# Alcohol Use

## **DRANK IN PAST 30 DAYS**

Definition: South Dakotans who report drinking alcohol in the past 30 days.

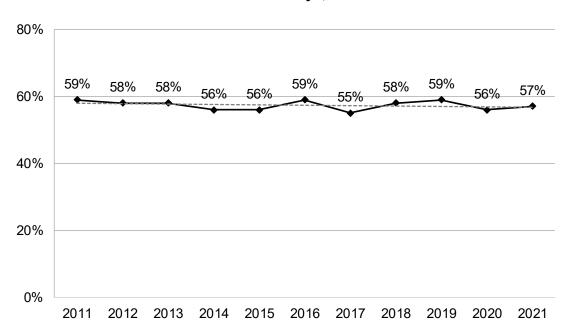
## Prevalence of Drinking in Past 30 Days

- South Dakota 57%
- Nationwide median 53%

#### **Trend Analysis**

Overall, the percent of South Dakotans who report drinking alcohol in the past 30 days has remained steady since 2011. South Dakota is higher than the nationwide median of 53 percent who have drank alcohol in the past 30 days.

Figure 38
Percentage of South Dakotans Who Drank Alcohol in the Past 30 Days, 2011-2021



Source: The Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, South Dakota Department of Health, 2011-2021

Table 35 South Dakotans Who Drank Alcohol in Past 30 Days, 2017-2021					
			95% Confidence Interval		
		2017-2021	Low	High	
Gender	Male	64%	62.1%	65.3%	
Gender	Female	50%	48.8%	51.9%	
	18-29	59%	56.0%	61.9%	
	30-39	62%	58.9%	65.3%	
	40-49	64%	60.5%	66.5%	
Age	50-59	58%	55.7%	60.6%	
	60-69	57%	54.3%	58.7%	
	70-79	47%	44.2%	49.4%	
1	80+	33%	29.6%	36.7%	
	White, Non-Hispanic	59%	58.2%	60.5%	
D /E() /	American Indian, Non-Hispanic	35%	30.7%	38.8%	
Race/Ethnicity	American Indian/White, Non-Hispanic	49%	37.8%	59.8%	
	Hispanic	54%	45.7%	61.3%	
	Less than \$35,000	45%	42.8%	47.4%	
Household	\$35,000-\$74,999	60%	57.7%	61.7%	
Income	\$75,000+	72%	69.8%	73.6%	
	Less than High School, G.E.D.	40%	35.1%	45.3%	
	High School, G.E.D.	50%	47.7%	51.8%	
Education	Some Post-High School	61%	58.6%	62.3%	
	College Graduate	67%	65.4%	68.8%	
	Employed for Wages	64%	61.9%	65.1%	
	Self-employed	65%	61.4%	67.7%	
	Unemployed	51%	45.1%	57.7%	
Employment	Homemaker	35%	29.6%	41.4%	
Status	Student	56%	50.1%	62.2%	
	Retired	47%	45.4%	49.3%	
	Unable to Work	32%	27.6%	37.1%	
	Married/Unmarried Couple	61%	59.9%	62.7%	
	Divorced/Separated	52%	48.4%	54.8%	
Marital Status	Widowed	37%	33.3%	39.8%	
	Never Married	56%	53.0%	58.4%	
Home Ownership	Own Home	60%	58.4%	60.9%	
Status	Rent Home	53%	50.3%	55.5%	
Status					
Children Status	Children in Household (Ages 18-44)	58% 65%	55.4%	60.7% 67.8%	
	No Children in Household (Ages 18-44)		62.1%		
Phone Status	Landline	49%	47.1%	50.4%	
	Cell Phone	60%	58.6%	61.3%	
Pregnancy Status	Pregnant (Ages 18-44)	10%	4.0%	23.0%	
	Not Pregnant (Ages 18-44)	56%	53.1%	58.9%	
County	Minnehaha	59%	55.9%	61.2%	
	Pennington	55%	52.7%	57.9%	
	Lincoln	62%	56.4%	66.5%	
	Brown	55%	51.9%	57.7%	
	Brookings	62%	57.9%	65.0%	
	Codington	57%	54.5%	60.3%	
	Meade	54%	49.0%	58.0%	

Source: The Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, South Dakota Department of Health, 2017-2021

**Demographics** 

Gender Males exhibit a significantly higher prevalence of drinking alcohol than

females.

Age Alcohol use peaks with those in their 40s. This is followed by significant

decreases as the 70s and 80s are reached.

Race/ **Ethnicity**  Whites and Hispanics demonstrate a very high prevalence of drinking alcohol,

while American Indians show a very low prevalence.

Household Income

Alcohol use increases as household income increases. This includes significant increases as the \$35,000-\$74,999 and \$75,000+ income groups

are reached.

**Education** Alcohol use increases as education levels increase. This includes significant

increases at every level of education.

**Employment** Those who are employed for wages, self-employed, or a student demonstrate

a very high prevalence of alcohol use, while those who are a homemaker or

unable to work show a very low prevalence.

Marital Those who are married exhibit a very high prevalence of alcohol use, while Status

those who are widowed show a very low prevalence.

Home Those who own their home show a significantly higher prevalence of alcohol Ownership

use than those who rent their home.

Children Those with no children in the household exhibit a significantly higher

prevalence of alcohol use than those with children in the household. Status

**Phone Status** Those who use primarily use a cell phone demonstrate a significantly higher

prevalence of alcohol use than those who primarily use a landline phone.

**Pregnancy Status** 

Females who are not pregnant exhibit a significantly higher prevalence of

alcohol use than those who are pregnant.

County Brookings county demonstrates a very high prevalence of alcohol use, while

Brown county shows a very low prevalence.

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# **BINGE DRINKING**

Definition: South Dakota males who report having five or more alcoholic drinks on one occasion or South Dakota females who have four or more alcoholic drinks on one occasion, one or more times in the past month.

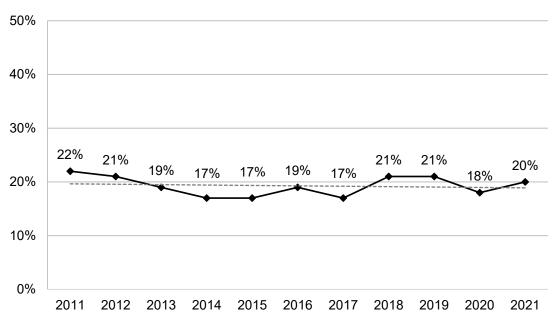
#### **Prevalence of Binge Drinking**

- South Dakota 20%
- Nationwide median 15%

#### **Trend Analysis**

Overall, the percent of South Dakotans who report binge drinking alcohol in the past 30 days has remained fairly steady since 2011, however, this percent rose from 18 percent in 2020 to 20 percent in 2021. South Dakota is higher than the nationwide median of 15 percent that binge drink.

Figure 39
Percentage of South Dakotans Who Engage in Binge Drinking, 2011-2021



Source: The Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, South Dakota Department of Health, 2011-2021

Table 36					
50	outh Dakotans Who Engage in Bi	nge Drinking	, 2017-2021 95% Confidence Interval		
		2017-2021	Low	High	
Gender	Male	25%	23.8%	26.8%	
	Female	14%	12.7%	15.0%	
	18-29	31%	28.1%	33.7%	
	30-39	25%	22.4%	27.9%	
	40-49	25%	22.3%	28.0%	
Age	50-59	19%	16.8%	20.9%	
	60-69	11%	9.5%	12.6%	
	70-79	4%	3.2%	5.5%	
	80+	2%	1.3%	3.6%	
	White, Non-Hispanic	20%	18.5%	20.6%	
	American Indian, Non-Hispanic	18%	15.2%	21.5%	
Race/Ethnicity	American Indian/White, Non-Hispanic	27%	17.8%	38.3%	
	Hispanic	21%	15.0%	28.7%	
	Less than \$35,000	18%	16.5%	20.3%	
Household	\$35,000-\$74,999	20%	18.0%	21.8%	
Income	\$75,000+	24%	22.0%	25.7%	
	Less than High School, G.E.D.	18%	14.6%	23.0%	
	High School, G.E.D.	19%	17.1%	20.7%	
Education	Some Post-High School	21%	19.3%	22.7%	
	College Graduate	19%	17.3%	20.4%	
	Employed for Wages	25%	23.5%	26.5%	
	Self-employed	20%	17.7%	23.6%	
	Unemployed	21%	16.6%	26.4%	
Employment	Homemaker	5%	3.5%	7.4%	
Status	Student	29%	24.0%	35.2%	
	Retired	6%	4.9%	7.1%	
	Unable to Work	14%	10.5%	18.3%	
Marital Status	Married/Unmarried Couple	18%	16.4%	18.8%	
	Divorced/Separated	20%	17.3%	22.8%	
	Widowed	6%	4.2%	8.2%	
	Never Married	28%	25.8%	30.8%	
Home Ownership	Own Home	18%	16.7%	18.8%	
Status	Rent Home	25%	22.8%	27.3%	
Children Status	Children in Household (Ages 18-44)	22%	20.1%	24.4%	
	No Children in Household (Ages 18-44)	34%	31.6%	37.4%	
Phone Status	Landline	11%	10.3%	12.6%	
	Cell Phone	22%	21.1%	23.6%	
Pregnancy Status	Pregnant (Ages 18-44)	6%	1.6%	21.2%	
	Not Pregnant (Ages 18-44)	21%	18.9%	23.5%	
County	Minnehaha	20%	17.8%	22.2%	
	Pennington	16%	14.0%	18.0%	
	Lincoln	19%	15.1%	23.8%	
	Brown	19%	16.6%	21.2%	
	Brookings	24%	20.5%	28.0%	
	Codington	21%	18.6%	23.7%	
	Meade	16%	12.8%	19.9%	
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Source: The Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, South Dakota Department of Health, 2017-2021

**Demographics** 

**Gender** Males exhibit a significantly higher prevalence of binge drinking than females.

Age Binge drinking decreases as age increases, with significant decreases as the

30s, 50s, 60s, and 70s are reached.

Race/ Ethnicity The prevalence of binge drinking does not seem to differ by race/ethnicity.

Household Income

Binge drinking increases as household income increases. This includes a significant increase as the \$75,000+ income group is reached.

**Education** The prevalence of binge drinking does not seem to change as education

levels change.

**Employment** Those who are employed for wages, unemployed, or a student demonstrate a

very high prevalence of binge drinking, while those who are a homemaker or

retired show a very low prevalence.

Marital Status Those who have never been married exhibit a very high prevalence of binge

drinking, while those who are widowed show a very low prevalence.

Home Ownership Those who rent their home show a significantly higher prevalence of binge

drinking than those who own their home.

Children Status Those who have no children in the household demonstrate a significantly

higher prevalence of binge drinking than those who have children.

Phone Status Those who primarily use a cell phone demonstrate a significantly higher

prevalence of binge drinking than those who primarily use a landline phone.

Pregnancy Status The prevalence of binge drinking does not seem to differ based on pregnancy

status.

**County** Brookings and Codington counties exhibit a very high prevalence of binge

drinking, while Pennington and Meade counties show a very low prevalence.

## **HEAVY DRINKING**

Definition: South Dakota males who report having more than 2 drinks per day, or South Dakota females who report having more than 1 drink per day.

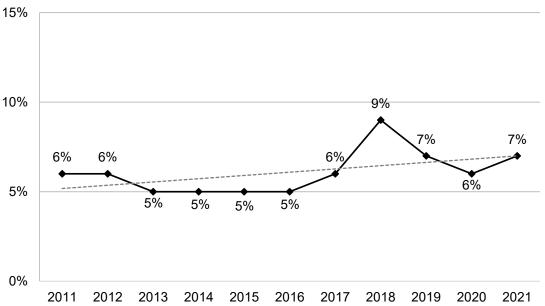
# **Prevalence of Heavy Drinking**

- South Dakota 7%
- Nationwide median 6%

#### **Trend Analysis**

Overall, the percent of South Dakotans who report heavy drinking has been slightly increasing since 2011. This percent rose from six percent in 2020 to seven percent in 2021. South Dakota is higher than the nationwide median of six percent heavy drinking.

Figure 40
Percentage of South Dakotans Who Engage in Heavy Drinking, 2011-2021



Source: The Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, South Dakota Department of Health, 2011-2021

Male	Table 37 South Dakotans Who Engage in Heavy Drinking, 2017-2021					
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Female			2017-2021			
Female	Candar	Male	8%	7.3%	9.3%	
Age	Gender	Female	6%	4.9%	6.4%	
Age		18-29	9%	7.1%	10.7%	
Solid		30-39	7%	5.8%	9.2%	
Big   Big		40-49	9%	6.8%	10.9%	
TO-79	Age	50-59	7%	5.8%	8.7%	
Race/Ethnicity			6%		7.8%	
White, Non-Hispanic   7%   6.3%   7.6%		70-79			4.0%	
American Indian, Non-Hispanic   6%   3.6%   8.8%   American Indian, Non-Hispanic   9%   4.4%   16.5%   Hispanic   6%   3.2%   10.7%		80+	2%	1.2%	4.0%	
American Indian, Non-Hispanic   6%   3.6%   8.8%   American Indian, Non-Hispanic   9%   4.4%   16.5%   Hispanic   6%   3.2%   10.7%		White, Non-Hispanic	7%	6.3%	7.6%	
American Indian/White, Non-Hispanic   9%   4.4%   16.5%   Hispanic   6%   3.2%   10.7%   Less than \$35,000   7%   5.5%   7.9%   \$35,000-\$74,999   7%   5.7%   8.0%   \$75,000+   8%   6.9%   9.5%   High School, G.E.D.   8%   6.9%   9.6%   Some Post-High School   7%   5.9%   8.1%   College Graduate   5%   4.1%   5.5%   Employment Status   Employed   8%   6.2%   10.5%   Unemployed   8%   6.2%   10.5%   Unemployed   8%   6.2%   11.3%   Retired   5%   3.8%   5.6%   Unable to Work   7%   4.2%   11.3%   Retired   5%   3.8%   5.6%   Unable to Work   7%   4.5%   9.6%   Marriad/Unmarried Couple   6%   5.3%   6.9%   Divorced/Separated   9%   7.6%   11.8%   Widowed   5%   3.1%   6.8%   No Children In Household (Ages 18-44)   7%   5.5%   8.2%   Pregnancy Status   Empoyen   4.2%   1.5%   Pregnancy Status   Cell Phone   7%   6.7%   8.3%   Pregnant (Ages 18-44)   7%   5.5%   8.2%   Minnehan   7%   5.3%   8.3%   Pregnant (Ages 18-44)   7%   5.3%   8.2%   Minnehan   7%   5.3%   8.2%   Minnehan   7%   5.3%   8.2%   Minnehan   7%   5.3%   8.2%   Minnehan   7%   5.3%   8.3%   Prennington   6%   4.8%   7.4%   Lincoln   5%   3.4%   8.3%   Brookings   7%   5.2%   8.3%   Ecodington   8%   6.7%   10.4%	B /E/I ! . !/		6%	3.6%	8.8%	
Hispanic	Race/Ethnicity	American Indian/White, Non-Hispanic	9%	4.4%	16.5%	
Less than \$35,000			6%	3.2%	10.7%	
Household Income   \$35,000-\$74,999   7%   5.7%   8.0%   \$75,000+ 8%   6.9%   9.5%   12.4%   14.4%						
\$75,000+	Household Income					
Less than High School, G.E.D.   9%   6.7%   12.4%   High School, G.E.D.   8%   6.9%   9.6%   Some Post-High School   7%   5.9%   8.1%   College Graduate   5%   4.1%   5.5%						
High School, G.E.D.   8%   6.9%   9.6%   Some Post-High School   7%   5.9%   8.1%   College Graduate   5%   4.1%   5.5%   4.1%   5.5%   6.8%   8.7%   Self-employed for Wages   8%   6.8%   8.7%   Self-employed   8%   6.2%   10.5%   10.5%   10.6%						
Some Post-High School   7%   5.9%   8.1%						
College Graduate	Education					
Employed for Wages						
Self-employed   8%   6.2%   10.5%     Unemployed   8%   5.6%   12.3%     Homemaker   3%   1.8%   5.7%     Student   7%   4.2%   11.3%     Retired   55%   3.8%   5.6%     Unable to Work   7%   4.5%   9.6%     Unable to Work   7%   4.5%   9.6%     Married/Unmarried Couple   6%   5.3%   6.9%     Divorced/Separated   9%   7.6%   11.8%     Widowed   5%   3.1%   6.8%     Never Married   8%   6.9%   10.0%     Home Ownership Status   Children in Household (Ages 18-44)   7%   5.5%   8.2%     Pregnancy Status   Pregnant (Ages 18-44)   10%   8.4%   12.3%     Pregnant (Ages 18-44)   1%   0.2%   1.5%     Not Pregnant (Ages 18-44)   7%   5.3%   8.2%     Minnehaha   7%   5.3%   8.2%     Minnehaha   7%   5.3%   8.2%     County   Erowing			8%	6.8%	8.7%	
Unemployed   8%   5.6%   12.3%   Homemaker   3%   1.8%   5.7%   Student   7%   4.2%   11.3%   Retired   5%   3.8%   5.6%   Unable to Work   7%   4.5%   9.6%   Unable to Work   7%   4.5%   9.6%   Divorced/Separated   9%   7.6%   11.8%   Widowed   5%   3.1%   6.8%   Never Married   8%   6.9%   10.0%   Home Ownership Status   Rent Home   8%   6.7%   9.6%   Children Status   Landline   Cell Phone   7%   6.7%   8.3%   8.2%   No Children in Household (Ages 18-44)   7%   5.5%   8.2%   1.5%   Not Pregnant (Ages 18-44)   7%   5.3%   8.2%   Not Pregnant (Ages 18-44)   7%   5.3%   8.3%   Pennington   6%   4.8%   7.4%   8.3%   Pennington   6%   4.8%   7.4%   8.3%   Pennington   6%   4.8%   7.4%   8.3%   Pennington   6%   5.2%   8.3%   Pennington   6%   5.2%   8.3%   Pennington   7%   5.2%   8.3%   Pennington						
Student   7%   4.2%   11.3%   Retired   5%   3.8%   5.6%   Unable to Work   7%   4.5%   9.6%   9.6%   Married/Unmarried Couple   6%   5.3%   6.9%   Divorced/Separated   9%   7.6%   11.8%   Widowed   5%   3.1%   6.8%   Never Married   8%   6.9%   10.0%   10.0%   Mome Ownership Status   Rent Home   8%   6.7%   9.6%   10.0%   7.4%   Rent Home   8%   6.7%   9.6%   10.0%   No Children in Household (Ages 18-44)   7%   5.5%   8.2%   No Children in Household (Ages 18-44)   10%   8.4%   12.3%   12.3%   Regnancy Status   Pregnancy Status   Pregnant (Ages 18-44)   1%   0.2%   1.5%   Not Pregnant (Ages 18-44)   7%   5.3%   8.2%   Not Pregnant (Ages 18-44)   7%   5.3%   8.3%   Not Pregnant (Ages 18-44)   7%   5.3%   8.3%   Not Pregnant (Ages 18-44)   7%   5.3%   8.3%   Not Pregnant (Ages 18-44)   Not Pregnan		Unemployed	8%	5.6%		
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Unable to Work		Student	7%			
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Source: The Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, South Dakota Department of Health, 2017-2021

**Demographics** 

Gender Males exhibit a significantly higher prevalence of heavy drinking than

females.

Heavy drinking generally decreases as age increases. This includes a Age

significant decrease as the 70s are reached.

Race/ **Ethnicity**  The prevalence of heavy drinking does not seem to differ based on

race/ethnicity.

Household Income

The prevalence of heavy drinking does not seem to consistently change as

household income increases.

Education The prevalence of heavy drinking decreases as education levels increase.

This includes a significant decrease as the college graduate level is reached.

**Employment** Those who are employed for wages or self-employed demonstrate a very

high prevalence of heavy drinking, while those who are a homemaker or

retired show a very low prevalence.

Marital Those who are divorced or have never been married exhibit a very high Status

prevalence of heavy drinking, while those who are married or widowed show

a very low prevalence.

Home Ownership The prevalence of heavy drinking does not seem to differ based on home

ownership status.

Children **Status** 

Those who have no children in the household demonstrate a significantly

higher prevalence of heavy drinking than those who have children.

**Phone Status** Those who primarily use a cell phone demonstrate a significantly higher

prevalence of heavy drinking than those who use primarily use a landline

phone.

**Pregnancy** Status

Those who are not pregnant exhibit a significantly higher prevalence of

heavy drinking than those who are pregnant.

County The prevalence of heavy drinking does not seem to differ among the

available counties.