



**“We’re grateful to the NTIA for awarding Dakota Carrier Network this Middle Mile grant, which will make North Dakota’s already robust broadband network even stronger to support telehealth, online education options, remote work, expanded market access for businesses and more.”**

— Gov. Doug Burgum, on June 22nd, upon receiving \$19.7 million to extend broadband internet service to communities in North Dakota

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# North Dakota

Pop. (2023): 793,128  
 Median household income (2023): \$67,741  
 Credit Rating: AA+ / Stable

Pop. growth 2023–2028: 0.37%  
 Median age (2023): 38.9  
 Right-to-work state: Yes

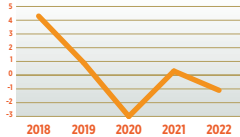
## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

HB 1012 was signed into law in May 2023, appropriating more than \$2.3 billion toward the state’s Department of Transportation. Of that funding, \$50 million will be used for highway improvement projects between 2023 and 2025, in addition to federal funding specifically for improvements to U.S. Highway 85. For flood projects, the state’s DOT will receive \$28.5 million and have matching funds available from the state of Minnesota for flooding issues associated with the Red River Valley.

In an effort to address workforce challenges in the state, Gov. Burgum signed HB 1382 into law in April 2023. This allows for state scholarship funds for qualifying students to go toward apprenticeship programs. Full-time students at a two- or four-year college or university with a GPA of 2.75 or higher can earn the apprenticeship scholarship from the State Board of Higher Education and State Board for Career and Technical Education to receive up to \$6,000. “As we continue working to ensure that all students leave high school choice-ready for college, career or the military, it’s important to support students who choose an apprenticeship as their career path. These students are receiving an education while also providing valuable contributions to our state’s workforce and economy,” Gov. Burgum said.

GDP  
**46<sup>th</sup>**

GDP Growth Rate Trend



**2022 GDP**  
 (in millions of current US\$)  
**\$54,799**



**17<sup>th</sup>**

Business Tax Climate Rank Change 2023–2024: **0**



**41<sup>st</sup>**

Higher Ed. R&D Expenditure in \$000s: **324,078**



**37<sup>th</sup>**

Number of NCRCs: **6,470** | Percent Improvement 2022–2023: **22.14%**



**50<sup>th</sup>**

2023 Workers' Comp Index Rate: **0.58**



**16<sup>th</sup>**

Industrial power cost per kWh: **\$7.28**



**2<sup>nd</sup>**

Total Revenue as Share of Total Expenses, FY 2007–2021: **124.9%**