

# Marriage & Divorce

| <b>An Overview: 2011</b>                        |             |
|---|-------------|
| <b>Marriages:</b>                               |             |
| Number Occurring in S.D.                        | 6,145       |
| S.D. Rate per 1,000 Population                  | 7.5         |
| *U.S. Rate per 1,000 Population                 | 6.8         |
| Age of Bride for South Dakota Residents (Years) |             |
| Mean  | 30          |
| Median  | 27          |
| Mode  | 24          |
| Range   |             |
| Lower   | 16          |
| Upper   | 91          |
| Age of Groom for South Dakota Residents (Years) |             |
| Mean  | 33          |
| Median  | 29          |
| Mode  | 24          |
| Range   |             |
| Lower   | 16          |
| Upper   | 91          |
| <b>Divorces and Annulments:</b>                 |             |
| Number Occurring in S.D.                        | 2,694       |
| S.D. Rate Per 1,000 Population                  | 3.3         |
| *U.S. Rate per 1,000 Population                 | 3.6         |
| Years Married Before Termination in S.D.        |             |
| Mean  | 10          |
| Median  | 7           |
| Mode  | 2           |
| Range   |             |
| Lower   | Less Than 1 |
| Upper   | 56          |

Source: National Center for Health Statistics and South Dakota Department of Health, Office of Health Statistics  
 Note: \*The U.S. marriage and divorce rates are provisional from 2010. The U.S. divorce rate only includes 44 reporting states and the District of Columbia.

## Marriages in South Dakota

In 2011, the South Dakota marriage rate was 7.5, up slightly from 7.3 in 2010. On the following page is Table 66, which provides the United States and South Dakota

marriage rates from 2000 through 2011. Figure 44, on the next page, illustrates the changes in these rates over this same time period.

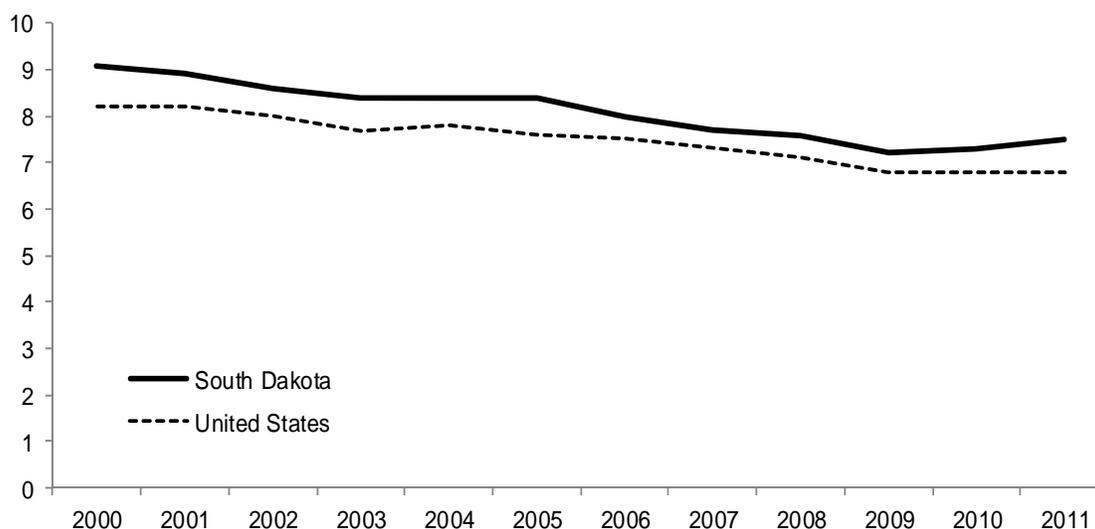
**Table 66**  
**Marriages and Marriage Rates by Occurrence,**  
**South Dakota and United States, 2000-2011**

| Year | United States* |            | South Dakota |            |
|------|----------------|------------|--------------|------------|
|      | Number         | Crude Rate | Number       | Crude Rate |
| 2011 | 2,118,000      | 6.8        | 6,145        | 7.5        |
| 2010 | 2,096,000      | 6.8        | 5,939        | 7.3        |
| 2009 | 2,080,000      | 6.8        | 5,887        | 7.2        |
| 2008 | 2,157,000      | 7.1        | 6,148        | 7.6        |
| 2007 | 2,197,000      | 7.3        | 6,138        | 7.7        |
| 2006 | 2,193,000      | 7.5        | 6,303        | 8.0        |
| 2005 | 2,249,000      | 7.6        | 6,551        | 8.4        |
| 2004 | 2,279,000      | 7.8        | 6,485        | 8.4        |
| 2003 | 2,245,000      | 7.7        | 6,427        | 8.4        |
| 2002 | 2,290,000      | 8.0        | 6,585        | 8.6        |
| 2001 | 2,326,000      | 8.2        | 6,719        | 8.9        |
| 2000 | 2,315,000      | 8.2        | 6,882        | 9.1        |

Note: \*The marriage data for the United States is provisional for all years. Crude marriage rates are per 1,000 population. The 2006 U.S. number and rate excludes data from Louisiana.

Source: National Center for Health Statistics and South Dakota Department of Health, Office of Health Statistics

**Figure 44**  
**Marriages Occurring in South Dakota and United States, 2000-2011**



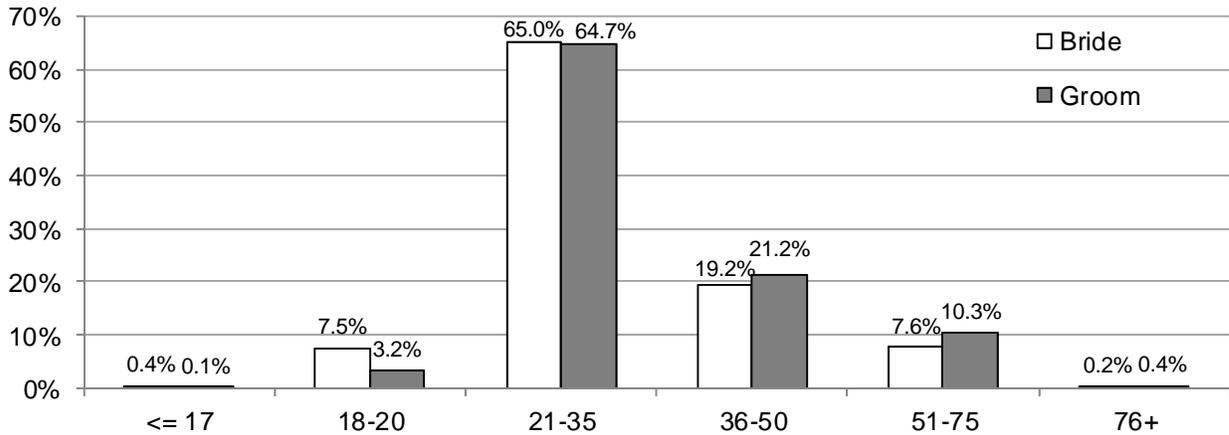
Note: The U.S. rate is provisional for all years. The year 2006 excludes data from Louisiana.

Source: National Center for Health Statistics and South Dakota Department of Health, Office of Health Statistics

For South Dakota residents, the mean or average age of brides in 2011 was 30 years of age, the median age was 27, and the modal age was 24. The age of brides in 2011 ranged from a low of 16 to a high of

91. The mean age of South Dakota resident grooms in 2011 was 33 years of age, the median age was 29, and the modal age was 24. The age of grooms in 2011 ranged from a low of 16 to a high of 91.

**Figure 45**  
**Brides and Grooms by Age Group for Marriages Occurring in South Dakota, 2011**



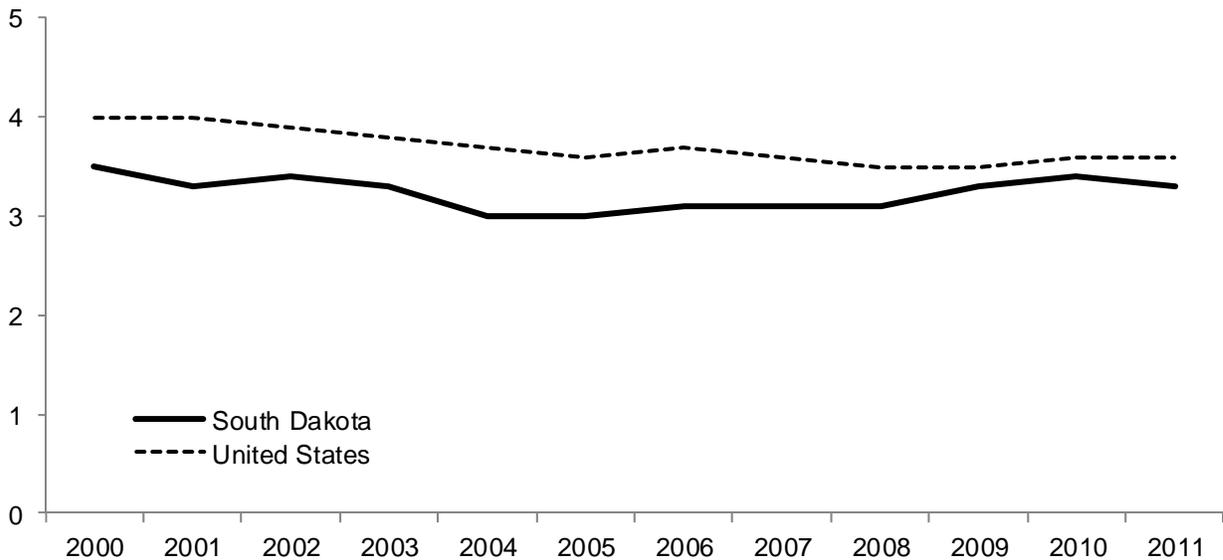
Source: South Dakota Department of Health, Office of Health Statistics

**Divorces in South Dakota**

For comparisons over time, Figure 46, below, illustrates the rates for South Dakota and national divorce rates from 2000 to 2011. Table 67, on the next page, lists the rates for South Dakota and the United

States. As displayed, the 2011 South Dakota divorce rate was 3.3 divorces per 1,000 population, which decreased slightly from 3.4 in 2010.

**Figure 46**  
**Divorces Occurring in South Dakota and United States, 2000-2011**



Note: The U.S. rate is provisional for all years. Crude divorce rates are per 1,000 population. The years 2005 – 2010 exclude data for California, Georgia, Hawaii, Indiana, Louisiana, and Minnesota. The year 2004 excludes data for California, Georgia, Hawaii, Indiana, and Louisiana and 2003 excludes data from California, Georgia, Hawaii, Indiana, and Oklahoma. The year 2002 excludes data for California, Indiana, and Oklahoma and the years 2000 – 2005 exclude data for California, Indiana, Louisiana, and Oklahoma.

Source: South Dakota Department of Health, Office of Health Statistics

**Table 67**  
**Number and Rate of Divorces and Annulments by Occurrence,**  
**South Dakota and United States, 2000-2011**

| Year | United States* |            | South Dakota |            |
|------|----------------|------------|--------------|------------|
|      | Number         | Crude Rate | Number       | Crude Rate |
| 2011 | 877,000        | 3.6        | 2,694        | 3.3        |
| 2010 | 872,000        | 3.6        | 2,774        | 3.4        |
| 2009 | 840,000        | 3.5        | 2,686        | 3.3        |
| 2008 | 844,000        | 3.5        | 2,459        | 3.1        |
| 2007 | 856,000        | 3.6        | 2,438        | 3.1        |
| 2006 | 872,000        | 3.7        | 2,465        | 3.1        |
| 2005 | 847,000        | 3.6        | 2,354        | 3.0        |
| 2004 | 879,000        | 3.7        | 2,358        | 3.0        |
| 2003 | 927,000        | 3.8        | 2,502        | 3.3        |
| 2002 | 955,000        | 3.9        | 2,561        | 3.4        |
| 2001 | 940,000        | 4.0        | 2,522        | 3.3        |
| 2000 | 944,000        | 4.0        | 2,678        | 3.5        |

Note: \*The U.S. data is provisional for all years. Crude divorce rates are per 1,000 population.

The years 2005 – 2010 exclude data for California, Georgia, Hawaii, Indiana, Louisiana, and Minnesota. The year 2004 excludes data for California, Georgia, Hawaii, Indiana, and Louisiana and 2003 excludes data from California, Georgia, Hawaii, Indiana, and Oklahoma. The year 2002 excludes data for California, Indiana, and Oklahoma and the years 2000 – 2005 exclude data for California, Indiana, Louisiana, and Oklahoma.

Source: National Center for Health Statistics and South Dakota Department of Health, Office of Health Statistics

For South Dakota divorces, the mean or average duration of the marriages ending in divorce during 2011 was 10 years, the median duration was seven years, and the

modal duration was two years. The length of time before terminating the marriage ranged from less than one year to 56 years for South Dakota divorces in 2011.