



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: \$84,449
March Job Openings: 683

WORKFORCE

(Job Service North Dakota)	February 2026	February 2025
Stark County Labor Force	17,503	17,355
Stark County Unemployment	3.2%	3.0%
Dickinson Unemployment	3.1%	3.1%
ND Unemployment	3.1%	3.2%
US Unemployment	4.7%	4.5%

BIRTH RATES

(CHI St. Alexius Health Dickinson)	March 2026	March 2025	YTD 2026	YTD 2025
Live Births	52	50	159	137

LODGING

(Dickinson Convention & Visitors Bureau - STR)	March 2026	March 2025	YTD 2026	YTD 2025
Occupancy Rate	37.1%	41.3%	35.6%	37.2%
Average Daily Rate (ADR)	\$93.97	\$87.79	\$93.96	\$89.92

TRANSPORTATION

Airport Boardings (Dickinson Theodore Roosevelt Airport)	March 2026	March 2025	YTD 2026	YTD 2025
Airport Passenger Enplanements	1,860	1,966	5,357	5,748
Airport Passenger Deplanements	2,188	2,103	5,896	5,825

REAL ESTATE

(Badlands Board of Realtors, Inc.)	March 2026	March 2025	YTD 2026	YTD 2025
Dickinson # of MLS Units Sold (Does not include "for sale by owner" transactions)	27	21	62	66
Dickinson MLS Average Sale Price - Single Family	\$356,967	\$329,026	\$368,240	\$321,479
Stark County # of MLS Units Sold (Does not include "for sale by owner" transactions)	29	26	68	74
Stark County MLS Average Sale Price - Single Family	\$353,034	\$299,173	\$361,372	\$300,115

BUILDING PERMITS

Stark County/Dickinson (City of Dickinson)	March 2026		March 2025		YTD 2026		YTD 2025	
	Permits	Total Value	Permits	Total Value	Permits	Total Value	Permits	Total Value
Commercial	2	\$1,581,505	1	\$530,000	7	\$39,916,695	3	\$50,542,000
Public	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0
Single Family	15	\$7,880,204	13	\$6,261,189	17	\$9,205,204	14	\$6,959,186
Duplex	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0
Multi-Family	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0
Alteration/Additions	5	\$1,345,589	10	\$65,224,090	15	\$2,150,828	24	\$68,663,741
Misc. Permits/Fees	66	\$134,390	82	\$468,192	133	\$317,152	168	\$780,757

WHERE BUSINESS GOES TO GROW

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ECONOMY AT A GLANCE

TAX COLLECTIONS

City Sales Tax (Office of ND State Treasurer)	March 2026	March 2025	YTD 2026	YTD 2025
Belfield	\$31,663.10	\$41,927.33	\$128,017.85	\$153,850.09
Dickinson	\$781,532.15	\$800,917.08	\$3,075,927.31	\$3,023,136.13
Richardton	\$45,407.73	\$19,041.57	\$115,001.04	\$76,933.48
South Heart	\$5,889.91	\$6,673.77	\$57,094.78	\$21,416.11
Stark County Total	\$864,492.89	\$868,559.75	\$3,376,040.98	\$3,275,335.81
City Occupancy Tax (Office of ND State Treasurer)	March 2026	March 2025	YTD 2026	YTD 2025
Belfield	\$2,287.76	\$642.51	\$4,813.95	\$2,284.23
Dickinson	\$16,644.46	\$22,512.36	\$68,086.43	\$76,048.09
Stark County Total	\$18,932.22	\$23,154.87	\$72,900.38	\$78,332.32
City Restaurant/Lodging (Office of ND State Treasurer)	March 2026	March 2025	YTD 2026	YTD 2025
Dickinson	\$84,837.21	\$89,346.66	\$296,393.08	\$289,595.42

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	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)	March 2026	March 2025
WTI Oil (Price/Barrel)	\$91.38	\$68.24

HOUSING RENTAL RATES

(ACS U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey)	
Stark County Rental Vacancy Rate (ACS 2020-24)	6.7%
Stark County Median Rent (ACS 2020-24)	\$960

FARMERS PRICE INDEX

(US Dept. of Agriculture)	March 2026	March 2025
Farmers Prices Received	131.5%	142.6%
Farmers Prices Paid	160.4%	147.6%

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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