The Northern Great Plains

Population Growth

The Northern Great Plains had a relatively low net domestic migration rate compared to the United States as a whole. Several counties in the region experienced large population increases at the beginning of the 2010s, declined in population through the middle of the decade, and then increased again in the later years of the decade. Population growth is expected to continue at a slow pace through 2029.

Population Change for Fast-Growing Counties: 2010 to 2019

Percent change in population for fast-growing counties in the Northern Great Plains from 2010 to 2019.

Demographic Characteristics

- Percentage of population aged 65 and older: 19%
- Percentage of population aged 18-24: 12%
- Percentage of population aged 25-34: 5%

Economic Characteristics

- The Northern Great Plains has a lower proportion of population aged 16 and older with a high school diploma or equivalent compared to the United States as a whole.
- The Northern Great Plains has a lower proportion of population aged 16 and older with a bachelor's degree or higher compared to the United States as a whole.
- The Northern Great Plains has a lower percentage of employment in the category of "Natural resources, construction, and maintenance" compared to the United States as a whole.

Migration

Net Domestic Migration for the Northern Great Plains By County: 2010 to 2019

Economic Activities

- The Northern Great Plains has a higher percentage of employment in the category of "Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, and mining" compared to the United States as a whole.
- The Northern Great Plains has a lower percentage of employment in the category of "Transportation, warehousing, and support services" compared to the United States as a whole.
- The Northern Great Plains has a higher percentage of employment in the category of "Sales and office" compared to the United States as a whole.
- The Northern Great Plains has a lower percentage of employment in the category of "Management, business, science, and arts" compared to the United States as a whole.

Satellite Imagery Depicting Residences and Industrial Activity

Recent satellite imagery shows the distribution of residences and industrial activity in the Northern Great Plains.

Geographic Extent

The Northern Great Plains is a region of the United States that includes parts of North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana, and Nebraska. It is bordered by Canada to the north and the United States to the south. The Great Plains region is known for its flat landscape and agricultural productivity.