



Growing ND by the Numbers

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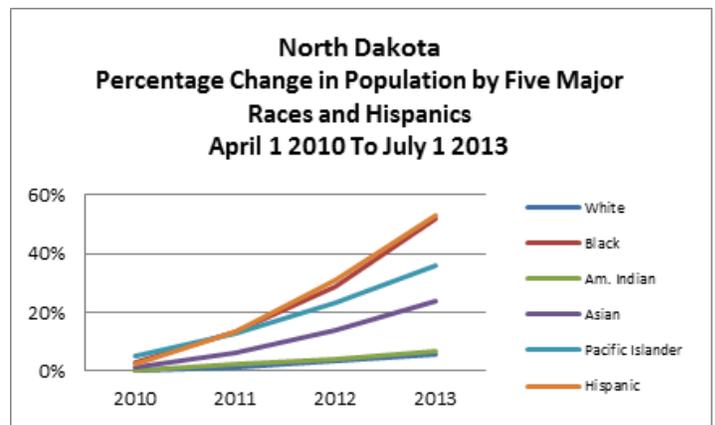
The Census Bureau estimates that there are now Black residents in every county in North Dakota, a major change from the year 2000 and prior.

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Black Residents in North Dakota

The 1930 North Dakota Census indicates there were only 377 Black residents in the state, down from 467 in 1920 to 617 in 1910. In 1930 Black residents constituted far less than 1/10 of one percent of the state's total population.

By the 2000 Census that number had grown to 3,916 residents in the state, constituting 1/2 of a percent of the state's population, concentrated in the counties of Ward - 1,305, Cass - 996 and Grand Forks - 904. That same year, data indicates that seven of North Dakota's 53 counties had "no Black residents, and 29 reported less than 10 each in 2000.



The number of Black Residents in North Dakota has grown by an estimated 53 percent since the Decennial Census faster than any group except Hispanics.

By 2010 the number of Black residents grew by more than 50 percent to 11,282. Cass County with 6,297 surpassed Ward County with 3,156 as the county with the

highest concentration of Black residents. Cass and Ward counties have the distinction of being the only two in North Dakota

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ND's Black Population More Male than Female

North Dakota's Black population has the highest ratio of males to female of any of the five major races.

In North Dakota the Black male population was estimated to be 45 percent

larger than Black female population in 2013, the largest difference of any race. There are approximately 1.35 Black males in the state for every female. The difference in the number of individuals by sex

is most pronounced in the age range of 20 – 34, where there are almost 1.6 males to every female. There were 2.2 Black males for every Black female in the Williston Region of Divide, McKenzie and Williams Counties.

Black residents in North Dakota tend to be young, with a median age of 21.7 for males, and 18.5 for females in 2013.

Approximately 43 percent of Black residents are under 18 years of age, more than double the percentage of Whites at 21 percent.

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with more Black than American Indian residents. Ward County also had the highest percentage of Black residents in 2013, making up an estimated 4.5 percent of the county's total population.

In 2013 there was an estimate 17,127 Black residents in North Dakota. This number is up by nearly 6,000 individuals in just over three years. Blacks make up North Dakota's third largest race after Whites and American Indians, now constituting more than

two percent of the state's population, but with a rate of growth far in excess of the non-Hispanic White or the American Indian populations.

Since the 2010 Decennial Census, Cass County has continued to gain the most Black residents, adding nearly 2,000 or approximately 43 percent. Some rural counties impacted by oil developments in the western part of the state have seen significant increases in the numbers of Black residents. Dunn County's Black population in 2010 consisted of just

one individual. By 2013, the number of Black residents in the county had grown to an estimated 48 residents. Census data also indicate the number of Blacks working in Dunn County more than double the number of Blacks who reside there.

A total of twelve North Dakota counties are estimated to have a Black resident population greater than 100 individuals - Cass, Ward and Dunn, Grand Forks, Burleigh, Williams, Stark, Morton, Stutsman, Barnes, Richland and McKenzie.

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Black Representation Grows in the State's Labor Force

Black employment in North Dakota is estimated to have grown 127 percent from 2009 through 2003 according to Census data. This is far higher than the growth in employment by any other race.

Wages for Blacks in the

state grew in this time-frame from about \$2,450 to \$3,500 per month or by 43 percent. Wages for Black workers in North Dakota remained below those of Asians, Pacific Islanders and Whites, but exceeded those of Hispanics and American Indians.

Industries in which Black workers are present differ greatly by region. In the Fargo area they are most likely to be found employed in manufacturing, in the Williston area, mining.

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