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# EXECUTIVE BUDGET ADDRESS

**Gov. Doug Burgum**  
December 4, 2024

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## CIA gave Iran profit to Afghans

WASHINGTON (AP) — Millions of dollars diverted from Iranian arms sales to Nicaraguan Contra rebels went through a Swiss bank account controlled by the CIA and were also used to handle covert assistance to the Afghan rebels, a U.S. government source said today.

The disclosure comes after President Reagan on Tuesday called for an independent counsel to investigate possible illegal actions by administration officials in connection with the controversy.

The source, who insisted on anonymity, said congressional investigators had learned of the comingling of funds in the Swiss account during a preliminary probe of the secret White House role in the diversion of profits from the Iranian arm sales to the Contras.

Confirming a report that first appeared in today's editions of The Washington Post, the source said the use of the CIA account "will be the subject of the investigation of the special prosecutor" as well as congressional probes.

The CIA declined comment on the reports. "Our policy is that

## Sinner: Raise taxes \$343 million



By DOUGLAS VAN TASSEL of The Tribune

The governor outlines his strategy Tuesday.

*19% income tax proposed to offset oil revenue loss*

**G**ov. George Sinner today released a 1987-89 executive budget that would raise taxes by \$343 million, keep spending flat and wipe out no programs.

By MIKE DORSHER, Tribune Staff Writer

The governor's budget would hold state spending to \$1.12 billion, including a projected ending balance of \$29.6 million. That's down from this biennium's budget of \$1.26 billion, but it's up from this biennium's revised revenue total of \$950.8 million.

"After many months of thorough analysis and heated debate, it was clear that tough decisions had to be made," Sinner told the Legislature in his budget message this morning. "We (will) all have to swallow hard in order to put together a balanced budget for the 1987-89 biennium."

The tax increases in Sinner's budget include:

- Continuing the 1-cent

increase: \$15 million.

As for state employees, Sinner is recommending no raise next year and an admittedly "inadequate increase" of 2 percent plus \$50 per month on July 1, 1988. On this Jan. 1, however, state workers will get the 4 percent or \$50-per-month raises delayed by Sinner in May.

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Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2023  
Welcome N.C. Governor's Office  
Governor Doug Burgum  
First Lady Kathryn Burgum

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PRESERVING THE LEGACY OF OUR  
SERVICE MEMBERS

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**EIGHT INCREDIBLE  
YEARS OF PROGRESS**





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2025-27 BUDGET GUIDELINES  
Empower People. Improve Lives. Inspire Success.

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IMPROVE LIVES  
INSPIRE SUCCESS





ARNEGARD, ND

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A night scene showing a large fire in a field. The fire is bright orange and yellow, with thick smoke rising into the dark sky. In the foreground, there is a dark, grassy field. In the middle ground, two emergency vehicles are visible, their lights glowing. The overall atmosphere is dramatic and urgent.

# GRATITUDE



GRASSY BUTTE, ND

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# CAPITAL & TALENT



NDSP CASSELTON

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# NORTH DAKOTA IN THE RANKS

**3RD** Youngest State (Median Age 36.0 Years)

**3RD** Lowest Unemployment Rate

**3RD** Happiest Workforce



# NORTH DAKOTA IN THE RANKS

**2ND** Best state to raise a family

**2ND** In Fiscal Stability

**2ND** Best state for education and  
child care



# NORTH DAKOTA IN THE RANKS

**1ST** State for Business Friendliness

**1ST** State In Infrastructure

**1ST** State for Labor Force Participation





# HARDEST WORKING STATE IN AMERICA

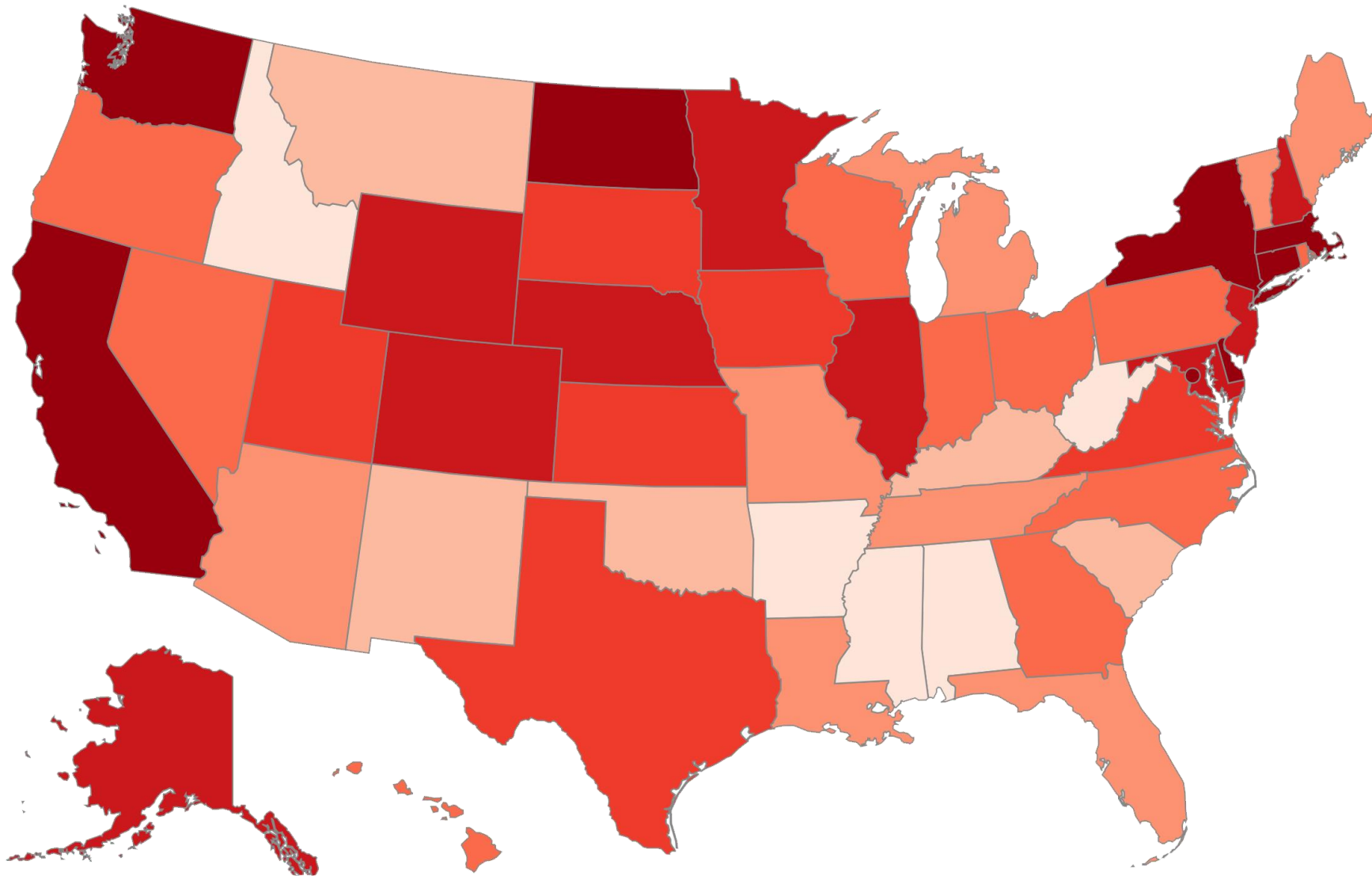
2024 by WalletHub



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# SIXTH-HIGHEST IN REAL GDP PER CAPITA



## TOP 7 STATES

DC - \$260K

NY - \$111K

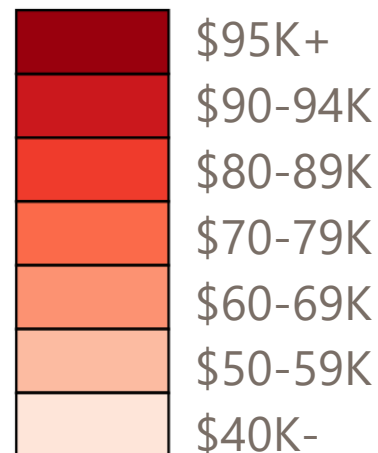
MA - \$105K

WA - \$103K

CA - \$99K

»» **North Dakota - \$97K**

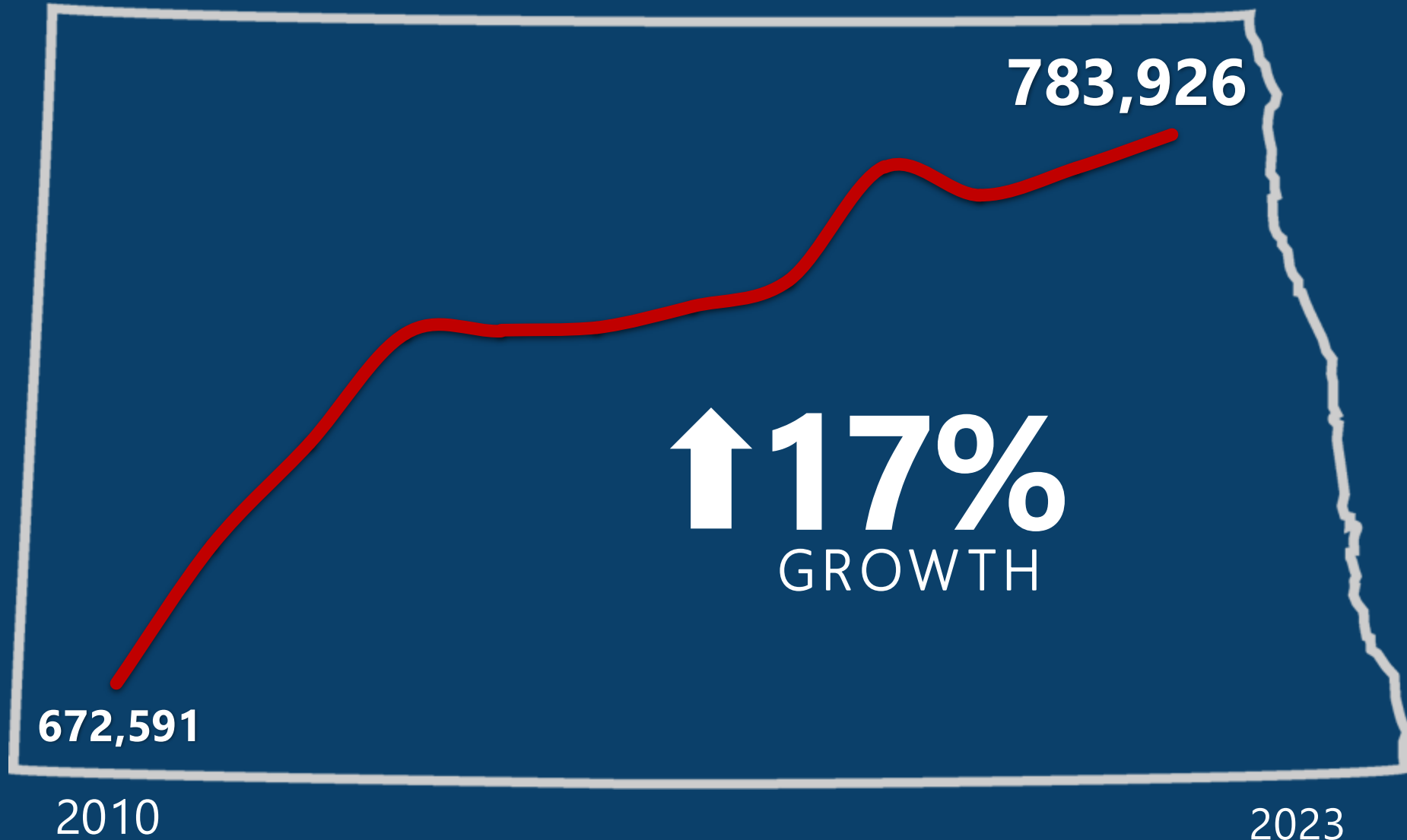
CT - \$96K



Bureau of Economic Affairs and the Census Bureau, as of 2023.

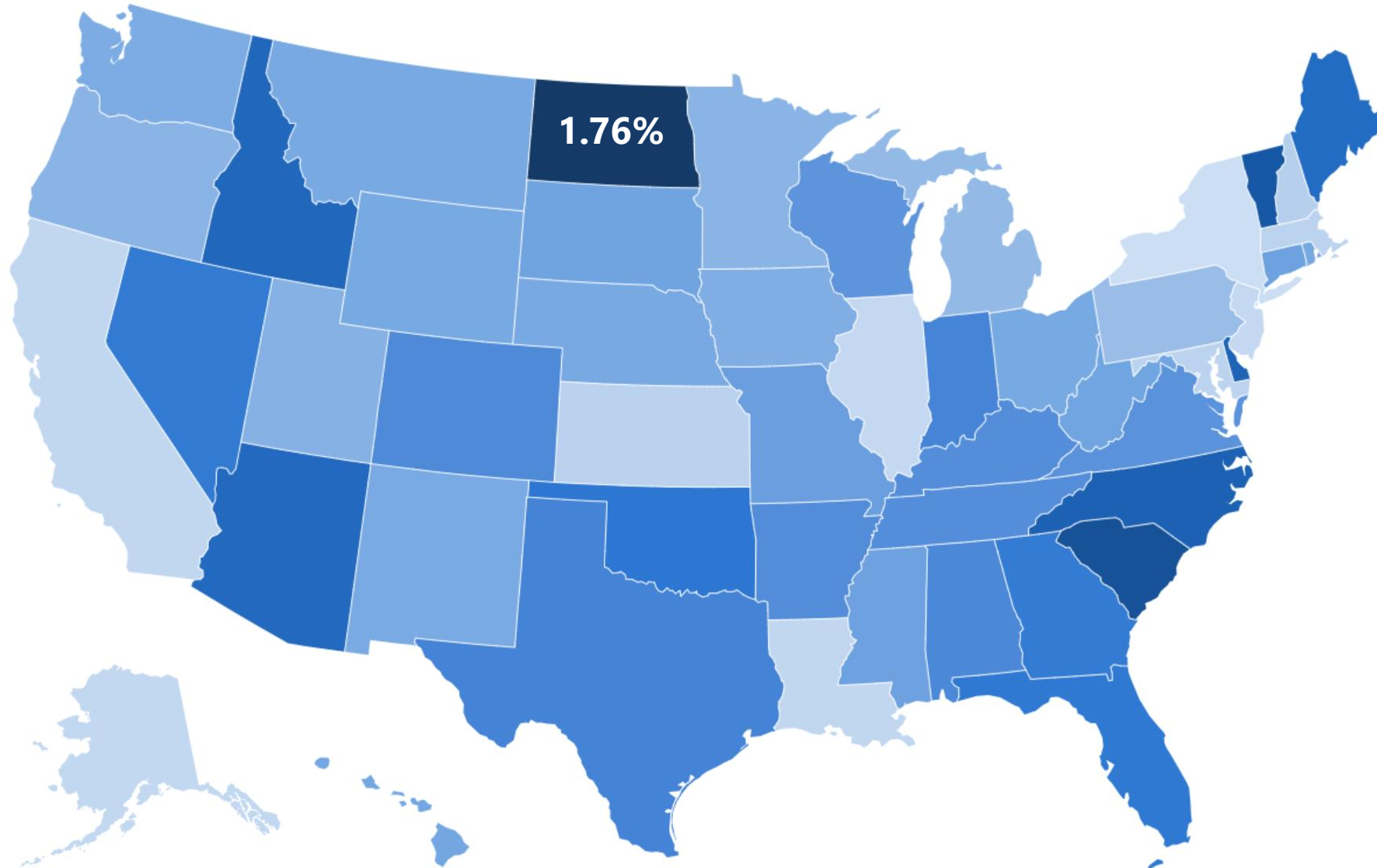


# RECORD NORTH DAKOTA POPULATION





# LEADING THE U.S. IN NET MIGRATION



## **No. 1: North Dakota**

2023 rate: 1.76%  
2022 rate: 0.80%

2023 total: 13,601  
2022 total: 6,177





# INNOVATION OVER REGULATION



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# STRATEGY-DRIVEN BUDGET



ADDRESSING OUR WORKFORCE CHALLENGES



DIVERSIFYING OUR ECONOMY



KEEPING TAXES LOW AND CUTTING RED TAPE





# **BUILDING ON STRONG TRIBAL ENGAGEMENT**



# STRATEGY DRIVES BUDGET WHOLE-OF-GOVERNMENT APPROACH

Office of the Governor  
Office of the Secretary of State  
Office of Management and Budget  
Information Technology Dept  
Office of the State Treasurer  
Office of the Attorney General  
Office of the State Tax Commissioner  
Office of Administrative Hearings  
Commission on Legal Counsel of Indigents  
Retirement and Investment Office  
Public Employees Retirement System  
Ethics Commission  
Department of Public Instruction  
North Dakota University System  
Department of Trust Lands  
Bismarck State College  
Lake Region State College  
Williston State College  
University of North Dakota  
UND Medical Center  
ND State University  
ND State College of Science  
Dickinson State University  
Mayville State University  
Minot State University

Valley City State University  
Dakota College at Bottineau  
ND Forest Service  
State Library  
School for the Deaf  
ND Vision Services / School for the Blind  
Dept. of Career and Technical Education  
Depts of Health & Human Services  
Department of Environmental Quality  
Veterans Home  
Indian Affairs Commission  
Department of Veterans Affairs  
Protection and Advocacy Project  
Job Service North Dakota  
Office of the Insurance Commissioner  
Industrial Commission/Mineral Resources  
Industrial Commission/Pub Finance/Admin  
Department of Labor and Human Rights  
Public Service Commission  
Aeronautics Commission  
Dept of Financial Institutions  
Bank of North Dakota  
North Dakota Housing Finance Agency  
North Dakota Mill and Elevator Association  
Workforce Safety and Insurance

Highway Patrol  
Dept of Corrections and Rehabilitation  
Office of the Adjutant General/National Guard  
Office of the Adjutant General/DES  
Department of Commerce  
Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute  
Branch Research Centers  
NDSU Extension Service  
Northern Crops Institute  
NDSU Main Research Center  
Agronomy Seed Farm  
North Dakota State Fair  
North Dakota Racing Commission  
State Historical Society  
Council on the Arts  
Game and Fish Department  
Department of Parks and Recreation  
Department of Water Resources  
Department of Transportation





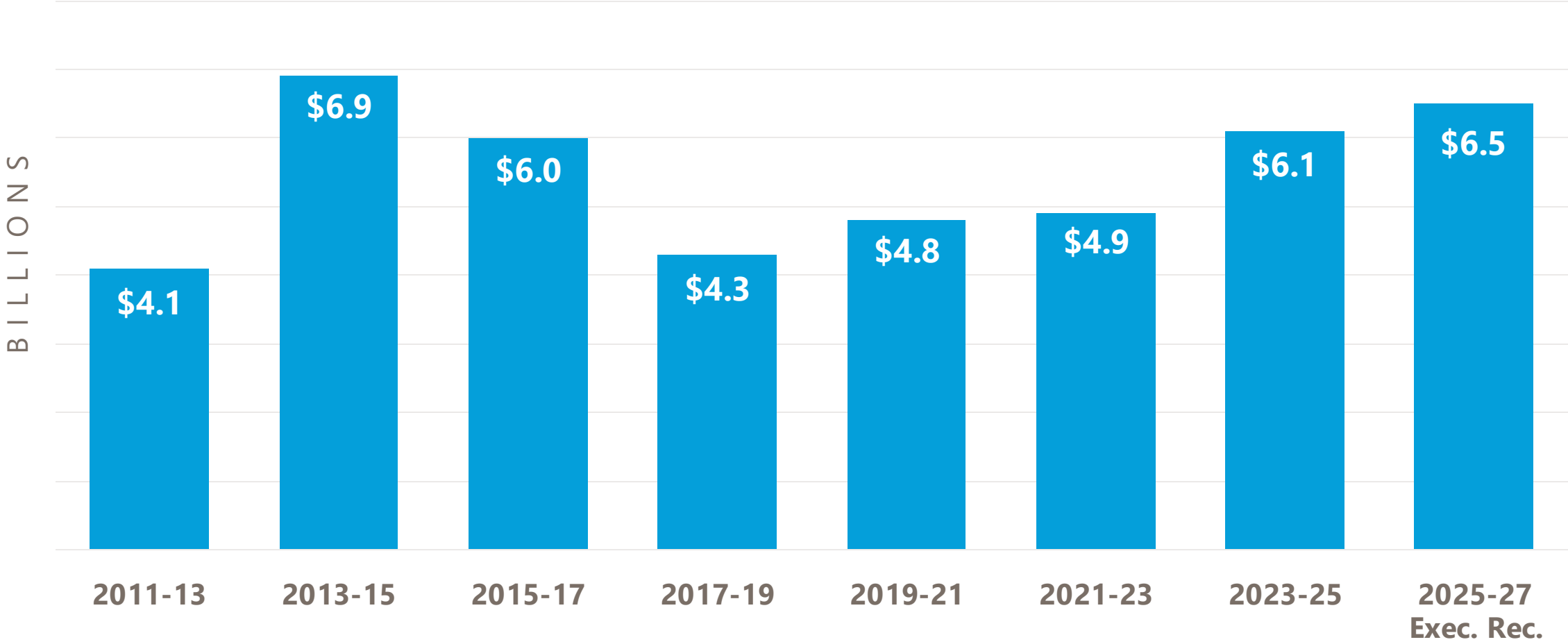
**OFFERING A ROADMAP  
TO GREATER PROSPERITY**



# FISCALLY CONSERVATIVE

## GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS

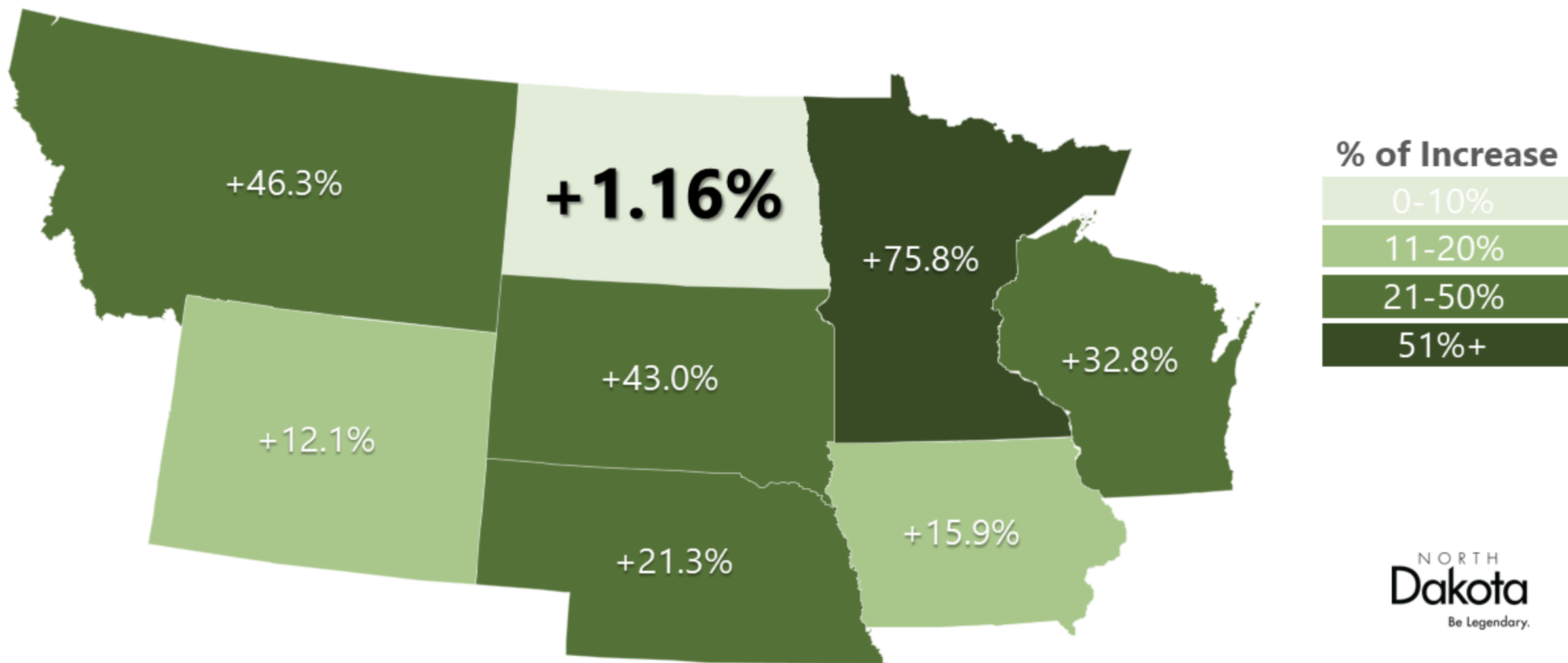
Biennium, 2011-13 to 2025-27





# NORTH DAKOTA 2ND LOWEST IN U.S.

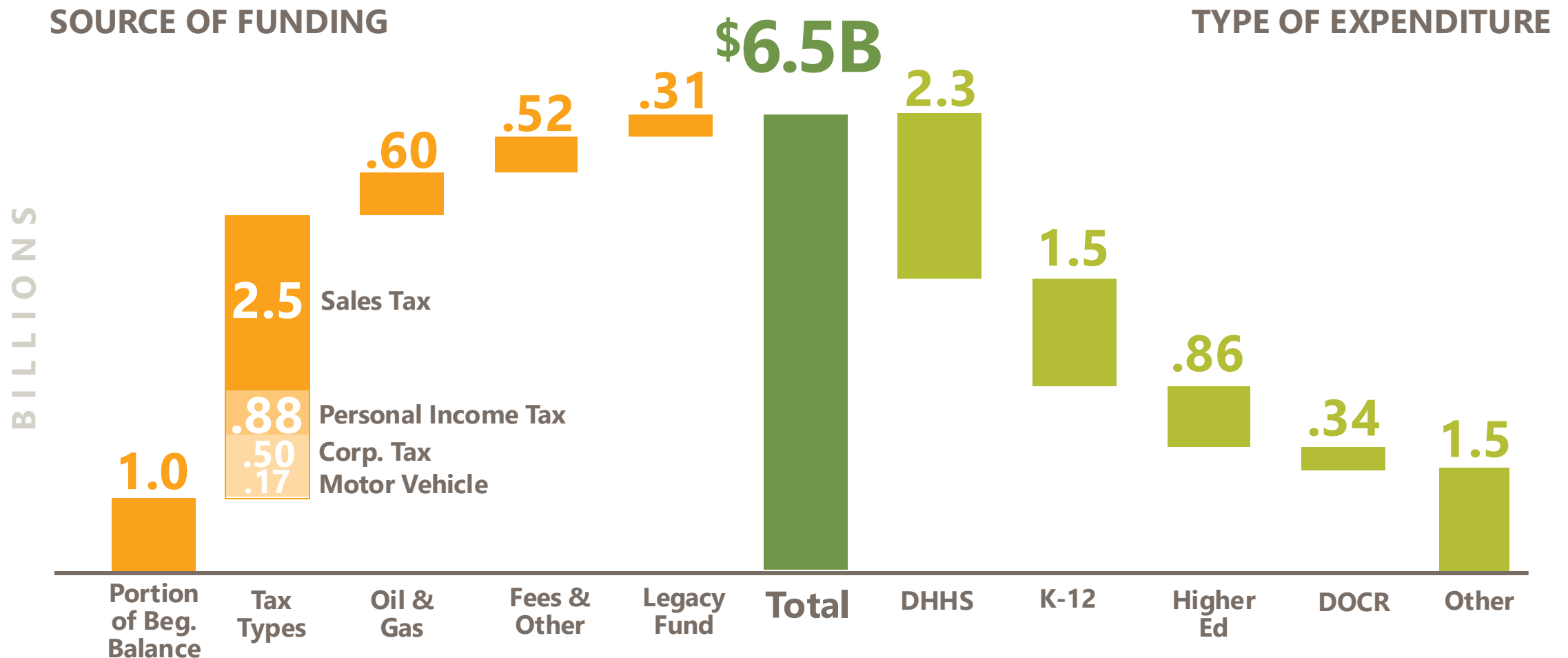
## GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES INCREASES BY STATE FROM 2017 TO 2024





# MAJOR SOURCES AND USES

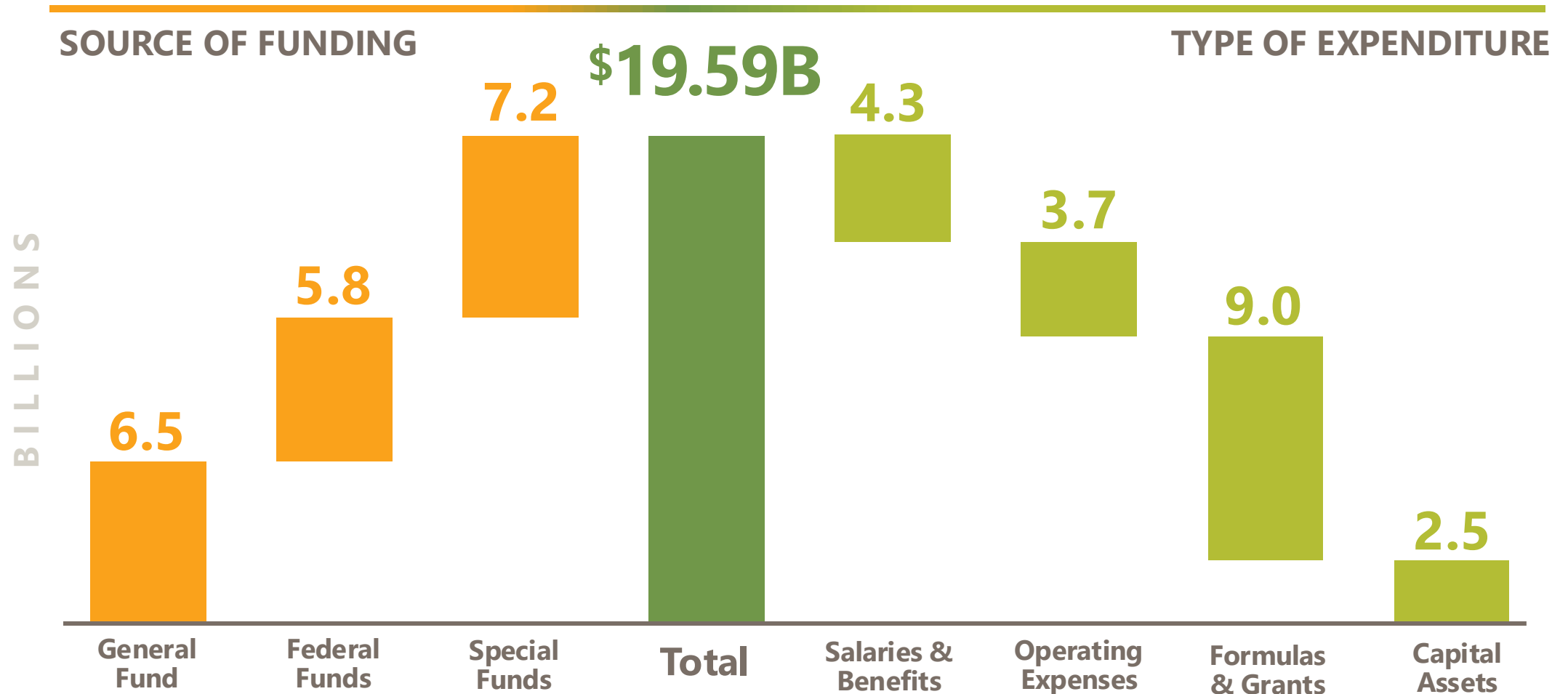
## 2025-27 GENERAL FUND REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES





# SLIGHT OVERALL BUDGET DECREASE

## 2025-27 EXECUTIVE BUDGET PROPOSAL

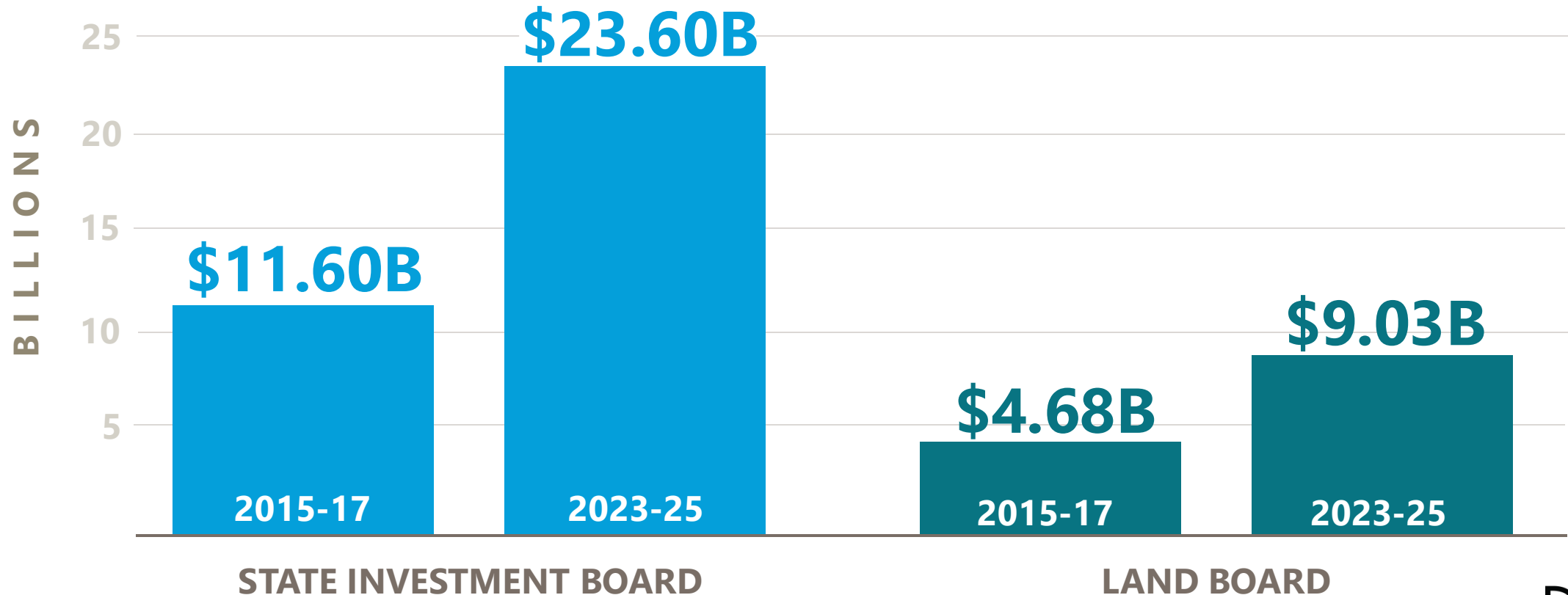




# LONG-TERM, SECURE INVESTING

## STATE ASSETS UNDER MANAGEMENT

2015-17 VS. 2023-25







**LEVERAGING OUR INVESTMENTS  
FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS**



# HISTORIC INCOME TAX RELIEF





# MEANINGFUL, PERMANENT TAX RELIEF

ELIMINATING INCOME TAX FOR

# 3 OUT OF 5

NORTH DAKOTA TAXPAYERS

SAVING  
TAXPAYERS

# \$358M

THIS  
BIENNIUM





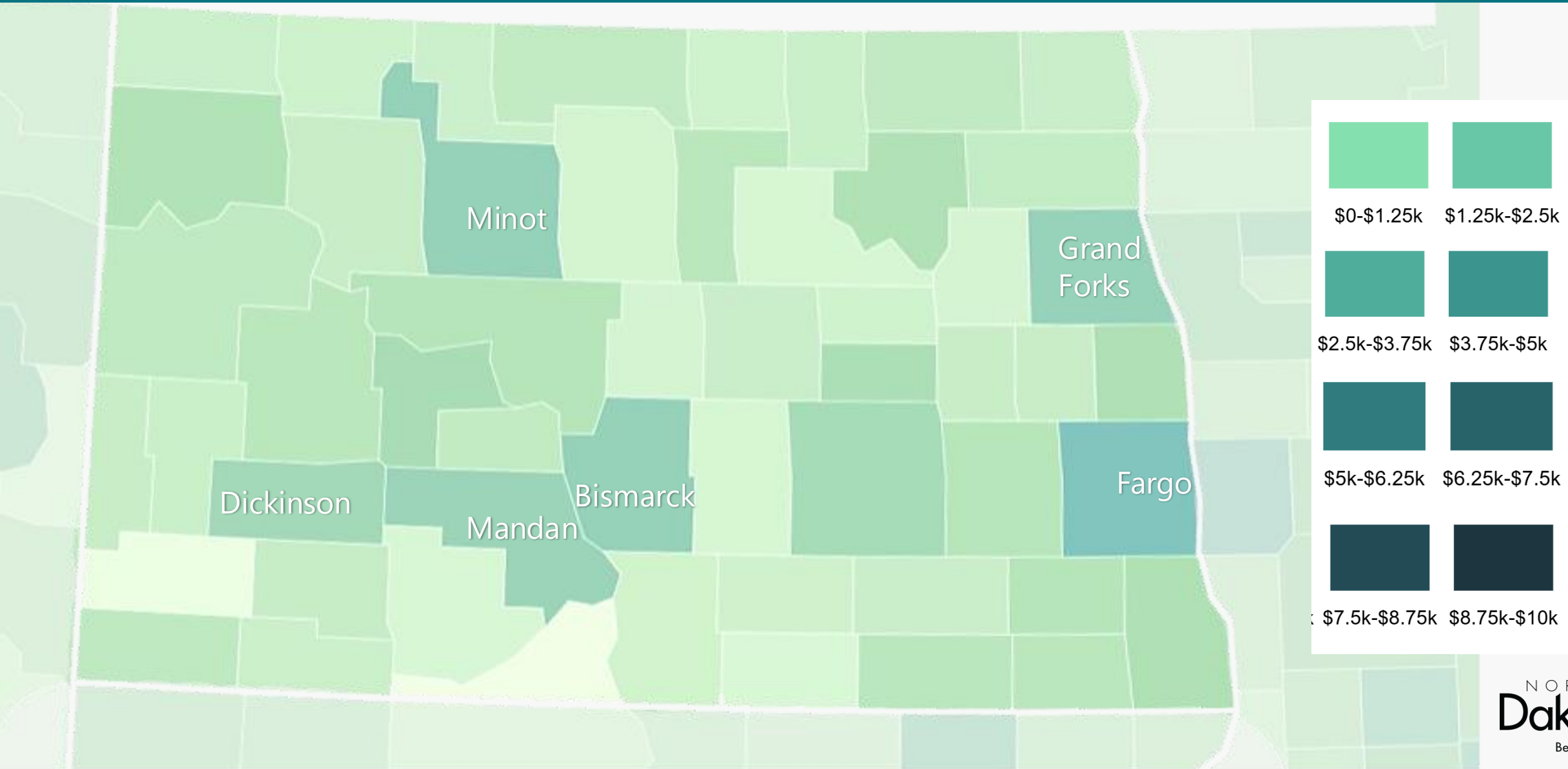
# PROPERTY TAXES

ARE SET AND MANAGED AT THE LOCAL LEVEL AND  
**SHOULD NOT BE FURTHER SUBSIDIZED BY THE STATE**





# PROPERTY TAXES ARE NOT ONE-SIZED-FITS-ALL





# PROPERTY TAXES ARE SET AND MANAGED LOCALLY



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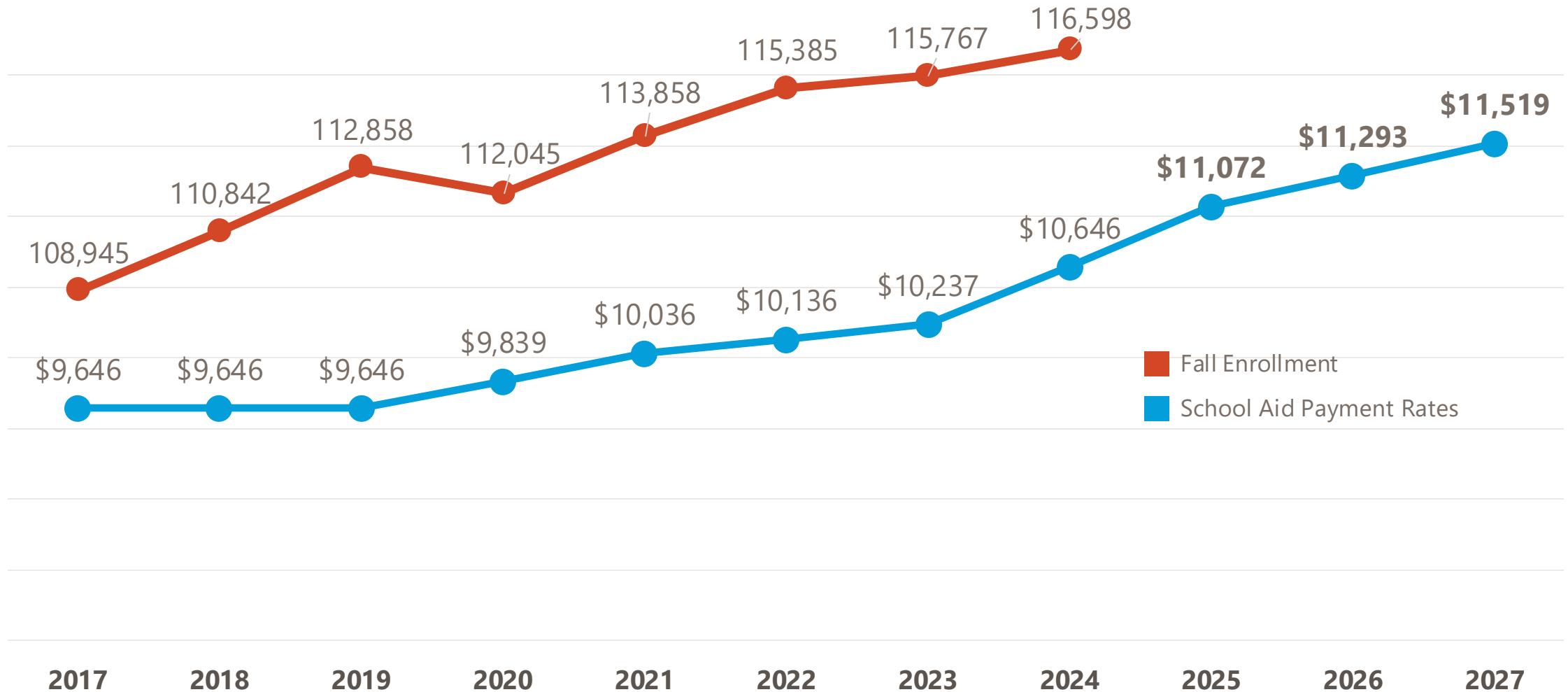


**DRIVING INNOVATION  
IN OUR K-12 EDUCATION SYSTEM**



# INVESTING IN EDUCATION

## HISTORIC K-12 PER-PUPIL RATES





A photograph of a classroom. A teacher is standing at the front, facing away from the camera, with her right arm raised. Several students are seated at their desks, also with their hands raised. The classroom has blue chairs, wooden desks, and a bulletin board in the background.

# CREATING MORE CHOICE IN EDUCATION

**\$50M**

For Educational Savings  
Accounts, or ESAs





**SUPPORTING THE PATHWAY TO  
CAREER, COLLEGE OR MILITARY**





# PUBLIC-PRIVATE INVESTMENT IN CAREER CENTERS





# 13 CAREER CENTERS IN ND

LEADING IN INNOVATIVE EDUCATION



**INNOVATIVE**  
**HEALTH**  
OUR FAMILY. CARING FOR YOURS.



**BENEFITTING FROM**  
**CAREER ACADEMIES**





**STACKABLE CREDENTIALS**  
TO ALLOW STUDENT FLEXIBILITY



MINOT STATE

# \$90M

With \$30M State 2:1 private  
sector match for the  
Challenge Grant Program

## PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS







# SIGNIFICANT OPPORTUNITY TO CREATE A MODERN HIGHER ED GOVERNANCE





# WORKFORCE CONTINUES TO BE OUR #1 BARRIER TO ECONOMIC GROWTH





# PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE

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# CREATING SOLUTIONS TO WORKFORCE CHALLENGES



A woman with long dark hair, wearing a light blue sweater, is sitting at a table with a young girl. They are both looking at a laptop screen. The girl is wearing a plaid shirt. In the background, a man and a woman are in a kitchen, preparing food. The scene is brightly lit and appears to be a home environment.

# \$54M

Total Workforce Package,  
including \$19M for child care

## SUPPORTING WORKING FAMILIES



ROLLA

\$95M

Housing Package to address  
accessibility, affordability  
and stability

REMOVE HOUSING AS A BARRIER  
TO WORKFORCE PARTICIPATION



**HOUSING CREATES OPPORTUNITIES**  
 Communities need a diverse housing infrastructure to create opportunities for mobility and affordability.

**\$96M**  
state contribution

- \$2.65M Red Tape Reduction
- \$6M Construction Workforce
- \$16M Stabilization Supports
- \$22.5M Vibrant Housing Markets
- \$38.5M Finance Innovations
- \$10M Crisis Services

NORTH CAROLINA HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION



**STRONG HOUSING STRONG WORKFORCE**

**AFFORDABILITY**  
 Encourage efficient development and processes to reduce costs

**AVAILABILITY**  
 Enhance access through innovative practices and entry level incentives

**STABILITY**  
 Investing in people and resources to prevent housing crisis

HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION

# SOLVING URGENT ISSUES TO CREATE AFFORDABLE, AVAILABLE HOUSING



BISMARCK



# CREATING NEW HOUSING

BY CUTTING RED TAPE AND CREATING EFFICIENCIES





# \$22.5M

For Regional Workforce  
Impact Program, Office  
of Legal Immigration and  
tech skills training grants

**ADDRESSING WORKFORCE ISSUES  
IN RURAL AND URBAN COMMUNITIES**



# SUPPORTING TEAM ND



GENERAL PERFORMANCE  
INCREASE

**4%/3%**

FY2026 / FY2027

**Cost: \$149.95M**

Agency flexibility with no min, no max



## TEAM ND PENSION

**\$200M  
Infusion**

For 2025-27  
Biennium



HEALTH INSURANCE

**15.23%**

Monthly Premium Increase

**Cost: \$87.7M**

Minimal enhancements to existing plan



# CREATING HEALTHY, VIBRANT COMMUNITIES



EXIT

MANDAN





\$30M

In Matching Funds for  
Destination Development Projects

**DEVELOPING TOURISM,  
ATTRACTING VISITORS**





**GROWING OUR OUTDOOR  
RECREATION ECONOMY**



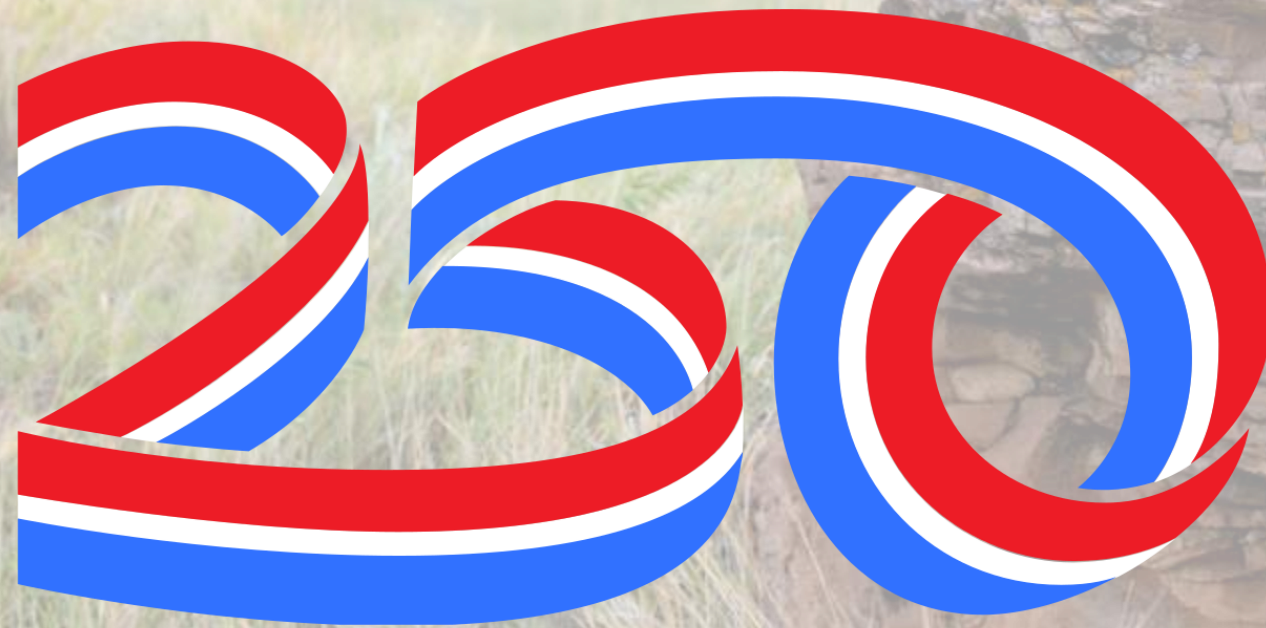


**CREATING NEW,  
INTERACTIVE EXPERIENCES**



CELEBRATING THE BIRTH  
**OF OUR NATION**

**AMERICA**







# THE MOST MILITARY FRIENDLY STATE





ND MILITARY GALLERY AT  
THE HERITAGE CENTER



**HONORING OUR BRAVE  
SERVICE MEMBERS**



# DIVERSIFYING OUR ECONOMY TO MAKE ND LESS VULNERABLE TO VOLATILITY

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**CONTINUED LEADER IN  
AUTONOMOUS AGRICULTURE**



An aerial photograph of a large reservoir, likely Lake Sakagawi, with rolling green hills in the foreground. In the lower-left foreground, there is an active oil well with a tall derrick and various equipment. The hills are lush green, and the water is a calm, greyish-blue. The sky is overcast.

# NORTH DAKOTA IS AN ENERGY POWERHOUSE

No. 3

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OIL PRODUCING  
STATE





ANTELOPE VALLEY STATION

**RELIABLE & AFFORDABLE**  
ENERGY PRODUCTION



# INCENTING PRIVATE INVESTMENT

**\$10M**

For the LIFT Research  
Fund

**\$30M**

For Clean Sustainable  
Energy grants

**\$10M**

For Autonomous  
Agriculture

**\$50M**

For the North Dakota  
Development Fund

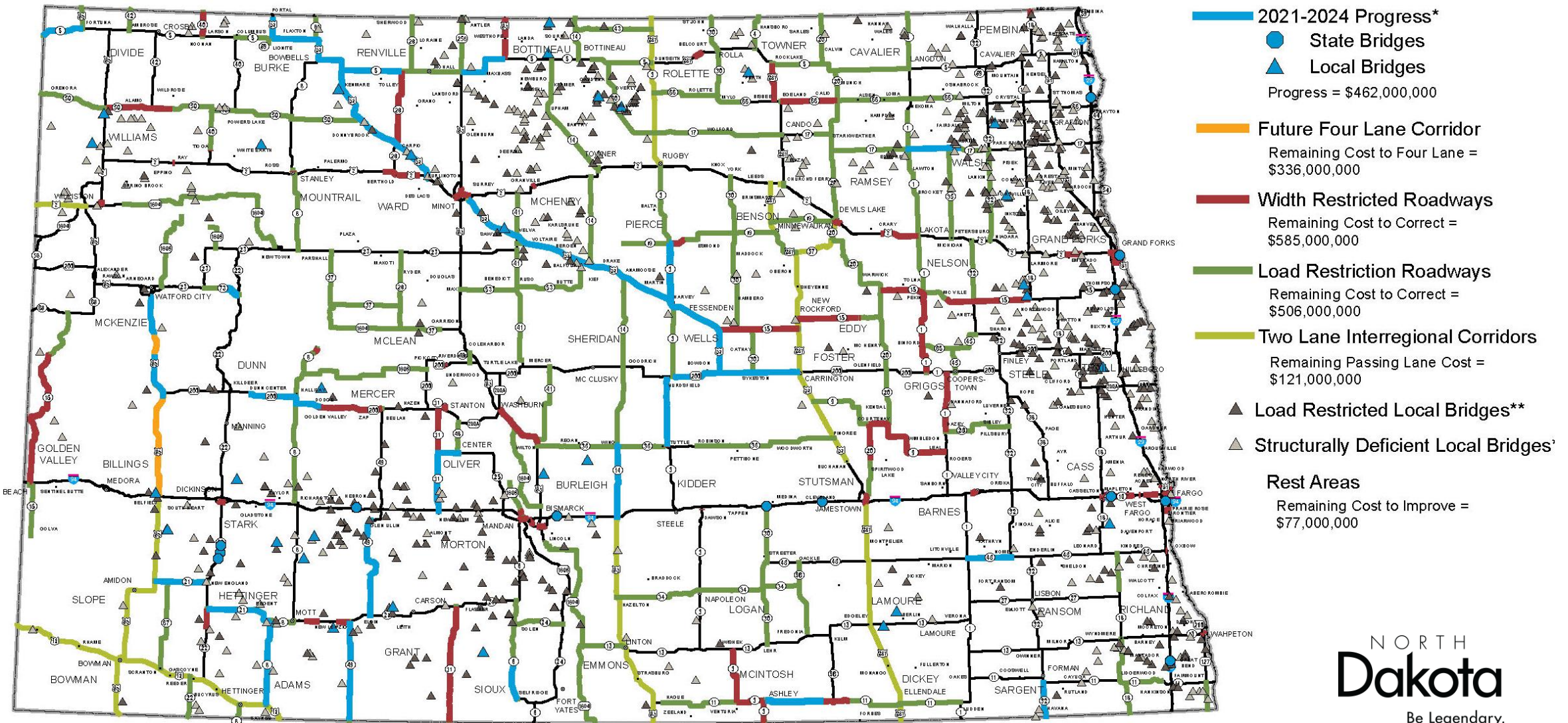


# BUILDING ON OUR LEADERSHIP IN UNMANNED AERIAL SYSTEMS





# 10-YEAR NDDOT INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN





A large-scale construction project is shown, with several workers in high-visibility yellow shirts and hard hats working on a concrete road surface. A concrete mixer truck is visible on the left, pouring concrete into a prepared form. Workers are using various tools like brooms and trowels to finish the surface. The scene is set outdoors under bright daylight.

# CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT

**\$171M**

To continue the successful  
Flexible Transportation Fund



Fargo

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WATER PROJECTS THAT  
PROTECT COMMUNITIES



An aerial photograph of a town with a river and a bridge. The river is in the foreground, and the bridge is in the background. The town is surrounded by trees and buildings.

# CRUCIAL WATER INVESTMENT

**\$435M**

To Support Flood Control and  
Water Supply Projects

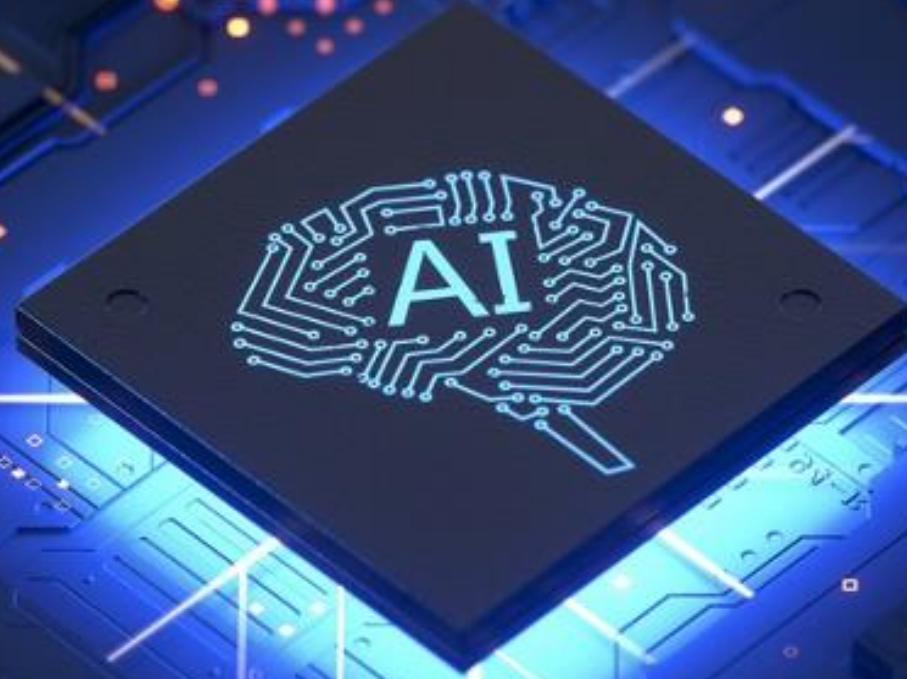


Fargo



# RECORD-BREAKING AIR TRAVEL NUMBERS





**AI**



# MODERNIZING TECHNOLOGY

**\$45M**

investment in Job Service  
unemployment  
main frame



Focusing on oldest  
technologies first  
across all of state  
government





# RETHINKING RE-ENTRY

SUPPORTING COMMUNITY & TREATMENT



\$36.5M

Heart River Women's  
Center in Mandan



**COMPLETION OF THE  
WOMEN'S TRANSFORMATIONAL CENTER**



# COURAGEOUS LEADER EMPOWERING RECOVERY



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FREE THROUGH

# Recovery



Community**Connect**

My Recovery. My Story.

**14,000+**

individuals served to date

**1,125**

served through programs

**1,200**

peer support specialists





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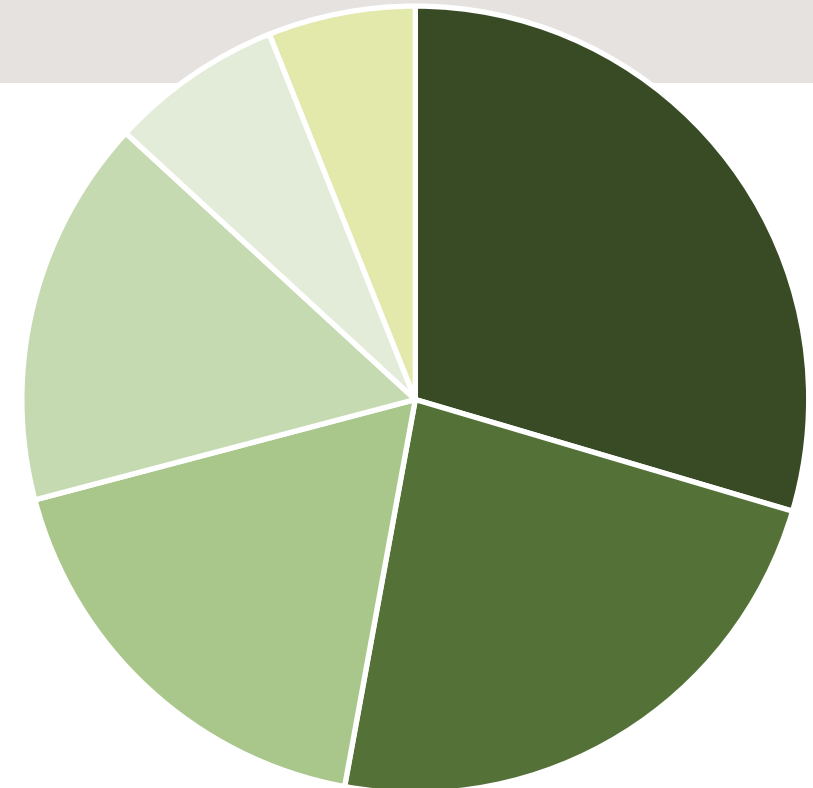
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# BONDING OPPORTUNITY\*

A \$1.5B bonding package would make significant progress on, or complete, these projects:

- ➔ **\$499M** – MRCC
- ➔ **\$393M** – Red River Valley Water Supply
- ➔ **\$304M** – Mouse River Flood Protection
- ➔ **\$269M** – State Hospital
- ➔ **\$120M** – Fargo, GF & Dickinson Airports
- ➔ **\$102M** – Highway 85 4-Lanes



\*interest rate dependent



# INVESTING NOW FOR GENERATIONS

**\$115M**

Annual payments  
from SIIF



Bonding can help support our infrastructure while freeing up capacity in the general fund and resources trust fund



SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA



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KOREAN DEMILITARIZED ZONE





# KOREAN WAR MEMORIAL

전쟁기념사업회  
KWO Korea War Memorial Organization



Welcome  
The Honorable Governor Doug Burgum  
State of North Dakota  
2024.10.15.







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**BEST OF AMERICA**





A PLACE TO BE LEGENDARY

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**COURAGE**



**CURIOSITY**



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**HUMILITY**



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