Recently North Dakota Compass, Center for Social Research at North Dakota State University, conducted a statistical overview on the situation of women in North Dakota. Here are a few of the findings.

» A majority of North Dakota women (54.3%) report having very good or excellent health.

» North Dakota women are more likely than men to have health insurance.

» North Dakota women are more likely than men to have cancer (other than skin), but less likely to have diabetes, a stroke, or a heart attack.

» Of all cancer types, breast cancer has the highest incidence rate for North Dakota females (125.5 per 100,000), over double the incidence rate of any other single type of cancer.

» North Dakota women are twice as likely as men to report being diagnosed with a depressive disorder (23.1% and 11.6%, respectively).

» North Dakota women have healthy babies, with a smaller percentage of low birth weight babies (6.1%) compared to the U.S. average (8.1%), however women of color (non-white) are more likely to birth low weight babies.

» 78.9% of white North Dakota women start prenatal care in the first trimester of pregnancy, compared to 41.7% of Native American women.