

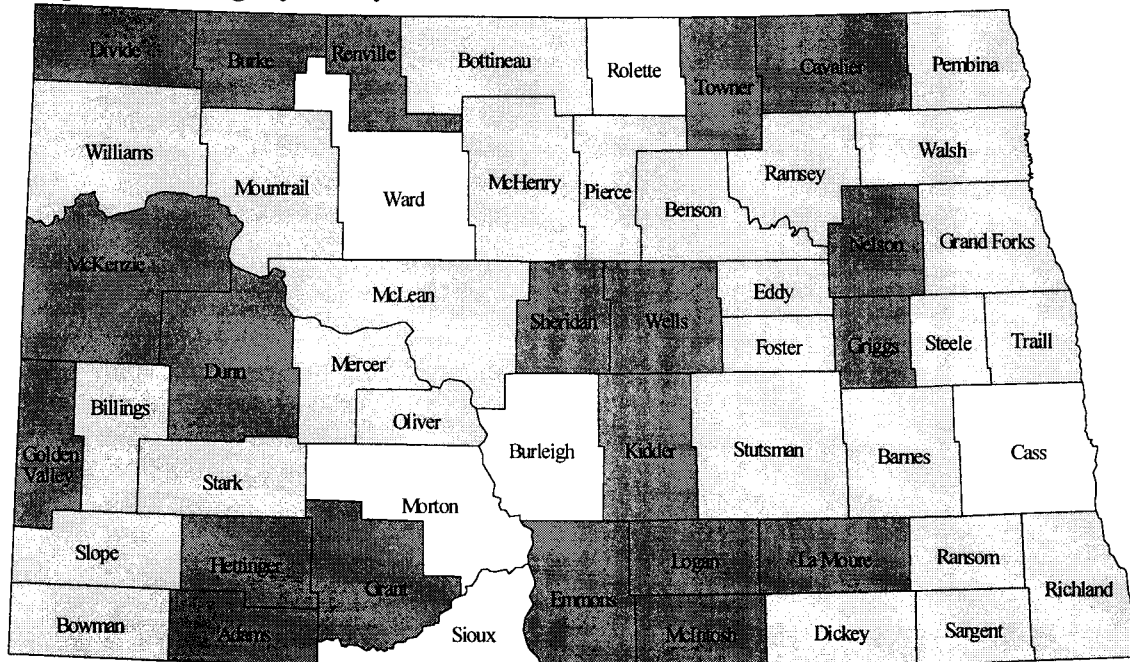
Population Estimates for North Dakota by County, 1999

According to the population estimates recently released from the U.S. Census Bureau, North Dakota's population decreased by 0.8 percent between 1990 and 1999. As of July 1, 1999, the state's population totaled 633,666, a decrease of 5,134 people since the 1990 Census. Between 1990 and 1991, North Dakota's population declined by 4,601 persons to 634,199. The state's population rebounded by roughly 2,000 persons per year through 1996. However, in 1997 numbers began to drop; approximately 1,900 in 1997, another 3,100 in 1998, and roughly 4,100 in 1999.

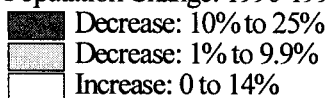
Within North Dakota, Cass County had the largest percentage increase in population between 1990 and 1999 (13.6 percent). Burleigh and Rolette counties followed with 11.3 and 10.8 percentage increases, respectively. Burke County had the largest percentage decline during this 10-year span (24.4 percent), followed by Sheridan County (21.2 percent). The population within North Dakota continues to become centralized. The top five counties including Cass, Burleigh, Grand Forks, Ward, and Morton represent more than 52 percent of the total population in North Dakota.

Among all the states in the nation in 1999, North Dakota ranked 47th in population. Along with Connecticut and Rhode Island, North Dakota showed a loss in population between 1990 and 1999. The fastest growing states were Nevada, Arizona, and Idaho (50.6, 30.4, and 24.3 percent, respectively).

Population Change by County: North Dakota 1990-1999



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Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census,
Population Estimates Branch, March 2000.