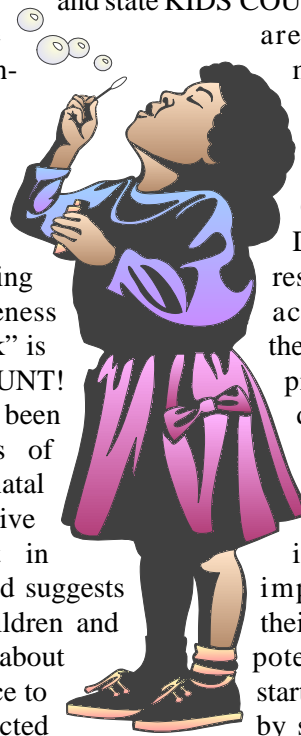


Highlights from the “2001 North Dakota KIDS COUNT! Fact Book”

Data presented in this issue of the *Population Bulletin* are only a sample of the information available in the “2001 North Dakota KIDS COUNT! Fact Book.”

“KIDS COUNT is a project of the Annie E. Casey Foundation, which seeks to track the status of children across the United States and within individual states. The national KIDS COUNT program publishes an annual “KIDS COUNT Data Book”, ranking state performance on ten indicators of educational, social, economic, and physical well-being of children. State KIDS COUNT programs publish yearly reports detailing child well-being in local communities where children live. Both national and state KIDS COUNT programs strive to document conditions affecting children in the areas where they live so that the national, state, and local decision-making can more effectively address their needs.

The North Dakota KIDS COUNT! project is one of fifty state projects sponsored by the Annie E. Casey Foundation. It is housed in the University of North Dakota Department of Social Work, and is a collaboration of partners sharing responsibility for data collection, education, and public awareness activities. The “2001 North Dakota KIDS COUNT! Fact Book” is the seventh Fact Book published by the project. As with previous Fact Books, this year’s edition has been designed to measure child well-being through seven categories of indicators reflecting critical issues for children from prenatal through adolescent stages of development. The front narrative sections have been designed to reflect the differences evident in indicators over the past several years for the state as a whole, and suggests important insights about their importance for North Dakota children and their families. This approach offers perspective and early warning about potential areas of concern, giving local and regional audiences a place to start in considering how children in these smaller areas have been affected by state trends. There is evidence that challenges do not affect North Dakota children equally. It is extremely important for local and regional audiences to carefully weigh evidence of unmet needs reflected in regional and county data pages so that their children can benefit from early attention to issues which pose the biggest threat to their healthy growth and development.



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North Dakota KIDS COUNT! is in its seventh year as a state KIDS COUNT project. During the past year, the project has continued partnerships with the Annie E. Casey foundation, the state Children’s Services Coordinating Committee, and the Dakota Medical Foundation. All of these organizations share a commitment to improving the lives of North Dakota children by promoting their health and well-being through a variety of activities. The support of these organizations is greatly appreciated, as are their respective efforts on behalf of North Dakota children.”- “2001 North Dakota KIDS COUNT! Fact Book”

If you would like a copy of the “2001 North Dakota KIDS COUNT! Fact Book”, or more information regarding the KIDS COUNT! Project, please contact Ann Lochner, Director of North Dakota KIDS COUNT! (701) 777-4086.

Selected KIDS COUNT Indicators for Children in North Dakota by County:1999

Area	Total Persons 0 to 17: 1999	Children Receiving Free/Reduced Price Lunch: 1999		Low Birth Weight Babies: 1999		Juvenile Offenses: 1999		Victims of Child Abuse and Neglect: 1999		Average Daily Membership in Public Schools: 1999-2000
		Number	% of Public School Enrollment	Number	% of Total Births	Total	% that are Alcohol Related	Number	% of Persons Age 0 to 17	
Adams	593	153	32.42%	0	0.00%	187	12.83%	17	2.87%	473
Barnes	2,739	568	29.55%	5	4.46%	292	19.18%	110	4.02%	1,905
Benson	2,349	1,050	70.52%	3	2.22%	70	20.00%	16	0.68%	1,071
Billings	301	36	38.30%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	2	0.66%	90
Bottineau	1,689	416	34.41%	0	0.00%	116	49.14%	37	2.19%	1,234
Bowman	776	212	27.97%	2	11.11%	50	46.00%	7	0.90%	765
Burke	452	122	32.45%	2	11.76%	13	46.15%	18	3.98%	376
Burleigh	17,015	2,105	17.49%	51	6.30%	1,802	16.37%	778	4.57%	11,398
Cass	28,215	3,437	17.35%	112	6.85%	2,418	19.89%	1622	5.75%	19,605
Cavalier	1,082	296	31.93%	1	3.33%	76	31.58%	15	1.39%	855
Dickey	1,307	299	30.67%	3	5.08%	87	28.74%	30	2.30%	981
Divide	456	149	41.97%	0	0.00%	49	55.10%	16	3.51%	362
Dunn	949	243	40.10%	1	3.23%	42	7.14%	37	3.90%	613
Eddy	633	194	34.15%	0	0.00%	62	30.65%	4	0.63%	567
Emmons	916	365	45.45%	0	0.00%	55	25.45%	34	3.71%	815
Foster	906	135	18.12%	8	20.00%	179	18.44%	10	1.10%	732
Golden Valley	476	306	58.73%	0	0.00%	24	4.17%	11	2.31%	426
Grand Forks	16,745	2,834	25.52%	41	4.91%	1,881	19.88%	1145	6.84%	11,071
Grant	633	338	72.07%	1	5.26%	36	13.89%	15	2.37%	422
Griggs	620	208	34.15%	1	5.26%	21	28.57%	23	3.71%	602
Hettinger	621	263	43.40%	1	3.57%	21	33.33%	8	1.29%	605
Kidder	650	220	43.56%	1	3.70%	102	8.82%	23	3.54%	498
LaMoure	1,095	409	39.33%	2	8.33%	63	34.92%	15	1.37%	1,043
Logan	473	176	38.68%	0	0.00%	102	7.84%	1	0.21%	461
McHenry	1,384	400	34.63%	4	7.55%	71	32.39%	47	3.40%	1,148
McIntosh	584	227	40.83%	2	7.14%	51	23.53%	3	0.51%	551
McKenzie	1,661	451	40.74%	5	7.46%	103	32.04%	31	1.87%	1,098
McLean	2,419	598	29.44%	7	7.45%	129	26.36%	37	1.53%	2,007
Mercer	2,650	248	12.00%	3	4.35%	262	31.30%	42	1.58%	2,150
Morton	6,457	1,565	30.83%	20	6.64%	720	17.50%	346	5.36%	4,929
Mountrail	1,811	917	58.07%	5	5.38%	68	27.94%	41	2.26%	1,603
Nelson	718	245	34.90%	0	0.00%	74	25.68%	43	5.99%	722
Oliver	625	48	15.00%	5	29.41%	31	12.90%	16	2.56%	346
Pembina	2,040	426	24.71%	6	7.69%	237	27.00%	74	3.63%	1,786
Pierce	1,011	277	30.41%	5	11.36%	76	34.21%	29	2.87%	798
Ramsey	2,894	889	34.79%	8	6.06%	834	20.26%	194	6.70%	2,337
Ransom	1,317	212	18.42%	3	5.36%	77	32.47%	17	1.29%	1,158
Renville	675	287	38.16%	1	5.56%	25	76.00%	9	1.33%	758
Richland	4,759	879	26.13%	13	6.31%	235	33.19%	159	3.34%	3,120
Rolette	5,394	2,570	66.94%	19	7.69%	263	10.65%	107	1.98%	3,184
Sargent	1,018	158	18.72%	1	2.38%	53	66.04%	32	3.14%	862
Sheridan	335	104	50.73%	1	11.11%	9	22.22%	4	1.19%	206
Sioux	1,777	1,043	80.42%	9	9.18%	36	19.44%	1	0.06%	516
Slope	223	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	10	0.00%	8	3.59%	27
Stark	5,953	1,450	30.69%	21	7.89%	656	22.71%	274	4.60%	3,971
Steele	498	121	35.48%	2	10.00%	14	28.57%	18	3.61%	342
Stutsman	4,872	975	27.52%	14	5.98%	643	19.60%	194	3.98%	3,409
Towner	711	206	40.08%	2	13.33%	38	42.11%	23	3.23%	518
Traill	2,065	443	25.14%	7	7.22%	86	27.91%	47	2.28%	1,760
Walsh	3,316	723	31.06%	10	6.49%	314	14.01%	145	4.37%	2,289
Ward	15,259	3,098	29.19%	54	6.17%	1,280	20.00%	921	6.04%	10,201
Wells	1,040	275	27.89%	2	4.44%	43	32.56%	13	1.25%	985
Williams	5,245	1,050	27.34%	10	4.20%	606	20.30%	205	3.91%	3,793
North Dakota	160,402	34,419	29.08%	474	6.21%	14,792	20.92%	7,074	4.41%	113,541

Source: "2001 North Dakota KIDS COUNT! Fact Book", North Dakota KIDS COUNT!, University of North Dakota, October 2001.