



MINOT AND WARD COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA ECONOMY AT A GLANCE

SEPTEMBER 2026

WORKFORCE - UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (JOB SERVICE NORTH DAKOTA)

	JULY 2026	JUNE 2026	JULY 2025	JULY 2024
MINOT	2.0%	2.3%	2.2%	2.2%
WARD COUNTY	1.9%	2.4%	2.2%	2.1%
NORTH DAKOTA	2.1%	2.5%	2.6%	2.6%
UNITED STATES	4.4%	4.4%	4.6%	4.5%

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

	JULY 2026	JULY 2025	YTD 2026	YTD 2025
MINOT	\$1,305,917.34	1,254,345.33	\$9,045,585.04	\$7,656,796.27

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

2ND QUARTER	2026	2025	2024	2023
MINOT	\$344,703,514	\$345,496,995	\$335,314,208	\$351,564,685
WARD COUNTY	\$379,343,877	\$400,002,173	\$373,762,261	\$395,127,602

REAL ESTATE (MINOT MULTIPLE LISTING)

	JULY 2026	JULY 2025	YTD 2026	YTD 2025
SINGLE FAMILY HOMES SOLD IN MINOT	72	78	424	420
ALL SOLD (MINOT & RURAL SURROUNDING AREA)	106	99	594	573
AVERAGE SALE PRICE FOR MINOT	\$313,546	\$306,251	\$313,576	\$298,308
AVERAGE SALE PRICE ALL MARKET	\$300,375	\$305,232	\$300,375	\$288,730

TRANSPORTATION (MINOT INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT)

	JULY 2026	JULY 2025	YTD 2026	YTD 2025
PASSENGER BOARDINGS	15,858	17,091	94,948	106,780

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

	JULY 2026	JULY 2025	YTD 2026	YTD 2025
NEW RESIDENTIAL (SINGLE FAMILY, TOWNHOUSE, & CONDO)	PERMITS: 17 \$3,067,734	PERMITS: 3 \$614,884	PERMITS: 65 \$11,891,282	PERMITS: 36 \$6,971,671
NEW COMMERCIAL	\$1,816,178	\$3,035,014	\$23,723,912	\$65,688,344
VALUE OF ALL PERMITS	\$7,246,773	\$6,028,198	\$52,962,633	\$75,413,250

LODGING (VISIT MINOT)

	JULY 2026	JULY 2025	YTD 2026	YTD 2025
LODGING TAX (2%)	\$70,385.65	\$72,778.24	\$399,213.61	\$290,664.61
12 MONTH OCCUPANCY	67.3%	68.4%	52.2%	53.7%

COUNCIL FOR COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC RESEARCH (C2ER)

COST OF LIVING

SECOND 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	89.9	88.5	94.4	89.0	96.7
GROCERIES	93.2	99.1	97.9	91.8	98.1
HOUSING	72.6	70.3	81.5	83.5	89.1
UTILITIES	80.6	80.6	84.3	85.9	87.8
TRANSPORTATION	94.0	98.9	88.8	84.1	97.9
HEALTH CARE	106.4	102.9	115.7	101.6	107.2
MISC. GOODS	102.6	97.0	105.3	92.8	103.1

MINOT'S COST OF LIVING IS **10.1% UNDER THE NATIONAL AVERAGE** FOR THE **SECOND 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.