



STARK

DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
Stark County, North Dakota

ECONOMY AT A GLANCE

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POPULATION

(Job Service North Dakota)	2023	2022
Stark County	33,001	32,803
Dickinson	25,130	24,979
North Dakota	783,926	778,912

Median Age: 34.7
Largest City: Dickinson

Median Household Income: \$80,744
March Job Openings: 802

WORKFORCE

(Job Service North Dakota)	March 2025	March 2024
Stark County Labor Force	17,444	16,615
Stark County Unemployment	2.8%	2.7%
Dickinson Unemployment	2.8%	2.8%
ND Unemployment	3.1%	2.8%
US Unemployment	4.2%	3.9%

BIRTH RATES

(CHI St. Alexius Health Dickinson)	March 2025	March 2024	YTD 2025	YTD 2024
Live Births	50	40	137	134

LODGING

(Dickinson Convention & Visitors Bureau - STR)	March 2025	March 2024	YTD 2025	YTD 2024
Occupancy Rate	41.3%	39.0%	37.2%	36.9%
Average Daily Rate (ADR)	\$87.79	\$86.78	\$89.92	\$86.65

TRANSPORTATION

Airport Boardings (Dickinson Theodore Roosevelt Airport)	March 2025	March 2024	YTD 2025	YTD 2024
Airport Passenger Enplanements	1,966	2,215	5,748	3,953
Airport Passenger Deplanements	2,103	2,259	5,825	4,163

REAL ESTATE

(Badlands Board of Realtors, Inc.)	March 2025	March 2024	YTD 2025	YTD 2024
Dickinson # of MLS Units Sold (Does not include "for sale by owner" transactions)	21	33	66	83
Dickinson MLS Average Sale Price - Single Family	\$329,026	\$278,930	\$321,479	\$274,230
Stark County # of MLS Units Sold (Does not include "for sale by owner" transactions)	26	38	74	92
Stark County MLS Average Sale Price - Single Family	\$299,173	\$267,018	\$300,115	\$268,979

BUILDING PERMITS

Stark County/Dickinson (City of Dickinson)	March 2025		March 2024		YTD 2025		YTD 2024	
	Permits	Total Value	Permits	Total Value	Permits	Total Value	Permits	Total Value
Commercial	1	\$530,000	0	\$0	3	\$50,542,000	1	\$30,000
Public	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0
Single Family	13	\$6,261,189	5	\$2,852,317	14	\$6,959,186	12	\$5,749,742
Duplex	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0
Multi-Family	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0
Alteration/Additions	10	\$65,224,090	8	\$280,200	24	\$68,663,741	19	\$2,878,613
Misc. Permits/Fees	82	\$468,192	53	\$44,519	168	\$780,757	122	\$115,228

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TAX COLLECTIONS

City Sales Tax (Office of ND State Treasurer)	March 2025	March 2024	YTD 2025	YTD 2024
Belfield	\$41,927.33	\$15,705.30	\$153,850.09	\$131,075.58
Dickinson	\$80,0917.08	\$700,146.42	\$3,023,136.13	\$2,785,664.95
Richardton	\$19,041.57	\$15,043.13	\$76,933.48	\$61,790.95
South Heart	\$6,673.77	\$6,601.73	\$21,416.11	\$20,459.84
Stark County Total	\$868,559.75	\$737,496.58	\$3,275,335.81	\$2,998,991.32
City Occupancy Tax (Office of ND State Treasurer)	March 2025	March 2024	YTD 2025	YTD 2024
Belfield	\$642.51	\$1,562.09	\$2,284.23	\$4,764.74
Dickinson	\$22,512.36	\$22,894.81	\$76,048.09	\$72,307.52
Stark County Total	\$23,154.87	\$24,456.90	\$78,332.32	\$77,072.26
City Restaurant/Lodging (Office of ND State Treasurer)	March 2025	March 2024	YTD 2025	YTD 2024
Dickinson	\$89,346.66	\$93,600.32	\$289,595.42	\$282,233.11

Sales tax returns are due at the end of each month which causes large monthly swings especially when months end on weekends. Using year-to-year data collections helps mitigate these swings and March present a more accurate view of any real change that is occurring than would any given month's collection comparison.

EDUCATION

K-12 Enrollment (Dept. of Public Instruction)	2025-2026	2024-2025
Belfield	236	266
Dickinson Public Schools	4,087	3,977
Dickinson Trinity Catholic Schools	636	617
Hope Christian Academy	170	156
Invitation Hill Adventist School	11	16
Richardton-Taylor	320	312
South Heart	422	397
Stark County Home Education	365	304
Higher Education Enrollment (DSU)	2025-2026	2024-2025
Dickinson State University	1,410	1,453

TAXABLE SALES & PURCHASES

(Office of State Tax Commissioner)	2025 Q4	2024 Q4
Belfield	\$11,185,960	\$10,946,369
Dickinson	\$269,902,128	\$261,361,615
Stark County	\$285,121,063	\$276,850,203

OIL PRICES

(NDIC Dept. of Mineral Resources)	March 2025	March 2024
WTI Oil (Price/Barrel)	\$68.24	\$81.28

HOUSING RENTAL RATES

(ACS U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey)	
Stark County Rental Vacancy Rate (ACS 2019-23)	8.9%
Stark County Median Rent (ACS 2019-23)	\$966

FARMERS PRICE INDEX

(US Dept. of Agriculture)	March 2025	March 2024
Farmers Prices Received	142.6%	122.3%
Farmers Prices Paid	147.4%	140.7%

TOP 10 LARGEST EMPLOYERS

(Job Service North Dakota)	
1	Dickinson Public School District
2	Walmart
3	ND Energy Services
4	Steffes Solutions
5	Killdeer Mountain Manufacturing
6	CHI St Alexius Health - Dickinson
7	Nondisclosable
8	City of Dickinson
9	Sanford Health
10	Baker Boy Inc



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