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This report contains key indicators and trends relating to North Dakota's economy, state budget, and the performance of its agencies and departments.

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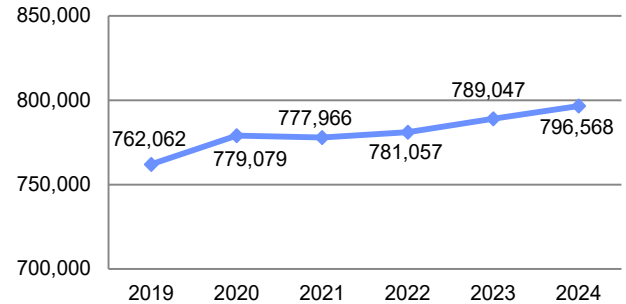
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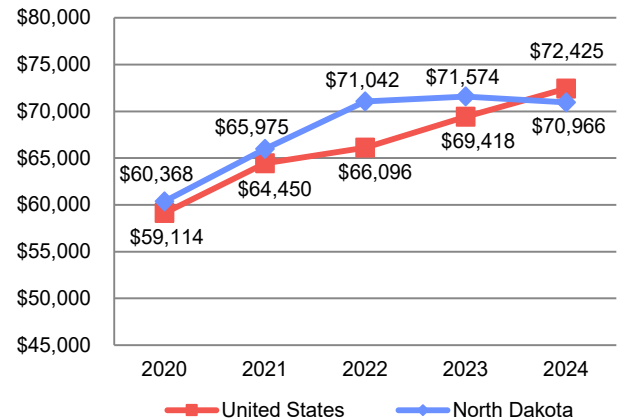
### TOTAL POPULATION ESTIMATES (Based on 2020 Census Data and Estimates)



Year	Population	Annual Percentage Change
2019 <sup>1</sup>	762,062	0.53%
2020 <sup>2</sup>	779,079	2.23%
2021 <sup>1</sup>	777,966	(0.14%)
2022 <sup>1</sup>	781,057	0.40%
2023 <sup>1</sup>	789,047	1.02%
2024 <sup>1</sup>	796,568	0.95%

<sup>1</sup>Based on July 1 population estimates.  
<sup>2</sup>Based on 2020 Census data.  
Source: U.S. Census Bureau

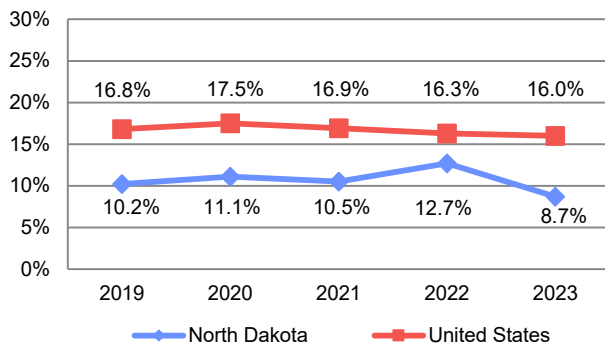
### PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME



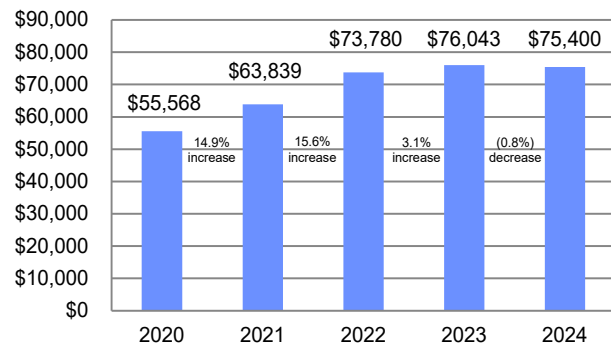
For 2024, North Dakota ranked 18<sup>th</sup> of the 50 states and North Dakota's cumulative increase from 2020 through 2024 was 18 percent.

Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis

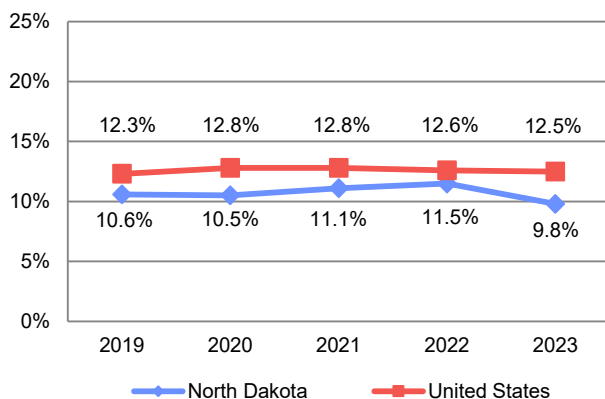
PERCENTAGE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
POPULATION (CHILDREN AGED 0-17) IN  
POVERTY COMPARED TO THE UNITED STATES



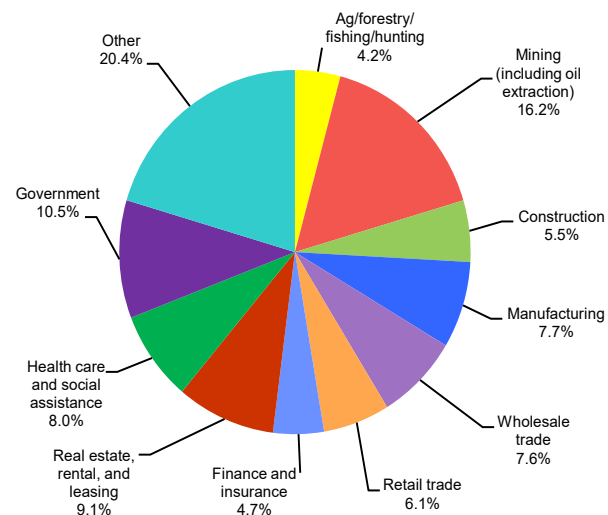
GROSS STATE PRODUCT  
Total Gross State Product  
(Amounts Shown in Millions)



PERCENTAGE OF NORTH DAKOTA  
POPULATION (ALL AGES) IN POVERTY  
COMPARED TO THE UNITED STATES



2024 Gross State Product by Major Industry



The poverty thresholds in 2023 were:

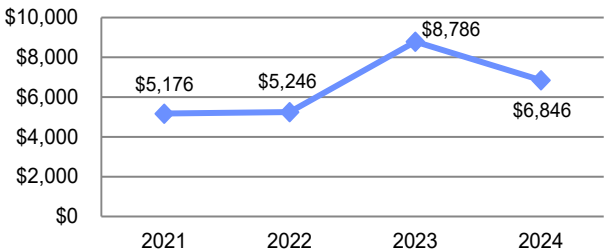
Family Size (Persons)	Threshold
1	\$15,480
2	\$19,680
3	\$24,526
4	\$30,900
5	\$36,363
6	\$40,714

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Gross State Product (Amounts Shown in Millions)					
Major Industry	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Agriculture, forestry, fishing, and hunting	\$3,078	\$4,320	\$6,996	\$5,971	\$3,146
Mining	5,900	10,046	13,628	12,832	12,244
Construction	3,154	3,101	3,305	3,785	4,116
Manufacturing	3,853	4,346	4,965	5,696	5,802
Wholesale trade	4,756	4,977	5,291	5,582	5,765
Retail trade	3,510	3,894	3,935	4,367	4,623
Finance and insurance	2,989	3,076	3,092	3,281	3,517
Real estate, rental, and leasing	5,469	5,464	6,085	6,495	6,863
Health care and social assistance	4,902	5,236	5,435	5,739	6,054
Government	6,760	6,823	7,065	7,434	7,891
Other	11,197	12,556	13,983	14,861	15,379
Total	\$55,568	\$63,839	\$73,780	\$76,043	\$75,400

Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis

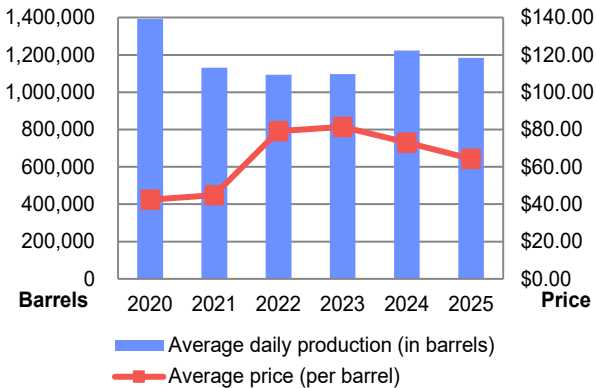
**TOTAL STATE FOREIGN EXPORTS**  
(Amounts Shown in Millions)



Major State Foreign Exports (Amounts Shown in Millions)				
	2021	2022	2023	2024
Biodiesel	\$1,789	\$1,655	\$4,557	\$1,841
Crude oil	692	327	570	1,469
Tractors	144	299	438	525
Corn (other than seed corn)	154	297	315	277
Dried and shelled beans, peas, and lentils	132	124	243	268
Front-end shovel loaders and excavators	167	241	355	266
Wheat	188	241	160	207
Ethyl alcohol	132	173	243	191
Soybeans	128	62	119	179
Canola oil	70	67	83	109
Seeders, planters, and transplanters	46	84	105	100
Brewing or distilling dregs and waste	99	87	91	85
Acyclic hydrocarbons (methane, propane)	94	145	87	79
Other	1,341	1,444	1,420	1,250
Total	\$5,176	\$5,246	\$8,786	\$6,846

Source: U.S. Census Bureau - Foreign Trade Statistics

**AVERAGE DAILY OIL PRODUCTION  
AND AVERAGE PRICE PER BARREL OF OIL**



	Fiscal Year					
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Barrels	1,391,837	1,130,401	1,092,564	1,097,545	1,223,800	1,183,554
Price	\$42.42 <sup>1</sup>	\$44.92 <sup>1</sup>	\$79.19 <sup>2</sup>	\$81.42 <sup>2</sup>	\$72.97 <sup>2</sup>	\$64.26 <sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup>These amounts reflect the average of the Flint Hills Resources prices and the West Texas Intermediate prices.

<sup>2</sup>These amounts reflect the North Dakota oil prices reported by the Tax Department.

**AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK  
MARKETING YEAR AVERAGE PRICE**

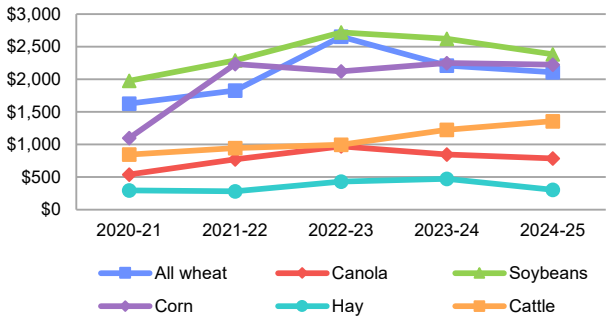
	Crops and Cattle Marketing Year Average Price (Per Bushel, Hundredweight, Ton, or Head)				
	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25 <sup>1</sup>
All wheat <sup>2</sup>	\$5.22	\$9.35	\$8.83	\$7.27	\$5.70
Spring wheat	\$5.11	\$8.82	\$8.74	\$6.97	\$5.55
Durum wheat	\$5.98	\$13.90	\$9.81	\$9.38	\$6.90
Winter wheat	\$4.82	\$8.27	\$8.66	\$6.63	\$5.35
Barley	\$4.56	\$5.38	\$7.41	\$6.67	\$6.05
Oats	\$2.54	\$4.80	\$4.38	\$3.99	\$3.60
Rye	\$5.35	\$6.75	\$6.90	\$6.20	\$5.50
Sunflower	\$21.60	\$32.60	\$28.70	\$22.20	\$20.60
Canola	\$18.50	\$33.40	\$29.90	\$24.40	\$20.10
Soybeans	\$10.20	\$12.60	\$13.70	\$12.00	\$9.70
Flaxseed	\$11.10	\$25.90	\$17.50	\$12.10	\$12.40
Corn	\$4.44	\$5.86	\$6.16	\$4.14	\$4.10
Dry edible beans	\$28.90	\$41.00	\$37.90	\$38.60	\$33.70
Dry edible peas	\$10.60	\$19.90	\$17.00	\$15.50	\$13.60
Lentils	\$18.20	\$37.60	\$32.80	\$38.00	\$34.00
Potatoes	\$11.70	\$11.50	\$12.90	\$15.30	\$13.80
Sugarbeets	\$49.30	\$58.40	\$76.90	\$89.60	N/A
Hay	\$86.00	\$154.00	\$122.00	\$114.00	\$94.00
Cattle	\$1,350.00	\$1,360.00	\$1,510.00	\$1,890.00	\$2,330.00

<sup>1</sup>Data for the 2024-25 market year is preliminary.

<sup>2</sup>All wheat crop is a weighted average of spring wheat, durum wheat, and winter wheat, based on volume.

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture

**AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK  
VALUE OF PRODUCTION  
(Amounts Shown in Millions)**



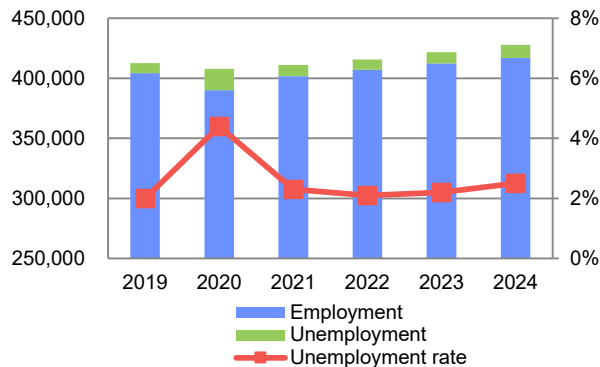
	Crops and Cattle Value of Production (Amounts Shown in Millions)				
	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25 <sup>1</sup>
All wheat	\$1,627	\$1,829	\$2,654	\$2,210	\$2,109
Canola	\$540	\$770	\$971	\$846	\$788
Soybeans	\$1,977	\$2,288	\$2,719	\$2,624	\$2,383
Corn	\$1,099	\$2,234	\$2,122	\$2,250	\$2,224
Hay	\$295	\$282	\$430	\$473	\$306
Cattle	\$845	\$943	\$998	\$1,225	\$1,358

<sup>1</sup>Data for the 2024-25 market year is preliminary.

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture



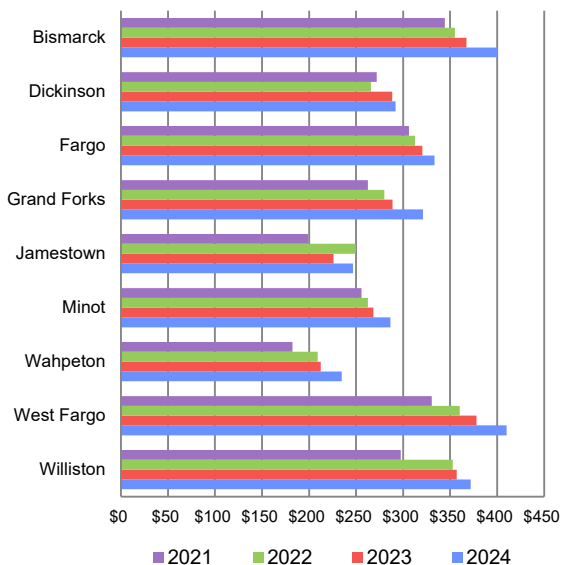
## EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT



Year End	Job Force	Employment	Unemployment	Unemployment Rate
2019	412,683	404,366	8,317	2.0%
2020	407,910	390,105	17,805	4.4%
2021	411,204	401,723	9,481	2.3%
2022	415,700	407,030	8,670	2.1%
2023	421,743	412,492	9,251	2.2%
2024	427,791	416,927	10,864	2.5%

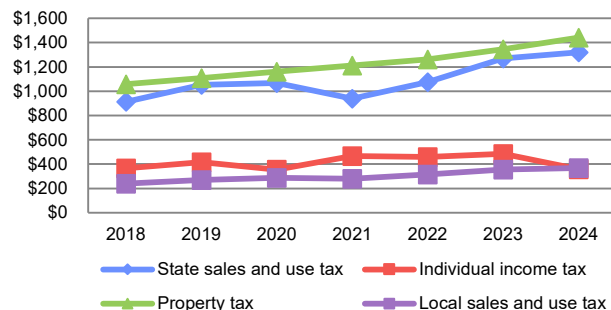
Source: U.S. Department of Labor as of December of each year

## AVERAGE HOME SALE PRICES BY CITY (Amounts Shown in Thousands)



Source: North Dakota Association of Realtors

## MAJOR SOURCES OF STATE/LOCAL REVENUE (Amounts Shown in Millions)

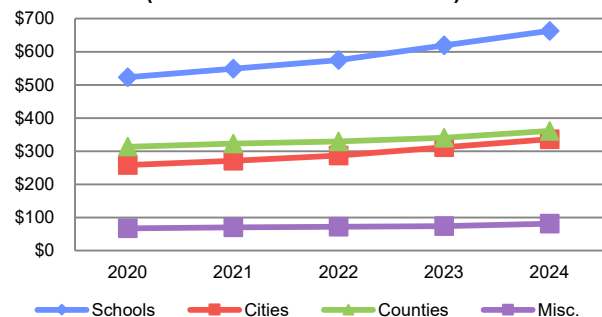


Fiscal Year	State Sales and Use Tax	Individual Income Tax	Property Tax <sup>1</sup>	Local Sales and Use Tax <sup>2</sup>
2018	\$912.5	\$366.3	\$1,057.8	\$239.6
2019	\$1,053.1	\$415.4	\$1,106.7	\$270.9
2020	\$1,067.9	\$354.3	\$1,161.5	\$286.8
2021	\$939.9	\$467.6	\$1,212.2	\$280.9
2022	\$1,074.6	\$458.6	\$1,262.9	\$315.9
2023	\$1,270.4	\$484.8	\$1,345.2	\$354.4
2024	\$1,320.1	\$356.9	\$1,441.1	\$368.0

<sup>1</sup>Property tax amount includes special taxes, but does not include special assessments.

<sup>2</sup>Local sales tax amounts do not include city occupancy or city restaurant and lodging taxes.

## PROPERTY TAXES BY TAXING DISTRICTS (Amounts Shown in Millions)



Year Payable	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024 <sup>1</sup>
Schools	\$523	\$549	\$575	\$619	\$663
Cities	258	271	287	312	336
Counties	313	323	329	340	361
Misc.	67	69	72	74	81
Total <sup>2</sup>	\$1,161	\$1,212	\$1,263	\$1,345	\$1,441

<sup>1</sup>Based on property taxes payable in 2024, levied in 2023, one mill generated approximately \$6.1 million statewide.

<sup>2</sup>Property tax amount includes special taxes, but does not include special assessments.

Source: North Dakota Tax Department

# NOTES

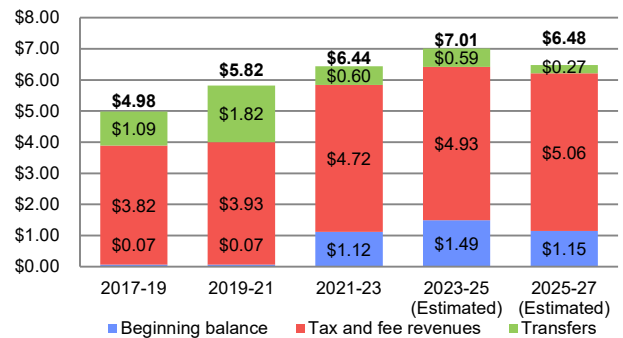
## STATE BUDGET

### 2025-27 GENERAL FUND BUDGET SUMMARY (Amounts Shown in Millions)

Budget Approved by the Legislative Assembly	
General fund balance - July 1, 2025	\$1,154.0 <sup>1</sup>
Add estimated 2025-27 general fund revenues and transfers	5,329.1
Total resources available	\$6,483.1
Less 2025-27 general fund appropriations	6,256.4
Estimated general fund balance - June 30, 2027	\$226.7 <sup>2</sup>
<sup>1</sup> This amount includes \$24.4 million of deficiency appropriations, \$334.2 million of "turnback," and \$45.9 million of authorized "carryover."	
<sup>2</sup> In addition, the budget stabilization fund is projected to have a June 30, 2027, balance of \$938.5 million.	

State Budget

### 2025-27 GENERAL FUND REVENUES (Amounts Shown in Billions)



Biennium	(Amounts Shown in Millions)			
	Beginning Balance	Tax and Fee Revenues	Transfers	Total
2017-19	\$65.0	\$3,818.1	\$1,095.3	\$4,978.4
2019-21	\$65.0	\$3,931.1	\$1,820.8	\$5,816.9
2021-23	\$1,122.4	\$4,723.7	\$596.1	\$6,442.2
2023-25 (Estimated)	\$1,490.2	\$4,929.1	\$592.7	\$7,012.0
2025-27 (Estimated)	\$1,154.0	\$5,056.7	\$272.4	\$6,483.1

### 2025-27 BIENNIUM PROPERTY TAX RELIEF

**Primary residence credit** - The 2025 Legislative Assembly provided **\$408.9 million** from legacy fund earnings to increase the primary residence credit from \$500 to \$1,600 per residence per year beginning with tax year 2025 and expanded the credit to allow residences held through a trust to qualify for the credit.

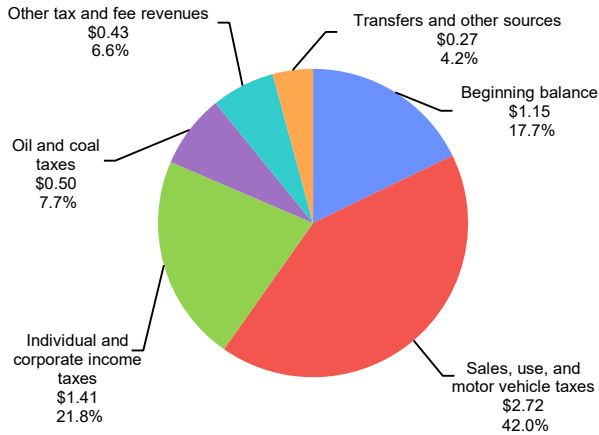
**Homestead and disabled veterans' credits** - The 2025 Legislative Assembly provided \$1 million to increase the renters refund annual limit from \$400 to \$600 under the homestead tax credit and provided \$7.4 million to increase the amount of taxable value exempt from taxation under the disabled veterans' credit to align the credit with the homestead tax credit.



## 2025-27 ESTIMATED MAJOR SOURCES OF GENERAL FUND REVENUES

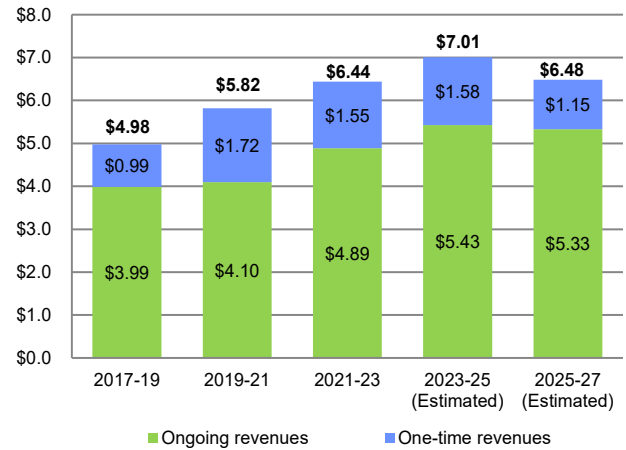
(Amounts Shown in Billions)

Total - \$6.48 billion



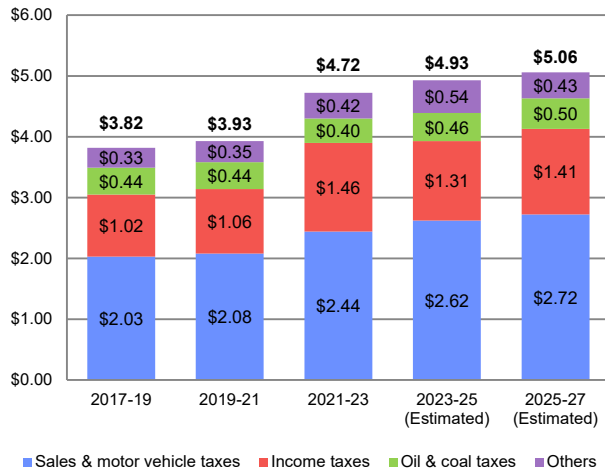
## 2025-27 ONGOING AND ONE-TIME GENERAL FUND REVENUES

(Amounts Shown in Billions)



## GENERAL FUND TAX AND FEE REVENUES - MAJOR REVENUE TYPES

(Amounts Shown in Billions)



Biennium	(Amounts Shown in Millions)				
	Sales & Motor Vehicle Taxes	Income Taxes	Oil & Coal Taxes	Others	Total
2017-19	\$2,025.5	\$1,018.2	\$444.6	\$329.8	\$3,818.1
2019-21	\$2,083.7	\$1,055.9	\$442.7	\$348.8	\$3,931.1
2021-23	\$2,439.3	\$1,460.5	\$400.0	\$423.9	\$4,723.7
2023-25 (Estimated)	\$2,617.3	\$1,313.8	\$460.0	\$538.0	\$4,929.1
2025-27 (Estimated)	\$2,719.0	\$1,409.0	\$500.0	\$428.7	\$5,056.7

Biennium	(Amounts Shown in Millions)		
	Ongoing	One-Time	Total
2017-19	\$3,987.8	\$990.6	\$4,978.4
2019-21	\$4,101.3	\$1,715.6	\$5,816.9
2021-23	\$4,893.7	\$1,548.5	\$6,442.2
2023-25 (Estimated)	\$5,431.4	\$1,580.6	\$7,012.0
2025-27 (Estimated)	\$5,329.2	\$1,153.9	\$6,483.1

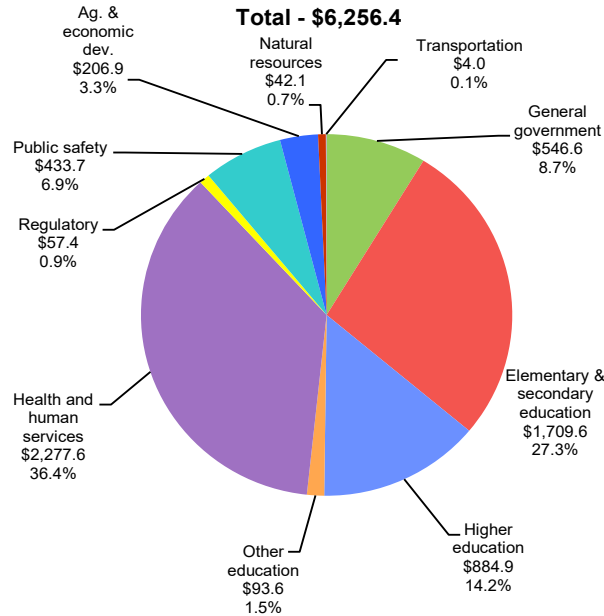
## TAX RATES AND CHANGES

**Sales and use tax and motor vehicle excise tax** - The rate is 5 percent (state portion). Based on the 2025 legislative revenue forecast, collections would change by approximately **\$634 million per biennium**, or \$317 million per year, for a 1 percentage point rate change.

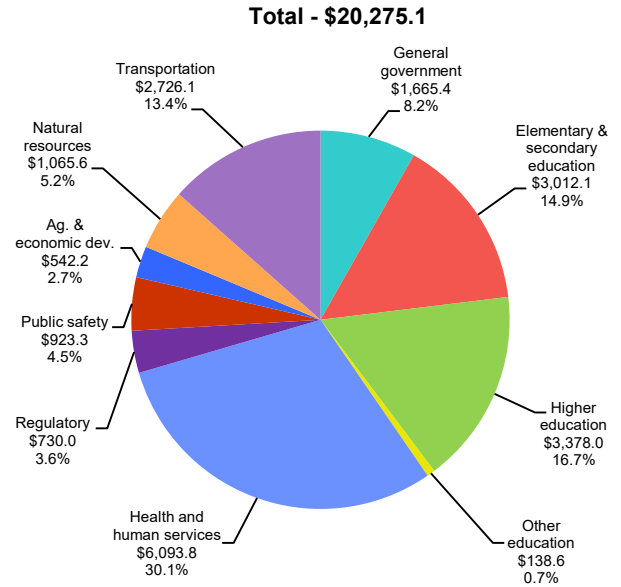
**Individual income tax** - The rates range from 0 to 2.50 percent with taxable income based on the individual's federal taxable income. Based on the 2025 legislative revenue forecast, collections would change by approximately **\$89 million per biennium**, or \$44.5 million per year, for a 10 percent change in the rates for all brackets (e.g., the 2.50 percent rate would increase to 2.75 percent or decrease to 2.25 percent).

**Corporate income tax** - The rates range from 1.41 to 4.31 percent with taxable income based on income apportioned to North Dakota. Based on the 2025 legislative revenue forecast, collections would change by approximately **\$52 million per biennium**, or \$26 million per year, for a 10 percent change in the rate for all brackets (e.g., the 4.31 percent rate would increase to 4.74 percent or decrease to 3.88 percent).

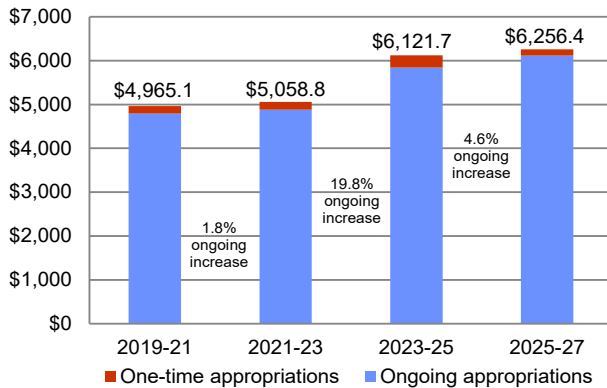
## 2025-27 BIENNIUM GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS (Amounts Shown in Millions)



## 2025-27 BIENNIUM ALL FUNDS APPROPRIATIONS (Amounts Shown in Millions)

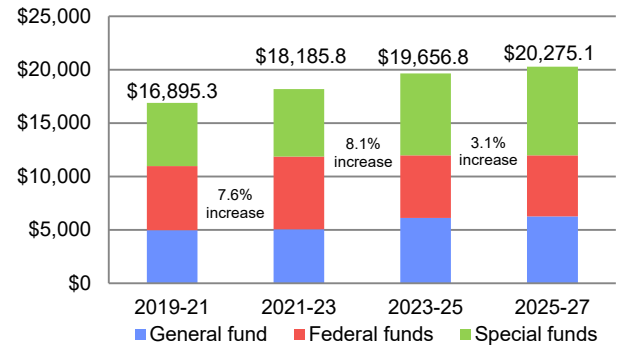


## HISTORY OF GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS (Amounts Shown in Millions)



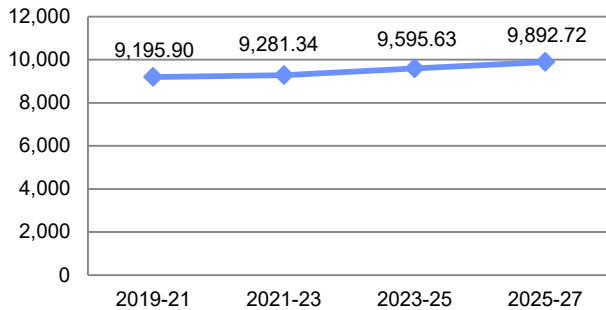
Biennium	(Amounts Shown in Millions)		
	Ongoing	One-Time	Total
2019-21	\$4,794.9	\$170.2	\$4,965.1
2021-23	\$4,878.9	\$179.9	\$5,058.8
2023-25	\$5,842.6	\$279.1	\$6,121.7
2025-27	\$6,113.2	\$143.2	\$6,256.4

## HISTORY OF TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS (Amounts Shown in Millions)



Biennium	(Amounts Shown in Millions)			
	General Fund	Federal Funds	Special Funds	Total
2019-21	\$4,965.1	\$6,018.0	\$5,912.2	\$16,895.3
2021-23	\$5,058.8	\$6,799.3	\$6,327.7	\$18,185.8
2023-25	\$6,121.7	\$5,854.1	\$7,681.0	\$19,656.8
2025-27	\$6,256.4	\$5,735.1	\$8,283.6	\$20,275.1

### NUMBER OF STATE EMPLOYEES<sup>1</sup> FTE Positions

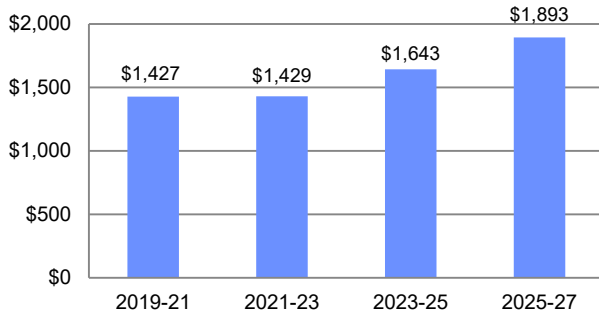


<sup>1</sup>These amounts do not include employees of the North Dakota University System.

### FUNDING INCREASES FOR STATE EMPLOYEE SALARY ADJUSTMENTS

2019-21	2% with a \$120 monthly minimum and a \$200 monthly maximum on July 1, 2019, and 2.5% on July 1, 2020
2021-23	1.5% with a \$100 monthly minimum on July 1, 2021, and 2% on July 1, 2022
2023-25	Targeted market equity increases effective June 1, 2023, 6% salary increases effective July 1, 2023, and 4% salary increases effective July 1, 2024
2025-27	3% on July 1, 2025, and 3% on July 1, 2026

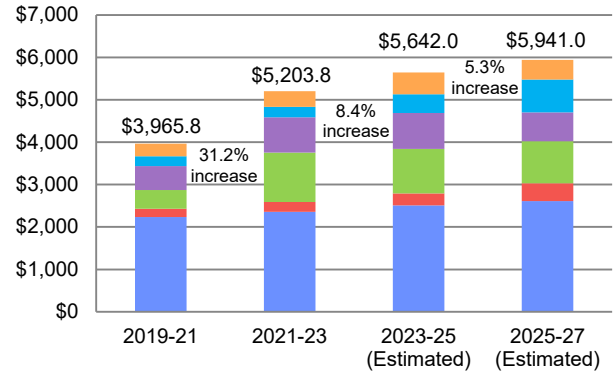
### COST OF STATE EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUMS HISTORY



Biennium	Monthly Premium	Increase From Previous Biennium	Percentage Increase
2019-21	\$1,427	\$186	15.0%
2021-23	\$1,429	\$2	0.1%
2023-25	\$1,643	\$214	15.0%
2025-27	\$1,893	\$250	15.2%

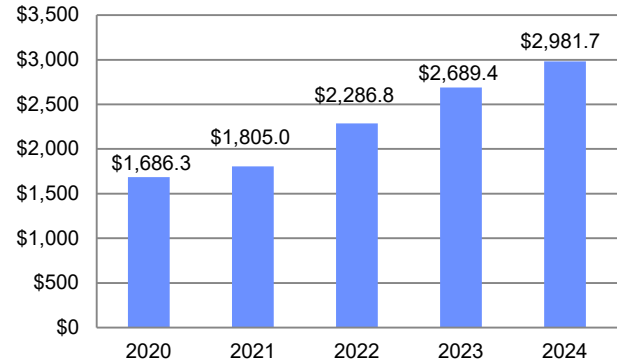
### ASSISTANCE TO POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS (Amounts Shown in Millions)

The following is a summary of major state appropriations and revenue allocations for direct assistance to political subdivisions:



- Other appropriations and revenue allocations
- State-paid county social services costs and other tax relief
- Coal-related and oil-related tax revenue allocations
- Water projects and other infrastructure funding
- Selected transportation funding including fuel taxes
- School-related funding (includes property tax relief)

### STATE DEBT (Amounts Shown in Millions)



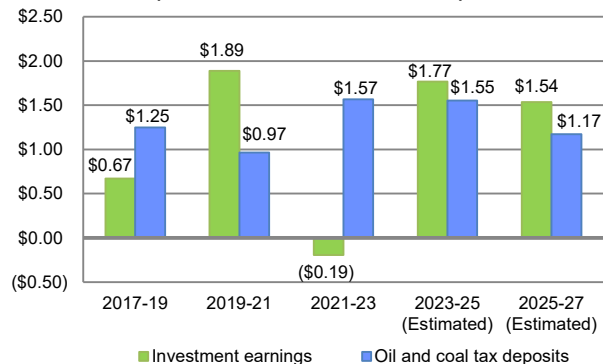
### Bonds Outstanding as of June 30, 2024 (Amounts Shown in Millions)

North Dakota Building Authority	\$74.2
Legacy bonds	680.5
Student loan trust	1.0
Housing Finance Agency	1,938.3
North Dakota University System	286.7
State Fair Association	1.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,981.7</b>

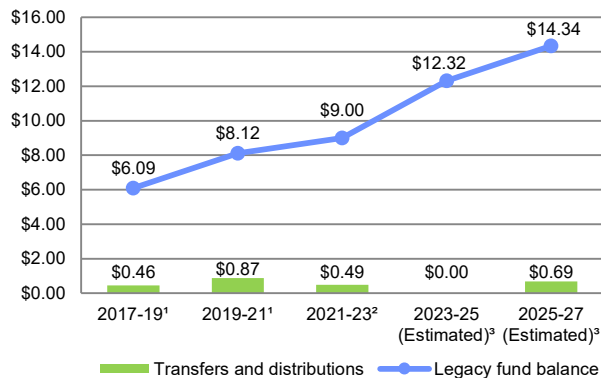
## LEGACY FUND

The legacy fund was created in 2010 when the voters of North Dakota approved a constitutional amendment to allocate 30 percent of oil and gas taxes to the legacy fund. Any expenditure of principal requires approval of at least two-thirds of the members elected to each house of the Legislative Assembly. As amended in November 2024, not more than 5 percent of the principal of the fund may be spent during a biennium.

**Legacy Fund Earnings and Deposits**  
(Amounts Shown in Billions)



**Legacy Fund Balance and Transfers**  
(Amounts Shown in Billions)



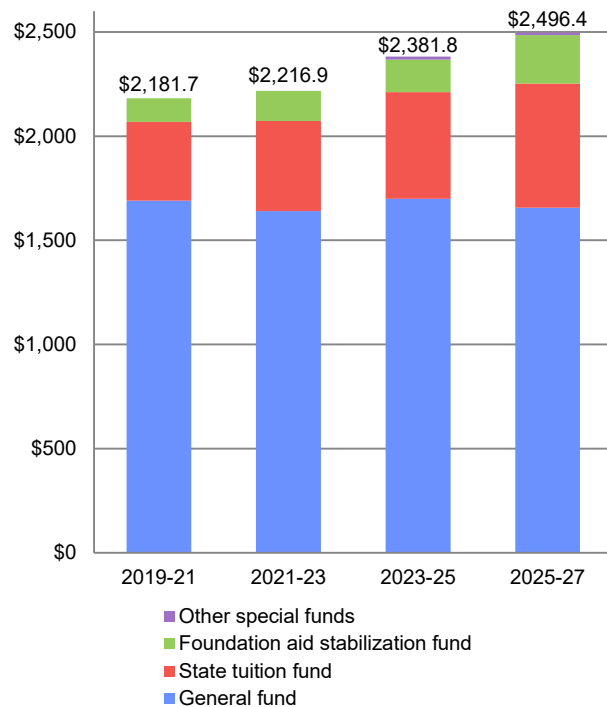
<sup>1</sup>Earnings were transferred to the general fund at the end of the 2017-19 and 2019-21 bienniums based on interest, dividends, and realized earnings.

<sup>2</sup>The 2017-19 end of biennium transfer was based on a percent of market value calculation (POMV) using 7 percent of the 5-year average balance of the legacy fund.

<sup>3</sup>No transfers were made in the 2023-25 biennium pursuant to constitutional changes in November 2024. The distribution to the legacy earnings fund at the beginning of the 2025-27 biennium is based on a POMV using 8 percent of the 5-year average balance of the legacy fund.

## K-12 EDUCATION

**STATE SCHOOL AID APPROPRIATIONS**  
(Amounts Shown in Millions)



Biennium	(Amounts Shown in Millions)				Total
	General Fund	State Tuition Fund	Foundation Aid Stabilization Fund	Other Special Funds <sup>2</sup>	
2019-21	\$1,690.9	\$377.8	\$113.0 <sup>1</sup>		\$2,181.7
2021-23	\$1,640.4	\$433.0	\$143.5		\$2,216.9
2023-25	\$1,699.9	\$510.9	\$157.0	\$14.0	\$2,381.8
2025-27	\$1,656.7	\$595.7	\$233.0	\$11.0	\$2,496.4

<sup>1</sup>The 2019 Legislative Assembly provided \$113 million from the foundation aid stabilization fund for ongoing funding for integrated formula payments (\$110 million) and one-time funding for rapid enrollment grants (\$3 million).

<sup>2</sup>The 2023 Legislative Assembly provided \$14 million from the strategic investment and improvements fund for integrated formula payments. In 2025 the Legislative Assembly authorized the Department of Public Instruction to continue up to \$11 million remaining in the integrated formula payments line item at the close of the 2023-25 biennium to the 2025-27 biennium for integrated formula payments.

STATE SCHOOL AID APPROPRIATIONS - DETAIL

	2023-25 Biennium	2025-27 Biennium	Increase (Decrease)
State school aid - Integrated formula payments	\$2,299,674,851	\$2,414,277,703	\$114,602,852
Transportation aid	58,100,000	60,100,000	2,000,000
Special education	24,000,000	22,000,000	(2,000,000)
Total state school aid	\$2,381,774,851	\$2,496,377,703	\$114,602,852

STATE SCHOOL AID FORMULA -  
INTEGRATED FORMULA PAYMENTS

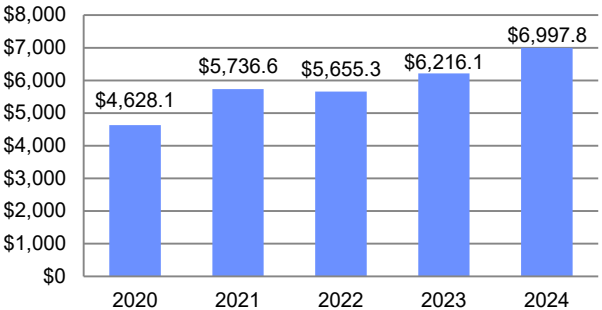
In 2013 the Legislative Assembly approved the implementation of a new integrated formula payment to provide school funding. The formula provides the state will determine an adequate base level of support necessary to educate students by applying an integrated formula payment rate to the weighted student units (WSUs) of the school district. For the 2025-27 biennium, the integrated payment rates are increased 2.5 percent each year of the biennium to provide \$11,349 per WSU during the 1<sup>st</sup> year of the biennium and \$11,633 per WSU during the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of the biennium. Integrated formula payments during the 2025-27 biennium were estimated based on 2025-26 school year average daily membership (ADM) of 118,429 students, or 140,788 WSUs, and 2026-27 school year ADM of 118,997 students, or 141,486 WSUs. This base level of support will be provided through a combination of local tax sources, local revenue, and state integrated formula payments. The local funding requirement is set at 60 mills and a percentage of identified local in lieu of property tax sources and local revenues. Base-level support not provided by local sources is provided by the state through the integrated formula payment. Based on estimated local property values and local revenue during the 2025-27 biennium, state support is estimated to provide 73 percent of integrated formula payments.

Property tax reform approved in House Bill No. 1176 (2025) limits school district budget increases to 3 percent each year and may impact school districts' ability to levy the total mills deducted in the formula. Section 28 of the bill provided for an integrated formula gap funding program to hold harmless certain school districts that may have more funding deducted in the state school aid formula than can be assessed under the new provisions. The bill allows the Department of Public Instruction to use funding provided for integrated formula payments to provide the gap funding. If the department anticipates a shortfall in funding for integrated formula payments for the 2025-27 biennium, the Superintendent of Public Instruction must request a deficiency appropriation from the 70<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assembly.

COMMON SCHOOLS TRUST FUND

The common schools trust fund is provided for in Article IX of the Constitution of North Dakota, which provides that the fund is to be used to support the common schools of the state. The fund consists of income from state lands dedicated for the support of schools, 10 percent of oil extraction tax revenue, and funds received by the state under the Uniform Unclaimed Property Act. Distributions are made annually from the fund for the benefit of schools based on the provisions of Section 2 of Article IX of the Constitution of North Dakota.

Fund Balance for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30  
(Excluding Land and Mineral Values)  
(Amounts Shown in Millions)



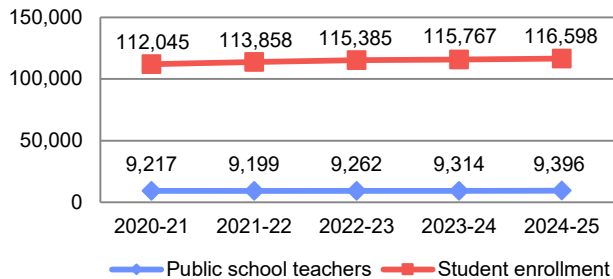
**NOTE:** The unaudited fund balance of the common schools trust fund as of May 31, 2025, is estimated to be \$7.8 billion.

FOUNDATION AID STABILIZATION FUND

The foundation aid stabilization fund was created in 1994 when the voters of North Dakota approved a constitutional amendment--now Section 24 of Article X of the Constitution of North Dakota--to provide that 20 percent of oil extraction tax revenue be allocated to the common schools trust fund (10 percent) and the foundation aid stabilization fund (10 percent). In November 2016 voters approved Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 4003 (2015), which amended the Constitution of North Dakota to allow the Legislative Assembly to appropriate or transfer the principal balance of the foundation aid stabilization fund in excess of 15 percent of the general fund appropriation for state school aid for education-related purposes. Balances as of the end of the biennium are as follows:

	2023-25 Biennium	2025-27 Biennium
Estimated ending balance	\$483,756,406	\$423,686,406
Estimated required 15 percent reserve	(250,093,242)	(261,218,932)
Estimated balance available	\$233,663,164	\$162,467,474

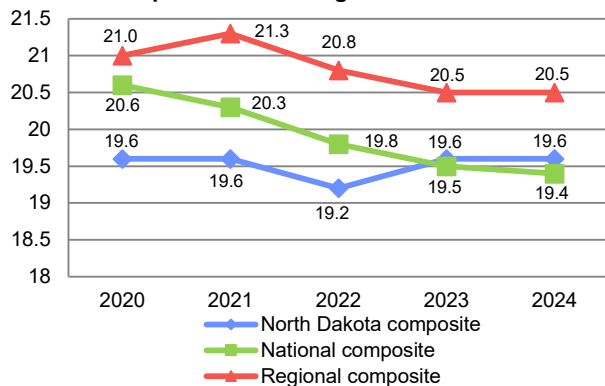
### STUDENT ENROLLMENT AND NUMBER OF TEACHERS



### ACT PROGRAM SCORES

The ACT program scores are designed to predict a student's potential for success in college. Below are average composite scores out of a possible 36 for North Dakota students as well as the average scores for regional states and the nation.

#### Comparison of Average ACT Scores<sup>1</sup>



<sup>1</sup>The regional composite includes students tested in Iowa, Minnesota, Montana, South Dakota, and Wyoming. For analysis, ACT recommends grouping states testing 75 percent or more of graduating students. In 2024, Montana, North Dakota, and Wyoming tested more than 75 percent of graduating students and posted composite scores less than 20.0. Iowa, Minnesota, and South Dakota tested less than 75 percent of graduating students and posted composite scores over 20.0. States with higher percentages of students tested tend to have scores more representative of all students within the state, whereas states with lower percentages of students tested tend to include more college-bound, higher-achieving students.

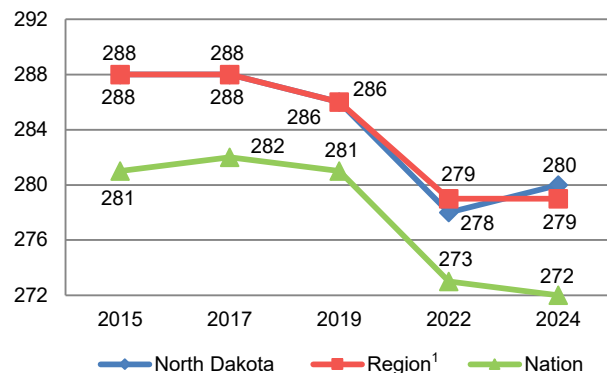
North Dakota					
Class	English	Math	Reading	Science	Composite
2020	18.2	19.6	20.1	20.1	19.6
2021	18.2	19.7	20.0	20.1	19.6
2022	17.9	19.1	19.7	19.6	19.2
2023	18.4	19.4	20.1	20.0	19.6
2024	18.3	19.4	20.0	20.0	19.6

### NATIONAL ASSESSMENT OF EDUCATIONAL PROGRESS

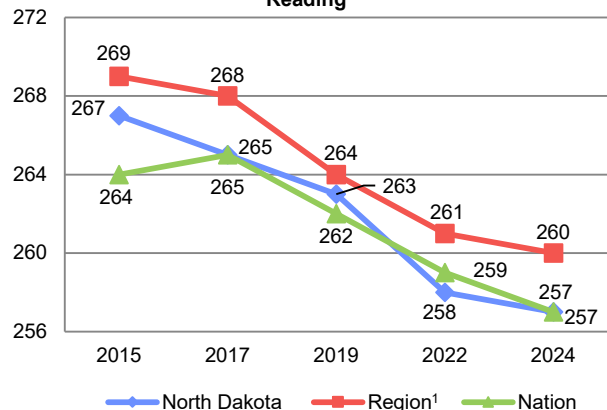
The national assessment of educational progress (NAEP) is the only nationally representative and continuing assessment of what America's students know and can do in various subject areas. Assessments are conducted periodically in mathematics, reading, science, and writing.

Since NAEP assessments are administered uniformly using the same sets of test booklets across the nation, NAEP results serve as a common metric for all states. The NAEP assessments were not administered in 2021. Testing resumed in 2022 and will result in a new pattern of testing in even-numbered years.

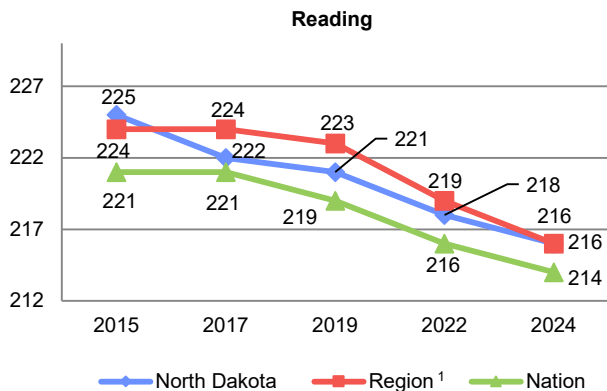
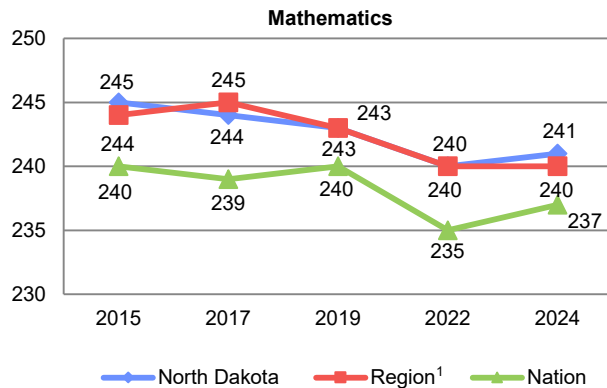
#### Average NAEP Scores - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Mathematics



#### Reading

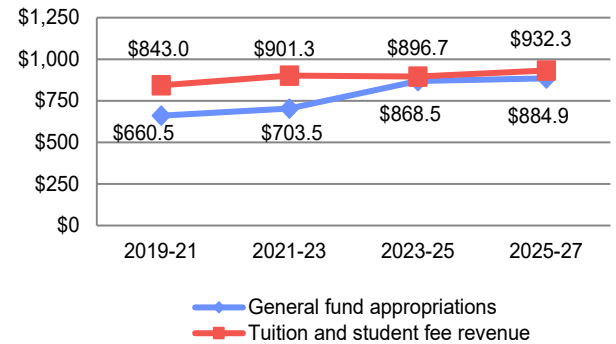
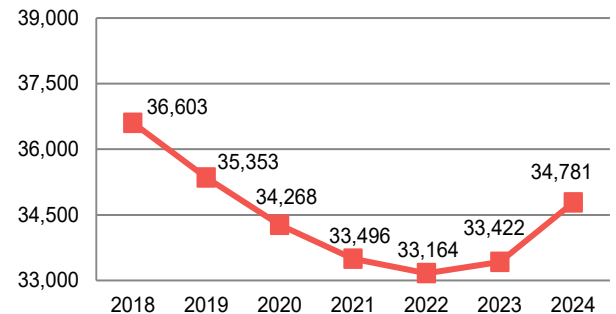


<sup>1</sup>The region NAEP score is the average of the Iowa, Minnesota, Montana, South Dakota, and Wyoming posted scores.

Average NAEP Scores - 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

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## HIGHER EDUCATION

GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS AND  
TUITION AND FEE REVENUE  
(Amounts Shown in Millions)NORTH DAKOTA UNIVERSITY SYSTEM  
FALL FTE STUDENT ENROLLMENT

## FTE STUDENT ENROLLMENT BY INSTITUTION

Institution	Fall 2022	Fall 2023	Fall 2024
Bismarck State College	2,467	2,599	2,812
Dakota College at Bottineau	550	576	590
Dickinson State University	1,155	1,118	1,120
Lake Region State College	797	858	906
Mayville State University	784	734	794
Minot State University	2,167	2,135	2,125
North Dakota State University	10,701	10,553	10,443
State College of Science	2,064	2,124	2,305
University of North Dakota	10,760	10,955	11,731
Valley City State University	1,073	1,112	1,184
Williston State College	646	658	771
<b>Total</b>	<b>33,164</b>	<b>33,422</b>	<b>34,781</b>



## HIGHER EDUCATION TUITION RATES

The following is information regarding resident student tuition rates for various programs:

### Resident Student - Undergraduate Programs

	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Bismarck State College	\$5,209	\$5,209	\$5,522
Dakota College at Bottineau	\$4,530	\$4,530	\$4,584
Dickinson State University	\$7,470	\$7,470	\$7,770
Lake Region State College	\$4,249	\$4,249	\$4,504
Mayville State University	\$6,517	\$6,517	\$6,875
Minot State University	\$7,168	\$7,168	\$7,597
State College of Science	\$4,683	\$4,683	\$4,870
North Dakota State University	\$9,309	\$9,309	\$9,868
University of North Dakota	\$9,237	\$9,237	\$9,791
Valley City State University	\$6,619	\$6,619	\$6,983
Williston State College	\$4,138	\$4,138	\$4,386

### Resident Student - Graduate Programs

	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Minot State University	\$9,352	\$9,352	\$9,913
North Dakota State University	\$10,113	\$10,113	\$10,720
University of North Dakota	\$11,963	\$11,963	\$12,681
Valley City State University	\$8,807	\$8,807	\$9,290

### Resident Student - Professional Programs

	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
University of North Dakota law school	\$15,253	\$15,405	\$17,716
University of North Dakota medical school	\$34,360	\$34,360	\$35,992
University of North Dakota physical therapy	\$21,671	\$21,671	\$22,700

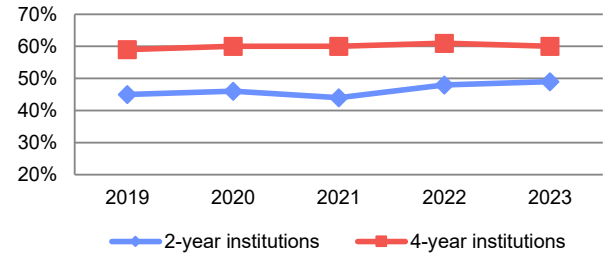
### Tuition and Fees as a Percentage of Median Household Income

	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Doctoral institutions				
North Dakota average	12.1%	12.1%	11.1%	10.6%
Regional average	12.7%	12.2%	11.8%	11.6%
4-year institutions				
North Dakota average	9.5%	9.5%	8.7%	8.2%
Regional average	10.2%	9.7%	9.3%	9.1%
2-year institutions				
North Dakota average	6.2%	6.3%	5.8%	5.5%
Regional average	5.6%	5.3%	5.1%	5.0%

## HIGHER EDUCATION PERFORMANCE MEASURES

The following are selected higher education performance measures as reported in the North Dakota University System Accountability Reports:

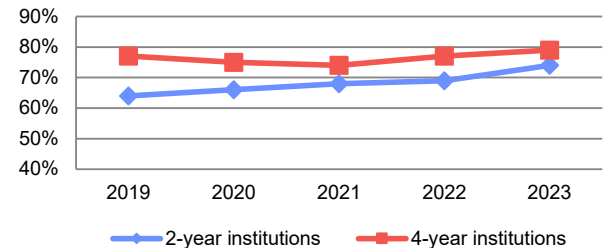
### Student Graduation Rates<sup>1</sup>



<sup>1</sup>Based on 2-year institution students who entered college and graduated within 3 years and on 4-year institution students who entered college and graduated within 6 years.

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	National Average 2023
2-year institutions	45%	46%	44%	48%	49%	39%
4-year institutions	59%	60%	60%	61%	60%	61%

### Freshman Retention Rates<sup>1</sup>



<sup>1</sup>Based on the number of freshman students who enrolled in an institution and re-enrolled at the same institution the following year.

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	National Average 2023
2-year institutions	64%	66%	68%	69%	74%	65%
4-year institutions	77%	75%	74%	77%	79%	82%

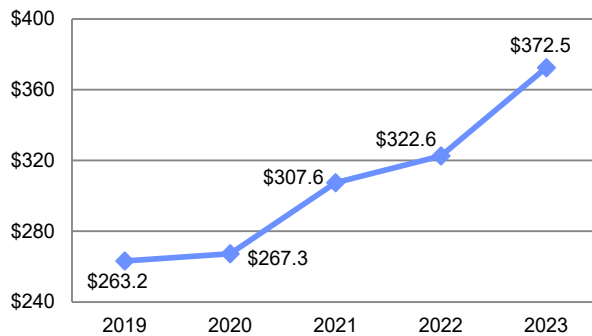
### Workforce Training Provided

	2021	2022	2023	2024
Businesses served	948	1,729	1,830	1,621
Employees receiving training	8,045	14,458	16,008	11,686
Business satisfaction with training	99%	99%	99%	99%
Participant satisfaction with training	99%	99%	99%	99%
Businesses requesting additional training	52%	58%	58%	58%
Revenue generated from training fees (in millions)	\$3.2	\$5.1	\$5.0	\$4.6

### Average Public Institution Student Loan Debt Incurred Per Year

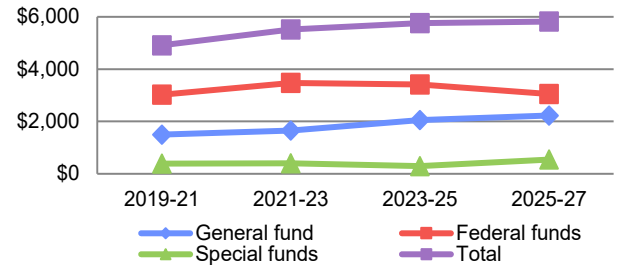
	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
North Dakota average	\$5,757	\$5,829	\$6,025	\$6,077
National average	\$6,378	\$6,535	\$6,665	\$6,794

### NORTH DAKOTA UNIVERSITY SYSTEM RESEARCH EXPENDITURES (Amounts Shown in Millions)



## HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

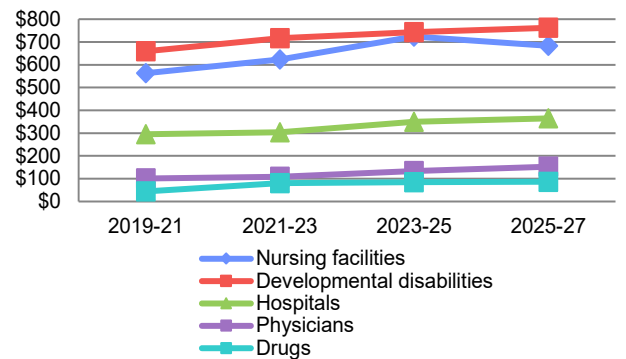
### DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES - LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATIONS (Amounts Shown in Millions)



Biennium	(Amounts Shown in Millions)			
	General Fund	Federal Funds	Special Funds	Total
2019-21 <sup>1</sup>	\$1,499.0	\$3,022.5	\$390.7	\$4,912.2
2021-23 <sup>1</sup>	\$1,648.1	\$3,471.9	\$400.0	\$5,520.1
2023-25	\$2,051.1	\$3,414.5	\$294.4	\$5,760.0
2025-27	\$2,227.8	\$3,046.8	\$543.4	\$5,818.0

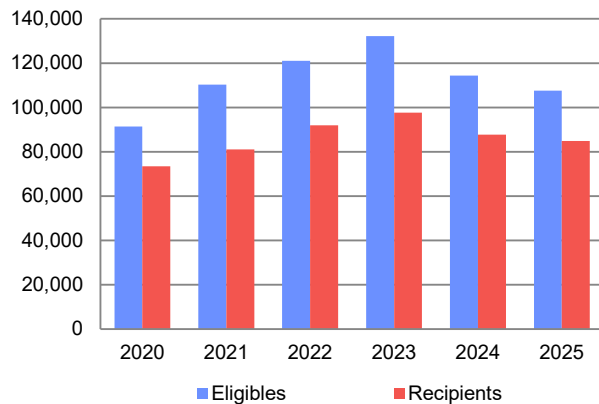
<sup>1</sup>Includes appropriations to the former State Department of Health and Department of Human Services.

### MAJOR MEDICAID COSTS (Amounts Shown in Millions)



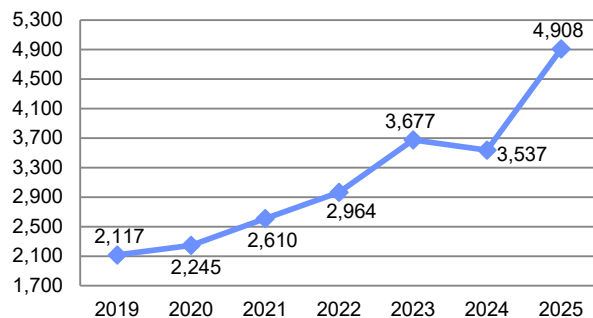
	(Amounts Shown in Millions)			
	2019-21	2021-23	2023-25	2025-27
Nursing facilities	\$562.9	\$623.6	\$723.9	\$683.9
Developmental disabilities	\$659.2	\$716.3	\$742.8	\$762.2
Hospitals	\$295.2	\$303.3	\$350.2	\$364.7
Physicians	\$101.0	\$108.6	\$133.7	\$152.7
Drugs	\$44.2	\$80.2	\$84.9	\$86.7

### MEDICAL ASSISTANCE - AVERAGE ANNUAL MEDICAID ELIGIBLES AND RECIPIENTS

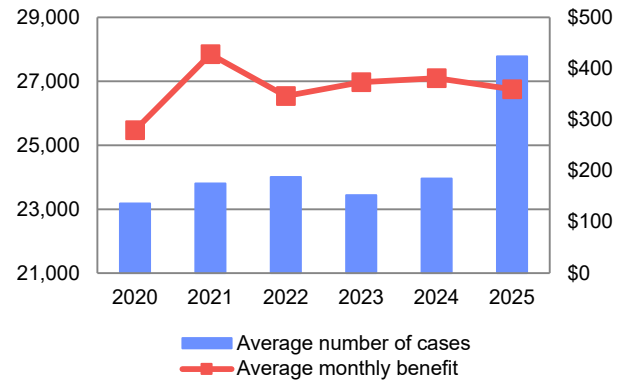


Fiscal Year	Average Annual Eligibles	Average Annual Recipients
2020	91,390	73,420
2021	110,304	81,044
2022	121,028	91,948
2023	132,153	97,577
2024	114,409	87,753
2025	107,561	84,882

### CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM - AVERAGE ANNUAL RECIPIENTS

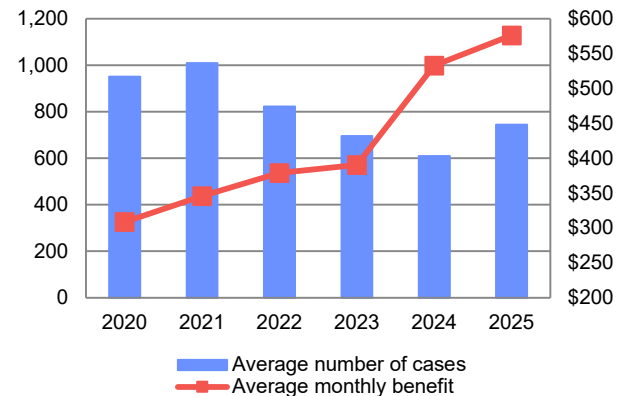


### SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM - CASES AND BENEFITS



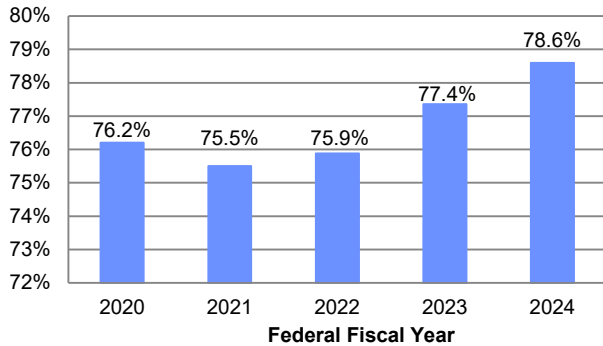
Fiscal Year	Average Number of Cases	Average Monthly Benefit
2020	23,178	\$279.66
2021	23,806	\$427.84
2022	24,006	\$346.45
2023	23,441	\$373.30
2024	23,961	\$381.21
2025	27,780	\$359.54

### TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES - CASES AND BENEFITS

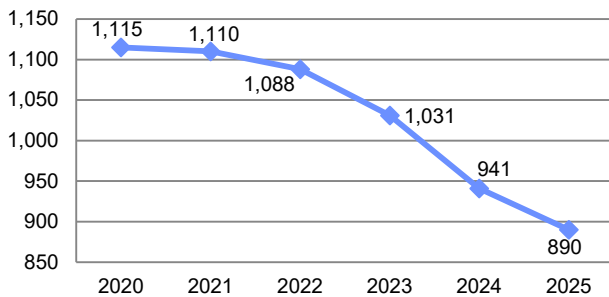


Fiscal Year	Average Number of Cases	Average Monthly Benefit
2020	951	\$308.65
2021	1,009	\$345.68
2022	822	\$379.03
2023	695	\$390.21
2024	609	\$532.80
2025	745	\$576.29

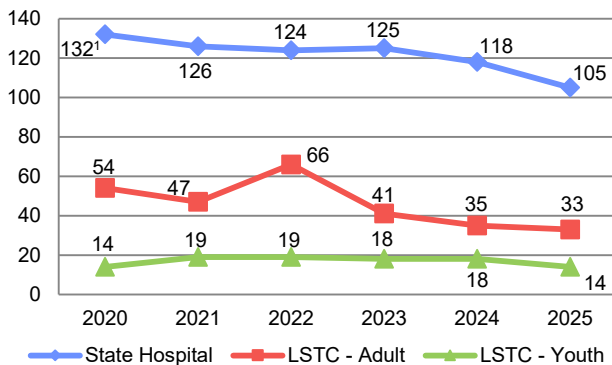
## CHILD SUPPORT - PERCENTAGE OF CURRENT CHILD SUPPORT COLLECTED



## CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES - NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE



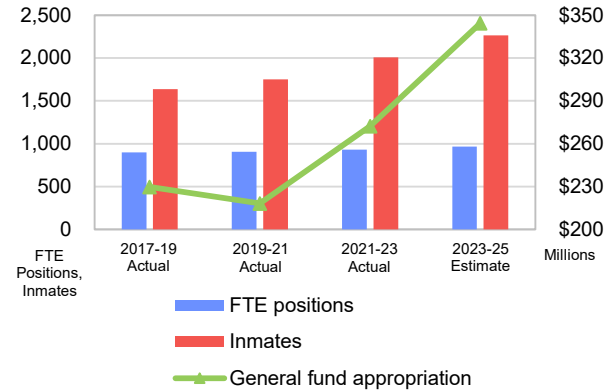
## STATE HOSPITAL AND LIFE SKILLS AND TRANSITION CENTER (LSTC) - AVERAGE DAILY CENSUS



<sup>1</sup>Effective July 1, 2019, a total of 60 beds for the Tompkins Rehabilitation and Corrections Center were transferred to the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.

## CORRECTIONS

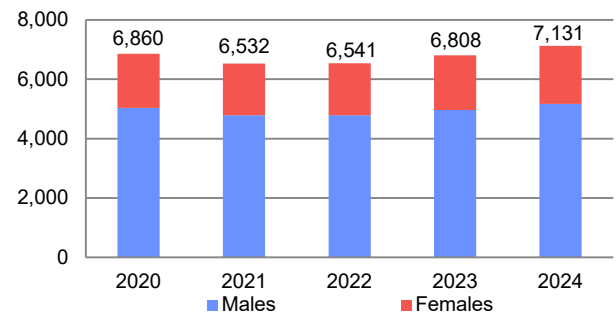
### DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND REHABILITATION FTE POSITIONS, INMATES, AND GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS



Biennium	General Fund Appropriation (in Millions)	Average Daily Inmate Population	FTE Positions
2019-21	\$229.7	1,638	899.79
2021-23	\$218.2	1,752	907.79
2023-25	\$272.3	2,008	929.79
2025-27	\$344.4	2,266 <sup>1</sup>	965.29

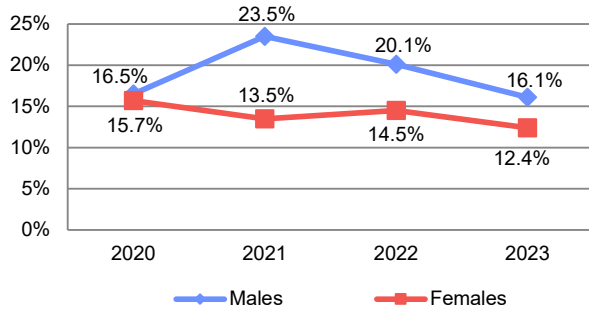
<sup>1</sup>Estimated.

### PAROLE AND PROBATION



Calendar Year	Females	Males	Total
2020	1,828	5,032	6,860
2021	1,741	4,791	6,532
2022	1,749	4,792	6,541
2023	1,843	4,965	6,808
2024	1,959	5,172	7,131

## RECIDIVISM RATES



Calendar Year	Males Released	Returned for a New Crime	Returned for a Technical Violation	Total Returned	Total Percentage Returned Rates
2020	1,013	52	115	167	16.5%
2021	898	70	141	211	23.5%
2022	975	*	*	196	20.1%
2023	984	*	*	158	16.1%

Calendar Year	Females Released	Returned for a New Crime	Returned for a Technical Violation	Total Returned	Total Percentage Returned Rates
2020	216	8	26	34	15.7%
2021	208	4	24	28	13.5%
2022	241	*	*	35	14.5%
2023	259	*	*	32	12.4%

Calendar Year	Total Released	Returned for a New Crime	Returned for a Technical Violation	Total Returned	Total Percentage Returned Rates
2020	1,229	60	141	201	16.4%
2021	1,106	74	165	239	21.6%
2022	1,216	*	*	231	19.0%
2023	1,243	*	*	190	15.3%

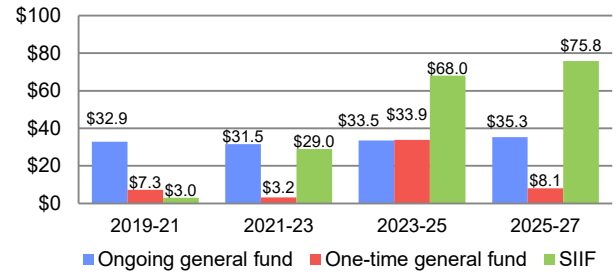
**NOTE:** The numbers shown for inmates returning to prison reflect the number of inmates released during the calendar year who returned to prison for a new crime or technical violation within 12 months of release.

\*The Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation was unable to identify whether inmates returned for a new crime or technical violation for calendar years 2022 and 2023.

Source: Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation

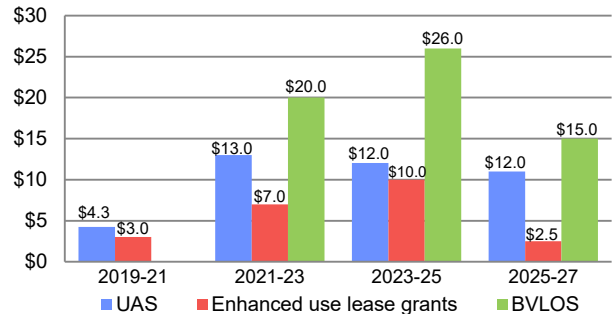
## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE GENERAL FUND AND MAJOR SPECIAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS (Amounts Shown in Millions)



Biennium	Ongoing General Fund Appropriations	One-Time General Fund Appropriations	Strategic Investment and Improvements Fund Appropriations
2019-21	\$32,866,721	\$7,325,000	\$3,000,000
2021-23	\$31,502,140	\$3,165,432	\$29,000,000
2023-25	\$33,546,083	\$33,850,000	\$68,000,000
2025-27	\$35,336,909	\$8,059,044	\$75,775,000

### TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR UNCREWED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS (UAS) PROGRAMS

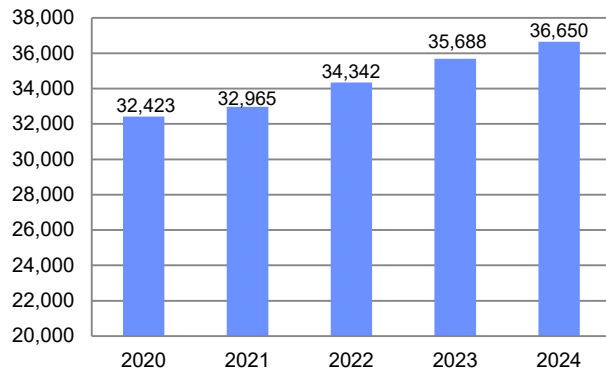


(Amounts Shown in Millions)			
Biennium	General Fund	Other Funds <sup>1</sup>	Total
2019-21	\$5,250,000	\$2,000,000	\$7,250,000
2021-23	\$4,000,000	\$36,020,150	\$40,020,150
2023-25	\$3,000,000	\$45,020,150	\$48,020,150
2025-27 <sup>2</sup>	\$3,000,000	\$25,500,000	\$28,500,000

<sup>1</sup>Other funds appropriated for UAS programs include \$79.5 million from the strategic investment and improvements fund, \$4 million from the UAS fund, and \$25 million from federal funds.

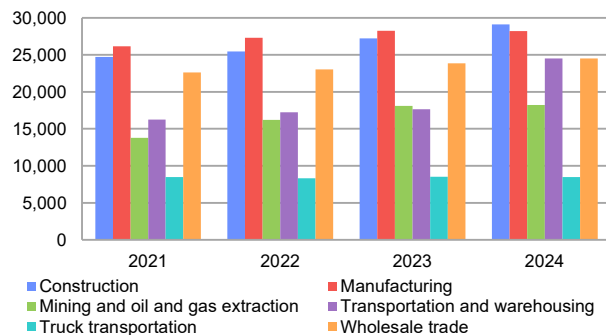
<sup>2</sup>Of the \$28.5 million appropriated to the Department of Commerce for the 2025-27 biennium, \$17.5 million is considered one-time funding and \$11 million is considered ongoing funding.

## PRIVATE SECTOR BUSINESSES



Source: Job Service North Dakota, Labor Market Information Center - Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Unit

## INDUSTRIAL JOBS



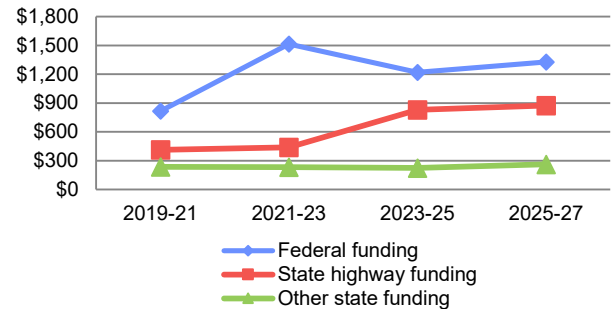
Industrial Jobs				
	2021	2022	2023	2024
Construction	24,720	25,459	27,246	29,118
Manufacturing	26,146	27,309	28,259	28,225
Mining and oil and gas extraction	13,776	16,197	18,107	18,213
Transportation and warehousing <sup>1</sup>	16,235	17,220	17,646	17,601
Truck transportation <sup>1</sup>	8,468	8,334	8,542	8,471
Wholesale trade	22,636	23,043	23,856	24,509

<sup>1</sup>Truck transportation jobs shown above are also included in the transportation and warehousing category.

Source: Job Service North Dakota, Labor Market Information Center - Current Employment Statistics

## TRANSPORTATION

### STATE HIGHWAYS - FUNDING HISTORY (Amounts Shown in Millions)



### State Highways - Funding History (Amounts Shown in Millions)

	2019-21	2021-23	2023-25	2025-27
Federal funding	\$815.3 <sup>1</sup>	\$1,513.9 <sup>2</sup>	\$1,219.3	\$1,327.2
State highway funding	412.5 <sup>1</sup>	440.3 <sup>2</sup>	829.9 <sup>3</sup>	874.1 <sup>4</sup>
Other state funding	235.3 <sup>1</sup>	232.3	224.4	262.2
Total	\$1,463.1	\$2,186.5	\$2,273.6	\$2,463.5

<sup>1</sup>Includes federal funding of \$76.3 million from COVID-19 funding, state highway funding of \$71.3 million from revenue received during the 2015-17 biennium in excess of the department's appropriation, and other state funding of \$2.5 million from the general fund for the DOT's short line railroad program.

<sup>2</sup>Includes federal funding of \$318.6 million from COVID-19 funding, state highway funding of \$70 million from bond proceeds, and contingent funding of \$50 million from a Bank of North Dakota loan to match federal grants.

<sup>3</sup>Includes \$222.5 million for the flexible transportation fund, \$60 million of legacy fund earnings deposited in the state highway fund, \$114 million from the strategic investment and improvements fund to match federal funds, and \$50 million for a contingent loan authorization for US Highway 85 projects.

<sup>4</sup>Includes \$175.2 million of legacy fund earnings deposited in the highway fund, \$287.1 million from the strategic investment and improvements fund transferred to the highway fund, \$48.3 million of unallocated flexible transportation fund deposits, and \$363.5 million from the highway tax distribution fund deposited in the highway fund.

### 2025-27 BIENNIUM ESTIMATED HIGHWAY TAX DISTRIBUTION FUND ALLOCATIONS (Amounts Shown in Millions)

State	\$363.5
Counties	135.0
Cities	77.0
Townships	20.6
Public transportation	9.7
Total	\$605.8

## ESTIMATED FEDERAL HIGHWAY FUNDING<sup>1</sup>

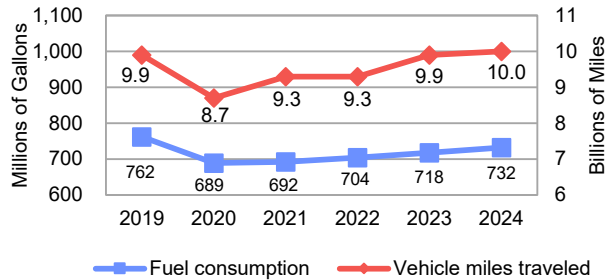
	(Amounts Shown in Millions)		
	2021-23 Biennium	2023-25 Biennium	2025-27 Biennium
Federal Highway Administration funding	\$980.0	\$1,174.7	\$1,283.8
Federal rail funds	22.0		
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration	9.4	12.2	13.6
Federal transit funds	48.9	32.4	29.8
COVID-19 federal funding	318.6		
Other	135.0		
Total	\$1,513.9	\$1,219.3	\$1,327.2

<sup>1</sup>Federal funding received for highway construction projects requires state matching funds. Interstate highway projects are paid with 90 percent federal funds and 10 percent state funds, and most other state highway projects are paid with 80 percent federal funds and 20 percent state funds.

## MOTOR FUELS TAXES

Both gasoline and special fuels (diesel) are taxed in North Dakota at a rate of 23 cents per gallon. A one-cent increase in the gas and special fuels tax is estimated to generate an additional \$7 million per year or \$14 million for a biennium. The federal tax rate per gallon is 18.4 cents for gasoline and 24.4 cents for diesel fuel.

## HISTORY OF FUEL CONSUMPTION AND MILES TRAVELED IN NORTH DAKOTA



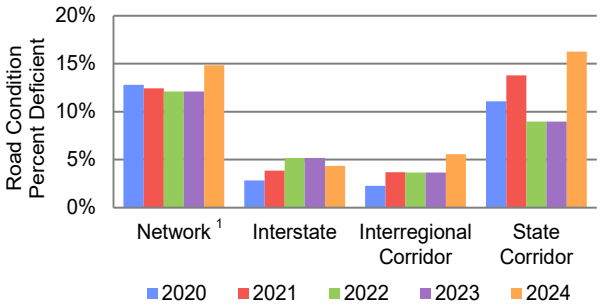
## MILES OF ROADWAYS IN NORTH DAKOTA - 2025

State highway system	7,415
County roads	15,622
Other rural roads	61,131
City streets	4,399
Total	88,567

## ESTIMATED HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION COSTS PER MILE

	2020	2022	2024
Two-lane road reconstruction (includes grading and asphalt surfacing)	\$1,600,000	\$1,600,000	\$1,900,000
Interstate concrete paving (two lanes in one direction)	\$2,300,000	\$2,300,000	\$3,500,000
Asphalt surface reconstruction (includes subgrade repair and resurfacing)	\$1,300,000	\$1,300,000	\$1,300,000
3-inch asphalt overlay	\$330,000	\$330,000	\$380,000
Interstate seal coat	\$68,000	\$79,000	\$89,000
Noninterstate seal coat	\$44,000	\$55,000	\$58,000

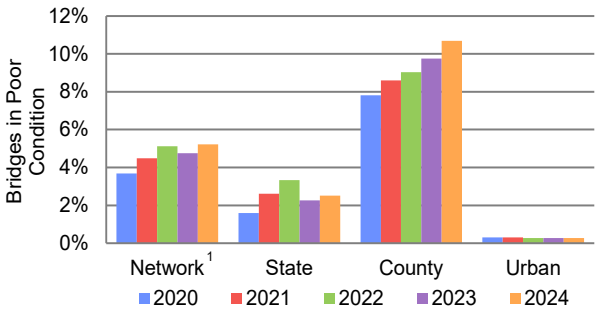
## HIGHWAY SYSTEM CONDITION



<sup>1</sup>Network includes interstate, interregional corridor, state corridor, district corridor, and district collector roadways.

- **Interregional corridor** - Second highest level roadways that are two- or four-lane routes carrying high- to moderate-traffic volumes between states and over long distances within North Dakota.
- **State corridor** - Roadways that generally carry more traffic over longer in-state distances that are expected to have a higher level of reliability, condition, and mobility than those lower tiers.
- **District corridors and collectors** - These roadways often serve as connections to higher level roadways.

## BRIDGE SYSTEM CONDITION



<sup>1</sup>Network includes all state, county, and urban bridges.



# NOTES