



STARK

DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
Stark County, North Dakota

ECONOMY AT A GLANCE

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POPULATION

(Job Service North Dakota)	2025	2024
Stark County	34,013	33,694
Dickinson	25,870	25,695
North Dakota	799,358	793,387

Median Age: 35
Largest City: Dickinson

Median Household Income: \$84,449
May Job Openings: 595

WORKFORCE

(Job Service North Dakota)	May 2026	May 2025
Stark County Labor Force	17,184	17,266
Stark County Unemployment	2.0%	2.1%
Dickinson Unemployment	2.1%	2.2%
ND Unemployment	1.9%	2.3%
US Unemployment	4.1%	4.0%

BIRTH RATES

(CHI St. Alexius Health Dickinson)	May 2026	May 2025	YTD 2026	YTD 2025
Live Births	60	42	235	265

LODGING

(Dickinson Convention & Visitors Bureau - STR)	May 2026	May 2025	YTD 2026	YTD 2025
Occupancy Rate	53.5%	54.2%	40.7%	43.0%
Average Daily Rate (ADR)	\$110.00	\$108.86	\$99.01	\$96.92

TRANSPORTATION

Airport Boardings (Dickinson Theodore Roosevelt Airport)	May 2026	May 2025	YTD 2026	YTD 2025
Airport Passenger Enplanements	1,921	2,281	9,082	10,014
Airport Passenger Deplanements	1,992	2,321	9,877	10,312

REAL ESTATE

(Badlands Board of Realtors, Inc.)	May 2026	May 2025	YTD 2026	YTD 2025
Dickinson # of MLS Units Sold (Does not include "for sale by owner" transactions)	40	35	139	128
Dickinson MLS Average Sale Price - Single Family	\$315,963	\$332,903	\$350,785	\$323,741
Stark County # of MLS Units Sold (Does not include "for sale by owner" transactions)	44	41	149	147
Stark County MLS Average Sale Price - Single Family	\$313,578	\$331,125	\$343,946	\$309,359

BUILDING PERMITS

Stark County/Dickinson (City of Dickinson)	May 2026		May 2025		YTD 2026		YTD 2025	
	Permits	Total Value	Permits	Total Value	Permits	Total Value	Permits	Total Value
Commercial	3	\$8,154,765	1	\$408,816	11	\$48,496,460	5	\$53,567,238
Public	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0
Single Family	5	\$3,860,915	9	\$5,084,804	26	\$16,572,405	29	\$14,861,815
Duplex	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0
Multi-Family	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0
Alteration/Additions	9	\$498,293	10	\$561,418	39	\$7,259,108	46	\$70,358,969
Misc. Permits/Fees	53	\$109,982	65	\$70,775	249	\$489,077	317	\$952,707

WHERE BUSINESS GOES TO GROW

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TAX COLLECTIONS

City Sales Tax (Office of ND State Treasurer)	May 2026	May 2025	YTD 2026	YTD 2025
Belfield	\$32,907.58	\$39,267.12	\$203,482.13	\$242,691.53
Dickinson	\$1,015,120.95	\$912,897.40	\$4,992,323.96	\$4,716,313.01
Richardton	\$26,141.00	\$27,091.51	\$450,085.11	\$119,627.68
South Heart	\$4,764.43	\$6,912.12	\$67,751.70	\$32,331.53
Stark County Total	\$1,078,933.96	\$986,168.15	\$3,376,040.98	\$5,110,963.75
City Occupancy Tax (Office of ND State Treasurer)	May 2026	May 2025	YTD 2026	YTD 2025
Belfield	\$697.06	\$476.81	\$5,985.51	\$3,572.29
Dickinson	\$21,390.83	\$26,052.20	\$110,680.35	\$114,909.61
Stark County Total	\$22,087.89	\$26,529.01	\$116,665.86	\$118,481.90
City Restaurant/Lodging (Office of ND State Treasurer)	May 2026	May 2025	YTD 2026	YTD 2025
Dickinson	\$94,021.98	\$95,740.06	\$490,759.88	\$463,489.49

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 May 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)	2026 Q1	2025 Q1
Belfield	\$3,624,716	\$10,180,631
Dickinson	\$236,758,258	\$224,785,587
Stark County	\$243,976,732	\$237,164,906

OIL PRICES

(NDIC Dept. of Mineral Resources)	May 2026	May 2025
WTI Oil (Price/Barrel)	\$102.13	\$62.17

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)	May 2026	May 2025
Farmers Prices Received	140.9%	140.6%
Farmers Prices Paid	163.7%	148.4%

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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