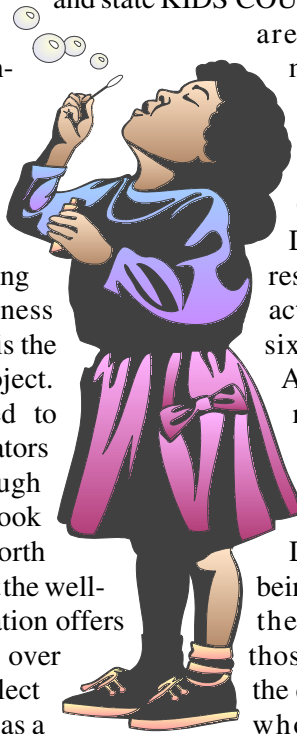


Highlights from the 1999 North Dakota KIDS COUNT! Fact Book

Data presented in this issue of the *Population Bulletin* are only a sample of the information available in the *1999 North Dakota KIDS COUNT! Fact Book*.

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If you would like a copy of the *1999/2000 North Dakota KIDS COUNT! Fact Book*, or more information regarding the North Dakota KIDS COUNT! Project, please contact Ann Lochner, Director of North Dakota KIDS COUNT! (701) 777-4086.

Selected Indicators for Children in North Dakota by County

Area	Total Persons 0 to 17: 1998	Children Receiving Free/Reduced Price Lunch: 1998		High School Drop Outs, Grade 9-12: 1998		Juvéniles Age 10 to 17 referred to Juvenile Court: 1998		Low Birth Weight Babies: 1998		Victims of Child Abuse and Neglect: 1998
		Number	% of Total Enrolled	Number	% of Total Enrollment	Number	% of All Persons 10 to 17	Number	% of All Births	
Adams	2,714	167	31.45%	1	0.59%	25	7.27%	1	5.26%	15
Barnes	11,958	569	27.95%	12	1.78%	134	9.52%	8	5.88%	101
Benson	6,893	1,043	65.80%	16	3.72%	47	4.52%	7	5.74%	42
Billings	1,058	39	36.11%	0	0.00%	3	1.65%	1	14.29%	2
Bottineau	7,226	391	29.87%	7	1.72%	54	5.46%	3	6.12%	65
Bowman	3,317	191	23.90%	1	0.33%	26	5.58%	1	2.94%	16
Burke	2,266	127	31.28%	1	0.61%	8	2.60%	0	0.00%	15
Burleigh	66,867	2,175	18.17%	97	2.91%	932	10.93%	61	7.38%	739
Cass	116,832	3,337	17.77%	209	3.81%	1,099	8.67%	108	6.72%	1,566
Cavalier	5,011	309	30.44%	1	0.31%	18	2.78%	3	7.32%	24
Dickey	5,644	276	30.36%	2	0.64%	53	7.56%	1	1.79%	40
Divide	2,366	145	35.45%	1	0.70%	18	6.67%	0	0.00%	19
Dunn	3,560	235	37.07%	0	0.00%	18	3.55%	0	0.00%	28
Eddy	2,847	193	32.55%	5	2.54%	40	11.02%	1	3.13%	19
Emmons	4,311	350	42.94%	2	0.95%	22	3.89%	1	2.38%	11
Foster	3,802	138	18.65%	4	1.73%	38	7.95%	3	6.52%	32
Golden Valley	1,876	332	54.88%	2	0.99%	27	8.77%	0	0.00%	7
Grand Forks	66,869	2,847	24.47%	53	1.59%	890	11.80%	70	7.23%	1,251
Grant	2,969	336	67.33%	0	0.00%	20	5.09%	3	12.50%	7
Griggs	2,842	229	35.67%	5	2.00%	17	4.84%	1	5.56%	19
Hettinger	2,924	300	44.58%	2	0.81%	9	2.47%	2	9.09%	12
Kidder	2,877	228	41.08%	3	1.52%	14	3.29%	1	5.88%	31
LaMoure	4,759	385	35.32%	1	0.25%	32	4.74%	3	6.52%	13
Logan	2,355	192	38.79%	0	0.00%	12	3.87%	0	0.00%	5
McHenry	6,076	385	32.82%	3	0.70%	52	6.12%	2	3.17%	49
McIntosh	3,442	229	39.21%	0	0.00%	24	7.32%	0	0.00%	8
McKenzie	5,682	327	27.66%	9	2.33%	46	5.28%	3	4.55%	66
McLean	9,704	583	27.24%	6	0.74%	80	5.45%	6	6.90%	29
Mercer	9,418	234	10.78%	5	0.65%	97	7.13%	6	7.69%	36
Morton	24,575	1,583	29.90%	81	4.12%	444	12.17%	16	5.11%	390
Mountrail	6,633	881	53.72%	17	3.46%	29	2.88%	2	2.67%	31
Nelson	3,716	291	40.53%	2	0.71%	32	7.22%	7	26.92%	30
Oliver	2,215	65	18.57%	0	0.00%	19	5.11%	1	7.69%	17
Pembina	8,485	426	22.58%	4	0.64%	95	8.11%	6	8.22%	86
Pierce	4,623	254	26.85%	6	1.74%	31	5.02%	4	8.33%	20
Ramsey	12,120	866	33.63%	12	1.43%	319	21.31%	5	3.21%	199
Ransom	5,776	210	17.33%	7	1.69%	43	5.78%	3	4.35%	10
Renville	2,808	259	35.00%	1	0.31%	31	7.77%	1	3.85%	6
Richland	18,272	918	26.35%	22	2.07%	199	8.87%	9	4.43%	235
Rolette	14,219	2,406	61.50%	81	7.58%	179	7.13%	15	5.62%	88
Sargent	4,457	162	18.58%	4	1.59%	24	3.88%	3	6.00%	23
Sheridan	1,694	105	45.45%	0	0.00%	11	5.42%	0	0.00%	8
Sioux	4,192	981	71.71%	46	11.92%	26	3.28%	9	8.65%	3
Slope	865	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	4	2.92%	0	0.00%	4
Stark	22,780	1,486	31.43%	23	1.42%	256	8.39%	13	4.96%	275
Steele	2,263	127	35.47%	3	2.46%	7	2.33%	0	0.00%	11
Stutsman	20,964	1,013	28.87%	32	2.55%	260	9.95%	20	10.47%	179
Towner	3,018	251	44.74%	1	0.48%	23	6.02%	1	4.76%	42
Traill	8,544	350	19.49%	5	0.81%	52	4.89%	7	7.61%	66
Walsh	13,532	786	32.02%	0	0.00%	183	10.49%	6	3.77%	163
Ward	58,678	2,900	28.34%	125	3.51%	630	8.66%	78	8.20%	929
Wells	5,200	269	24.59%	4	1.16%	39	6.29%	5	14.29%	25
Williams	20,150	1,043	25.16%	33	2.20%	344	12.47%	10	4.18%	234
North Dakota	638,244	33,924	28.22%	957	2.50%	7,135	8.82%	517	6.52%	7,341

Note: NA Not applicable.

Source: 1999/2000 North Dakota KIDS COUNT! Fact Book, North Dakota KIDS COUNT!, University of North Dakota, September 2000.