

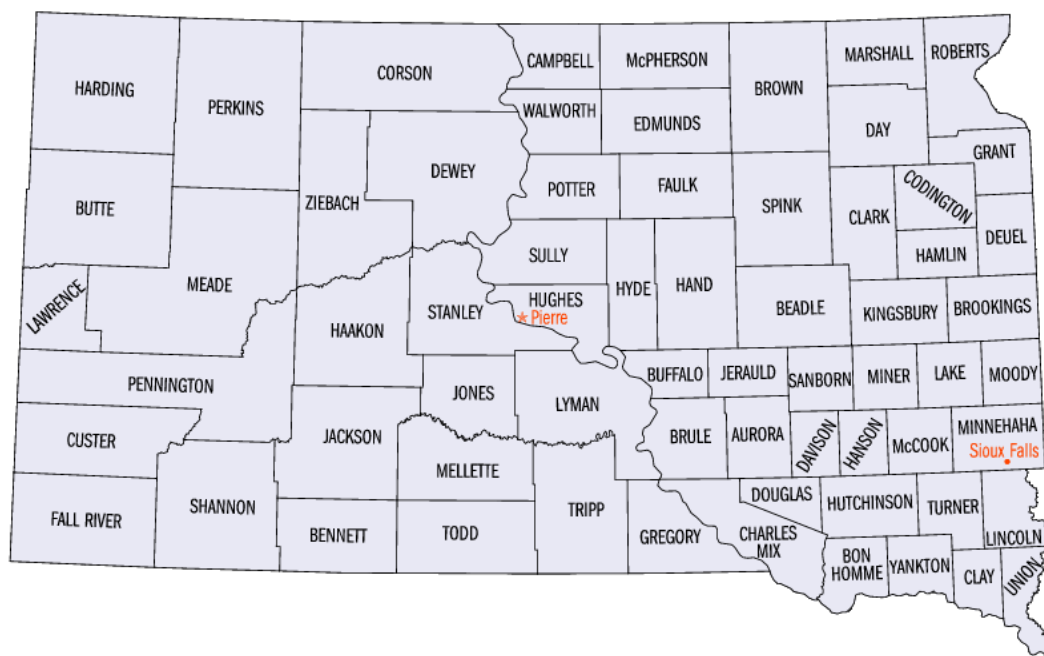
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Profile of Drug Indicators

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South Dakota

The following profile contains information on demographics, political figures, programs, crime, drug use, drug trafficking and enforcement.

Demographics

- Population (2006 American Community Survey) 781,919¹
- Race/ethnicity (2006 American Community Survey): 87.2% white; 0.7% black/African American; 8.6% American Indian/Alaska Native; 0.9% Asian; 0.0% Native Hawaiian/other Pacific Islander; 1.0% other race; 1.6% two or more races; 2.0% Hispanic/Latino (of any race)²

Politics

- Governor: M. Michael Rounds³
- Lt. Governor: Dennis Daugaard⁴
- Attorney General: Larry Long⁵
- Secretary of State: Chris Nelson⁶
- U.S. Senate: John Thune (R); Tim Johnson (D)⁷
- U.S. Representatives: Stephanie Herseth Sandlin (D)⁸
- Capital: Pierre⁹

Programs/Initiatives

- High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA)¹⁰
Designated in 1996, the Midwest HIDTA is responsible for areas of South Dakota, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska and North Dakota. The following South Dakota counties participate in Midwest HIDTA efforts: Clay, Codington, Custer, Fall River, Lawrence, Lincoln, Meade, Minnehaha, Pennington, Union, Brown, Brookings, Beadle and Yankton.
- Meth Awareness and Prevention Project (MAPP)-South Dakota¹¹
Launched in 2001, MAPP-SD encourages communities to form coalitions of citizens, business and community leaders, law enforcement and faith based organizations to examine methamphetamine issues in their community. Additionally, MAPP-SD oversees the South Dakota Alliance for Drug Endangered Children (DEC). The DEC coordinates the work of law enforcement, medical services and child protection workers to ensure that children found at drug laboratories receive the appropriate attention and care.

Crime and Drug-Related Crime

- During 2007, the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) reported making 84 arrests for drug violations in South Dakota.¹²

Number of DEA Drug Arrests, South Dakota, 2003-2007

Year	Arrests
2003	110
2004	117
2005	85

2006	66
2007	84

- There were 13 murder/non-negligent manslaughter offenses known to police in South Dakota during 2006.¹³

Number of Index Offenses Known to Police, South Dakota, 2006

Offense	# of Offenses
Murder/non-negligent manslaughter	13
Forcible rape	317
Robbery	95
Aggravated assault	577
Burglary	2,267
Larceny	8,257
Motor vehicle theft	621
Arson	64
Total	12,211

- During 2006, there were 11 arrests for murder/non-negligent manslaughter in South Dakota.¹⁴

Number of Index Offense Arrests, South Dakota, 2006

Offense	Juvenile	Adult
Murder/non-negligent manslaughter	0	11
Forcible rape	7	37
Robbery	3	23
Aggravated assault	30	303
Burglary	166	177
Larceny	522	976
Motor vehicle theft	37	59
Arson	20	6

- There were 401 juvenile and 2,572 adult arrests for drug possession in South Dakota during 2006.¹⁵

Number of Drug Arrests, South Dakota, 2006

Offense	Juvenile	Adult
Drug sale/manufacturing	30	249
Opium or cocaine and derivatives	0	16
Marijuana	15	99
Synthetic narcotics	4	56
Other dangerous non-narcotic drugs	11	78
Drug possession	401	2,572
Opium or cocaine and derivatives	1	22
Marijuana	295	1,658

Synthetic narcotics	5	62
Other dangerous non-narcotic drugs	100	830
Total drug abuse violations	431	2,821

Drugs

- Cocaine¹⁶
Cocaine is easily obtained throughout South Dakota and has increased in availability during the last year.
- Heroin¹⁷
Heroin is available in personal use quantities in South Dakota.
- Methamphetamine¹⁸
The use of methamphetamine continues to affect all areas of South Dakota. Use of and demand for methamphetamine has continued to rise over the past year, although the drug has come to the attention of the public through an increasingly aware media, informed public officials from the local to national level and concerned citizens.
- Marijuana¹⁹
Marijuana is readily available throughout South Dakota.
- Club Drugs²⁰
The availability of MDMA in South Dakota is limited, but appears to be increasing. Law enforcement officials in South Dakota report limited availability of LSD.
- Diverted Pharmaceuticals²¹
According to the South Dakota Department of Health, hydrocodone products, codeine, and Darvocet-N are the most popular pharmaceutical substances abused in the state. OxyContin is a growing problem throughout South Dakota and the drug has been found at methamphetamine laboratory sites.
- According to 2005-2006 data from the National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH), approximately 44,000 (7%) of South Dakota citizens (ages 12 or older) reported past month use of an illicit drug.²²

Citizens (Ages 12 or Older) Reporting Drug Use, South Dakota, 2005-2006 Data

Drug Type and Use	Number*	Percent
Past month illicit drug use	44	6.89%
Past year marijuana use	55	8.66
Past month marijuana use	33	5.22
Past month use of illicit drug other than marijuana	18	2.80
Past year cocaine use	11	1.80
Past year non-medical pain reliever use	25	3.91

* The number of users is in thousands

- Approximately 255,000 (40.12%) South Dakota citizens reported that using marijuana occasionally (once a month) was a “great risk”.²³
- Additional 2005-2006 NSDUH results indicate that 15,000 (2.32%) South Dakota citizens reported illicit drug dependence or abuse within the past year. Approximately 9,000 (1.45%) reported past year illicit drug dependence.²⁴

Juveniles

- According to a 2007 survey of South Dakota students, 28% of female and 27% of male 12th grade students reported abusing prescription painkillers at some point in their lifetimes.²⁵

Percent of Students Reporting Drug Use, by Grade and Sex, South Dakota, 2007

Drug Type and Use	9th Grade		10th Grade		11th Grade		12th Grade	
	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M
Lifetime marijuana	25%	33%	28%	28%	30%	39%	42%	50%
Past month marijuana	17	19	14	16	12	17	19	27
Past month cocaine	1	5	3	2	2	4	5	5
Lifetime inhalants	12	17	15	13	12	13	13	14
Past month inhalants	5	7	4	6	3	5	6	5
Lifetime heroin	<1	4	3	2	1	3	4	6
Lifetime methamphet.	1	5	5	2	3	6	12	8
Lifetime ecstasy	1	6	3	2	3	5	6	9
Lifetime steroid	<1	3	1	2	2	3	1	5
Painkiller w/o prescri.	18	20	19	12	16	25	28	27
Tried marij. before 13	9	14	5	11	5	9	3	10

- Five percent of the South Dakota 9th-12th graders surveyed during 2007 reported using marijuana on school property within the past month.²⁶
- Twenty-one percent of the students surveyed during 2007 reported that someone had offered, sold or given them an illegal drug on school property during the past year.²⁷
- According to 2005-2006 NSDUH data, approximately 10% of South Dakota 12-17 year olds reported past month use of an illicit drug.²⁸

Youth (12-17 Year Olds) Reporting Drug Use, South Dakota, 2005-2006 Data

Drug Type and Use	Number*	Percent
Past month illicit drug use	7	10.07%
Past year marijuana use	8	12.61
Past month marijuana use	4	6.56
Past month use of illicit drug other than marijuana	4	5.33
Past year cocaine use	1	1.67
Past year non-medical pain reliever use	4	5.74

* The number of users is in thousands

Enforcement

- As of October 31, 2006, there were 2,070 full-time law enforcement employees in South Dakota (1,231 officers and 839 civilian employees).²⁹

Trafficking and Seizures

- Interstate 90, which runs east to west through South Dakota, is increasingly being used for the transportation of drugs and currency by trafficking organizations.³⁰

- Mexican traffickers avoid heightened law enforcement scrutiny by blending in with growing Hispanic communities in the state.³¹
- Multi-hundred pound quantities of marijuana are transported into the state from the southwest border, Colorado, California and Washington.³²
- During 2007, the DEA and state and local authorities in South Dakota reported 7 methamphetamine laboratory incidents.³³

Methamphetamine Laboratory Incidents, South Dakota, 2003-2007

Year	# of Laboratory Incidents
2003	38
2004	11
2005	16
2006	11
2007	7

- Approximately 10.1 kilograms of cocaine were seized by Federal agencies in South Dakota during 2007.³⁴

Amount of Federal Drug Seizures, South Dakota, 2007

Drug Type	Amount Seized
Cocaine	10.1 kilograms
Heroin	0.0 kilograms
Methamphetamine	18.7 kilograms
Marijuana	143.7 kilograms
MDMA	0.0 kilograms

Courts

- During FY 2006, approximately 29.1% of the Federally-sentenced defendants in South Dakota had committed drug offenses. Approximately 60% of these drug cases involved methamphetamine.³⁵

Federal Sentencing Statistics, Drug Cases, South Dakota, FY 2006

Drug Type Involved	Offenses	% of Total
Powder cocaine	14	11.2%
Crack cocaine	7	5.6
Marijuana	24	19.2
Methamphetamine	76	60.8
Other	4	3.2

- Drug Courts³⁶
As of April 16, 2007, there were 9 drug courts in existence or being planned in South Dakota. Four drug courts had been operating for at least two years and 5 were being planned at that time.

Corrections

- As of March 31, 2008, there were 3,320 adult inmates under correctional supervision in South Dakota. At this time, 308 adult male and 16 adult female inmates were incarcerated for possession of a controlled substance.³⁷

Adult Inmate Drug Offenders, Select Drug Offenses, South Dakota, March 31, 2008

Drug-Related Crime Type	Male	Female
Distribution of controlled substance	79	16
Distribution of marijuana	18	2
Possession of controlled substance	308	97
Possession of marijuana	6	-
Violation of drug-free zone	10	-
Distribution of marijuana (1 oz or less)	7	-
Distribution of marijuana (>1/2 lbs. but <1 lbs.)	6	1
Distribution of marijuana (> 1 lbs.)	17	2
Distribution of marijuana to minor	10	2
Distribution of controlled substance- minor (I, II)	4	1
Distribution of controlled substance (III)	1	-
Distribution of controlled substance- minor (III)	-	-
Distribution of controlled substance (IV)	-	-
Distribution of controlled substance- minor (IV)	-	-
Possession of marijuana (> ½ lbs. but < 1 lbs.)	5	1
Possession of marijuana (> 1 lbs. but < 10 lbs.)	18	-
Possession of marijuana (> 10 lbs.)	8	-

- At the end of 2006, there were 5,661 adults on probation and 2,767 adults on parole in South Dakota.³⁸
- Corrections Substance Abuse Program (CSAP)³⁹
The purpose of this program is to provide a continuum of chemical dependency services to adult and juvenile offenders which will offer them the knowledge and tools to live chemical and crime free lifestyles. To meet this purpose, the following services are provided to offenders:
 - Screening, assessments, prevention education classes, pre-treatment classes, intensive outpatient treatment programming and continuing care.
 - Referrals to community based programs for continued care services.
 - Chemical dependency assessments on all adults admitted to corrections facilities, except those with a life sentence, INS holds, have a death sentence or are only being temporarily housed.
 - Level II.1 alcohol/drug treatment and institutional continuing care; to include regular, relapse, Native American specific, co-occurring and methamphetamine specific treatment.
 - Referrals to community based alcohol/drug programming.
 - Day treatment, relapse prevention treatment, and a Level II.1 relapse specific program in the institutions for parolees who have relapsed while on parole.

- The Intensive Prevention Programs (IPP) and Primary Prevention Programs (PPP) are designed for youth entering the juvenile justice system in South Dakota due to an alcohol or drug related offense. In the period from June 1, 2006 through May 31, 2007, there were 865 participants in the 18 and under PPP, 505 participants in the 19-20 year old PPP and 192 participants in the IPP.⁴⁰

Consequences of Use

- During 2007, authorities reported that there were 2 children affected by methamphetamine laboratories in South Dakota.⁴¹

Treatment

- During 2006, there were 15,802 admissions to drug/alcohol treatment in South Dakota.⁴² There were 13,456 admissions to treatment during 2005.⁴³ There were 9,380 treatment admissions in 2004.⁴⁴

Admissions to Treatment, South Dakota, 2004-2006

Drug Type	2004		2005		2006	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Alcohol only	3,192	34.0%	5,095	37.9%	7,438	47.1%
Alc. w/ second. drug	3,217	34.3	4,167	31.0	4,592	29.1
Cocaine – smoked	60	0.6	83	0.6	96	0.6
Cocaine – other route	73	0.8	121	0.9	93	0.6
Marijuana	1,115	11.9	1,860	13.8	1,939	12.3
Heroin	13	0.1	23	0.2	24	0.2
Other opiates	79	0.8	139	1.0	159	1.0
PCP	90	1.0	76	0.6	1	0.0
Hallucinogens	4	0.0	10	0.1	6	0.0
Amphetamines	668	7.1	1,345	10.0	1,154	7.3
Other stimulants	n/a	n/a	2	0.0	n/a	n/a
Tranquilizers	n/a	n/a	1	0.0	5	0.0
Sedatives	17	0.2	12	0.1	7	0.0
Inhalants	16	0.2	31	0.2	60	0.4
Other/none specified	836	8.9	491	3.6	228	1.4
Total	9,380	100.0	13,456	100.0	15,802	100.0

- According to 2005-2006 NSDUH data, approximately 14,000 (2.18%) South Dakota citizens reported needing but not receiving treatment for illicit drug use within the past year.⁴⁵

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