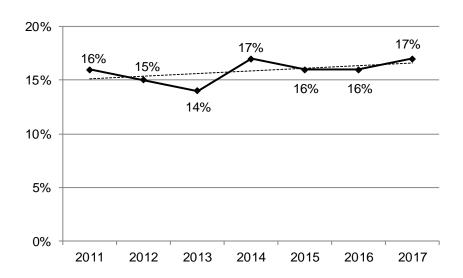
## **Depression**

Definition: South Dakotans who were told by a doctor, nurse, or health professional that they had some form of depression.

## **Prevalence of Depression**

- South Dakota 17%
- o Nationwide median 21%

Figure 51
Percentage of South Dakotans Who Were Told They Have Depression, 2011-2017



Source: The Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, South Dakota Department of Health, 2011-2017

		2013-2017	95% Confidence Interval	
			Low	High
Gender	Male	11%	10.3%	12.1%
	Female	21%	19.9%	22.0%
Age	18-29	17%	15.6%	19.4%
	30-39	18%	16.3%	20.1%
	40-49	17%	15.6%	19.4%
	50-59	17%	15.6%	18.6%
	60-69	15%	13.9%	16.6%
	70-79	11%	9.8%	12.8%
	80+	9%	7.5%	10.7%
Race	White	16%	15.0%	16.5%
	American Indian	21%	18.2%	23.9%
Ethnicity	Hispanic	18%	12.5%	24.8%
	Non-Hispanic	16%	15.3%	16.7%
Household Income	Less than \$35,000	23%	21.6%	24.6%
	\$35,000-\$74,999	14%	12.9%	15.2%
	\$75,000+	10%	8.7%	10.8%
Education	Less than High School, G.E.D.	17%	14.5%	19.5%
	High School, G.E.D.	16%	14.5%	17.0%
	Some Post-High School	18%	16.7%	19.3%
	College Graduate	13%	12.5%	14.6%
Employment Status	Employed for Wages	15%	13.8%	15.8%
	Self-employed	9%	7.9%	10.8%
	Unemployed	28%	23.9%	33.2%
	Homemaker	21%	16.9%	24.9%
	Student	15%	12.0%	19.7%
	Retired	12%	11.1%	13.2%
	Unable to Work	50%	45.6%	53.7%
Marital Status	Married/Unmarried Couple	14%	12.8%	14.4%
	Divorced/Separated	25%	23.3%	27.8%
	Widowed	17%	14.6%	18.8%
	Never Married	18%	15.9%	19.4%
Home Ownership Status	Own Home	14%	12.9%	14.3%
	Rent Home	22%	20.5%	23.9%
Children Status	Children in Household (Ages 18-44)	18%	16.1%	19.3%
	No Children in Household (Ages 18-44)	18%	15.9%	19.8%
Phone Status	Landline	14%	13.0%	14.9%
	Cell Phone	17%	16.4%	18.3%
Pregnancy Status	Pregnant (Ages 18-44)	23%	14.4%	33.3%
	Not Pregnant (Ages 18-44)	23%	21.5%	25.4%
County	Minnehaha	18%	16.0%	19.9%
	Pennington	20%	17.5%	22.1%
	Lincoln	13%	10.5%	15.4%
	Brown	17%	13.5%	20.4%
	Brookings	15%	12.3%	18.9%
	Codington	16%	13.4%	19.5%
	Meade	17%	14.0%	20.1%
	Lawrence	18%	15.2%	20.2%

Note: \*Results based on small sample sizes have been suppressed.

Source: The Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, South Dakota Department of Health, 2013-2017

**Demographics** 

**Gender** Females exhibit a significantly higher prevalence of depression than males.

Age The prevalence of depression seems to peak in the 30s and then decreases

as age increases including a significant decrease as the 70s are reached.

Race American Indians demonstrate a significantly higher prevalence of depression

than whites.

Ethnicity There seems to be no Hispanic difference regarding the prevalence of

depression.

Household Income

The prevalence of depression decreases as household income increases. This includes significant decreases as the \$35,000-\$74,999 and \$75,000+

household income groups are reached.

**Education** There seems to be no difference in the prevalence of depression as education

levels change.

**Employment** Those who are unable to work demonstrate a very high prevalence of

depression, while those who are self-employed show a very low prevalence.

Marital Status Those who are divorced exhibit a very high prevalence of depression, while

those who are married show a very low prevalence.

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

depression than those who own their home.

Children Status The prevalence of depression among adults does not seem to differ based on

the presence of children in the household.

**Phone Status** Those with a cell phone exhibit a significantly higher prevalence of depression

than those with a landline phone.

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

status.

**County** Minnehaha and Pennington counties exhibit a very high prevalence of

depression, while Lincoln county shows a very low prevalence.