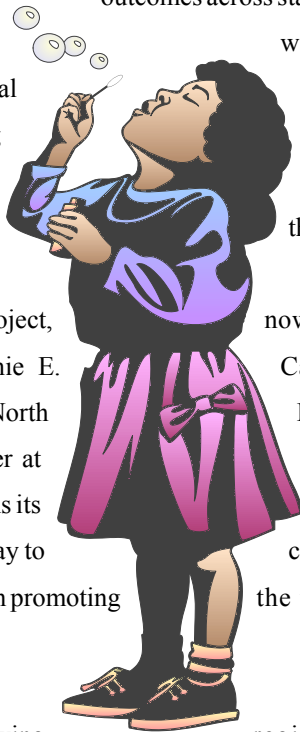


**Highlights from the 2003 North Dakota KIDS COUNT! Fact Book**

Data presented in this issue of the *Population Bulletin* are only a sample of the information available in the *2003 North Dakota KIDS COUNT! Fact Book*.

“KIDS COUNT, a project of the Annie E. Casey Foundation, 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 reflecting the educational, social, economic, and physical well-being of children. The national program also produces related publications addressing concerns that affect child outcomes across states. State KIDS COUNT programs publish yearly reports detailing child well-being on a substate geography level (e.g. county or city). Both national and state KIDS COUNT programs strive to document conditions affecting children in the areas where they live so that national, state, and local decision-making can more effectively address children's needs through sound policy creation.



The North Dakota KIDS COUNT! project, now in its ninth year, is one of fifty state projects sponsored by the Annie E. Casey Foundation. The project has recently moved from the University of North Dakota Department of Social Work to the North Dakota State Data Center at North Dakota State University. North Dakota KIDS COUNT! maintains its membership in the National Association of Child Advocates as a way to collaborate with similar organizations across the United States in promoting the well-being of children in North Dakota and across the nation.

There is ongoing evidence in reviewing regional and county-level data that challenges do not affect North Dakota children equally. It is critical for county and regional audiences to carefully weigh evidence of unmet needs reflected in their respective geographic data profiles. This effort will produce a clearer understanding of how children living throughout North Dakota are impacted by specific issues. Children across the state will benefit from early recognition of circumstances which could pose a threat to their healthy growth and development.” - *2003 North Dakota KIDS COUNT! Fact Book*

If you would like a copy of the *2003 North Dakota KIDS COUNT! Fact Book*, or more information regarding the KIDS COUNT! Project, please contact Richard Rathge, Executive Director of North Dakota KIDS COUNT! (701) 231-8621 or Helen Danielson, Coordinator (701) 231-5931.

## Selected North Dakota KIDS COUNT! Indicators by County

Note: NR indicates that data were not reported for a particular county.

Source: 2003 North Dakota KIDS COUNT! Fact Book, North Dakota KIDS COUNT!

Area	Total Persons 0 to 17: 2000	ACT Scores: 2001-02 Academic Year	High School Dropouts, Grades 9-12: 2001-02		Average Investment for Education Per Student: 2001-02	Children 0 to 17 Below Poverty: 2000		Median Income of Families with Children 0 to 17: 2000	Juvenile Offenses: 2000	
			Number	Percent of Grades 9-12 Enrollment		Number	Percent of all Children 0 to 17 for whom poverty is determined		Total	Percent that are Alcohol related
Adams	601	21.17	0	0.00%	\$5,550	67	11.07%	\$36,250	21	23.81%
Barnes	2,624	20.80	4	0.73%	\$5,084	286	11.01%	\$42,679	275	30.91%
Benson	2,513	18.77	32	7.58%	\$8,748	958	39.20%	\$28,458	79	31.65%
Billings	221	NR	0	0.00%	\$15,199	23	10.95%	\$40,417	8	25.00%
Bottineau	1,587	20.79	2	0.53%	\$5,919	192	12.32%	\$39,595	115	39.13%
Bowman	780	20.60	3	1.10%	\$6,284	77	9.92%	\$42,708	35	34.29%
Burke	467	21.33	0	0.00%	\$7,293	81	17.34%	\$37,727	7	0.00%
Burleigh	17,175	21.60	45	1.25%	\$5,312	1,547	9.09%	\$53,062	1,817	15.30%
Cass	28,848	22.66	183	2.96%	\$5,604	2,699	9.47%	\$51,288	1,991	17.48%
Cavalier	1,188	21.05	1	0.34%	\$6,184	198	16.84%	\$44,844	66	36.36%
Dickey	1,369	20.92	1	0.35%	\$4,419	283	21.04%	\$37,147	50	34.00%
Divide	462	20.62	1	0.81%	\$6,206	89	19.47%	\$37,292	19	52.63%
Dunn	986	21.91	0	0.00%	\$8,548	221	22.37%	\$35,750	26	3.85%
Eddy	651	20.48	1	0.54%	\$5,118	75	11.50%	\$43,875	49	24.49%
Emmons	1,075	20.33	0	0.00%	\$5,235	249	23.38%	\$32,841	28	60.71%
Foster	985	20.01	0	0.00%	\$4,479	107	11.19%	\$47,841	68	44.12%
Golden Valley	545	20.19	0	0.00%	\$5,614	103	21.37%	\$38,365	78	10.26%
Grand Forks	15,735	22.24	41	1.26%	\$5,617	1,926	12.36%	\$46,123	1,692	18.26%
Grant	666	20.58	0	0.00%	\$6,512	194	29.13%	\$31,500	16	25.00%
Griggs	621	21.15	1	0.50%	\$6,619	64	10.34%	\$41,458	16	18.75%
Hettinger	634	21.74	3	1.46%	\$6,173	134	21.17%	\$34,050	26	15.38%
Kidder	638	19.23	4	2.26%	\$6,631	133	20.81%	\$32,578	14	57.14%
LaMoure	1,138	20.89	2	0.51%	\$5,338	191	17.01%	\$41,328	40	35.00%
Logan	522	18.95	0	0.00%	\$5,994	85	16.19%	\$35,982	15	60.00%
McHenry	1,434	20.43	5	1.28%	\$5,559	264	18.51%	\$38,684	50	30.00%
McIntosh	656	19.09	0	0.00%	\$5,977	99	15.18%	\$39,911	38	26.32%
McKenzie	1,756	19.17	9	2.42%	\$8,841	390	22.63%	\$34,856	72	25.00%
McLean	2,212	21.03	6	0.93%	\$5,499	382	17.51%	\$42,415	99	38.38%
Mercer	2,513	21.34	5	0.65%	\$4,749	128	5.25%	\$55,707	206	42.72%
Morton	6,823	20.81	30	1.94%	\$4,810	763	11.43%	\$45,468	837	16.97%
Mountrail	1,860	20.23	11	2.43%	\$5,806	435	23.58%	\$31,901	59	35.59%
Nelson	820	20.13	2	0.82%	\$5,672	100	12.39%	\$40,729	25	48.00%
Oliver	566	20.12	5	4.27%	\$6,342	134	23.59%	\$50,147	10	30.00%
Pembina	2,140	19.70	6	0.95%	\$5,938	232	11.05%	\$46,964	139	34.53%
Pierce	1,115	22.28	0	0.00%	\$5,538	142	12.76%	\$35,302	44	15.91%
Ramsey	3,019	21.43	24	2.88%	\$5,122	546	18.29%	\$42,041	738	21.82%
Ransom	1,471	20.88	5	1.43%	\$4,620	159	10.90%	\$47,847	83	43.37%
Renville	609	20.76	3	1.11%	\$5,533	85	14.14%	\$36,905	33	63.64%
Richland	4,437	21.23	16	1.64%	\$4,673	375	8.63%	\$46,889	299	29.10%
Rolette	4,985	18.26	109	9.94%	\$6,660	1,948	39.48%	\$26,377	316	18.67%
Sargent	1,155	19.64	1	0.40%	\$5,017	102	8.94%	\$47,500	46	54.35%
Sheridan	366	20.25	1	1.41%	\$8,376	90	24.93%	\$29,375	6	33.33%
Sioux	1,630	16.10	28	7.78%	\$11,859	718	45.21%	\$22,458	0	0.00%
Slope	194	NR	0	0.00%	\$9,062	34	17.17%	\$23,125	8	0.00%
Stark	5,781	21.20	26	1.77%	\$5,011	688	12.05%	\$43,008	594	18.86%
Steele	624	20.31	0	0.00%	\$5,895	54	8.91%	\$43,676	24	8.33%
Stutsman	5,005	21.49	16	1.41%	\$4,845	647	13.31%	\$44,477	693	17.32%
Towner	708	21.39	0	0.00%	\$6,071	70	10.00%	\$40,238	52	46.15%
Traill	2,104	21.02	12	2.10%	\$5,054	204	9.76%	\$45,671	129	27.91%
Walsh	3,091	20.11	9	1.35%	\$4,697	384	12.56%	\$42,241	281	12.10%
Ward	15,423	21.90	66	1.98%	\$5,508	2,011	13.27%	\$41,189	1,346	20.88%
Wells	1,149	21.07	2	0.62%	\$5,901	129	11.29%	\$41,250	73	57.53%
Williams	5,172	20.77	30	2.17%	\$5,382	868	17.09%	\$37,479	523	18.74%
North Dakota	160,849	21.22	751	2.03%	\$5,550	22,163	13.97%	\$44,640	13,374	21.03%