The information in this document is a summary of vital statistics in North Dakota for the year 2015. 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 2015

Live births ......................................................... 11,265
Deaths ............................................................... 6,051
Infant deaths .................................................... 78
Neonatal\(^1\) deaths ............................................. 46
Postnatal\(^2\) deaths ............................................. 32
Fetal\(^3\) deaths ..................................................... 69
Induced termination of pregnancy .............. 822
Marriages .......................................................... 4,671
Divorces.............................................................. 2,149

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

Events Per Day 2015

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

Live births .......................................................... 31
Low-weight births\(^1\) ............................................ 2
Births to teenagers ............................................ 1
Births to unmarried women ............................ 10
Deaths.............................................................. 16
   From heart disease ........................................ 3
   From cancer .................................................. 3
   From accidents ............................................. 1
Marriages .......................................................... 13
Divorces ............................................................ 6

\(^1\) Low-weight refers to babies weighing less than 5 pounds, 5 ounces at birth.
Live Births 2015

Total live births ..................................................... 11,265
Low-weight births\(^1\) ............................................ 692
Births to teenagers ................................................ 518
Births to unmarried women .................................. 3,552
Total pregnancies\(^2\) ............................................. 12,156

\(^1\) 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 2015

Oldest father ............................................................. 63
Oldest mother ........................................................... 49
Youngest father ........................................................ 14
Youngest mother ...................................................... 12
Largest live birth ...................................................... 16 lbs., 2oz.
Highest number in birth order .............................. 12\(^{th}\)
Day most births occurred ..................................... September 9th
(49 births)
Day fewest births occurred ................................... September 13\(^{th}\)
(12 births)
## Most Popular Baby Names 2015

### BOYS

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**Leading Causes of Death 2015**

All Cancers ..................................................... 1,280  
Diseases of the heart ..................................... 1,271  
Alzheimer’s disease ....................................... 423  
Accidental deaths .......................................... 343  
Chronic lung diseases¹ ................................. 336  
Strokes (cerebrovascular disease) ............... 286  
Diabetes .......................................................... 181  
Influenza/pneumonia .................................. 172  
Suicide ............................................................ 117  
Blood clots and embolisms ......................... 112  
Cirrhosis of the liver ..................................... 90  
High blood pressure (hypertension) .......... 87  
Diseases of Other Arteries² .......................... 47

¹Chronic lung diseases include asthma, emphysema, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), etc.  
²Peripheral vascular diseases

**Fast Facts for Deaths 2015**

Age of oldest male who died .......................... 108  
Age of oldest female who died ....................... 108  
Day most deaths occurred ......................... August 27th  
(27 deaths)  
Day fewest deaths occurred ....................... August 11th  
(6 deaths)
Fast Facts for Marriages 2015

Oldest groom .....................................................  91
Oldest bride........................................................  89
Youngest groom ................................................  18
Youngest bride...................................................  16
Greatest age difference bride and groom........  39 years
Day most marriages occurred..................... June 20th
                                            (113 marriages)
Total marriages ..................................................  4,671

Fast Facts for Divorces 2015

Longest marriage ending in divorce........  58 years
Shortest marriage ending in divorce.......  37 days
Day most divorces finalize ...................... July 22nd
                                             (18 divorces)
Total divorces ..................................................  2,149