

LAUS

Local Area Unemployment Statistics

Labor Force
Number of Employed
Number of Unemployed
Unemployment Rate

GEOGRAPHIES AVAILABLE

Statewide
Planning Regions
Counties
MSAs
Cities (>25,000)

How are people counted? Based on WHERE THEY LIVE.

North Dakota's LAUS labor force and unemployment rate data is compiled from various data sources regarding North Dakota residents. Main sources include Current Population Survey, Current Employment Statistics, and Unemployment Insurance (UI) Claims data.

For LAUS data, residence in North Dakota is established by the Current Population Survey (CPS). Most people are counted at the address they consider their usual residence -- where they live and sleep most of the time. Students represent a special case because they may live on or off campus, and college dormitories are not included in the CPS. Students living on campus are therefore most likely counted at their permanent addresses (e.g. parental homes).

NORTH DAKOTA RESIDENTS

Phil

Lives in Washburn
No job, looking for work in Bismarck

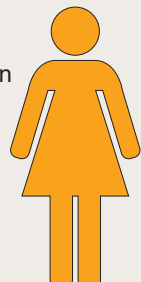
Phil is counted **once** as an unemployed person **by his residence** (Washburn)



Cindy

Lives in Williston
Laid off from her job in Williston

Cindy is counted **once** as an unemployed person **by her residence** (Williston)



Julie

Lives in Fargo
Quit her job in Rothsay, MN

Julie is counted **once** as an unemployed person **by her residence** (Fargo)



OUT OF STATE RESIDENTS

Keith

Lives in Houston, TX
Laid off from his contract job in Tioga

Keith is **not** counted for North Dakota. He is counted **once** as an unemployed person **by his usual residence** (Texas)



Matt

Student, lives in a dorm in Fargo
Permanent address is in Iowa
No job, looking for work in Fargo

Matt is counted **once** as an unemployed person **by his permanent address** (Iowa)



INCLUDES

- Employed persons over age 16
- Unemployed persons (over age 16) actively seeking work or waiting to be recalled (e.g. seasonal layoff)

EXCLUDES

- Persons under age 16
- Institutionalized persons
- Unemployed persons **not** actively seeking work (e.g. retirees)

SOURCES

Current Population Survey
Current Employment Statistics
UI Claims Data

SAMPLE SIZE

Approximately 3 out of every 1,000 households in North Dakota (CPS)

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