The information in this document is a summary of vital statistics in North Dakota for the year 2012. Included in this document are statistics for resident births, deaths, marriages and divorces. For more information, please contact the North Dakota Department of Health, Division of Vital Records, at 701.328.2360.
Vital Events Summary 2012

Live births .......................................................... 10,072
Deaths ........................................................................... 5,857
Infant deaths .......................................................... 52
Neonatal\(^1\) deaths ............................................. 27
Postnatal\(^2\) deaths .................................................. 25
Fetal\(^3\) deaths ...................................................... 75
Induced termination of pregnancy ................... 917
Marriages ............................................................ 4,558
Divorces ............................................................. 2,176

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

Events Per Day 2012

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

Live births ........................................................... 27
Low-weight births\(^1\) .................................................. 2
Births to teenagers ............................................ 2
Births to unmarried women ............................ 9
Deaths ................................................................. 16
  From heart disease .......................................... 4
  From cancer ................................................... 3
  From accidents ................................................ 1
Marriages ............................................................. 12
Divorces ............................................................. 6

\(^1\) Low-weight refers to babies weighing less than 5 pounds, 5 ounces at birth.
Live Births 2012

Total live births .................................................... 10,072
Low-weight births\(^1\) .............................................. 619
Births to teenagers ............................................... 597
Births to unmarried women .............................. 3,262
Total pregnancies\(^2\) ............................................... 11,064

\(^1\) 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 2012

Oldest father ............................................................. 72
Oldest mother .......................................................... 50
Youngest father ........................................................ 15
Youngest mother ..................................................... 13
Largest live birth ...................................................... 12 lbs.,1oz.
Highest number in birth order .............................. 10\(^{th}\)
Day most births occurred ...................................... June 20\(^{th}\)
(50 births)
Day fewest births occurred ................................. January 1\(^{st}\)
(9 births)
## Most Popular Baby Names 2012

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Leading Causes of Death 2012

Disease of the heart ........................................ 1,342
All Cancers ....................................................... 1,211
Alzheimer’s disease ........................................ 428
Strokes (cerebrovascular disease) ................ 341
Accidental deaths ............................................ 331
Chronic lung diseases¹ ................................. 304
Diabetes ............................................................ 187
Influenza/pneumonia .................................... 144
Suicide ............................................................... 107
High blood pressure (hypertension) .......... 101
Cirrhosis of the liver ....................................... 87
Blood clots and embolisms ........................... 41

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

Fast Facts for Deaths 2012

Age of oldest male who died ......................... 104
Age of oldest female who died ..................... 107
Day most deaths occurred ......................... March 16th
                                         (37 deaths)
Day fewest deaths occurred ...................... January 18th
                                         (5 deaths)
Fast Facts for Marriages 2012

Oldest groom ....................................................... 89
Oldest bride .......................................................... 96
Youngest groom .................................................. 16
Youngest bride .................................................... 18
Greatest age difference bride and groom .... 33 years
Day most marriages occurred ......................... June 16th
                                            (97 marriages)
Total marriages .................................................. 4,558

Fast Facts for Divorces 2012

Longest marriage ending in divorce .......... 56 years
Shortest marriage ending in divorce .......... 33 days
Day most divorces finalize ......................... May 4th
                                            (20 divorces)
Total divorces .................................................. 2,176

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