

Employment and Local Economic Trends Analysis - Breckenridge, MN

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Major employers in Breckenridge, MN, include:

<u>Company</u>	<u>No. of Employees</u>
St. Francis Healthcare Campus	376
Breckenridge Schools-ISD #846	160
County of Wilkin	105
Sunopta Sunflower	70
Red River Valley & Western Railroad	50
Seeds 2000	48
Minn-Kota Ag Products	38
City of Breckenridge	25
Bremer Bank	24

Source: Community Profiles, Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development

Employment and Local Economic Trends Analysis - Wahpeton, ND

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Major employers in Wahpeton, ND, include:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Business Type</u>
Minn-Dak Farmers Cooperative	Beet Sugar Manufacturing
N.D. State College of Science	Two-Year College
Primewood, Inc.	Millwork
Wahpeton Public Schools	Elementary and Secondary Schools
Wal-Mart	Department Store
St. Catherine's Living Center	Nursing Care Facility
Wil-Rich	Farm Machinery and Equipment Manufacturing
Red River Human Services Foundation	Res. Facilities for Devel. Disabled
Richland County	Executive and Legislative Offices
Cargill	Corn Milling
Circle of Nations School	Inter-tribal Off-reservation Boarding School
WCCO Belting	Rubber and Plastics Hose and Belting Manufacturing
Econofoods	Supermarket
ComDel Innovation	Metal Stamping
Bobcat-Wahpeton	Manufacturer of Hydraulics
Comstock	Earthwork and heavy/highway contract

Source: North Dakota Labor Market Information Center

Work Force and Unemployment Rates - Wilkin County

Employment information is available at the County level. Data in the table that follows is for all of Wilkin County and was obtained from the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development.

Table 1 Wilkin County Average Annual Labor Force 2000 -2010*						
Year	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate	Unemployment Rate - MN	Unemployment Rate - US
2000	3,691	3,580	111	3.0%	3.1%	4.0%
2001	3,604	3,459	145	4.0%	3.8%	4.7%
2002	3,788	3,640	148	3.9%	4.5%	5.8%
2003	3,792	3,644	148	3.9%	4.9%	6.0%
2004	3,682	3,543	139	3.8%	4.6%	5.6%
2005	3,602	3,467	135	3.7%	4.2%	5.1%
2006	3,564	3,428	136	3.8%	4.1%	4.6%
2007	3,489	3,355	134	3.8%	4.6%	4.6%
2008	3,517	3,361	156	4.4%	5.4%	5.8%
2009	3,515	3,316	199	5.7%	8.0%	9.3%
2010*	3,528	3,334	195	5.5%	7.4%	9.9%

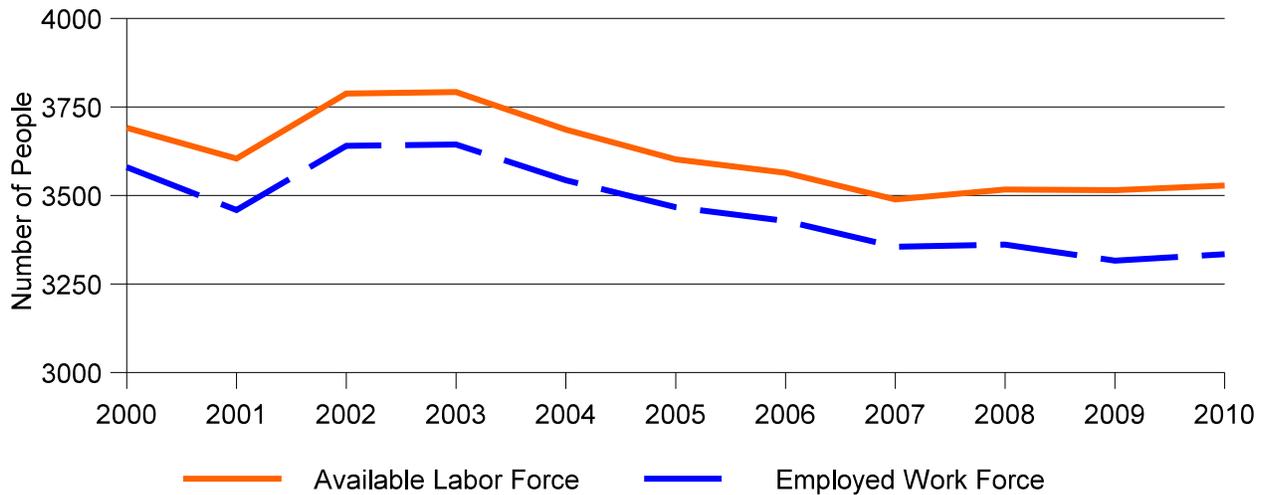
Source: Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development

Note: Not Seasonally Adjusted

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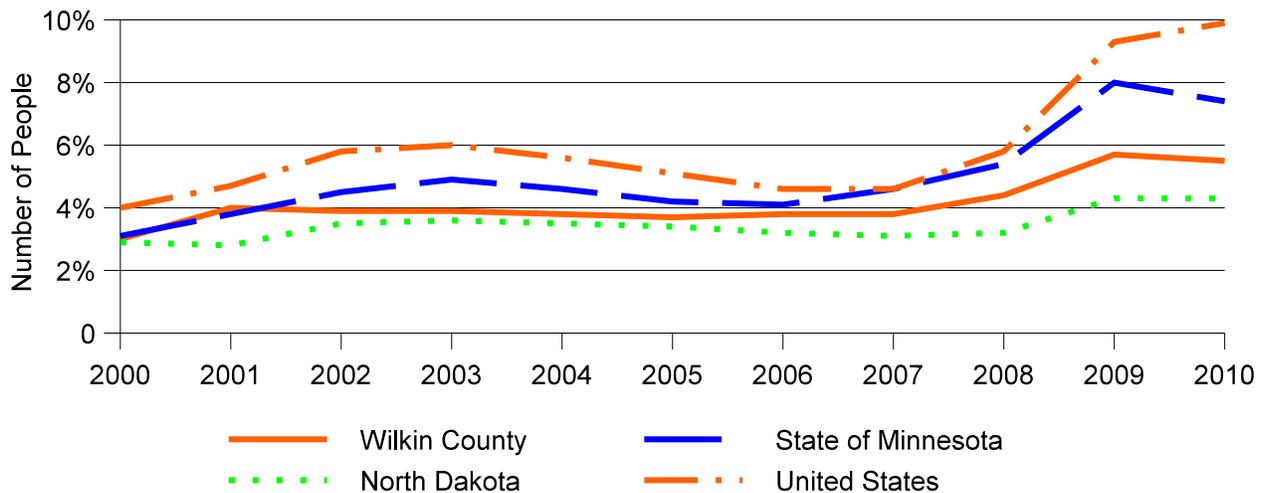
- ▶ Wilkin County has had a slight decline in the size of the available labor force in recent years. Between 2000 and 2010 (partial year through June), the labor force decreased 4.4% with a loss of 163 workers.
- ▶ The employed work force has also decreased since 2000. The number of employed workers in Wilkin County has decreased by 246 employees between 2000 and 2009, or 6.9%.

Labor Force and Work Force Trends - Wilkin County



- ▶ While the labor force and number of employed people have decreased over the last 10 years, the County’s unemployment rate has increased during that same stretch. Despite that increase, Wilkin County’s unemployment rate is currently below the state and national averages.

Unemployment Rate - Wilkin County



Work Force and Unemployment Rates - Richland County

Employment information is available at the County level. Data in the table that follows is for all of Richland County and was obtained from the North Dakota Labor Market Information Center.

Table 2 Richland County Average Annual Labor Force 2000 -2010*						
Year	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate	Unemployment Rate - ND	Unemployment Rate - US
2000	9,469	9,213	256	2.7%	2.9%	4.0%
2001	9,102	8,842	260	2.9%	2.8%	4.7%
2002	9,379	9,059	320	3.4%	3.5%	5.8%
2003	9,397	9,062	335	3.6%	3.6%	6.0%
2004	9,205	8,891	314	3.4%	3.5%	5.6%
2005	9,008	8,699	309	3.4%	3.4%	5.1%
2006	8,991	8,674	317	3.5%	3.2%	4.6%
2007	8,966	8,669	297	3.3%	3.1%	4.6%
2008	8,806	8,463	343	3.9%	3.2%	5.8%
2009	8,550	8,069	481	5.6%	4.3%	9.3%
2010*	8,305	7,911	394	4.7%	4.3%	9.9%

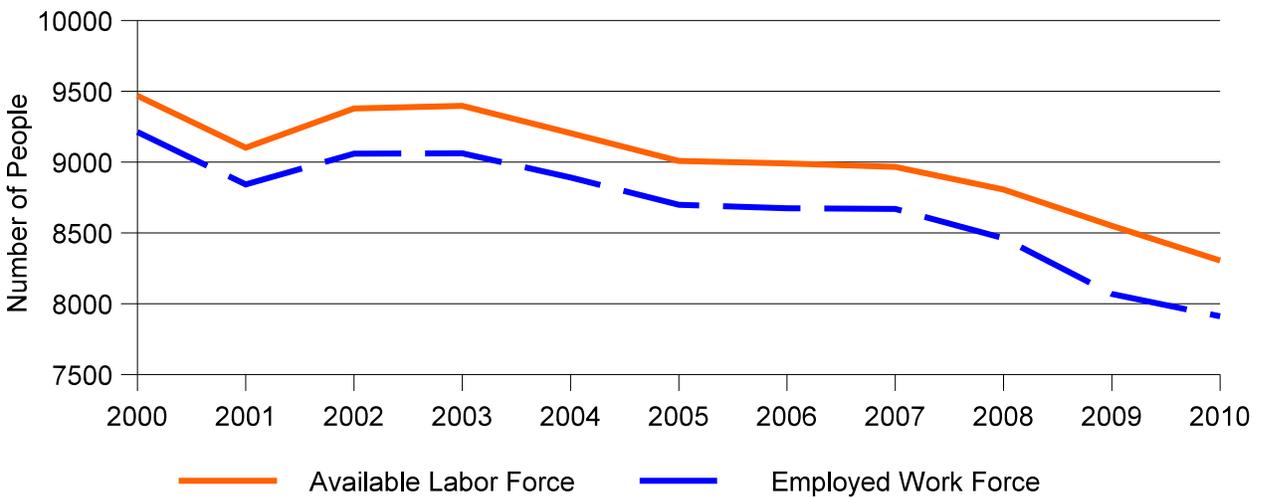
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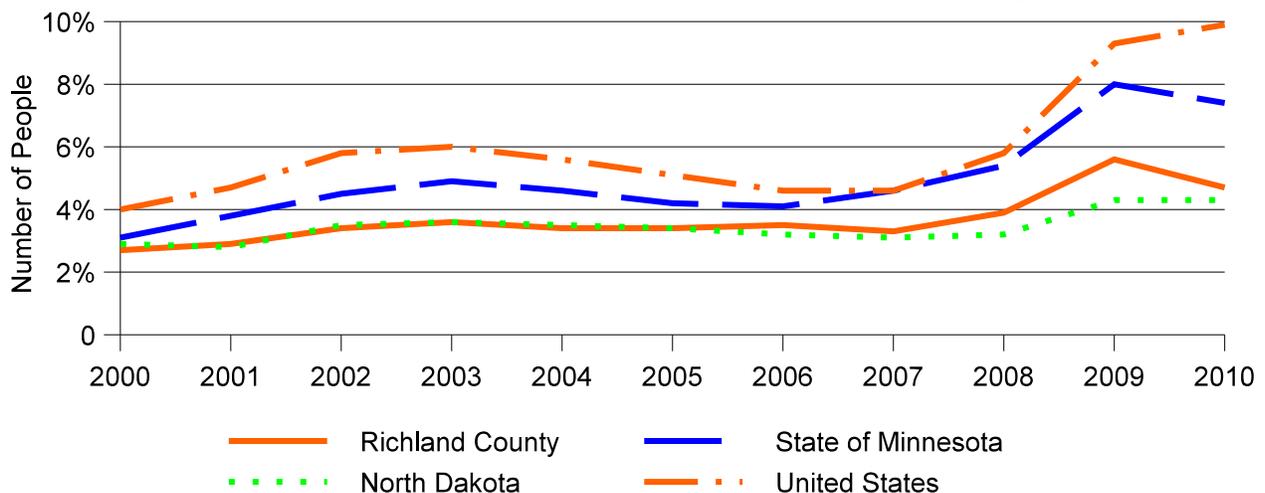
- ▶ Richland County has had a decline in the size of the available labor force in recent years. Between 2000 and 2010 (partial year through May), the labor force decreased 12.3%. The labor force is currently at its smallest level in the past 10 years with 8,305 workers in 2010.
- ▶ The employed work force has also decreased since 2000. The number of employed workers in Richland County has decreased by 1,302 employees between 2000 and 2010, or 14.1%.

Labor Force and Work Force Trends - Richland County



- ▶ While the labor force and number of employed people have decreased over the last 10 years, the County’s unemployment rate has increased during that same stretch. Richland County’s unemployment rate of 4.7% is currently slightly above the state average of 4.3%, but below the national average of 9.9%.

Unemployment Rate - Richland County



Work Force and Unemployment Rates - Wahpeton Micropolitan Labor Market Area

Data in the table that follows is for the Wahpeton Micropolitan Labor Market Area, which includes Wilkin and Richland Counties. The data was obtained from the North Dakota Labor Market Information Center.

Table 3 Market Area Average Annual Labor Force 2000 -2010*						
Year	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate	Unemployment Rate - ND	Unemployment Rate - MN
2000	13,161	12,794	367	2.8%	2.9%	3.1%
2001	12,706	12,301	405	3.2%	2.8%	3.8%
2002	13,167	12,699	468	3.6%	3.5%	4.5%
2003	13,209	12,726	483	3.7%	3.6%	4.9%
2004	12,924	12,471	453	3.5%	3.5%	4.6%
2005	12,656	12,213	443	3.5%	3.4%	4.2%
2006	12,633	12,180	453	3.6%	3.2%	4.1%
2007	12,456	12,024	432	3.5%	3.1%	4.6%
2008	12,312	11,817	495	4.0%	3.2%	5.4%
2009	12,064	11,385	679	5.6%	4.3%	8.0%
2010*	11,829	11,236	593	5.0%	4.3%	7.4%**

Source: North Dakota Labor Market Information Center

Note: Not Seasonally Adjusted

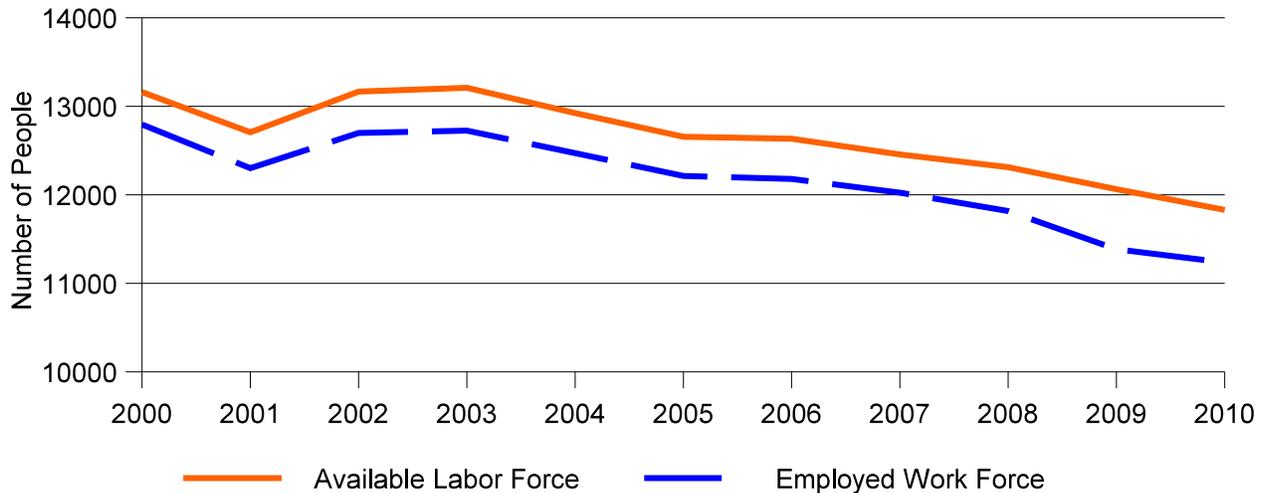
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**MN 2010 data is through June

- ▶ The Wahpeton Micropolitan Labor Market Area has had a decline in the size of the available labor force in recent years. Between 2000 and 2010 (partial year through May), the labor force decreased 10.1%. The labor force is currently at its smallest level in the past 10 years with 11,829 workers in 2010.

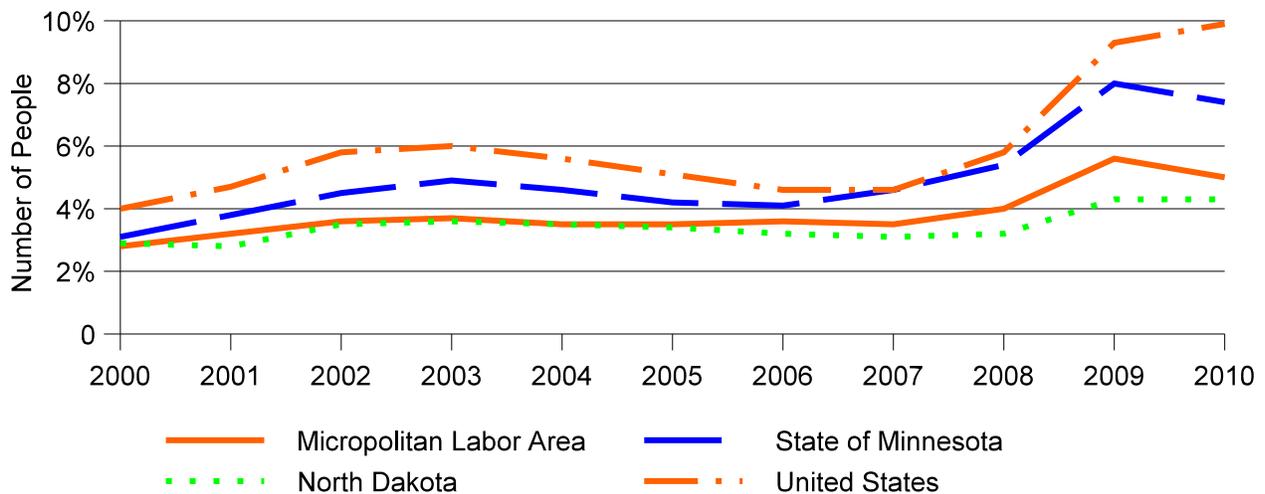
- ▶ The employed work force has also decreased since 2000. The number of employed workers in the Market Area has decreased by 1,558 employees between 2000 and 2010, or 12.2%.

Labor Force and Work Force Trends - Micropolitan Area



- ▶ While the labor force and number of employed people have decreased over the last 10 years, the Market Area's unemployment rate has increased during that same stretch.

Unemployment Rate - Micropolitan Area



Employment and Wages by Industry - Wilkin County

The following table shows the average weekly wages by major employment sector in 2009, the last full year of data. It is important to note that the major employment sectors listed do not represent all employment in the County.

Table 4 Wilkin County Average Weekly Wages by Industry Detail		
Industry	2009 Employment	2009 Average Weekly Wage
Total All Industry	2,034	\$547
Natural Resources and Mining	219	\$582
Construction	103	\$612
Manufacturing	5	\$235
Trade, Transportation, Utilities	457	\$678
Financial Activities	100	\$691
Education and Health Services	731	\$522
Leisure and Hospitality	198	\$154
Public Administration	123	\$648
Other Services	53	\$510

Source: Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development

- ▶ The average weekly wage for all industry in 2009 was \$547. At full-time employment, this equates to an annual wage of \$28,444.
- ▶ The highest paying wage sectors were Financial Activities and Trade, Transportation, Utilities with average weekly wages of \$691 and \$678, respectively. At full-time employment, the average annual wage for Financial Activities would be \$35,932.
- ▶ The lowest paying wage sector was Leisure and Hospitality, with an average weekly wage of only \$154. At full-time employment in this sector, the average worker would earn \$8,008 annually.

Employment and Wages by Industry - Richland County

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Table 5 Richland County Average Weekly Wages by Industry Detail		
Industry	2009 Employment	2009 Average Weekly Wage
Total All Industry	7,511	\$612
Natural Resources and Mining	184	\$696
Construction	441	\$725
Manufacturing	1,594	\$811
Trade, Transportation, Utilities	1,419	\$721
Information	65	\$734
Professional and Technical Services	144	\$975
Administrative and Waste Services	159	\$521
Financial Activities	156	\$813
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	64	\$342
Education and Health Services	637	\$507
Leisure and Hospitality	440	\$171
Public Administration	298	\$565
Other Services	170	\$352

Source: North Dakota Labor Market Information Center

- ▶ The average weekly wage for all industry in 2009 was \$612. At full-time employment, this equates to an annual wage of \$31,824.
- ▶ The highest paying wage sectors were Professional and Technical Services and Financial Activities with average weekly wages of \$975 and \$813, respectively. At full-time employment, the average annual wage for Financial Activities would be \$50,700.
- ▶ The lowest paying wage sector was Leisure and Hospitality, with an average weekly wage of only \$171. At full-time employment in this sector, the average worker would earn \$8,892.

Employment Projections by Industry - Northwest Region of Minnesota

The Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development has generated employment projections for each region of the State of Minnesota. Wilkin County is included in the Northwest Region. The following table compares estimated employment in the general industry classifications in 2006, the projected level of employment by 2016, and the percentage change.

Table 6 Projected Employment by Industry - 2016			
Industry	2006 Employment	2016 Projected Employment	Percent Change 2006-2016
Total All Industry	258,122	281,962	9.2%
Natural Resources and Mining	5,436	5,194	-4.5%
Construction	11,169	12,282	10.0%
Manufacturing	29,974	29,410	-1.9%
Trade, Transportation, Utilities	45,134	46,976	4.1%
Information	3,594	3,285	-8.6%
Financial Activities	7,700	9,133	18.6%
Professional and Business Services	9,413	12,414	31.9%
Education and Health Services	54,067	65,716	21.5%
Leisure and Hospitality	22,697	25,403	11.9%
Other Services	10,813	11,759	8.7%

Source: Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development

- ▶ Projections for the year 2016 show that the Professional and Business Services sector is expected to have the greatest percentage growth among industries in Northwest Minnesota between 2006 and 2016. This sector is projected to add 3,001 jobs, for a percentage growth of 18.6%.
- ▶ In numeric growth, the largest employment increase in Northwest Minnesota is expected in the Education and Health Services sector, which is projected to add 11,649 new jobs. This was the largest single employment sector in Wilkin County in 2009, and paid an average weekly wage of \$522.
- ▶ The three sectors expected to lose jobs between 2006 and 2016 are the Natural Resources and Mining, Manufacturing, and Information sectors.

Employment Projections by Industry - North Dakota

The North Dakota Labor Market Information Center has generated employment projections for the State of North Dakota. The following table compares estimated employment in the general industry classifications in 2008, the projected level of employment by 2018, and the percentage change.

Table 7 North Dakota Projected Employment by Industry - 2018			
Industry	2008 Employment	2018 Projected Employment	Percent Change 2008-2018
Total All Industry	420,109	458,634	9.2%
Natural Resources and Mining	39,814	41,670	4.7%
Construction	20,827	24,048	15.5%
Manufacturing	26,375	27,037	2.5%
Trade, Transportation, Utilities	80,129	86,102	7.5%
Information	7,439	7,730	3.9%
Financial Activities	16,361	19,405	18.6%
Professional and Business Services	12,962	15,324	18.2%
Education and Health Services	85,641	96,041	12.1%
Leisure and Hospitality	33,578	37,925	12.9%
Other Services	15,923	16,534	3.8%

Source: North Dakota Labor Market Information Center

- ▶ Projections for the year 2018 show that the Financial Activities sector is expected to have the greatest percentage growth among industries in the State of North Dakota between 2008 and 2018. This sector is projected to add 3,044 jobs, for a percentage growth of 18.6%.
- ▶ In numeric growth, the largest employment increase in North Dakota is expected in the Education and Health Services sector, which is projected to add 10,400 new jobs.
- ▶ All sectors are expected to gain jobs between 2008 and 2018.