

# NINE TIMES AS BIG.

## North Dakota's Gain in Population in Twenty Years.

### Population of the Seventy-three Towns in 1900 Compared With 1890.

Washington, Jan. 24.—North Dakota has a population of 319,146, according to the completed bulletin of the returns from that state, just published by Director Merriam. The bulletin says:

In 1890 the population was 182,719, showing an increase during the last ten years of 136,427, or 74.7 per cent. That part of the territory of Dakota had an approximate population in 1870 of 2,405 and in 1880 of 36,609, the increase from 1870 to 1880 having been 34,504 or 1,434.7 per cent, and from 1880 to 1890, 145,810, or 395.1 per cent.

The population of North Dakota in 1900 is nearly nine times as large as that given for 1880.

The total land surface of North Dakota is, approximately 70,195 square miles the average number of persons to the square mile at the censuses of 1890 and 1900 being as follows: 1890, 2.6; 1900, 4.5.

Of the thirty nine counties in the state, all have increased in population during the decade, the counties showing more than 200 per cent of increase being Wells, 585.7 per cent; Billings, 473.5; McLean, 457.1; Pierce, 426.5; Ward, 378.6; Towner, 347.7; Mercer, 315.4; Benson, 238.2; McHenry, 231.6; Stark, 230.8; Rolette, 229.4; Foster, 211.6.

There are seventy-three incorporated cities, towns and villages in the state whose population, compared with 1890, is presented in the following table:

	1900.	1890.
Ardoch	290	214
Bismarck	3,319	2,186
Bottineau	888	145
Cando	1,061	200
Canton	98	....
Casselton	1,207	840
Cavalier	671	....
Church Ferry	264	....
Conway	216	....
Cooperstown	648	368
Crystal	385	....
Davenport	245	....
Devils Lake	1,729	846
Dickinson	2,076	897

Drayton	688	313
Edgeley	306	....
Edinberg	286	....
Ellendale	750	761
Enderlin	636	....
Fairmount	284	91
Fargo	9,589	5,664
Forest River	252	....
Forman	257	178
Grafton	2,378	1,594
Grand Forks	7,652	4,979
Hamilton	224	257
Hankinson	713	....
Hatton	430	....
Hillsboro	1,172	715
Hoople	174	....
Hope	606	238
Hunter	407	194
Jamestown	2,853	2,296
Kulm	462	....
Lakota	576	227
Lamoure	457	309
Langdon	1,188	271
Larimore	1,235	533
Leeds	349	....
Lidgerwood	585	....
Lisbon	1,046	935
Mandan	1,658	1,323
Mapleton	322	....
Mayville	1,106	657
Michigan	309	....
Milnor	322	119
Milton	884	202
Minnewaukan	432	....
Minot	1,277	575
Minto	860	467
New Salem	229	....
Northwood	697	268
Oakes	668	379
Park River	1,088	575
Pembina	929	670
Pisek	132	....
Portland	525	367
Reynolds	389	....
Rolla	400	255
Rugby	487	....
St. Thomas	661	477
Sanborn	259	227
Sheldon	318	253
Steele	185	133
Tower City	468	309
Towner	381	241
Valley City	2,443	1,069
Wahpeton	2,228	1,510
Walhalla	377	....
Williston	762	....
Willow City	476	....
Wimbledon	226	....

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