

**Transfer Payments in North Dakota: 1998**

North Dakotans received nearly \$2.29 billion in transfer payments in 1998, an increase of 1.7 percent from the \$2.26 billion paid in 1997. Transfer payments are income received by individuals for which they did not render services. They are payments by government and business to individuals and nonprofit institutions.

Retirement and disability payments accounted for slightly less than half the total transfers paid directly to individual North Dakotans in 1998. Retirement payments amounted to \$1.07 billion, an increase of 2.8 percent from the \$1.04 billion in 1997. Medical payments (consisting of Medicare, medical vendor payments, and military medical payments) accounted for 38 percent of the state's total transfers to individuals. Slightly more than \$828 million was paid to North Dakotans in 1998 in medical payments, an increase of 1.9 percent from the \$813 million paid in 1997.

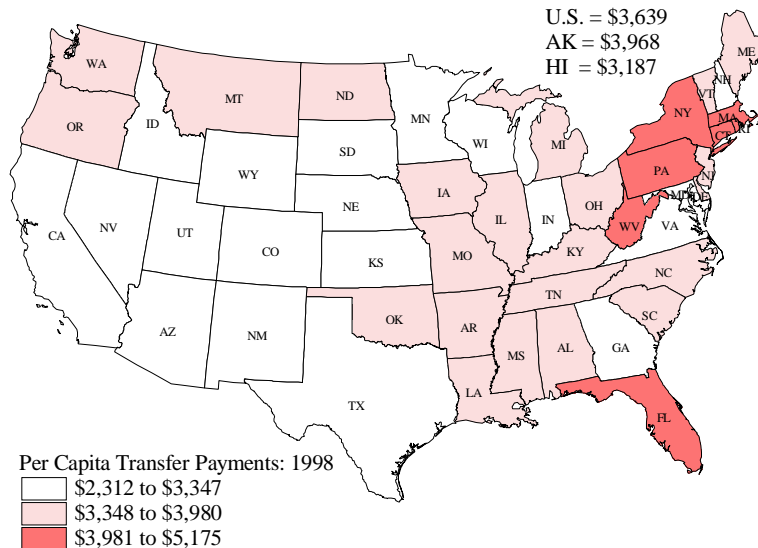
Income maintenance programs (such as supplementary security income, AFDC, and food stamps) comprised the third largest category of individual transfer payments accounting for 6.4 percent of the state's individual transfers. Income maintenance payments declined to \$141 million in 1998, a decrease of 3.5 percent from the 1997 level. The remaining 6.7 percent of North Dakota's individual transfers included unemployment insurance benefit payments, veterans benefit payments, and federal education training and assistance payments.

**Government Transfer Payments to Individuals  
Percentage Distribution in North Dakota: 1969-1998**



Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, BEA, REIS, Table SA35, May 2000.

**Per Capita Transfer Payments by State: 1998**



**Transfer Payments in North Dakota by Type, 1991-1998** (Thousands of Dollars)

Type of Transfer Payment	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998
Total transfer payments	1,652,853	1,800,363	1,928,350	1,967,059	2,045,130	2,153,632	2,255,428	2,292,548
<b>Government payments to individuals</b>	<b>1,568,323</b>	<b>1,709,113</b>	<b>1,834,177</b>	<b>1,870,417</b>	<b>1,940,249</b>	<b>2,051,847</b>	<b>2,149,748</b>	<b>2,182,875</b>
Retirement & disability insur. benefit pymts.	801,398	856,579	922,613	935,189	939,193	988,410	1,037,793	1,066,946
Old age, survivors, & disability insur. pymts.	684,903	722,405	756,135	783,362	834,386	844,482	892,613	923,027
Railroad retirement and disability payments	41,769	43,353	44,577	46,601	47,498	48,327	49,404	49,768
Worker's compensation payments (Fed & State)	73,843	89,656	120,620	103,925	55,924	94,053	94,581	93,174
Other govt. disability insur. & ret. pymts. 1/	883	1,165	1,281	1,301	1,385	1,548	1,195	977
Medical payments	538,551	588,806	644,619	672,295	730,571	776,410	813,159	828,967
Medicare payments	298,131	326,518	364,635	378,126	420,667	449,020	476,825	477,061
Public assistance medical care 2/	233,138	254,990	273,513	287,464	302,542	319,814	328,687	344,082
Military medical insurance payments 3/	7,282	7,298	6,471	6,705	7,362	7,576	7,647	7,824
Income maintenance benefit payments	104,469	123,450	130,083	137,801	139,751	145,330	145,680	140,596
Supplemental security income (SSI) payments	20,439	24,329	27,442	29,617	30,737	31,500	31,773	32,075
Family assistance 4/	25,610	27,750	29,331	26,628	25,890	26,152	23,595	20,216
Food stamps	29,471	35,817	35,398	33,634	32,172	31,395	28,369	25,033
Other income maintenance 5/	28,949	35,554	37,912	47,922	50,952	56,283	61,943	63,272
Unemployment insurance benefit payments	30,898	42,981	40,189	31,083	30,175	31,198	31,656	29,343
State unemployment insurance compensation	28,500	38,660	36,490	28,604	28,122	29,255	29,984	27,654
Unemp. comp. for Fed. civilian empl. (UCFE)	1,165	1,906	1,380	1,206	958	848	598	793
Unemp. compensation for railroad employees	647	596	530	464	456	478	529	448
Unemployment compensation for veterans (UCX)	453	1,770	1,707	730	566	534	481	448
Other unemployment compensation 6/	133	(L)	82	79	73	83	64	0
Veterans benefit payments	43,692	47,711	46,807	48,029	50,866	53,895	55,569	56,781
Veterans pension and disability payments	36,152	37,353	38,736	38,742	40,697	42,922	44,522	46,211
Veterans readjustment payments 7/	1,725	3,005	3,685	4,222	5,134	5,695	6,020	5,674
Veterans life insurance benefit payments	5,786	7,326	4,361	5,057	5,009	5,263	5,014	4,883
Other assistance to veterans 8/	(L)	(L)	(L)	(L)	(L)	(L)	(L)	(L)
Fed ed. & train. assist. pymts. (excl. vets) 9/	30,759	34,649	35,618	27,889	30,922	30,000	35,518	36,164
Other payments to individuals 10/	18,556	14,937	14,248	18,131	18,771	26,604	30,373	24,078
<b>Payments to nonprofit institutions</b>	<b>44,364</b>	<b>49,169</b>	<b>55,299</b>	<b>56,045</b>	<b>60,354</b>	<b>57,155</b>	<b>59,337</b>	<b>63,746</b>
Federal government payments	11,594	12,328	14,100	14,635	15,755	15,712	14,896	16,181
State and local government payments 11/	20,876	23,179	25,722	24,085	26,617	22,634	24,425	26,032
Business payments	11,894	13,662	15,477	17,325	17,982	18,809	20,016	21,533
<b>Business payments to individuals 12/</b>	<b>40,166</b>	<b>42,081</b>	<b>38,874</b>	<b>40,597</b>	<b>44,527</b>	<b>44,630</b>	<b>46,343</b>	<b>45,927</b>

**Notes:**

- 1/ Consists largely of temporary disability payments and black lung payments.
  - 2/ Consists of medicaid and other medical vendor payments.
  - 3/ Consists of payments made under the TriCare Management Program (formerly called CHAMPUS) for the medical care of dependents of active duty military personnel and of retired military personnel and their dependents at nonmilitary medical facilities.
  - 4/ Through 1995, consists of emergency assistance and aid to families with dependent children. For 1998, consists of benefits-- generally known as temporary assistance for needy families-- provided under the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996. For 1996-97, consists of payments under all three of these programs.
  - 5/ Consists largely of general assistance, refugee assistance, foster home care and adoption assistance, earned income tax credits, and energy assistance.
  - 6/ Consists of trade readjustment allowance payments, Redwood Park benefit payments, public service employment benefit payments, and transitional benefit payments.
  - 7/ Consists largely of veterans' readjustment benefit payments, educational assistance to spouses and children of disabled or deceased veterans, payments to paraplegics, and payments for autos and conveyances for disabled veterans.
  - 8/ Consists largely of State and local government payments to veterans.
  - 9/ Consists largely of federal fellowship payments (National Science Foundation, fellowships and traineeships, subsistence payments to State maritime academy cadets, and other federal fellowships), interest subsidy on higher education loans, basic educational opportunity grants, and Job Corps payments.
  - 10/ Consists largely of Bureau of Indian Affairs payments, education exchange payments, Alaska Permanent Fund dividend payments, compensation of survivors of public safety officers, compensation of victims of crime, disaster relief payments, compensation for Japanese internment, and other special payments to individuals.
  - 11/ Consists of State and local government educational assistance payments to nonprofit institutions and other State and local government payments to nonprofit institutions.
  - 12/ Consists of personal injury payments to individuals other than employees and other business transfer payments.
- (L) Less than \$50,000, but the estimates for this item are included in the total.  
(N) Data not available for this year.

Source: Regional Economic Information System, Bureau of Economic Analysis, Table SA35, May 2000.