

Average Wage Per Job in North Dakota: 1995-2000

The average wage per job in North Dakota rose to \$24,308 in 2000, up 4.0 percent from \$23,372 in 1999. The average wage earned in North Dakota in 2000 was approximately 30 percent below the national average of \$34,652, ranking North Dakota 48th in the nation. New York was first with \$44,755, followed by Connecticut (\$44,562) and Massachusetts (\$43,272). South Dakota and Montana ranked 49th and 50th (\$24,260 and \$23,954, respectively).

Statewide, Oliver and Mercer counties ranked 1st and 2nd in average wage per job in 2000 (\$40,280 and \$35,028, respectively). Only two counties in North Dakota showed a loss in wage per job between 1999 and 2000; Sheridan and McLean (7.0 percent and 1.0 percent decline, respectively).

Average Wage Per Job in North Dakota and Surrounding States by Metropolitan Area, 1995-2000

Area	Average Wage Per Job (Dollars)						Percent Change	
	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	1999-00	1995-00
North Dakota	20,253	20,956	21,726	22,626	23,372	24,308	4.0	20.0
(Non-Metropolitan Portion)	18,847	19,560	20,069	20,835	21,419	22,311	4.2	18.4
(Metropolitan Portion)	21,541	22,237	23,239	24,223	25,093	26,052	3.8	20.9
Bismarck, ND MSA	21,645	22,279	22,954	23,846	24,455	25,411	3.9	17.4
Fargo-Moorhead, ND-MN MSA	21,455	22,308	23,220	24,444	25,403	26,356	3.8	22.8
Grand Forks, ND-MN MSA	20,082	20,704	22,026	22,553	23,122	23,989	3.8	19.5
Minnesota	26,796	28,221	29,599	31,312	32,655	34,561	5.8	29.0
(Non-Metropolitan Portion)	20,180	21,020	21,829	22,801	23,630	24,599	4.1	21.9
(Metropolitan Portion)	28,908	30,522	32,078	34,006	35,487	37,651	6.1	30.2
Duluth-Superior, MN-WI MSA	22,913	23,814	24,582	25,712	26,714	27,752	3.9	21.1
La Crosse, WI-MN MSA	21,617	22,715	23,650	24,622	25,587	26,497	3.6	22.6
Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN-WI MSA	29,729	31,422	33,061	35,033	36,606	38,921	6.3	30.9
Rochester, MN MSA	28,653	30,135	31,093	32,573	34,455	35,568	3.2	24.1
St. Cloud, MN MSA	21,199	22,178	23,124	25,645	25,650	26,776	4.4	26.3
Montana	20,260	20,889	21,719	22,398	23,035	23,954	4.0	18.2
(Non-Metropolitan Portion)	19,408	19,956	20,837	21,542	22,075	22,931	3.9	18.2
(Metropolitan Portion)	21,542	22,306	23,065	23,695	24,471	25,495	4.2	18.4
Billings, MT MSA	22,650	23,283	24,273	24,676	25,449	26,604	4.5	17.5
Great Falls, MT MSA	20,998	21,801	22,324	23,108	23,857	24,604	3.1	17.2
Missoula, MT MSA	20,460	21,381	22,025	22,814	23,608	24,665	4.5	20.6
South Dakota	19,631	20,303	21,114	22,214	23,197	24,260	4.6	23.6
(Non-Metropolitan Portion)	18,002	18,686	19,456	20,503	21,319	22,379	5.0	24.3
(Metropolitan Portion)	21,904	22,541	23,369	24,480	25,609	26,631	4.0	21.6
Rapid City, SD MSA	20,722	21,117	21,671	22,372	23,596	24,552	4.1	18.5
Sioux Falls, SD MSA	22,508	23,246	24,188	25,490	26,555	27,605	4.0	22.6
United States	27,400	28,469	29,805	31,336	32,718	34,652	5.9	26.5
(Non-Metropolitan Portion)	20,791	21,472	22,281	23,183	23,909	24,796	3.7	19.3
(Metropolitan Portion)	28,711	29,847	31,275	32,910	34,401	36,516	6.1	27.2

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis, Regional Economic Information System, Table CA34, <http://www.bea.doc.gov/bea/regional/reis>, December 2001.

Average Wage Per Job in North Dakota by County, 1995-2000

Area	Average Wage Per Job (Dollars)						Percent Change	
	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	1999-2000	1995-2000
Adams	17,382	17,587	18,311	18,579	19,390	19,654	1.4	13.1
Barnes	16,077	16,365	17,254	18,359	18,819	19,372	2.9	20.5
Benson	17,006	17,923	18,743	19,035	18,774	20,985	11.8	23.4
Billings	14,433	14,741	13,570	14,673	15,294	16,552	8.2	14.7
Bottineau	15,986	15,983	16,334	17,056	17,165	18,354	6.9	14.8
Bowman	15,392	15,340	16,668	17,319	17,154	18,133	5.7	17.8
Burke	17,783	18,222	18,690	19,032	19,620	21,022	7.1	18.2
Burleigh	21,951	22,673	23,261	24,138	24,717	25,725	4.1	17.2
Cass	22,048	22,840	23,786	25,118	26,229	27,206	3.7	23.4
Cavalier	17,302	17,847	18,203	19,092	20,171	20,304	0.7	17.4
Dickey	15,514	16,266	16,895	17,827	18,438	18,869	2.3	21.6
Divide	13,007	13,450	13,777	14,131	14,882	15,973	7.3	22.8
Dunn	16,986	17,083	17,767	18,584	18,802	20,076	6.8	18.2
Eddy	15,574	15,617	15,862	16,965	17,781	18,527	4.2	19.0
Emmons	14,552	15,323	15,989	16,252	16,722	17,644	5.5	21.2
Foster	16,795	17,398	18,356	19,043	19,806	21,345	7.8	27.1
Golden Valley	16,532	16,517	17,403	17,945	16,810	17,469	3.9	5.7
Grand Forks	20,516	21,084	22,512	22,893	23,548	24,411	3.7	19.0
Grant	14,560	14,668	15,339	16,126	15,880	16,718	5.3	14.8
Griggs	15,397	16,447	17,417	18,122	19,145	20,639	7.8	34.0
Hettinger	14,993	15,604	16,221	16,859	17,725	18,199	2.7	21.4
Kidder	14,222	14,513	15,413	15,982	16,255	17,406	7.1	22.4
LaMoure	14,404	14,594	15,440	16,336	16,478	17,810	8.1	23.6
Logan	13,170	13,174	13,612	14,339	14,843	15,663	5.5	18.9
McHenry	15,993	16,022	16,962	17,252	17,977	18,319	1.9	14.5
McIntosh	13,686	14,355	14,724	15,707	16,056	17,038	6.1	24.5
McKenzie	18,846	18,731	19,819	20,512	21,169	22,555	6.5	19.7
McLean	21,623	23,077	22,814	23,806	25,104	24,858	-1.0	15.0
Mercer	31,067	32,219	31,497	32,751	33,499	35,028	4.6	12.8
Morton	20,316	20,505	21,531	22,493	23,240	23,922	2.9	17.8
Mountrail	16,713	17,405	17,740	18,616	19,696	20,463	3.9	22.4
Nelson	14,671	15,862	16,653	17,162	17,391	17,443	0.3	18.9
Oliver	33,179	33,236	36,847	38,110	38,129	40,280	5.6	21.4
Pembina	21,129	21,773	22,610	24,178	24,917	25,264	1.4	19.6
Pierce	16,584	16,644	17,379	17,912	17,760	17,888	0.7	7.9
Ramsey	16,574	17,246	17,876	18,325	18,812	19,424	3.3	17.2
Ransom	17,266	17,999	18,924	18,897	20,029	21,270	6.2	23.2
Renville	15,667	16,500	17,192	17,760	17,759	19,191	8.1	22.5
Richland	19,851	22,078	21,605	22,420	23,369	24,251	3.8	22.2
Rolette	17,415	18,634	19,636	20,605	20,816	21,639	4.0	24.3
Sargent	25,963	26,987	28,660	29,763	32,764	33,468	2.1	28.9
Sheridan	15,587	16,377	19,067	17,511	20,398	18,970	-7.0	21.7
Sioux	19,044	19,905	20,568	21,103	22,070	23,357	5.8	22.6
Slope	13,315	13,553	13,961	16,403	14,926	16,726	12.1	25.6
Stark	18,086	18,415	19,221	20,017	20,465	21,143	3.3	16.9
Steele	17,666	18,519	19,792	20,627	21,003	22,517	7.2	27.5
Stutsman	18,568	19,093	19,998	21,084	21,520	22,719	5.6	22.4
Towner	16,710	17,160	17,818	19,102	19,189	19,783	3.1	18.4
Traill	17,644	17,908	18,497	20,040	20,336	21,582	6.1	22.3
Walsh	17,204	17,742	17,982	18,905	19,408	19,943	2.8	15.9
Ward	20,671	21,332	21,673	22,342	23,149	23,989	3.6	16.1
Wells	16,450	16,228	16,853	17,788	18,751	19,254	2.7	17.0
Williams	19,116	20,191	20,935	21,095	20,799	22,190	6.7	16.1
North Dakota	20,253	20,956	21,726	22,626	23,372	24,308	4.0	20.0

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