

Testimony
Department of Human Services
Human Services Committee
Representative Alon Wieland, Chairman
October 4, 2012

Chairman Wieland and members of the Human Services Committee, I am Alex C. Schweitzer, the Cabinet Lead for Institutions and Regional Human Service Centers for the North Dakota Department of Human Services. Thank you for the opportunity to provide information on the Department’s field services caseloads and program utilization.

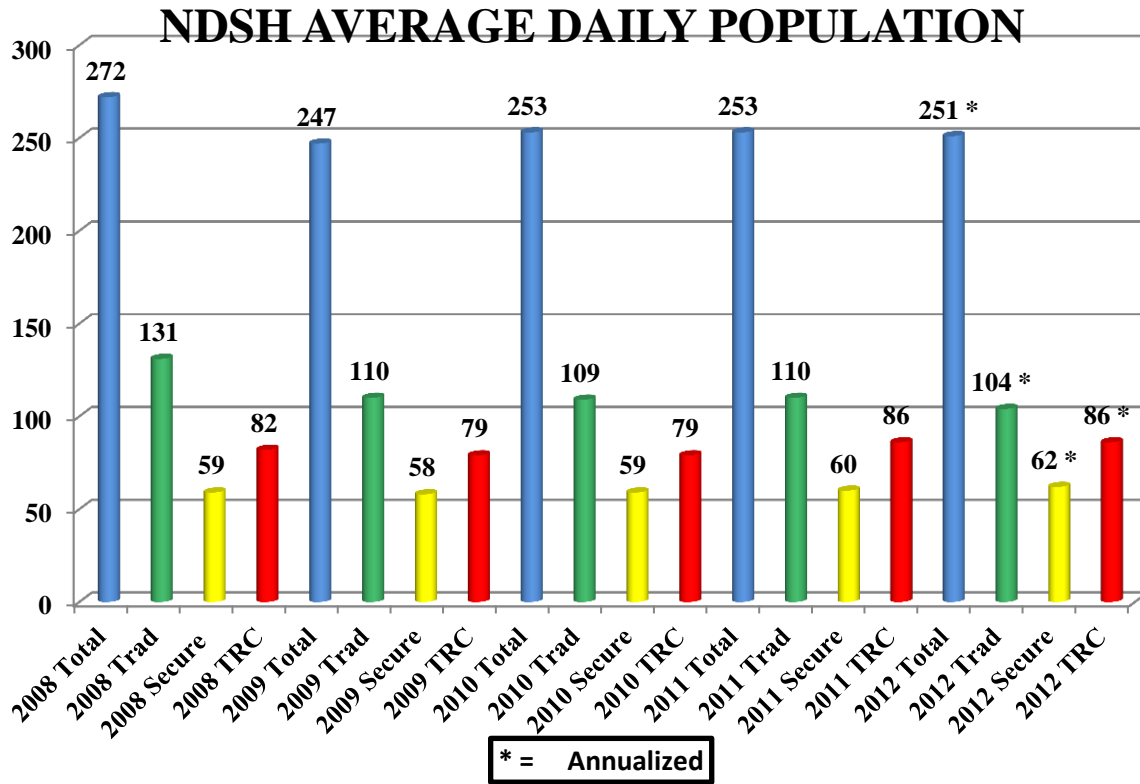
Regional Human Service Centers Caseload Data:

State Fiscal Year	North-west HSC	North Central HSC	Lake Region HSC	North-east HSC	South-east HSC	South Central HSC	West Central HSC	Bad-lands HSC	State-wide	Change from the Previous Year
2008	1,263	3,215	2,373	3,370	5,029	2,958	4,913	1,854	24,975	
2009	1,342	3,197	2,318	3,555	4,968	2,991	5,027	1,891	25,289	314
2010	1,545	3,225	2,484	3,557	5,102	3,074	5,348	1,860	26,195	906
2011	1,650	3,325	2,607	3,608	5,042	3,236	5,655	1,912	27,035	840
2012	1,833	3,398	2,373	3,356	4,949	3,182	5,532	1,871	26,494	(541)

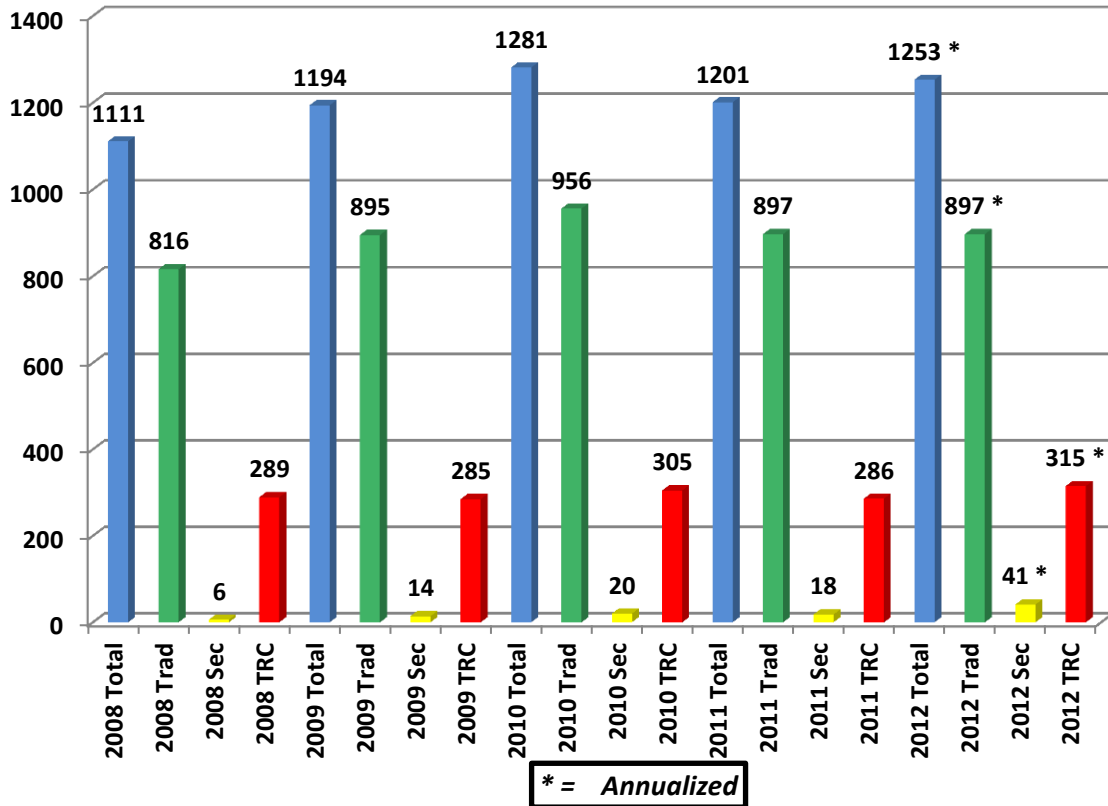
The report shows a slight decrease in clients served at the regional human service centers from fiscal year 2011 to 2012 of 541 clients. This decrease comes after growth in caseloads from 2008 through 2011. This decrease in caseload is primary to six centers, as the Northwest and North Central Centers experienced slight increases. A number of circumstances caused the slight statewide decrease including staff

turnover, a change in referral patterns, and increased service provision from private providers. I can provide the committee with information specific to caseload changes for each Center at your request.

North Dakota State Hospital Census:



NDSH TOTAL ADMISSIONS



The total admissions and average daily population in traditional services at the North Dakota State Hospital were constant from 2011 to 2012. The Hospital saw a steady increase in demand for forensic assessment services both in the sex offender program and Tompkins Rehabilitation and Corrections Center from 2011 to 2012.

North Dakota Developmental Center:

Adult ICF Census 7/1/11	Adult ICF Census 10/1/12	Adult ICF Target Census 6/30/13	Youth Services Census 10/1/12	Total NDDC DD/ID Census 10/1/12
95	89	75	6	95

The North Dakota Developmental Center has scheduled discharges to home and community based care of 14 individuals prior to July 1, 2013.

The North Dakota Developmental Center met the transition to community target census of 95 adults in the intermediate care service as of July 1, 2011. The transition target for the adult intermediate care service for June 30, 2013, is 75 adults. As of October 1, 2012, the current adult census is 89.

The North Dakota Developmental Center continues to operate an eight-bed youth transition services program for youth with developmental disabilities who are having difficulty finding community placements or would otherwise need to be served out of state. The goal is to transition these young people to appropriate community settings.

I would be happy to answer any questions.