



Growing ND by the Numbers

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Voter Participation in the Last Major Election

North Dakota surpassed the national average for all age groups in the last major election year (2014). Most age groups were more than ten percent of the national average. In fact almost 75 % of age group 65 and over participated in the 2014 election, fifteen percent more than the national average.

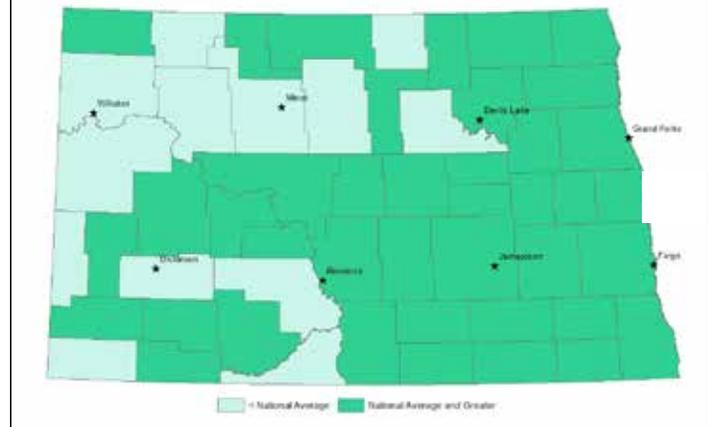
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey Voting and Registration Supplements

Voting Age Population in North Dakota

North Dakota is the only state without voter registration. Since registered voter lists are not available in our state, census survey data is our best source for information about the age groups included in our voting population.

According to the 2015 Population Estimates Program, North Dakota has 583,001 residents who are of voting age. This represents seventy-seven percent of our population which coincidentally is the same percentage of the overall United States population who are of voting age. Breaking down the population into the common Census Bureau age groups, the latest data we have to use is the 2014 Population Estimates. Using this dataset, North Dakota has 49.7 percent in the 18 to 44 year age group which compares to 47.1 percent of the United States voting age population in this age group. When it comes to the 45 to 64 age group, North Dakota

Age 18 and Over as a Percentage of Total Population



Percentage of county population of voting age compared to national percentage. Source: North Dakota Census Office 2016 File Map

has 31.9 percent in this age group while the United States has 34.1 percent in this age group. The remaining 65 and over age group includes 18.4 percent of North Dakota's voting age population. This compares to 18.9 percent for the United States' 65 and over age group.

When it comes to race, North Dakota's voting age population is 91 percent White, 1.9 percent Black

or African American, 1.3 percent Asian, 4.4 percent American Indian/Alaska Native, and 0.07 percent Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander. The Hispanic voting age population represents 2.6 percent of the overall North Dakota population (voting age), while the United States' percentage is 15.3 percent.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2015 Population Estimates Program, 2014 Population Estimates, Table PEPAGESEX

North Dakota Ranks High for Voting by Millennials

Millennials (born between 1982 and 2000) represent just over 20 percent of North Dakota's population. For election year 2012, almost fifty-two percent of young adults (age group 18-29) in North Dakota voted. North Dakota's millennials exceeded the United States rate of forty-five percent by almost seven percent.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey Voting and Registration Supplements

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Characteristics of North Dakota's Voting Age Population

The average household size for the North Dakota population is 2.33, while the average family size is 2.92. When it comes to education, 92.2 percent are high school graduates or higher. The voting age population (age 25 and older) with a bachelor's degree or higher is 27.4 percent. For the United States overall (age 25 and older), 30.1 percent have a bachelor's degree or higher. Total households with computers represent nearly 86 percent of the population while just under 75 percent of North Dakotan households

have a broadband internet connection.

When it comes to economic characteristics, North Dakota's voting age population is distinguished with a median household income of \$59,029. This is over \$5,000 more than the national median household income of \$53,657. North Dakota's poverty rate for the voting age population is 10.6 percent which is an improvement over the national poverty rate (voting age) of 13.6 percent. Nearly 70 percent of the

voting age population is in the workforce with an unemployment rate that has been consistently under 3 percent.

The top employment sectors include, in order of percentage employed, educational services and healthcare (24 percent), retail trade (10.7 percent), agriculture and mining (10.5 percent), accommodation and food services (8 percent), and construction (7.4 percent).

Voting Age Population Totals since the 2010 Census

Population (Voting Age)	2010 Census	2011 Pop Est	2012 Pop Est	2013 Pop Est	2014 Pop Est	2010-2014 % Change
Total	522,720	532,798	544,604	560,390	570,955	9.2
18 to 24	81,020	83,967	87,957	92,766	93,952	16.0
25 to 34	90,485	94,733	98,844	103,841	107,968	19.3
35 to 44	75,262	75,270	76,912	79,758	82,076	9.0
45 to 64	178,476	180,084	180,040	181,142	181,961	2.0
65 +	97,477	98,744	100,851	102,883	104,998	7.7

Voting age population totals since 2010 Census. Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 Decennial Census, Population Estimates Program (2011-2014) Table PEPRSR0H

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