

Preface

2021 South Dakota Vital Statistics Report: A State and County Comparison of Leading Health Indicators was prepared by the South Dakota Department of Health.

This report contains state and county leading health indicators for vital statistics. The report is divided into eight main sections: Overview, Natality, Infant Mortality, Mortality, Marriage and Divorce, Infectious Disease, and Health Status Profiles. Each section contains written analysis plus tables and figures. There is also a technical notes section that provides additional information regarding the sources of data, data limitations, geographic allocation, populations, rates, and definitions. Reading this section before reading the county profiles may provide the answers to questions in advance.

Race Allocation

Race is assigned based on standards set forth by the National Center for Health Statistics and the US Census Bureau in order for South Dakota's race data to be comparable to other areas. Race data in this report are categorized in the following manner:

- White, non-Hispanic
- American Indian, non-Hispanic
- Black, non-Hispanic
- Asian, non-Hispanic
- Pacific Islander, non-Hispanic
- Hispanic
- Multi-racial, non-Hispanic

In other words, if more than one of the first five races is reported, the race is categorized as "Multi-racial, non-Hispanic." Due to space constraints and small numbers, some of these race

categories are grouped into an "Other" category in this report.

Any questions concerning the data, or request for additional statistics, may be directed to the following agency within the South Dakota Department of Health.

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