
Sexual Violence

Definition: Respondents ages 18-69 who reported they had been a victim of unwanted sexual experiences in the past 12 months.

Prevalence of Sexual Violence

- South Dakota 3%
- There is no nationwide median for sexual violence

Trend Analysis

Overall, the percent of South Dakotans, ages 18-69, who reported they had been a victim of unwanted sexual experiences within the past 12 months increased slightly since 2014 when this question was last asked.

Figure 65
Percentage of South Dakotans, Ages 18-69, Who Have Been a Victim of Sexual Violence in the Past 12 Months, 2014-2021



Source: The Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, South Dakota Department of Health, 2014-2021

Table 65
South Dakotans, Ages 18-69, Who Have Been a Victim of Sexual Violence in the Past 12
Months, 2021

		2021	95% Confidence Interval	
			Low	High
Gender	Male	1%	0.4%	1.7%
	Female	4%	2.6%	6.8%
Age	18-29	6%	3.5%	11.7%
	30-39	2%	1.0%	4.9%
	40-49	2%	0.7%	8.1%
	50-59	1%	0.3%	1.0%
	60-69	1%	0.4%	5.3%
	70-79	-	-	-
	80+	-	-	-
Race/Ethnicity	White, Non-Hispanic	3%	1.6%	4.3%
	American Indian, Non-Hispanic	2%	1.0%	3.4%
	American Indian/White, Non-Hispanic	*	*	*
	Hispanic	*	*	*
Household Income	Less than \$35,000	5%	2.3%	9.1%
	\$35,000-\$74,999	3%	1.2%	7.4%
	\$75,000+	1%	0.3%	2.0%
Education	Less than High School, G.E.D.	1%	0.5%	3.4%
	High School, G.E.D.	3%	1.1%	5.9%
	Some Post-High School	3%	1.9%	5.9%
	College Graduate	2%	0.8%	5.3%
Employment Status	Employed for Wages	3%	2.0%	5.7%
	Self-employed	1%	0.3%	1.4%
	Unemployed	3%	0.7%	8.7%
	Homemaker	1%	0.1%	1.9%
	Student	*	*	*
	Retired	0.4%	0.2%	1.2%
	Unable to Work	3%	1.2%	5.3%
Marital Status	Married/Unmarried Couple	1%	0.7%	3.0%
	Divorced/Separated	5%	1.9%	12.3%
	Widowed	1%	0.3%	2.9%
	Never Married	4%	2.0%	8.0%
Home Ownership Status	Own Home	1%	0.7%	2.9%
	Rent Home	6%	3.1%	10.4%
Children Status	Children in Household (Ages 18-44)	2%	0.8%	5.2%
	No Children in Household (Ages 18-44)	7%	3.8%	11.5%
Phone Status	Landline	1%	0.3%	1.1%
	Cell Phone	3%	1.9%	4.7%
Pregnancy Status	Pregnant (Ages 18-44)	*	*	*
	Not Pregnant (Ages 18-44)	7%	3.8%	11.5%
County	Minnehaha	2%	0.8%	6.2%
	Pennington	2%	0.7%	5.1%
	Lincoln	4%	0.8%	15.5%
	Brown	5%	3.1%	9.4%
	Brookings	2%	0.5%	5.0%
	Codington	3%	1.5%	5.5%
	Meade	2%	0.7%	3.2%

Note: *Results based on sample sizes less than 100 have been suppressed.

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

DEMOGRAPHICS

Gender	Females exhibit a significantly higher prevalence of being a victim of sexual violence than males.
Age	The prevalence of being a victim of sexual violence decreases as age increases.
Race/ Ethnicity	The prevalence of being a victim of sexual violence does not seem to differ by race/ethnicity.
Household Income	The prevalence of being a victim of sexual violence decreases as household income increases.
Education	The prevalence of being a victim of sexual violence does not seem to consistently change as education levels increase.
Employment	Those who are employed for wages demonstrate a very high prevalence of being a victim of sexual violence, while those who are self-employed, a homemaker, or retired show a very low prevalence.
Marital Status	The prevalence of being a victim of sexual violence does not seem to differ based on marital status.
Home Ownership	Those who rent their home show a significantly higher prevalence of being a victim of sexual violence than those who own their home.
Children Status	The prevalence of being a victim of sexual violence does not seem to differ based on the presence of children in the household.
Phone Status	Those who primarily use a cell phone exhibit a significantly higher prevalence of being a victim of sexual violence than those who primarily use a landline phone.
County	The prevalence of being a victim of sexual violence does not seem to differ among the available counties.