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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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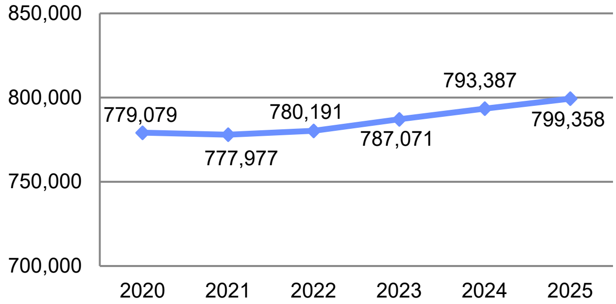


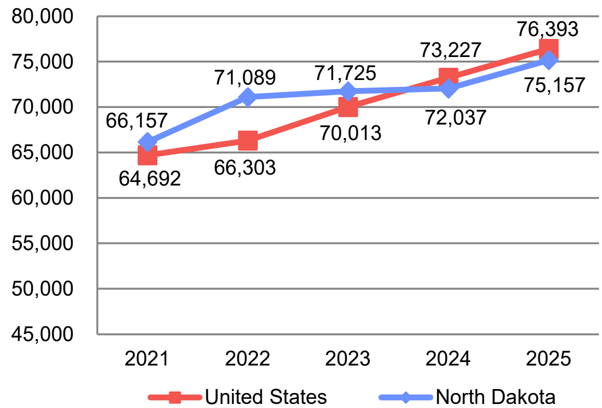
Year	Population	Annual Percentage Change
2020[1]	779,079	2.23%
2021[2]	777,977	(0.14%)
2022[2]	780,191	0.28%
2023[2]	787,071	0.88%
2024[2]	793,387	0.80%
2025[2]	799,358	0.75%

[1]Based on 2020 Census data.

[2]Based on July 1 population estimates.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

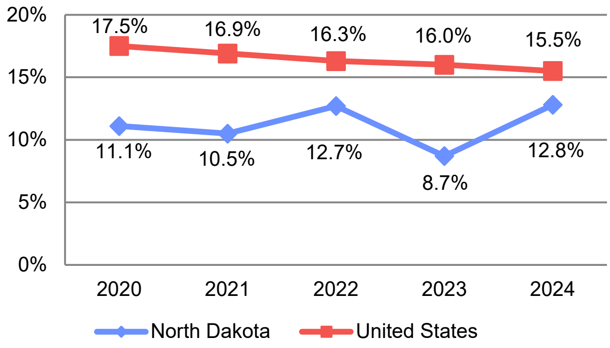
PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME



For 2025, North Dakota ranked 19th of the 50 states and North Dakota's cumulative increase from 2021 through 2025 was 14 percent.

Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis

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



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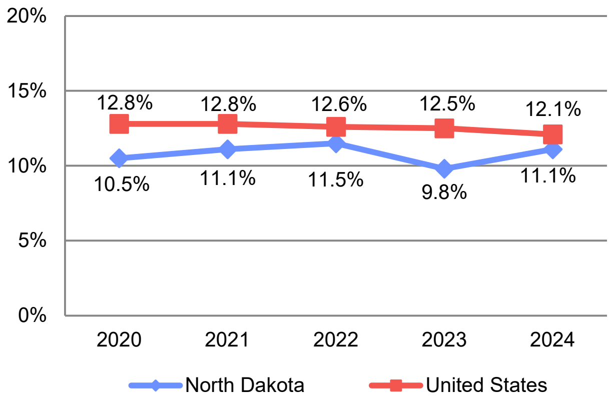


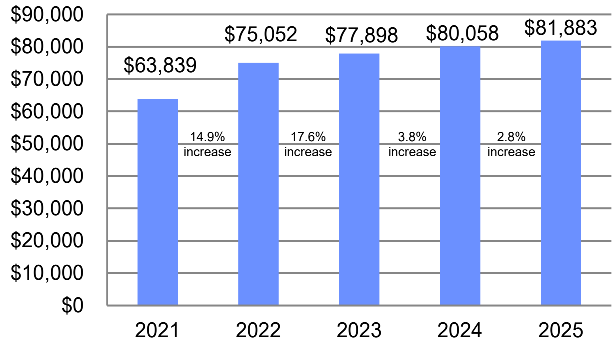
The poverty thresholds in 2024 were:

Family Size (Persons)	Threshold
1	$15,940
2	$20,220
3	$25,249
4	$31,812
5	$37,436
6	$41,915

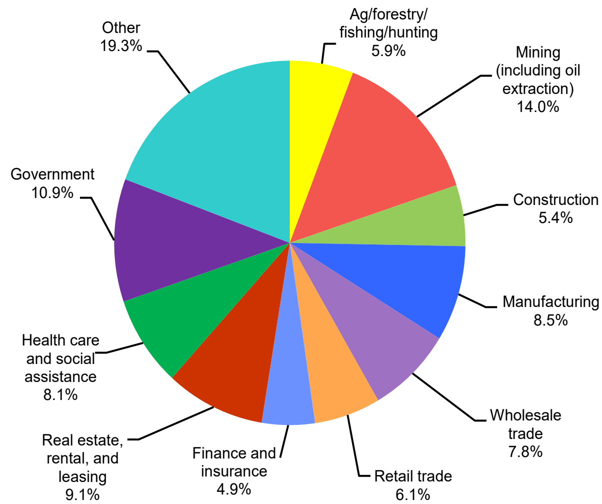
Source: U.S. Census Bureau

GROSS STATE PRODUCT

Total Gross State Product (Amounts Shown in Millions)



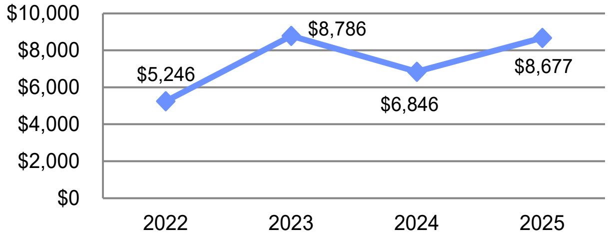
2025 Gross State Product by Major Industry



Gross State Product (Amounts Shown in Millions)					
Major Industry	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Agriculture, forestry, fishing, and hunting	$4,320	$7,047	$5,982	$5,149	$4,791
Mining	10,046	14,073	12,441	12,130	11,484
Construction	3,101	3,304	3,822	4,238	4,441
Manufacturing	4,346	5,839	6,867	6,902	6,958
Wholesale trade	4,977	5,297	5,568	5,924	6,409
Retail trade	3,894	3,981	4,530	4,750	4,977
Finance and insurance	3,076	3,202	3,409	3,689	3,997
Real estate, rental, and leasing	5,464	5,914	6,962	7,244	7,477
Health care and social assistance	5,236	5,452	5,736	6,144	6,596
Government	6,823	7,152	7,684	8,424	8,928
Other	12,556	13,791	14,897	15,464	15,825
Total	$63,839	$75,052	$77,898	$80,058	$81,883

Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis

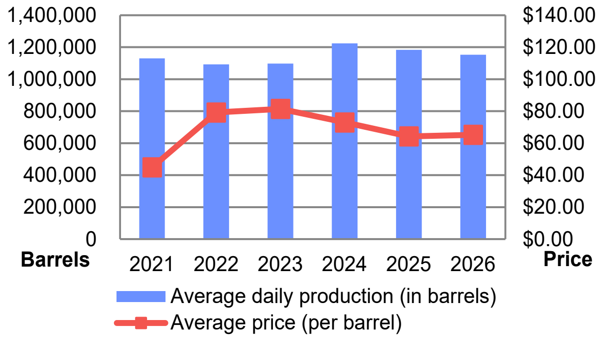
TOTAL STATE FOREIGN EXPORTS
(Amounts Shown in Millions)



Major State Foreign Exports (Amounts Shown in Millions)	2022	2023	2024	2025
Biodiesel	$1,655	$4,557	$1,841	$3,842
Crude oil	327	570	1,436	1,227
Tractors	299	438	484	368
Soybeans	62	119	179	308
Ethyl alcohol	173	243	191	228
Front-end shovel loaders and excavators	241	355	266	226
Wheat	241	160	207	191
Corn (other than seed corn)	297	315	277	156
Dried and shelled beans, peas, and lentils	124	243	268	153
Low erucic acid rape and colza seeds	67	83	109	149
Seeders, planters, and transplanters	84	105	100	105
Brewing or distilling dregs and waste	87	91	85	83
Saturated acyclic hydrocarbons (methane, propane, butanes)	145	87	79	53
Other	1,444	1,420	1,324	1,588
Total	$5,246	$8,786	$6,846	$8,677

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

AVERAGE DAILY OIL PRODUCTION AND AVERAGE PRICE PER BARREL OF OIL



	Fiscal Year					
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Barrels	1,130,401	1,092,564	1,097,545	1,223,800	1,183,554	1,152,516
Price	$44.92[1]	$79.19[2]	$81.42[2]	$72.97[2]	$64.26[2]	$65.25[2]

[1]This amount reflects the average of the Flint Hills Resources prices and the West Texas Intermediate prices.

[2]These amounts reflect the North Dakota oil prices reported by the Tax Department.

AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK MARKETING YEAR AVERAGE PRICE

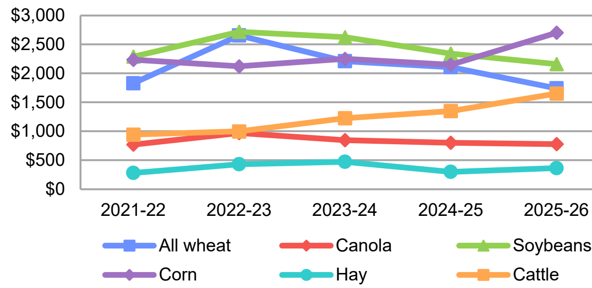
Crops and Cattle Marketing Year Average Price (Per Bushel, Hundredweight, Ton, or Head)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26[1]
All wheat[2]	$9.35	$8.83	$7.27	$5.71	$5.15
Spring wheat	$8.82	$8.74	$6.97	$5.55	$5.05
Durum wheat	$13.90	$9.81	$9.38	$6.82	$6.15
Winter wheat	$8.27	$8.66	$6.63	$5.18	$4.50
Barley	$5.38	$7.41	$6.67	$5.80	$4.65
Oats	$4.80	$4.38	$3.99	$3.43	$3.10
Rye	$6.75	$6.90	$6.20	$5.50	$4.25
Sunflower	$32.60	$28.70	$22.20	$23.70	$23.20
Canola	$33.40	$29.90	$24.40	$20.30	$20.40
Soybeans	$12.60	$13.70	$12.00	$9.53	$9.65
Flaxseed	$25.90	$17.50	$12.10	$12.50	$13.00
Corn	$5.86	$6.16	$4.14	$3.96	$3.80
Dry edible beans	$41.00	$37.90	$38.60	$32.10	$24.60
Dry edible peas	$19.90	$17.00	$15.50	$13.70	$11.40
Lentils	$37.60	$32.80	$38.00	$34.40	$22.00
Potatoes	$11.50	$12.90	$15.30	$13.40	$12.70
Sugarbeets	$58.40	$76.90	$89.60	$83.50	N/A
Hay	$154.00	$122.00	$114.00	$92.00	$87.00
Cattle	$1,360.00	$1,510.00	$1,890.00	$2,330.00	$2,970.00

[1]Data for the 2025-26 market year is preliminary.

[2]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)



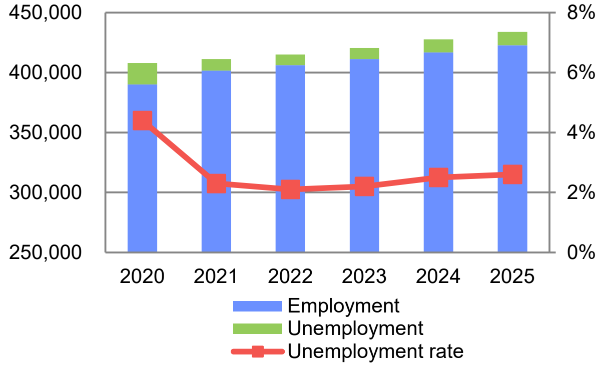
Crops and Cattle Value of Production (Amounts Shown in Millions)	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26[1]
All wheat	$1,829	$2,654	$2,210	$2,107	$1,743
Canola	$770	$971	$846	$802	$778
Soybeans	$2,288	$2,719	$2,624	$2,341	$2,161
Corn	$2,234	$2,122	$2,250	$2,148	$2,702
Hay	$282	$430	$473	$299	$364
Cattle	$943	$998	$1,225	$1,349	$1,652

[1]Data for the 2025-26 market year is preliminary.

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture

Economic Statistics

EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT

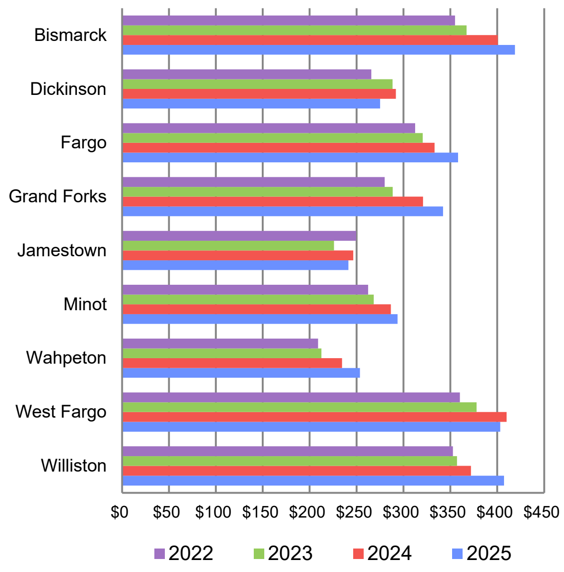


Year End	Job Force	Employment	Unemployment	Unemployment Rate
2020	407,910	390,105	17,805	4.4%
2021	411,287	401,677	9,610	2.3%
2022	415,041	406,199	8,842	2.1%
2023	420,506	411,242	9,264	2.2%
2024	427,648	416,754	10,894	2.5%
2025	433,968	422,775	11,193	2.6%

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

AVERAGE HOME SALE PRICES BY CITY

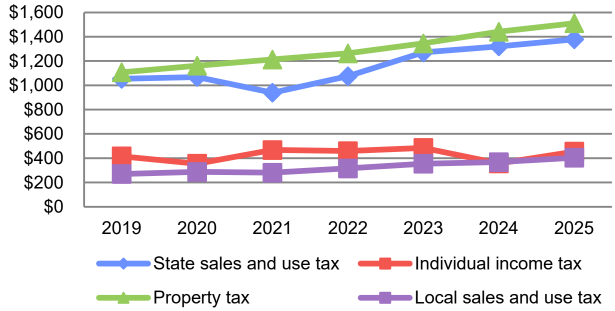
(Amounts Shown in Thousands)



Source: North Dakota Association of Realtors

MAJOR SOURCES OF STATE/LOCAL REVENUE

(Amounts Shown in Millions)



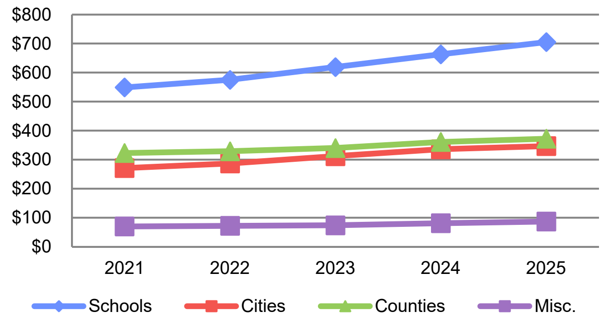
Fiscal Year	State Sales and Use Tax	Individual Income Tax	Property Tax[1]	Local Sales and Use Tax[2]
2019	$1,053.1	$415.4	$1,106.7	$270.9
2020	$1,067.9	$354.3	$1,161.5	$286.8
2021	$939.9	$467.6	$1,212.2	$280.9
2022	$1,074.6	$458.6	$1,262.9	$315.9
2023	$1,270.4	$484.8	$1,345.2	$354.4
2024	$1,320.1	$356.9	$1,441.1	$368.0
2025	$1,378.5	$454.3	$1,511.0	$403.8

[1]Property tax amount includes special taxes, but does not include special assessments.

[2]Local sales tax amounts do not include city occupancy or city restaurant and lodging taxes.

PROPERTY TAXES BY TAXING DISTRICTS

(Amounts Shown in Millions)



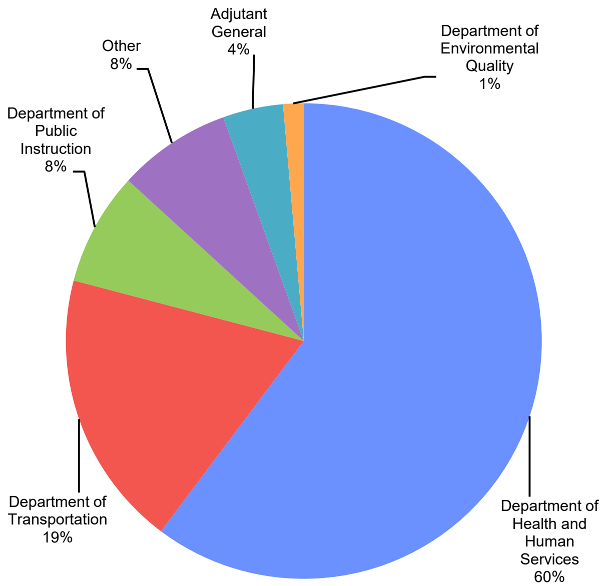
Year Payable	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025[1]
Schools	$549	$575	$619	$663	$705
Cities	271	287	312	336	347
Counties	323	329	340	361	372
Misc.	69	72	74	81	87
Total[2]	$1,212	$1,263	$1,345	$1,441	$1,511

[1]Based on property taxes payable in 2025, levied in 2024, one mill generated approximately $6.4 million statewide.

[2]Property tax amount includes special taxes, but does not include special assessments.

Source: North Dakota Tax Department

2025-27 APPROPRIATED FEDERAL FUND REVENUES BY AGENCY



Federal Funds as a Percentage of Agency Budgets
(Amounts Shown in Millions)

Agency	Total 2025-27 Appropriation	Appropriated Federal Funds	Federal Funds Percentage
Department of Health and Human Services	$6,251.9	$3,526.7	56.7%
Department of Transportation	2,726.1	1,103.0	40.5%
Department of Public Instruction	3,012.0	450.5	15.1%
Adjutant General	345.1	239.3	69.3%
Department of Environmental Quality	141.8	82.1	57.9%
Other	8,243.5	451.7	5.5%
Total	$20,718.0	$5,853.3	28.3%

STATE BUDGET

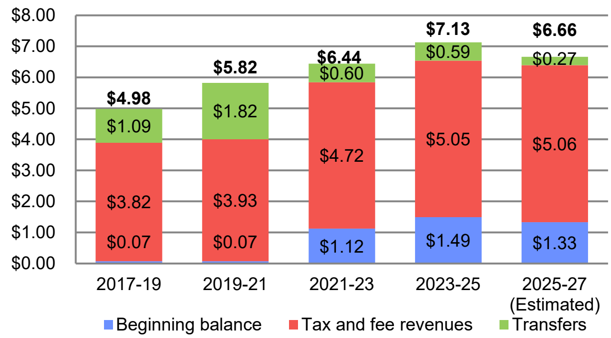
2025-27 GENERAL FUND BUDGET SUMMARY
(Amounts Shown in Millions)

Budget Approved by the Legislative Assembly	
General Fund balance - July 1, 2025	$1,329.5[1]
Add estimated 2025-27 General Fund revenues and transfers	5,329.2
Total resources available	$6,658.7
Less 2025-27 General Fund appropriations	6,276.9[1]
Estimated General Fund balance - June 30, 2027	$381.8[2]

[1]These amounts reflect the actual July 1, 2025, balance and appropriations approved during the January and September 2026 special sessions.

[2]In addition, the Budget Stabilization Fund is projected to have a June 30, 2027, balance of $941.5 million.

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



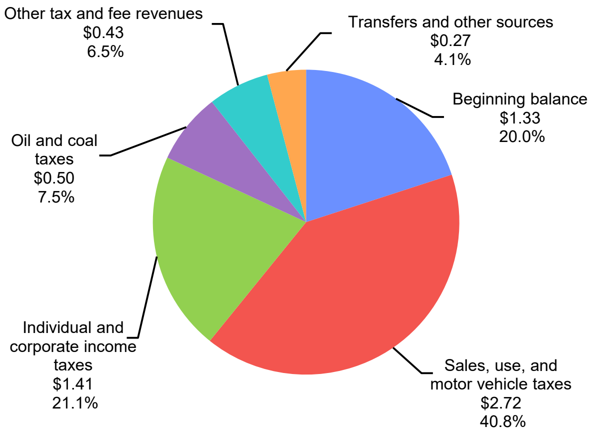
Biennium	Beginning Balance	Tax and Fee Revenues	Transfers	Total
	(Amounts Shown in Millions)			
2017-19	$65.0	$3,818.1	$1,095.3	$4,978.4
2019-21	$65.0	$3,931.1	$1,820.8	$5,816.9
2021-23	$1,122.4	$4,723.7	$596.1	$6,442.2
2023-25	$1,490.2	$5,052.8	$585.4	$7,128.4
2025-27 (Estimated)	$1,329.5	$5,056.8	$272.4	$6,658.7

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 - $6.66 billion



GENERAL FUND TAX AND FEE REVENUES - MAJOR REVENUE TYPES
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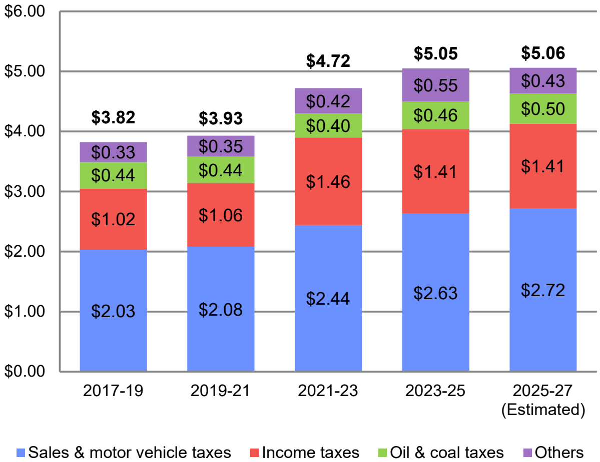
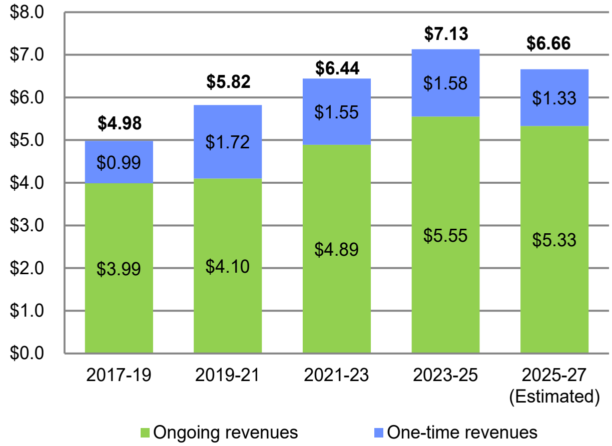


Biennium	(Amounts Shown in Millions)				
	Sales & Motor Vehicle Taxes	Income Taxes	Oil & Coal Taxes	Others	Total
2017-19	$2,025.5	$1,018.2	$444.6	$329.8	$3,818.1
2019-21	$2,083.7	$1,055.9	$442.7	$348.8	$3,931.1
2021-23	$2,439.3	$1,460.5	$400.0	$423.9	$4,723.7
2023-25	$2,625.0	$1,415.5	$460.0	$552.3	$5,052.8
2025-27 (Estimated)	$2,719.0	$1,409.0	$500.0	$428.8	$5,056.8

2025-27 ONGOING AND ONE-TIME GENERAL FUND REVENUES
(Amounts Shown in Billions)



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	$5,546.1	$1,582.3	$7,128.4
2025-27 (Estimated)	$5,329.2	$1,329.5	$6,658.7

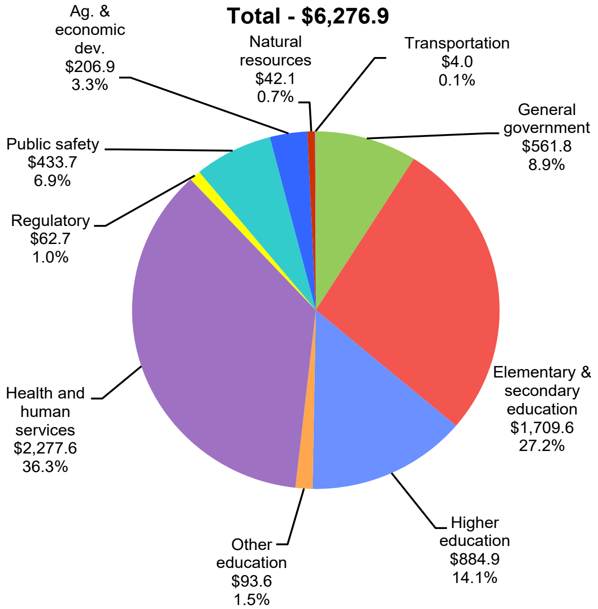
TAX RATES AND CHANGES

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)



HISTORY OF GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS
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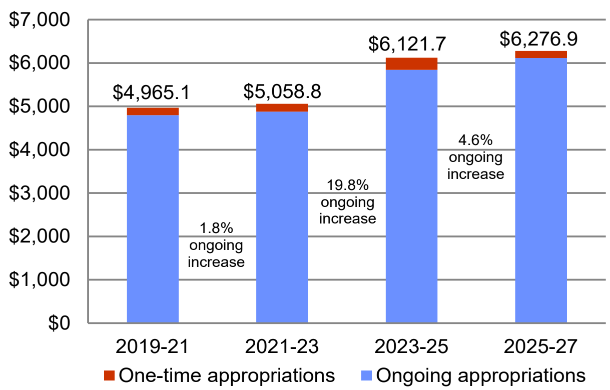
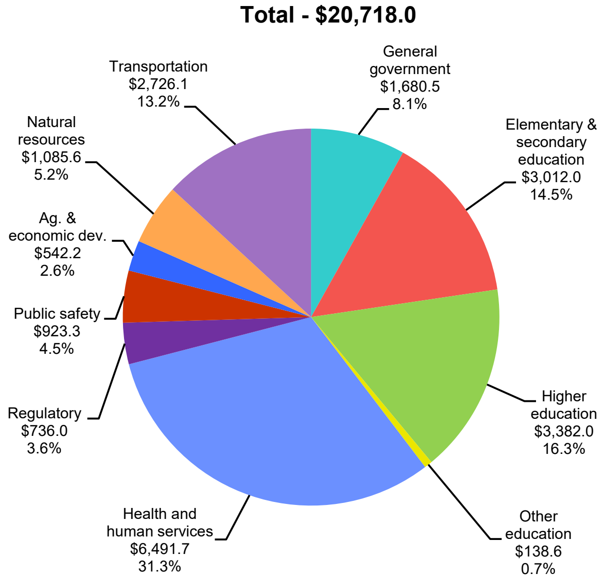


Biennium	(Amounts Shown in Millions)		
	Ongoing	One-Time	Total
2019-21	$4,794.9	$170.2	$4,965.1
2021-23	$4,878.9	$179.9	$5,058.8
2023-25	$5,842.6	$279.1	$6,121.7
2025-27	$6,113.2	$163.7	$6,276.9

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



HISTORY OF TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS
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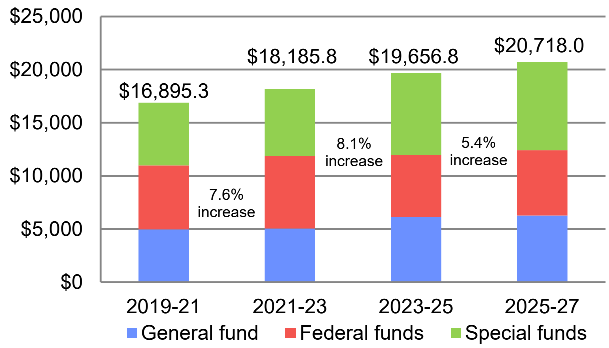
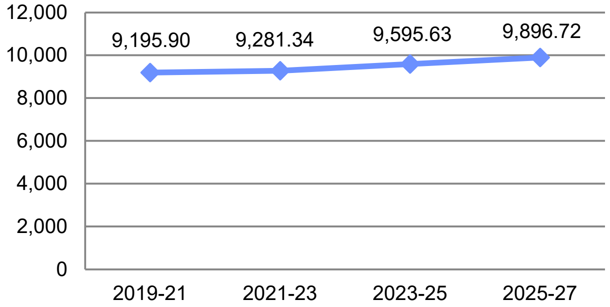


Biennium	(Amounts Shown in Millions)			
	General Fund	Federal Funds	Special Funds	Total
2019-21	$4,965.1	$6,018.0	$5,912.2	$16,895.3
2021-23	$5,058.8	$6,799.3	$6,327.7	$18,185.8
2023-25	$6,121.7	$5,854.1	$7,681.0	$19,656.8
2025-27	$6,276.9	$6,133.0	$8,308.1	$20,718.0

NUMBER OF STATE EMPLOYEES[1]
FTE Positions

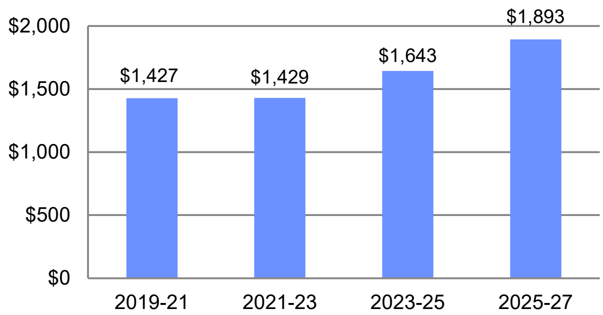


[1]These amounts do not include employees of the North Dakota University System.

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

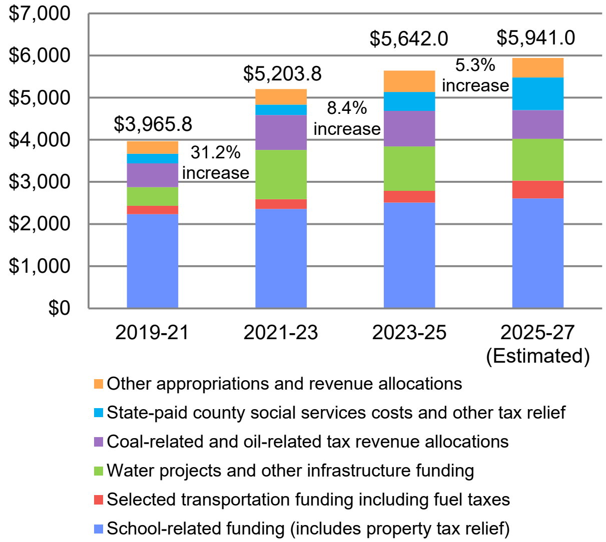
COST OF STATE EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUMS HISTORY



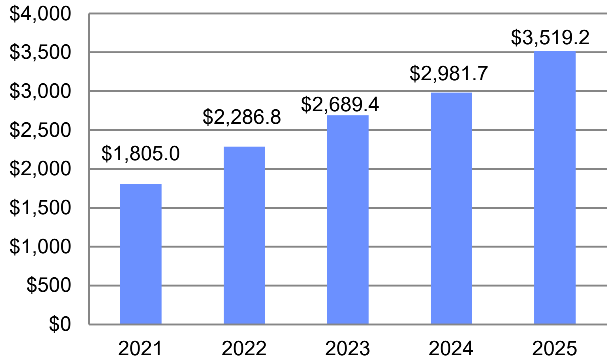
Biennium	Monthly Premium	Increase From Previous Biennium	Percentage Increase
2019-21	$1,427	$186	15.0%
2021-23	$1,429	$2	0.1%
2023-25	$1,643	$214	15.0%
2025-27	$1,893	$250	15.2%

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:



STATE DEBT
(Amounts Shown in Millions)



Bonds Outstanding as of June 30, 2025
(Amounts Shown in Millions)

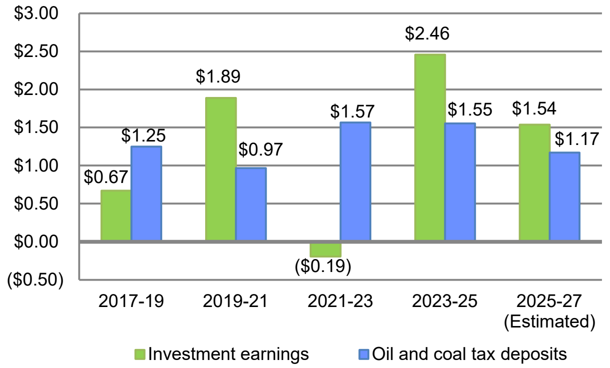
North Dakota Building Authority	$70.9
Legacy bonds	651.6
Student loan trust	1.0
Housing Finance Agency	2,463.8
North Dakota University System	331.1
State Fair Association	0.8
Total	$3,519.2

State Budget

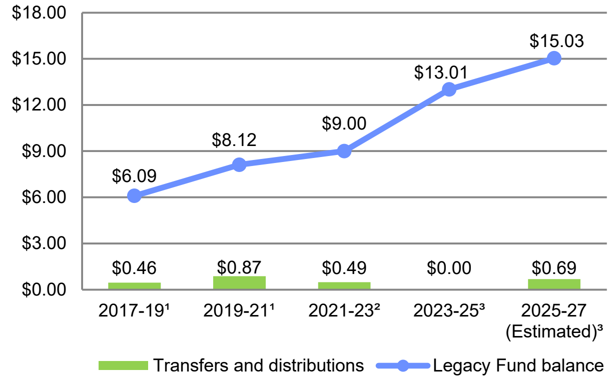
LEGACY FUND

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. A statutory formula provides a distribution from the Legacy Fund each biennium to support legislative initiatives, including property tax relief. 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)



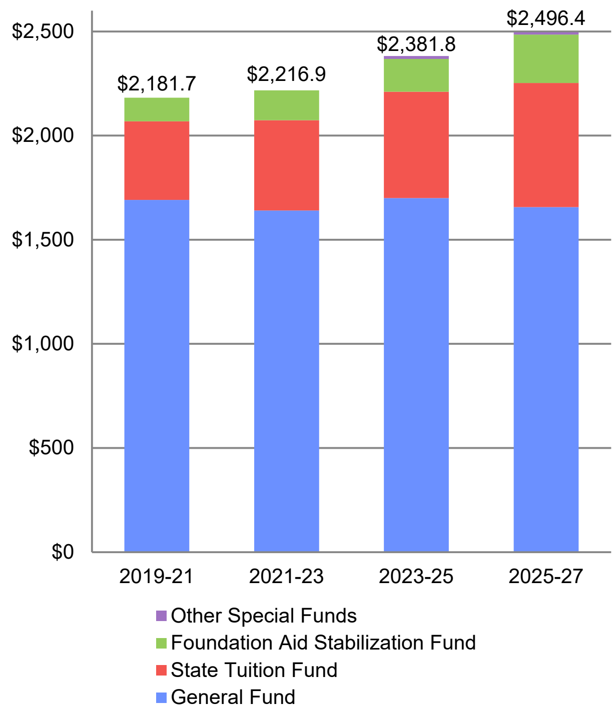
[1]Earnings were transferred to the General Fund at the end of the 2017-19 and 2019-21 bienniums based on interest, dividends, and realized earnings.

[2]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.

[3]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)



	(Amounts Shown in Millions)				
Biennium	General Fund	State Tuition Fund	Foundation Aid Stabilization Fund	Other Special Funds[2]	Total
2019-21	$1,690.9	$377.8	$113.0[1]		$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

[1]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).

[2]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	$2,381,774,851	$2,496,377,703	$114,602,852

STATE SCHOOL AID FORMULA - INTEGRATED FORMULA PAYMENTS

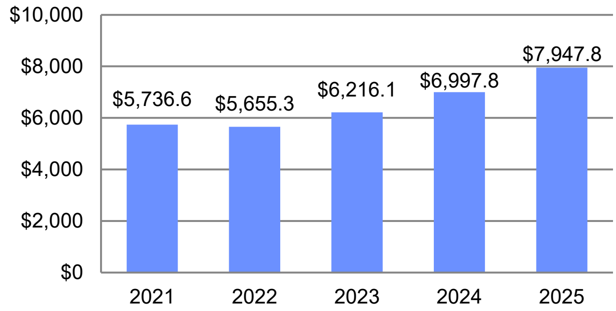
In 2013 the Legislative Assembly approved the implementation of a new integrated formula payment to provide school funding. The formula provides the state will determine an adequate base level of support necessary to educate students by applying an integrated formula payment rate to the weighted student 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 1st year of the biennium and $11,633 per WSU during the 2nd 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 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 70th 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)



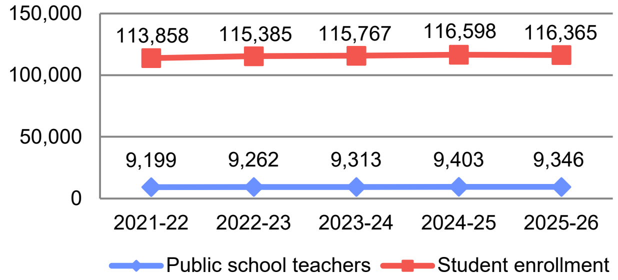
NOTE: The unaudited fund balance of the Common Schools Trust Fund as of May 31, 2026, is estimated to be $9.1 billion.

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 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 Actual	2025-27 Biennium Estimated
Ending balance	$479,415,112	$417,727,272
Required 15 percent reserve	(250,093,242)	(261,218,932)
Balance available	$229,321,870	$156,508,340

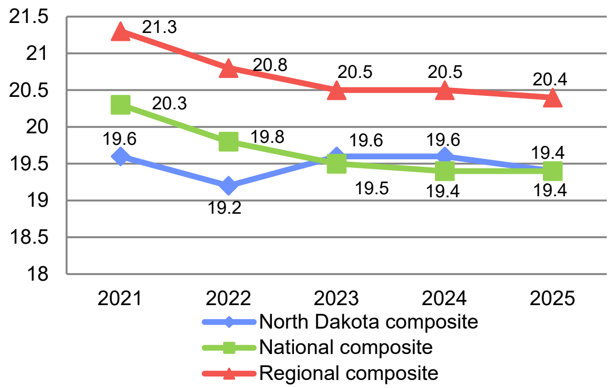
STUDENT ENROLLMENT AND NUMBER OF TEACHERS



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[1]



[1]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 2025, 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
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
2025	18.1	19.4	19.9	19.9	19.4

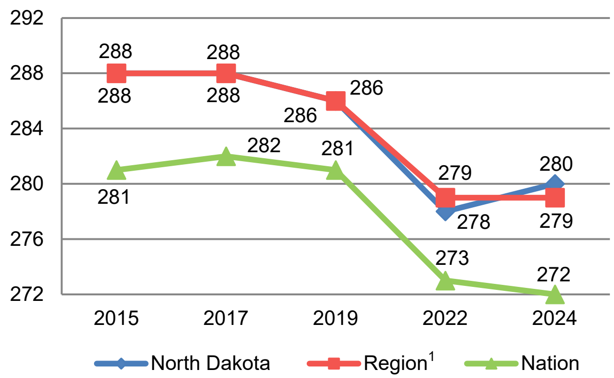
NATIONAL ASSESSMENT OF EDUCATIONAL PROGRESS

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.

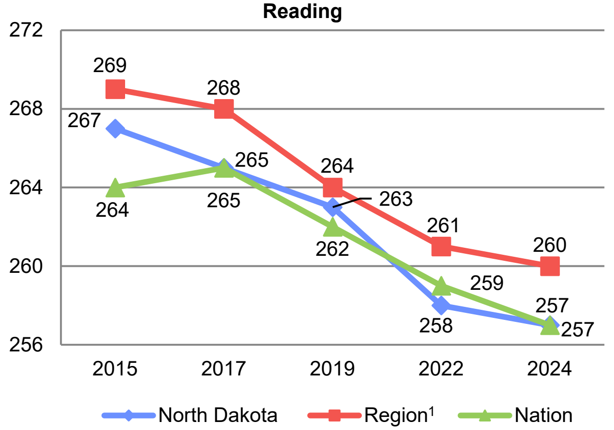
Since NAEP assessments are administered uniformly using the same sets of test booklets across the nation, NAEP results serve as a common metric for all states. The NAEP assessments were not administered in 2021. Testing resumed in 2022 and will result in a new pattern of testing in even-numbered years.

Average NAEP Scores - 8th Grade

Mathematics

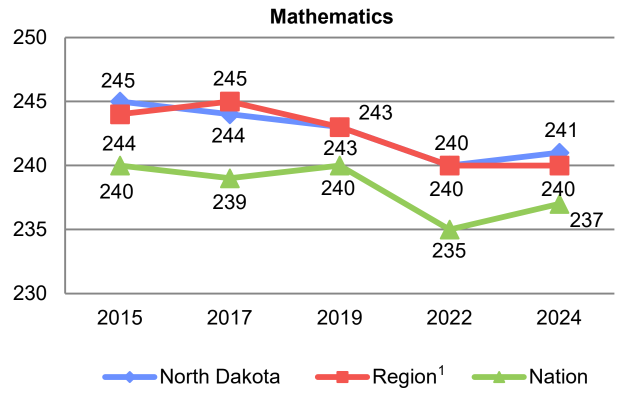


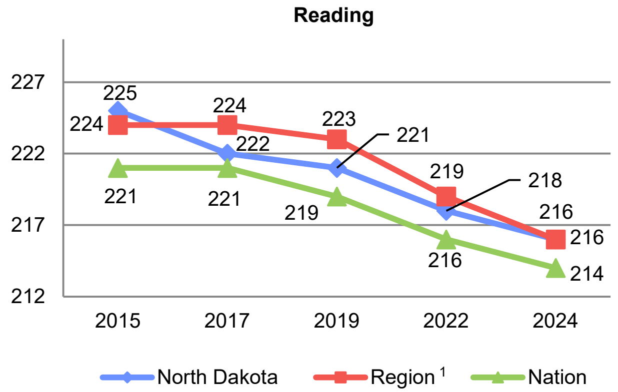
Reading



[1]The region NAEP score is the average of the Iowa, Minnesota, Montana, South Dakota, and Wyoming posted scores.

Average NAEP Scores - 4th Grade





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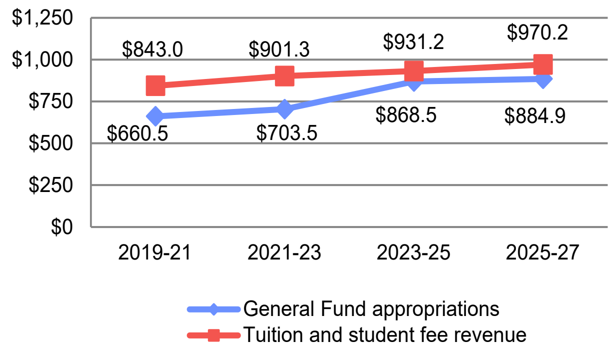
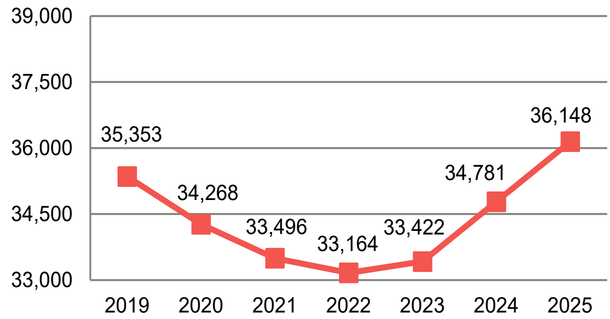
HIGHER EDUCATION

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 2023	Fall 2024	Fall 2025
Bismarck State College	2,599	2,812	3,086
Dakota College at Bottineau	576	590	622
Dickinson State University	1,118	1,120	1,100
Lake Region State College	858	906	945
Mayville State University	734	794	857
Minot State University	2,135	2,125	2,188
North Dakota State University	10,553	10,443	10,455
State College of Science	2,124	2,305	2,476
University of North Dakota	10,955	11,731	12,451
Valley City State University	1,112	1,184	1,178
Williston State College	658	771	790
Total	33,422	34,781	36,148

HIGHER EDUCATION TUITION RATES

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

Resident Student - Undergraduate Programs

	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Bismarck State College	$5,209	$5,522	$5,853
Dakota College at Bottineau	$4,530	$4,584	$4,791
Dickinson State University	$7,470	$7,770	$8,081
Lake Region State College	$4,249	$4,504	$4,684
Mayville State University	$6,517	$6,875	$7,081
Minot State University	$7,168	$7,597	$7,977
State College of Science	$4,683	$4,870	$5,065
North Dakota State University	$9,309	$9,868	$10,460
University of North Dakota	$9,237	$9,791	$10,379
Valley City State University	$6,619	$6,983	$7,402
Williston State College	$4,138	$4,386	$4,649

Resident Student - Graduate Programs

	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Minot State University	$9,352	$9,913	$10,408
North Dakota State University	$10,113	$10,720	$11,363
University of North Dakota	$11,963	$12,681	$13,441
Valley City State University	$8,807	$9,290	$9,848

Resident Student - Professional Programs

	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
University of North Dakota law school	$15,405	$17,716	$18,779
University of North Dakota medical school	$34,360	$35,992	$37,701
University of North Dakota physical therapy	$21,671	$22,700	$23,779

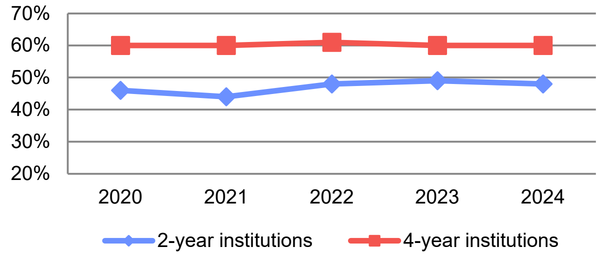
Tuition and Fees as a Percentage of Median Household Income

	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Doctoral institutions				
North Dakota average	12.1%	11.1%	10.6%	11.2%
Regional average	12.2%	11.8%	11.6%	11.4%
4-year institutions				
North Dakota average	9.5%	8.7%	8.2%	8.6%
Regional average	9.7%	9.3%	9.1%	8.8%
2-year institutions				
North Dakota average	6.3%	5.8%	5.5%	5.9%
Regional average	5.3%	5.1%	5.0%	4.8%

HIGHER EDUCATION PERFORMANCE MEASURES

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

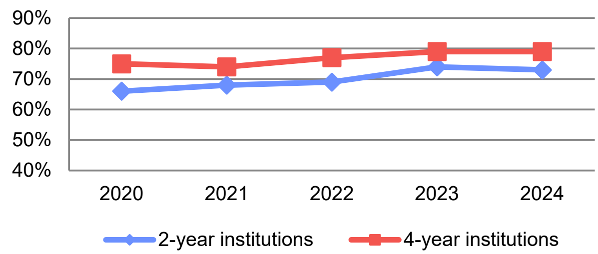
Student Graduation Rates[1]



[1]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.

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	National Average 2024
2-year institutions	46%	44%	48%	49%	48%	43%
4-year institutions	60%	60%	61%	60%	60%	59%

Freshman Retention Rates[1]



[1]Based on the number of freshman students who enrolled in an institution and re-enrolled at the same institution the following year.

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	National Average 2024
2-year institutions	66%	68%	69%	74%	73%	64%
4-year institutions	75%	74%	77%	79%	79%	82%

Higher Education

Workforce Training Provided

	2022	2023	2024	2025
Businesses served	1,729	1,830	1,621	1,512
Employees receiving training	14,458	16,008	11,686	11,369
Business satisfaction with training	99%	99%	99%	99%
Participant satisfaction with training	99%	99%	99%	99%
Businesses requesting additional training	58%	58%	58%	63%
Revenue generated from training fees (In millions)	$5.1	$5.0	$4.6	$4.4

Average Public Institution Student Loan Debt Incurred Per Year

	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
North Dakota average	$5,829	$6,025	$6,077	$6,155
National average	$6,535	$6,665	$6,794	$7,146

NORTH DAKOTA UNIVERSITY SYSTEM RESEARCH EXPENDITURES
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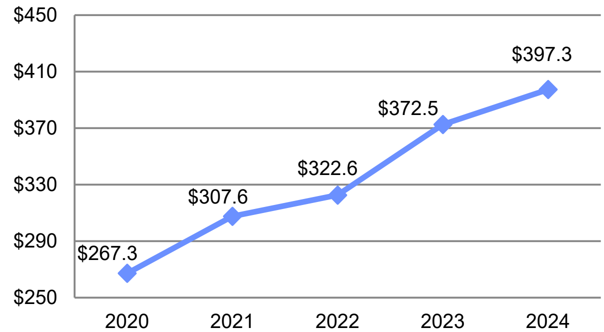

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES - LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATIONS
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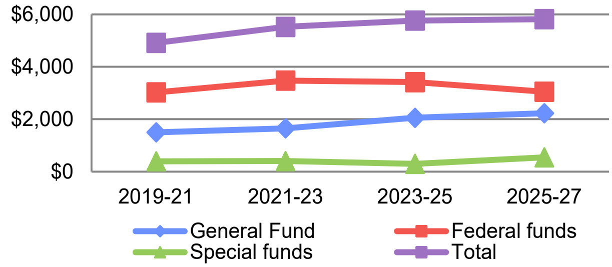
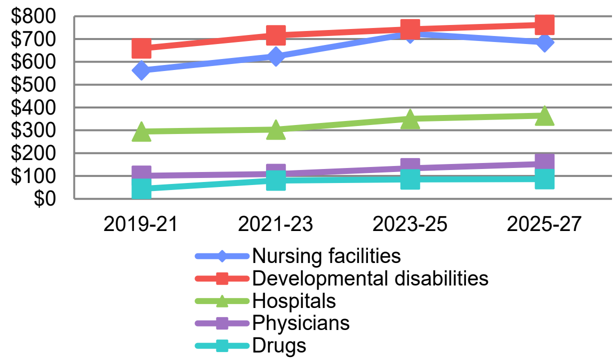


Biennium	General Fund	Federal Funds	Special Funds	Total
	(Amounts Shown in Millions)			
2019-21[1]	$1,499.0	$3,022.5	$390.7	$4,912.2
2021-23[1]	$1,648.1	$3,471.9	$400.0	$5,520.1
2023-25	$2,051.1	$3,414.5	$294.4	$5,760.0
2025-27	$2,227.8	$3,526.7	$461.4	$6,215.9

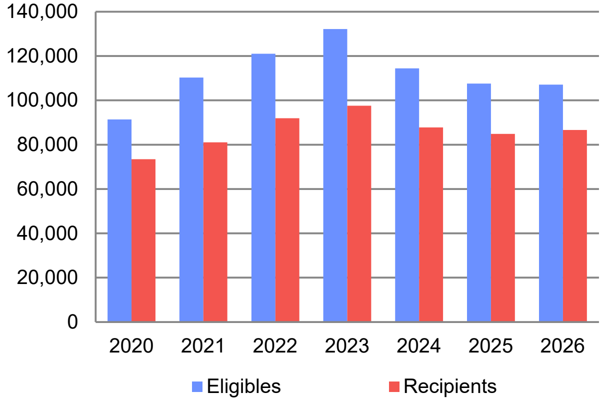
[1]Includes appropriations to the former State Department of Health and Department of Human Services.

MAJOR MEDICAID COSTS
(Amounts Shown in Millions)



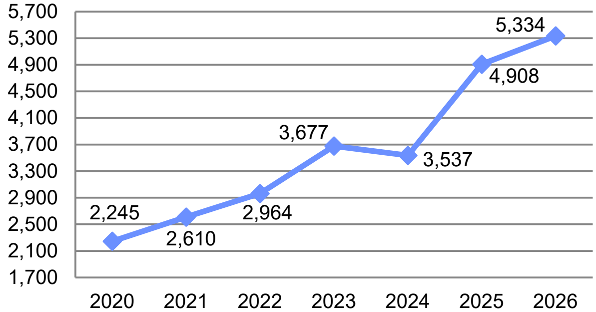
	2019-21	2021-23	2023-25	2025-27
	(Amounts Shown in Millions)			
Nursing facilities	$562.9	$623.6	$723.9	$685.9
Developmental disabilities	$659.2	$716.3	$742.8	$762.2
Hospitals	$295.2	$303.3	$350.2	$364.7
Physicians	$101.0	$108.6	$133.7	$152.7
Drugs	$44.2	$80.2	$84.9	$86.7

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE - AVERAGE ANNUAL MEDICAID ELIGIBLES AND RECIPIENTS

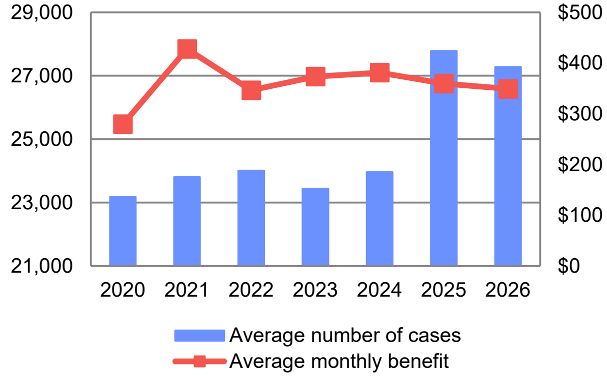


Fiscal Year	Average Annual Eligibles	Average Annual Recipients
2020	91,390	73,420
2021	110,304	81,044
2022	121,028	91,948
2023	132,153	97,577
2024	114,409	87,753
2025	107,561	84,882
2026	107,106	86,659

CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM - AVERAGE ANNUAL RECIPIENTS

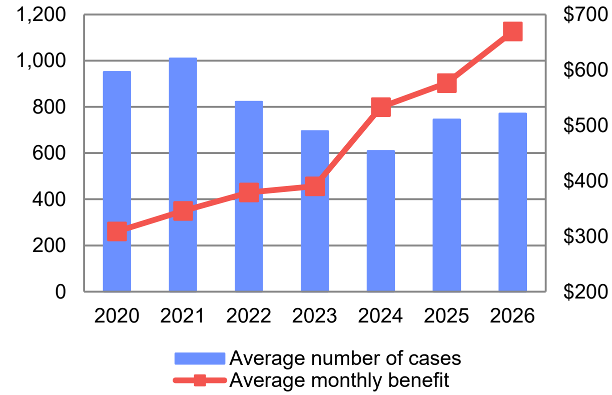


SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM - CASES AND BENEFITS



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
2026	27,274	$349.06

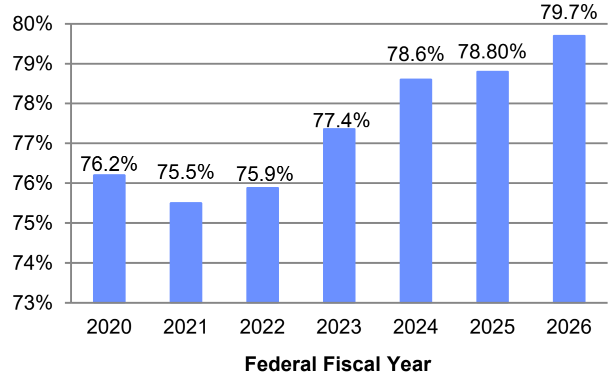
TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES - CASES AND BENEFITS



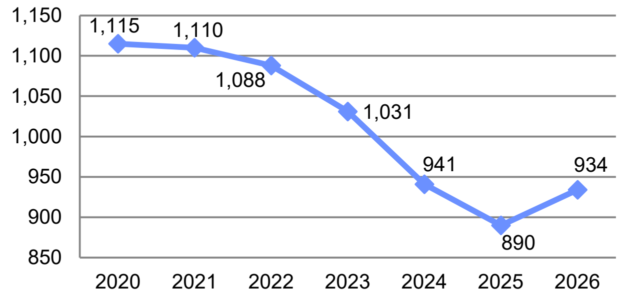
Fiscal Year	Average Number of Cases	Average Monthly Benefit
2020	951	$308.65
2021	1,009	$345.68
2022	822	$379.03
2023	695	$390.21
2024	609	$532.80
2025	745	$576.29
2026	771	$669.51

Health and Human Services

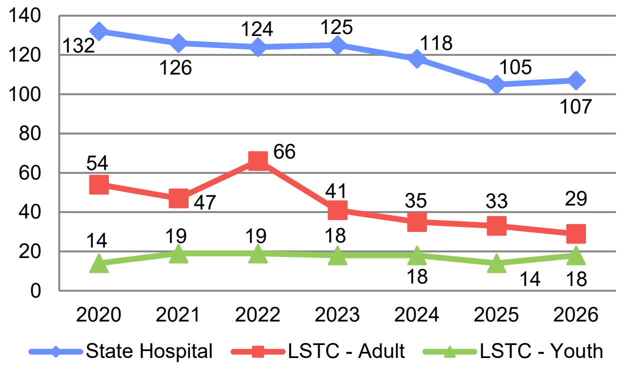
CHILD SUPPORT - PERCENTAGE OF CURRENT CHILD SUPPORT COLLECTED



CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES - NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE

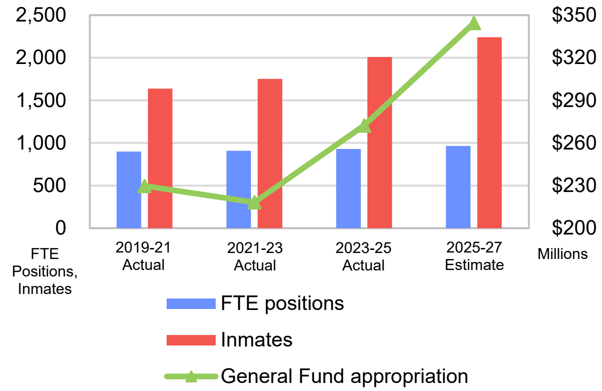


STATE HOSPITAL AND LIFE SKILLS AND TRANSITION CENTER (LSTC) - AVERAGE DAILY CENSUS



CORRECTIONS

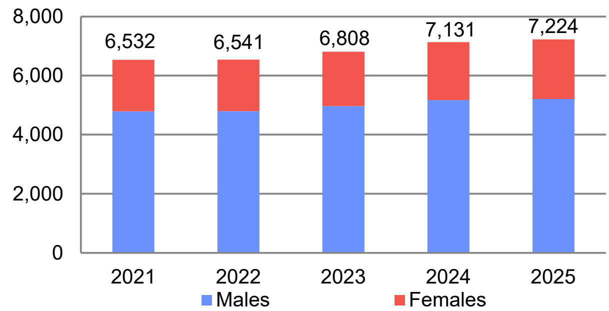
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND REHABILITATION FTE POSITIONS, INMATES, AND GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS



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	2,240[1]	965.29

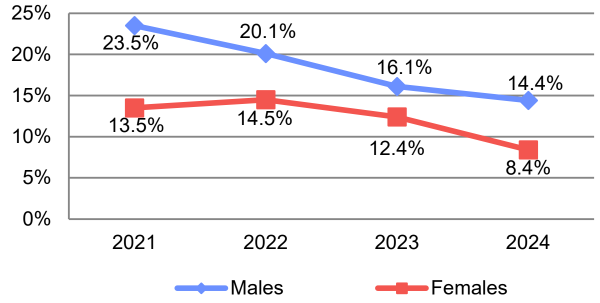
[1]Estimated.

PAROLE AND PROBATION



Calendar Year	Females	Males	Total
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
2025	2,018	5,206	7,224

RECIDIVISM RATES



Calendar Year	Males Released	Total Returned	Total Percentage Returned Rates
2021	898	211	23.5%
2022	975	196	20.1%
2023	984	158	16.1%
2024	897	129	14.4%

Calendar Year	Females Released	Total Returned	Total Percentage Returned Rates
2021	208	28	13.5%
2022	241	35	14.5%
2023	259	32	12.4%
2024	262	22	8.4%

Calendar Year	Total Released	Total Returned	Total Percentage Returned Rates
2021	1,106	239	21.6%
2022	1,216	231	19.0%
2023	1,243	190	15.3%
2024	1,159	151	13.0%

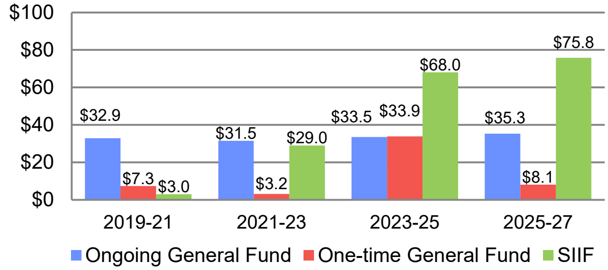
NOTE: The numbers shown for inmates returning to prison reflect the number of inmates released during the calendar year who returned to prison for a new crime or technical violation within 12 months of release.

Source: Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

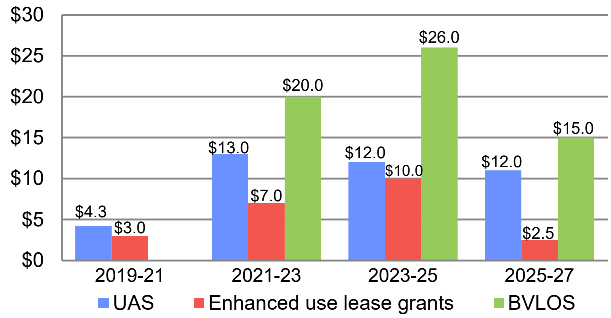
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE GENERAL FUND AND MAJOR SPECIAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS

(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

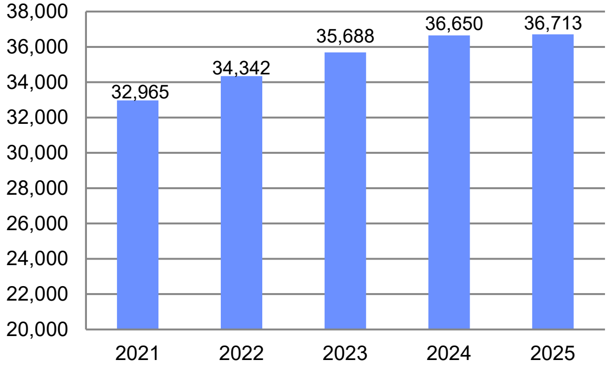


(Amounts Shown in Millions)			
Biennium	General Fund	Other Funds[1]	Total
2019-21	$5,250,000	$2,000,000	$7,250,000
2021-23	$4,000,000	$36,020,150	$40,020,150
2023-25	$3,000,000	$45,020,150	$48,020,150
2025-27[2]	$3,000,000	$25,500,000	$28,500,000

[1]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.

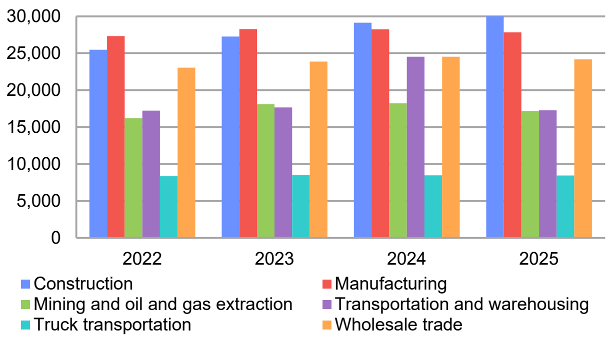
[2]Of the $28.5 million appropriated to the Department of Commerce for the 2025-27 biennium, $17.5 million is considered one-time funding and $11 million is considered ongoing funding.

PRIVATE SECTOR BUSINESSES



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

INDUSTRIAL JOBS



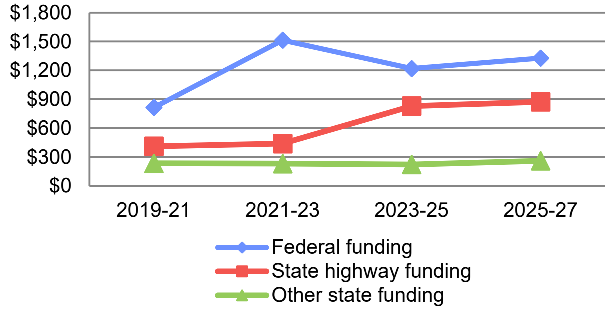
Industrial Jobs	2022	2023	2024	2025
Construction	25,459	27,246	29,118	30,043
Manufacturing	27,309	28,259	28,225	27,820
Mining and oil and gas extraction	16,197	18,107	18,213	17,184
Transportation and warehousing[1]	17,220	17,646	17,601	17,255
Truck transportation[1]	8,334	8,542	8,471	8,435
Wholesale trade	23,043	23,856	24,509	24,165

[1]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[1]	$1,513.9[2]	$1,219.3	$1,327.2
State highway funding	412.5[1]	440.3[2]	829.9[3]	874.1[4]
Other state funding	235.3[1]	232.3	224.4	262.2
Total	$1,463.1	$2,186.5	$2,273.6	$2,463.5

[1]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.

[2]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.

[3]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.

[4]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[1]

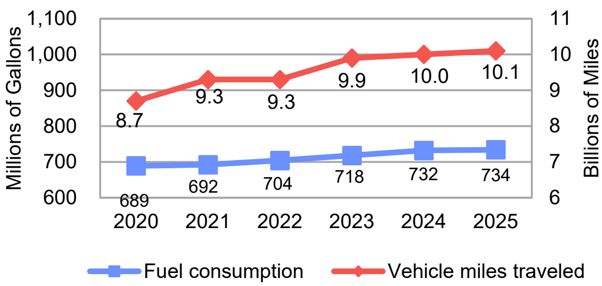
	(Amounts Shown in Millions)		
	2021-23 Biennium	2023-25 Biennium	2025-27 Biennium
Federal Highway Administration funding	$980.0	$1,174.7	$1,283.8
Federal rail funds	22.0		
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration	9.4	12.2	13.6
Federal transit funds	48.9	32.4	29.8
COVID-19 federal funding	318.6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

[1]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 $7.3 million per year or $14.6 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



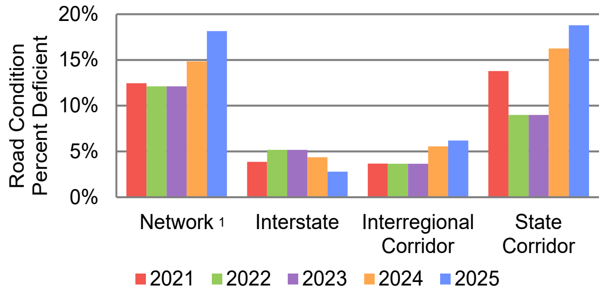
MILES OF ROADWAYS IN NORTH DAKOTA - 2026

State highway system	7,415
County roads	15,624
Other rural roads	61,124
City streets	4,407
Total	88,570

ESTIMATED HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION COSTS PER MILE

	2022	2024	2026
Two-lane road reconstruction (includes grading and asphalt surfacing)	$1,600,000	$1,900,000	$2,000,000
Interstate concrete paving (two lanes in one direction)	$2,300,000	$3,500,000	$3,500,000
Asphalt surface reconstruction (includes subgrade repair and resurfacing)	$1,300,000	$1,300,000	$1,400,000
3-inch asphalt overlay	$330,000	$380,000	$490,000
Interstate seal coat	$79,000	$89,000	$100,000
Noninterstate seal coat	$55,000	$58,000	$58,000

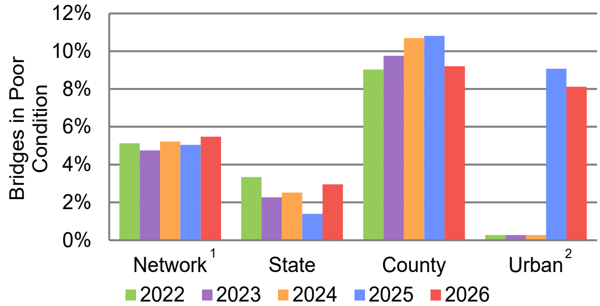
HIGHWAY SYSTEM CONDITION



[1]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



[1]Network includes all state, county, and urban bridges.
[2]The increase in urban bridges reported in poor condition relates to the addition of the Minot 3rd Street bridge to the poor condition rankings.

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