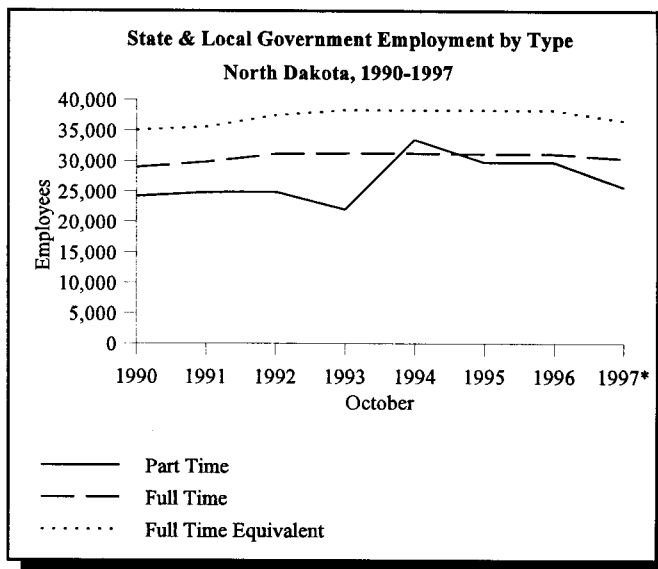


Government Employment in North Dakota, 1990-1997

The U.S. Bureau of the Census conducts an annual survey of government employment. This survey measures the number of state and local government civilian employees and their gross pay for the month of October by governmental function. Beginning with the 1997 survey, data are for the month of March. There was no survey between October 1995 and March 1997. Employment data for the Federal government are for December 31 of each even numbered year.

The functions of state and local government with the largest percentage increase in full-time equivalent employment between 1990 and 1997 in North Dakota were health and correction (121.6 percent and 22.8 percent, respectively). Areas having the largest percentage decline were electric power (70.4 percent) and hospitals (33.8 percent). Overall, North Dakota saw a 4.5 percent increase in state and local government full-time equivalent employment and a 4.4 percent increase in total government employment. However, government employment as a percentage of total employment in North Dakota has been declining; 19.3 percent in 1990 to 16.4 percent in 1997 (percentages of total employment taken from the Bureau of Economic Analysis which estimated total employment and total government employment through 1997).



Note: *Beginning with the 1997 Survey, data are for the month of March. There was no survey between October 1995 and March 1997.

Table 1. Government Employment by Level of Government in North Dakota: October 1990-October 1995 and March 1997

Employment and Full-Time Equivalent Employment by Level of Government	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1997 ²
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT:							
All Governments	60,965	62,482	64,365	61,571	72,737	68,926	63,653
Federal civilian ¹	7,815	7,815	8,313	8,313	8,033	8,033	7,632 ^a
State and Local	53,150	54,667	56,052	53,258	64,704	60,893	56,021
State	20,081	20,701	21,964	20,956	21,547	21,452	21,022
Local	33,069	33,966	34,088	32,302	43,157	39,441	34,999
FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT EMPLOYMENT:							
State and Local	35,035	35,581	37,515	38,307	38,314	38,299	36,605
State	14,944	15,029	16,468	15,684	16,201	16,493	15,384
Local	20,091	20,552	21,047	22,623	22,113	21,806	21,221

Note: ¹ Federal civilian employment numbers are for December 31 of each even numbered year. ² Beginning with the 1997 Survey, data are for the month of March. There was no survey between October 1995 and March 1997. ^a Represents December 31, 1996.

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Public Employment and Payroll Data by State, <http://www.census.gov/govs/www/apes.html>, March 1999.