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# Advance Directive

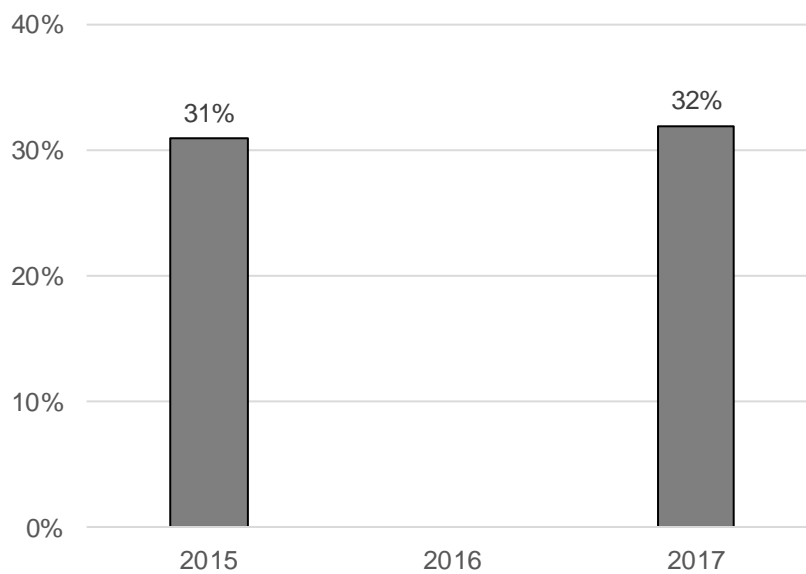
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**Definition:** South Dakotans that report they have an advance directive which is a document that states what kind of health care treatment you would want to receive, or not want to receive, if you could not speak for yourself.

## Prevalence of Advance Directive

- South Dakota 32%
- There was no nationwide median for having an advance directive

**Figure 73**  
**Percent of South Dakotans Who Have an Advance Directive, 2015-2017**



Source: The Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, South Dakota Department of Health, 2015-2017

**Table 59**  
**South Dakotans Who Have an Advance Directive, 2015-2017**

		2015-2017	95% Confidence Interval	
			Low	High
<b>Gender</b>	Male	30%	27.6%	31.7%
	Female	34%	31.8%	35.6%
<b>Age</b>	18-29	9%	6.8%	12.0%
	30-39	22%	18.5%	25.5%
	40-49	29%	24.9%	32.9%
	50-59	30%	27.3%	33.5%
	60-69	43%	39.8%	45.9%
	70-79	59%	54.7%	62.6%
<b>Race</b>	80+	65%	60.1%	70.3%
	White	33%	32.0%	35.0%
<b>Ethnicity</b>	American Indian	20%	15.2%	26.1%
	Hispanic	19%	11.2%	31.1%
<b>Household Income</b>	Non-Hispanic	32%	30.4%	33.3%
	Less than \$25,000	29%	26.2%	31.4%
	\$25,000-\$74,999	31%	28.9%	34.0%
<b>Education</b>	\$75,000+	35%	32.7%	38.2%
	Less than High School, G.E.D.	23%	18.2%	29.3%
	High School, G.E.D.	31%	28.4%	33.5%
	Some Post-High School	31%	28.7%	33.6%
<b>Employment Status</b>	College Graduate	37%	34.5%	39.2%
	Employed for Wages	24%	22.4%	26.3%
	Self-employed	33%	29.2%	37.7%
	Unemployed	15%	10.5%	21.5%
	Homemaker	33%	26.9%	40.6%
	Student	7%	3.7%	11.2%
	Retired	59%	55.7%	61.3%
<b>Marital Status</b>	Unable to Work	35%	28.4%	41.6%
	Married/Unmarried Couple	35%	33.2%	36.8%
	Divorced/Separated	30%	26.0%	33.9%
	Widowed	58%	53.9%	63.0%
<b>Home Ownership Status</b>	Never Married	14%	11.3%	16.6%
	Own Home	36%	34.2%	37.5%
<b>Children Status</b>	Rent Home	22%	19.3%	25.2%
	Children in Household (Ages 18-44)	20%	17.3%	22.9%
	No Children in Household (Ages 18-44)	14%	10.7%	17.0%
<b>Phone Status</b>	Landline	39%	36.7%	41.2%
	Cell Phone	28%	26.0%	29.6%
<b>Pregnancy Status</b>	Pregnant (Ages 18-44)	*	*	*
	Not Pregnant (Ages 18-44)	18%	14.9%	20.9%
<b>County</b>	Minnehaha	31%	27.1%	34.4%
	Pennington	38%	34.0%	41.9%
	Lincoln	36%	30.4%	41.8%
	Brown	33%	28.2%	38.4%
	Brookings	22%	17.4%	26.5%
	Codington	31%	25.5%	36.7%
	Meade	32%	27.0%	37.1%
	Lawrence	33%	27.5%	38.3%

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

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## **Demographics**

<b>Gender</b>	Females exhibit a significantly higher prevalence of having an advance directive in place than males.
<b>Age</b>	Having an advance directive in place increases as age increases. This includes significant increases as the 30s, 60s, and 70s are reached.
<b>Race</b>	Whites demonstrate a significantly higher prevalence of having an advance directive in place than American Indians.
<b>Ethnicity</b>	The prevalence of having an advance directive in place does not seem to differ based on ethnicity.
<b>Household Income</b>	The prevalence of having an advance directive in place increases as household income increases.
<b>Education</b>	The prevalence of having an advance directive in place generally increases as education levels increase. This includes a significant increase as the college graduate level is reached.
<b>Employment</b>	Those who are retired demonstrate a very high prevalence of having an advance directive in place, while those who are unemployed or a student show a very low prevalence.
<b>Marital Status</b>	Those who are widowed exhibit a very high prevalence of having an advance directive in place, while those who have never been married show a very low prevalence.
<b>Home Ownership</b>	Those who own their home show a significantly higher prevalence of having an advance directive in place than those who rent their home.
<b>Children Status</b>	Those with children in the household exhibit a significantly higher prevalence of having an advance directive in place than those with no children.
<b>Phone Status</b>	Those who use a landline phone demonstrate a significantly higher prevalence of having an advance directive in place than those who have a cell phone only.
<b>County</b>	Residents of Minnehaha, Pennington, Lincoln, Brown, Meade, and Lawrence counties all show a very high prevalence of having an advance directive in place, while residents of Brookings county show a very low prevalence.