

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE



State Data Center - In February 2012 the State Data Center at North Dakota State University was closed and the related United States Census Bureau functions were transitioned from North Dakota State University to the Department of Commerce.

The Department of Commerce has organized a North Dakota Census Office, which will assist in United States Census reporting, interpreting data, and responding to public requests for demographic information. The Census Office personnel consists of members of the research team within the Department of Commerce Economic Development and Finance division. The Department of Commerce also plans to contract with Coventry Consulting to provide data analysis and interpretation as necessary. The Department of Commerce plans to share costs of the State Data Center with the Office of Management and Budget for the remainder of the 2011-13 biennium. For the period February 2012 through April 2012, the Department of Commerce incurred \$3,230 of salary expense related to the State Data Center, of which \$1,615 will be reimbursed by the Office of Management and Budget. The department plans to request additional funding for the program to continue in the 2013-15 biennium based on total expenditures incurred in the 2011-13 biennium.