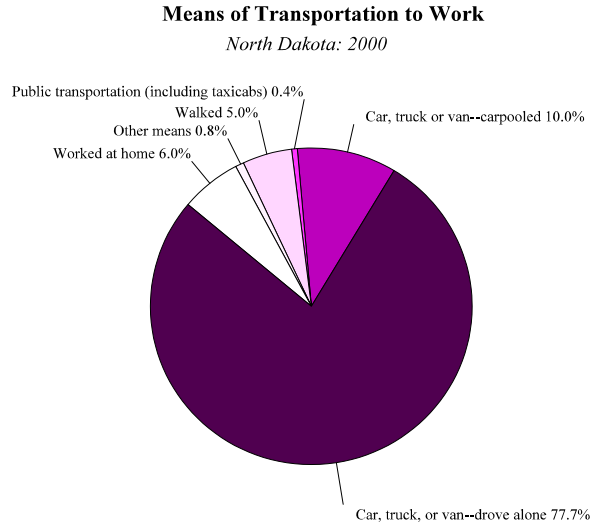


Commuting Patterns in North Dakota: 2000

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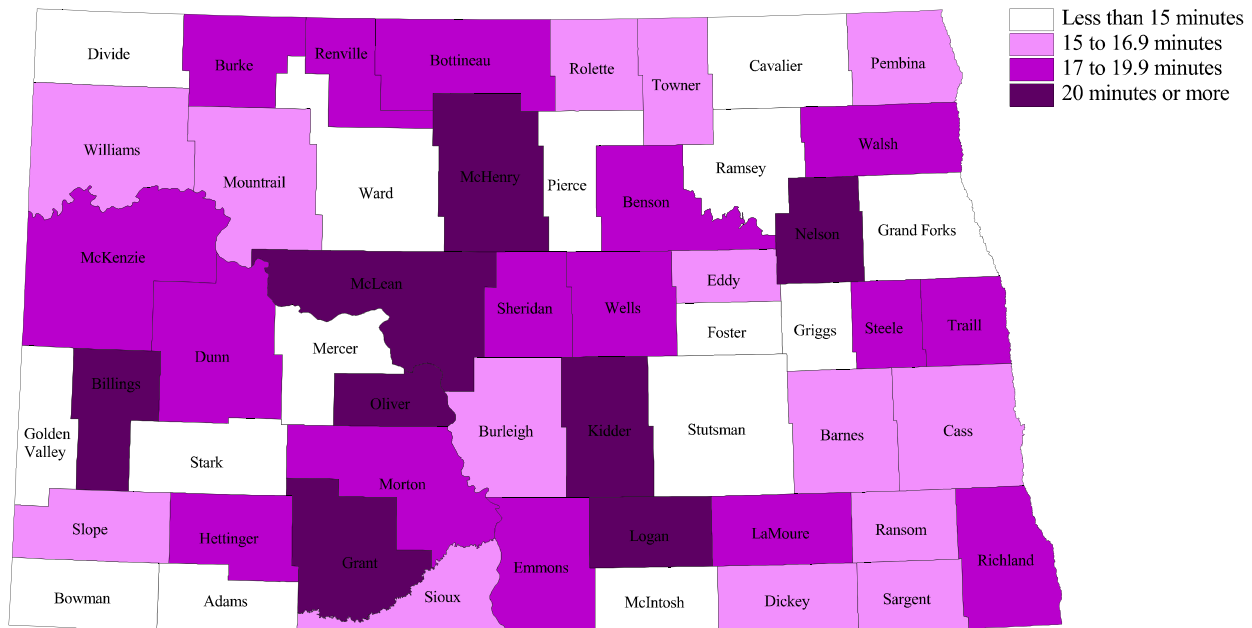
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Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census, Summary File 3 (SF3) Table P30.

Mean Travel Time to Work in Minutes in North Dakota by County: 2000

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census, SF3 Table P31.



Workers Place of Work in North Dakota by County: 2000

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census, Summary File 3 (SF3) Table P26.

Area	Total	Workers 16 Years and Older							
		Worked In State of Residence						Worked Outside State of Residence	
		Total		In County of Residence		Outside County of Residence		Number	Percent
		Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent		
North Dakota	319,481	306,947	96.1	276,512	86.6	30,435	9.5	12,534	3.9
Adams	1,209	1,105	91.4	1,045	86.4	60	5.0	104	8.6
Barnes	5,597	5,527	98.7	4,722	84.4	805	14.4	70	1.3
Benson	2,350	2,344	99.7	1,808	76.9	536	22.8	6	0.3
Billings	443	430	97.1	300	67.7	130	29.3	13	2.9
Bottineau	3,130	3,104	99.2	2,486	79.4	618	19.7	26	0.8
Bowman	1,632	1,595	97.7	1,484	90.9	111	6.8	37	2.3
Burke	998	983	98.5	780	78.2	203	20.3	15	1.5
Burleigh	37,217	36,905	99.2	33,301	89.5	3,604	9.7	312	0.8
Cass	69,743	63,396	90.9	62,235	89.2	1,161	1.7	6,347	9.1
Cavalier	2,091	2,075	99.2	1,853	88.6	222	10.6	16	0.8
Dickey	2,832	2,701	95.4	2,474	87.4	227	8.0	131	4.6
Divide	962	941	97.8	856	89.0	85	8.8	21	2.2
Dunn	1,606	1,593	99.2	1,175	73.2	418	26.0	13	0.8
Eddy	1,193	1,190	99.7	866	72.6	324	27.2	3	0.3
Emmons	1,854	1,815	97.9	1,644	88.7	171	9.2	39	2.1
Foster	1,749	1,737	99.3	1,507	86.2	230	13.2	12	0.7
Golden Valley	835	776	92.9	741	88.7	35	4.2	59	7.1
Grand Forks	35,038	32,758	93.5	31,856	90.9	902	2.6	2,280	6.5
Grant	1,239	1,196	96.5	1,031	83.2	165	13.3	43	3.5
Griggs	1,271	1,268	99.8	1,109	87.3	159	12.5	3	0.2
Hettinger	1,115	1,100	98.7	947	84.9	153	13.7	15	1.3
Kidder	1,156	1,141	98.7	957	82.8	184	15.9	15	1.3
LaMoure	2,079	2,052	98.7	1,641	78.9	411	19.8	27	1.3
Logan	952	945	99.3	773	81.2	172	18.1	7	0.7
McHenry	2,579	2,548	98.8	1,545	59.9	1,003	38.9	31	1.2
McIntosh	1,411	1,385	98.2	1,284	91.0	101	7.2	26	1.8
McKenzie	2,424	2,266	93.5	1,974	81.4	292	12.0	158	6.5
McLean	4,012	3,950	98.5	3,014	75.1	936	23.3	62	1.5
Mercer	4,067	3,957	97.3	3,722	91.5	235	5.8	110	2.7
Morton	12,792	12,679	99.1	6,105	47.7	6,574	51.4	113	0.9
Mountrail	2,695	2,689	99.8	2,110	78.3	579	21.5	6	0.2
Nelson	1,620	1,595	98.5	1,228	75.8	367	22.7	25	1.5
Oliver	987	982	99.5	596	60.4	386	39.1	5	0.5
Pembina	3,961	3,854	97.3	3,335	84.2	519	13.1	107	2.7
Pierce	2,040	2,040	100.0	1,807	88.6	233	11.4	0	0.0
Ramsey	5,657	5,614	99.2	5,077	89.7	537	9.5	43	0.8
Ransom	2,851	2,814	98.7	2,177	76.4	637	22.3	37	1.3
Renville	1,249	1,249	100.0	877	70.2	372	29.8	0	0.0
Richland	8,646	7,613	88.1	6,535	75.6	1,078	12.5	1,033	11.9
Rolette	4,482	4,456	99.4	4,256	95.0	200	4.5	26	0.6
Sargent	2,110	2,044	96.9	1,735	82.2	309	14.6	66	3.1
Sheridan	660	658	99.7	519	78.6	139	21.1	2	0.3
Sioux	1,144	1,080	94.4	1,028	89.9	52	4.5	64	5.6
Slope	396	379	95.7	291	73.5	88	22.2	17	4.3
Stark	11,064	10,959	99.1	10,415	94.1	544	4.9	105	0.9
Steele	1,056	1,033	97.8	714	67.6	319	30.2	23	2.2
Stutsman	10,884	10,802	99.2	10,372	95.3	430	4.0	82	0.8
Towner	1,333	1,323	99.3	1,106	83.0	217	16.3	10	0.8
Traill	3,906	3,745	95.9	2,802	71.7	943	24.1	161	4.1
Walsh	5,740	5,630	98.1	4,902	85.4	728	12.7	110	1.9
Ward	29,818	29,540	99.1	28,546	95.7	994	3.3	278	0.9
Wells	2,125	2,112	99.4	1,822	85.7	290	13.6	13	0.6
Williams	9,481	9,274	97.8	9,027	95.2	247	2.6	207	2.2



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