In **North Dakota**, the Fair Market Rent (FMR) for a two-bedroom apartment is **\$956**. In order to afford this level of rent and utilities — without paying more than 30% of income on housing — a household must earn **\$3,186** monthly or **\$38,229** annually. Assuming a 40-hour work week, 52 weeks per year, this level of income translates into an hourly Housing Wage of:

\$18.38
PER HOUR
STATE HOUSING

**WAGE** 

## FACTS ABOUT **NORTH DAKOTA:**

| STATE FACTS                 |         |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|-----------------------------|---------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Minimum Wage                | \$7.25  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Average Renter Wage         | \$20.14 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2-Bedroom Housing Wage      | \$18.38 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Number of Renter Households | 117,825 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Percent Renters             | 37%     |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

| MOST EXPENSIVE AREAS | HOUSING<br>WAGE |
|----------------------|-----------------|
| Divide County        | \$26.87         |
| Mckenzie County      | \$26.00         |
| Williams County      | \$21.85         |
| Mercer County        | \$20.90         |
| Dunn County          | \$20.33         |

MSA = Metropolitan Statistical Area: HMFA = HUD Metro FMR Area.

TOT
Work Hours Per Week At
Minimum Wage To Afford a 2-Bedroom
Rental Home (at FMR)

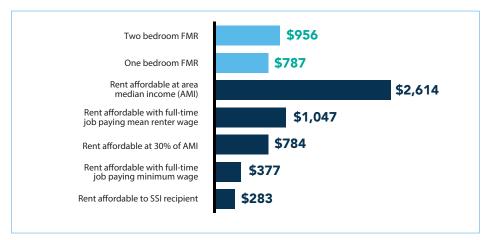
Number of Full-Time Jobs At
Minimum Wage To Afford a
2-Bedroom Rental Home (at FMR)

Work Hours Per Week At

Minimum Wage To Afford a 1-Bedroom
Rental Home (at FMR)

Number of Full-Time Jobs At
Minimum Wage To Afford a

1-Bedroom Rental Home (at FMR)



<sup>\*</sup> Ranked from Highest to Lowest 2-Bedroom Housing Wage. Includes District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

| NORTH DAKOTA            | FY24 HOUSING WAGE                                | НО          | USING CO  | OSTS  | AREA MEDIAN<br>INCOME (AMI) |   |               |   |                                     | RENTERS                                 |   |   |   |  |  |
|-------------------------|--|-------------|---|---|-----------------------------|---|---------------|---|-------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|--|--|
|                         | Hourly wage<br>necessary to afford<br>2 BR1 FMR2 | 2 BR<br>FMR | Annual<br>income<br>needed to<br>afford 2<br>BR FMR | Full-time<br>jobs at<br>minimum<br>wage to afford<br>2BR FMR <sup>3</sup> | Annual<br>AMI <sup>4</sup>  | Monthly rent<br>affordable<br>at AMI <sup>5</sup> | 30%<br>of AMI | Montly rent<br>affordable<br>at 30%<br>of AMI | Renter<br>households<br>(2018-2021) | % of total<br>households<br>(2018-2021) | Estimated<br>hourly<br>mean<br>renter<br>wage<br>(2024) | Monthly<br>rent<br>affordable<br>at mean<br>renter wage | Full-time<br>jobs at mean<br>renter wage<br>needed to<br>afford<br>2 BR FMR |  |  |
| North Dakota            | \$18.38  | \$956       | \$38,229  | 2.5   | \$104,572                   | \$2,614   | \$31,372      | \$784   | 117,825                             | 37%                                     | \$20.14   | \$1,047   | 0.9   |  |  |
| Combined Nonmetro Areas | \$18.71  | \$973       | \$38,916  | 2.6   | \$102,597                   | \$2,565   | \$30,779      | \$769   | 49,922                              | 32%                                     | \$22.29   | \$1,159   | 8.0   |  |  |
| Metropolitan Areas      |  |             |   |   |                             |   |               |   |                                     |   |   |   |   |  |  |
| Bismarck MSA            | \$18.37  | \$955       | \$38,200  | 2.5   | \$108,500                   | \$2,713   | \$32,550      | \$814   | 14,993                              | 28%                                     | \$17.11   | \$890   | 1.1   |  |  |
| Fargo MSA               | \$18.15  | \$944       | \$37,760  | 2.5   | \$105,900                   | \$2,648   | \$31,770      | \$794   | 37,895                              | 48%                                     | \$19.67   | \$1,023   | 0.9   |  |  |
| Grand Forks MSA         | \$17.87  | \$929       | \$37,160  | 2.5   | \$104,300                   | \$2,608   | \$31,290      | \$782   | 15,015                              | 49%                                     | \$17.59   | \$914   | 1.0   |  |  |
| Counties                |  |             |   |   |                             |   |               |   |                                     |   |   |   |   |  |  |
| Adams County            | \$16.52  | \$859       | \$34,360  | 2.3   | \$105,200                   | \$2,630   | \$31,560      | \$789   | 263                                 | 26%                                     | \$12.99   | \$676   | 1.3   |  |  |
| Barnes County           | \$17.40  | \$905       | \$36,200  | 2.4   | \$96,400                    | \$2,410   | \$28,920      | \$723   | 1,249                               | 26%                                     | \$14.44   | \$751   | 1.2   |  |  |
| Benson County           | \$16.52  | \$859       | \$34,360  | 2.3   | \$72,800                    | \$1,820   | \$21,840      | \$546   | 528                                 | 28%                                     | \$12.19   | \$634   | 1.4   |  |  |
| Billings County         | \$17.29  | \$899       | \$35,960  | 2.4   | \$113,700                   | \$2,843   | \$34,110      | \$853   | 83                                  | 26%                                     | \$22.43   | \$1,166   | 8.0   |  |  |
| Bottineau County        | \$16.52  | \$859       | \$34,360  | 2.3   | \$107,700                   | \$2,693   | \$32,310      | \$808   | 501                                 | 19%                                     | \$12.96   | \$674   | 1.3   |  |  |
| Bowman County           | \$16.52  | \$859       | \$34,360  | 2.3   | \$101,200                   | \$2,530   | \$30,360      | \$759   | 249                                 | 21%                                     | \$17.94   | \$933   | 0.9   |  |  |
| Burke County            | \$16.52  | \$859       | \$34,360  | 2.3   | \$118,400                   | \$2,960   | \$35,520      | \$888   | 168                                 | 18%                                     | \$19.36   | \$1,007   | 0.9   |  |  |
| Burleigh County         | \$18.37  | \$955       | \$38,200  | 2.5   | \$108,500                   | \$2,713   | \$32,550      | \$814   | 11,399                              | 29%                                     | \$16.90   | \$879   | 1.1   |  |  |
| Cass County             | \$18.15  | \$944       | \$37,760  | 2.5   | \$105,900                   | \$2,648   | \$31,770      | \$794   | 37,895                              | 48%                                     | \$19.67   | \$1,023   | 0.9   |  |  |
| Cavalier County         | \$16.52  | \$859       | \$34,360  | 2.3   | \$100,400                   | \$2,510   | \$30,120      | \$753   | 262                                 | 17%                                     | \$15.37   | \$799   | 1.1   |  |  |
| Dickey County           | \$16.52  | \$859       | \$34,360  | 2.3   | \$94,400                    | \$2,360   | \$28,320      | \$708   | 426                                 | 22%                                     | \$14.70   | \$765   | 1.1   |  |  |
| Divide County           | \$26.87  | \$1,397     | \$55,880  | 3.7   | \$109,800                   | \$2,745   | \$32,940      | \$824   | 259                                 | 29%                                     | \$19.78   | \$1,028   | 1.4   |  |  |
| Dunn County             | \$20.33  | \$1,057     | \$42,280  | 2.8   | \$132,400                   | \$3,310   | \$39,720      | \$993   | 430                                 | 29%                                     | \$36.02   | \$1,873   | 0.6   |  |  |
| Eddy County             | \$16.52  | \$859       | \$34,360  | 2.3   | \$81,700                    | \$2,043   | \$24,510      | \$613   | 329                                 | 31%                                     | \$13.88   | \$722   | 1.2   |  |  |
| Emmons County           | \$16.52  | \$859       | \$34,360  | 2.3   | \$99,000                    | \$2,475   | \$29,700      | \$743   | 289                                 | 19%                                     | \$9.60  | \$499   | 1.7   |  |  |
| Foster County †         | \$16.52  | \$859       | \$34,360  | 2.3   | \$111,500                   | \$2,788   | \$33,450      | \$836   | 324                                 | 22%                                     |   |   |   |  |  |

<sup>†</sup> Wage data not available (See Appendix B).

<sup>1:</sup> BR = Bedroom

<sup>2:</sup> FMR = Fiscal Year 2024 Fair Market Rent.

<sup>3:</sup> This calculation uses the higher of the county, state, or federal minimum wage, where applicable.

<sup>4:</sup> AMI = Fiscal Year 2024 Area Median Income

<sup>5:</sup> Affordable rents represent the generally accepted standard of spending not more than 30% of gross income on gross housin

| NORTH DAKOTA         | FY24 HOUSING WAGE  | НО          | USING CO  | OSTS  |                            | AREA MEINCOME                                     |               |   | RENTERS                             |   |   |   |   |
|----------------------|--|-------------|---|---|----------------------------|---|---------------|---|-------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|
|                      | Hourly wage<br>necessary to afford<br>2 BR <sup>†</sup> FMR <sup>2</sup> | 2 BR<br>FMR | Annual<br>income<br>needed to<br>afford 2<br>BR FMR | Full-time<br>jobs at<br>minimum<br>wage to afford<br>2BR FMR <sup>3</sup> | Annual<br>AMI <sup>4</sup> | Monthly rent<br>affordable<br>at AMI <sup>5</sup> | 30%<br>of AMI | Montly rent<br>affordable<br>at 30%<br>of AMI | Renter<br>households<br>(2018-2021) | % of total<br>households<br>(2018-2021) | Estimated<br>hourly<br>mean<br>renter<br>wage<br>(2024) | Monthly<br>rent<br>affordable<br>at mean<br>renter wage | Full-time<br>jobs at mean<br>renter wage<br>needed to<br>afford<br>2 BR FMR |
| Golden Valley County | \$16.77  | \$872       | \$34,880  | 2.3   | \$104,900                  | \$2,623   | \$31,470      | \$787   | 170                                 | 25%                                     | \$9.97  | \$518   | 1.7   |
| Grand Forks County   | \$17.87  | \$929       | \$37,160  | 2.5   | \$104,300                  | \$2,608   | \$31,290      | \$782   | 15,015                              | 49%                                     | \$17.59   | \$914   | 1.0   |
| Grant County         | \$16.52  | \$859       | \$34,360  | 2.3   | \$83,700                   | \$2,093   | \$25,110      | \$628   | 146                                 | 14%                                     | \$8.76  | \$455   | 1.9   |
| Griggs County        | \$16.52  | \$859       | \$34,360  | 2.3   | \$93,100                   | \$2,328   | \$27,930      | \$698   | 168                                 | 18%                                     | \$14.51   | \$754   | 1.1   |
| Hettinger County     | \$17.25  | \$897       | \$35,880  | 2.4   | \$90,200                   | \$2,255   | \$27,060      | \$677   | 236                                 | 22%                                     | \$17.12   | \$890   | 1.0   |
| Kidder County        | \$16.52  | \$859       | \$34,360  | 2.3   | \$81,500                   | \$2,038   | \$24,450      | \$611   | 285                                 | 26%                                     | \$17.15   | \$892   | 1.0   |
| LaMoure County       | \$16.52  | \$859       | \$34,360  | 2.3   | \$100,100                  | \$2,503   | \$30,030      | \$751   | 265                                 | 16%                                     | \$13.35   | \$694   | 1.2   |
| Logan County         | \$17.29  | \$899       | \$35,960  | 2.4   | \$78,200                   | \$1,955   | \$23,460      | \$587   | 130                                 | 17%                                     | \$16.69   | \$868   | 1.0   |
| McHenry County       | \$16.52  | \$859       | \$34,360  | 2.3   | \$101,200                  | \$2,530   | \$30,360      | \$759   | 419                                 | 18%                                     | \$24.46   | \$1,272   | 0.7   |
| McIntosh County      | \$16.52  | \$859       | \$34,360  | 2.3   | \$91,100                   | \$2,278   | \$27,330      | \$683   | 263                                 | 22%                                     | \$14.85   | \$772   | 1.1   |
| McKenzie County      | \$26.00  | \$1,352     | \$54,080  | 3.6   | \$108,300                  | \$2,708   | \$32,490      | \$812   | 2,329                               | 44%                                     | \$39.20   | \$2.038   | 0.7   |
| McLean County        | \$16.52  | \$859       | \$34,360  | 2.3   | \$100,300                  | \$2,508   | \$30,090      | \$752   | 713                                 | 17%                                     | \$19.47   | \$1,012   | 8.0   |
| Mercer County        | \$20.90  | \$1,087     | \$43,480  | 2.9   | \$112,500                  | \$2,813   | \$33,750      | \$844   | 573                                 | 16%                                     | \$22.85   | \$1,188   | 0.9   |
| Morton County        | \$18.37  | \$955       | \$38,200  | 2.5   | \$108,500                  | \$2,713   | \$32,550      | \$814   | 3,506                               | 27%                                     | \$16.86   | \$876   | 1.1   |
| Mountrail County     | \$16.52  | \$859       | \$34,360  | 2.3   | \$102,800                  | \$2,570   | \$30,840      | \$771   | 1,394                               | 39%                                     | \$30.63   | \$1,593   | 0.5   |
| Nelson County        | \$16.52  | \$859       | \$34,360  | 2.3   | \$99,900                   | \$2,498   | \$29,970      | \$749   | 323                                 | 25%                                     | \$13.54   | \$704   | 1.2   |
| Oliver County        | \$18.37  | \$955       | \$38,200  | 2.5   | \$108,500                  | \$2,713   | \$32,550      | \$814   | 88                                  | 13%                                     | \$38.37   | \$1.995   | 0.5   |
| Pembina County       | \$16.52  | \$859       | \$34,360  | 2.3   | \$94,600                   | \$2,365   | \$28,380      | \$710   | 759                                 | 26%                                     | \$15.94   | \$829   | 1.0   |
| Pierce County        | \$16.52  | \$859       | \$34,360  | 2.3   | \$103,700                  | \$2,593   | \$31,110      | \$778   | 335                                 | 20%                                     | \$10.36   | \$538   | 1.6   |
| Ramsey County        | \$16.52  | \$859       | \$34,360  | 2.3   | \$95,300                   | \$2,383   | \$28,590      | \$715   | 1,912                               | 38%                                     | \$10.57   | \$550   | 1.6   |
| Ransom County        | \$16.52  | \$859       | \$34,360  | 2.3   | \$95,200                   | \$2,380   | \$28,560      | \$714   | 601                                 | 26%                                     | \$12.43   | \$646   | 1.3   |
| Renville County      | \$17.50  | \$910       | \$36,400  | 2.4   | \$100,000                  | \$2,500   | \$30,000      | \$750   | 141                                 | 16%                                     | \$13.94   | \$725   | 1.3   |
| Richland County      | \$16.52  | \$859       | \$34,360  | 2.3   | \$104,400                  | \$2,610   | \$31,320      | \$783   | 2,086                               | 31%                                     | \$12.29   | \$639   | 1.3   |
| Rolette County       | \$16.52  | \$859       | \$34,360  | 2.3   | \$63,500                   | \$1,588   | \$19,050      | \$476   | 1,244                               | 34%                                     | \$15.22   | \$791   | 1.1   |
| Sargent County       | \$16.52  | \$859       | \$34,360  | 2.3   | \$99,100                   | \$2,478   | \$29,730      | \$743   | 459                                 | 27%                                     | \$24.58   | \$1,278   | 0.7   |
| Sheridan County      | \$17.29  | \$899       | \$35,960  | 2.4   | \$95,700                   | \$2,393   | \$28,710      | \$718   | 110                                 | 17%                                     | \$8.79  | \$457   | 2.0   |

<sup>†</sup> Wage data not available (See Appendix B).

<sup>1:</sup> BR = Bedroom

<sup>2:</sup> FMR = Fiscal Year 2024 Fair Market Rent.

<sup>3:</sup> This calculation uses the higher of the county, state, or federal minimum wage, where applicable.

<sup>4:</sup> AMI = Fiscal Year 2024 Area Median Income

<sup>5:</sup> Affordable rents represent the generally accepted standard of spending not more than 30% of gross income on gross housin

| NORTH DAKOTA    | FY24 HOUSING WAGE                                | НО          | USING CO  | OSTS  |                            | AREA ME   |               |   | RENTERS |   |   |   |   |  |
|-----------------|--|-------------|---|---|----------------------------|---|---------------|---|---------|---|---|---|---|--|
|                 | Hourly wage<br>necessary to afford<br>2 BR1 FMR2 | 2 BR<br>FMR | Annual<br>income<br>needed to<br>afford 2<br>BR FMR | Full-time<br>jobs at<br>minimum<br>wage to afford<br>2BR FMR <sup>3</sup> | Annual<br>AMI <sup>4</sup> | Monthly rent<br>affordable<br>at AMI <sup>5</sup> | 30%<br>of AMI | Montly rent<br>affordable<br>at 30%<br>of AMI |         | % of total<br>households<br>(2018-2021) | Estimated<br>hourly<br>mean<br>renter<br>wage<br>(2024) | Monthly<br>rent<br>affordable<br>at mean<br>renter wage | Full-time<br>jobs at mean<br>renter wage<br>needed to<br>afford<br>2 BR FMR |  |
| Sioux County    | \$16.52  | \$859       | \$34,360  | 2.3   | \$49,600                   | \$1,240   | \$14,880      | \$372   | 592     | 57%                                     | \$16.91   | \$879   | 1.0   |  |
| Slope County †  | \$17.29  | \$899       | \$35,960  | 2.4   | \$93,000                   | \$2,325   | \$27,900      | \$698   | 34      | 10%                                     |   |   |   |  |
| Stark County    | \$19.71  | \$1,025     | \$41,000  | 2.7   | \$108,300                  | \$2,708   | \$32,490      | \$812   | 4,717   | 36%                                     | \$25.35   | \$1,318   | 8.0   |  |
| Steele County   | \$16.52  | \$859       | \$34,360  | 2.3   | \$111,900                  | \$2,798   | \$33,570      | \$839   | 162     | 23%                                     | \$9.63  | \$501   | 1.7   |  |
| Stutsman County | \$16.52  | \$859       | \$34,360  | 2.3   | \$100,800                  | \$2,520   | \$30,240      | \$756   | 3,213   | 35%                                     | \$16.37   | \$851   | 1.0   |  |
| Towner County   | \$16.52  | \$859       | \$34,360  | 2.3   | \$89,300                   | \$2,233   | \$26,790      | \$670   | 234     | 24%                                     | \$15.84   | \$823   | 1.0   |  |
| Traill County   | \$16.52  | \$859       | \$34,360  | 2.3   | \$115,700                  | \$2,893   | \$34,710      | \$868   | 886     | 27%                                     | \$15.47   | \$804   | 1.1   |  |
| Walsh County    | \$16.52  | \$859       | \$34,360  | 2.3   | \$86,600                   | \$2,165   | \$25,980      | \$650   | 976     | 22%                                     | \$17.89   | \$930   | 0.9   |  |
| Ward County     | \$18.81  | \$978       | \$39,120  | 2.6   | \$110,300                  | \$2,758   | \$33,090      | \$827   | 11,001  | 39%                                     | \$19.36   | \$1,007   | 1.0   |  |
| Wells County    | \$16.52  | \$859       | \$34,360  | 2.3   | \$94,300                   | \$2,358   | \$28,290      | \$707   | 462     | 26%                                     | \$13.16   | \$684   | 1.3   |  |
| Williams County | \$21.85  | \$1,136     | \$45,440  | 3.0   | \$111,400                  | \$2,785   | \$33,420      | \$836   | 7,224   | 46%                                     | \$34.05   | \$1,771   | 0.6   |  |

<sup>†</sup> Wage data not available (See Appendix B).

<sup>1:</sup> BR = Bedroom

<sup>2:</sup> FMR = Fiscal Year 2024 Fair Market Rent.

<sup>3:</sup> This calculation uses the higher of the county, state, or federal minimum wage, where applicable.

<sup>4:</sup> AMI = Fiscal Year 2024 Area Median Income

<sup>5:</sup> Affordable rents represent the generally accepted standard of spending not more than 30% of gross income on gross housin