama	34.3	44.2	43.7	53.9	21.6	35.5	37.6	45.7
Alaska	62.4	64.8	68.7	72.7	44.1	55.6	64.1	67.6
Arizona	44.3	53.5	59.4	64.3	29.3	42.5	51.9	55.2
Arkansas	29.8	37.3	46.8	50.0	14.7	26.5	36.9	42.4
California	47.5	56.6	61.5	66.3	30.7	46.7	55.3	59.6
Colorado	55.3	62.6	64.7	70.0	34.5	51.8	58.5	63.0
Connecticut	43.8	60.4	58.7	69.2	31.8	51.2	55.0	62.9
Delaware	40.5	58.6	58.4	59.5	25.1	50.7	52.5	53.2
Dist. of Columbia	41.4	48.8	49.3	64.3	24.2	39.6	41.4	56.8
Florida	39.5	50.1	55.9	61.0	27.8	43.2	52.8	55.6
Georgia	35.8	47.1	52.4	60.6	23.9	38.3	46.7	53.5
Hawaii	42.3	52.4	63.1	63.3	27.9	43.0	55.2	55.0
Idaho	50.0	54.5	62.8	69.2	27.4	42.3	52.7	56.4
Illinois	42.7	50.2	53.0	60.0	26.5	40.1	46.9	51.1
Indiana	43.5	48.8	53.2	59.6	26.1	39.4	47.3	51.0
Iowa	41.4	53.6	59.4	64.7	21.8	39.0	51.0	57.1
Kansas	43.7	55.8	57.5	63.8	25.7	43.9	50.9	54.3
Kentucky	35.9	46.2	49.8	58.1	21.1	36.6	44.2	49.6
Louisiana	31.1	41.2	45.7	52.3	17.8	30.2	40.2	44.1
Maine	43.4	54.7	62.8	67.8	26.0	42.6	53.3	57.9
Maryland	46.3	53.7	64.1	66.0	31.0	43.8	57.8	59.2
Massachusetts	43.4	53.0	59.1	64.1	28.1	45.5	54.7	58.1
Michigan	44.0	51.5	58.3	59.9	25.4	42.1	51.2	52.0
Minnesota	47.6	57.0	64.6	67.9	29.0	43.0	55.6	61.6
Mississippi	25.7	37.2	41.9	48.3	13.6	26.3	36.1	38.9
Missouri	41.8	52.6	55.3	60.7	24.3	42.5	49.9	53.0
Montana	40.9	51.5	56.0	59.5	21.5	40.6	47.5	50.4
Nebraska	42.9	48.5	55.6	66.1	22.9	37.0	45.5	55.4
Nevada	41.6	48.8	58.2	61.3	26.5	41.0	52.5	55.2
New Hampshire	54.2	63.7	55.0	71.5	37.1	56.0	50.2	65.2
New Jersey	48.1	54.3	61.2	65.5	31.3	47.8	57.2	60.5
New Mexico	42.2	47.6	67.7	53.9	25.8	35.7	61.6	44.5
New York	37.3	48.7	50.6	60.0	23.7	39.8	43.1	53.3
North Carolina	35.0	45.3	50.1	57.7	19.9	35.3	44.5	51.1
North Dakota	40.2	47.5	53.0	61.2	20.6	37.7	46.5	53.2
Ohio	40.7	49.5	57.6	58.8	24.6	40.7	50.9	52.5
Oklahoma	37.8	41.5	49.9	55.4	20.4	34.3	43.8	48.4
Oregon	51.3	61.1	65.8	67.0	32.7	50.8	58.2	61.0
Pennsylvania	39.3	48.4	53.5	60.2	24.9	40.1	48.7	54.7
Rhode Island	41.0	47.9	58.6	62.3	27.1	38.8	53.1	55.7
South Carolina	35.7	43.3	52.2	54.9	21.4	32.0	45.0	45.6
South Dakota	41.6	50.4	55.3	62.1	23.9	37.9	47.6	53.6
Tennessee	37.5	45.7	51.3	56.7	21.3	36.3	44.8	48.9
Texas	40.9	47.9	53.7	59.0	24.5	38.8	47.7	51.8
Utah	60.1	66.1	67.7	74.1	35.8	48.4	54.1	62.6
Vermont	48.7	53.7	60.4	65.5	31.8	46.7	53.4	58.1
Virginia	46.4	53.9	58.8	66.8	27.9	44.3	54.9	60.3
Washington	56.3	60.7	66.5	71.4	36.6	49.7	60.4	62.3
West Virginia	28.3	42.8	48.0	55.0	17.6	34.3	40.7	47.6
Wisconsin	43.0	50.9	56.4	63.8	25.1	40.6	50.2	57.4
Wyoming	46.1	58.2	58.1	65.4	22.7	44.1	51.0	57.7

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Majority of North Dakota Households Have Computers and Internet Access

The majority of North Dakota households, 61 percent, had a computer in 2003. In addition, 53 percent of households had access to the Internet.

This month's "Economic Briefs," a monthly publication from the North Dakota State Data Center at North Dakota State University, focuses on data provided by the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) and the U.S. Census Bureau using the Current Population Survey (CPS). The proportions of North Dakota households with computers rose considerably in just a few years. In 2000, less than half of all North Dakota households, 48 percent, had a computer. In 1998, only 40 percent had a computer. Access to the Internet has been on the rise as well throughout the state. In 2000, slightly more than one-third of all North Dakota households, 38 percent, had access. In 1998, only one in five had access. "These data show that our state is keeping pace with the new information age. More importantly, these data indicate that North Dakota can fully participate in the new economy, which is based on the premise that computers and Internet access are widely available and used," said Richard Rathge, Director of the State Data Center.

Nationally, the proportions of households with computers and Internet access are similar to North Dakota. In 2003, 62 percent of households had computers, up from 51 percent in 2000 and 42 percent in 1998. The proportion of U.S. households with Internet access rose to 55 percent in 2003, up from 42 percent in 2000 and 26 percent in 1998.

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