



# UNITED WAY FACT SHEET

## The data behind Bismarck-Mandan's most pressing issues

### Education

- More than 35% of low-income students in Bismarck and Mandan are not meeting third grade reading proficiency levels. Research indicates that failure to reach this benchmark makes children four times less likely to graduate from high school on time.
- Economically challenged students in North Dakota are 22% less likely to graduate from high school.
- Only 29% of youth in Bismarck-Mandan feel they have a positive adult role model.

### Income

- In 2013, homelessness was down 40% in North Dakota, yet over 8.4% of people in Burleigh County and 14% of children in our region are living in poverty.
- This past school year, 528 students in Bismarck and Mandan Public Schools were identified as homeless, often sleeping in cars, tents or shuffling from couch to couch.

### Health

- Sixty-six percent of adults in North Dakota are overweight.
- One of five children in Bismarck-Mandan is receiving SNAP benefits.
- By 2025, individuals 60+ are projected to grow to nearly 30% of North Dakota's population.

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## Together we can create opportunities for all

No one organization can solve these issues on its own. That's why United Way identifies and funds proven strategies and fosters collaboration among over 30 nonprofit partners, hundreds of businesses and government entities. We ensure services are not duplicated and community gaps are addressed.

### Your support will:

- Ensure children don't go hungry over the weekends when they are not in school.
- Prevent families from becoming homeless through case management, access to mental health and financial counseling, and opportunities for skill building.
- Support programs for the elderly, special needs, and victims of domestic violence.
- Fund proven strategies in a coordinated and collaborative way.
- Save our community hundreds of thousands of dollars by preventing teenagers from entering the judicial system and children from entering foster care.

### Lend you time

- Join [volunteerbismarck.com](http://volunteerbismarck.com) and become a fan of your favorite organizations to receive notifications when they post volunteer and in-kind needs.

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