

## LABOR FORCE AND UNEMPLOYMENT STATISTICS

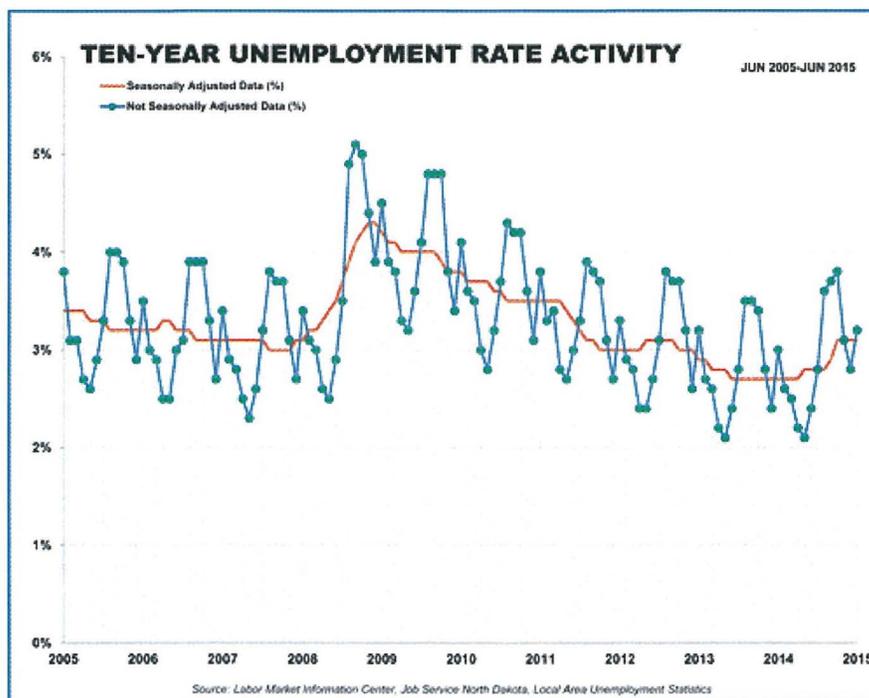
### NEXT UPDATES:

**North Dakota (state-level) [August 21, 2015]**

**North Dakota substate areas (region, metro, county, etc.) [August 26, 2015]**

Labor force estimates include counts for the total labor force, employed, and unemployed as well as a calculated unemployment rate. **June 2015 is the most recent month available for state-level data; June 2015 is the most recent month available for substate data.** Labor force estimates are generated monthly utilizing the Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS) program. The labor force is defined as noninstitutionalized civilians 16 years of age and older working or actively seeking work. The unemployment rate for an area is the number unemployed as a percent of the labor force. Labor force and unemployment statistics are calculated without duplication, since each person is classified as employed, unemployed, or not in the labor force. Employed persons holding more than one job are counted only once. Below, we've summarized labor force estimates for select geographies. To access the data in an interactive format visit **Analyzer**.

Data are not seasonally adjusted except where noted; (p) preliminary data; (r) revised data



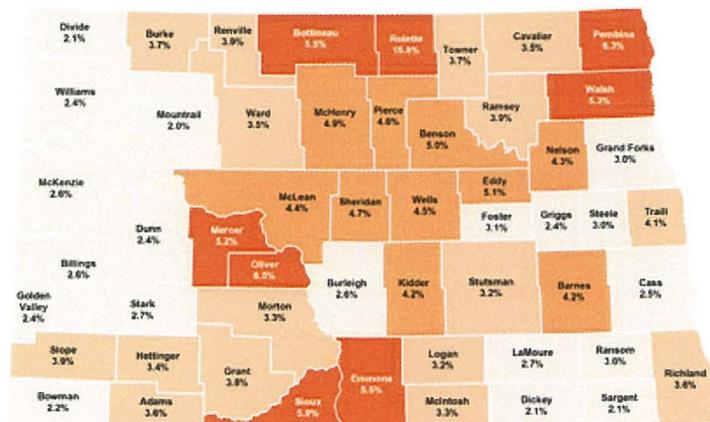
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North Dakota's June 2015 not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 3.2 percent. The rate is four-tenths of a percentage point higher than the prior month and two-tenths of a percentage point higher than the same period last year. The state continues to be lower than the national rate. The national not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 5.5 percent.

The nation's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 5.3 percent for the month. This is lower than the prior month and lower than the same period last year. The seasonally adjusted rate for North Dakota was 3.1 percent which is unchanged from the prior month but higher than the same period last year. Seasonal adjustment is a statistical technique that attempts to measure and remove the influences of predictable seasonal patterns (e.g. changes in weather, harvests, major holidays, school schedules, etc.) to reveal how employment and unemployment change from month to month.

NORTH DAKOTA	Jun 2014	May 2015 (r)	Jun 2015 (p)
Labor Force	426,103	416,914	422,665
Employed	413,287	405,278	409,175
Unemployed	12,816	11,636	13,490
Unemployment Rate	3.0%	2.8%	3.2%
Labor Force (Seasonally Adjusted)	416,246	418,620	416,466
Employed (Seasonally Adjusted)	404,897	405,474	403,605
Unemployed (Seasonally Adjusted)	11,349	13,146	12,861
Unemployment Rate (Seasonally Adjusted)	2.7%	3.1%	3.1%

## NORTH DAKOTA COUNTY UNEMPLOYMENT RATES



North Dakota Unemployment Rate (Not Seasonally Adjusted): 3.2%

### COUNTY UNEMPLOYMENT RATES (JUNE 2015)

Below 3.2%    3.2% - 4.1%    4.2% - 5.1%    Above 5.1%

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In substate areas, 19 of 53 counties reported unemployment rates below the statewide rate of 3.2 percent for June 2015. Mountrail County reported the lowest unemployment rate at 2.0 percent. Rolette County reported the highest unemployment rate at 15.8 percent. Of the three metro areas, Fargo recorded the lowest unemployment rate at 2.8 percent while Bismarck and Grand Forks posted rates of 2.9 percent and 3.6 percent, respectively.

To pinpoint your area of interest, please review our [metro](#) and [county](#) area maps.

SELECT SUBSTATE AREAS	Jun 2014 Unemp Rate	May 2015 Unemp Rate (r)	Jun 2015 Unemp Rate (p)	Jun 2015 Unemp Rate Rank	Jun 2015 Labor Force (p)	Jun 2015 Employ (p)	Jun 2015 Unemp (p)
Adams County	2.8%	3.4%	3.6%	26	1,163	1,121	42
Barnes County	3.5%	3.1%	4.2%	17	5,464	5,235	229
Benson County	7.7%	4.6%	5.0%	10	2,384	2,265	119
Billings County	3.1%	3.0%	2.6%	41	610	594	16
Bottineau County	4.1%	5.0%	5.5%	5	3,241	3,063	178
Bowman County	2.1%	2.2%	2.2%	49	1,789	1,749	40
Burke County	2.8%	3.5%	3.7%	24	1,228	1,183	45

Burleigh County	2.5%	2.3%	2.6%	41	48,873	47,625	1,248
Cass County	2.7%	2.3%	2.5%	44	93,212	90,854	2,358
Cavalier County	3.2%	3.2%	3.5%	28	1,963	1,894	69
Dickey County	2.1%	1.9%	2.1%	50	2,627	2,572	55
Divide County	1.4%	2.0%	2.1%	50	1,964	1,922	42
Dunn County	1.4%	1.8%	2.4%	45	4,322	4,218	104
Eddy County	5.7%	5.3%	5.1%	9	1,340	1,271	69
Emmons County	5.4%	5.3%	5.5%	5	1,507	1,424	83
Foster County	3.3%	2.9%	3.1%	35	1,697	1,644	53
Golden Valley County	2.1%	2.7%	2.4%	45	976	953	23
Grand Forks County	3.3%	2.6%	3.0%	36	37,335	36,233	1,102
Grant County	2.8%	3.4%	3.8%	23	1,382	1,330	52
Griggs County	2.3%	2.4%	2.4%	45	1,205	1,176	29
Hettinger County	2.8%	3.0%	3.4%	30	1,537	1,485	52
Kidder County	4.7%	3.8%	4.2%	17	1,325	1,269	56
LaMoure County	2.7%	2.4%	2.7%	39	2,259	2,197	62
Logan County	3.3%	3.3%	3.2%	33	895	866	29
McHenry County	4.6%	4.7%	4.9%	11	3,204	3,046	158
McIntosh County	2.9%	3.3%	3.3%	31	1,229	1,189	40
McKenzie County	1.7%	2.3%	2.6%	41	10,353	10,087	266
McLean County	3.9%	3.5%	4.4%	15	4,964	4,747	217
Mercer County	4.0%	3.8%	5.2%	8	4,224	4,004	220
Morton County	3.2%	2.9%	3.3%	31	16,394	15,850	544
Mountrail County	1.4%	1.8%	2.0%	53	9,730	9,539	191
Nelson County	4.2%	3.7%	4.3%	16	1,592	1,524	68
Oliver County	6.6%	5.1%	6.5%	2	955	893	62
Pembina County	5.8%	5.6%	6.3%	3	3,663	3,431	232
Pierce County	4.3%	4.9%	4.8%	12	1,842	1,754	88
Ramsey County	3.8%	3.8%	3.9%	20	5,623	5,406	217
Ransom County	3.4%	2.9%	3.0%	36	2,635	2,556	79
Renville County	3.4%	3.6%	3.9%	20	1,416	1,361	55
Richland County	3.6%	3.0%	3.6%	26	8,359	8,058	301
Rolette County	16.4%	10.0%	15.8%	1	4,991	4,204	787
Sargent County	2.4%	1.8%	2.1%	50	2,207	2,160	47
Sheridan County	5.4%	4.8%	4.7%	13	700	667	33
Sioux County	6.5%	5.3%	5.9%	4	1,402	1,319	83
Slope County	2.6%	3.1%	3.9%	20	482	463	19
Stark County	1.8%	2.5%	2.7%	39	23,364	22,740	624
Steele County	2.5%	2.6%	3.0%	36	990	960	30
Stutsman County	3.1%	2.7%	3.2%	33	10,295	9,966	329
Towner County	3.9%	3.2%	3.7%	24	1,172	1,129	43
Traill County	3.2%	3.5%	4.1%	19	4,266	4,093	173
Walsh County	5.4%	4.5%	5.3%	7	5,686	5,384	302
Ward County	2.8%	3.3%	3.5%	28	34,563	33,339	1,224
Wells County	4.9%	4.4%	4.5%	14	2,126	2,031	95
Williams County	1.3%	2.0%	2.4%	45	33,943	33,132	811
Bismarck, ND MetroSA	2.8%	2.6%	2.9%	--	67,624	65,687	1,937

Fargo, ND-MN MetroSA	2.9%	2.5%	2.8%	--	129,329	125,772	3,557
Grand Forks, ND-MN MetroSA	3.8%	3.3%	3.6%	--	55,142	53,184	1,958

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## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- ▶ Review the **methodology** for the LAUS program.

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