

## North Dakota Office of the Governor

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### North Dakota Leads the Nation in Housing Development Rate

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BISMARCK, N.D. – North Dakota is developing new housing at a faster rate than any other state in the nation. North Dakota added 7,388 new housing units last year, the nation's strongest growth rate at 2.3 percent, according to estimates compiled by the U.S. Census Bureau.

"We added more than 7,000 net housing units across the state last year and we will continue to work with local governments and the private sector to address our growing state's current and future housing needs," Gov. Jack Dalrymple said. "The state is using several programs to facilitate the development of housing and our progress is proof that our strategies are working."

The U.S. Census Bureau's national housing estimates show that while housing development in North Dakota increased by 2.3 percent last year, the nation averaged a housing growth rate of 0.3. Two North Dakota counties, Williams and Ward counties, ranked first and second in the nation, respectively, in terms of growth in new housing development.

Several other North Dakota counties from throughout the state also ranked among the nation's top 100 in housing growth. The U.S. Census Bureau's top 100 ranking includes:

- #1 Williams County – 13.9 percent increase with 1,525 new housing units.
- #2 Ward County – 4.8 percent increase with 1,318 new housing units
- #8 Stark County – 3.1 percent increase with 344 new housing units
- #9 Morton County – 3.0 percent increase with 370 new housing units
- #17 Burleigh County – 2.2 percent increase with 786 new housing units
- #23 Cass County – 2.0 percent increase with 1,372 new housing units
- #58 Grand Forks County – 1.4 percent increase with 401 new housing units
- #100 Ramsey County - 1.2 percent increase with 68 new housing units

The full report is available at: <http://www.census.gov/popest/data/housing/totals/2012/index.html>

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