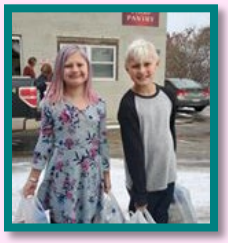

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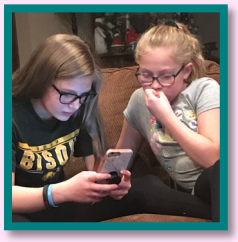

INTRODUCTION

This report was prepared by Women Empowering Women to assess the status of women and children in Dickinson and Stark County. This report is offered as a framework to present a portrait of the status of women and children. This report can establish a baseline to which we can better understand how our community evolves and changes over time. County-level indicators can help to inform local policy by identifying areas of need and providing a context for local policy agendas or system change.

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BASIC DEMOGRAPHICS

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Demographic information is important because it presents a profile of the area's female population and can be used to provide insight on the other topics. Data can also help target programs and advocacy efforts. Basic demographic data for the area include the percentage of the population that is female, the racial/ethnic makeup of the female population, the percent of women with a disability, and the marital status of women in the country.

Q1. What portion of the area's population are women?

A1. In Dickinson, women comprised 48.9% of the total population, slightly higher than Stark County at 48.2%.

Gender Distribution

Area	Total Population	Females		Males	
		Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Dickinson	22,739	11,119	**48.9%**	11,620	**51.1%**
Stark County	30,997	14,941	**48.2%**	16,056	**51.8%**
North Dakota	762,062	371, 886	**48.8%**	390,176	**51.2%**
United States	328,239,523	166,745,678	**50.8%**	161,493,845	**49.2%**

Source: US Census Bureau, Quick Facts, Population Estimates 2019

Q2. What is the racial composition of women in the area?

A2. In the Dickinson and Stark County 6% of all females were nonwhite.

Racial Distribution of Females

Area	Percent of Females who are							
	Total females	White	Black	American Indian or Alaska Native	Asian	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	Some other race	Two or more races
Dickinson	10,802	**93.7%**	**3.3%**	**3.1%**	**1.8%**	**0.5%**	**0.9%**	**2.5%**
Stark County	14,582	**94.7%**	**2.6%**	**2.6%**	**1.5%**	**0.4%**	**1.2%**	**2.2%**
North Dakota	363,354	**89.9%**	**2.9%**	**6.5%**	**1.8%**	**0.2%**	**1.1%**	**2.0%**
United States	162,985,654	**75.7%**	**13.9%**	**1.7%**	**6.3%**	**0.4%**	**5.4%**	**2.3%**

Source: US Census, CP05 2017 Five Year Estimate

Q3. What percentage of women are Hispanic or Latina?

A3. In Dickinson and Stark County 5% of all females were of Hispanic or Latina origin.

Hispanic or Latina Origin Status of Females

Area	All Females		
	Total	Hispanic or Latina origin	
		Number	Percent
Dickinson	10,802	594	**5.5%**
Stark County	14,582	729	**5.1%**
North Dakota	363,354	1,199	**3.3%**
United States	162,985,654	110,854475	**17.6%**

Source: US Census, CP05 2017 Five Year Estimate

Q4. What percentage of women has a disability?

A4. In Dickinson and Stark County 10% of all females have a disability. Of these women, 14% were younger than 35 years of age and 35% were ages 75 and older.

Disability Status of Females

Area	Total	Civilian, non-institutionalized females							
		With a disability		Of women with a disability, percentages					
		Number	Percent of Total	0-4	5-17	18-34	35-64	65-74	75+
Dickinson	10,642	1,112	**10%**	**0%**	**6%**	**8%**	**38%**	**13%**	**35%**
Stark County	14,408	1408	**10%**	**0%**	**6%**	**8%**	**38%**	**15%**	**33%**
North Dakota	357,275	37,278	**10%**	**0%**	**4%**	**14%**	**34%**	**15%**	**33%**
United States	161,607,961	20,559,836	**13%**	**.3%**	**5.2%**	**9.9%**	**39.5%**	**17%**	**28%**

Source: B18101, US Census 2017 Five Year Estimate

Q5. What is the marital status of women in Dickinson and Stark County?

A5. In Dickinson 52.4% of women are married and in Stark County 57% of women are married.

Marital Status for Women

Area	Women 15 years and older	Median age at first marriage	Percent of Women who are			
			Never Married	Now Married	Widowed	Divorced
Dickinson	8,469	not available	**27.4%**	**52.4%**	**10.4%**	**9.8%**
Stark County	11,391	not available	**24.5%**	**57.0%**	**9.6%**	**8.9%**
North Dakota	292,673	26	**27.0%**	**53.8%**	**9.2%**	**10%**
United States	133,142,237	27.4	**30.1%**	**48.9%**	**8.9%**	**12.1%**

Source: B12001 Sex by Marital Status, US Census Bureau 2017 5 Yr. Estimates, MS-2 Estimated Age at First Marriage

POLITICAL PARTICIPATION

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Political participation allows women to influence policies that affect their lives. By voting, running for office, and taking advantage of other avenues of participation, women can make their concerns, experiences, and priorities visible in policy decisions. This section discusses data on four aspects of women's involvement in the political process: female-elected representation, women's---institutional resources (for example, a task force or a commission focused on the status of women), and women's voter registration and turnout.

Q6. What percentage of area officeholders are women?

A6. In 2019, two of five, or 40% of City of Dickinson elected officials and 41% of Stark County elected officials are women. Stark County women elected to the State Legislature are 16.7% for 2019 as compared to 20% in North Dakota overall. Of the 20% of women elected to the State Legislature in North Dakota 63% (19) are Republican and 37% (11) are Democrat.

Proportion of elected officials that are Women

Area	City Commission	Percent of county elected officials that are women			
		County Commission	County State's Attorney, Recorder, Treasurer, Auditor, Sheriff	District Judgeships	State Senators & Representative
Dickinson	40%				
Stark County		20%	50%	25%	16.7%
North Dakota	18.2%	11.5%	33.5%	22.6%	21%

Source: ND Association of Counties, State of ND Courts, ND Sheriff & Deputies Association, ND Legislative Branch, ND States Attorney Association

Q7. Does the area have a task force or commission focused on the status of women?

A7. At a statewide level the Commission for the Status of Women in North Dakota which served to coordinate activities, act as a clearinghouse and act as an advisory group to the Department of Commerce Economic Finance for information relating to economic development programs that focus on career development for women has disbanded since last confirmed active in 2011.

The nonprofit organization, North Dakota Women's Network (NDWN) serves as a catalyst for improving the lives of women through communities, legislation and increased activism. A local group meets each Wednesday from 6 to 8 p.m. in the backroom of Player's Sports Bar and Grill with the Dickinson Drinking Liberally group. http://www.ndwomen.org/events/

Q8. What percentage of women in the area was registered to vote?

A8. Voter registration is not required in North Dakota.

Q9. What percentage of women in the area voted in the 2010/2012 elections?

A9. The Status of the State of Women in the United States reports 58.2% of women in North Dakota voted in the 2010/2012 elections. Specific voter turnout characteristics for the area are not available. Stark County, including the City of Dickinson voter tracking system does not track male versus female voters nor does the North Dakota Secretary of State's Division of Elections.

EMPLOYMENT AND EARNINGS

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Because earnings are the largest component of income for most families, earnings and economic well-being are closely linked. Ensuring women's economic rights includes improving access to employment, eliminating occupational segregation and employment discrimination, and helping men and women balance work and family responsibilities. This section directs you to data on several aspects of women's economic status: women's earnings, the female/male earnings ratio, women's labor force participation, and the percent of women who are employed in professional or managerial occupations.

Q10. What are the median annual earnings of full-time, year-round female workers in Dickinson and Stark County?

A10. In Dickinson women working full-time year-round had median earnings of $41,176 in 2017, which is 36.1% less than their male counterparts. The gap reported in Dickinson and Stark County is 9+% higher than the North Dakota average and 17+% higher than the United States average.

Median Earnings in the Past 12 Months by Gender by Work Status

Area	Persons ages 16 and older with earnings				
	Women		Men		Gender wage gap for full-time, year-round workers
	Number working full-time year round	Median annual wage	Number working full-time year round	Median annual wage	
Dickinson	3,243	$41,176	5,887	$64,449	**36%**
Stark County	4,345	$41,904	7,933	$65,654	**37%**
North Dakota	113,587	$39,223	173,080	$53,682	**27%**
United States	47,532,408	$41,650	63,393,316	$51,859	**19%**

Source: B20005 & B19326 US Census Bureau, 2017 5 Year Estimates

Q11. What is the labor force participation status of women in Dickinson and Stark County?

A11. In Dickinson 64% of women and 63% of Stark County women ages 16 and older participated in the labor force.

Labor Force Status of Women

Area	Women 16 years and older	Percent of women who are			
		In labor force			Not in labor force
		Total	Employed	Unemployed	
Dickinson	8,280	5,280	**64%**	**2.8%**	**19.7%**
Stark County	11,156	7,005	**63%**	**2.9%**	**19.5%**
North Dakota	288,453	183,002	**63%**	**2.2%**	**17.0%**
United States	133,482,879	71,451,559	**54%**	**6%**	**28.2%**

Source: B20005, S2401, S2409, S2301, US Census Bureau, 2017 5 year estimates

Q12. What are the major occupations among women in Stark County?

A12. In Stark County, 38% of women were employed in management, business, science & art; 34% were employed in sales and office positions.

Occupations of Women

Area	Civilian employed women 16 years and older	Percent of women who are				
		Management, Business, Science & Art	Service Occupations	Sales and Office	Natural Resources, Construction & Maintenance	Production, Transportation, Material Moving
Stark County	7,005	**38.0%**	**22.0%**	**33.4%**	**.07%**	**5.6%**
North Dakota	183,002	**40.7%**	**24.1%**	**30.0%**	**1.2%**	**4.1%**
United States	71,451,559	**41.4%**	**21.3%**	**30.7%**	**.09%**	**5.7%**

Source: S2401 Occupation by Sex for Civilian Population 16 Years and Over 2017 5-Year Estimate

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While labor force participation and earnings are critical to women's financial security, many additional resources and opportunities affect women's ability to act independently, exercise choice, and control their lives. This section highlights several topics important to women's social and economic autonomy: health insurance coverage, educational attainment, business ownership, and poverty.

Q13. What is the health insurance coverage status of women in the Dickinson/Stark County area?

A13. The uninsured females in Dickinson are 10.6% and in Stark County 9.3%.

Health Insurance Coverage Status by Gender

Area	Civilian non-institutionalized population						
	Total	Females			Males		
		Total	Without health insurance		Total	Without health insurance	
			Number	Percent		Number	Percent
Dickinson	21,925	10,642	1,131	**10.6%**	11,283	1,054	**9.3%**
Stark County	29,932	14,408	1,333	**9.3%**	15,504	1,382	**8.9%**
North Dakota	729,279	357,275	25,623	**7.2%**	372,004	33,078	**8.9%**
United States	316,027,641	161,607,961	15,233,019	**9.4%**	154,418,680	17,994,127	**11.6%**

Source: S2701 Selected Characteristics of Health Insurance Coverage, US Census Bureau, 2017 5 Yr. Estimate

Q14. What percentage of women in Dickinson and Stark County have completed four or more years of college?

A14. In Dickinson and Stark County 20.3% of women age 25 and older had received a bachelor's degree.

Educational Attainment Levels of Women

Area	Women 25 years and older	Percent of women with				
		Less than a High School diploma	High School diploma or GED	Some college, but less than a Bachelor's	Bachelor's Degree	Masters, Professional or Doctorate Degree
Dickinson	6,824	**9.4%**	**27.5%**	**35.5%**	**20.3%**	**7.3%**
Stark County	9,387	**8.2%**	**29.7%**	**34.9%**	**20.3%**	**6.9%**
North Dakota	238,604	**7%**	**25.3%**	**36.2%**	**23.2%**	**8.3%**
United States	111,831,865	**12%**	**26.6%**	**29.1%**	**19.4%**	**11.8%**

Source: S1501 Educational Attainment, US Census Bureau, 2017 5-Year Estimates

Q15. How many businesses in Dickinson and Stark County are owned by women?

A15. In Dickinson and Stark County women own 25% of all business which is less than North Dakota and United States ownership rates for women owned businesses.

Business Firms in Dickinson and Stark County by Gender

Area	Total	Females		Males		Equally Female-Male owned	
		Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Dickinson	3,022	745	**25%**	1,781	**59%**	375	**12%**
Stark County	3,772	959	**25%**	2,210	**59%**	459	**12%**
North Dakota	68,270	20,316	**30%**	37,016	**54%**	8,561	**13%**
United States	27,626,360	9,878,397	**36%**	14,844,597	**54%**	2,456,386	**9%**

Source: SB1200SCA02, Most recent survey of business, US Census Bureau, 2012
Not included, publically owned or nonprofit businesses.

Q16. What percentage of women in Dickinson and Stark County lives below the official federal poverty line?

A16. In Dickinson 11.1% of women were impoverished. In Stark County 9.8% of women were impoverished.

Poverty Status of Women

Area	Total	Living in poverty	
		Total	Percent
Dickinson	10,513	1,167	**11.1%**
Stark County	14,235	1,395	**9.8%**
North Dakota	351,460	42,706	**12.2%**
United States	158,759,779	25,241,719	**15.9%**

Source: S1701, Poverty Status, American Community Survey 2017 5 Yr. Estimate

A16. Native American women living in Dickinson/Stark County were over **eight** times more likely to be impoverished than white females.

Poverty Status of Women

Area	American Indian women			White females		
	Total	Living in poverty		Total	Living in poverty	
		Number	Percent		Number	Percent
Dickinson	158	81	**51.3%**	9,608	579	**6.0%**
Stark County	170	100	**58.8%**	13,317	922	**6.9%**
North Dakota	18,531	7,658	**41.3%**	308,763	28,917	**9.4%**
United States	1,298,166	376,664	**29.0%**	116,937,781	15,264,990	**13.0%**

Source: S1701, Poverty Status, American Community Survey 2017 5 Yr. Estimate

A16. In Dickinson and Stark County 36% of single mothers with children ages 0-17 were impoverished.

Poverty Status of Single Mothers

Area	Single mothers with children					
	All children ages 0-17 living in poverty		Of all children, those ages 0-6 living in poverty		Of all children, those ages 6-17 living in poverty	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Stark County	1,020	**36.0%**	503	**49.3%**	517	**50.7%**
North Dakota	30,166	**40.4%**	11,282	**37.4%**	18,884	**62.6%**
United States	18,361,074	**45.6%**	5,691,933	**31.0%**	12,669,141	**69.0%**

Source: S0901, Children Characteristics US Census 2017 5 Year Estimate

Q17. What are living and poverty wages in Stark County?

A17. The living wage in Stark County is higher than North Dakota for all families.

Living Wage in Stark County

Area	1 Adult				2 Adults (1 working)			
	Number of children				Number of children			
	0	1	2	3	0	1	2	3
Stark County	$11.58	$23.64	$27.84	$35.17	$18.02	$21.92	$24.48	$27.91
North Dakota	$11.12	$23.28	$27.48	$34.50	$17.92	$21.56	$24.12	$27.24

Source: Massachusetts institute of Technology Living Wage Calculator 2019

A17. The poverty wage in Stark County is the same as in North Dakota overall for all families.

Poverty Wage in Stark County

Area	1 Adult				2 Adults (1 working)			
	Number of children				Number of children			
	0	1	2	3	0	1	2	3
Stark County	$5.84	$7.91	$9.99	$12.07	$7.91	$9.99	$12.07	$14.14
North Dakota	$5.84	$7.91	$9.99	$12.07	$7.91	$9.99	$12.07	$14.14

Source: Massachusetts institute of Technology Living Wage Calculator 2019

For a family of four, the poverty threshold was **$26,017** annually for 2019.
Source: US Census Bureau, Poverty Thresholds

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Reproductive health is an important component of women's lives. It includes issues related to access to health services for women and birth outcomes. This section addresses the infant mortality rate, the percentage of low birth weight babies, the percentage of mothers receiving prenatal care, the teenage birth rate, and the percentage of babies born to an unmarried woman.

Q18. What are the characteristics of live births in Stark County?

A18. In Stark County 1.82 infants died for every 1,000 births.

A18. In Stark County 7.6% of babies born weighed less than 2,500 grams (i.e., 5.5 pounds) and were considered low birth weight.

A18. Mothers who received inadequate prenatal care in Stark County is 13.5%.

A18. In Stark County 30.8% of babies were born to an unmarried mother.

Characteristics of Live Births

Area	Total live births 2018	Percent of live births that are:			Infant death rate (i.e., deaths under 1 year of age per 1,000 live births) 2016
		Low birth weight (i.e., <2,500 grams) 2018	Born to mothers receiving inadequate prenatal care 2018	Born to an unmarried mother 2018	
Stark County	526	**7.6%**	**13.5%**	**30.8%**	1.82
North Dakota	10,630	**6.6%**	**13.7%**	**31.9%**	4.3
United States*	3,855,500	**8.0%**	**15.0%**	**40.0%**	5.8

Sources: ND Department of Health: Vital Event Summary 2002-2016; Center for Disease Control: Stats of the States; Child Trends, North Dakota Kids Count, National Kids Count * Data from 2017

A18. There were 19 births for every 1,000 teenage girls in Stark County.

Characteristics of Teenage Births

Area	Total live births 2018	Teen birth rate (i.e., teen births per 1,000 females ages 15-19)									
		2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Stark County	526	15.84	24.51	29.11	33.16	32.18	38.61	32.81	20.21	16.37	19.10
North Dakota	10,630	27.88	29.24	27.82	26.28	24.14	24.64	22.34	20.72	16.36	16.33
United States	3,855,500	2005 teen birth rate per 1,000 females 15-19 was 73									

Source: National Kids Count, North Dakota Kids Count

Q19. Do the health plans for public employees in Dickinson and Stark County cover infertility treatments and contraceptives?

A19. North Dakota Public Employees Retirement System (NDPERS) benefits include pre-pregnancy planning, birth control, sterilizations including voluntary tubal ligations and vasectomies. Benefits are available for infertility services up to a $20,000 lifetime maximum.

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Health is a crucial factor in women's overall status. Health problems can seriously impair a woman's quality of life as well as their ability to care for themselves and their families. Women's overall health status is closely connected to many of the other indicators in this tool including women's poverty status, access to health insurance, and reproductive health. Women's health and well-being can be measured by other indicators. This includes heart disease, lung cancer, breast cancer, diabetes, AIDS and suicide.

Q20. What is women's mortality rate from various causes in Stark County area?

A20. In Stark County area, 43 women died of heart disease – a rate of 295.8 per 100,000 women.

A20. Incidence rates for lung cancer, breast cancer and suicide deaths in Stark County were not available from the CDC.

A20. Although data is unavailable for Stark County deaths by lung cancer in North Dakota women is lower than the national average. Deaths by breast cancer and suicide are higher than the national average for North Dakota women.

Death Rates

Area	Heart disease deaths among females		Lung cancer deaths among females		Breast cancer deaths among females		Suicide deaths among females	
	Number	Rate per 100,000 females	Number	Rate per 100,000 females	Number	Rate per 100,000 females	Number	Rate per 100,000 females
Stark County	43	295.8	Data not available					
North Dakota	925	251.3	125	34	95	25.8	29	7.9
United States	416,349	251.9	14,932	44.8	42,000	25.4	10,391	6.3

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics, CDC WONDER On-line Database 2017

Q21. What are the incidence rates of women in Stark County for diabetes and HIV/AIDS?

A21. In Stark County, 7.1% of adults reported having diabetes. Gender distributed information is not available for Stark County. Based on Centers for Disease Control (CDC) state and national statistics, men tend to have 30% higher incidence rates of diabetes than women.

A21. There were 149 females (of all ages) living with HIV/AIDS in North Dakota. Gender distributed information is not available for Stark County. Based on CDC state and national statistics, men tend to have 200- 340% greater incidence rate of HIV/AIDS than women.

Incidence Rates for Diabetes and AIDS by Gender

Area	Percent of adults told by a doctor they have diabetes, 2016			Number of persons living with HIV/AIDS, 2018		
	Total	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male
Stark County	**7.1%**	Data not available		14	Data not available	
North Dakota	**8.2%**	**7.0%**	**9.3%**	457	149	309
United States	**8.5%**	**7.6%**	**9.5%**	1,140,300*	258,000*	882,300*

Source: 2018 HIV, STD, TB & Viral Hepatitis Epidemiologic Profile, ND Department of Health, 2019; Centers for Disease Control and Prevention HIV United States 2018 (*estimated); Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Diagnosed Diabetes 2016.

CHILDREN

This section highlights several topics important to understanding the health and well-being of children: age, living arrangements, disability status, education level, health insurance coverage, youth nutrition, poverty status, abuse and neglect.

Q22. What proportion of Dickinson and Stark County population are children?

A22. Children ages 0-19 comprised 26.6% of the total population in Dickinson and 27.1% in Stark County. Of these children, those ages 0-4 comprised 7.5% of the total population in Dickinson and 7.8% in Stark County.

Age Distribution of Children

Area	Population ages 0-19	Percent of children 0-17 who are ages				Population ages 20-24
		0-4	5-9	10-14	15-19	
Dickinson	5,938	**7.5%**	**6%**	**7%**	**6.1%**	**8.7%**
Stark County	8,184	**7.8%**	**6.7%**	**6.8%**	**5.8%**	**7.6%**
North Dakota	192,552	**6.9%**	**6.6%**	**5.9%**	**6.4%**	**9%**
United States	82,230,798	**6.2%**	**6.4%**	**6.5%**	**6.6%**	**7%**

Source: S0101 Sex and Age, US Census Bureau, 2017 5 Yr. Estimates

Q23. What are the living arrangements of children living in Dickinson and Stark County?

A23. In Dickinson and Stark County, the majority of children, 81.5%, lived with both parents and 17.5% lived with a single parent.

Living Arrangements of Children

Area	Population ages 0-17	Percent of children 0-17 living				
		With a relative householder				With a non-relative householder
		Both parents	Single parent	Grand parent	Other relative	
				Also counted in both parents and single parent households		
Dickinson	5,411	Data not available				
Stark County	7,542	**81.5%**	**17.5%**	**4.1%**	**0.3%**	**1.3%**
North Dakota	169,792	**72.4%**	**26.6%**	**4.4%**	**1.7%**	**2.1%**
United States	73,356,237	**66%**	**33%**	**7.9%**	**2.4%**	**1.7%**

Source: S0901 Children Characteristics, US Census Bureau, 2017 5 Yr. Estimates

Q24. What percentage of children in Dickinson and Stark County has a disability?

A24. In Dickinson 1.9% of children ages 0-17 had a disability. Stark County is slightly higher at 2.5% of children ages 0-17 with a disability. Dickinson Public Schools reports 757 children are enrolled in special education as of January 2020.

Disability Status of Children

Area	Civilian non-institutionalized population					
	Children ages 0-17 with a disability		Children ages 0-4 with a disability		Children ages 5-17 with a disability	
	Number	% of children ages 0-17	Number	% of all children ages 0-4	Number	% of all children ages 5-17
Dickinson	108	**1.9%**	0	0%	108	**2.8%**
Stark County	187	**2.5%**	0	0%	187	**3.6%**
North Dakota	5,660	**3.3%**	278	1.6%	5,382	**3%**
United States	3,049,559	**4.1%**	145,682	1.2%	2,903,877	**3.9%**

Source: B18101 Sex by Age of Disability Status, US Census Bureau, 2017 5 Yr. Estimate

Q25. What percentage of children in Dickinson and Stark County didn't complete high school?

A25. In Dickinson, 5.8% of youth ages 16-19 were not enrolled in school and were not high school graduates and for Stark County this number was 5.5%.

School Enrollment Status of Youth

Area	Youth ages 16-19	Percent of youth ages 16-19 who are		
		Enrolled in School	Not enrolled in school	
			High School Graduate	Not a High School Graduate
Dickinson	1,083	**88.7%**	**5.4%**	**5.8%**
Stark County	1,363	**86.2%**	**8.2%**	**5.5%**
North Dakota	39,356	**84.5%**	**10.5%**	**5.1%**
United States	17,024,083	**85.8%**	**10.2%**	**3.9%**

Source: B14005 Sex by School Enrollment by Educational Attainment 16-19 Years, US Census Bureau, 2017 5 Yr. Estimates

Q26. What percentage of children in Stark County does not have health insurance coverage?

A26. In Stark County, 6.6% of children ages 0-18 did not have health insurance in 2018.

Health Insurance Coverage of Youth

Area	Uninsured Children ages 0-18		
	Total	Without health insurance	
		Number	Percent
Stark County ND	8,222	537	**6.6%**
North Dakota	185,650	13,590	**7.5%**
United States	73,583,015	4,055,000	**5.0%**

Source: North Dakota Kids Count, United States Kids Count

Q27. What percentage of children in Stark County lives below 200% of federal poverty guidelines?

A27. In Stark County, 5.9% of all children were impoverished and of these children 36.4% are under the age of 6.

Poverty Status of Children

Area	Children ages 0-17 living in poverty		Children ages 0-6 with single mothers living in poverty	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Stark County	439	**5.9%**	160	**36.4%**
North Dakota	20,712	**12.4%**	7,539	**36.4%**
United States	14,896,010	**20.3%**	4,841,032	**32.5%**

Source: North Dakota Kid Counts, United States Kid Counts 2018

Q28. What percentage of children in Stark County receives a free or reduced price school lunch?

A28. In Stark County, 22.2% of all children enrolled in public school received a free or reduced price lunch. This proportion is down from a 10 year average of 24.0%. To be eligible, household income must be below 185% of the federal poverty guidelines.

Free and Reduced Price Lunch Recipients

Area	Public School Enrollment		
	Total	Receiving a free or reduced price lunch	
		Number	Percent
Stark County ND	8,222	1,163	**22.2%**
North Dakota	185,650	37,533	**31.3%**

Source: North Dakota Kids Count, United States Kids Count 2018

Free and Reduced Price Lunch Recipients

Area	Public School Enrollment									
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Stark County	**38.9%**	**28.3%**	**24.0%**	**20.9%**	**20.0%**	**19.3%**	**22.5%**	**22.1%**	**22.2%**	**22.2%**
North Dakota	**34.1%**	**33.2%**	**34.3%**	**31.9%**	**31.2%**	**30.8%**	**31.3%**	**32.6%**	**31.8%**	**31.3%**

Source: North Dakota Kids Count, United States Kids Count

Q29. What percentage of children aged 0-18 in Stark County are Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) recipients?

A29. In Stark County, 14.6% of children ages 0-18 are recipients of SNAP which is less than the 9.5% of children who are SNAP recipients in North Dakota overall.

Children ages 0-18 who are SNAP recipients

Area	Public School Enrollment		
	Total	SNAP recipients	
		Number	Percent
Stark County ND	8,222	1,185	**14.6%**
North Dakota	185,650	36,141	**19.5%**

Source: North Dakota Kids Count, United States Kids Count 2018

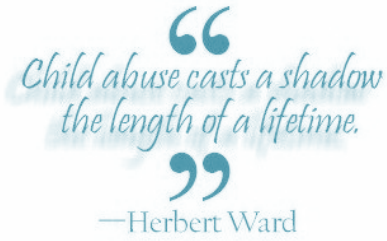
Q30. What is the incidence of children in Dickinson and Stark County Area identified as abused or neglected?

A30. In Stark County, 18.7 of every 1,000 children were involved in situations where abuse or neglect was substantiated and services were required. This is higher than the North Dakota average and more than double the national average.

Child Victims of Abuse and Neglect

Area	Children ages 0-17		
	Total	Abused and/or neglected	
		Number	Rate per 1,000 children
Stark County ND	8,222	154	18.7
North Dakota	185,650	2,215	11.93
United States	73,583,015	669,799	9

Source: North Dakota Kids Count, United States Kids Count 2018



METHODOLOGY

This report emulates the format of *The Status of Women in Your County: A Community Research Tool* published in November 2004 as a joint project of the Institute for Women's Policy Research (IWPR) and the James A. & Faith Knight Foundation. Their goal was to build capacity among community groups to assess and track the status of women.

Framework. This report is offered as a portrait of the status of women and children in Dickinson and Stark County. County-level indicators such as these can inform and direct local policy by identifying areas of need and providing a context for local policy agendas or system changes.

The format from the IWPR contained the explanation of why each topic is important to consider. This was included in this report for Dickinson and Stark County.

The IWPR identified six topic areas which are included in this report: Basic Demographics, Political Participation, Employment and Earnings, Social and Economic Autonomy, Reproductive Health, and Health and Well-Being. The indicators in this document match these same indicators used in the Status of Women in the States report as published by the Institute of Women's Policy Research in 2004. A similar report was generated for the Fargo-Moorhead Area Foundation in 2011. That report included characteristics of children. This report benefits from their insightfulness and included similar data for children. In some instances, the lack of data limited the ability to address all suggested issues and topics.

This report does not claim to offer an exhaustive review or offer policy suggestions. The information should provide a substantive overview of our community and serve as a starting point for important conversations that improve the lives of women and their children.

Data. This report draws on recognized, reliable and replicable data sources to provide a descriptive analysis of the status of women and children at the city, county, state and national level. The data source is listed for each table in this report.

Limitations. Limitations of the data, as we know them are that some data are unavailable or incomplete. The information included here may have come from surveys which provide statistics but not necessarily an explanation of how or why the data is significant. This may lead to a risk of oversimplification of a complex issue. While informative and nationally representative, data is necessarily limited by the nature of close-ended survey questions. Surveys, by design, do not probe reasons, potential complexities, or meaningful connections. The most current information was used from all sources. Some of the data relies upon US Census Bureau estimates. The 2017 US Census 5 Year Estimates were used because it had data sets for Dickinson, whereas some 2018 US Census Estimates did not. Both data sets are similar and both are estimates. There are no 2019 estimates. On the US Census Bureau website, it states estimates involve extensive testing, review and evaluation over a 5 year period which ensures quality and useful information for the nation.

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