The information in this document is a summary of vital statistics in North Dakota for the year 2021. Included in this document are statistics for resident births, deaths, marriages, and divorces. For more information, please contact Vital Records in the ND Department of Health and Human Services at 701.328.2360.
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Vital Events Summary

Live Births .................................................. 10,111
Deaths ......................................................... 7,154
Infant Deaths ................................................ 39
Neonatal\(^1\) Deaths ......................................... 39
Postnatal\(^2\) Deaths ......................................... 13
Fetal\(^3\) Deaths ................................................ 52
Induced termination of pregnancy ................. 840
Marriages ...................................................... 4,001
Divorces ..................................................... 2,189

\(^1\)Neonatal refers to the 28 days after birth
\(^2\)Postnatal refers to the 29\(^{th}\) through the 364\(^{th}\) days after birth
\(^3\)Fetal refers to 20 weeks or greater gestation

Events Per Day

Every day in North Dakota, there were an average of:

Live Births .................................................. 28
Low-weight births\(^1\) ....................................... 2
Births to teenagers ......................................... 1
Births to unmarried women ............................ 9
Deaths ......................................................... 20
  From heart disease ..................................... 4
  From cancer ............................................. 3
  From accidents ........................................ 1
Marriages .................................................... 11
Divorces .................................................... 6

\(^1\)Low-weight refers to babies weighing less than 5 pounds, 5 ounces at birth
Live Births

Total live births .................................................. 10,111
Low-weight births\(^1\) .............................................. 678
Births to teenagers .................................................. 320
Births to unmarried women ..................................... 3,170
Total Pregnancies\(^2\) ................................................ 11,003

\(^1\)Low-weight refers to babies weighing less than 5 pounds, 5 ounces at birth
\(^2\)Total Pregnancies = Live Births + Fetal Deaths + Induced terminations

Fast Facts for Births

Oldest Father ......................................................... 72
Oldest Mother .......................................................... 49
Youngest Father ...................................................... 14
Youngest Mother ...................................................... 13
Largest Live Birth .................................................... 13 lbs. 10 oz.
Highest number in birth order ................................. 3
Day most births occurred ................................. June 16\(^{th}\)
(45 births)
Day fewest births occurred ............................... July 4\(^{th}\)
(8 births)
# Most Popular Baby Names

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Leading Causes of Death

Diseases of the Heart ........................................... 1,426
Cancers ............................................................ 1,269
COVID-19 .......................................................... 595
Accidental ........................................................... 443
Alzheimer’s Disease .............................................. 364
Chronic lung diseases1 ......................................... 321
Strokes (cerebrovascular disease) ....................... 287
Diabetes ............................................................. 197
Cirrhosis of the liver ............................................ 157
Suicide ............................................................... 153
Influenza/Pneumonia .......................................... 146
High Blood Pressure (hypertension) ................... 83
Diseases of Other Arteries2 ................................. 56

1Chronic lung diseases include asthma, emphysema, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), etc.
2Peripheral vascular diseases

Fast Facts for Death

Age of oldest male who died ......................... 104
Age of oldest female who died ....................... 115
Day most deaths occurred .............................. November 25th &
                                      November 30th
                                      (35 deaths)
Day fewest deaths occurred .......................... August 21st
                                      (8 deaths)
**Fast Facts for Marriages**

- Oldest groom: 95
- Oldest bride: 89
- Youngest groom: 18
- Youngest bride: 16
- Greatest age difference bride and groom: 35 years
- Day most marriages occurred: September 18th (94 marriages)
- Total Marriages: 4,001

**Fast Facts for Divorces**

- Longest marriage ending in divorce: 54 years
- Shortest marriage ending in divorce: 8 days
- Day most divorces finalized: July 28th (21 divorces)
- Total Divorces: 2,189