

Population Estimates for North Dakota: July 1, 2001 to July 1, 2003

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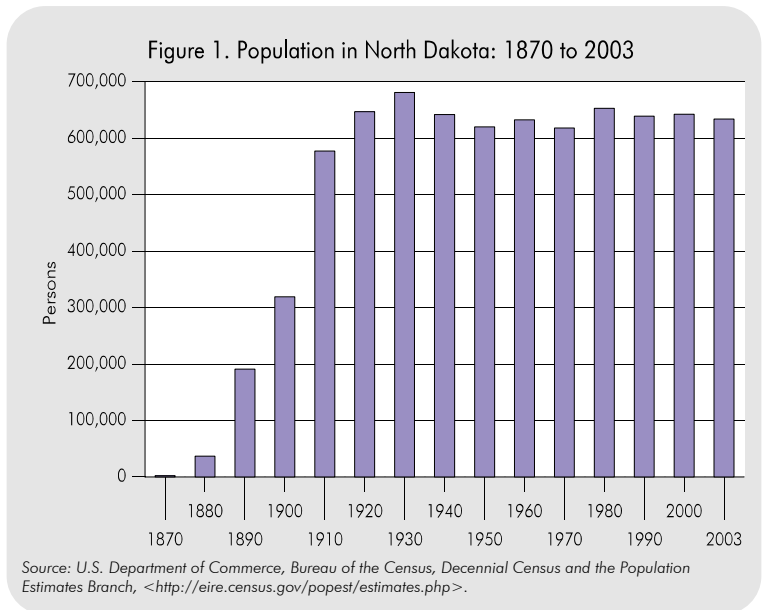


Figure 2. Change in Population for North Dakota Counties: July 1, 2002 to July 1, 2003

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates Branch, <http://eire.census.gov/popest/estimates.php>

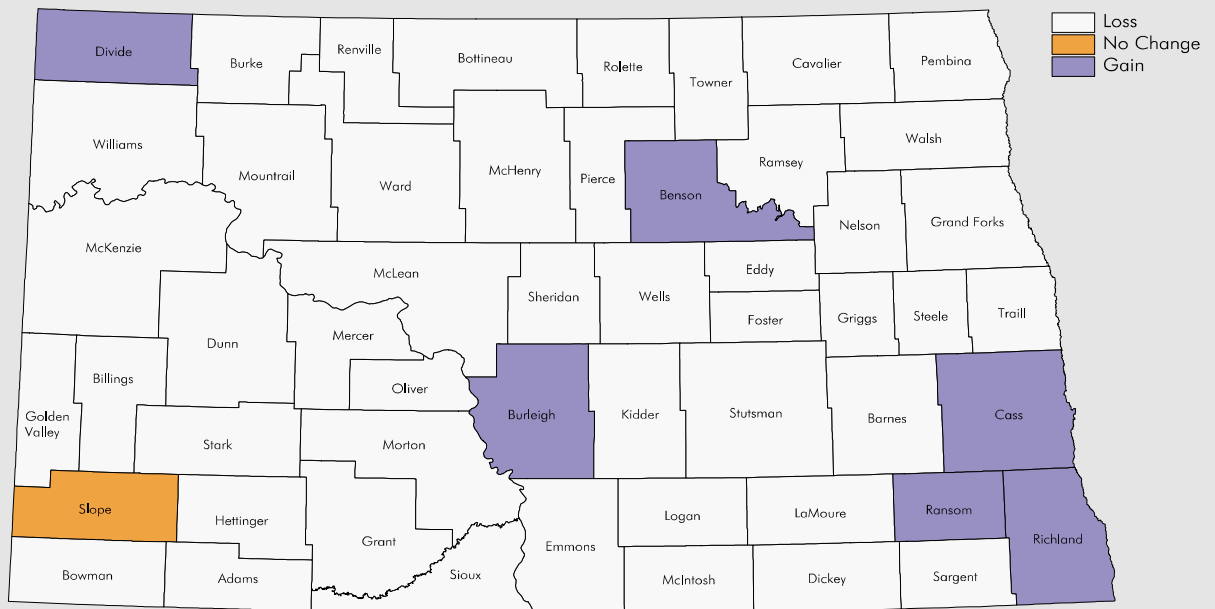


Table 1. Annual Population Estimates for North Dakota by County: Census 2000 and July 1, 2000 to July 1, 2003

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Population Estimates Branch, <<http://eire.census.gov/popest/estimates.php>>.

Area	April 1, Census 2000	July 1, Population Estimates				Change: July 1, 2002 to July 1, 2003	
		2000	2001	2002	2003	Numeric	Percent
North Dakota	642,200	641,082	636,285	633,911	633,837	-74	0.0
Adams	2,593	2,578	2,545	2,507	2,505	-2	-0.1
Barnes	11,775	11,717	11,433	11,224	11,083	-141	-1.3
Benson	6,964	6,960	6,981	6,873	6,881	8	0.1
Billings	888	874	884	870	850	-20	-2.3
Bottineau	7,149	7,118	7,015	6,893	6,820	-73	-1.1
Bowman	3,242	3,227	3,120	3,083	3,045	-38	-1.2
Burke	2,242	2,233	2,172	2,118	2,098	-20	-0.9
Burleigh	69,416	69,506	70,067	70,937	71,693	756	1.1
Cass	123,138	123,371	124,350	125,330	127,138	1,808	1.4
Cavalier	4,831	4,809	4,674	4,567	4,484	-83	-1.8
Dickey	5,757	5,752	5,676	5,554	5,492	-62	-1.1
Divide	2,283	2,265	2,185	2,208	2,247	39	1.8
Dunn	3,600	3,600	3,565	3,543	3,539	-4	-0.1
Eddy	2,757	2,739	2,676	2,627	2,598	-29	-1.1
Emmons	4,331	4,304	4,200	4,087	4,005	-82	-2.0
Foster	3,759	3,742	3,641	3,580	3,495	-85	-2.4
Golden Valley	1,924	1,918	1,858	1,829	1,828	-1	-0.1
Grand Forks	66,109	65,868	65,246	64,929	64,736	-193	-0.3
Grant	2,841	2,835	2,779	2,689	2,665	-24	-0.9
Griggs	2,754	2,731	2,642	2,599	2,578	-21	-0.8
Hettinger	2,715	2,691	2,630	2,592	2,548	-44	-1.7
Kidder	2,753	2,735	2,667	2,591	2,577	-14	-0.5
LaMoure	4,701	4,678	4,620	4,569	4,512	-57	-1.2
Logan	2,308	2,296	2,219	2,196	2,157	-39	-1.8
McHenry	5,987	5,950	5,814	5,739	5,722	-17	-0.3
McIntosh	3,390	3,378	3,313	3,225	3,178	-47	-1.5
McKenzie	5,737	5,715	5,660	5,664	5,615	-49	-0.9
McLean	9,311	9,262	9,127	9,014	8,935	-79	-0.9
Mercer	8,644	8,604	8,549	8,528	8,449	-79	-0.9
Morton	25,303	25,325	25,134	25,181	25,135	-46	-0.2
Mountrail	6,631	6,603	6,559	6,497	6,480	-17	-0.3
Nelson	3,715	3,699	3,601	3,464	3,454	-10	-0.3
Oliver	2,065	2,055	1,981	1,941	1,905	-36	-1.9
Pembina	8,585	8,557	8,390	8,276	8,201	-75	-0.9
Pierce	4,675	4,662	4,594	4,525	4,480	-45	-1.0
Ramsey	12,066	12,025	11,807	11,746	11,616	-130	-1.1
Ransom	5,890	5,893	5,851	5,831	5,838	7	0.1
Renville	2,610	2,593	2,523	2,513	2,473	-40	-1.6
Richland	17,998	17,953	17,627	17,420	17,598	178	1.0
Rolette	13,674	13,683	13,783	13,760	13,732	-28	-0.2
Sargent	4,366	4,357	4,334	4,281	4,225	-56	-1.3
Sheridan	1,710	1,697	1,631	1,572	1,540	-32	-2.0
Sioux	4,044	4,060	4,022	4,097	4,070	-27	-0.7
Slope	767	759	756	746	746	0	0.0
Stark	22,636	22,548	22,305	22,195	22,131	-64	-0.3
Steele	2,258	2,240	2,180	2,105	2,081	-24	-1.1
Stutsman	21,908	21,849	21,569	21,388	21,255	-133	-0.6
Towner	2,876	2,857	2,778	2,712	2,667	-45	-1.7
Traill	8,477	8,468	8,369	8,305	8,278	-27	-0.3
Walsh	12,389	12,358	12,126	11,891	11,720	-171	-1.4
Ward	58,795	58,643	57,696	56,985	56,721	-264	-0.5
Wells	5,102	5,081	4,890	4,806	4,702	-104	-2.2
Williams	19,761	19,661	19,471	19,509	19,316	-193	-1.0

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North Dakota's Population Relatively Unchanged From One Year Ago

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This month's "Population Bulletin," a monthly publication from the North Dakota State Data Center at North Dakota State University, focuses on county population estimates just released from the U.S. Census Bureau's Population Estimates Division, <<http://eire.census.gov/popest/estimates.php>>. In 2000, North Dakota reported 642,200 people residing in the state. Between 2000 and 2001, North Dakota's population declined by 5,915 persons to 636,285. The state's population dropped another 2,374 persons between 2001 and 2002. "The stabilization in 2003, in part reflects a downward trend in out-migration which is offset by natural increase from births exceeding deaths in the state. Between 2000 and 2001, there was a net loss of 7,000 residents from out-migration. However, between 2002 and 2003, that net loss was reduced to little more than 2,000," said Richard Rathge, director of the State Data Center.

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