



STATUS OF

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Women & Children

DICKINSON
STARK COUNTY



INTRODUCTION

Are the women in Dickinson and Stark County healthy? Are these women rich or poor? Are they uneducated or educated? Are they working? What about their children? It stands to reason a woman's circumstances are reflected in her children, right?

So, these are a few of many good questions to answer if we want to know the status of women in our community - are they treated fairly, do they experience inclusion in our schools and government, have good healthcare and are they given the same opportunities as men?

Women Empowering Women asked these many questions, gathered the data, and became aware of the status of women which is presented in this report.

However, this is cold hard data. The story isn't always clear, and the impacts are rarely evident. We hope that you will join us to find stories, explain the data, identify changes where needed and celebrate what has been clearly addressed and accomplished.

Women Empowering Women is a nonprofit organization of volunteers committed to encouraging the betterment of women and building a strong community.



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Basic Demographics

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Demographic information is important because it presents a profile of the area’s female population and can be used to provide insight into other topics. Data can also help target programs and advocacy efforts. Basic demographic data for the area include the percentage of the population that is female, the racial/ethnic makeup of the female population, the percentage of women with a disability, and the marital status of women in the country.

Q. *What portion of the area’s population are women?*

A. *In Dickinson, women comprised 48% of the total population, similar to Stark County, also 48%.*



GENDER DISTRIBUTION

Area	Total Population	Women		Men	
		Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Dickinson	25,116	12,023	48%	13,093	52%
Stark County	32,989	15,699	48%	17,290	52%
North Dakota	776,874	377,529	49%	399,345	51%
United States	331,097,593	166,897,295	50%	164,200,298	50%

Source: US Census Bureau, 2022: American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates Data Profiles, Table DP05





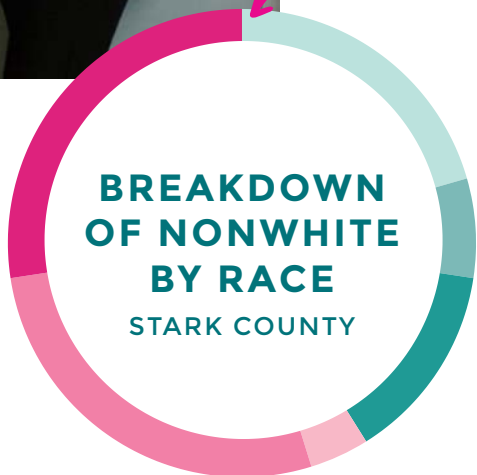
Q. *What is the racial composition of women in the area?*

A. *In Dickinson, women who identify as nonwhite comprised 14% of the total female population, slightly higher than Stark County at 12%.*

RACIAL DISTRIBUTION OF WOMEN

Area	Total	Women						
		Percent of Women who are:						
		White	Black	American Indian or Alaska Native	Asian	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	Some Other Race	Two or More Races
Dickinson	12,023	86%	3%	1%	2%	0.6%	4%	4%
Stark County	15,699	88%	3%	2%	1%	0.5%	3%	3%
North Dakota	377,529	85%	3%	5%	2%	0.2%	1%	4%
United States	166,897,295	66%	13%	1%	6%	0.2%	6%	9%

Source: US Census Bureau, 2022: American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates Data Profiles, Table DP05



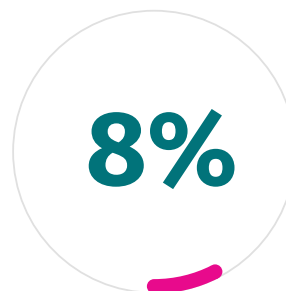
Q. *What percentage of women are Hispanic or Latina?*

A. *In Dickinson, women who identify as Hispanic or Latina comprised 8% of the total female population, slightly higher than Stark County, at 6%.*

In both cases, the percentage of women who identify as Hispanic or Latina was higher than North Dakota overall at 4%.

HISPANIC OR LATINA DISTRIBUTION OF WOMEN

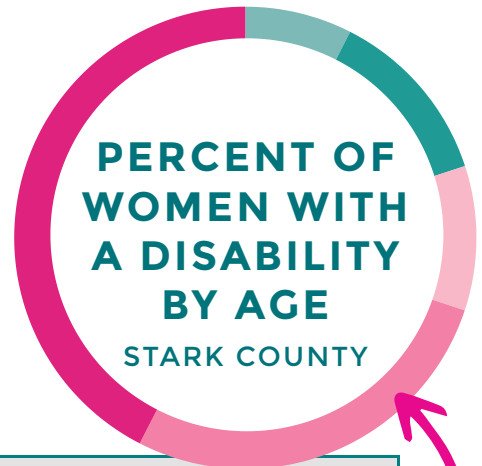
Area	Total	Women	
		Hispanic or Latina	
		Number	Percent
Dickinson	12,023	898	8%
Stark County	15,699	960	6%
North Dakota	377,529	16,128	4%
United States	166,897,295	31,129,453	19%



Source: US Census Bureau, 2022: American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates Data Profiles, Table DP05

Q. *What percentages of women have a disability?*

A. *In Dickinson, women with a disability comprised 11% of the total female population, slightly higher than Stark County, at 10%.*



DISABILITY STATUS OF FEMALES

Area	Civilian Noninstitutionalized Women								
	Total	With a Disability		Percent of Women with a Disability by Age					
		Number	Percent	0-4	5-17	18-34	35-64	65-74	75+
Dickinson	11,842	1,338	11 %	0%	7%	12%	8.5%	22 %	39 %
Stark County	15,512	1,599	10 %	0%	6%	10%	8.1%	22 %	34 %
North Dakota	371,103	41,640	11 %	1%	4 %	7.4%	10%	20%	43%
United States	165,482,854	21,591,830	13 %	1%	5%	6.9%	13%	23%	48%

Source: US Census Bureau, 2022. American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates Detailed Tables, B18101





Q. *What is the marital status of women in the area?*

A. *In Dickinson, women who are married comprised 50% of the total female population, slightly lower than Stark County, at 53%.*

MARITAL STATUS OF WOMEN 15 YEARS AND OLDER

Area	Women 15 Years and Older	Median Age at First Marriage	Percent of Women who are			
			Never Married	Now Married	Widowed	Divorced
Dickinson	9,300	Data not available	26%	53%	10%	12%
Stark County	12,148		24%	56%	9%	12%
North Dakota	302,755	27.1	28%	53%	9%	10%
United States	137,431,372	28.5	31%	48%	9%	12%

Source: US Census Bureau, 2022: American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates Detailed Tables, B12001
 US Census Bureau, 2022: American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates Detailed Tables, B12007



The median age at first marriage for North Dakota overall is 27.1 years old, younger than the US at 28.5 years old.

Political Participation

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Political participation allows women to influence policies that affect their lives. By voting, running for office, and taking advantage of other avenues of participation, women can make their concerns, experiences, and priorities visible in policy decisions. This section discusses data on four aspects of women’s involvement in the political process: female-elected representation, women’s—institutional resources (for example, a task force or a commission focused on the status of women), and women’s voter registration and turnout.

Q. *What percentage of the area’s officeholders are women?*

A. *Few women are elected to county commissions with none in Stark County and only 12% in North Dakota. Women are better represented as elected officials with 67% in Stark County and 60% in North Dakota. In Stark County, the auditor/treasurer, state’s attorney, and sheriff are elected whereas the recorder is appointed and the clerk of district court a state employee.*

With one judgeship vacant, Southwest Judicial District is represented by 25% women compared to 33% in North Dakota overall. Judgeships are elected positions with except interim appointments by the Governor in the event a judge vacates a position during their term.

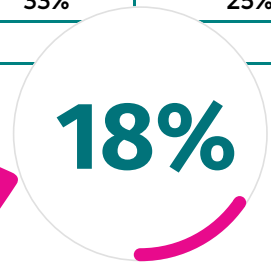
22% of officials elected to represent Stark County in the North Dakota State Legislature are women, slightly lower than 25% statewide. Of the 35 women elected to the North Dakota Legislative Assembly in 2022, 71% (25) are Republican and 29% (10) are Democrat.



PROPORTION OF ELECTED OFFICIALS THAT ARE WOMEN

Area	Percent of Elected Officials that are Women				
	City Commission	County Commission	Auditor, Treasurer, Recorder, Clerk of District Court, State’s Attorney, Sheriff	District Judgeships	State Senators & Representatives
Dickinson	20%				
Stark County		0%	67%	25%	23%
North Dakota	18%	12%	60%	33%	25%
United States	Data not available				

Source: City of Dickinson – City Hall
 North Dakota Association of Counties
 ND State’s Attorneys’ Association
 North Dakota Sheriff’s & Deputies Association
 State of North Dakota Courts
 North Dakota Legislative Council



Q. *Does the area have a task force or commission focused on the status of women?*

A. *The North Dakota Commission on the Status of Women is mandated by North Dakota Century Code 54-34.3-10 with a mission to improve the status of women in the state. In this role, the Commission works to understand the issues affecting the well-being of North Dakota's women and acts as a non-partisan and unbiased advisory group to the Office of the Governor, the North Dakota Department of Commerce, and the state legislature.*

The mission of the nonprofit organization, North Dakota Women's Action Coalition (NDWAC) is "Empowering women in civic engagement for themselves, their families, and their communities, to foster meaningful growth in North Dakota." To fulfill this mission NDWAC is focused on mentoring, generating tools for Advocacy, providing education on civic Issues, and facilitating generational and community connections.



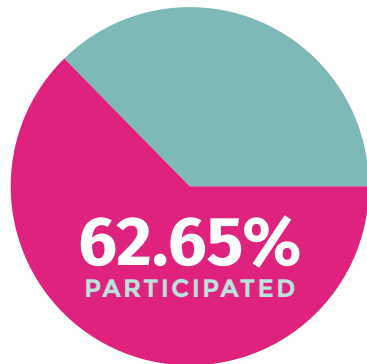
Q. *What percentages of women in the area were registered to vote?*

A. *Voter registration is not required in North Dakota.*

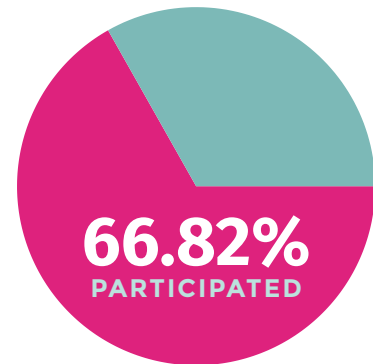
Q. What percentage of women in the area voted in the 2020/2022 elections?

A. Specific voter turnout characteristics for the area are not available. Neither the Stark County voter tracking system nor the North Dakota Secretary of State's Division of Elections tracks male versus female voter turnout.

Statewide turnout for the 2020 General Election (Presidential) was 63%, while statewide turnout for the 2022 General Election (Midterm) was 43%. Stark County, turnout for the same two elections was higher at 67% and 58%, respectively.



**NORTH DAKOTA
2020 GENERAL ELECTION
PRESIDENTIAL**



**STARK COUNTY, ND
2020 GENERAL ELECTION
PRESIDENTIAL**



Employment and Earnings

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Because earnings are the largest component of income for most families, earnings and economic well-being are closely linked. Ensuring women's economic rights includes improving access to employment, eliminating occupational segregation and employment discrimination, and helping men and women balance work and family responsibilities. This section directs you to data on several aspects of women's economic status: women's earnings, the female/male earnings ratio, women's labor force participation, and the percentage of women who are employed in professional or managerial occupations.

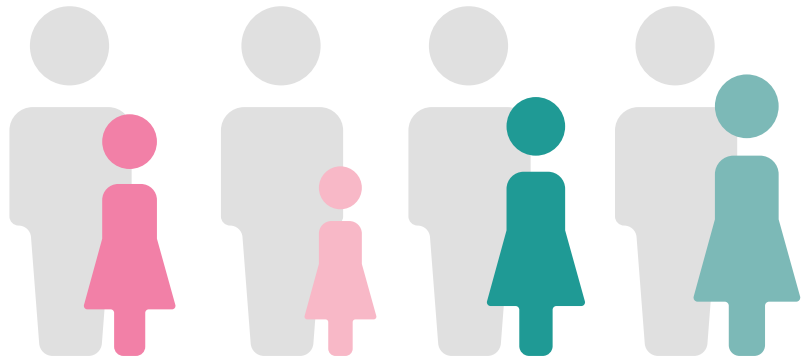
Q. *What are the median annual earnings of full-time, year-round female workers?*

A. *In Dickinson, women with full-time, year-round work experience report median earnings of \$49,694 which is 71% of their male counterparts at \$69,699. The gender wage gap for full-time, year-round work experience in Stark County is slightly lower at 66%, while the gender wage gap in North Dakota is higher and closer to the gender wage gap in the United States at 79% and 81%, respectively.*

WORK EXPERIENCE BY GENDER AND MEDIAN EARNINGS

Area	Population 16 Years and Older with Work Experience		Median Income for the Population 15 Years and Older with Income		
	Worked Full-Time, Year-Round in the Past 12 months		Median Annual Wage		Gender Wage Gap for Full-Time, Year-Round Working Women
	Women	Men	Women	Men	
Dickinson	3,733	5,748	\$49,694	\$69,699	71%
Stark County	4,728	7,505	\$49,295	\$75,089	66%
North Dakota	118,541	172,541	\$50,696	\$64,593	79%
United States	49,303,852	65,784,915	\$52,634	\$65,075	81%

Source: US Census Bureau, 2022: American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates Detailed Tables, B20005
 US Census Bureau, 2022: American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates Detailed Tables, B19326



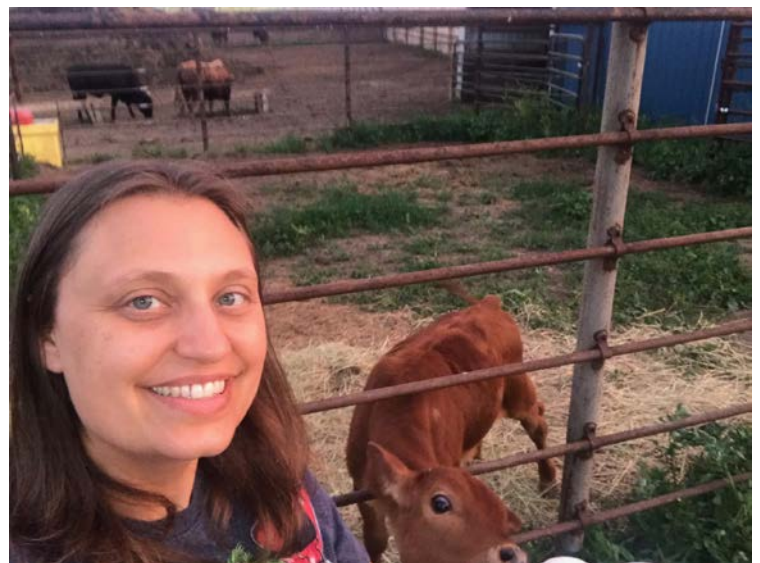
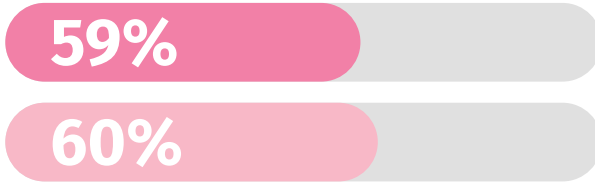
Q. What is the labor force participation status of women in the area?

A. In Dickinson, women who participate in the labor force were 59% (employed) and 1% (unemployed) of the total female population, which is nearly identical to Stark County, at 60% (employed) and 1% (unemployed). The percentage of women not in the labor force in Dickinson, and Stark County, are both approximately 40%, higher than North Dakota overall at 36%, but lower than the United States overall at 41%.

LABOR FORCE STATUS OF WOMEN

Area	Women 16 Years and Older	Percent of Women who are		
		In the Labor Force		Not in the Labor Force
		Employed	Unemployed	
Dickinson	8,280	59%	1%	40%
Stark County	12,049	60%	1%	40%
North Dakota	298,098	62%	2%	36%
United States	135,324,736	55%	3%	41%

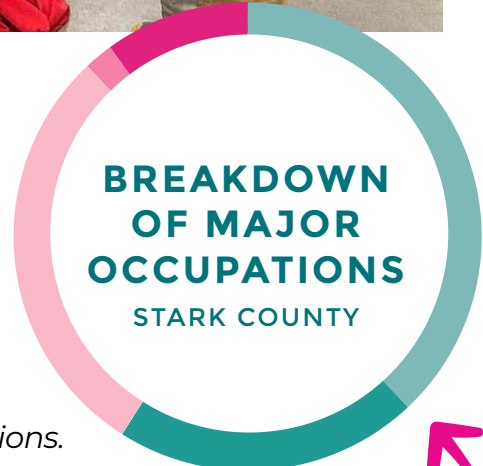
Source: US Census Bureau, 2022: American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates Detailed Tables, B23001





Q. What are the major occupations of women in the area?

A. In Dickinson, 39% of women are employed in management, business, science, and art; 27% in sales and office positions; and 22% in service occupations. In Stark County, the numbers are similar with 38% of women employed in management, business, science, and art; 29% in sales and office positions; and 21% in service occupations.



OCCUPATIONS OF WOMEN 16 YEARS AND OLDER

Area	Civilian Employed Women 16 Years and Older	Percent of Women who are				
		Management, Business, Science and Art	Service Occupations	Sales and Office	Natural Resources, Construction and Maintenance	Production, Transportation, Material Moving
Dickinson	5,476	38%	22%	27%	2%	11%
Stark County	7,183	38%	21%	29%	2%	10%
North Dakota	185,851	45%	22%	26%	1%	5%
United States	74,955,224	45%	20%	27%	1%	7%

Source: US Census Bureau, 2022: American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates Subject Tables, S2401

Social and Economic Autonomy

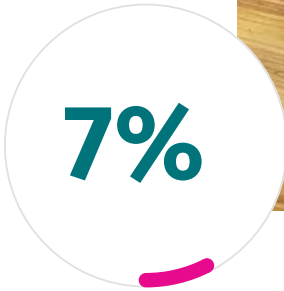
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While labor force participation and earnings are critical to women’s financial security, many additional resources and opportunities affect women’s ability to act independently, exercise choice, and control their lives. This section highlights several topics important to women’s social and economic autonomy: health insurance coverage, educational attainment, business ownership, and poverty.



Q. *What is the health insurance coverage status of women in the area?*

A. *In Dickinson, uninsured females comprised 6% of the total female population, slightly lower than Stark County, at 7%.*



HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE STATUS BY GENDER

Area	Civilian Noninstitutionalized Population						
	Total	Females				Males	
		Total	Without Health Insurance		Total	Without Health Insurance	
			Number	Percent		Number	Percent
Dickinson	24,805	11,842	743	6%	12,963	1,302	10%
Stark County	32,672	15,512	1,043	7%	17,160	1,531	9%
North Dakota	759,609	371,103	22,009	6%	388,506	32,696	8%
United States	326,147,510	165,482,854	12,698,840	8%	160,664,656	15,616,252	10%

Source: US Census Bureau, 2022: American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates Subject Tables, S2701

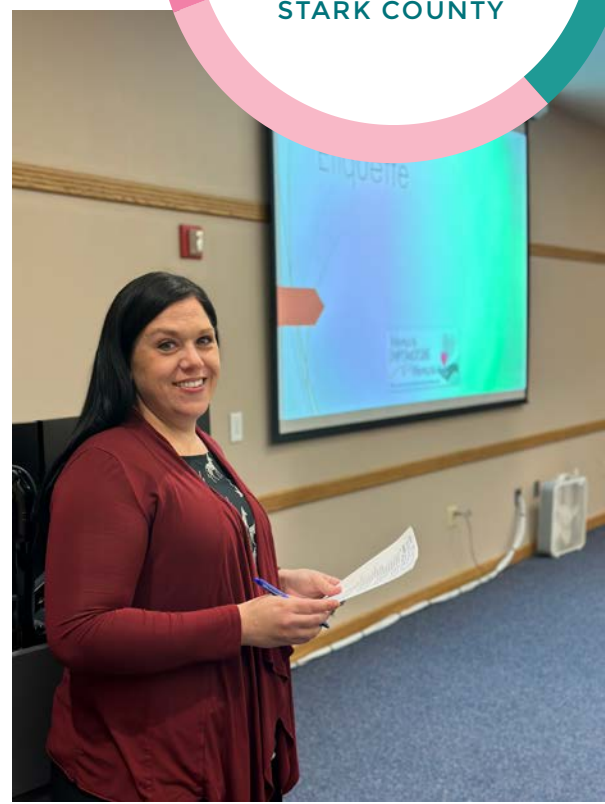
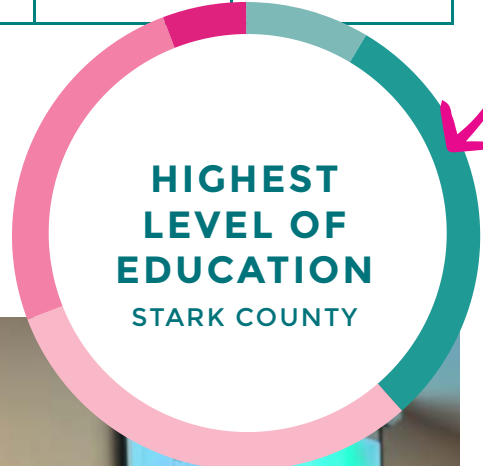
Q. *What percentage of women have completed four or more years of college?*

A. *In Dickinson, women who have achieved a bachelor's degree or higher comprised 27% of the total female population, slightly lower than Stark County, at 28%.*

HIGHEST LEVEL OF EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT OF WOMEN

Area	Women 18 Years and Older	Percent of Women with				
		Less than a High School Diploma	High School Diploma or GED	Some College, but Less than a Bachelor's	Bachelor's Degree	Graduate or Professional Degree
Dickinson	8,863	9.8%	31%	32%	22%	5%
Stark County	11,556	8.9%	31%	32%	26%	6%
North Dakota	289,037	6.1%	24.1%	37%	25%	9%
United States	131,171,737	10.2%	26%	31%	22%	13%

Source: US Census Bureau, 2022: American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates Subject Tables, S1501



Q. What percentages of the area's businesses are owned by women?

A. When Nonemployer firms are considered, women's ownership greatly increases in Dickinson/Stark County/Micro Area. Most Nonemployer firms are owned by self-employed women, most likely a sole proprietorship. These women typically earn income from independent work such as freelance, start-up or side businesses and it may or may not be the owner's principal source of income.



Publicly held and other firms not classifiable by gender are not included in the totals.



OWNERSHIP OF EMPLOYER FIRMS

Area	Total Classifiable by Owner	Majority Female-Owned		Majority Male-Owned		Equally Female -Male Owned	
		Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Dickinson	661	81	12%	488	74%	91	14%
Stark County	971	120	12%	688	71%	163	17%
North Dakota	18,267	2,940	16%	11,621	64%	3,707	20%
United States	5,474,721	1,134,549	21%	3,480,438	64%	859,735	16%

Source: US Census Bureau, 2017: Economic Surveys, ECNSVY Annual Business Survey Company Summary, Table AB1700CSA01



OWNERSHIP OF NONEMPLOYER FIRMS

Area	Total Classifiable by Owner	Majority Female-Owned		Majority Male-Owned		Equally Female -Male Owned	
		Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Dickinson, ND Micro Area*	2,500	1,100	44%	1,300	52%	100	4%
North Dakota	54,500	22,000	40%	30,000	55%	2,100	4%
United States	25,070,000	10,550,000	42%	13,910,000	56%	612,000	2%

Source: US Census Bureau, 2017: Economic Surveys, ECNSVY Nonemployer Statistics by Demographics Company Summary Table, NES-D

* Micropolitan statistical areas are comprised of the county or counties (or similar entities) linked to at least one urban area with a population ranging from 10,000 to less than 50,000. Additionally, these areas include neighboring counties that exhibit a significant level of social and economic interconnectedness with the central urban core, as determined by commuting connections.



OWNERSHIP OF EMPLOYER AND NONEMPLOYER FIRMS

Area	Total Classifiable by Owner	Majority Female-Owned		Majority Male-Owned		Equally Female Male-Owned	
		Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Dickinson, ND Micro Area*	3,471	1,220	35%	1,988	57%	263	8%
North Dakota	72,767	24,940	34%	41,621	57%	5,807	8%
United States	30,544,721	11,684,549	38%	17,390,438	57%	1,471,735	5%

Source: US Census Bureau, 2017: Economic Surveys, ECNSVY Annual Business Survey Company Summary, Table AB1700CSA01

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Of all businesses in the US owned by either men or women, approximately 80% are non-employer firms.

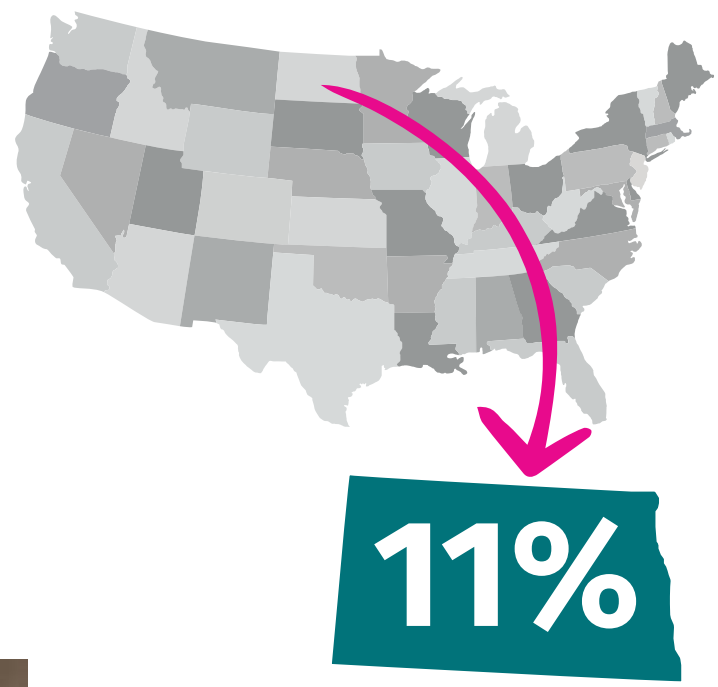
Q. What percentage of women lives below poverty level?

A. 11% of the total female populations in Dickinson, and Stark County, live below the poverty level.

POVERTY STATUS OF WOMEN

Area	Women		
	Total	Living Below Poverty Level	
		Total	Percent
Dickinson	11,657	1,266	11%
Stark County	15,309	1,625	11%
North Dakota	365,546	43,229	12%
United States	163,603,442	22,412,252	14%

Source: US Census Bureau, 2022: American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates Subject Tables, S1701





A. In Dickinson, women who identify as American Indian or Alaska Native are nearly three times more likely to live below the poverty level than women who identify as white alone. While slightly lower, in Stark County, ND, women who identify as American Indian or Alaska Native are still two times more likely to live below the poverty level than women who identify as white alone.

POVERTY STATUS OF WOMEN BY RACE

Area	American Indian and Alaska Native Alone			White Alone		
	Total	Living in Poverty		Total	Living in Poverty	
		Number	Percent		Number	Percent
Dickinson	129	31	24%	10,122	915	9%
Stark County	217	36	17%	13,509	1167	9%
North Dakota	16,876	5,326	32%	309,328	26,357	9%
United States	1,362,864	307,974	23%	107,944,484	10,893,678	10%



Source: US Census Bureau, 2022: American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates Subject Tables, S1701

A. In Stark County, 15% of single mothers with children under 18 years live below the poverty level.



POVERTY STATUS OF SINGLE MOTHERS

Area	Single Mothers with Children					
	Under 18 Years in Households Below Poverty Level		Under 6 Years in Households Below Poverty Level		6-17 Years in Households Below Poverty Level	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Dickinson	Data not available					
Stark County	147	15%	36	25%	111	76%
North Dakota	13,605	35%	3,251	32%	9,224	68%
United States	6,780,146	39%	1,912,001	29%	4,800,343	71%



Source: US Census Bureau, 2022: American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates Subject Tables, S0901

Q. What are the living wages versus poverty wages in the area?

A. The living wage (i.e., what a full-time worker must earn on an hourly basis to help cover the cost of their family's minimum basic needs where they live) in Stark County, is higher than the living wage in North Dakota overall.



LIVING WAGE IN STARK COUNTY

Area	1 Adult				2 Adults (1 working)			
	Number of Children				Number of Children			
	0	1	2	3	0	1	2	3
Dickinson	Data not available							
Stark County	\$16.47	\$33.43	\$43.54	\$58.27	\$26.07	\$31.64	\$36.42	\$41.03
North Dakota	\$15.35	\$32.39	\$41.84	\$55.56	\$25.21	\$31.14	\$35.92	\$40.17
United States	Data not available							

Source: Glasmeier, Amy K. Living Wage Calculator, 2024. Massachusetts Institute of Technology





A. The poverty wage (i.e., what level of pay would put a full-time worker below the poverty line) in Stark County, ND, is the same as North Dakota overall.

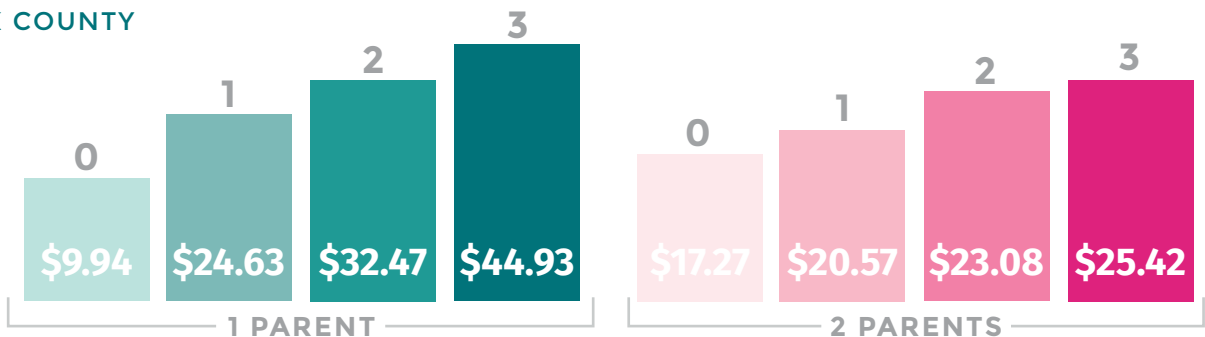
POVERTY WAGE IN STARK COUNTY

Area	1 Adult				2 Adults (1 working)			
	Number of Children				Number of Children			
	0	1	2	3	0	1	2	3
Dickinson	Data not available							
Stark County	\$6.53	\$8.80	\$11.07	\$13.34	\$8.80	\$11.07	\$13.34	\$15.61
North Dakota	\$6.53	\$8.80	\$11.07	\$13.34	\$8.80	\$11.07	\$13.34	\$15.61
United States	Data not available							

Source: Glasmeier, Amy K. Living Wage Calculator, 2024. Massachusetts Institute of Technology

RANGE OF LIVING IN POVERTY TO LIVING WAGE GAP

STARK COUNTY



For a family of four, the poverty threshold was \$29,950 annually for 2022.

Source: US Census Bureau, 2022: Poverty Thresholds

Reproductive Health

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Reproductive health is an important component of women's lives. It includes issues related to access to health services for women and birth outcomes. This section addresses the infant mortality rate, the percentage of low-birth-weight babies, the percentage of mothers receiving prenatal care, the teenage birth rate, and the percentage of babies born to an unmarried woman.

Q. *What are the characteristics of live births in Stark County?*

A. *In Stark County, 6% of live births were low weight births (i.e., less than 2,500 grams or 5.5 pounds), slightly lower than North Dakota overall at 7%.*

A. *In Stark County, the percentage of live births born to women who only started receiving prenatal care after their third month of pregnancy is 10%, lower than North Dakota overall at 14%.*

A. *In Stark County, the percentage of live births born to unmarried women is 30%, slightly lower than North Dakota overall at 31%.*

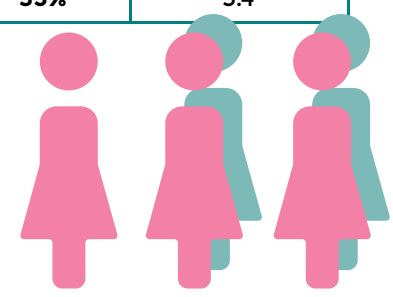
A. *In Stark County, ND, for every 1,000 live births, 0.0 infants (i.e., under the age of 1 year) died, slightly lower than North Dakota overall at 1.69 infants.*



CHARACTERISTICS OF LIVE BIRTHS

Area	Total live births 2022	Percent of Live Births that are:			Infant Death Rate (Infant Deaths per 1,000 Live Births) 2021
		Low Weight Births (Less Than 2,500 Grams) 2022	Born to Women Who Received Prenatal Care after 3rd Month of Pregnancy 2022	Born to Unmarried Women 2022	
Dickinson	Data not available				
Stark County	498	6%	10%	30%	0.00
North Dakota	9,557	7%	14%	31%	1.69
United States	3,667,758	9%	20%	35%	5.4

Source: ND Department of Health and Human Services: ND Vital Events Summary 2008-2022
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics. National Vital Statistics System, Natality 2007-2022 on CDC WONDER Online Database
KIDS COUNT: Data Center, 2021



A. In Stark County, for every 1,000 females under 20 years old, there are 19 live births. The incidence rate is slightly higher than that of North Dakota overall at 12 live births.

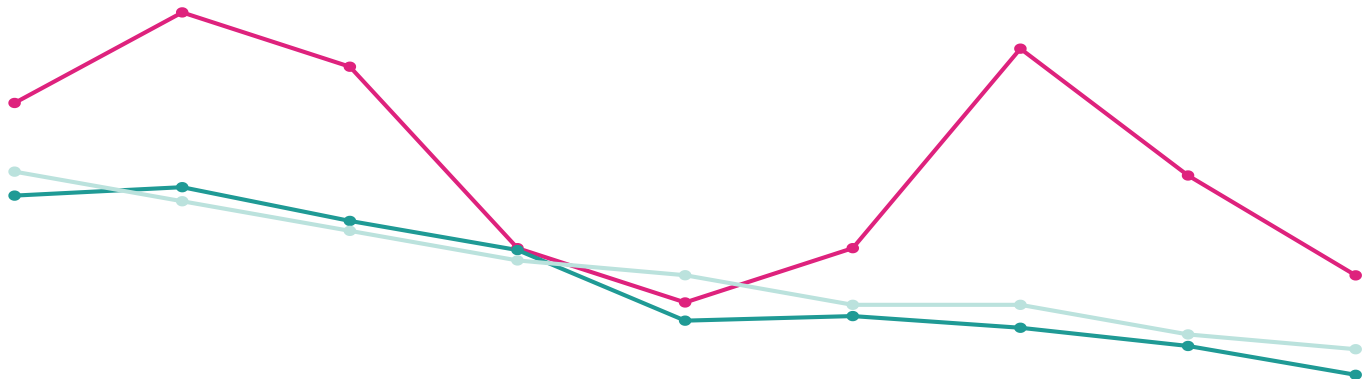
While teen birth rates for North Dakota and the United States overall are decreasing, the teen birth rates for Stark County, ND, tends to fluctuate.

TEENAGE BIRTH RATES

Area	Total Live Births 2021	Teen Birth Rate (Teenage Live Births per 1,000 Females Under 20 Years)								
		2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Dickinson		Data not available								
Stark County	486	30.64	36.76	33.09	20.83	17.16	20.83	34.31	25.74	18.99
North Dakota	10,111	24.38	24.95	22.67	20.70	15.93	16.24	15.45	14.22	12.27
United States	3,665,632*	26*	24*	22*	20*	19*	17*	17*	15*	14*

*(Ages 15-19)

Source: ND Department of Health and Human Services: ND Vital Events Summary 2008-2022
KIDS COUNT: Data Center, 2013-2021



Q. Does the area’s health insurance plan for public employees cover infertility treatments and contraceptives?

A. North Dakota Public Employees Retirement System (NDPERS) offers three plans

1. Grandfathered PPO/Basic
2. Non-Grandfathered PPO/Basic
3. Non-Grandfathered High Deductible Health Plan

Benefits vary by plan but may include:

- Prenatal
- Maternity Services
 - Free-Of-Charge healthy pregnancy program
- Contraceptives
- Sterilizations
 - Voluntary tubal ligations
 - Vasectomies

Infertility benefits are available for services, supplies and medications up to a \$20,000 lifetime benefit maximum per member.



Health and Well Being

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Health is a crucial factor in women's overall status. Health problems can seriously impair a woman's quality of life as well as their ability to care for themselves and their family. Women's overall health status is closely connected to many of the other indicators in this tool including women's poverty status, access to health insurance, and reproductive health. Women's health and well-being can be measured by other indicators. These include heart disease, lung cancer, breast cancer, diabetes, AIDS, and suicide.

Q. *What are the mortality rates of women from the leading cause of death in the area?*

A. *In North Dakota, the leading cause of death for women is heart disease.*

A. *The rate of women who die from heart disease or breast cancer in North Dakota overall is lower than the national rate. However, the rates by which women in North Dakota die from lung cancer or suicide are higher than the national average.*



MORTALITY RATES OF WOMEN

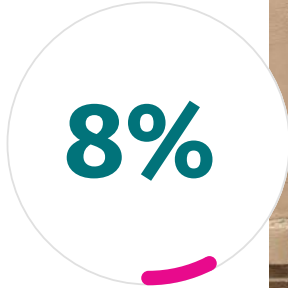
Area	Cause of Death: Heart Disease		Cause of Death: Lung Cancer		Cause of Death: Breast Cancer		Cause of Death: Suicide	
	Number	Crude Rate per 100,000 Women	Number	Crude Rate per 100,000 Women	Number	Crude Rate per 100,000 Women	Number	Crude Rate per 100,000 Women
Dickinson	Data not available							
Stark County	Data not available							
North Dakota	634	168.4	148	39.3	81	21.5	31	8.2
United States	310,067	185.5	62,853	37.6	42,226	25.3	9,815	5.9

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics, National Vital Statistics System, Mortality 2018-2021 on CDC WONDER Online Database

Women are almost 8 times more likely to die of a heart disease than breast cancer in North Dakota.

Q. What is the prevalence of the area's women having diabetes or HIV/AIDS?

A. In Stark County, 8% of adults 20 years and older are diagnosed with diabetes. Of those 7% are women and 8% are men. Women in Stark County, ND, have a higher percentage of diagnosed diabetes than North Dakota overall at 7% for both men and women.



A. In North Dakota, there are 148 women of all ages living with HIV/AIDS. While information on the gender prevalence of HIV/AIDS is not available for Stark County, 15 individuals of all ages are living with HIV/AIDS.

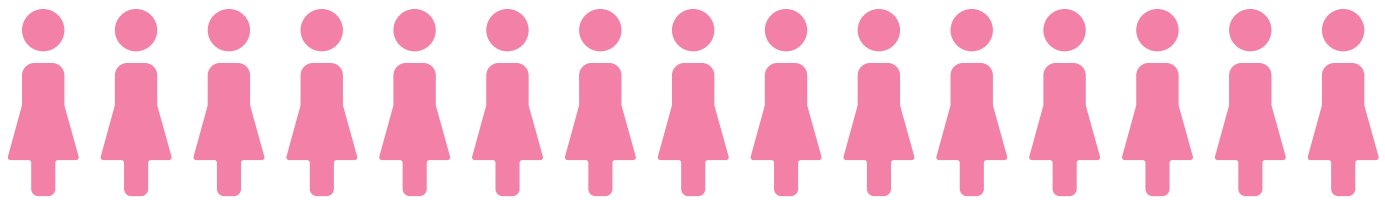


PREVALENCE OF DIABETES AND HIV/AIDS BY GENDER

Area	Percent of Population 18 Years and Older with Diagnosed Diabetes 2021			Number of HIV/AIDS Cases 2019		
	Total	Women	Men	Total	Women	Men
Dickinson	Data not available					
Stark County	8%*	7%*	8%*	15	Data not available	
North Dakota	9%	7%	11%	479	148	331
United States	9%	8%	9%	1,569,432	367,965	1,201,467

*(Age 20+ Years)

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, United States Diabetes Surveillance System, 2021
 ND Department of Health and Human Services: 2019 North Dakota HIV, STI, TB & Viral Hepatitis Epidemiologic Profile
 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Atlas Plus: HIV, Hepatitis, STD, TB, Social Determinants of Health Data

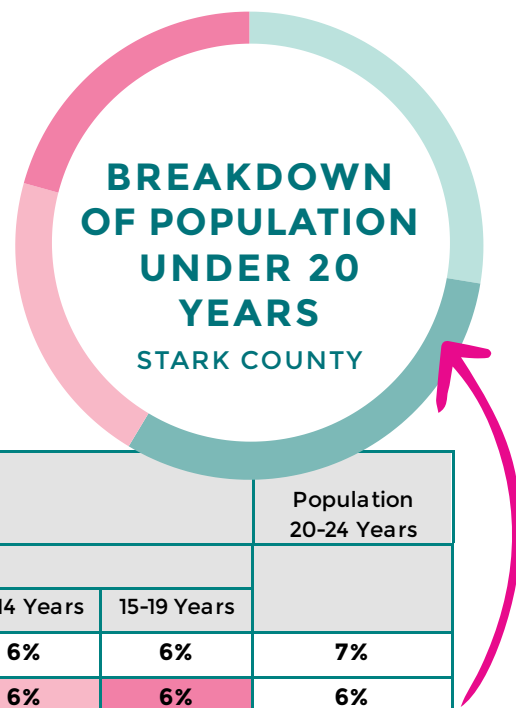


Children

This section highlights several topics important to understanding the health and well-being of children: age, living arrangements, disability status, education level, health insurance coverage, youth nutrition, poverty status, abuse, and neglect.

Q. *What percentage of the area's population is under 20 years old?*

A. *In Dickinson, 29% of the total population is under 20 years old, statistically slightly lower than Stark County, also at 29%. The percentage of population under 5 years old comprised 8% of the total population in Dickinson and Stark County.*



RACIAL DISTRIBUTION OF WOMEN

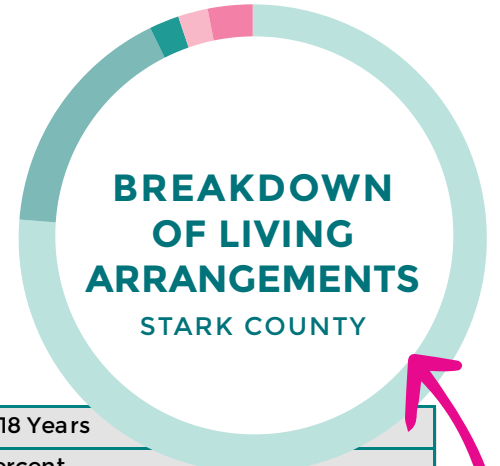
Area	Population Under 20 Years					Population 20-24 Years
	Total	Percent				
		Under 5 Years	5-9 Years	10-14 Years	15-19 Years	
Dickinson	7,276	8%	9%	6%	6%	7%
Stark County	9,686	8%	9%	6%	6%	6%
North Dakota	207,412	7%	7%	7%	7%	8%
United States	82,257,022	6%	6%	7%	7%	7%

Source: US Census Bureau, 2022: American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates Subject Tables, S0101



Q. *What are the living arrangements of the area's population under 18 years old?*

A. *In Stark County, nearly 74% of children under 18 years are living with a biological, step or adoptive parent in a married-couple family household, which is higher than North Dakota at 68%.*



GENDER DISTRIBUTION

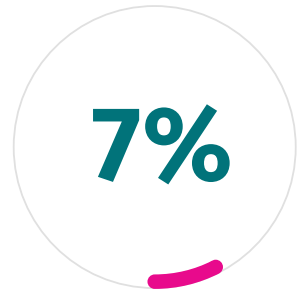
Area	Total	Population Under 18 Years				
		Percent				
		With a Biological, Step or Adoptive Parent	With a Grandparent	With Other Relatives	With an Unrelated Householder (e.g., Foster Parent)	
		In Married-Couple Family Households	In a Single-Parent Family Households			
Dickinson	6,671	Data not available				
Stark County	8,975	74%	16%	2%	2%	3%
North Dakota	182,733	68%	24%	4%	1%	2%
United States	73,213,705	59%	29%	8%	3%	2%

Source: US Census Bureau, 2022: American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates Subject Tables, S0101
US Census Bureau, 2022: American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates Subject Tables, S0901



Q. *What percentages of the area's children are without health insurance coverage?*

A. *7% of children under 19 years in Stark County do not have health insurance coverage.*



HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE OF CHILDREN

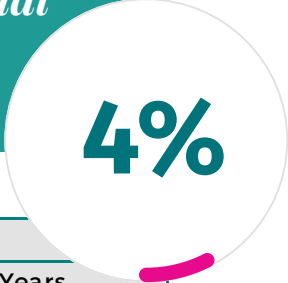
Area	Children Under 19 Years		
	Total	Without Health Insurance	
		Number	Percent
Dickinson	7,149	Data not available	
Stark County	9,441	684	7%
North Dakota	193,545	14,238	8%
United States	77,082,838	4,165,000	5%

Source: US Census Bureau, 2021: American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates Subject Tables, S0101
KIDS COUNT: Data Center, 2021

Q. What percentages of the area's children have a disability?

A. In Dickinson, children under 18 years with a disability comprised 5% of the total population under 18 years old, slightly higher than Stark County, at 4%. In both cases, children with a disability are entirely within the 5-17-year-old-age group at 7% and 6%, respectively.

As of December 1, 2022, Dickinson Public Schools reported that 752 students were enrolled in special education for the 2022/23 school year.



DISABILITY STATUS OF CHILDREN

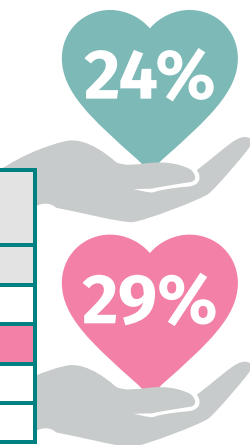
Area	Civilian Noninstitutionalized Children					
	Under 18 Years with a Disability		Under 5 Years with a Disability		5-17 Years with a Disability	
	Number	Percent of children 0-17 Years	Number	Percent of Children 0-4 Years	Number	Percent of Children 5-17 Years
Dickinson	336	5%	0	0%	336	7%
Stark County	377	4%	0	0%	377	6%
North Dakota	6,938	4%	478	1%	6,460	5%
United States	3,312,006	5%	131,689	1%	3,180,317	6%

Source: US Census Bureau, 2022: American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates Subject Tables, S0101
US Census Bureau, 2022: American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates Subject Tables, S0901



Q. What percentage of the area's children under 18 years old lives below 200% of poverty?

A. In Dickinson, 26% of children under 18 years old live below 200% of the federal income poverty guidelines, slightly higher than Stark County, at 24%. In Dickinson, 33% of children under 6 years old live below 200% of the federal income poverty guidelines, slightly higher than Stark County, at 29%.



POVERTY STATUS OF CHILDREN

Area	Children Under 18 Years Below 200% Poverty		Children Under 6 Years Below 200% Poverty	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Dickinson	1,676	26%	852	33%
Stark County	2,105	24%	955	29%
North Dakota	50,733	28%	18,724	31%
United States	28,500,044	40%	8,796,231	39%

Source: US Census Bureau, 2022: American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates Detailed Tables, B17024

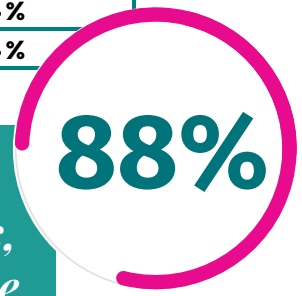
Q. What percentage of the area's youth did NOT complete high school?

A. In Dickinson, 3% of youth between the ages of 16-19 years old were neither enrolled in school nor were they high school graduates, slightly lower than Stark County, at 4%.

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT STATUS OF YOUTH

Area	Youth 16-19 Years			
	Total	Enrolled in School	Percent	
			High School Graduate	Not a High School Graduate
Dickinson	1,128	87%	10%	3%
Stark County	1,714	88%	8%	4%
North Dakota	43,457	86%	10%	4%
United States	17,571,402	85%	12%	4%

Source: US Census Bureau, 2022: American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates Detailed Tables, B14005



Of those youth in Dickinson, ND, neither enrolled in school nor high school graduates, 100% were female, compared to 66% who are female in Stark County.



Q. What percentage of the area’s children enrolled in public schools is eligible for free or reduced-price meals?

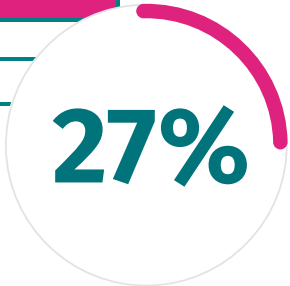
A. In Dickinson, 32% of children enrolled in public schools during the 2022 school year were eligible for free or reduced-price meals, higher than Stark County, ND at 27%. The US Department of Agriculture determines eligibility for free meals and reduced-price meals based on household incomes below 130% and 185%, respectively, of the federal income poverty guidelines.

CHILDREN ELIGIBLE FOR FREE AND REDUCED-PRICE MEALS DURING THE 2022 SCHOOL YEAR

Area	Public School Enrollment for the 2022 School Year		
	Total	Eligible Recipients of Free or Reduced-Price Meals	
		Number	Percent
Dickinson	3,875	1,213	32%
Stark County	5,715	1,316	27%
North Dakota	115,385	34,006	30%
United States	49,262,334*	Data not available	

*(Projected)

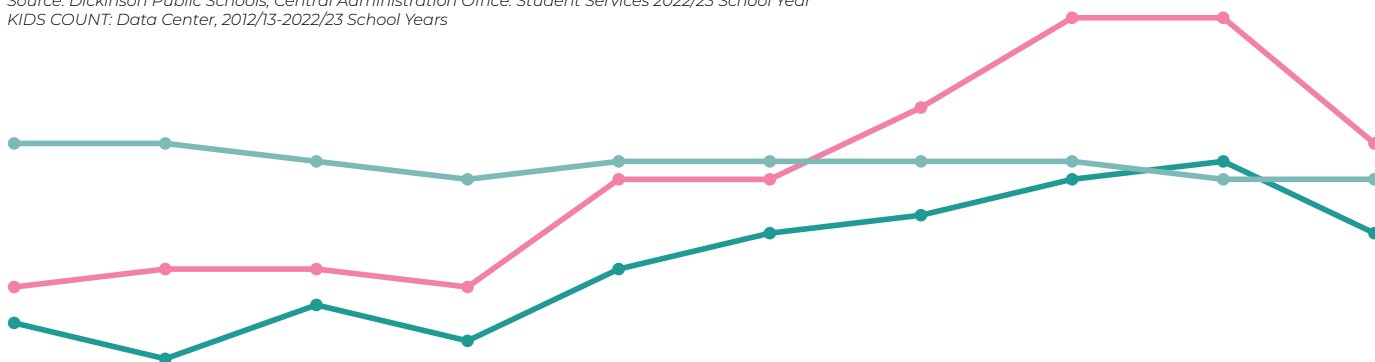
Source: Dickinson Public Schools, Central Administration Office: Student Services 2022/23 School Year
 ND Department of Public Instruction: Enrollment Counts by County, 2022/23 School Year
 National Center for Education Statistics: 2023 Public School Enrollment. Condition of Education.
 U.S. Department of Education, Institute of Education Sciences.
 KIDS COUNT: Data Center, 2022/23 School Year



CHILDREN ELIGIBLE FOR FREE AND REDUCED-PRICE LUNCH BETWEEN 2012/13 AND 2022/23 SCHOOL YEARS

Area	Percent of Eligible Recipients of Free or Reduced-Price Meals by School Year									
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2022
Dickinson	24%	25%	25%	24%	30%	30%	34%	39%	39%	32%
Stark County	22%	20%	23%	21%	25%	27%	28%	30%	31%	27%
North Dakota	32%	32%	31%	30%	31%	31%	31%	31%	30%	30%
United States	Data not available									

Source: Dickinson Public Schools, Central Administration Office: Student Services 2022/23 School Year
 KIDS COUNT: Data Center, 2012/13-2022/23 School Years



Q. *What percentage of the area's children under 19 years old are recipients of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)?*

A. *In Stark County, 14% of children under 19 years old are recipients of SNAP, slightly lower than North Dakota overall at 16%. In general, a household is eligible for SNAP if it has a gross monthly income at or below 130% of the federal poverty level, as well as a net monthly income at or below 100% of the federal poverty level.*

SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP) RECIPIENTS UNDER 19 YEARS

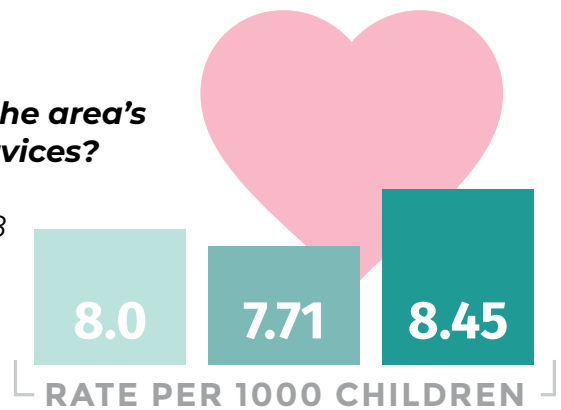
Area	Children Under 19 Years		
	Total	SNAP Recipients	
		Number	Percent
Dickinson	6,671	Data not available	
Stark County	9,369	1,328	14%
North Dakota	193,470	32,136	16%
United States	76,777,469	Data not available	

14%

Source: US Census Bureau, 2022: American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates Subject Tables, S0101
KIDS COUNT: Data Center, 2022

Q. *What is the incidence rate of cases in which the area's child victims of abuse and neglect require services?*

A. *In Stark County, for every 1,000 children under 18 years old, 8.45 children were reported victims of abuse and neglect where services are required. This incidence rate is higher than that of North Dakota overall at 7.71 per 1,000 children.*



CHILD VICTIMS OF ABUSE AND NEGLECT

Area	Children Under 18 Years		
	Total	Victims of Abuse and Neglect Where Services are Required	
		Number	Rate per 1,000 Children Under 18 Years
Dickinson	6,679	Data not available	
Stark County	9,070	71	8.45
North Dakota	183,162	1,349	7.71
United States	72,812,036	585,040	8.0

Source: US Census Bureau, 2021: American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates Subject Tables, S0101
KIDS COUNT: Data Center, 2021

METHODOLOGY

This report emulates the format of *The Status of Women in Your County: A Community Research Tool* published in November 2004 as a joint project of the Institute for Women's Policy Research (IWPR) and the James A. & Faith Knight Foundation. Their goal was to build capacity among community groups to assess and track the status of women.

Framework. This report is offered as a portrait of the status of women and children in Dickinson and Stark County. County-level indicators such as these can inform and direct local policy by identifying areas of need and providing a context for local policy agendas or system changes.

The format from the IWPR contained an explanation of why each topic is important to consider. This was included in this report for Dickinson and Stark County.

The IWPR identified six topic areas which are included in this report: Basic Demographics, Political Participation, Employment and Earnings, Social and Economic Autonomy, Reproductive Health, and Health and Well-Being. The indicators in this document match the same indicators used in the Status of Women in the States report as published by the Institute of Women's Policy Research in 2004. A similar report was generated for the Fargo-Moorhead Area Foundation in 2011. That report included characteristics of children. This report benefits from their insightfulness and includes similar data for children. In some instances, the lack of data limited the ability to address all suggested issues and topics.

This report does not claim to offer an exhaustive review or offer policy suggestions. The information should provide a substantive overview of our community and serve as a starting point for important conversations that improve the lives of women and their children.

Data. This report draws on recognized, reliable, and replicable data sources to provide a descriptive analysis of the status of women and children at the city, county, state and national levels. Where possible, the most current information was used. Most of the data relies upon US Census Bureau estimates. The 2022 US Census 5-Year Estimates were used due to the availability of data sets for Dickinson, ND, and Stark County, ND. On the US Census Bureau website, it states estimates involve extensive testing, review, and evaluation over a 5-year period which ensures quality and useful information for the nation. For ease of reading, percentages are rounded to the nearest whole number. Data source(s) are listed under each table.

Limitations. Limitations of the data, as we know them, are that some data are unavailable or incomplete. The information included here may have come from surveys which provide statistics but not necessarily an explanation of how or why the data is significant. This may lead to a risk of oversimplification of a complex issue. While informative and nationally representative, data is necessarily limited by the nature of close-ended survey questions. Surveys, by design, do not probe reasons, potential complexities, or meaningful connections.



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