

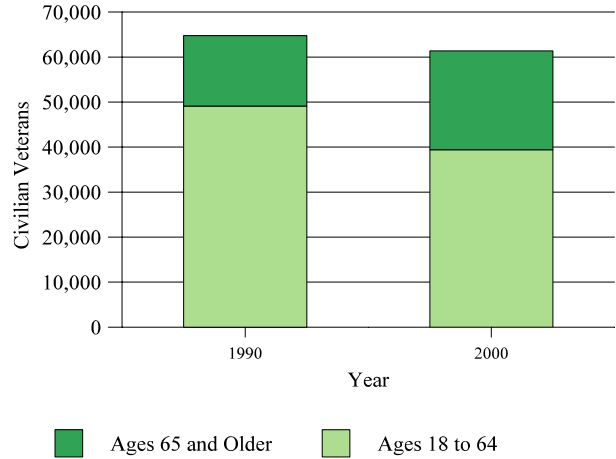
## Civilian Veteran Status in North Dakota: 2000

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While the overall number of veterans has declined, the age and gender distribution of North Dakota veterans has changed substantially over that last ten years. Persons 65 and older now comprise more than one-third of all North Dakota veterans (35.8 percent). This proportion rose from slightly less than one-fourth in 1990 (24.2 percent). Female veterans, while comprising less than six percent of all veterans in 2000, increased 27 percent since 1990 to reach 3,470.

**Civilian Veterans 18 Years and Older by Age**

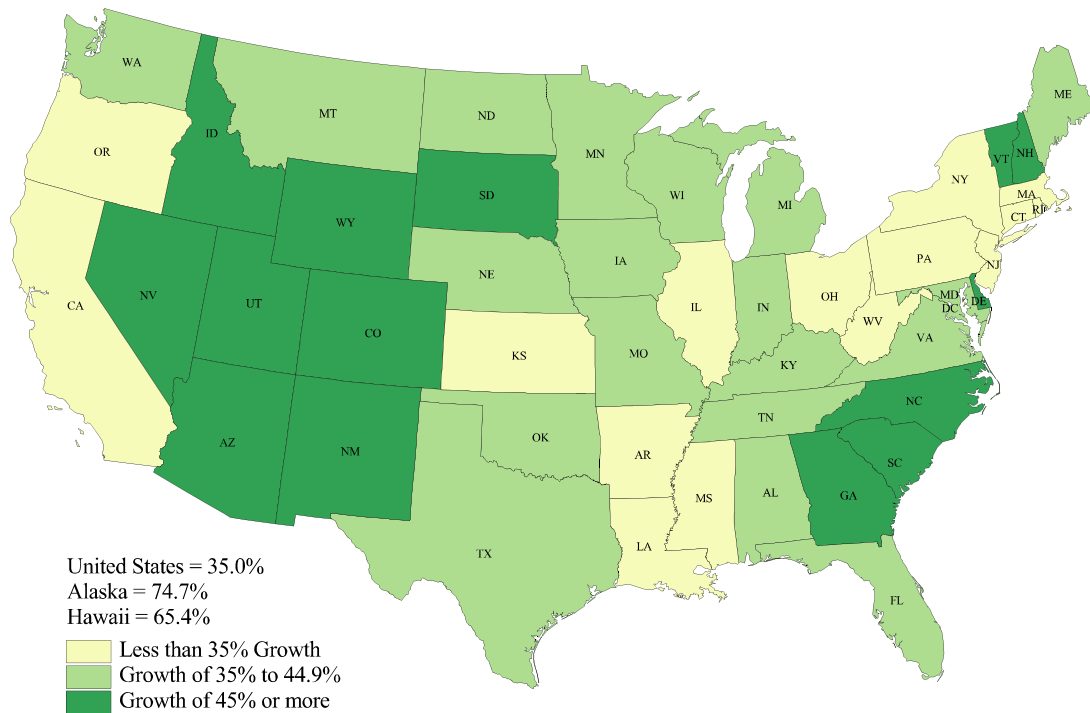
*North Dakota: 1990 and 2000*



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000, Summary File 3 (SF3) Table P39; Census 1990, Summary Tape File 3 (STF3) Table P64; Census 1980, STF3 Table 51.

### Percent Change in Veterans Ages 65 and Older: 1990 to 2000

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000, Summary File 3, Table P39.



# Civilian Veterans in North Dakota by County: 1990 and 2000

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000, Summary File 3 (SF3) Table P39; Census 1990, Summary Tape File 3 (STF3) Table P64.

Area	Persons 18 Years and Older													
	1990							2000						
	Total	Civilian Veterans						Total	Civilian Veterans					
		Total		Ages 18 to 64		Ages 65 plus			Total		Ages 18 to 64		Ages 65 plus	
Number	% of Total	Number	% of Veterans	Number	% of Veterans	Number	% of Total	Number	% of Total	Number	% of Veterans	Number	% of Veterans	
North Dakota	463,119	64,772	14.0	49,121	75.8	15,651	24.2	481,301	61,365	12.7	39,406	64.2	21,959	35.8
Adams	2,351	346	14.7	236	68.2	110	31.8	1,986	251	12.6	141	56.2	110	43.8
Barnes	9,419	1,323	14.0	882	66.7	441	33.3	9,159	1,229	13.4	661	53.8	568	46.2
Benson	4,705	672	14.3	474	70.5	198	29.5	4,439	526	11.8	333	63.3	193	36.7
Billings	746	132	17.7	102	77.3	30	22.7	670	125	18.7	87	69.6	38	30.4
Bottineau	5,976	799	13.4	561	70.2	238	29.8	5,567	750	13.5	438	58.4	312	41.6
Bowman	2,584	333	12.9	264	79.3	69	20.7	2,464	254	10.3	121	47.6	133	52.4
Burke	2,258	391	17.3	284	72.6	107	27.4	1,774	262	14.8	154	58.8	108	41.2
Burleigh	43,378	6,221	14.3	5,045	81.1	1,176	18.9	52,207	6,650	12.7	4,310	64.8	2,340	35.2
Cass	77,203	10,281	13.3	8,091	78.7	2,190	21.3	94,239	10,414	11.1	7,351	70.6	3,063	29.4
Cavalier	4,422	577	13.0	438	75.9	139	24.1	3,653	474	13.0	268	56.5	206	43.5
Dickey	4,602	492	10.7	337	68.5	155	31.5	4,392	535	12.2	328	61.3	207	38.7
Divide	2,203	354	16.1	221	62.4	133	37.6	1,824	277	15.2	163	58.8	114	41.2
Dunn	2,750	435	15.8	332	76.3	103	23.7	2,602	359	13.8	218	60.7	141	39.3
Eddy	2,212	321	14.5	177	55.1	144	44.9	2,105	273	13.0	119	43.6	154	56.4
Emmons	3,590	478	13.3	314	65.7	164	34.3	3,254	405	12.4	169	41.7	236	58.3
Foster	2,879	349	12.1	222	63.6	127	36.4	2,775	311	11.2	110	35.4	201	64.6
Golden Valley	1,454	232	16.0	156	67.2	76	32.8	1,375	204	14.8	108	52.9	96	47.1
Grand Forks	52,275	6,907	13.2	5,564	80.6	1,343	19.4	50,382	6,423	12.7	4,727	73.6	1,696	26.4
Grant	2,593	324	12.5	201	62.0	123	38.0	2,171	279	12.9	141	50.5	138	49.5
Griggs	2,446	347	14.2	238	68.6	109	31.4	2,128	284	13.3	146	51.4	138	48.6
Hettinger	2,534	384	15.2	268	69.8	116	30.2	2,082	331	15.9	188	56.8	143	43.2
Kidder	2,434	305	12.5	212	69.5	93	30.5	2,112	274	13.0	133	48.5	141	51.5
LaMoure	3,909	486	12.4	322	66.3	164	33.7	3,562	430	12.1	222	51.6	208	48.4
Logan	2,142	283	13.2	195	68.9	88	31.1	1,780	203	11.4	78	38.4	125	61.6
McHenry	4,763	737	15.5	499	67.7	238	32.3	4,549	681	15.0	401	58.9	280	41.1
McIntosh	3,140	383	12.2	263	68.7	120	31.3	2,735	300	11.0	128	42.7	172	57.3
McKenzie	4,249	693	16.3	510	73.6	183	26.4	3,976	598	15.0	365	61.0	233	39.0
McLean	7,416	1,125	15.2	793	70.5	332	29.5	7,114	1,049	14.7	651	62.1	398	37.9
Mercer	6,605	989	15.0	843	85.2	146	14.8	6,133	860	14.0	645	75.0	215	25.0
Morton	16,444	2,200	13.4	1,731	78.7	469	21.3	18,465	2,370	12.8	1,537	64.9	833	35.1
Mountrail	4,905	755	15.4	537	71.1	218	28.9	4,764	693	14.5	415	59.9	278	40.1
Nelson	3,384	537	15.9	347	64.6	190	35.4	2,886	468	16.2	235	50.2	233	49.8
Oliver	1,603	196	12.2	176	89.8	20	10.2	1,495	175	11.7	116	66.3	59	33.7
Pembina	6,649	1,064	16.0	778	73.1	286	26.9	6,456	950	14.7	545	57.4	405	42.6
Pierce	3,762	472	12.5	332	70.3	140	29.7	3,562	487	13.7	267	54.8	220	45.2
Ramsey	9,344	1,439	15.4	976	67.8	463	32.2	9,049	1,051	11.6	601	57.2	450	42.8
Ransom	4,382	674	15.4	426	63.2	248	36.8	4,409	672	15.2	334	49.7	338	50.3
Renville	2,293	353	15.4	237	67.1	116	32.9	2,005	330	16.5	190	57.6	140	42.4
Richland	13,215	1,780	13.5	1,335	75.0	445	25.0	13,585	1,444	10.6	802	55.5	642	44.5
Rolette	7,936	897	11.3	726	80.9	171	19.1	8,673	959	11.1	666	69.4	293	30.6
Sargent	3,326	414	12.4	271	65.5	143	34.5	3,219	417	13.0	250	60.0	167	40.0
Sheridan	1,629	230	14.1	157	68.3	73	31.7	1,347	192	14.3	90	46.9	102	53.1
Sioux	2,102	364	17.3	313	86.0	51	14.0	2,398	332	13.8	273	82.2	59	17.8
Slope	632	87	13.8	57	65.5	30	34.5	569	52	9.1	28	53.8	24	46.2
Stark	16,039	2,073	12.9	1,629	78.6	444	21.4	16,870	2,079	12.3	1,386	66.7	693	33.3
Steele	1,788	276	15.4	191	69.2	85	30.8	1,634	242	14.8	120	49.6	122	50.4
Stutsman	16,383	2,396	14.6	1,775	74.1	621	25.9	16,893	2,187	12.9	1,280	58.5	907	41.5
Towner	2,645	349	13.2	218	62.5	131	37.5	2,162	285	13.2	137	48.1	148	51.9
Traill	6,515	886	13.6	577	65.1	309	34.9	6,370	893	14.0	531	59.5	362	40.5
Walsh	10,027	1,452	14.5	1,052	72.5	400	27.5	9,318	1,343	14.4	780	58.1	563	41.9
Ward	41,689	6,460	15.5	5,242	81.1	1,218	18.9	43,411	6,154	14.2	4,431	72.0	1,723	28.0
Wells	4,417	529	12.0	354	66.9	175	33.1	3,952	512	13.0	249	48.6	263	51.4
Williams	14,772	2,190	14.8	1,640	74.9	550	25.1	14,600	2,067	14.2	1,239	59.9	828	40.1



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