



MINOT AND WARD COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA ECONOMY AT A GLANCE

JUNE 2026

WORKFORCE - UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (JOB SERVICE NORTH DAKOTA)

	APR 2026	MAR 2026	APR 2025	APR 2024
MINOT	2.2%	2.7%	2.6%	2.3%
WARD COUNTY	2.3%	2.8%	2.6%	2.3%
NORTH DAKOTA	2.2%	2.8%	2.6%	2.3%
UNITED STATES	4.0%	4.3%	3.9%	3.5%

SALES TAX COLLECTIONS (CITY OF MINOT, 1%, FINANCE)

	APR 2026	APR 2025	YTD 2026	YTD 2025
MINOT	\$1,107,124.90	\$1,080,082.37	\$4,294,618.04	\$4,179,013.88

TAXABLE SALES & PURCHASES (OFFICE OF ND STATE TAX COMMISSIONER)

1ST QUARTER	2026	2025	2024	2023
MINOT	\$269,879,271	\$264,370,399	\$280,426,371	\$276,007,702
WARD COUNTY	\$290,221,210	\$296,998,843	\$308,627,191	\$307,858,141

REAL ESTATE (MINOT MULTIPLE LISTING)

	APR 2026	APR 2025	YTD 2026	YTD 2025
SINGLE FAMILY HOMES SOLD IN MINOT	49	47	192	183
ALL SOLD (MINOT & RURAL SURROUNDING AREA)	70	70	266	261
AVERAGE SALE PRICE FOR MINOT	\$301,749	\$297,667	\$309,356	\$275,945
AVERAGE SALE PRICE ALL MARKET	\$294,553	\$285,401	\$296,900	\$267,034

TRANSPORTATION (MINOT INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT)

	APR 2026	APR 2025	YTD 2026	YTD 2025
PASSENGER BOARDINGS	12,150	14,504	51,511	60,077

BUILDING PERMITS/VALUES (CITY OF MINOT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT)

	APR 2026	APR 2025	YTD 2026	YTD 2025
NEW RESIDENTIAL (SINGLE FAMILY, TOWNHOUSE, & CONDO)	PERMITS: 11 \$1,839,935	PERMITS: 26 \$4,713,839	PERMITS: 17 \$2,960,949	PERMITS: 32 \$5,732,537
NEW COMMERCIAL	\$1,100,000	\$7,030,000	\$19,392,955	\$12,968,000
VALUE OF ALL PERMITS	\$5,493,534	\$12,856,729	\$28,945,790	\$24,803,657

LODGING (VISIT MINOT)

	APR 2026	APR 2025	YTD 2026	YTD 2025
LODGING TAX (2%)	45.7%	61.9%	52.5%	53.9%
12 MONTH OCCUPANCY	\$52,111.10	\$26,515.30	\$326,482.97	\$771,194.64

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COST OF LIVING

FIRST QUARTER • 2026

	MINOT, ND MICRO	BISMARCK/ MANDAN, ND METRO	FARGO, ND/MOORH EAD, MN METRO	GRAND FORKS, ND METRO	RAPID CITY, SD METRO
COMPOSITE INDEX	90.4	87.2	95.3	90.0	97.2
GROCERIES	91.1	98.1	97.0	90.3	97.8
HOUSING	74.2	69.4	81.2	84.0	93.3
UTILITIES	81.7	81.7	88.4	93.8	88.7
TRANSPORTATION	104.0	101.9	90.3	90.8	99.3
HEALTH CARE	106.7	103.3	118.6	102.1	103.7
MISC. GOODS	100.8	93.4	106.6	92.3	101.2

MINOT'S COST OF LIVING IS 9.6% UNDER THE NATIONAL AVERAGE FOR THE FIRST QUARTER OF 2026. (U.S. AVERAGE COMPOSITE INDEX = 100%) THE COST OF LIVING INDEX IS PUBLISHED BY THE AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE RESEARCHERS ASSOCIATION (ACCRA). THE ACCRA COST OF LIVING INDEX MEASURES DIFFERENCES BETWEEN AREAS IN THE COST OF CONSUMER GOODS AND SERVICES, EXCLUDING TAXES AND NON-CONSUMER EXPENDITURES. IT IS BASED ON 100,000 DATA POINTS, FOR WHICH PRICES ARE COLLECTED QUARTERLY BY THE MINOT AREA CHAMBER EDC AND 288 OTHER URBAN AREAS ACROSS THE NATION.