



North Dakota Legislative Council

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COMPARISON OF NORTH DAKOTA AND MONTANA LEGISLATIVE SERVICE AGENCIES

The service agency for the legislative branch in North Dakota is the North Dakota Legislative Council, which is authorized for 45 permanent staff positions ([Appendix A](#)). The legislative branch in Montana is staffed by three separate service agencies. These agencies are the Legislative Services Division, comprised of 81 permanent staff positions; the Legislative Fiscal Division, comprised of 24 permanent staff positions; and the Legislative Audit Division, comprised of 47 permanent staff positions; for a total of 152 permanent staff positions ([Appendix B](#)).

The following table provides a comparison of relevant statistical information for each state:

	Montana	North Dakota
Frequency of legislative sessions	Biennial	Biennial
Maximum days allowed per regular legislative session	90	80
Term limits imposed	Yes	Yes
Population (2020 Census)	1,085,407	779,702
Gross domestic product (2023)	\$67.1 billion	\$72.7 billion
Enacted budget (FY 2024 and 2025)	\$19.3 billion	\$19.6 billion
Legislators	150	141
Permanent legislative staff	152	45
Bills and resolutions drafted (2011-23 average)	2,988	1,294
Bills and resolutions introduced (2011-23 average)	1,296	929
Bills and resolutions passed (2011-23 average)	659	558
Interim committees (2023-24 interim)	33	27