

North Dakota Municipal Court Fact Sheet – January 2025

Total Courts: 73

Total Judges (not alternates) – 54

Total Law-Trained Judges – 21 (39%)

Total Alternates (not a judge for another city) – 10 (8 law-trained)

Population 2020 US Census

- Courts in cities with under 100 – 3
- Courts in cities under 1,000 but more than 100 – 38
- Courts in cities over 1,000 but less than 5,000 – 20
- Courts in cities over 5,000 - 12

Smallest city with a court – Spring Book - population 37

Largest city without a court – Watford City – population 6,207

Additional Notes

- There are 355 incorporated cities in North Dakota, 73 have municipal courts (about 20%).
- Total number of municipal contracts with district court for all Cases (NDCC 40-18-06.2): 94