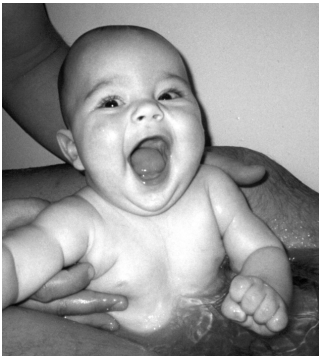


## Highlights from the 2004 North Dakota KIDS COUNT! Fact Book

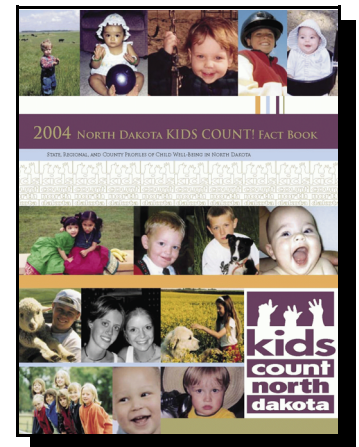


The 2004 *North Dakota KIDS COUNT! Fact Book* marks the 10th annual publication produced by the North Dakota KIDS COUNT! program, part of a 50-state network founded by the Annie E. Casey Foundation to collect information about the status of children in communities across the United States. Data included in the annual *North Dakota KIDS COUNT! Fact Book* cover issues affecting children from birth through adolescence and are widely used by a variety of audiences in planning, needs assessments, and grant writing activities on behalf of North Dakota children. *Fact Book* data offer a road map to better understanding the challenges facing North Dakota children in the communities where they live, and quantify the numbers of children affected by respective areas of concern.

The 2004 *North Dakota KIDS COUNT! Fact Book* provides state, regional, and county profiles based on seven categories of data representing multiple indicators of child health and well-being. In addition to accessing this full publication online at [www.ndkidscount.org](http://www.ndkidscount.org), interactive access of North Dakota's indicators are available through the Casey Foundation's CLIKS (County-City-Community Level Data on Kids) website, [www.aecf.org/kidscount/cliks](http://www.aecf.org/kidscount/cliks). CLIKS offers trends, profiles, graphs, maps and rankings, as well as data for other participating states.

North Dakota ranks well nationally in child well-being due to low rates in the following areas: low-birthweight babies, child deaths, teenage births, high school dropouts, and children in poverty. The *Fact Book*, however, raises some important issues concerning the well-being of North Dakota's children.

- A large proportion of North Dakota's children ages 0 to 17 continue to live with both parents, however, current data suggest that the composition of North Dakota families is changing. According to Census 2000, 30,695 children lived with a single parent in North Dakota, a 23.3 percent increase from 24,886 in 1990. This is cause for concern because the poverty rate for North Dakota children living with one parent (39.4 percent) is nearly six times the rate for children living with two parents (6.9 percent). In addition, the number of children living with grandparents and in foster care settings increased as well.
- Despite economic gains during the 1990s, one in four North Dakota children currently live in families with incomes below or very near the poverty line. In addition, approximately 39 percent of non-white children, 44 percent of children living with single mothers, and 40 percent of children living on American Indian reservations are living in poverty throughout the state.



To receive a copy of the 2004 *North Dakota KIDS COUNT! Fact Book* or more information regarding the North Dakota KIDS COUNT! findings and highlights, please contact Richard Rathge, Executive Director of North Dakota KIDS COUNT! (701) 231-8621 or [richard.rathge@ndsu.nodak.edu](mailto:richard.rathge@ndsu.nodak.edu) - or Helen Danielson, Coordinator of North Dakota KIDS COUNT! (701) 231-5931 or [ndkidscount@yahoo.com](mailto:ndkidscount@yahoo.com) - or visit the North Dakota KIDS COUNT! website at <http://www.ndkidscount.org>.

**Table 1. Select Indicators from the 2004 North Dakota KIDS COUNT! Fact Book**

Note: \*The poverty threshold is set at 100%. 'Near Poverty' is defined as those in families with incomes between 100% and 149% of poverty.

Source: North Dakota KIDS COUNT!, North Dakota State University, 2004 North Dakota KIDS COUNT! Fact Book, <www.ndkidscount.org>

Area	Total Persons Ages 0 to 17: 2002		Persons Ages 0 to 17 Living in Single Parent Families: 2000		Persons 0 to 17 Living Below or Near Poverty: 2000*	
	Number	% of Total Population	Number	% of All Persons Ages 0 to 17	Number	% of All Persons 0 to 17 (for whom poverty status is determined)
North Dakota	147,927	23.33%	30,695	19.08%	39,388	24.83%
Adams	520	21.00%	97	16.14%	184	30.41%
Barnes	2,332	20.74%	477	18.18%	642	24.71%
Benson	2,380	34.50%	860	34.22%	1,345	55.03%
Billings	177	21.02%	11	4.98%	64	30.48%
Bottineau	1,406	20.44%	191	12.04%	416	26.70%
Bowman	658	21.02%	80	10.26%	140	18.04%
Burke	390	18.20%	75	16.06%	137	29.34%
Burleigh	16,211	22.81%	3,297	19.20%	2,809	16.50%
Cass	28,069	22.43%	5,529	19.17%	4,815	16.89%
Cavalier	979	21.47%	120	10.10%	334	28.40%
Dickey	1,265	22.94%	198	14.46%	412	30.63%
Divide	372	17.04%	59	12.77%	138	30.20%
Dunn	848	23.94%	172	17.44%	415	42.00%
Eddy	552	21.00%	90	13.82%	147	22.55%
Emmons	908	22.12%	126	11.72%	437	41.03%
Foster	846	23.47%	125	12.69%	204	21.34%
Golden Valley	459	25.03%	78	14.31%	185	38.38%
Grand Forks	15,379	23.69%	3,298	20.96%	3,490	22.39%
Grant	527	19.55%	65	9.76%	282	42.34%
Griggs	504	19.38%	58	9.34%	125	20.19%
Hettinger	527	20.27%	71	11.20%	231	36.49%
Kidder	532	20.63%	81	12.70%	246	38.50%
LaMoure	952	21.10%	130	11.42%	327	29.12%
Logan	437	20.04%	31	5.94%	164	31.24%
McHenry	1,196	21.00%	209	14.57%	464	32.54%
McIntosh	586	17.99%	86	13.11%	211	32.36%
McKenzie	1,557	27.28%	394	22.44%	615	35.69%
McLean	1,866	20.72%	340	15.37%	641	29.38%
Mercer	2,117	24.78%	298	11.86%	339	13.90%
Morton	6,123	24.23%	1,338	19.61%	1,659	24.85%
Mountrail	1,677	25.71%	498	26.77%	785	42.55%
Nelson	648	19.06%	104	12.68%	193	23.92%
Oliver	450	23.55%	78	13.78%	159	27.99%
Pembina	1,814	21.93%	283	13.22%	426	20.29%
Pierce	969	21.39%	183	16.41%	362	32.52%
Ramsey	2,723	23.17%	727	24.08%	904	30.28%
Ransom	1,256	21.68%	197	13.39%	330	22.62%
Renville	498	19.56%	89	14.61%	159	26.46%
Richland	4,178	23.78%	693	15.62%	816	18.78%
Rolette	4,715	34.16%	1,990	39.92%	2,631	53.32%
Sargent	1,032	24.28%	158	13.68%	177	15.51%
Sheridan	285	18.26%	42	11.48%	157	43.49%
Sioux	1,559	37.55%	576	35.34%	927	58.38%
Slope	167	22.36%	21	10.82%	111	56.06%
Stark	5,332	24.08%	990	17.13%	1,266	22.18%
Steele	487	23.27%	72	11.54%	142	23.43%
Stutsman	4,470	21.04%	991	19.80%	1,101	22.65%
Towner	551	20.20%	94	13.28%	185	26.43%
Trail	1,893	22.92%	301	14.31%	464	22.20%
Walsh	2,718	22.69%	563	18.21%	642	21.00%
Ward	14,336	25.09%	2,816	18.26%	4,009	26.45%
Wells	986	20.43%	151	13.14%	274	23.97%
Williams	4,508	23.06%	1,094	21.15%	1,550	30.51%