

Average Wage Per Job in North Dakota, 1994-1999

The average wage per job in North Dakota rose to \$23,330 in 1999, up 3.1 percent from \$22,638 in 1998. The average wage earned in North Dakota in 1999 was approximately 29 percent below the national average of \$32,711, ranking North Dakota 48th in the nation. Connecticut was first with \$41,797, followed by New York (\$41,608) and New Jersey (\$40,476). Montana was 50th at \$23,037.

Statewide, Oliver and Mercer counties ranked 1st and 2nd in average wage per job in 1999 (\$38,178 and \$33,502 respectively). Of the eight counties that showed losses in average wage per job between 1998 and 1999, Slope and Golden Valley had the largest percentage declines (11.2 percent and 6.0 percent respectively).

Average Wage Per Job in North Dakota and Surrounding States by Metropolitan Area, 1994-1999

Area	Average Wage Per Job (Dollars)						Percent Change	
	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	1998-99	1994-99
North Dakota	19,572	20,253	20,956	21,726	22,638	23,330	3.1	19.2
(Non-Metropolitan Portion)	18,189	18,847	19,560	20,069	20,849	21,394	2.6	17.6
(Metropolitan Portion)	20,857	21,541	22,237	23,239	24,233	25,033	3.3	20.0
Bismarck, ND MSA	20,913	21,645	22,279	22,954	23,861	24,429	2.4	16.8
Fargo-Moorhead, ND-MN MSA	20,845	21,455	22,308	23,220	24,462	25,368	3.7	21.7
Grand Forks, ND-MN MSA	19,385	20,082	20,704	22,026	22,547	23,038	2.2	18.8
Minnesota	25,906	26,796	28,221	29,599	31,329	32,652	4.2	26.0
(Non-Metropolitan Portion)	19,581	20,180	21,020	21,829	22,793	23,624	3.6	20.6
(Metropolitan Portion)	27,930	28,908	30,522	32,078	34,031	35,485	4.3	27.1
Duluth-Superior, MN-WI MSA	22,431	22,913	23,814	24,582	25,740	26,705	3.7	19.1
La Crosse, WI-MN MSA	21,244	21,617	22,715	23,650	24,626	25,612	4.0	20.6
Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN-WI MSA	28,684	29,729	31,422	33,061	35,059	36,604	4.4	27.6
Rochester, MN MSA	27,834	28,653	30,135	31,093	32,576	34,444	5.7	23.7
St. Cloud, MN MSA	20,770	21,199	22,178	23,124	25,668	25,649	-0.1	23.5
Montana	19,893	20,260	20,889	21,719	22,405	23,037	2.8	15.8
(Non-Metropolitan Portion)	19,139	19,408	19,956	20,837	21,552	22,076	2.4	15.3
(Metropolitan Portion)	21,026	21,542	22,306	23,065	23,694	24,470	3.3	16.4
Billings, MT MSA	22,066	22,650	23,283	24,273	24,676	25,430	3.1	15.2
Great Falls, MT MSA	20,385	20,998	21,801	22,324	23,124	23,870	3.2	17.1
Missoula, MT MSA	20,099	20,460	21,381	22,025	22,799	23,621	3.6	17.5
South Dakota	18,973	19,631	20,303	21,114	22,204	23,177	4.4	22.2
(Non-Metropolitan Portion)	17,374	18,002	18,686	19,456	20,495	21,299	3.9	22.6
(Metropolitan Portion)	21,190	21,904	22,541	23,369	24,466	25,589	4.6	20.8
Rapid City, SD MSA	20,070	20,722	21,117	21,671	22,367	23,587	5.5	17.5
Sioux Falls, SD MSA	21,781	22,508	23,246	24,188	25,472	26,530	4.2	21.8
United States	26,507	27,400	28,469	29,805	31,325	32,711	4.4	23.4
(Non-Metropolitan Portion)	20,265	20,791	21,472	22,281	23,193	23,903	3.1	18.0
(Metropolitan Portion)	27,745	28,711	29,847	31,275	32,894	34,394	4.6	24.0

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis, REIS, Local Area Personal Income - CA34, Average Wage Per Job for Counties and Metropolitan Areas, <http://www.bea.doc.gov/bea/regional/reis/ca34/ndwsavg.htm>, December 2000.

Average Wage Per Job in North Dakota by County, 1994-1999

Area	Average Wage Per Job (Dollars)						Percent Change	
	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	1998-99	1994-99
Adams	16,753	17,382	17,587	18,311	18,604	19,404	4.3	15.8
Barnes	15,827	16,077	16,365	17,254	18,367	18,730	2.0	18.3
Benson	16,380	17,006	17,923	18,743	19,023	18,718	-1.6	14.3
Billings	14,579	14,433	14,741	13,570	14,673	15,244	3.9	4.6
Bottineau	15,485	15,986	15,983	16,334	17,057	17,124	0.4	10.6
Bowman	15,536	15,392	15,340	16,668	17,325	17,126	-1.1	10.2
Burke	16,993	17,783	18,222	18,690	19,060	19,615	2.9	15.4
Burleigh	21,274	21,951	22,673	23,261	24,146	24,696	2.3	16.1
Cass	21,480	22,048	22,840	23,786	25,122	26,172	4.2	21.8
Cavalier	16,648	17,302	17,847	18,203	19,114	20,174	5.5	21.2
Dickey	14,974	15,514	16,266	16,895	17,814	18,377	3.2	22.7
Divide	12,637	13,007	13,450	13,777	14,139	14,815	4.8	17.2
Dunn	15,572	16,986	17,083	17,767	18,603	18,762	0.9	20.5
Eddy	15,144	15,574	15,617	15,862	17,008	17,698	4.1	16.9
Emmons	13,918	14,552	15,323	15,989	16,250	16,662	2.5	19.7
Foster	16,269	16,795	17,398	18,356	19,059	19,790	3.8	21.6
Golden Valley	16,241	16,532	16,517	17,403	17,966	16,896	-6.0	4.0
Grand Forks	19,693	20,516	21,084	22,512	22,909	23,440	2.3	19.0
Grant	13,983	14,560	14,668	15,339	16,171	15,851	-2.0	13.4
Griggs	15,117	15,397	16,447	17,417	18,144	19,136	5.5	26.6
Hettinger	15,006	14,993	15,604	16,221	16,845	17,654	4.8	17.6
Kidder	13,853	14,222	14,513	15,413	16,011	16,205	1.2	17.0
LaMoure	14,244	14,404	14,594	15,440	16,358	16,511	0.9	15.9
Logan	12,890	13,170	13,174	13,612	14,363	14,766	2.8	14.6
McHenry	15,572	15,993	16,022	16,962	17,269	17,985	4.1	15.5
McIntosh	13,231	13,686	14,355	14,724	15,712	16,011	1.9	21.0
McKenzie	18,562	18,846	18,731	19,819	20,513	21,139	3.1	13.9
McLean	20,760	21,623	23,077	22,814	23,824	25,078	5.3	20.8
Mercer	29,809	31,067	32,219	31,497	32,751	33,502	2.3	12.4
Morton	19,346	20,316	20,505	21,531	22,538	23,191	2.9	19.9
Mountrail	16,544	16,713	17,405	17,740	18,650	19,725	5.8	19.2
Nelson	14,306	14,671	15,862	16,653	17,180	17,379	1.2	21.5
Oliver	31,215	33,179	33,236	36,847	38,170	38,178	0.0	22.3
Pembina	20,264	21,129	21,773	22,610	24,180	24,891	2.9	22.8
Pierce	16,588	16,584	16,644	17,379	17,913	17,746	-0.9	7.0
Ramsey	16,270	16,574	17,246	17,876	18,331	18,800	2.6	15.6
Ransom	16,662	17,266	17,999	18,924	18,928	19,962	5.5	19.8
Renville	14,772	15,667	16,500	17,192	17,758	17,724	-0.2	20.0
Richland	19,164	19,851	22,078	21,605	22,427	23,345	4.1	21.8
Rolette	17,536	17,415	18,634	19,636	20,607	20,811	1.0	18.7
Sargent	26,383	25,963	26,987	28,660	29,766	32,735	10.0	24.1
Sheridan	14,003	15,587	16,377	19,067	17,513	20,328	16.1	45.2
Sioux	18,806	19,044	19,905	20,568	21,142	22,038	4.2	17.2
Slope	13,017	13,315	13,553	13,961	16,419	14,577	-11.2	12.0
Stark	17,755	18,086	18,415	19,221	20,023	20,435	2.1	15.1
Steele	17,693	17,666	18,519	19,792	20,637	20,971	1.6	18.5
Stutsman	18,404	18,568	19,093	19,998	21,099	21,519	2.0	16.9
Towner	16,124	16,710	17,160	17,818	19,104	19,137	0.2	18.7
Traill	17,001	17,644	17,908	18,497	20,054	20,243	0.9	19.1
Walsh	16,610	17,204	17,742	17,982	18,920	19,378	2.4	16.7
Ward	19,448	20,671	21,332	21,673	22,365	23,144	3.5	19.0
Wells	15,982	16,450	16,228	16,853	17,852	18,517	3.7	15.9
Williams	18,337	19,116	20,191	20,935	21,099	20,781	-1.5	13.3
North Dakota	19,572	20,253	20,956	21,726	22,638	23,330	3.1	19.2

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