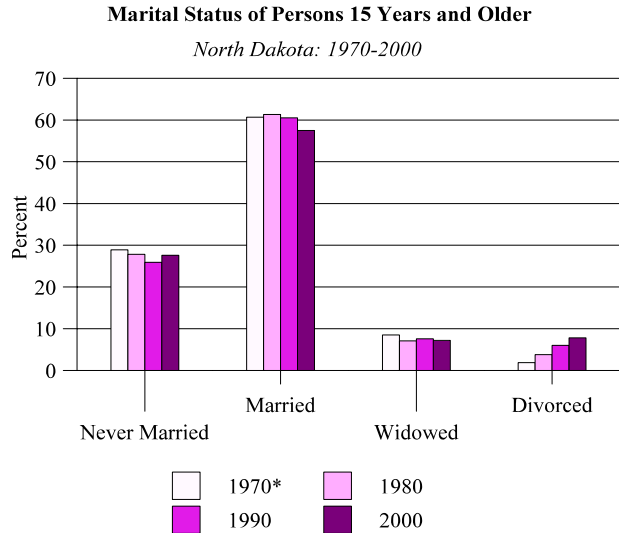


## Marital Status in North Dakota: 2000

The majority of persons 15 years and older in North Dakota were married in 2000 (57.5 percent). This proportion is down from 61 percent a decade earlier, largely due to an increase in the proportion of persons divorced.

The number of divorced persons in the state increased 35 percent between 1990 and 2000. Nearly 8 percent of persons in North Dakota were divorced in 2000, up from 6 percent in 1990, 3.8 percent in 1980, and 1.9 percent in 1970 (1970 figures reflect persons 14 years and older). Nationally, nearly 10 percent of persons were divorced in 2000.

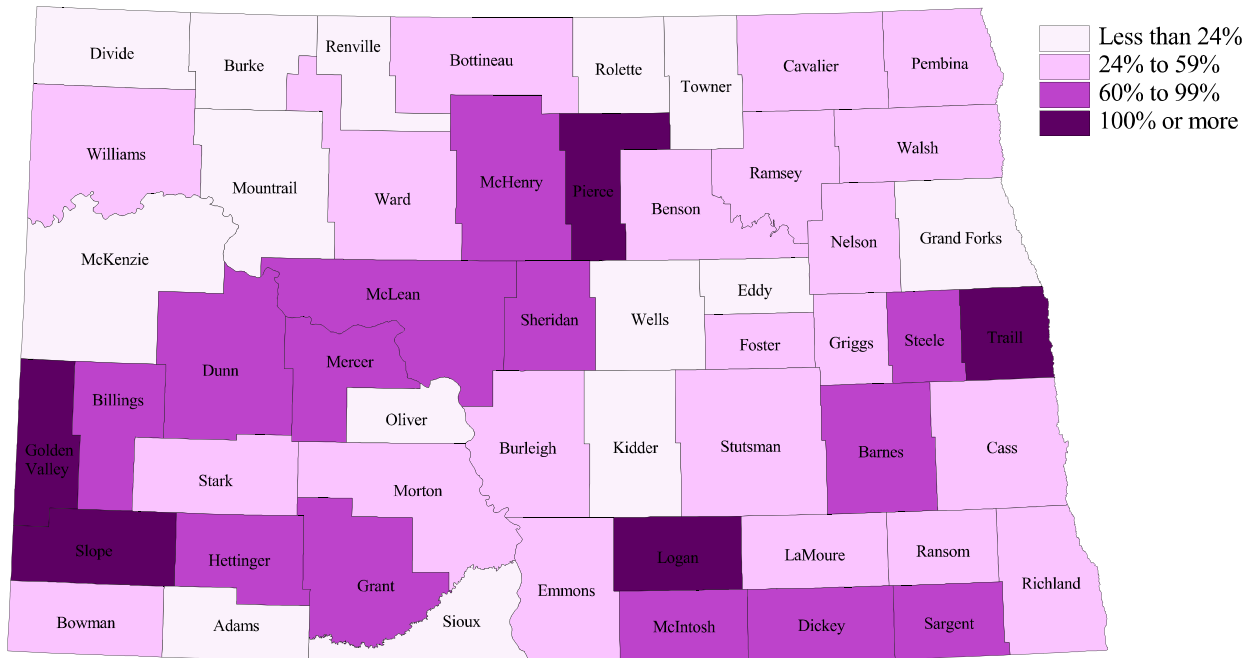
Nearly 28 percent of persons 15 years and older in North Dakota were never married in 2000. This proportion is up from 26 percent in 1990. Nationally, the trend in persons never married is just the opposite. The proportion of persons never married declined from 30 percent in 1990 to 27 percent in 2000 for the United States.



Note: 1970 data reflect persons 14 years and older.  
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Decennial Censuses

### Percent Change in Divorced Persons in North Dakota by County: 1990 to 2000

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 1990 and 2000 Census.



**Marital Status of Persons 15 Years and Older in North Dakota by County: 2000**

County	Persons 15 Years and Older												
	Total	Never Married		Now Married						Widowed		Divorced	
				Total		Not Separated		Separated					
		Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Adams	2,117	402	19.0	1,318	62.3	1,310	61.9	8	0.4	279	13.2	118	5.6
Barnes	9,693	2,565	26.5	5,555	57.3	5,486	56.6	69	0.7	863	8.9	710	7.3
Benson	4,891	1,744	35.7	2,412	49.3	2,352	48.1	60	1.2	379	7.7	356	7.3
Billings	731	164	22.4	472	64.6	469	64.2	3	0.4	41	5.6	54	7.4
Bottineau	5,915	1,370	23.2	3,620	61.2	3,591	60.7	29	0.5	595	10.1	330	5.6
Bowman	2,642	483	18.3	1,714	64.9	1,711	64.8	3	0.1	277	10.5	168	6.4
Burke	1,884	375	19.9	1,182	62.7	1,161	61.6	21	1.1	205	10.9	122	6.5
Burleigh	55,533	15,073	27.1	32,227	58.0	31,841	57.3	386	0.7	3,408	6.1	4,825	8.7
Cass	99,095	33,720	34.0	52,393	52.9	51,623	52.1	770	0.8	4,515	4.6	8,467	8.5
Cavalier	3,904	732	18.8	2,616	67.0	2,606	66.8	10	0.3	366	9.4	190	4.9
Dickey	4,658	989	21.2	2,864	61.5	2,839	60.9	25	0.5	502	10.8	303	6.5
Divide	1,934	328	17.0	1,226	63.4	1,214	62.8	12	0.6	228	11.8	152	7.9
Dunn	2,816	674	23.9	1,724	61.2	1,703	60.5	21	0.7	218	7.7	200	7.1
Eddy	2,232	465	20.8	1,428	64.0	1,424	63.8	4	0.2	243	10.9	96	4.3
Emmons	3,469	637	18.4	2,304	66.4	2,271	65.5	33	1.0	377	10.9	151	4.4
Foster	2,972	590	19.9	1,901	64.0	1,872	63.0	29	1.0	276	9.3	205	6.9
Golden Valley	1,534	354	23.1	933	60.8	929	60.6	4	0.3	136	8.9	111	7.2
Grand Forks	53,070	19,152	36.1	27,200	51.3	26,785	50.5	415	0.8	2,772	5.2	3,946	7.4
Grant	2,342	459	19.6	1,508	64.4	1,499	64.0	9	0.4	261	11.1	114	4.9
Griggs	2,280	459	20.1	1,481	65.0	1,469	64.4	12	0.5	232	10.2	108	4.7
Hettinger	2,222	421	18.9	1,450	65.3	1,437	64.7	13	0.6	239	10.8	112	5.0
Kidder	2,267	450	19.9	1,439	63.5	1,430	63.1	9	0.4	264	11.6	114	5.0
LaMoure	3,837	814	21.2	2,462	64.2	2,451	63.9	11	0.3	361	9.4	200	5.2
Logan	1,891	358	18.9	1,236	65.4	1,234	65.3	2	0.1	212	11.2	85	4.5
McHenry	4,872	1,038	21.3	3,007	61.7	2,985	61.3	22	0.5	508	10.4	319	6.5
McIntosh	2,880	447	15.5	1,892	65.7	1,876	65.1	16	0.6	443	15.4	98	3.4
McKenzie	4,338	1,007	23.2	2,643	60.9	2,600	59.9	43	1.0	369	8.5	319	7.4
McLean	7,634	1,436	18.8	5,016	65.7	4,984	65.3	32	0.4	662	8.7	520	6.8
Mercer	6,709	1,274	19.0	4,500	67.1	4,479	66.8	21	0.3	497	7.4	438	6.5
Morton	19,883	4,733	23.8	12,174	61.2	12,063	60.7	111	0.6	1,415	7.1	1,561	7.9
Mountrail	5,130	1,269	24.7	2,968	57.9	2,922	57.0	46	0.9	486	9.5	407	7.9
Nelson	3,098	579	18.7	1,823	58.8	1,811	58.5	12	0.4	447	14.4	249	8.0
Oliver	1,644	326	19.8	1,131	68.8	1,123	68.3	8	0.5	106	6.4	81	4.9
Pembina	6,962	1,507	21.6	4,326	62.1	4,278	61.4	48	0.7	672	9.7	457	6.6
Pierce	3,801	783	20.6	2,340	61.6	2,315	60.9	25	0.7	411	10.8	267	7.0
Ramsey	9,626	2,391	24.8	5,446	56.6	5,353	55.6	93	1.0	932	9.7	857	8.9
Ransom	4,706	980	20.8	2,958	62.9	2,903	61.7	55	1.2	395	8.4	373	7.9
Renville	2,156	433	20.1	1,396	64.8	1,394	64.7	2	0.1	211	9.8	116	5.4
Richland	14,427	4,021	27.9	8,442	58.5	8,355	57.9	87	0.6	1,104	7.7	860	6.0
Rolette	9,568	3,407	35.6	4,467	46.7	4,325	45.2	142	1.5	700	7.3	994	10.4
Sargent	3,421	650	19.0	2,275	66.5	2,252	65.8	23	0.7	266	7.8	230	6.7
Sheridan	1,426	255	17.9	949	66.6	943	66.1	6	0.4	141	9.9	81	5.7
Sioux	2,682	1,233	46.0	967	36.1	947	35.3	20	0.7	151	5.6	331	12.3
Slope	626	147	23.5	411	65.7	411	65.7	0	0.0	32	5.1	36	5.8
Stark	18,007	4,680	26.0	10,758	59.7	10,692	59.4	66	0.4	1,266	7.0	1,303	7.2
Steele	1,779	344	19.3	1,205	67.7	1,192	67.0	13	0.7	126	7.1	104	5.8
Stutsman	17,934	4,519	25.2	10,173	56.7	9,993	55.7	180	1.0	1,603	8.9	1,639	9.1
Towner	2,338	509	21.8	1,418	60.7	1,405	60.1	13	0.6	265	11.3	146	6.2
Traill	6,780	1,606	23.7	4,093	60.4	4,047	59.7	46	0.7	598	8.8	483	7.1
Walsh	9,952	2,212	22.2	6,021	60.5	5,937	59.7	84	0.8	989	9.9	730	7.3
Ward	46,029	12,129	26.4	27,158	59.0	26,844	58.3	314	0.7	2,857	6.2	3,885	8.4
Wells	4,200	768	18.3	2,707	64.5	2,687	64.0	20	0.5	511	12.2	214	5.1
Williams	15,744	3,839	24.4	9,114	57.9	9,010	57.2	104	0.7	1,290	8.2	1,501	9.5
North Dakota	512,281	141,300	27.6	294,443	57.5	290,833	56.8	3,610	0.7	36,702	7.2	39,836	7.8

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