

Average Wage Per Job in North Dakota, 1993-1998

The average wage per job in North Dakota rose to \$22,641 in 1998, up 4.2 percent from \$21,726 in 1997. The average wage earned in North Dakota in 1998 was approximately 28 percent below the national average of \$31,299, ranking North Dakota 48th in the nation. Connecticut was first with \$40,064, followed by New York (\$39,751) and New Jersey (\$38,448). South Dakota was 50th at \$22,168.

The counties in North Dakota with the highest average wage per job in 1998 were Oliver (\$38,128) and Mercer (\$32,775). Counties with the largest percentage increases between 1997 and 1998 were Slope (16.9 percent) and Traill (8.4 percent). Sheridan and Benson counties, the only two counties to show losses, dropped 8.4 percent and 3.5 percent, respectively, between 1997 and 1998.

Average Wage Per Job in North Dakota and Surrounding States by Metropolitan Area, 1993-1998

Area	Average Wage Per Job (Dollars)						Percent Change	
	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1997-98	1993-98
North Dakota	19,002	19,572	20,253	20,956	21,726	22,641	4.2	19.2
(Non-Metropolitan Portion)	17,600	18,189	18,847	19,560	20,066	20,835	3.8	18.4
(Metropolitan Portion)	20,316	20,857	21,541	22,237	23,240	24,250	4.3	19.4
Bismarck, ND MSA	20,231	20,913	21,645	22,279	22,951	23,851	3.9	17.9
Fargo-Moorhead, ND-MN MSA	20,371	20,845	21,455	22,308	23,219	24,442	5.3	20.0
Grand Forks, ND-MN MSA	19,014	19,385	20,082	20,704	22,046	22,613	2.6	18.9
Minnesota	25,234	25,906	26,796	28,221	29,597	31,300	5.8	24.0
(Non-Metropolitan Portion)	19,012	19,581	20,180	21,020	21,854	22,797	4.3	19.9
(Metropolitan Portion)	27,212	27,930	28,908	30,522	32,067	33,991	6.0	24.9
Duluth-Superior, MN-WI MSA	21,749	22,431	22,913	23,814	24,566	25,705	4.6	18.2
La Crosse, WI-MN MSA	20,722	21,244	21,617	22,715	23,653	24,593	4.0	18.7
Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN-WI MSA	27,939	28,684	29,729	31,422	33,050	35,019	6.0	25.3
Rochester, MN MSA	27,201	27,834	28,653	30,135	31,091	32,573	4.8	19.7
St. Cloud, MN MSA	20,301	20,770	21,199	22,178	23,122	25,616	10.8	26.2
Montana	19,440	19,893	20,260	20,889	21,754	22,425	3.1	15.4
(Non-Metropolitan Portion)	18,561	19,139	19,408	19,956	20,874	21,583	3.4	16.3
(Metropolitan Portion)	20,749	21,026	21,542	22,306	23,099	23,694	2.6	14.2
Billings, MT MSA	21,549	22,066	22,650	23,283	24,297	24,690	1.6	14.6
Great Falls, MT MSA	20,521	20,385	20,998	21,801	22,328	23,160	3.7	12.9
Missoula, MT MSA	19,818	20,099	20,460	21,381	22,095	22,753	3.0	14.8
South Dakota	18,315	18,973	19,631	20,303	21,120	22,168	5.0	21.0
(Non-Metropolitan Portion)	16,703	17,374	18,002	18,686	19,459	20,435	5.0	22.3
(Metropolitan Portion)	20,543	21,190	21,904	22,541	23,380	24,466	4.6	19.1
Rapid City, SD MSA	19,762	20,070	20,722	21,117	21,682	22,375	3.2	13.2
Sioux Falls, SD MSA	20,963	21,781	22,508	23,246	24,199	25,468	5.2	21.5
United States	25,888	26,507	27,400	28,469	29,805	31,299	5.0	20.9
(Non-Metropolitan Portion)	19,659	20,265	20,791	21,472	22,283	23,178	4.0	17.9
(Metropolitan Portion)	27,116	27,745	28,711	29,847	31,275	32,866	5.1	21.2

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis, REIS, *Wage & Salary Employment & Average Wage Per Job by County and Metropolitan Area: 1969-1998*, <http://www.bea.doc.gov/bea/regional/reis/ca34/index.htm>.

Average Wage Per Job in North Dakota by County, 1993-1998

Area	Average Wage Per Job (Dollars)						Percent Change	
	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1997-98	1993-98
Adams	16,216	16,753	17,382	17,587	18,288	18,713	2.3	15.4
Barnes	15,156	15,827	16,077	16,365	17,257	18,277	5.9	20.6
Benson	15,418	16,380	17,006	17,923	18,514	17,865	-3.5	15.9
Billings	16,286	14,579	14,433	14,741	13,565	14,658	8.1	-10.0
Bottineau	14,801	15,485	15,986	15,983	16,342	16,986	3.9	14.8
Bowman	15,083	15,536	15,392	15,340	16,665	17,266	3.6	14.5
Burke	16,609	16,993	17,783	18,222	18,689	19,123	2.3	15.1
Burleigh	20,602	21,274	21,951	22,673	23,259	24,139	3.8	17.2
Cass	20,959	21,480	22,048	22,840	23,791	25,129	5.6	19.9
Cavalier	15,468	16,648	17,302	17,847	18,178	19,060	4.9	23.2
Dickey	14,005	14,974	15,514	16,266	16,890	17,783	5.3	27.0
Divide	12,185	12,637	13,007	13,450	13,773	14,142	2.7	16.1
Dunn	14,719	15,572	16,986	17,083	17,762	18,569	4.5	26.2
Eddy	14,209	15,144	15,574	15,617	15,875	17,029	7.3	19.8
Emmons	13,001	13,918	14,552	15,323	15,993	16,226	1.5	24.8
Foster	14,812	16,269	16,795	17,398	18,351	19,031	3.7	28.5
Golden Valley	15,464	16,241	16,532	16,517	17,408	17,965	3.2	16.2
Grand Forks	19,295	19,693	20,516	21,084	22,512	22,978	2.1	19.1
Grant	12,735	13,983	14,560	14,668	15,340	16,077	4.8	26.2
Griggs	14,812	15,117	15,397	16,447	17,413	18,108	4.0	22.3
Hettinger	14,103	15,006	14,993	15,604	16,228	16,804	3.5	19.2
Kidder	12,841	13,853	14,222	14,513	15,401	15,961	3.6	24.3
LaMoure	13,303	14,244	14,404	14,594	15,411	16,147	4.8	21.4
Logan	11,540	12,890	13,170	13,174	13,612	14,295	5.0	23.9
McHenry	15,094	15,572	15,993	16,022	16,957	17,322	2.2	14.8
McIntosh	12,296	13,231	13,686	14,355	14,705	15,691	6.7	27.6
McKenzie	18,160	18,562	18,846	18,731	19,835	20,500	3.4	12.9
McLean	20,274	20,760	21,623	23,077	22,819	23,796	4.3	17.4
Mercer	29,433	29,809	31,067	32,219	31,508	32,775	4.0	11.4
Morton	18,577	19,346	20,316	20,505	21,527	22,528	4.7	21.3
Mountrail	16,008	16,544	16,713	17,405	17,736	18,601	4.9	16.2
Nelson	13,608	14,306	14,671	15,862	16,647	17,151	3.0	26.0
Oliver	29,669	31,215	33,179	33,236	36,842	38,128	3.5	28.5
Pembina	19,195	20,264	21,129	21,773	22,590	24,112	6.7	25.6
Pierce	15,952	16,588	16,584	16,644	17,364	17,931	3.3	12.4
Ramsey	15,490	16,270	16,574	17,246	17,879	18,356	2.7	18.5
Ransom	15,729	16,662	17,266	17,999	18,915	19,472	2.9	23.8
Renville	14,395	14,772	15,667	16,500	17,182	17,711	3.1	23.0
Richland	18,388	19,164	19,851	22,078	21,617	22,402	3.6	21.8
Rolette	16,834	17,536	17,415	18,634	19,638	20,602	4.9	22.4
Sargent	23,324	26,383	25,963	26,987	28,641	29,733	3.8	27.5
Sheridan	13,057	14,003	15,587	16,377	19,054	17,458	-8.4	33.7
Sioux	17,713	18,806	19,044	19,905	20,564	21,138	2.8	19.3
Slope	11,213	13,017	13,315	13,553	13,898	16,242	16.9	44.9
Stark	17,554	17,755	18,086	18,415	19,221	20,023	4.2	14.1
Steele	16,291	17,693	17,666	18,519	19,778	20,564	4.0	26.2
Stutsman	17,797	18,404	18,568	19,093	19,996	21,093	5.5	18.5
Towner	16,142	16,124	16,710	17,160	17,797	19,069	7.1	18.1
Traill	16,153	17,001	17,644	17,908	18,485	20,038	8.4	24.1
Walsh	15,458	16,610	17,204	17,742	17,972	18,866	5.0	22.0
Ward	19,359	19,448	20,671	21,332	21,679	22,434	3.5	15.9
Wells	15,114	15,982	16,450	16,228	16,847	17,768	5.5	17.6
Williams	18,329	18,337	19,116	20,191	20,936	21,087	0.7	15.0
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