

North Dakota

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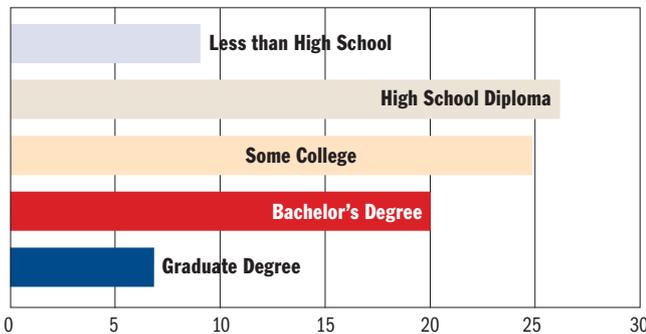


“Our strong economy allows us to provide even more tax relief while investing in important priorities for growth.”

— Gov. Jack Dalrymple, May 4, 2013, from his comments on the highlights of the state’s legislative session

Governor: Jack Dalrymple (R) business.nd.gov **Right-to-work state: Yes**
Population 2012: 701,706 Population growth forecast 2013 thru 2017: 4.62% Median household income: \$53,427 Median age: 36.7

Work Force Education by Percentage



Rankings that Matter

GDP	46 (\$38,654*)
Business Tax Climate	28
Small Business Policy	12
Career Readiness Certificates	39 (370)
High School Graduation	2
Health	9

* Real GDP in US millions

Legislative Update

- The governor and Terje Riis Johansen, mayor of Telemark, Norway, signed a MOU to expand trade and cultural ties between North Dakota and Norway. North Dakota’s leading exports to Norway include value-added food and agricultural products, industrial equipment and machinery.
- The state is providing more than \$21 million in Energy Impact Grants and kicking in \$18.5 million for construction of the \$40 million airport terminal at Minot International Airport. The new terminal will be approximately 115,000 sq. ft. and is expected to be completed in 2015.
- In early February 2013, Gov. Jack Dalrymple signed Senate Bill 2176, providing \$720 million for statewide highway and road improvement projects. The legislation was fast-tracked in order for construction to begin at the onset of the 2013

construction season.

- The state was one of 11 that achieved double-digit growth in annual exports in 2012. North Dakota’s exports increased 26 percent, from \$3.39 billion (2011) to \$4.29 billion (2012).
- The state senate approved the governor’s recommendation to provide \$12 million for Research North Dakota, a matching-grant program designed to support business growth and job creation, giving businesses the opportunity to partner with state research universities to commercialize new technology.
- The legislature also approved \$6 million in workforce development funds, \$5 million for workforce training grants at tribal community colleges and about \$2 million to support Innovate North Dakota and grants to assist startups.

Did You Know?

- Thanks to the booming oil industry, North Dakota had the highest percent increase in Gross Domestic Product in 2012, despite having one of the nation’s smallest populations.
- With \$4.13 billion in agricultural exports, North Dakota is ranked fifth in the United States. Since 2006, agricultural exports have more than doubled.
- According to the Institute for Economics and Peace, North Dakota is the 6th safest state in the nation.
- In 2013, the Board of University and School Lands awarded \$4 million in grants to colleges and universities impacted by the rapid growth in North Dakota. The funds will be used to create work-force development programs as well as constructing or renovating buildings and improving infrastructure on several campuses.

Selected Corporate Facility Projects 2013

Company	City	County	Type	New/ Exp.	Product	Investment (\$ millions)	Employment
Northern Plains Nitrogen	Grand Forks	Grand Forks	MF	N	Fertilizer	\$1,500	135
CHS	Spiritwood	Stutsman	MF	N	Fertilizer	1,200	
Dakota Prairie Refinery LLC	Dickinson	Stark	MF	N	Diesel Fuel	300	100
Dakota Spirit AgEnergy LLC	Spiritwood	Stutsman	MF	N	Ethanol	300	36
Midwest AgEnergy Group	Jamestown	Stutsman	MF	N	Biorefinery	155	36
Dakota Gasification Co.	Beulah	Mercer	MF	N	Urea	100	
Basin Electric (Lonesome Creek Station)	Watford City	McKenzie	MF	N	Natural Gas	64	25
E-Nugget North Dakota LLC/ Carbontec Energy Corp.	Jamestown	Stutsman	MF	N	Iron	60	
Midwest Manufacturing/ Menards	McKenzie Twp.	Burleigh	MF	E	Wood Products	22	120
Bobcat Co.	Bismarck	Burleigh	MF/RD	E	Construction Equipment	20	135
Philadelphia Macaroni Co.	Grand Forks	Grand Forks	DW	E	Pasta	6	
Abbianno Pasta LLC	Casselton	Cass	MF	N	Pasta	4	31
Prinsco Inc.	Fargo	Cass	MF	N	Plastic Pipes	4	24
Cirrus Design Corp.	Grand Forks	Grand Forks	MF	N	Aircraft Parts	2	10

MF= Manufacturing OF= Office HQ= Headquarters RD= Research & Development CC= Contact Center DW= Distribution/Warehouse N= New E= Expansion

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"Of course we will come back. Chris Fowler and I were just talking about how we will make it a yearly stop if everything falls into place. North Dakota State and Fargo will not fall off our radar. Again, one of our all-time best spots."

Lee Fitting
College Gameday Producer
ESPN

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