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- Business – 24%
- Education – 4%
- Healthcare – 5%
- Economic development – 7%
- Nonprofit – 8%

FACTS:

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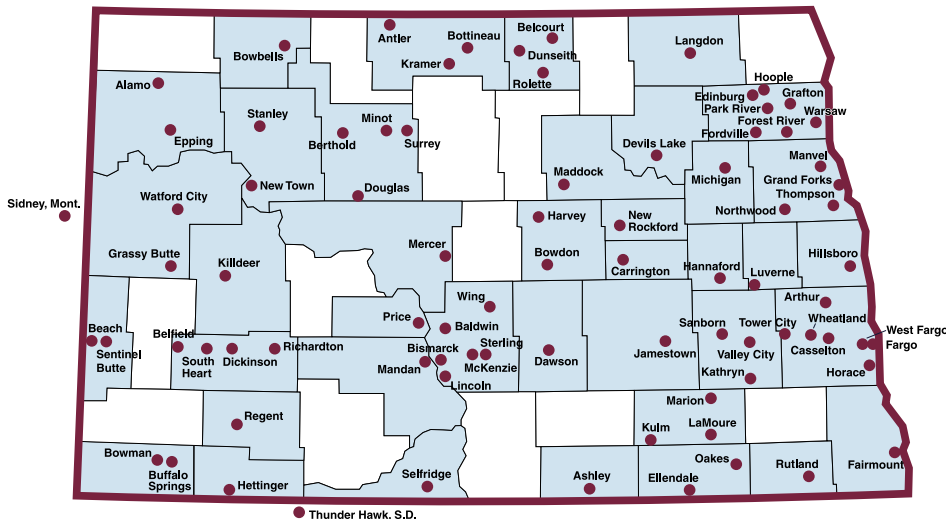
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