

North Dakota County Business Establishments, Business Employees and Payroll: 2000 to 2004

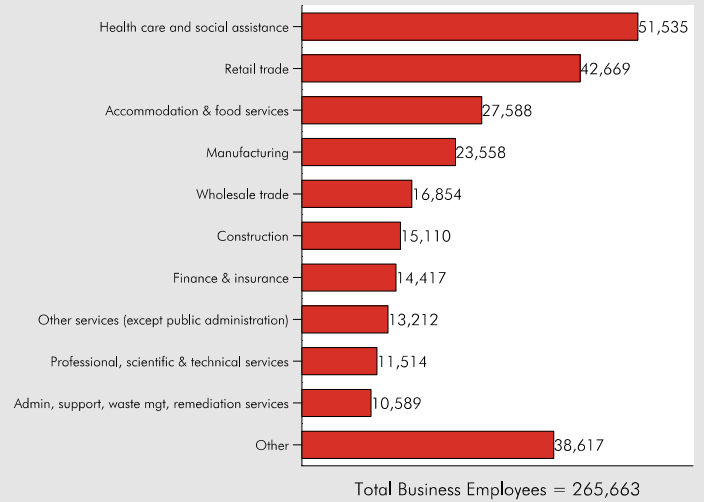
The number of North Dakota business establishments (with paid employees) grew 3.4 percent between 2000 and 2004. According to *County Business Patterns*, which focuses on the number of single physical locations at which business is conducted, the 20,822 business establishments in the state employed 265,663 persons in mid-March 2004, up 4.1 percent from 255,178 in mid-March 2000. Annual total payroll for the state was \$7.3 billion in 2004, up 20.7 percent from \$6.1 billion in 2000 (Table 1).

Retail trade along with various service industries employ a large proportion of North Dakota's business workforce. Health care and social assistance alone employed 19.4 percent in 2004; accommodation and food services accounted for another 10.4 percent. Retail trade employed 16.1 percent of the state's business workforce (Figure 1).

Nevada reported the largest percentage gain in business establishments between 2000 and 2004 (15.9 percent), followed by Utah (13.5 percent), Florida (13.2 percent) and Idaho (10.4 percent). Two states, Massachusetts and West Virginia, reported losses (Figure 2).

Data from *County Business Patterns* exclude self-employed persons, railroad employees, and most government employees.

Figure 1. Employees of Business Establishments by Industry in North Dakota: 2004



Note: Numbers exclude the self-employed, railroad employees, and most government employees. Source: U.S. Census Bureau, *County Business Patterns*, www.census.gov/epcd/cbp/view/cbpview.html.

Figure 2. Percent Change in the Number of Business Establishments with Paid Employees by State: 2000 to 2004

Note: Establishment counts exclude railroads, the self-employed, and most governmental establishments. Source: U.S. Census Bureau, *County Business Patterns*, www.census.gov/epcd/cbp/view/cbpview.html.

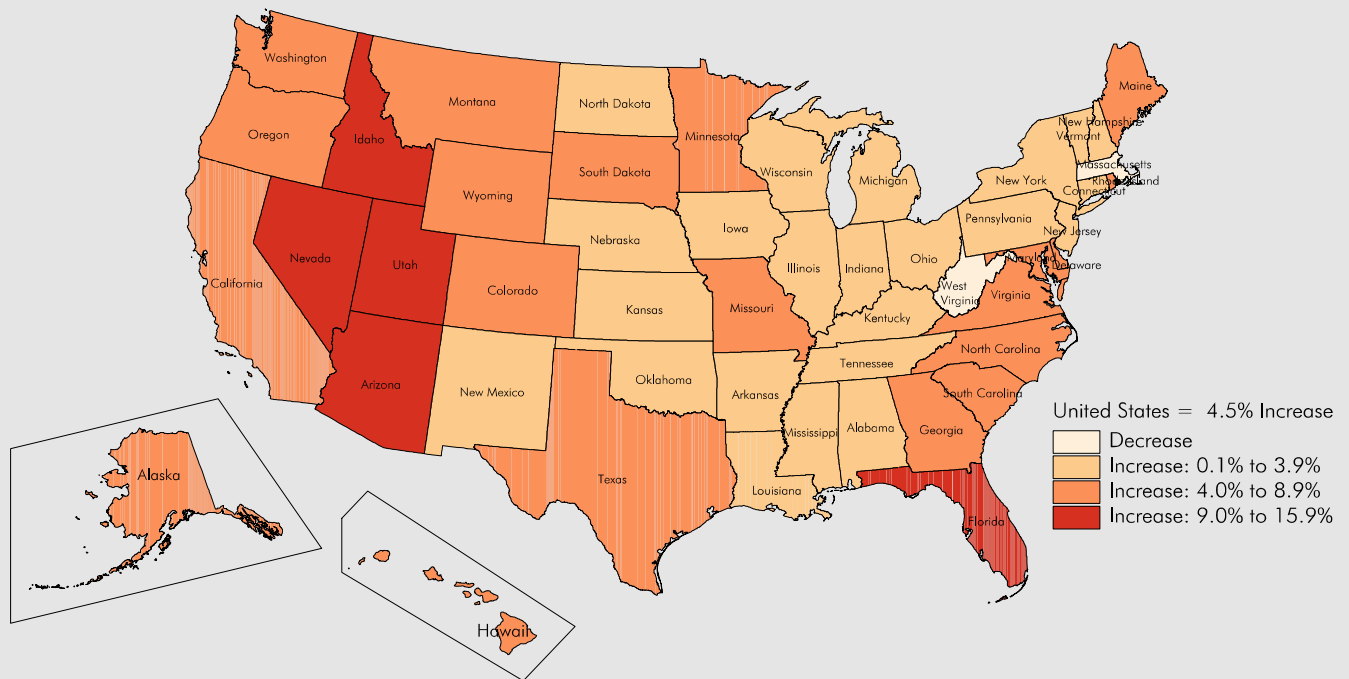


Table 1. Business Establishments, Business Employees and Annual Payroll in North Dakota by County: 2000 and 2004

Note: Numbers exclude the self-employed, railroad employees, and most government employees.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, County Business Patterns, www.census.gov/epcd/cbp/view/cbpview.html.

Area	Business Establishments (with paid employees)				Business Employees				Annual Payroll (\$1,000)			
	2000	2004	Change: 2000-04		2000	2004	Change: 2000-04		2000	2004	Change: 2000-04	
			Numeric	Percent			Numeric	Percent			Numeric	Percent
North Dakota	20,139	20,822	683	3.4	255,178	265,663	10,485	4.1	6,057,225	7,314,026	1,256,801	20.7
Adams	112	94	-18	-16.1	755	686	-69	-9.1	14,637	15,703	1,066	7.3
Barnes	364	398	34	9.3	3,950	4,351	401	10.2	67,581	86,617	19,036	28.2
Benson	109	111	2	1.8	1,135	1,187	52	4.6	22,787	26,487	3,700	16.2
Billings	29	27	-2	-6.9	186	148	-38	-20.4	4,646	4,452	-194	-4.2
Boftineau	265	262	-3	-1.1	1,650	1,680	30	1.8	28,608	34,321	5,713	20.0
Bowman	166	152	-14	-8.4	1,024	936	-88	-8.6	17,394	19,360	1,966	11.3
Burke	84	89	5	6.0	292	320	28	9.6	5,360	7,464	2,104	39.3
Burleigh	2,324	2,437	113	4.9	35,087	36,096	1,009	2.9	861,701	1,077,046	215,345	25.0
Cass	4,173	4,527	354	8.5	73,330	79,593	6,263	8.5	1,976,197	2,457,718	481,521	24.4
Cavalier	183	173	-10	-5.5	1,276	1,194	-82	-6.4	24,819	27,978	3,159	12.7
Dickey	204	212	8	3.9	1,708	1,838	130	7.6	28,129	37,049	8,920	31.7
Divide	84	90	6	7.1	539	539	0	0.0	7,638	9,495	1,857	24.3
Dunn	81	77	-4	-4.9	702	577	-125	-17.8	13,606	10,749	-2,857	-21.0
Eddy	81	78	-3	-3.7	554	547	-7	-1.3	8,910	12,430	3,520	39.5
Emmons	142	136	-6	-4.2	1,214	866	-348	-28.7	30,918	17,956	-12,962	-41.9
Foster	156	151	-5	-3.2	1,598	1,385	-213	-13.3	30,115	33,737	3,622	12.0
Golden Valley	70	75	5	7.1	455	505	50	11.0	7,015	8,863	1,848	26.3
Grand Forks	1,739	1,781	42	2.4	27,655	28,558	903	3.3	663,946	780,192	116,246	17.5
Grant	82	71	-11	-13.4	476	452	-24	-5.0	7,532	8,489	957	12.7
Griggs	111	100	-11	-9.9	917	810	-107	-11.7	17,476	16,851	-625	-3.6
Hettinger	99	111	12	12.1	409	416	7	1.7	7,145	8,586	1,441	20.2
Kidder	61	69	8	13.1	380	443	63	16.6	6,097	8,131	2,034	33.4
LaMoore	140	146	6	4.3	882	978	96	10.9	16,093	20,873	4,780	29.7
Logan	66	77	11	16.7	429	360	-69	-16.1	5,324	6,671	1,347	25.3
McHenry	133	136	3	2.3	657	655	-2	-0.3	11,549	15,113	3,564	30.9
McIntosh	123	130	7	5.7	973	1,001	28	2.9	15,129	19,023	3,894	25.7
McKenzie	164	158	-6	-3.7	1,136	1,026	-110	-9.7	21,194	25,080	3,886	18.3
McLean	239	246	7	2.9	1,892	1,843	-49	-2.6	52,615	60,066	7,451	14.2
Mercer	254	227	-27	-10.6	3,518	3,678	160	4.5	131,592	156,125	24,533	18.6
Morton	648	703	55	8.5	7,026	7,809	783	11.1	166,043	233,726	67,683	40.8
Mountrail	194	198	4	2.1	1,636	1,401	-235	-14.4	28,833	29,973	1,140	4.0
Nelson	137	137	0	0.0	795	753	-42	-5.3	13,724	14,105	381	2.8
Oliver	34	42	8	23.5	396	405	9	2.3	19,245	22,498	3,253	16.9
Pembina	333	320	-13	-3.9	2,956	2,988	32	1.1	69,051	70,458	1,407	2.0
Pierce	150	160	10	6.7	1,570	1,548	-22	-1.4	27,617	32,856	5,239	19.0
Ramsey	418	427	9	2.2	4,336	4,572	236	5.4	79,705	93,873	14,168	17.8
Ransom	205	213	8	3.9	1,495	1,513	18	1.2	28,996	34,463	5,467	18.9
Renville	101	97	-4	-4.0	549	527	-22	-4.0	9,977	13,044	3,067	30.7
Richland	550	519	-31	-5.6	7,038	6,838	-200	-2.8	161,519	179,732	18,213	11.3
Rolette	213	210	-3	-1.4	2,959	2,661	-298	-10.1	59,293	59,288	-5	0.0
Sargent	129	138	9	7.0	2,089	1,956	-133	-6.4	83,564	74,052	-9,512	-11.4
Sheridan	48	50	2	4.2	190	167	-23	-12.1	4,189	3,937	-252	-6.0
Sioux	31	26	-5	-16.1	859	932	73	8.5	19,880	23,289	3,409	17.1
Slope	12	10	-2	-16.7	39	57	18	46.2	894	1,735	841	94.1
Stark	853	892	39	4.6	8,473	9,417	944	11.1	173,735	232,095	58,360	33.6
Steele	77	66	-11	-14.3	407	337	-70	-17.2	8,766	10,125	1,359	15.5
Stutsman	656	673	17	2.6	9,519	8,606	-913	-9.6	199,232	197,187	-2,045	-1.0
Towner	94	97	3	3.2	766	753	-13	-1.7	13,225	13,500	275	2.1
Traill	307	314	7	2.3	2,431	2,458	27	1.1	47,991	56,798	8,807	18.4
Walsh	439	438	-1	-0.2	4,071	3,645	-426	-10.5	80,774	83,313	2,539	3.1
Ward	1,626	1,632	6	0.4	21,807	24,222	2,415	11.1	467,956	551,896	83,940	17.9
Wells	203	207	4	2.0	1,400	1,365	-35	-2.5	22,478	26,672	4,194	18.7
Williams	799	828	29	3.6	6,832	6,806	-26	-0.4	135,972	174,302	38,330	28.2
No Fixed Locale	44	84	40	90.9	760	1,259	499	65.7	28,813	68,484	39,671	137.7