

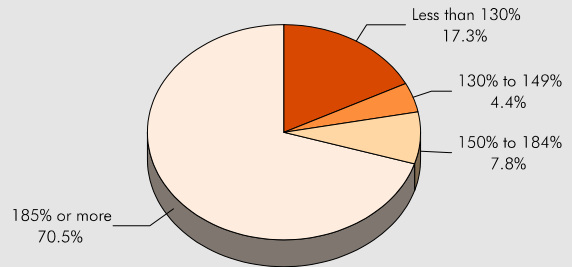
Poverty Status of Families with Children Under 18 Years of Age in North Dakota: 2000

According to the 2000 Census, one in five North Dakota families with children under 18 had incomes at or below 149 percent of poverty (21.7 percent) (Figure 1). In a discussion of poverty, it is important to consider those families that are conceivably one or two paychecks away from impoverishment, yet defined as 'above poverty'. Thus, for purposes of this publication, 'poor and near poor' reflect families with incomes below the poverty threshold as well as those families near it (100 percent to 149 percent).

Parents who were married were less likely to be poor or near poor than single parents. In 2000, approximately 13 percent of married couples with young children in North Dakota were poor or near poor compared to 59 percent of single mothers and 35 percent of single fathers (Table 1).

Nationally, 23.1 percent of families with children were in or near poverty in 2000 (Figure 2). The highest rates were seen in Mississippi, the District of Columbia, and New Mexico, where approximately 35 percent of families with children were in or near poverty. Minnesota and New Hampshire had the lowest rates (13.9 percent and 12.0 percent, respectively.)

Figure 1. Ratio of Income to Poverty for All Families With Children Less than 18 Years Old in North Dakota: 2000



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000, Summary File 3 (SF3) Table PCT61, www.factfinder.census.gov

Figure 2. Percent of Families with Children Under 18 Year of Age with Incomes at or Near Poverty by State: 2000

Note: Incomes at or near poverty are those defined as incomes at or below 149% of poverty

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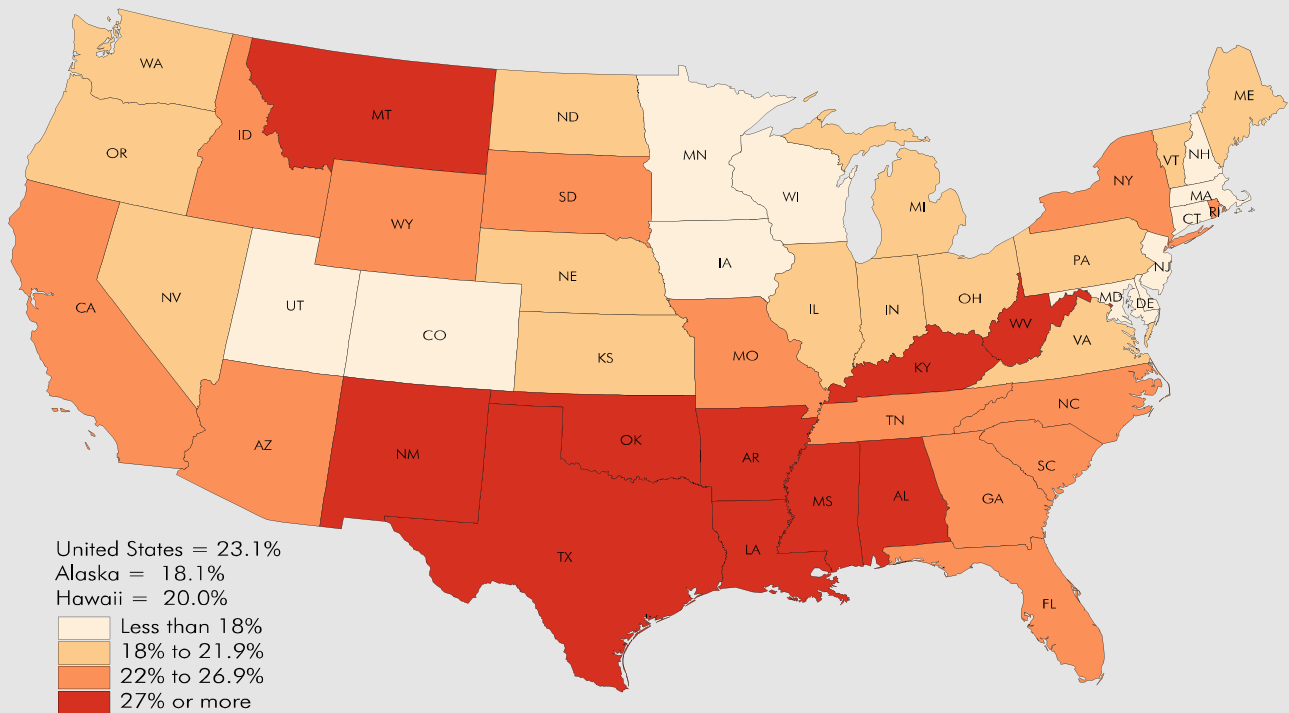


Table 1. Poverty Status of Families with Children Under 18 by Type of Family in North Dakota by County: 2000

Note: 'Poor and Near Poor' reflect families with incomes at or below 149% of poverty. NA indicates Not Applicable.

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Census 2000, Summary File 3, Table PCT61, www.factfinder.census.gov

Area	All Families with Children Under 18			Married Couples with Children Under 18			Single Moms with Children Under 18			Single Dads with Children Under 18		
	Total	Poor and Near Poor		Total	Poor and Near Poor		Total	Poor and Near Poor		Total	Poor and Near Poor	
		Number	Percent		Number	Percent		Number	Percent		Number	Percent
North Dakota	83,678	18,161	21.7	64,825	8,202	12.7	13,971	8,249	59.0	4,882	1,710	35.0
Adams	302	91	30.1	233	50	21.5	49	32	65.3	20	9	45.0
Barnes	1,358	300	22.1	1,022	155	15.2	217	130	59.9	119	15	12.6
Benson	996	489	49.1	557	169	30.3	320	255	79.7	119	65	54.6
Billings	107	31	29.0	91	19	20.9	16	12	75.0	0	0	NA
Bottineau	848	192	22.6	705	119	16.9	75	41	54.7	68	32	47.1
Bowman	431	73	16.9	371	40	10.8	41	25	61.0	19	8	42.1
Burke	249	64	25.7	200	45	22.5	26	15	57.7	23	4	17.4
Burleigh	9,337	1,426	15.3	7,367	458	6.2	1,539	836	54.3	431	132	30.6
Cass	15,992	2,453	15.3	12,305	872	7.1	2,720	1,270	46.7	967	311	32.2
Cavalier	561	113	20.1	484	70	14.5	39	24	61.5	38	19	50.0
Dickey	691	191	27.6	565	122	21.6	85	59	69.4	41	10	24.4
Divide	230	61	26.5	184	38	20.7	23	12	52.2	23	11	47.8
Dunn	463	169	36.5	368	100	27.2	57	46	80.7	38	23	60.5
Eddy	289	61	21.1	256	52	20.3	21	5	23.8	12	4	33.3
Emmons	511	172	33.7	411	123	29.9	51	28	54.9	49	21	42.9
Foster	512	97	18.9	416	47	11.3	67	44	65.7	29	6	20.7
Golden Valley	220	64	29.1	182	46	25.3	21	7	33.3	17	11	64.7
Grand Forks	8,511	1,821	21.4	6,489	763	11.8	1,605	951	59.3	417	107	25.7
Grant	317	112	35.3	277	87	31.4	32	21	65.6	8	4	50.0
Griggs	322	50	15.5	296	38	12.8	17	6	35.3	9	6	66.7
Hettinger	311	97	31.2	276	81	29.3	24	12	50.0	11	4	36.4
Kidder	328	118	36.0	280	101	36.1	26	11	42.3	22	6	27.3
LaMoure	540	149	27.6	464	119	25.6	44	16	36.4	32	14	43.8
Logan	235	76	32.3	223	71	31.8	10	5	50.0	2	0	0.0
McHenry	760	230	30.3	630	152	24.1	74	54	73.0	56	24	42.9
McIntosh	329	91	27.7	292	71	24.3	26	17	65.4	11	3	27.3
McKenzie	793	252	31.8	575	127	22.1	146	101	69.2	72	24	33.3
McLean	1,187	314	26.5	964	193	20.0	145	99	68.3	78	22	28.2
Mercer	1,237	150	12.1	1,051	57	5.4	114	73	64.0	72	20	27.8
Morton	3,604	715	19.8	2,806	304	10.8	632	350	55.4	166	61	36.7
Mountrail	887	318	35.9	611	161	26.4	190	117	61.6	86	40	46.5
Nelson	412	84	20.4	327	42	12.8	66	41	62.1	19	1	5.3
Oliver	280	58	20.7	256	44	17.2	16	10	62.5	8	4	50.0
Pembina	1,064	182	17.1	876	106	12.1	117	66	56.4	71	10	14.1
Pierce	589	165	28.0	468	90	19.2	106	69	65.1	15	6	40.0
Ramsey	1,551	383	24.7	1,105	145	13.1	300	192	64.0	146	46	31.5
Ransom	754	133	17.6	633	74	11.7	74	45	60.8	47	14	29.8
Renville	325	73	22.5	265	47	17.7	31	16	51.6	29	10	34.5
Richland	2,273	406	17.9	1,846	190	10.3	319	162	50.8	108	54	50.0
Rolette	2,234	1,090	48.8	1,201	352	29.3	799	590	73.8	234	148	63.2
Sargent	560	74	13.2	488	50	10.2	37	17	45.9	35	7	20.0
Sheridan	184	73	39.7	161	61	37.9	13	10	76.9	10	2	20.0
Sioux	658	347	52.7	279	105	37.6	277	181	65.3	102	61	59.8
Slope	104	56	53.8	87	44	50.6	7	4	57.1	10	8	80.0
Stark	3,051	587	19.2	2,517	298	11.8	445	256	57.5	89	33	37.1
Steele	276	55	19.9	242	36	14.9	23	11	47.8	11	8	72.7
Stutsman	2,644	483	18.3	2,020	185	9.2	444	234	52.7	180	64	35.6
Towner	327	74	22.6	266	43	16.2	40	24	60.0	21	7	33.3
Traill	1,076	208	19.3	884	106	12.0	138	93	67.4	54	9	16.7
Walsh	1,589	318	20.0	1,256	130	10.4	236	158	66.9	97	30	30.9
Ward	8,068	1,918	23.8	6,301	862	13.7	1,420	962	67.7	347	94	27.1
Wells	582	125	21.5	496	77	15.5	73	43	58.9	13	5	38.5
Williams	2,619	729	27.8	1,900	265	13.9	538	391	72.7	181	73	40.3

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Many Young North Dakota Families Impoverished

In 2000, one in five North Dakota families with children under 18 years of age were poor or near poor. This month's *Population Bulletin*, a monthly publication by the North Dakota State Data Center at North Dakota State University in Fargo, looks at family poverty data obtained from the 2000 Census. The Census provides income data reported as a percentage of poverty. Therefore, we can look at those families below the poverty threshold as well as families slightly above it (100 to 149 percent, for example). "It is important for policy makers to consider those families that are conceivably one or two paychecks away from impoverishment. That is why these data are so important," said Richard Rathge, Director of the Data Center. For purposes of this month's publication, 'poor and near poor' reflect families with incomes at or below 149 percent of poverty. The poverty threshold in 2000 for a married couple with one child was \$13,861, while the 'near poor' threshold (at or below 149 percent of poverty) for that same family was \$20,653. "In terms of wages, one of the parents in a married- couple family with one child needs to earn \$6.70 working full-time and year-round to stay above poverty. If they earned between \$6.70 and \$10.00, they would be considered 'near poor'", said Rathge.

Nationally, 23.1 percent of families with children were poor or near poor in 2000. Leading the nation, where approximately 35 percent of families with children were poor or near poor, were Mississippi (35.4 percent), the District of Columbia (35.2 percent), and New Mexico (34.6 percent). Minnesota and New Hampshire had the lowest rates (13.9 percent and 12.0 percent, respectively.)

Parents who were married were less likely to be poor or near poor than single parents. In 2000, approximately 13 percent of married couples with young children in North Dakota were poor or near poor compared to 59 percent of single mothers and 35 percent of single fathers.

While single mothers in North Dakota represented only 16.7 percent of all families with children in 2000, single mothers in or near poverty comprised nearly half of all families with children in or near poverty (45.4 percent). In all but eight of North Dakota's 53 counties the majority of single mothers were poor or near poor in 2000. In seven counties, three of every four single mothers were poor or near poor; Dunn (80.7 percent), Benson (79.7 percent), Sheridan (76.9 percent), Billings (75.0 percent), and Rolette (73.8 percent).

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