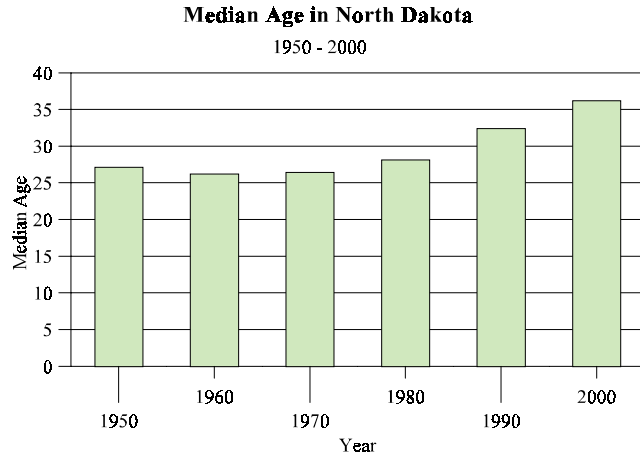


Median Age in North Dakota: 1950 to 2000

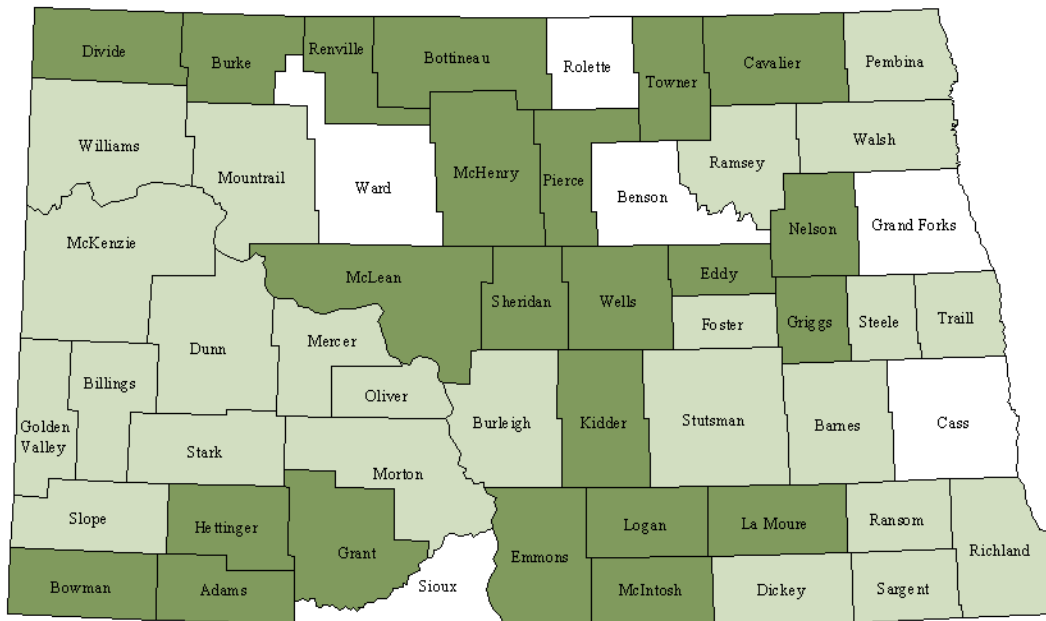
According to the 2000 Census, the median age in North Dakota rose to 36.2 years. During the 1950s, '60s, and '70s, the median age remained fairly stable around 26 years. Beginning in 1980, however, the median age steadily rose, increasing, on average, four years per decade.

Nationally, the median age reached 35.3 years in 2000, up from 34.2 years in 1990. North Dakota now has the 17th oldest median age in the nation.

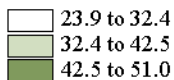
Nearly 85 percent of North Dakota counties (45 of 53) had median ages higher than the state median of 36.2 years. In terms of median age, McIntosh County was the oldest county in the state and the fifth oldest county in the nation at 51 years. Statewide, the lowest median ages in 2000 were Sioux, Rolette, and Grand Forks counties, each less than 30 years.



Median Age in North Dakota by County: 2000



North Dakota = 36.2



Median Age in North Dakota by County (in years): 1950 to 2000

Area	1950	1960	1970	1980	1990	2000	Increase in Median Age (in Years)	
							1950-2000	1990-2000
Adams	25.4	26.3	30.6	33.1	39.2	45.6	20.2	6.4
Barnes	29.0	27.4	29.1	31.2	36.6	40.6	11.6	4.0
Benson	26.9	27.3	27.9	28.4	30.9	31.4	4.5	0.5
Billings	24.5	23.5	28.7	28.6	33.5	41.9	17.4	8.4
Bottineau	28.0	28.3	32.2	32.7	37.9	43.4	15.4	5.5
Bowman	28.8	26.9	28.5	29.3	37.1	43.0	14.2	5.9
Burke	29.8	29.7	33.7	39.1	42.6	47.5	17.7	4.9
Burleigh	26.8	25.5	25.2	27.0	32.0	35.9	9.1	3.9
Cass	28.6	26.0	24.8	27.0	30.0	31.3	2.7	1.3
Cavalier	26.2	27.0	31.3	33.6	38.9	45.2	19.0	6.3
Dickey	27.6	29.0	33.7	32.1	37.3	40.7	13.1	3.4
Divide	30.5	29.2	33.0	39.8	43.6	49.0	18.5	5.4
Dunn	22.8	21.5	25.5	28.8	35.1	40.9	18.1	5.8
Eddy	28.2	28.3	34.4	36.6	40.4	43.8	15.6	3.4
Emmons	22.1	22.7	25.3	33.8	40.4	44.5	22.4	4.1
Foster	27.3	26.0	28.8	32.1	37.6	40.5	13.2	2.9
Golden Valley	27.1	26.4	29.7	31.9	35.9	41.2	14.1	5.3
Grand Forks	27.3	24.4	23.2	24.5	27.2	29.2	1.9	2.0
Grant	22.3	23.7	28.9	32.7	39.9	46.5	24.2	6.6
Griggs	29.7	31.4	37.3	37.3	41.0	45.8	16.1	4.8
Hettinger	22.6	22.7	27.6	33.6	40.5	46.2	23.6	5.7
Kidder	24.3	25.2	29.3	32.8	38.4	44.5	20.2	6.1
LaMoure	27.3	28.5	33.8	34.9	39.3	43.3	16.0	4.0
Logan	22.7	24.0	29.5	37.6	42.5	46.4	23.7	3.9
McHenry	26.1	26.9	31.1	34.8	38.9	43.0	16.9	4.1
McIntosh	25.7	29.6	36.5	44.8	48.5	51.0	25.3	2.5
McKenzie	27.4	25.5	28.2	27.3	32.9	39.5	12.1	6.6
McLean	25.4	27.0	31.7	30.8	37.2	44.1	18.7	6.9
Mercer	23.7	28.0	31.5	28.3	32.3	40.1	16.4	7.8
Morton	24.9	24.5	25.5	27.4	33.2	37.4	12.5	4.2
Mountrail	28.7	25.7	30.1	31.7	35.9	39.6	10.9	3.7
Nelson	30.7	34.8	40.0	41.9	44.3	47.2	16.5	2.9
Oliver	23.3	23.5	26.5	28.2	33.4	42.0	18.7	8.6
Pembina	27.0	27.9	33.1	32.8	36.7	41.6	14.6	4.9
Pierce	23.4	24.5	29.8	32.5	40.2	42.9	19.5	2.7
Ramsey	28.3	28.2	28.8	30.8	35.1	39.5	11.2	4.4
Ransom	31.0	33.0	36.8	34.6	38.4	40.7	9.7	2.3
Renville	28.5	27.9	31.3	33.3	36.8	43.6	15.1	6.8
Richland	28.3	28.9	27.6	26.9	32.3	35.4	7.1	3.1
Rolette	22.0	19.5	19.2	23.6	26.6	28.9	6.9	2.3
Sargent	27.2	28.8	30.6	31.2	37.8	40.3	13.1	2.5
Sheridan	24.9	27.6	35.1	37.6	42.9	48.1	23.2	5.2
Sioux	19.6	17.8	18.4	21.5	22.9	23.9	4.3	1.0
Slope	24.6	23.2	23.3	30.0	34.8	42.5	17.9	7.7
Stark	23.9	22.3	22.7	25.6	31.7	36.9	13.0	5.2
Steele	29.3	29.5	32.8	35.1	39.8	41.4	12.1	1.6
Stutsman	30.1	29.4	30.2	29.9	35.0	39.6	9.5	4.6
Towner	28.1	29.5	33.6	36.1	37.8	44.0	15.9	6.2
Traill	30.2	31.6	34.6	33.0	35.6	39.0	8.8	3.4
Walsh	29.1	30.3	32.3	33.1	36.0	40.9	11.8	4.9
Ward	27.5	24.3	23.4	25.7	29.3	32.4	4.9	3.1
Wells	27.6	29.4	32.7	36.9	42.1	45.2	17.6	3.1
Williams	29.1	25.4	26.9	27.3	33.5	39.8	10.7	6.3
North Dakota	27.1	26.2	26.4	28.1	32.4	36.2	9.1	3.8

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Decennial Censuses.