



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: 36
Largest City: Dickinson

Median Household Income: \$84,449
August Job Openings: 563

WORKFORCE

(Job Service North Dakota)	August 2026	August 2025
Stark County Labor Force	16,843	17,504
Stark County Unemployment	2.2%	2.5%
Dickinson Unemployment	2.2%	2.6%
ND Unemployment	2.2%	2.5%
US Unemployment	4.3%	4.5%

BIRTH RATES

(CHI St. Alexius Health Dickinson)	August 2026	August 2025	YTD 2026	YTD 2025
Live Births	49	62	430	400

LODGING

(Dickinson Convention & Visitors Bureau - STR)	August 2026	August 2025	YTD 2026	YTD 2025
Occupancy Rate	68.4%	67.9%	51.0%	52.0%
Average Daily Rate (ADR)	\$138.48	\$123.51	\$122.62	\$110.72

TRANSPORTATION

Airport Boardings (Dickinson Theodore Roosevelt Airport)	August 2026	August 2025	YTD 2026	YTD 2025
Airport Passenger Enplanements	2,009	2,157	15,345	14,337
Airport Passenger Deplanements	2,105	2,069	16,435	16,770

REAL ESTATE

(Badlands Board of Realtors, Inc.)	August 2026	August 2025	YTD 2026	YTD 2025
Dickinson # of MLS Units Sold (Does not include "for sale by owner" transactions)	34	40	257	243
Dickinson MLS Average Sale Price - Single Family	\$379,178	\$390,166	\$363,085	\$338,059
Stark County # of MLS Units Sold (Does not include "for sale by owner" transactions)	37	43	275	273
Stark County MLS Average Sale Price - Single Family	\$364,894	\$375,387	\$354,224	\$325,521

BUILDING PERMITS

Stark County/Dickinson (City of Dickinson)	August 2026		August 2025		YTD 2026		YTD 2025	
	Permits	Total Value	Permits	Total Value	Permits	Total Value	Permits	Total Value
Commercial	1	\$80,000	5	\$2,680,829	19	\$51,931,460	14	\$56,414,747
Public	1	\$6,210,272	0	\$0	1	\$6,210,272	0	\$0
Single Family	11	\$4,798,147	4	\$2,730,000	45	\$26,375,591	47	\$23,338,152
Duplex	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0
Multi-Family	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0
Alteration/Additions	10	\$964,347	9	\$6,646,683	67	\$9,196,035	82	\$78,907,130
Misc. Permits/Fees	82	\$89,073	56	\$73,180	443	\$680,069	494	\$1,161,258

WHERE BUSINESS GOES TO GROW

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TAX COLLECTIONS

City Sales Tax (Office of ND State Treasurer)	August 2026	August 2025	YTD 2026	YTD 2025
Belfield	\$65,908.21	\$63,037.64	\$369,781.51	\$398,373.41
Dickinson	\$1,134,559.88	\$1,069,197.75	\$7,966,758.45	\$7,624,303.09
Richardton	\$57,872.68	\$30,248.37	\$574,757.32	\$261,637.74
South Heart	\$9,642.53	\$10,469.32	\$111,674.77	\$54,363.91
Stark County Total	\$1,267,983.30	\$1,172,953.08	\$9,022,972.05	\$8,338,678.15
City Occupancy Tax (Office of ND State Treasurer)	August 2026	August 2025	YTD 2026	YTD 2025
Belfield	\$3,503.78	\$2,678.69	\$11,117.49	\$7,821.15
Dickinson	\$81,219.43	\$56,545.08	\$246,705.40	\$232,730.54
Stark County Total	\$84,723.21	\$59,223.77	\$257,822.89	\$240,551.69
City Restaurant/Lodging (Office of ND State Treasurer)	August 2026	August 2025	YTD 2026	YTD 2025
Dickinson	\$150,255.26	\$119,849.40	\$834,714.86	\$793,115.22

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 August 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 Q2	2025 Q2
Belfield	\$7,017,807	\$8,871,475
Dickinson	\$293,122,171	\$293,270,296
Stark County	\$304,433,522	\$305,001,668

OIL PRICES

(NDIC Dept. of Mineral Resources)	August 2026	August 2025
WTI Oil (Price/Barrel)	\$83.90	\$64.86

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)	August 2026	August 2025
Farmers Prices Received	135.5%	138.3%
Farmers Prices Paid	159.8%	151.8%

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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