



“Education has to be more responsive to workforce needs and more responsive to the signals from the private sector. This is far more than just a new building. This is a new pathway for higher education in North Dakota.”

— Gov. Doug Burgum, Dec. 1, 2021, at the site of the future Bismarck State College Polytechnic Education Center

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North Dakota

Pop. (2021): 783,161

Median household income (2021): \$63,433

Credit Rating: AA+ / Stable

Pop. growth 2021–2026: 1.02%

Median age (2021): 38.5

Right-to-work state: Yes

Legislative Update

Gov. Burgum signed legislation in November providing \$38 million for the Bismarck State College Polytechnic Education Center. Burgum also signed legislation that included \$88 million in matching funds for private-sector investment in career centers where high school students can pursue high-demand careers in the trades, tech and other sectors; \$15 million for adding or expanding local workforce development incentive grants; and \$5 million for technical skills training grants and a workforce innovation grant program.

Burgum also signed legislation that provides \$150 million to support a major natural gas pipeline to carry gas from the state's western oil patch to eastern North Dakota to serve communities and attract new industry, including \$10 million that must be used to transport natural gas to areas in Grand Forks County to support a recently announced wet corn mill. New infrastructure legislation provides \$317 million for road and bridge projects approved by the Legislature during its regular session last spring; \$75 million for critical water infrastructure; and \$45 million for broadband infrastructure grants. Among the investments in economic development programs and energy projects is \$20 million for hydrogen development grants as approved by the Clean Sustainable Energy Authority.

GDP

44th

GDP Growth Rate Trend



2020 GDP
(in millions of current US\$)
\$54,581



19th
Business Tax Climate Rank Change 2021–2022: 0



40th
Higher Ed. R&D Expenditure in '000s: **240,568**



39th
Number of NCRCs: **4,310** | Percent Improvement 2020–2021: **41.92%**



50th
2021 Workers' Comp Index Rate: **0.67**



19th
Industrial power cost per kWh: **\$7.04**



2nd
Total Revenue as Share of Total Expenses, FY 2004–2019: **123.4%**