

North Dakota



9 Overall Rank

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North Dakota	Overall Rank	To Governor	To State Senate	To State House	To Parties	To PACs
Individual Giving	1	1	1	1	1	1
		Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited
PAC Giving	1	1	1	1	1	
		Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	
Party Giving	1	1	1	1		
		Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited		
Union Giving	50	50	50	50		
		Prohibited	Prohibited	Prohibited		
Corporate Giving	50	50	50	50		
		Prohibited	Prohibited	Prohibited		

Inflation Adjustment: N/A

North Dakota is a guiding light for all of its neighbors. It is one of 11 states in the nation that imposes no limits on the amount individuals, political committees, and parties may contribute to candidates. The Peace Garden State also allows unlimited giving from individuals to parties and PACs and from PACs to parties. As a result, the state earns high marks in the Index and bragging rights over its southern neighbor, which much more stringently restricts the ability of individuals to give to candidates, parties, and political committees.

While North Dakota is already one of the best places to speak freely about candidates and campaigns, it could still improve its score slightly by removing its prohibitions on giving to candidates by businesses and unions. Five states, including Nebraska, have already taken this step and achieved perfect scores in the Index – North Dakotans would benefit if their state considered following suit.