



“We have worked hard to diversify our economy and grow our targeted business sectors, while capitalizing on emerging technologies and industries.”

— Gov. Jack Dalrymple, Oct 8, 2015 in Fargo, speaking at the Governor’s Summit on Economic Growth

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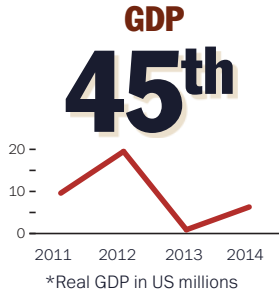
North Dakota

Pop. (2014): 750,438
Median household income: \$60,730
Credit Rating: AAA/Stable

Pop. growth 2013–2018: 12%
Median age: 35.1
Right-to-work state: Yes

Legislative Update

- The 64th Legislative Assembly supported Gov. Jack Dalrymple’s initiatives for continued job creation, workforce development and economic growth in several ways, including \$7.5 million for further development of Grand Sky, the first commercial Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) business and aviation park in the nation, and funding for other UAS programs; \$3.25 million for entrepreneurship grants and vouchers to assist startup businesses; and \$1.5 million for base retention grants in Minot, Grand Forks, and Fargo.
- Workforce funding included \$1.55 million for the Operation Intern program; \$3 million for training grants at tribal community colleges; and \$4 million to train North Dakotans for diversifying careers, and to promote industry-college partnerships.



Rankings that Matter

Business Tax Climate	26
Legal Climate	15
Higher Ed. R&D Expenditure40 (222,032)
ACT Career Readiness Certificates	34 (555)
Lowest Electric Power Cost14 (9.39)
Fiscal Solvency	2
College Attainment	10 (45.8%)