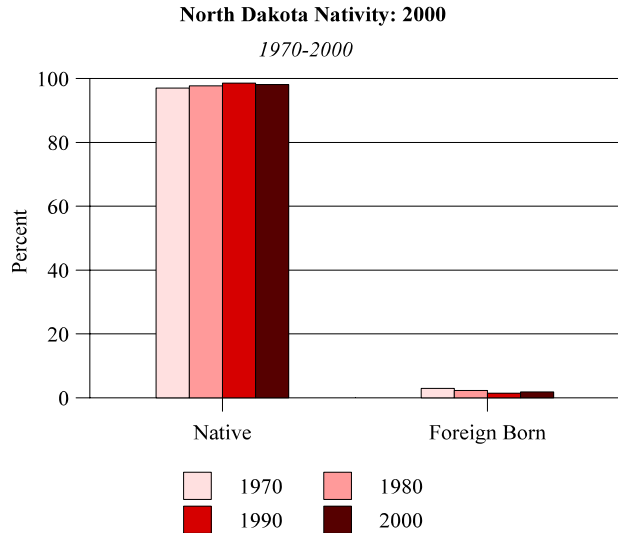


Nativity and Place of Birth for Persons in North Dakota: 2000

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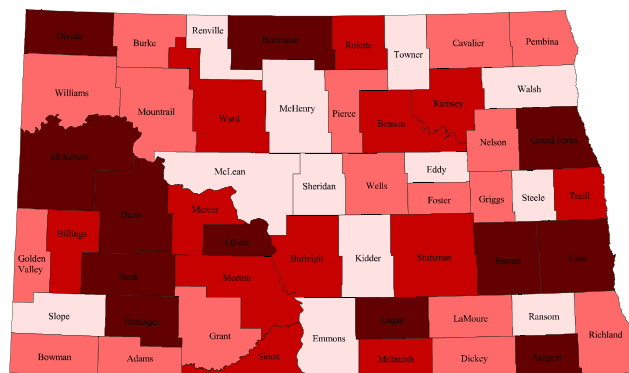
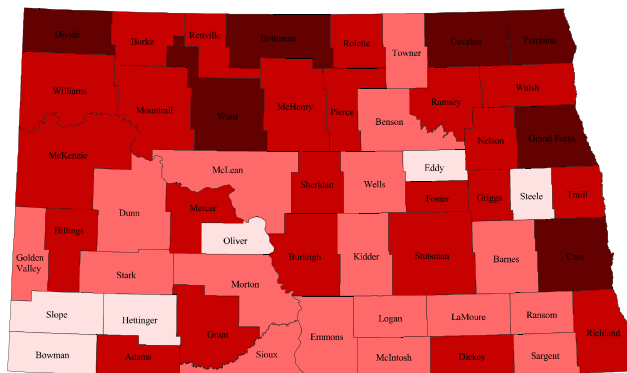
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The majority of foreign-born persons in North Dakota (68.3 percent) reside in Cass, Grand Forks, Ward and Burleigh counties.



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Decennial Censuses

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Nativity and Place of Birth for Persons in North Dakota by County: 2000

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census, Profile of Selected Social Characteristics, Table DP-2.

Area	Total Population	Native						Foreign Born			
		Total		Born in the U.S.		Born Outside the U.S.		Total		Entered 1990 to March 2000	
		Number	Percent of Total Pop	Number	Percent of Native	Number	Percent of Native	Number	Percent of Total Pop	Number	Percent of Foreign
Adams	2,593	2,553	98.5	2,549	99.8	4	0.2	40	1.5	6	15.0
Barnes	11,775	11,664	99.1	11,645	99.8	19	0.2	111	0.9	76	68.5
Benson	6,964	6,929	99.5	6,920	99.9	9	0.1	35	0.5	14	40.0
Billings	888	879	99.0	858	97.6	21	2.4	9	1.0	4	44.4
Bottineau	7,149	6,998	97.9	6,956	99.4	42	0.6	151	2.1	99	65.6
Bowman	3,242	3,230	99.6	3,228	99.9	2	0.1	12	0.4	3	25.0
Burke	2,242	2,208	98.5	2,182	98.8	26	1.2	34	1.5	6	17.6
Burleigh	69,416	68,390	98.5	68,132	99.6	258	0.4	1,026	1.5	418	40.7
Cass	123,138	119,209	96.8	118,600	99.5	609	0.5	3,929	3.2	2,843	72.4
Cavalier	4,831	4,710	97.5	4,687	99.5	23	0.5	121	2.5	39	32.2
Dickey	5,757	5,663	98.4	5,656	99.9	7	0.1	94	1.6	20	21.3
Divide	2,283	2,228	97.6	2,204	98.9	24	1.1	55	2.4	32	58.2
Dunn	3,600	3,576	99.3	3,572	99.9	4	0.1	24	0.7	12	50.0
Eddy	2,757	2,747	99.6	2,737	99.6	10	0.4	10	0.4	0	0.0
Emmons	4,331	4,310	99.5	4,307	99.9	3	0.1	21	0.5	0	0.0
Foster	3,759	3,703	98.5	3,680	99.4	23	0.6	56	1.5	15	26.8
Golden Valley	1,924	1,914	99.5	1,909	99.7	5	0.3	10	0.5	3	30.0
Grand Forks	66,109	64,006	96.8	63,036	98.5	970	1.5	2,103	3.2	1,208	57.4
Grant	2,841	2,803	98.7	2,799	99.9	4	0.1	38	1.3	10	26.3
Griggs	2,754	2,726	99.0	2,715	99.6	11	0.4	28	1.0	6	21.4
Hettinger	2,715	2,711	99.9	2,703	99.7	8	0.3	4	0.1	2	50.0
Kidder	2,753	2,729	99.1	2,729	100.0	0	0.0	24	0.9	3	12.5
LaMoure	4,701	4,664	99.2	4,650	99.7	14	0.3	37	0.8	12	32.4
Logan	2,308	2,294	99.4	2,288	99.7	6	0.3	14	0.6	8	57.1
McHenry	5,987	5,928	99.0	5,900	99.5	28	0.5	59	1.0	7	11.9
McIntosh	3,390	3,363	99.2	3,363	100.0	0	0.0	27	0.8	10	37.0
McKenzie	5,737	5,656	98.6	5,626	99.5	30	0.5	81	1.4	61	75.3
McLean	9,311	9,229	99.1	9,204	99.7	25	0.3	82	0.9	9	11.0
Mercer	8,644	8,513	98.5	8,487	99.7	26	0.3	131	1.5	55	42.0
Morton	25,303	25,077	99.1	25,028	99.8	49	0.2	226	0.9	108	47.8
Mountrail	6,631	6,551	98.8	6,530	99.7	21	0.3	80	1.2	17	21.3
Nelson	3,715	3,651	98.3	3,640	99.7	11	0.3	64	1.7	19	29.7
Oliver	2,065	2,059	99.7	2,052	99.7	7	0.3	6	0.3	4	66.7
Pembina	8,585	8,261	96.2	8,120	98.3	141	1.7	324	3.8	101	31.2
Pierce	4,675	4,619	98.8	4,612	99.8	7	0.2	56	1.2	10	17.9
Ramsey	12,066	11,880	98.5	11,795	99.3	85	0.7	186	1.5	71	38.2
Ransom	5,890	5,835	99.1	5,825	99.8	10	0.2	55	0.9	8	14.5
Renville	2,610	2,571	98.5	2,542	98.9	29	1.1	39	1.5	4	10.3
Richland	17,998	17,807	98.9	17,709	99.5	98	0.6	191	1.1	55	28.8
Rolette	13,674	13,496	98.7	13,457	99.7	39	0.3	178	1.3	85	47.8
Sargent	4,366	4,346	99.5	4,342	99.9	4	0.1	20	0.5	11	55.0
Sheridan	1,710	1,692	98.9	1,686	99.6	6	0.4	18	1.1	2	11.1
Sioux	4,044	4,012	99.2	3,989	99.4	23	0.6	32	0.8	14	43.8
Slope	767	765	99.7	765	100.0	0	0.0	2	0.3	0	0.0
Stark	22,636	22,453	99.2	22,391	99.7	62	0.3	183	0.8	93	50.8
Steele	2,258	2,251	99.7	2,238	99.4	13	0.6	7	0.3	0	0.0
Stutsman	21,908	21,685	99.0	21,638	99.8	47	0.2	223	1.0	80	35.9
Towner	2,876	2,854	99.2	2,847	99.8	7	0.2	22	0.8	0	0.0
Traill	8,477	8,360	98.6	8,330	99.6	30	0.4	117	1.4	46	39.3
Walsh	12,389	12,155	98.1	12,097	99.5	58	0.5	234	1.9	33	14.1
Ward	58,795	57,580	97.9	56,538	98.2	1,042	1.8	1,215	2.1	526	43.3
Wells	5,102	5,062	99.2	5,056	99.9	6	0.1	40	0.8	8	20.0
Williams	19,761	19,531	98.8	19,449	99.6	82	0.4	230	1.2	63	27.4
North Dakota	642,200	630,086	98.1	625,998	99.4	4,088	0.6	12,114	1.9	6,339	52.3

Press Release

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