



YOUR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICE FOR DICKINSON, STARK COUNTY AND THE SURROUNDING AREA

## POPULATION

(Job Service North Dakota)	2024	2023
Stark County	33,767	33,001
Dickinson	25,695	25,130
North Dakota	796,568	783,926

Median Age: 35  
Largest City: Dickinson

Median Household Income: \$80,744  
February Job Openings: 594

## WORKFORCE

(Job Service North Dakota)	December 2025	December 2024
Stark County Labor Force	17,114	17,161
Stark County Unemployment	2.5%	2.3%
Dickinson Unemployment	2.6%	2.4%
ND Unemployment	2.5%	2.5%
US Unemployment	4.1%	3.8%

## BIRTH RATES

(CHI St. Alexis Health Dickinson)	February 2026	February 2025	YTD 2026	YTD 2025
Live Births	57	40	107	87

## LODGING

(Dickinson Convention & Visitors Bureau - STR)	February 2026	February 2025	YTD 2026	YTD 2025
Occupancy Rate	34.9%	36.3%	34.8%	35.0%
Average Daily Rate (ADR)	\$93.37	\$89.41	\$93.95	\$91.24

## TRANSPORTATION

Airport Boardings (Dickinson Theodore Roosevelt Airport)	February 2026	February 2025	YTD 2026	YTD 2025
Airport Passenger Enplanements	1,795	1,752	3,497	3,782
Airport Passenger Deplanements	1,792	1,777	3,708	3,722

## REAL ESTATE

(Badlands Board of Realtors, Inc.)	February 2026	February 2025	YTD 2026	YTD 2025
Dickinson # of MLS Units Sold (Does not include "for sale by owner" transactions)	23	19	35	45
Dickinson MLS Average Sale Price - Single Family	\$414,800	\$303,647	\$376,937	\$317,957
Stark County # of MLS Units Sold (Does not include "for sale by owner" transactions)	25	20	39	48
Stark County MLS Average Sale Price - Single Family	\$404,916	\$289,215	\$367,572	\$300,626

## BUILDING PERMITS

Stark County/Dickinson (City of Dickinson)	February 2026		February 2025		YTD 2026		YTD 2025	
	Permits	Total Value	Permits	Total Value	Permits	Total Value	Permits	Total Value
Commercial	4	\$10,873,544	1	\$50,000,000	5	\$38,335,190	2	\$50,012,000
Public	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0
Single Family	2	\$1,325,000	1	\$697,997	2	\$1,325,000	1	\$697,997
Duplex	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0
Multi-Family	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0
Alteration/Additions	5	\$607,700	9	\$3,237,120	7	\$805,238	14	\$3,439,651
Misc. Permits/Fees	45	\$24,559	34	\$308,107	67	\$182,762	86	\$312,565

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# ECONOMY AT A GLANCE

## TAX COLLECTIONS

City Sales Tax (Office of ND State Treasurer)	February 2026	February 2025	YTD 2026	YTD 2025
Belfield	\$51,354.64	\$70,232.15	\$96,354.75	\$111,922.76
Dickinson	\$974,497.75	\$1,099,213.68	\$2,294,395.16	\$2,222,219.05
Richardton	\$30,137.52	\$35,820.14	\$69,593.31	\$57,891.91
South Heart	\$44,609.71	\$8,455.25	\$51,204.87	\$14,742.34
<b>Stark County Total</b>	<b>\$1,100,599.62</b>	<b>\$1,213,721.22</b>	<b>\$2,511,548.09</b>	<b>\$2,406,776.06</b>
City Occupancy Tax (Office of ND State Treasurer)	February 2026	February 2025	YTD 2026	YTD 2025
Belfield	\$450.14	\$1,487.63	\$2,526.19	\$1,641.72
Dickinson	\$23,436.11	\$27,074.68	\$51,441.97	\$53,535.73
<b>Stark County Total</b>	<b>\$23,886.25</b>	<b>\$28,562.31</b>	<b>\$53,968.16</b>	<b>\$55,177.45</b>
City Restaurant/Lodging (Office of ND State Treasurer)	February 2026	February 2025	YTD 2026	YTD 2025
Dickinson	\$102,369.53	\$100,096.76	\$211,555.87	\$200,248.76

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 February 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	235	236
Dickinson Public Schools	4,081	4,087
Dickinson Trinity Catholic Schools	666	636
Hope Christian Academy	156	170
Invitation Hill Adventist School	11	11
Richardton-Taylor	321	320
South Heart	423	422
Stark County Home Education	417	365
Higher Education Enrollment (DSU)	2025-2026	2024-2025
Dickinson State University	1,374	1,410

## TAXABLE SALES & PURCHASES

(Office of State Tax Commissioner)	2025 Q4	2024 Q4
Belfield	\$5,415,329	\$11,219,065
Dickinson	\$287,139,248	\$271,002,904
Stark County	\$297,286,789	\$286,302,661

## OIL PRICES

(NDIC Dept. of Mineral Resources)	February 2026	February 2025
WTI Oil (Price/Barrel)	\$65.41	\$71.53

## 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)	February 2026	February 2025
Farmers Prices Received	130.6%	147.3%
Farmers Prices Paid	159.4%	147.4%

## TOP 10 LARGEST EMPLOYERS

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



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