

Age Distribution in North Dakota: Census 2000 and the July 1, 2005 Estimate

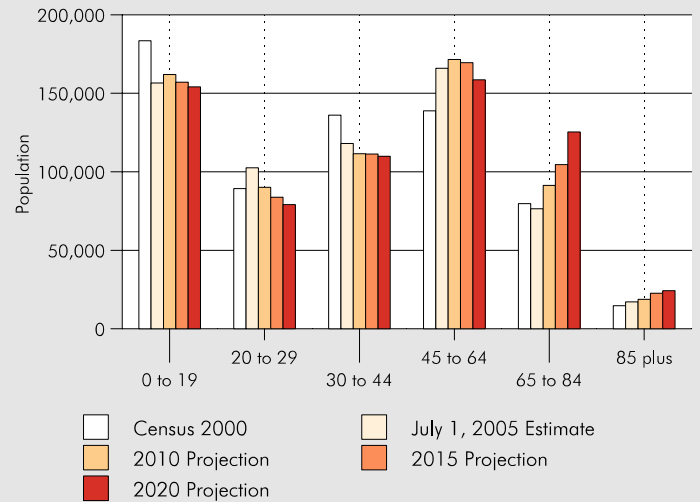
As North Dakota's baby-boom generation (the large age cohort born during the 20-year period after WWII) grows older, it is having a visible impact on the state's age distribution (Figure 1). Between 2000 and 2005, the number of North Dakotans ages 45 to 64 (which includes a large proportion of baby boomers) increased by 27,032 people or 19.5 percent (from 138,864 to 165,896) according to estimates released by the U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates Branch (Table 1). Figure 2 shows that the increase in this age cohort was seen throughout most of the nation. Nationally, the number of persons ages 45 to 64 grew 17.6 percent. Projections indicate that as baby boomers continue to age, North Dakota's senior population (ages 65 and older) will grow considerably (Figure 1).

In terms of overall population, the gain in North Dakotans ages 45 to 64 was offset by a loss of children ages 0 to 19. Between 2000 and 2005, children ages 0 to 19 decreased by 26,975 or 14.7 percent (183,464 to 156,489) (Table 1).

Other changes to North Dakota's age distribution between 2000 and 2005 include a 14.9 percent increase in young adults ages 20 to 29 (89,295 to 102,598) and a 13.3 percent decrease in persons ages 30 to 44 (often considered the prime working-age cohort) (136,099 to 118,044) (Table 1).

Figure 1, Population by Age Group in North Dakota

Census 2000; July 1, 2005 Estimate; and 2010, 2015, and 2020 Projections



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates Branch, www.census.gov/popest/national/asrh/; and the North Dakota State Data Center, *North Dakota Population Projections: 2005 to 2020*.

Figure 2. Percent Change in Persons Ages 45 to 64 by County: Census 2000 to July 1, 2005 Estimate

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates Branch, Table CC-EST2005-alldata-38 - County Population Estimates by Age, Sex, Race and Hispanic Origin, April 1, 2000 to July 1, 2005, www.census.gov/popest/counties/asrh/

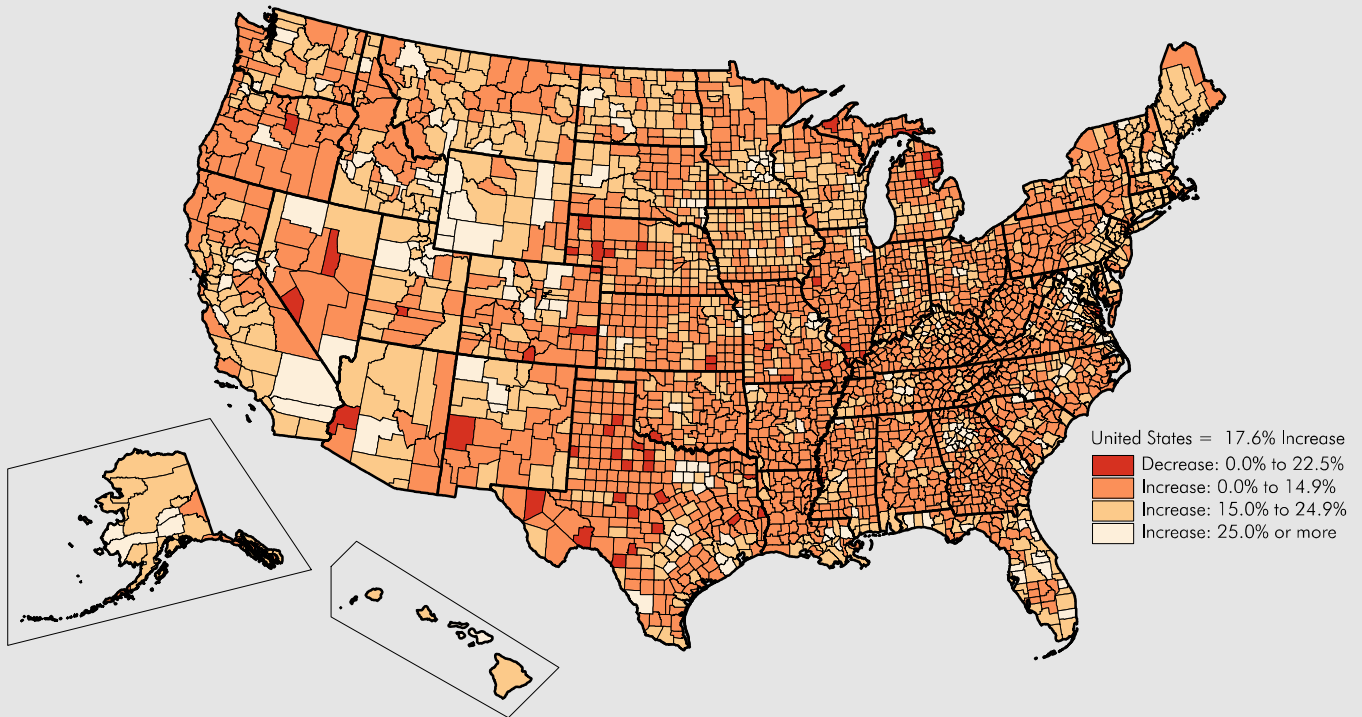


Table 1. Population by Age Group in North Dakota by County: Census 2000 and the July 1, 2005 Estimate

Note: "% Chg" equals the percent change in population between Census 2000 and the July 1, 2005 population estimate.

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Area	Ages 0 to 19			Ages 20 to 29			Ages 30 to 44			Ages 45 to 64			Ages 65 to 84			Ages 85 and older		
	2000	2005	% Chg	2000	2005	% Chg	2000	2005	% Chg	2000	2005	% Chg	2000	2005	% Chg	2000	2005	% Chg
North Dakota	183,464	156,489	-14.7	89,295	102,598	14.9	136,099	118,044	-13.3	138,864	165,896	19.5	79,752	76,511	-4.1	14,726	17,139	16.4
Adams	646	461	-28.6	145	208	43.4	479	362	-24.4	699	754	7.9	511	504	-1.4	113	144	27.4
Barnes	3,099	2,468	-20.4	1,371	1,482	8.1	2,190	1,759	-19.7	2,783	3,151	13.2	1,917	1,705	-11.1	415	510	22.9
Benson	2,709	2,495	-7.9	666	871	30.8	1,300	1,179	-9.3	1,348	1,592	18.1	792	706	-10.9	149	156	4.7
Billings	237	161	-32.1	54	98	81.5	206	141	-31.6	249	305	22.5	127	87	-31.5	15	21	40.0
Bottineau	1,874	1,433	-23.5	525	673	28.2	1,358	1,051	-22.6	1,870	2,186	16.9	1,248	1,112	-10.9	274	286	4.4
Bowman	853	636	-25.4	229	258	12.7	667	503	-24.6	786	963	22.5	581	572	-1.5	126	116	-7.9
Burke	509	382	-25.0	112	120	7.1	424	318	-25.0	635	728	14.6	497	388	-21.9	65	96	47.7
Burleigh	19,646	17,512	-10.9	9,747	12,447	27.7	15,744	14,855	-5.6	15,639	19,477	24.5	7,442	7,959	6.9	1,198	1,568	30.9
Cass	33,565	31,517	-6.1	25,482	30,204	18.5	28,036	27,258	-2.8	24,154	29,328	21.4	10,172	10,648	4.7	1,729	2,064	19.4
Cavalier	1,265	936	-26.0	245	223	-9.0	886	597	-32.6	1,328	1,493	12.4	926	897	-3.1	181	184	1.7
Dickey	1,551	1,367	-11.9	666	701	5.3	1,034	801	-22.5	1,277	1,465	14.7	989	920	-7.0	240	233	-2.9
Divide	503	380	-24.5	99	170	71.7	400	320	-20.0	607	689	13.5	544	476	-12.5	130	114	-12.3
Dunn	1,069	817	-23.6	254	343	35.0	718	567	-21.0	934	1,121	20.0	536	490	-8.6	89	104	16.9
Eddy	717	547	-23.7	197	288	46.2	524	387	-26.1	637	734	15.2	562	550	-2.1	120	120	0.0
Emmons	1,142	849	-25.7	233	206	-11.6	826	594	-28.1	1,023	1,109	8.4	933	886	-5.0	174	201	15.5
Foster	1,065	860	-19.2	298	335	12.4	802	661	-17.6	791	939	18.7	688	681	-1.0	115	104	-9.6
Golden Valley	587	444	-24.4	130	132	1.5	354	260	-26.6	443	509	14.9	333	282	-15.3	77	112	45.5
Grand Forks	19,348	17,415	-10.0	14,521	16,445	13.2	13,871	11,917	-14.1	12,001	13,709	14.2	5,435	5,321	-2.1	933	1,133	21.4
Grant	719	483	-32.8	171	227	32.7	478	396	-17.2	770	855	11.0	568	512	-9.9	135	142	5.2
Griggs	694	488	-29.7	160	189	18.1	482	366	-24.1	710	835	17.6	577	494	-14.4	131	125	-4.6
Hettinger	683	481	-29.6	145	205	41.4	472	364	-22.9	732	805	10.0	585	530	-9.4	98	101	3.1
Kidder	693	509	-26.6	167	178	6.6	545	393	-27.9	686	815	18.8	567	479	-15.5	95	107	12.6
LaMoure	1,251	936	-25.2	330	350	6.1	892	687	-23.0	1,128	1,334	18.3	933	864	-7.4	167	213	27.5
Logan	552	428	-22.5	137	127	-7.3	419	329	-21.5	577	591	2.4	532	474	-10.9	91	110	20.9
McHenry	1,564	1,186	-24.2	483	496	2.7	1,135	927	-18.3	1,500	1,720	14.7	1,074	892	-16.9	231	290	25.5
McIntosh	738	534	-27.6	169	198	17.2	563	418	-25.8	760	819	7.8	935	828	-11.4	225	216	-4.0
McKenzie	1,898	1,518	-20.0	362	556	53.6	1,151	877	-23.8	1,426	1,790	25.5	772	678	-12.2	128	175	36.7
McLean	2,420	1,801	-25.6	601	700	16.5	1,788	1,310	-26.7	2,602	3,052	17.3	1,608	1,363	-15.2	292	378	29.5
Mercer	2,705	1,997	-26.2	447	723	61.7	2,109	1,461	-30.7	2,150	2,927	36.1	1,052	1,047	-0.5	181	209	15.5
Morton	7,520	6,331	-15.8	2,677	3,289	22.9	5,742	5,028	-12.4	5,671	7,170	26.4	3,175	3,111	-2.0	518	599	15.6
Mountrail	2,031	1,742	-14.2	594	762	28.3	1,224	1,052	-14.1	1,608	1,863	15.9	961	892	-7.2	213	202	-5.2
Nelson	871	627	-28.0	200	317	58.5	652	473	-27.5	973	1,040	6.9	843	811	-3.8	176	156	-11.4
Oliver	615	423	-31.2	121	127	5.0	414	265	-36.0	622	747	20.1	265	214	-19.2	28	37	32.1
Pembina	2,352	1,730	-26.4	711	769	8.2	1,723	1,387	-19.5	2,125	2,541	19.6	1,406	1,272	-9.5	268	339	26.5
Pierce	1,221	980	-19.7	336	295	-12.2	931	741	-20.4	1,060	1,222	15.3	912	844	-7.5	215	209	-2.8
Ramsey	3,419	2,879	-15.8	1,131	1,082	-4.3	2,561	2,077	-18.9	2,689	3,304	22.9	1,842	1,634	-11.3	424	453	6.8
Ransom	1,593	1,317	-17.3	543	673	23.9	1,182	1,118	-5.4	1,322	1,568	18.6	1,022	922	-9.8	228	212	-7.0
Renville	669	498	-25.6	174	222	27.6	531	431	-18.8	661	774	17.1	465	406	-12.7	110	91	-17.3
Richland	5,495	4,583	-16.6	2,436	2,603	6.9	3,723	3,062	-17.8	3,598	4,520	25.6	2,258	2,063	-8.6	488	509	4.3
Rolette	5,453	4,855	-11.0	1,543	1,940	25.7	2,823	2,574	-8.8	2,530	3,119	23.3	1,159	1,166	0.6	166	210	26.5
Sargent	1,228	1,014	-17.4	383	324	-15.4	895	779	-13.0	1,120	1,296	15.7	657	599	-8.8	83	138	66.3
Sheridan	396	252	-36.4	78	81	3.8	297	181	-39.1	484	519	7.2	404	325	-19.6	51	72	41.2
Sioux	1,788	1,640	-8.3	534	677	26.8	842	835	-0.8	654	781	19.4	220	221	0.5	6	28	366.7
Slope	204	155	-24.0	44	63	43.2	170	114	-32.9	212	260	22.6	127	97	-23.6	10	20	100.0
Stark	6,725	5,392	-19.8	2,831	3,461	22.3	4,729	3,796	-19.7	4,841	5,832	20.5	2,989	2,949	-1.3	521	643	23.4
Steele	667	467	-30.0	153	161	5.2	432	359	-16.9	564	648	14.9	401	316	-21.2	41	56	36.6
Stutsman	5,792	4,635	-20.0	2,512	2,695	7.3	4,648	3,695	-20.5	5,094	6,124	20.2	3,268	2,975	-9.0	594	711	19.7
Towner	757	530	-30.0	144	129	-10.4	600	430	-28.3	705	868	23.1	537	462	-14.0	133	125	-6.0
Trail	2,405	1,981	-17.6	894	1,189	33.0	1,726	1,440	-16.6	1,829	2,213	21.0	1,339	1,239	-7.5	284	259	-8.8
Walsh	3,401	2,679	-21.2	1,044	1,108	6.1	2,553	2,052	-19.6	3,001	3,488	16.2	2,014	1,800	-10.6	376	480	27.7
Ward	17,506	15,122	-13.6	9,973	9,025	-9.5	12,694	11,073	-12.8	11,281	12,945	14.8	6,197	6,202	0.1	1,144	1,400	22.4
Wells	1,256	920	-26.8	288	255	-11.5	995	726	-27.0	1,237	1,429	15.5	1,078	961	-10.9	248	283	14.1
Williams	5,798	4,696	-19.0	1,805	2,198	21.8	4,159	3,298	-20.7	4,738	5,830	23.0	2,777	2,685	-3.3	484	575	18.8