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## Preface

**2023 South Dakota Vital Statistics Report: A Comparison of Leading Health Indicators** was prepared by the South Dakota Department of Health.

This report contains leading health indicators for vital statistics. The report is divided into eight main sections: Overview, Natality, Infant

Mortality, Fetal Mortality, Mortality, Marriage and Divorce, and Infectious Disease. 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.

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## OVERVIEW

### RESIDENT LIVE BIRTHS

|                           |        |
|---------------------------|--------|
| Number of live births     | 11,170 |
| Rate per 1,000 population | 12.2   |

### INFANT DEATHS

|                            |     |
|----------------------------|-----|
| Number of infant deaths    | 71  |
| Rate per 1,000 live births | 6.4 |

### FETAL DEATHS

|   |     |
|---|-----|
| Number of fetal deaths                    | 75  |
| Rate per 1,000 live births + fetal deaths | 6.7 |

### RESIDENT DEATHS

|                             |       |
|-----------------------------|-------|
| Number of resident deaths   | 8,500 |
| Rate per 100,000 population | 924.6 |

### MARRIAGES

|                           |       |
|---------------------------|-------|
| Number of marriages       | 5,471 |
| Rate per 1,000 population | 6.0   |

### DIVORCES

|                           |       |
|---------------------------|-------|
| Number of divorces        | 2,113 |
| Rate per 1,000 population | 2.3   |

This report contains selected health statistics that the Department of Health, other government agencies, and the public widely use. This information has proven useful in determining trends in health status, planning health care services and making decisions about public health programs. It also fulfills diverse requirements in the business community and academic research.

Vital statistics data are compiled and maintained under the direction of the Administrator of the Office of Health Statistics (OHS). The data are analyzed by

staff from the OHS and can be found in the following sections: Natality, Infant Mortality, Fetal Mortality, Mortality, and Marriage and Divorce. When referring to divorce throughout this report, please note that annulments are included in the Divorce category. Induced Abortion data are now a separate report available online July 1 of each year.

Infectious disease data are collected, compiled, and analyzed within the Office of Disease Prevention. Data on communicable diseases can be found in the Infectious Disease section of the report.

**The contacts listed in the Preface welcome suggestions for additional changes that would make the next compilation even more useful to those involved in improving the health of South Dakotans.**

Table 1

Selected Records in Vital Statistics,  
South Dakota, 2023

NATALITY

|                      |               |                  |    |
|----------------------|---------------|------------------|----|
| Oldest Father:       | 65            | Oldest Mother:   | 48 |
| Youngest Father:     | 16            | Youngest Mother: | 13 |
| Smallest Live Birth: | 1 lb. 2 oz.   |                  |    |
| Largest Live Birth:  | 12 lbs. 3 oz. |                  |    |

Most Popular Names for Infants

| <u>Boy's Names</u> | <u>Number</u> | <u>Girl's Names</u> | <u>Number</u> |
|--------------------|---------------|---------------------|---------------|
| 1. Oliver          | 54            | 1. Nora             | 42            |
| 2. Henry           | 48            | 2. Ava              | 41            |
| Hudson             | 48            | 3. Amelia           | 38            |
| 4. Owen            | 44            | 4. Olivia           | 36            |
| 5. Theodore        | 43            | 5. Evelyn           | 35            |
| 6. Liam            | 37            | 6. Charlotte        | 34            |
| William            | 37            | Lainey              | 34            |
| Grayson            | 37            | 8. Harper           | 33            |
| 9. Noah            | 35            | 9. Emma             | 29            |
| James              | 35            | Mia                 | 29            |
| Maverick           | 35            |                     |               |

MORTALITY

|                       |     |                         |     |
|-----------------------|-----|-------------------------|-----|
| Oldest Male Decedent: | 106 | Oldest Female Decedent: | 113 |
|-----------------------|-----|-------------------------|-----|

DIVORCE

|   |          |
|---|----------|
| Longest Duration of a Marriage Ending in a Divorce: | 56 Years |
|---|----------|

HISTORICAL COMPARISON OF THE MOST POPULAR NAMES FOR SOUTH DAKOTA INFANTS

**Table 2**  
**Top Ten Boy's Names, 2023**

|          | 1993 | 2003 | 2013 | 2023 |
|----------|------|------|------|------|
| Oliver   | 1    | 5    | 31   | 54   |
| Henry    | 2    | 7    | 31   | 48   |
| Hudson   | 0    | 4    | 26   | 48   |
| Owen     | 0    | 25   | 48   | 44   |
| Theodore | 1    | 1    | 10   | 43   |
| Liam     | 0    | 8    | 83   | 37   |
| William  | 36   | 45   | 53   | 37   |
| Grayson  | 1    | 7    | 23   | 37   |
| Noah     | 2    | 50   | 65   | 35   |
| James    | 38   | 31   | 41   | 35   |
| Maverick | 1    | 3    | 12   | 35   |

**Table 3**  
**Top Ten Girl's Names, 2023**

|           | 1993 | 2003 | 2013 | 2023 |
|-----------|------|------|------|------|
| Nora      | 0    | 4    | 15   | 42   |
| Ava       | 0    | 15   | 51   | 41   |
| Amelia    | 4    | 10   | 26   | 38   |
| Olivia    | 15   | 64   | 53   | 36   |
| Evelyn    | 2    | 6    | 26   | 35   |
| Charlotte | 3    | 0    | 15   | 34   |
| Lainey    | 0    | 4    | 4    | 34   |
| Harper    | 0    | 0    | 52   | 33   |
| Emma      | 12   | 82   | 67   | 29   |
| Mia       | 1    | 13   | 18   | 29   |

**Table 4**  
**Top Ten Boy's Names, 1993**

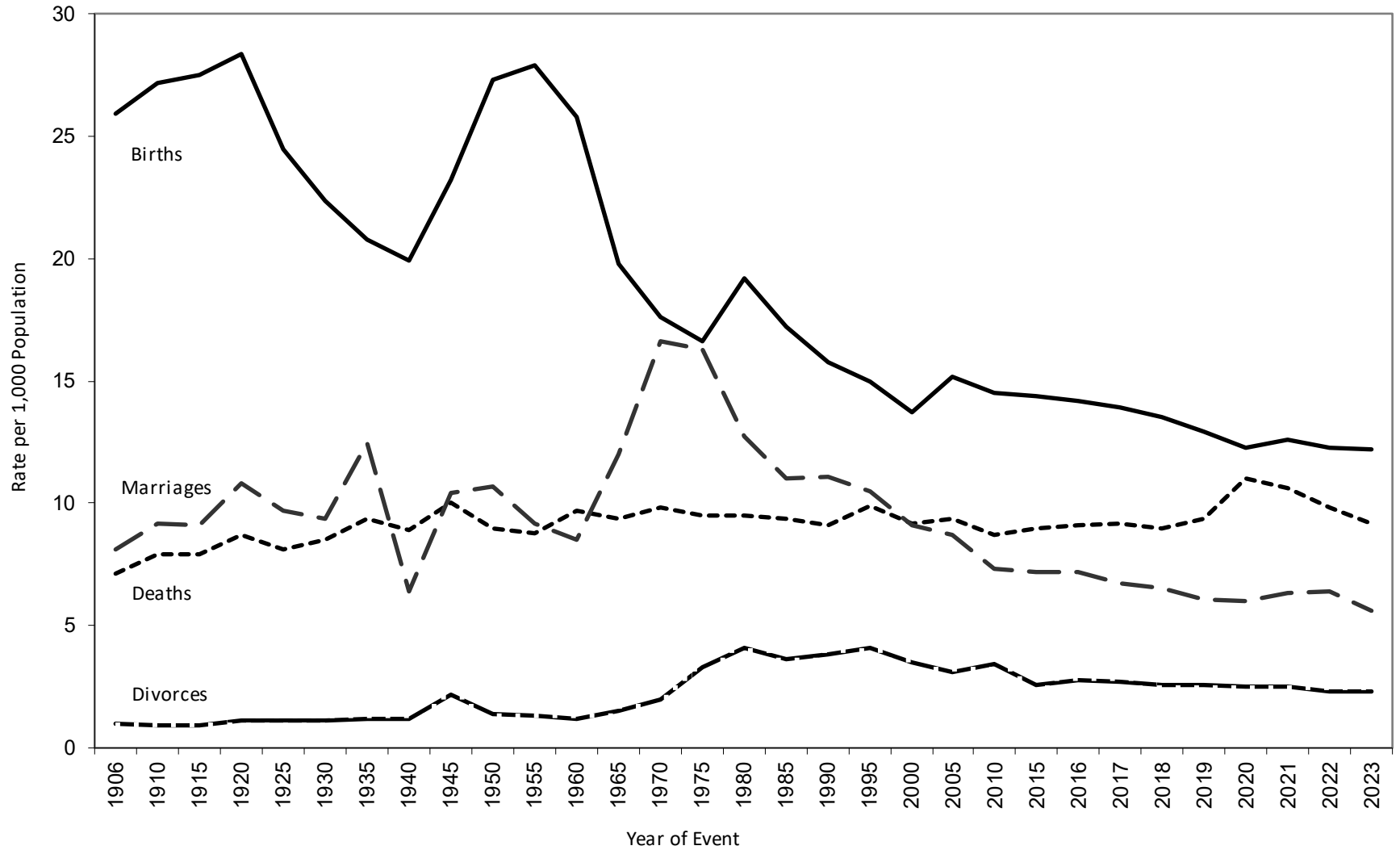
|          | 1993 | 2003 | 2013 | 2023 |
|----------|------|------|------|------|
| Tyler    | 132  | 43   | 12   | 1    |
| Austin   | 124  | 47   | 22   | 3    |
| Michael  | 103  | 51   | 39   | 25   |
| Zachary  | 96   | 45   | 20   | 4    |
| Cody     | 94   | 24   | 6    | 4    |
| Jacob    | 91   | 78   | 44   | 15   |
| Joshua   | 91   | 38   | 20   | 5    |
| Matthew  | 89   | 36   | 11   | 11   |
| Nicholas | 76   | 36   | 9    | 5    |
| Jordan   | 74   | 21   | 15   | 7    |

**Table 5**  
**Top Ten Girl's Names, 1993**

|          | 1993 | 2003 | 2013 | 2023 |
|----------|------|------|------|------|
| Ashley   | 104  | 25   | 4    | 4    |
| Samantha | 89   | 38   | 10   | 5    |
| Taylor   | 86   | 50   | 16   | 7    |
| Jessica  | 84   | 26   | 3    | 1    |
| Emily    | 80   | 68   | 26   | 12   |
| Megan    | 73   | 36   | 5    | 2    |
| Kelsey   | 65   | 13   | 6    | 0    |
| Amanda   | 65   | 6    | 0    | 0    |
| Sarah    | 62   | 22   | 11   | 5    |
| Rachel   | 57   | 23   | 6    | 6    |

Figure 1

Birth, Death, Marriage, and Divorce Rates for South Dakota, 1906-2023



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

# NATALITY

## OVERVIEW 2023

|   |        |
|---|--------|
| Total Resident Live Births                | 11,170 |
| Crude Birth Rate per 1,000 Population     | 12.2   |
| Median Live Birth Weight (Grams)          | 3,340  |
| Low Weight Births (Less than 2,500 grams) | 804    |
| Percent Low Birth Weight                  | 7.2%   |
| Median Age of Mother                      | 29     |
| No Prenatal Care                          | 2.5%   |

There were 11,170 births to South Dakota residents in 2023, for a crude birth rate of 12.2 per 1,000 South Dakota resident population. **This is the lowest crude birth rate ever.**

Resident births decreased 0.2 percent from 2022 when there were 11,193 births. In 2023, 52.1 percent of the babies born were male and 47.9 percent were female.

The low birth weight rate per 1,000 live births increased from 71.0 in 2022 to 72.0 in 2023. **This is the highest rate since 1968.**

Table 6, below, displays the live births and crude birth rates for the United States and South Dakota for the past 15 years. South Dakota’s birth rate remains above the national average even though the last five years have been the lowest ever.

**Table 6**  
**Resident Live Births and Crude Birth Rates, South Dakota and United States, 2009-2023**

| Year | United States |            | South Dakota |            |
|------|---------------|------------|--------------|------------|
|      | Number        | Crude Rate | Number       | Crude Rate |
| 2023 | 3,596,017*    | 10.8*      | 11,170       | 12.2       |
| 2022 | 3,667,758     | 11.0       | 11,193       | 12.3       |
| 2021 | 3,664,292     | 11.0       | 11,304       | 12.6       |
| 2020 | 3,613,647     | 11.0       | 10,951       | 12.3       |
| 2019 | 3,747,540     | 11.4       | 11,448       | 12.9       |
| 2018 | 3,791,712     | 11.6       | 11,890       | 13.5       |
| 2017 | 3,855,500     | 11.8       | 12,128       | 13.9       |
| 2016 | 3,945,875     | 12.2       | 12,270       | 14.2       |
| 2015 | 3,978,497     | 12.4       | 12,323       | 14.4       |
| 2014 | 3,988,076     | 12.5       | 12,281       | 14.4       |
| 2013 | 3,932,181     | 12.4       | 12,243       | 14.5       |
| 2012 | 3,952,841     | 12.6       | 12,092       | 14.5       |
| 2011 | 3,953,590     | 12.7       | 11,834       | 14.4       |
| 2010 | 3,999,386     | 13.0       | 11,795       | 14.5       |
| 2009 | 4,130,665     | 13.5       | 11,930       | 14.7       |

Note: \* 2023 U.S. data are provisional at time of publication.

Crude birth rates are per 1,000 population.

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

## BIRTHS BY RACE

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

- white
- American Indian
- black
- Hispanic
- American Indian & white

The remaining categories (Asian, Pacific Islander, multi-racial) are included in the totals but are not necessarily shown specifically in any tables.

Table 7, below, shows the number and percent of resident births by mother’s race since 2014. In 2023, the percent of births to white, American Indian, and Black all decreased. Hispanic births increased by 16.9 percent.

**Table 7**  
**South Dakota Resident Live Births by Mother’s Race/Ethnicity, 2014-2023**

| Births |        | White |      | American Indian |      | Hispanic |     | Black |     | American Indian & white |     |
|--------|--------|-------|------|-----------------|------|----------|-----|-------|-----|-------------------------|-----|
| Year   | Num    | Num   | %    | Num             | %    | Num      | %   | Num   | %   | Num                     | %   |
| 2023   | 11,170 | 7,961 | 71.5 | 1,359           | 12.2 | 842      | 7.6 | 344   | 3.1 | 245                     | 2.2 |
| 2022   | 11,193 | 7,988 | 71.6 | 1,463           | 13.1 | 726      | 6.5 | 359   | 3.2 | 247                     | 2.2 |
| 2021   | 11,304 | 8,049 | 71.4 | 1,514           | 13.4 | 691      | 6.1 | 383   | 3.4 | 283                     | 2.5 |
| 2020   | 10,951 | 7,712 | 70.7 | 1,499           | 13.7 | 662      | 6.1 | 383   | 3.5 | 276                     | 2.5 |
| 2019   | 11,448 | 8,141 | 71.3 | 1,607           | 14.1 | 641      | 5.6 | 414   | 3.6 | 268                     | 2.3 |
| 2018   | 11,890 | 8,474 | 71.5 | 1,644           | 13.9 | 659      | 5.6 | 410   | 3.5 | 303                     | 2.6 |
| 2017   | 12,128 | 8,610 | 71.1 | 1,806           | 14.9 | 624      | 5.2 | 398   | 3.3 | 292                     | 2.4 |
| 2016   | 12,270 | 8,827 | 72.1 | 1,782           | 14.6 | 634      | 5.2 | 360   | 2.9 | 251                     | 2.0 |
| 2015   | 12,323 | 8,821 | 71.9 | 1,921           | 15.7 | 559      | 4.6 | 266   | 2.2 | 267                     | 2.2 |
| 2014   | 12,281 | 8,898 | 72.8 | 1,812           | 14.8 | 602      | 4.9 | 295   | 2.4 | 257                     | 2.1 |

Note: Failure of races to add to the total is due to other and unknown races included in the total.

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

## MARITAL STATUS

In 2023, 35.1 percent of infants were born to single mothers. **This is the lowest since 2003.** When looking at the data by race, American Indian women have consistently had the highest percentage of births out of wedlock with 86.2 percent in 2023.



**Table 8**  
**South Dakota Resident Births Out of Wedlock by Year of Birth and Race/Ethnicity, 2014-2023**

| Year | All Races |      | White |      | American Indian |      | Hispanic |      | Black |      | American Indian & white |      |
|------|-----------|------|-------|------|-----------------|------|----------|------|-------|------|-------------------------|------|
|      | Num       | %    | Num   | %    | Num             | %    | Num      | %    | Num   | %    | Num                     | %    |
| 2023 | 3,924     | 35.1 | 1,827 | 22.9 | 1,170           | 86.2 | 479      | 56.9 | 131   | 38.1 | 157                     | 64.1 |
| 2022 | 4,010     | 35.8 | 1,859 | 23.3 | 1,278           | 87.1 | 397      | 54.7 | 136   | 37.9 | 159                     | 64.4 |
| 2021 | 4,065     | 36.0 | 1,867 | 23.2 | 1,327           | 87.6 | 395      | 57.2 | 154   | 40.2 | 187                     | 66.1 |
| 2020 | 3,947     | 36.1 | 1,772 | 23.0 | 1,318           | 87.5 | 375      | 56.6 | 146   | 38.0 | 186                     | 67.4 |
| 2019 | 4,145     | 36.2 | 1,954 | 24.0 | 1,371           | 85.2 | 355      | 55.4 | 148   | 35.7 | 176                     | 65.7 |
| 2018 | 4,287     | 36.1 | 2,008 | 23.7 | 1,400           | 85.0 | 357      | 54.3 | 158   | 38.5 | 220                     | 72.6 |
| 2017 | 4,506     | 37.2 | 2,155 | 25.0 | 1,523           | 84.2 | 327      | 52.5 | 172   | 43.2 | 195                     | 66.8 |
| 2016 | 4,519     | 36.8 | 2,505 | 25.0 | 1,513           | 84.9 | 349      | 55.1 | 156   | 43.3 | 156                     | 62.2 |
| 2015 | 4,571     | 37.1 | 2,213 | 25.1 | 1,606           | 83.5 | 322      | 57.6 | 105   | 39.5 | 173                     | 64.8 |
| 2014 | 4,623     | 37.7 | 2,303 | 25.9 | 1,533           | 84.2 | 331      | 55.0 | 135   | 45.8 | 178                     | 69.3 |

Note: Failure of races to add to the total is due to other and unknown races included in the total.

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

## BIRTH WEIGHT

Table 9 compares low birth weight babies by race of mother. In 2023, 525 (6.6%) low birth weight babies were born to white women. For American Indian women, there were 109 (8.0%) low birth weight babies, and for black women, there were 40 (11.6%) low birth weight babies. From 2022 to 2023, there was an increase in low birth weight babies for white and black births. **The 7.2% overall is the highest since 1968.**

**Table 9**  
**South Dakota Resident Low Birth Weight Births by Race of Mother, 2014-2023**

| Year | Mother's Race/Ethnicity |       |                 |          |       |                         |
|------|-------------------------|-------|-----------------|----------|-------|-------------------------|
|      | Total                   | White | American Indian | Hispanic | Black | American Indian & white |
| 2023 | 7.2%                    | 6.6%  | 8.0%            | 7.2%     | 11.6% | 6.5%                    |
| 2022 | 7.1%                    | 6.3%  | 9.7%            | 8.4%     | 7.8%  | 7.3%                    |
| 2021 | 7.1%                    | 6.6%  | 8.5%            | 5.9%     | 10.7% | 12.4%                   |
| 2020 | 6.9%                    | 6.5%  | 8.0%            | 6.2%     | 7.6%  | 9.1%                    |
| 2019 | 7.0%                    | 6.6%  | 7.7%            | 6.6%     | 11.4% | 6.7%                    |
| 2018 | 6.7%                    | 6.1%  | 7.5%            | 7.6%     | 8.3%  | 8.3%                    |
| 2017 | 6.9%                    | 6.7%  | 7.9%            | 5.6%     | 10.5% | 6.8%                    |
| 2016 | 6.8%                    | 6.2%  | 8.0%            | 6.0%     | 10.3% | 6.8%                    |
| 2015 | 6.2%                    | 5.7%  | 7.3%            | 5.5%     | 6.0%  | 8.6%                    |
| 2014 | 6.6%                    | 6.3%  | 7.1%            | 7.3%     | 10.2% | 6.2%                    |

Note: Failure of races to add to the total is due to other and unknown races included in the total.

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

Table 10 displays resident births by year of birth and weeks of gestation. In 2023 we saw the lowest percentage of births ever at 40 or more weeks of gestation at only 17.6 percent. **The 12.4 percent that were less than 37 weeks was the highest since before 1990.** Prior to that year, gestational age was not published in the annual report for comparison.

**Table 10**  
**South Dakota Resident Births by Year of Birth and Weeks of Gestation, 2014-2023**

| Year | Total  |     | <35 |     | 35-36 |     | 37-39 |      | 40+   |      | Unknown |   |
|------|--------|-----|-----|-----|-------|-----|-------|------|-------|------|---------|---|
|      | Num    | %   | Num | %   | Num   | %   | Num   | %    | Num   | %    | Num     | % |
| 2023 | 11,170 | 100 | 474 | 4.2 | 920   | 8.2 | 7,799 | 69.9 | 1,965 | 17.6 | 12      | - |
| 2022 | 11,193 | 100 | 417 | 3.7 | 740   | 6.6 | 7,797 | 69.7 | 2,225 | 19.9 | 14      | - |
| 2021 | 11,304 | 100 | 421 | 3.7 | 762   | 6.7 | 7,636 | 67.6 | 2,478 | 21.9 | 7       | - |
| 2020 | 10,951 | 100 | 389 | 3.6 | 641   | 5.9 | 7,259 | 66.4 | 2,646 | 24.2 | 16      | - |
| 2019 | 11,448 | 100 | 409 | 3.6 | 686   | 6.0 | 7,403 | 64.7 | 2,946 | 25.7 | 4       | - |
| 2018 | 11,890 | 100 | 410 | 3.5 | 709   | 6.0 | 7,442 | 62.7 | 3,313 | 27.9 | 16      | - |
| 2017 | 12,128 | 100 | 432 | 3.6 | 693   | 5.7 | 7,333 | 60.5 | 3,657 | 30.2 | 13      | - |
| 2016 | 12,270 | 100 | 399 | 3.3 | 699   | 5.7 | 7,366 | 60.1 | 3,796 | 31.0 | 10      | - |
| 2015 | 12,323 | 100 | 385 | 3.1 | 665   | 5.4 | 7,268 | 59.1 | 3,990 | 32.4 | 15      | - |
| 2014 | 12,281 | 100 | 416 | 3.4 | 622   | 5.1 | 7,310 | 59.7 | 3,894 | 31.8 | 39      | - |

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

## TOBACCO USE

Table 11 displays the percentage of mothers who smoked cigarettes for each of the past 10 years. In 2023, 9.1 percent stated they smoked cigarettes three months prior to pregnancy, and 6.4 percent smoked cigarettes anytime during their pregnancy, which is the lowest this has ever been.

**Table 11**  
**South Dakota Resident Live Births by Cigarette Smoking Status, 2014-2023**

| Year | Mother's Cigarette Smoking Status |                 |                  |                 |                          |
|------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
|      | Three Months Prior to Pregnancy   | First Trimester | Second Trimester | Third Trimester | Anytime During Pregnancy |
| 2023 | 9.1%                              | 6.1%            | 4.7%             | 4.2%            | 6.4%                     |
| 2022 | 10.7%                             | 7.2%            | 5.5%             | 5.0%            | 8.3%                     |
| 2021 | 13.4%                             | 8.9%            | 7.0%             | 6.3%            | 9.2%                     |
| 2020 | 14.9%                             | 9.8%            | 7.8%             | 7.3%            | 10.1%                    |
| 2019 | 15.9%                             | 10.5%           | 8.2%             | 7.5%            | 10.7%                    |
| 2018 | 17.2%                             | 11.4%           | 8.9%             | 8.1%            | 11.8%                    |
| 2017 | 18.1%                             | 12.2%           | 9.7%             | 8.8%            | 12.6%                    |
| 2016 | 19.5%                             | 13.2%           | 10.1%            | 9.2%            | 13.6%                    |
| 2015 | 20.9%                             | 13.6%           | 10.4%            | 9.5%            | 14.0%                    |
| 2014 | 21.7%                             | 14.4%           | 11.1%            | 10.2%           | 14.8%                    |

Table 12, on the next page, displays the percentage of mothers who smoked cigarettes before pregnancy by their cigarette smoking status during pregnancy since 2014. The largest percentage of women stated they never quit smoking cigarettes during their pregnancy with 43.0 percent in 2023.

**Table 12**

**South Dakota Resident Births to Mothers Who Smoked Cigarettes Prior to Pregnancy by Cigarette Smoking Status During Pregnancy, 2014-2023**

| Year | Quit before becoming pregnant | Quit before second trimester | Quit before third trimester | Never quit | Stopped at some point during pregnancy, but started again before giving birth |
|------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------|---|
| 2023 | 32.8%                         | 15.3%                        | 6.9%                        | 43.0%      | 2.1%  |
| 2022 | 31.6%                         | 16.0%                        | 6.5%                        | 43.2%      | 2.7%  |
| 2021 | 32.3%                         | 13.9%                        | 7.1%                        | 43.8%      | 2.9%  |
| 2020 | 32.9%                         | 13.6%                        | 4.9%                        | 45.9%      | 2.7%  |
| 2019 | 33.4%                         | 13.8%                        | 6.1%                        | 44.8%      | 1.9%  |
| 2018 | 32.3%                         | 15.0%                        | 6.0%                        | 44.8%      | 2.1%  |
| 2017 | 32.0%                         | 13.5%                        | 6.4%                        | 45.8%      | 2.2%  |
| 2016 | 31.5%                         | 15.8%                        | 6.4%                        | 44.3%      | 2.1%  |
| 2015 | 33.9%                         | 15.0%                        | 6.1%                        | 42.9%      | 2.2%  |
| 2014 | 32.3%                         | 15.5%                        | 5.5%                        | 44.4%      | 2.3%  |

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

**MOTHER’S AGE AND RACE**

Table 13 shows that women aged 25 to 29 accounted for the largest percentage of South Dakota resident births in 2023 at 32.3 percent. The median age at birth for whites was 29, Hispanics was 27, American Indians was 25, Blacks was 30, and American Indian/white was 28.

**Table 13**

**South Dakota Resident Live Births by Mother’s Age and Race, 2023**

| Age of Mother | Total         |            | Race of Mother |            |                 |            |            |            |            |            |                         |            |
|---------------|---------------|------------|----------------|------------|-----------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------------------|------------|
|               |               |            | White          |            | American Indian |            | Hispanic   |            | Black      |            | American Indian & white |            |
|               | Num           | %          | Num            | %          | Num             | %          | Num        | %          | Num        | %          | Num                     | %          |
| Less than 18  | 145           | 1.3        | 40             | 0.5        | 67              | 4.9        | 27         | 3.2        | 5          | 1.5        | 3                       | 1.5        |
| 18-19 Years   | 369           | 3.3        | 144            | 1.8        | 141             | 10.4       | 52         | 6.2        | 9          | 2.6        | 11                      | 4.5        |
| 20-24 Years   | 2,022         | 18.1       | 1,231          | 15.5       | 399             | 29.4       | 200        | 23.8       | 54         | 15.7       | 64                      | 26.1       |
| 25-29 Years   | 3,610         | 32.3       | 2,703          | 34.0       | 359             | 26.4       | 250        | 29.7       | 90         | 26.2       | 76                      | 31.0       |
| 30-34 Years   | 3,350         | 30.0       | 2,608          | 32.8       | 247             | 18.2       | 200        | 23.8       | 107        | 31.1       | 60                      | 24.5       |
| 35-39 Years   | 1,389         | 12.4       | 1,039          | 13.1       | 120             | 8.8        | 89         | 10.6       | 56         | 16.3       | 26                      | 10.6       |
| 40 & over     | 285           | 2.6        | 196            | 2.5        | 26              | 1.9        | 24         | 2.9        | 23         | 6.7        | 5                       | 2.0        |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>11,170</b> | <b>100</b> | <b>7,961</b>   | <b>100</b> | <b>1,359</b>    | <b>100</b> | <b>842</b> | <b>100</b> | <b>344</b> | <b>100</b> | <b>245</b>              | <b>100</b> |

Note: Failure of the races to add to the total is due to other and unknown races included in the total.

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

Table 14, on the next page, displays the mother’s age for births in the past 10 years. Overall, the percentage of births is highest in women 25-34 years old. **In 2023, the number of births to women 17 years or younger (145) was the lowest since before 1963.** Prior to that year, the number of births to women 17 years or younger was not published in the annual report for comparison. As recently as 2009 there were 313 births in this age category for comparison.

**Table 14**  
**South Dakota Resident Live Births by Mother's Age and Year of Birth, 2014-2023**

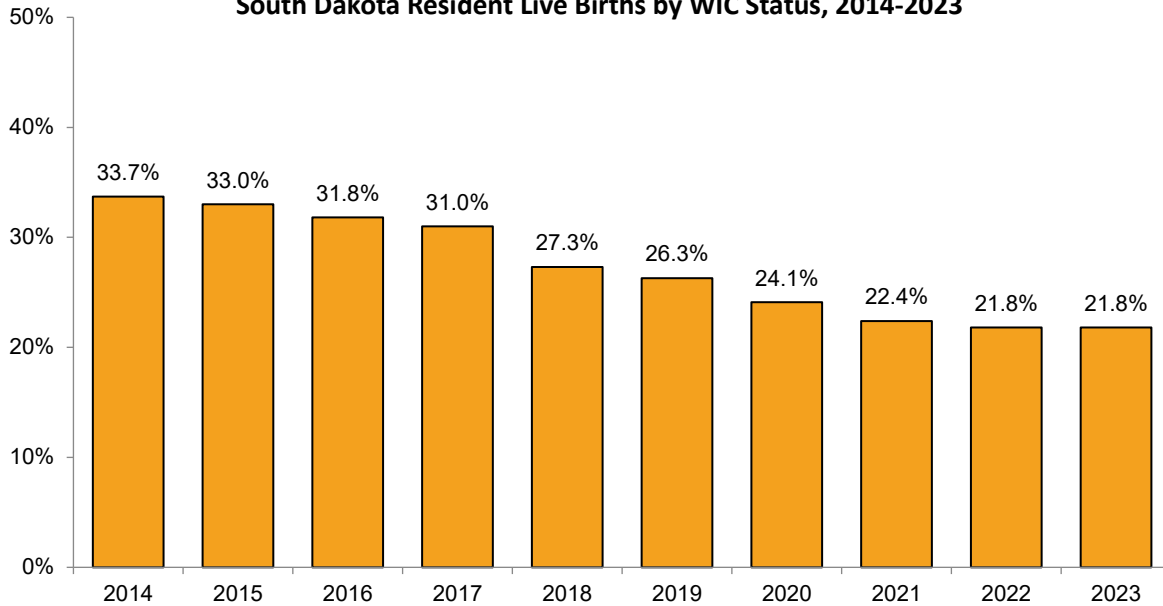
| Year | Total Births |     | Age of Mother |     |       |     |       |      |       |      |       |      |       |      |     |     |
|------|--------------|-----|---------------|-----|-------|-----|-------|------|-------|------|-------|------|-------|------|-----|-----|
|      |              |     | < 18          |     | 18-19 |     | 20-24 |      | 25-29 |      | 30-34 |      | 35-39 |      | 40+ |     |
|      | Num          | %   | Num           | %   | Num   | %   | Num   | %    | Num   | %    | Num   | %    | Num   | %    | Num | %   |
| 2023 | 11,170       | 100 | 145           | 1.3 | 369   | 3.3 | 2,022 | 18.1 | 3,610 | 32.3 | 3,350 | 30.0 | 1,389 | 12.4 | 285 | 2.6 |
| 2022 | 11,193       | 100 | 146           | 1.3 | 372   | 3.3 | 2,062 | 18.4 | 3,657 | 32.7 | 3,259 | 29.1 | 1,436 | 12.8 | 261 | 2.3 |
| 2021 | 11,304       | 100 | 159           | 1.4 | 347   | 3.1 | 2,100 | 18.6 | 3,704 | 32.8 | 3,336 | 29.5 | 1,413 | 12.5 | 245 | 2.2 |
| 2020 | 10,951       | 100 | 154           | 1.4 | 386   | 3.5 | 2,063 | 18.8 | 3,677 | 33.6 | 3,153 | 28.8 | 1,282 | 11.7 | 235 | 2.1 |
| 2019 | 11,448       | 100 | 147           | 1.3 | 393   | 3.4 | 2,197 | 19.2 | 3,801 | 33.2 | 3,356 | 29.3 | 1,349 | 11.8 | 205 | 1.8 |
| 2018 | 11,890       | 100 | 166           | 1.4 | 403   | 3.4 | 2,329 | 19.6 | 4,016 | 33.8 | 3,435 | 28.9 | 1,336 | 11.2 | 205 | 1.7 |
| 2017 | 12,128       | 100 | 155           | 1.3 | 467   | 3.9 | 2,493 | 20.6 | 4,023 | 33.2 | 3,401 | 28.0 | 1,342 | 11.1 | 247 | 2.0 |
| 2016 | 12,270       | 100 | 208           | 1.7 | 481   | 3.9 | 2,615 | 21.3 | 4,166 | 34.0 | 3,312 | 27.0 | 1,255 | 10.2 | 233 | 1.9 |
| 2015 | 12,323       | 100 | 161           | 1.3 | 565   | 4.6 | 2,746 | 22.3 | 4,172 | 33.9 | 3,331 | 27.0 | 1,130 | 9.2  | 218 | 1.8 |
| 2014 | 12,281       | 100 | 223           | 1.8 | 519   | 4.2 | 2,778 | 22.6 | 4,161 | 33.9 | 3,251 | 26.5 | 1,148 | 9.3  | 201 | 1.6 |

Note: Failure of ages to add to total births is due to unknown mother's ages included in the total.

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

Figure 2 displays the percent of South Dakota resident live births on the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) for the past 10 years. In 2023, 21.8 percent of mothers were on WIC during their pregnancy.

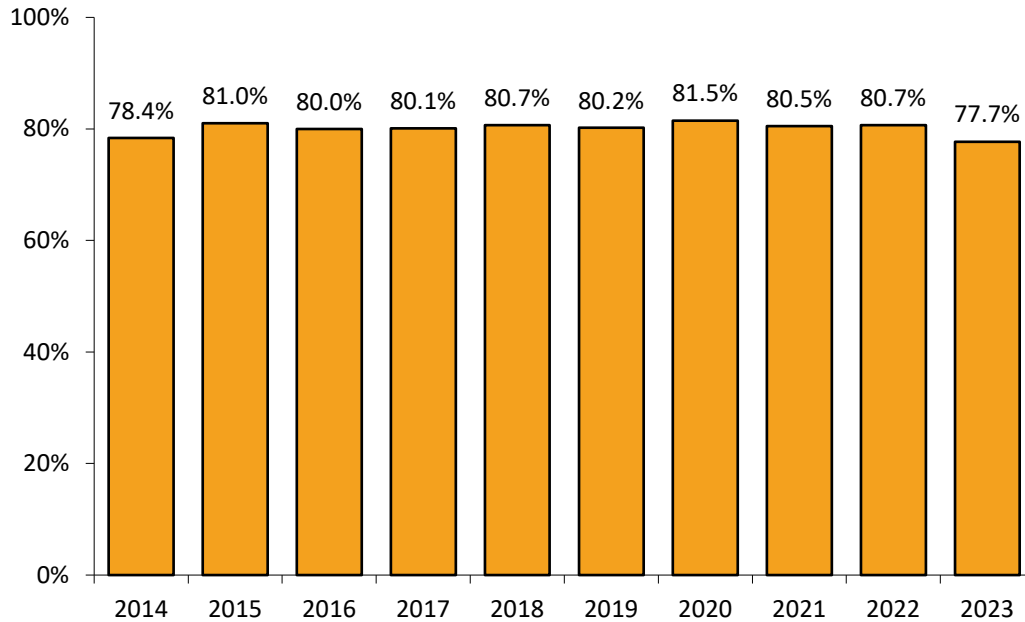
**Figure 2**  
**South Dakota Resident Live Births by WIC Status, 2014-2023**



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

Figure 3, on the following page, displays the percentage of mothers breastfeeding at the time of hospital discharge. The percentage of women who were breastfeeding at the time of discharge decreased from 80.7 percent in 2022 to 77.7 percent in 2023. **This was the lowest since 2013.**

**Figure 3**  
**South Dakota Resident Live Births by Breastfeeding Status at Time of Discharge, 2014-2023**



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

Table 15 displays South Dakota resident teen births (15 to 17 years old) by race from 2014 to 2023. In 2023, the teen birth rate was 7.2-**the lowest it's been since before 1963**. Prior to that year, the number of teen births was not published in the annual report for comparison. When looking at race, the white teen birth rate was 2.7 compared to a teen birth rate of 27.4 for American Indians and 20.8 for Hispanics in 2023.

**Table 15**  
**South Dakota Resident Teen Births and Rates by Year and Mother's Race/Ethnicity, 2014-2023**

| Year | Total |      | White |      | American Indian |      | Hispanic |      | Black |      |
|------|-------|------|-------|------|-----------------|------|----------|------|-------|------|
|      | Num   | Rate | Num   | Rate | Num             | Rate | Num      | Rate | Num   | Rate |
| 2023 | 137   | 7.2  | 37    | 2.7  | 63              | 27.4 | 26       | 20.8 | 5     | 9.3  |
| 2022 | 140   | 7.7  | 50    | 3.8  | 57              | 25.6 | 21       | 18.3 | 1     | 2.0  |
| 2021 | 154   | 8.6  | 41    | 3.2  | 66              | 27.2 | 23       | 21.8 | 7     | 14.2 |
| 2020 | 147   | 8.6  | 37    | 3.0  | 61              | 26.6 | 27       | 26.7 | 3     | 7.0  |
| 2019 | 143   | 8.6  | 39    | 3.2  | 67              | 30.5 | 23       | 24.7 | 4     | 10.3 |
| 2018 | 162   | 9.9  | 37    | 3.1  | 86              | 40.2 | 18       | 21.3 | 7     | 19.3 |
| 2017 | 147   | 9.1  | 41    | 3.4  | 80              | 37.3 | 13       | 16.6 | 1     | 3.1  |
| 2016 | 200   | 12.5 | 60    | 5.0  | 93              | 44.6 | 23       | 29.7 | 4     | 13.5 |
| 2015 | 153   | 9.5  | 44    | 3.7  | 76              | 36.0 | 18       | 23.4 | 2     | 7.3  |
| 2014 | 216   | 13.2 | 87    | 7.1  | 86              | 41.4 | 19       | 23.3 | 8     | 19.8 |

Note: Rates are per 1,000 female population ages 15-17.

Failure of races to add to the total is due to other and unknown races included in the total.

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

**PRENATAL CARE**

Table 16 shows the number of South Dakota resident live births by when the mother started prenatal care in 2023. Just over three-fourths (75.7%) of mothers started care in the first trimester – 83.9 percent of white mothers, 42.8 percent of American Indian mothers, 57.4 percent of black mothers, and 62.5 percent of Hispanic mothers. Overall, 2.5 percent of mothers failed to obtain prenatal care at all - the **highest recorded since collecting data in the current manner in 2006.**

When looking at race, the number of white mothers who had no prenatal care was 0.7 percent while American Indian mothers who had no prenatal care was 10.6 percent.

**Table 16**  
**South Dakota Resident Live Births by Trimester Prenatal Care Began**  
**and Mother’s Race/Ethnicity, 2023**

| Trimester Prenatal Care Began | Total         |            | Race/Ethnicity of Mother |            |                 |            |            |            |            |            |                         |            |
|-------------------------------|---------------|------------|--------------------------|------------|-----------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------------------|------------|
|                               |               |            | White                    |            | American Indian |            | Hispanic   |            | Black      |            | American Indian & white |            |
|                               | Num           | %          | Num                      | %          | Num             | %          | Num        | %          | Num        | %          | Num                     | %          |
| First                         | 8,396         | 75.7       | 6,654                    | 83.9       | 68              | 42.8       | 519        | 62.5       | 197        | 57.4       | 152                     | 63.1       |
| Second                        | 1,848         | 16.7       | 1,024                    | 12.9       | 407             | 30.7       | 191        | 23.0       | 85         | 24.8       | 63                      | 26.1       |
| Third                         | 570           | 5.1        | 199                      | 2.5        | 212             | 16.0       | 92         | 11.1       | 23         | 6.7        | 17                      | 7.1        |
| None                          | 280           | 2.5        | 58                       | 0.7        | 140             | 10.6       | 29         | 3.5        | 38         | 11.1       | 9                       | 3.7        |
| Unknown                       | 76            | -          | 26                       | -          | 32              | -          | 11         | -          | 1          | -          | 4                       | -          |
| <b>Total</b>                  | <b>11,170</b> | <b>100</b> | <b>7,961</b>             | <b>100</b> | <b>1,359</b>    | <b>100</b> | <b>842</b> | <b>100</b> | <b>343</b> | <b>100</b> | <b>245</b>              | <b>100</b> |

Note: Failure of the races to add to the total is due to unknown races contained in the total birth column.  
Source: South Dakota Department of Health, Office of Health Statistics

Table 17 shows the number of mothers who began prenatal care by trimester for the past 10 years. Prenatal care in the first trimester has remained steady over the past 10 years.

**Table 17**  
**South Dakota Resident Live Births by Trimester Prenatal Care Began, 2014-2023**

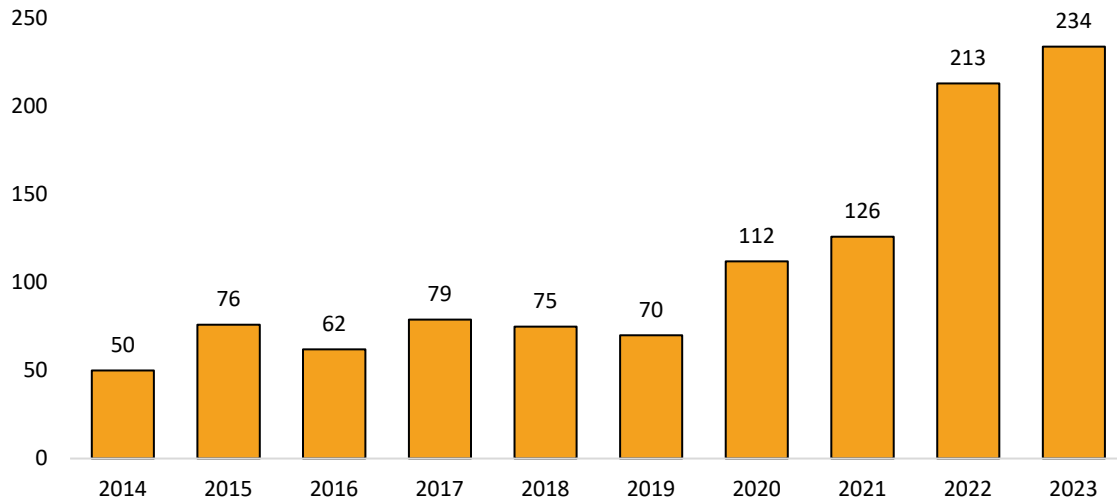
| Year | Total  |     | First |      | Second |      | Third |     | No Prenatal Care |     | Not Stated |   |
|------|--------|-----|-------|------|--------|------|-------|-----|------------------|-----|------------|---|
|      | Num    | %   | Num   | %    | Num    | %    | Num   | %   | Num              | %   | Num        | % |
| 2023 | 11,170 | 100 | 8,396 | 75.7 | 1,848  | 16.7 | 570   | 5.1 | 280              | 2.5 | 76         | - |
| 2022 | 11,193 | 100 | 8,414 | 75.8 | 1,914  | 17.3 | 553   | 5.0 | 213              | 1.9 | 99         | - |
| 2021 | 11,304 | 100 | 8,530 | 76.2 | 1,913  | 17.1 | 587   | 5.2 | 168              | 1.5 | 109        | - |
| 2020 | 10,951 | 100 | 8,256 | 76.0 | 1,956  | 18.0 | 533   | 4.9 | 118              | 1.1 | 88         | - |
| 2019 | 11,448 | 100 | 8,605 | 75.9 | 2,094  | 18.5 | 533   | 4.7 | 105              | 0.9 | 111        | - |
| 2018 | 11,890 | 100 | 8,864 | 75.4 | 2,212  | 18.8 | 561   | 4.8 | 119              | 1.0 | 134        | - |
| 2017 | 12,128 | 100 | 8,853 | 74.0 | 2,360  | 19.7 | 622   | 5.2 | 129              | 1.1 | 164        | - |
| 2016 | 12,270 | 100 | 9,160 | 75.5 | 2,248  | 18.5 | 629   | 5.2 | 98               | 0.8 | 135        | - |
| 2015 | 12,323 | 100 | 9,128 | 75.3 | 2,292  | 18.9 | 588   | 4.9 | 107              | 0.9 | 208        | - |
| 2014 | 12,281 | 100 | 9,089 | 75.4 | 2,236  | 18.5 | 637   | 5.3 | 98               | 0.8 | 221        | - |

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

## HOME BIRTHS

Figure 4 displays the number of intended home births for South Dakota residents in the past 10 years. In 2023 South Dakota saw the largest number of intended home births since this started being tracked in 2006.

**Figure 4**  
**South Dakota Resident Intended Home Births, 2014-2023**



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

## METHODS OF DELIVERY

Table 18 displays the method of delivery for the past five years. Vaginal birth was the primary method of delivery for South Dakota residents for the past five years. C-section rates have remained steady over the past five years.

**Table 18**  
**South Dakota Resident Births by Method of Delivery and Year of Birth, 2019-2023**

|                                    | 2019         |             | 2020         |             | 2021         |             | 2022         |             | 2023         |             |
|------------------------------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|
|                                    | Num          | %           | Num          | %           | Num          | %           | Num          | %           | Num          | %           |
| Vaginal (Total)                    | <b>8,647</b> | <b>75.5</b> | <b>8,252</b> | <b>75.4</b> | <b>8,527</b> | <b>75.4</b> | <b>8,513</b> | <b>76.1</b> | <b>8,449</b> | <b>75.6</b> |
| Vaginal with no previous C-section | 8,321        | 72.7        | 7,939        | 72.5        | 8,189        | 72.4        | 8,173        | 73.0        | 8,086        | 72.4        |
| Vaginal after previous C-section   | 324          | 2.8         | 308          | 2.8         | 334          | 3.0         | 329          | 2.9         | 345          | 3.1         |
| Vaginal (unknown previous types)   | 2            | 0.0         | 5            | 0.1         | 4            | 0.0         | 11           | 0.1         | 18           | 0.2         |
| C-Section (Total)                  | <b>2,801</b> | <b>24.5</b> | <b>2,698</b> | <b>24.6</b> | <b>2,777</b> | <b>24.6</b> | <b>2,679</b> | <b>23.9</b> | <b>2,721</b> | <b>24.4</b> |
| Primary C-section                  | 1,548        | 13.5        | 1,524        | 13.9        | 1,622        | 14.3        | 1,627        | 14.5        | 1,571        | 14.1        |
| Repeat C-section                   | 1,253        | 10.9        | 1,174        | 10.7        | 1,154        | 10.2        | 1,051        | 9.4         | 1,147        | 10.3        |
| C-section (unknown previous types) | 0            | 0.0         | 0            | 0.0         | 1            | 0.0         | 1            | 0.0         | 3            | 0.0         |

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

# INFANT MORTALITY

## OVERVIEW 2023

|                            |     |
|----------------------------|-----|
| Infant Deaths              |     |
| Number                     | 71  |
| Rate per 1,000 live births | 6.4 |
| Neonatal Deaths            |     |
| Number                     | 44  |
| Rate per 1,000 Live Births | 3.9 |
| Postneonatal Death         |     |
| Number                     | 27  |
| Rate per 1,000 Live Births | 2.4 |

During 2023, there were 71 South Dakota resident infant deaths reported for an infant mortality rate of 6.4 per 1,000 live births. In comparison, there were 87 infant deaths in 2022, with an infant mortality rate of 7.8 per 1,000 live births.

Caution should be used when comparing these annual rates because the number of South Dakota resident births creates a relatively small denominator for determining infant mortality rates; a small change in the number of infant deaths can result in a relatively large rate change. Infant mortality rates should be monitored over time.

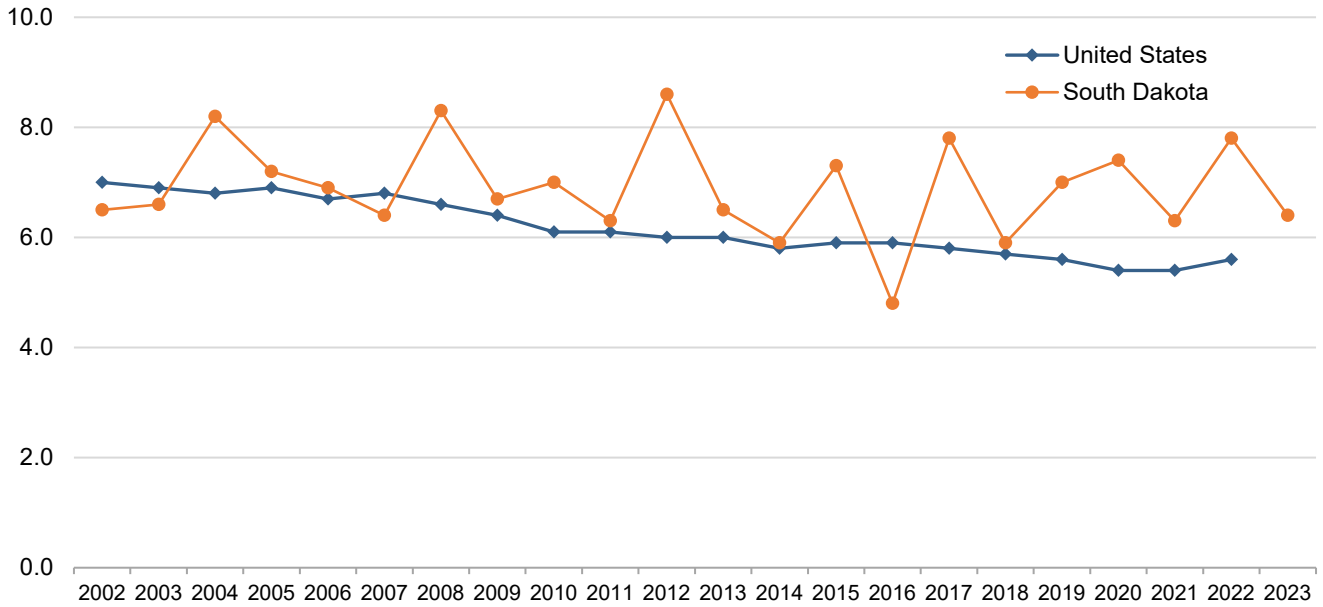
**Table 19**  
**Resident Infant Deaths and Infant Mortality Rates, South Dakota and United States, 2002-2023**

| Year | United States |                | South Dakota |                |
|------|---------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|
|      | Number        | Mortality Rate | Number       | Mortality Rate |
| 2023 | *NA           | *NA            | 71           | 6.4            |
| 2022 | 20,577        | 5.6            | 87           | 7.8            |
| 2021 | 19,928        | 5.4            | 71           | 6.3            |
| 2020 | 19,578        | 5.4            | 81           | 7.4            |
| 2019 | 20,921        | 5.6            | 80           | 7.0            |
| 2018 | 21,498        | 5.7            | 70           | 5.9            |
| 2017 | 22,341        | 5.8            | 94           | 7.8            |
| 2016 | 23,161        | 5.9            | 59           | 4.8            |
| 2015 | 23,455        | 5.9            | 90           | 7.3            |
| 2014 | 23,215        | 5.8            | 73           | 5.9            |
| 2013 | 23,446        | 6.0            | 80           | 6.5            |
| 2012 | 23,629        | 6.0            | 104          | 8.6            |
| 2011 | 23,985        | 6.1            | 75           | 6.3            |
| 2010 | 24,586        | 6.1            | 83           | 7.0            |
| 2009 | 26,412        | 6.4            | 80           | 6.7            |
| 2008 | 28,059        | 6.6            | 100          | 8.3            |
| 2007 | 29,138        | 6.8            | 79           | 6.4            |
| 2006 | 28,527        | 6.7            | 82           | 6.9            |
| 2005 | 28,440        | 6.9            | 82           | 7.2            |
| 2004 | 27,936        | 6.8            | 93           | 8.2            |
| 2003 | 28,025        | 6.9            | 73           | 6.6            |
| 2002 | 28,034        | 7.0            | 70           | 6.5            |

Note: \* 2023 U.S. data are not available at time of publication. Infant Mortality rates are per 1,000 live births.  
 Sources: National Center for Health Statistics and South Dakota Department of Health, Office of Health Statistics



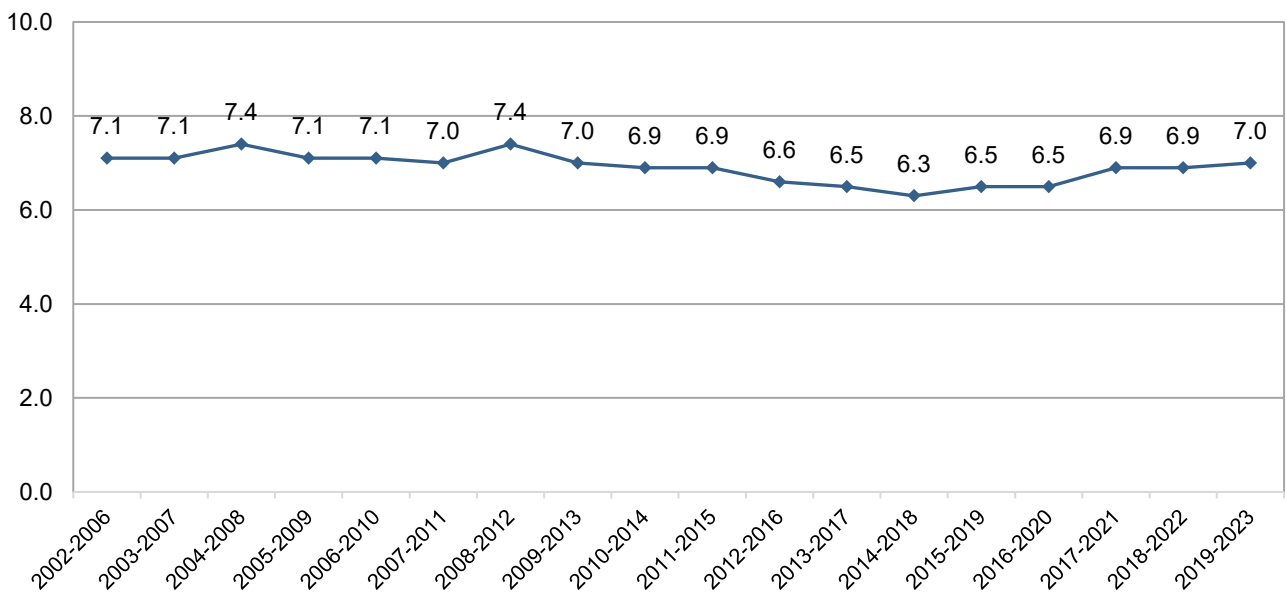
**Figure 5**  
**Resident Infant Mortality Rates, South Dakota and United States, 2002-2023**



Note: Rate Per 1,000 Live Births. U.S. 2023 data are not available at time of publication.  
 Source: National Center for Health Statistics and South Dakota Department of Health, Office of Health Statistics

Figure 6 displays South Dakota’s infant mortality rate grouped in five-year increments. The current five-year rate (7.0) is the highest in the past 10 years.

**Figure 6**  
**Resident Infant Mortality Rates for South Dakota, 2002-2023**



Note: Rate Per 1,000 Live Births.  
 Source: South Dakota Department of Health, Office of Health Statistics

Table 20 lists the overall leading causes of infant death in 2019-2023. The leading causes of infant death can be broken down as follows: congenital malformations, 24.9 percent, short gestation and low birth weight with 11.0 percent, and sudden infant death syndrome with 7.9 percent.

**Table 20**  
**South Dakota Resident Leading Causes of Infant Death, 2019-2023**

|   | Total      | 2019      | 2020      | 2021      | 2022      | 2023      |
|---|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| <b>Total Deaths</b>   | <b>390</b> | <b>80</b> | <b>81</b> | <b>71</b> | <b>87</b> | <b>71</b> |
| <b>1. Congenital malformations, deformations, &amp; chromosomal abnormalities (Q00-Q99)</b>             | <b>97</b>  | <b>27</b> | <b>13</b> | <b>20</b> | <b>21</b> | <b>16</b> |
| Chromosomal abnormalities (Q90-Q99)   | 22         | 6         | 2         | 7         | 3         | 4         |
| Edward's syndrome (Trisomy 18) (Q91.0-Q91.3)  | 17         | 5         | 1         | 5         | 2         | 4         |
| Congenital malformations of the heart (Q20-Q24)   | 19         | 6         | 3         | 3         | 6         | 1         |
| Congenital malformations of the nervous system (Q00-Q07)  | 16         | 4         | 4         | 4         | 2         | 2         |
| Anencephaly and similar malformations (Q00)   | 8          | 4         | 2         | 0         | 1         | 1         |
| Congenital malformations and deformations of the musculoskeletal system, limbs and integument (Q65-Q85) | 11         | 3         | 0         | 3         | 3         | 2         |
| Congenital diaphragmatic hernia (Q79.0)   | 7          | 1         | 0         | 2         | 2         | 2         |
| Congenital malformations of the genitourinary system (Q50-Q64)  | 8          | 1         | 0         | 1         | 4         | 2         |
| <b>2. Disorders related to short gestation and low birth weight (P07)</b>                               | <b>43</b>  | <b>10</b> | <b>11</b> | <b>8</b>  | <b>8</b>  | <b>6</b>  |
| <b>3. Sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS) (R95)</b>   | <b>31</b>  | <b>1</b>  | <b>6</b>  | <b>6</b>  | <b>7</b>  | <b>11</b> |
| <b>4. Accidental suffocation and strangulation in bed (W75)</b>   | <b>30</b>  | <b>7</b>  | <b>8</b>  | <b>6</b>  | <b>6</b>  | <b>3</b>  |
| <b>5. Undetermined cause of death (R96-R99)</b>   | <b>24</b>  | <b>8</b>  | <b>11</b> | <b>3</b>  | <b>1</b>  | <b>1</b>  |
| <b>6. Newborn affected by premature rupture of membranes (P01.1)</b>                                    | <b>10</b>  | <b>2</b>  | <b>1</b>  | <b>2</b>  | <b>5</b>  | <b>0</b>  |
| <b>T7. Homicide (X85-Y09)</b>   | <b>7</b>   | <b>1</b>  | <b>1</b>  | <b>1</b>  | <b>3</b>  | <b>1</b>  |
| <b>T7. Hydrops fetalis not due to hemolytic disease (P83.2)</b>   | <b>7</b>   | <b>1</b>  | <b>3</b>  | <b>0</b>  | <b>2</b>  | <b>1</b>  |
| <b>T9. Brain injury due to lack of oxygen or blood (P91.6)</b>  | <b>6</b>   | <b>2</b>  | <b>2</b>  | <b>1</b>  | <b>0</b>  | <b>1</b>  |
| <b>T9. Respiratory distress of newborn (P22)</b>  | <b>6</b>   | <b>1</b>  | <b>2</b>  | <b>0</b>  | <b>2</b>  | <b>1</b>  |
| <b>All other causes</b>   | <b>129</b> | <b>20</b> | <b>23</b> | <b>24</b> | <b>32</b> | <b>30</b> |

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

## INFANT DEATHS AND UNSAFE SLEEP ENVIRONMENT

Table 21 shows the causes of death related to an unsafe sleep environment over the past five years. Out of the total 390 infant deaths, 17 percent had an unsafe sleep environment noted on the death certificate. Of the 30 infant deaths caused by accidental suffocation and strangulation in bed, 100 percent involved an unsafe sleep environment.

**Table 21**  
**South Dakota Resident Leading Causes of Infant Death by Sleep Environment, 2019-2023**

| Cause of Death  | Total | Unsafe sleep environment noted on the death certificate |
|---|-------|---|
| Total   | 390   | 65 (17%)  |
| Accidental suffocation and strangulation in bed (W75) | 30    | 30 (100%)   |
| Sudden infant death syndrome (R95)                    | 31    | 18 (58%)  |
| Undetermined cause of death (R96-R99)                 | 24    | 13 (54%)  |

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

## INFANT MORTALITY BY RACE

All race/ethnicity data in this section are shown for White, American Indian, Black, and Hispanic. The remaining categories (Asian, Pacific Islander, and Multi-Racial) are included in the totals but are not shown specifically in any tables.

Table 22 indicates that from 2022 to 2023, the rate of South Dakota resident infant deaths decreased for American Indian and white infants while it increased for black and Hispanic infants. Table 23 displays infant mortality grouped by five-year increments.

**Table 22**  
**South Dakota Resident Infant Deaths and Mortality Rates by Infant's Race, 2014-2023**

| Year | Race of Infant |      |                 |      |       |      |          |      | Total |      |
|------|----------------|------|-----------------|------|-------|------|----------|------|-------|------|
|      | White          |      | American Indian |      | Black |      | Hispanic |      |       |      |
|      | Num            | Rate | Num             | Rate | Num   | Rate | Num      | Rate | Num   | Rate |
| 2023 | 34             | 4.3  | 21              | 15.5 | 6     | 17.4 | 6        | 7.1  | 71    | 6.4  |
| 2022 | 47             | 5.9  | 30              | 20.5 | 2     | 5.6  | 5        | 6.9  | 87    | 7.8  |
| 2021 | 31             | 3.9  | 26              | 17.2 | 7     | 18.3 | 3        | 4.3  | 71    | 6.3  |
| 2020 | 43             | 5.6  | 22              | 14.7 | 4     | 10.4 | 5        | 7.6  | 81    | 7.4  |
| 2019 | 50             | 6.1  | 18              | 11.2 | 5     | 12.1 | 4        | 6.2  | 80    | 7.0  |
| 2018 | 44             | 5.2  | 14              | 8.5  | 2     | 4.9  | 4        | 6.1  | 70    | 5.9  |
| 2017 | 61             | 7.1  | 15              | 8.3  | 7     | 17.6 | 3        | 4.8  | 94    | 7.8  |
| 2016 | 33             | 3.7  | 21              | 11.8 | 3     | 8.3  | 1        | 1.6  | 59    | 4.8  |
| 2015 | 52             | 5.9  | 24              | 12.5 | 3     | 11.3 | 3        | 5.4  | 90    | 7.3  |
| 2014 | 36             | 4.0  | 23              | 12.7 | 3     | 10.2 | 4        | 6.6  | 73    | 5.9  |

Note: Infant mortality rates are per 1,000 live births.

Failure of races to add to the total is due to other and unknown races included in the total.

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

**Table 23**  
**South Dakota Resident Infant Deaths and Mortality Rates by Infant's Race, Five-Year Increments, 2010-2023**

| Year      | Race of Infant |      |                 |      |       |      |          |      |                         |      | Total |      |               |      |
|-----------|----------------|------|-----------------|------|-------|------|----------|------|-------------------------|------|-------|------|---------------|------|
|           | White          |      | American Indian |      | Black |      | Hispanic |      | American Indian & white |      |       |      | Black & white |      |
|           | Num            | Rate | Num             | Rate | Num   | Rate | Num      | Rate | Num                     | Rate | Num   | Rate | Num           | Rate |
| 2019-2023 | 205            | 5.1  | 117             | 15.7 | 24    | 12.7 | 23       | 6.5  | 4                       | 3.0  | 7     | 20.1 | 390           | 7.0  |
| 2018-2022 | 215            | 5.3  | 110             | 14.2 | 20    | 10.3 | 21       | 6.2  | 5                       | 3.6  | 7     | 23.0 | 389           | 6.9  |
| 2017-2021 | 229            | 5.6  | 95              | 11.8 | 25    | 12.6 | 19       | 5.8  | 8                       | 5.6  | 7     | 24.4 | 396           | 6.9  |
| 2016-2020 | 231            | 5.5  | 90              | 10.8 | 21    | 10.7 | 17       | 5.3  | 8                       | 5.8  | 7     | 26.0 | 384           | 6.5  |
| 2015-2019 | 240            | 5.6  | 92              | 10.5 | 20    | 10.8 | 15       | 4.8  | 9                       | 6.5  | 5     | 19.2 | 393           | 6.5  |
| 2014-2018 | 226            | 5.2  | 97              | 10.8 | 18    | 10.4 | 15       | 4.9  | 12                      | 8.8  | 5     | 19.8 | 386           | 6.3  |
| 2013-2017 | 228            | 5.2  | 105             | 11.4 | 20    | 12.5 | 13       | 4.4  | 12                      | 9.3  | 5     | 20.7 | 396           | 6.5  |
| 2012-2016 | 220            | 5.0  | 114             | 12.3 | 16    | 10.9 | 19       | 6.6  | 10                      | 8.0  | 8     | 36.2 | 406           | 6.6  |
| 2011-2015 | 229            | 5.2  | 117             | 12.5 | 16    | 11.9 | 18       | 6.5  | 13                      | 10.7 | 8     | 40.2 | 422           | 6.9  |
| 2010-2014 | 229            | 5.2  | 112             | 12.1 | 14    | 10.7 | 18       | 6.7  | 17                      | 14.9 | 6     | 34.7 | 415           | 6.9  |

Note: Infant mortality rates are per 1,000 live births.

Failure of races to add to the total is due to other and unknown races included in the total.

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

When analyzed by race, Table 24 indicates that the South Dakota resident neonatal mortality rate per 1,000 live births increased for blacks and Hispanics from 2022 to 2023. Whites and American Indians decreased from 2022 to 2023. In Table 25 neonatal mortality is grouped in five-year increments.

**Table 24**  
**South Dakota Resident Neonatal Deaths and Mortality Rates by Infant’s Race, 2014-2023**

| Year | Race of Infant |      |                 |      |       |      |          |      | Total |      |
|------|----------------|------|-----------------|------|-------|------|----------|------|-------|------|
|      | White          |      | American Indian |      | Black |      | Hispanic |      |       |      |
|      | Num            | Rate | Num             | Rate | Num   | Rate | Num      | Rate | Num   | Rate |
| 2023 | 26             | 3.3  | 11              | 8.1  | 2     | 5.8  | 3        | 3.6  | 44    | 3.9  |
| 2022 | 28             | 3.5  | 18              | 12.3 | 2     | 5.6  | 2        | 2.8  | 50    | 4.5  |
| 2021 | 18             | 2.2  | 12              | 7.9  | 5     | 13.1 | 1        | 1.4  | 37    | 3.3  |
| 2020 | 23             | 3.0  | 10              | 6.6  | 4     | 10.4 | 3        | 4.5  | 43    | 3.9  |
| 2019 | 30             | 3.7  | 6               | 3.7  | 5     | 12.1 | 3        | 4.7  | 46    | 4.0  |
| 2018 | 24             | 2.8  | 7               | 4.3  | 1     | 2.4  | 3        | 4.6  | 36    | 3.0  |
| 2017 | 46             | 5.3  | 10              | 5.5  | 6     | 15.1 | 2        | 3.2  | 67    | 5.5  |
| 2016 | 22             | 2.5  | 8               | 4.5  | 0     | 0.0  | 0        | 0.0  | 31    | 2.5  |
| 2015 | 36             | 4.1  | 15              | 7.8  | 3     | 11.3 | 2        | 3.6  | 59    | 4.8  |
| 2014 | 25             | 2.8  | 8               | 4.4  | 1     | 3.4  | 4        | 6.6  | 42    | 3.4  |

Note: Neonatal mortality rates are per 1,000 live births.  
Failure of races to add to the total is due to other and unknown races included in the total.  
Source: South Dakota Department of Health, Office of Health Statistics

**Table 25**  
**South Dakota Resident Neonatal Deaths and Mortality Rates by Infant’s Race, Five-Year Increments, 2010-2023**

| Year      | Race of Infant |      |                 |      |       |      |          |      |                         |      | Total |      |
|-----------|----------------|------|-----------------|------|-------|------|----------|------|-------------------------|------|-------|------|
|           | White          |      | American Indian |      | Black |      | Hispanic |      | American Indian & white |      |       |      |
|           | Num            | Rate | Num             | Rate | Num   | Rate | Num      | Rate | Num                     | Rate | Rate  | Rate |
| 2019-2023 | 125            | 3.1  | 57              | 7.7  | 18    | 9.6  | 12       | 3.4  | 0                       | 0.0  | 220   | 3.9  |
| 2018-2022 | 123            | 3.0  | 53              | 6.9  | 17    | 8.7  | 12       | 3.6  | 1                       | 0.7  | 212   | 3.7  |
| 2017-2021 | 141            | 3.4  | 45              | 5.6  | 21    | 10.6 | 12       | 3.7  | 2                       | 1.4  | 229   | 4.0  |
| 2016-2020 | 145            | 3.5  | 41              | 4.9  | 16    | 8.1  | 11       | 3.4  | 2                       | 1.4  | 223   | 3.8  |
| 2015-2019 | 158            | 3.7  | 46              | 5.3  | 15    | 8.1  | 10       | 3.2  | 2                       | 1.4  | 239   | 4.0  |
| 2014-2018 | 153            | 3.5  | 48              | 5.4  | 11    | 6.4  | 11       | 3.6  | 5                       | 3.6  | 235   | 3.9  |
| 2013-2017 | 160            | 3.6  | 50              | 5.4  | 14    | 8.8  | 9        | 3.1  | 5                       | 3.9  | 247   | 4.0  |
| 2012-2016 | 153            | 3.5  | 54              | 5.8  | 9     | 6.1  | 13       | 4.5  | 5                       | 4.0  | 249   | 4.1  |
| 2011-2015 | 160            | 3.6  | 56              | 6.0  | 11    | 8.2  | 13       | 4.7  | 7                       | 5.7  | 264   | 4.3  |
| 2010-2014 | 159            | 3.6  | 55              | 6.0  | 8     | 6.1  | 14       | 5.2  | 9                       | 7.9  | 261   | 4.3  |

Note: Neonatal mortality rates are per 1,000 live births.  
Failure of races to add to the total is due to other and unknown races included in the total.  
Source: South Dakota Department of Health, Office of Health Statistics

Table 26 shows that the American Indian postneonatal mortality rate has been consistently higher than the white rate for each year since 2014. Table 27 postneonatal mortality is grouped in five-year increments.

**Table 26**  
**South Dakota Resident Postneonatal Deaths and Mortality Rates by**  
**Infant’s Race, 2014-2023**

| Year | Total |      |                 |      |       |      |
|------|-------|------|-----------------|------|-------|------|
|      | White |      | American Indian |      | Total |      |
|      | Num   | Rate | Num             | Rate | Num   | Rate |
| 2023 | 8     | 1.0  | 10              | 7.4  | 27    | 2.4  |
| 2022 | 19    | 2.4  | 12              | 8.2  | 37    | 3.3  |
| 2021 | 13    | 1.6  | 14              | 9.2  | 34    | 3.0  |
| 2020 | 20    | 2.6  | 12              | 8.0  | 38    | 3.5  |
| 2019 | 20    | 2.5  | 12              | 7.5  | 34    | 3.0  |
| 2018 | 20    | 2.4  | 7               | 4.3  | 34    | 2.9  |
| 2017 | 15    | 1.7  | 5               | 2.8  | 27    | 2.2  |
| 2016 | 11    | 1.2  | 13              | 7.3  | 28    | 2.3  |
| 2015 | 16    | 1.8  | 9               | 4.7  | 31    | 2.5  |
| 2014 | 11    | 1.2  | 15              | 8.3  | 31    | 2.5  |

Note: Postneonatal mortality rates are per 1,000 live births.  
 Failure of races to add to the total is due to other and unknown races included in the total.  
 Source: South Dakota Department of Health, Office of Health Statistics

**Table 27**  
**South Dakota Resident Postneonatal Deaths and Mortality Rates by Infant’s Race,**  
**Five-Year Increments, 2010-2023**

| Year      | Race of Infant |      |                 |      |       |      |          |      |                         |      | Total |      |
|-----------|----------------|------|-----------------|------|-------|------|----------|------|-------------------------|------|-------|------|
|           | White          |      | American Indian |      | Black |      | Hispanic |      | American Indian & white |      |       |      |
|           | Num            | Rate | Num             | Rate | Num   | Rate | Num      | Rate | Num                     | Rate | Num   | Rate |
| 2019-2023 | 80             | 2.0  | 60              | 8.1  | 6     | 3.2  | 11       | 3.1  | 4                       | 3.0  | 170   | 3.0  |
| 2018-2022 | 92             | 2.3  | 57              | 7.4  | 3     | 1.5  | 9        | 2.7  | 4                       | 2.9  | 177   | 3.1  |
| 2017-2021 | 88             | 2.1  | 50              | 6.2  | 4     | 2.0  | 7        | 2.1  | 6                       | 4.2  | 167   | 2.9  |
| 2016-2020 | 86             | 2.1  | 49              | 5.9  | 5     | 2.5  | 6        | 1.9  | 6                       | 4.3  | 161   | 2.7  |
| 2015-2019 | 82             | 1.9  | 46              | 5.3  | 5     | 2.7  | 5        | 1.6  | 7                       | 5.1  | 154   | 2.6  |
| 2014-2018 | 73             | 1.7  | 49              | 5.5  | 7     | 4.0  | 4        | 1.3  | 7                       | 5.1  | 151   | 2.5  |
| 2013-2017 | 68             | 1.5  | 55              | 6.0  | 6     | 3.8  | 4        | 1.4  | 7                       | 5.4  | 149   | 2.4  |
| 2012-2016 | 67             | 1.5  | 60              | 6.5  | 7     | 4.8  | 6        | 2.1  | 5                       | 4.0  | 157   | 2.6  |
| 2011-2015 | 69             | 1.6  | 61              | 6.5  | 5     | 3.7  | 5        | 1.8  | 6                       | 4.9  | 158   | 2.6  |
| 2010-2014 | 70             | 1.6  | 57              | 6.2  | 6     | 4.6  | 4        | 1.5  | 8                       | 7.0  | 154   | 2.6  |

Note: Postneonatal mortality rates are per 1,000 live births.  
 Failure of races to add to the total is due to other and unknown races included in the total.  
 Source: South Dakota Department of Health, Office of Health Statistics

Table 28 shows the leading causes of infant death from 2019 to 2023. The overall leading cause of infant death for South Dakota residents was congenital malformations, deformations, and chromosomal abnormalities, which accounted for 24.9 percent of all infant deaths in South Dakota from 2019 to 2023.

The second leading cause of death was disorders related to short gestation and low birth weight with 11.0 percent.

**Table 28**  
**South Dakota Resident Infant Deaths by Cause of Death and Race, 2019-2023**

|  | Total      |            | Race       |            |                 |             |           |             |           |            |
|--|------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------------|-------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|------------|
|  |            |            | White      |            | American Indian |             | Black     |             | Hispanic  |            |
|  | Num        | Rate       | Num        | Rate       | Num             | Rate        | Num       | Rate        | Num       | Rate       |
| <b>Total Deaths</b>  | <b>390</b> | <b>7.0</b> | <b>205</b> | <b>5.1</b> | <b>117</b>      | <b>15.7</b> | <b>24</b> | <b>12.7</b> | <b>23</b> | <b>6.5</b> |
| <b>1. Congenital malformations, deformations, &amp; chromosomal abnormalities (Q00-Q99)</b>              | <b>97</b>  | <b>1.7</b> | <b>59</b>  | <b>1.5</b> | <b>20</b>       | <b>2.7</b>  | <b>7</b>  | <b>3.7</b>  | <b>3</b>  | <b>0.8</b> |
| Chromosomal abnormalities (Q90-Q99)  | 22         | 0.4        | 11         | 0.3        | 3               | 0.4         | 3         | 1.6         | 3         | 0.8        |
| Edward's syndrome (Trisomy 18) (Q91.0-Q91.3)   | 17         | 0.3        | 9          | 0.2        | 3               | 0.4         | 1         | 0.5         | 2         | 0.6        |
| Congenital malformations of the heart (Q20-Q24)  | 19         | 0.3        | 13         | 0.3        | 4               | 0.5         | 1         | 0.5         | 0         | 0.0        |
| Congenital malformations of the nervous system (Q00-Q07)   | 16         | 0.3        | 12         | 0.3        | 3               | 0.4         | 0         | 0.0         | 0         | 0.0        |
| Anencephaly and similar malformations (Q00)  | 8          | 0.1        | 6          | 0.2        | 1               | 0.1         | 0         | 0.0         | 0         | 0.0        |
| Congenital malformations and deformations of the musculoskeletal system, limbs, and integument (Q65-Q85) | 11         | 0.2        | 8          | 0.2        | 3               | 0.4         | 0         | 0.0         | 0         | 0.0        |
| Congenital diaphragmatic hernia (Q79.0)  | 7          | 0.1        | 4          | 0.1        | 3               | 0.4         | 0         | 0.0         | 0         | 0.0        |
| Congenital malformations of the genitourinary system (Q50-Q64)   | 8          | 0.1        | 3          | 0.1        | 3               | 0.4         | 2         | 1.1         | 0         | 0.0        |
| <b>2. Disorders related to short gestation and low birth weight (P07)</b>                                | <b>43</b>  | <b>0.8</b> | <b>21</b>  | <b>0.5</b> | <b>15</b>       | <b>2.0</b>  | <b>6</b>  | <b>3.2</b>  | <b>1</b>  | <b>0.3</b> |
| <b>3. Sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS) (R95)</b>  | <b>31</b>  | <b>0.6</b> | <b>11</b>  | <b>0.3</b> | <b>12</b>       | <b>1.6</b>  | <b>2</b>  | <b>1.1</b>  | <b>4</b>  | <b>1.1</b> |
| <b>4. Accidental suffocation and strangulation in bed (W75)</b>  | <b>30</b>  | <b>0.5</b> | <b>14</b>  | <b>0.4</b> | <b>9</b>        | <b>1.2</b>  | <b>2</b>  | <b>1.1</b>  | <b>2</b>  | <b>0.6</b> |
| <b>5. Undetermined cause of death (R96-R99)</b>  | <b>24</b>  | <b>0.4</b> | <b>17</b>  | <b>0.4</b> | <b>5</b>        | <b>0.7</b>  | <b>1</b>  | <b>0.5</b>  | <b>1</b>  | <b>0.3</b> |
| <b>6. Newborn affected by premature rupture of membranes (P01.1)</b>                                     | <b>10</b>  | <b>0.2</b> | <b>5</b>   | <b>0.1</b> | <b>4</b>        | <b>0.5</b>  | <b>0</b>  | <b>0.0</b>  | <b>1</b>  | <b>0.3</b> |
| <b>T7. Homicide (X85-Y09)</b>  | <b>7</b>   | <b>0.1</b> | <b>4</b>   | <b>0.1</b> | <b>2</b>        | <b>0.3</b>  | <b>0</b>  | <b>0.0</b>  | <b>0</b>  | <b>0.0</b> |
| <b>T7. Hydrops fetalis not due to hemolytic disease (P83.2)</b>  | <b>7</b>   | <b>0.1</b> | <b>6</b>   | <b>0.2</b> | <b>0</b>        | <b>0.0</b>  | <b>0</b>  | <b>0.0</b>  | <b>1</b>  | <b>0.3</b> |
| <b>T9. Brain injury due to lack of oxygen or blood (P91.6)</b>   | <b>6</b>   | <b>0.1</b> | <b>5</b>   | <b>0.1</b> | <b>1</b>        | <b>0.1</b>  | <b>0</b>  | <b>0.0</b>  | <b>0</b>  | <b>0.0</b> |
| <b>T9. Respiratory distress of newborn (P22)</b>   | <b>6</b>   | <b>0.1</b> | <b>6</b>   | <b>0.2</b> | <b>0</b>        | <b>0.0</b>  | <b>0</b>  | <b>0.0</b>  | <b>0</b>  | <b>0.0</b> |
| <b>All Other Causes</b>  | <b>129</b> | <b>2.3</b> | <b>57</b>  | <b>1.4</b> | <b>49</b>       | <b>0.6</b>  | <b>6</b>  | <b>3.2</b>  | <b>10</b> | <b>2.8</b> |

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

Note: Failure of races to add to the total is due to other and unknown races included in the total

# FETAL MORTALITY

## OVERVIEW 2023

### Fetal Deaths

|   |     |
|---|-----|
| Number                                    | 75  |
| Rate per 1,000 live births + fetal deaths | 6.7 |

During 2023, there were 75 South Dakota resident fetal deaths reported for a fetal mortality rate of 6.7 per 1,000 live births. In comparison, there were 52 fetal deaths in 2022, with a fetal mortality rate of 4.6 per 1,000 live births. Please see the Technical Notes section at the end of this report to define fetal death.

Caution should be used when comparing these annual rates because the number of South Dakota resident births creates a relatively small denominator for determining fetal mortality rates; a small change in the number of fetal deaths can result in a relatively large rate change. Fetal mortality rates should be monitored over time.

**Table 29**  
**Resident Fetal Deaths and Fetal Mortality Rates,**  
**South Dakota and United States, 2002-2023**

| Year | United States |                | South Dakota |                |
|------|---------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|
|      | Number        | Mortality Rate | Number       | Mortality Rate |
| 2023 | *NA           | *NA            | 75           | 6.7            |
| 2022 | *NA           | *NA            | 52           | 4.6            |
| 2021 | *NA           | *NA            | 72           | 6.3            |
| 2020 | 20,854        | 5.7            | 66           | 6.0            |
| 2019 | 21,478        | 5.7            | 66           | 5.7            |
| 2018 | 22,459        | 5.9            | 51           | 4.3            |
| 2017 | 22,827        | 5.9            | 68           | 5.6            |
| 2016 | 23,880        | 6.0            | 84           | 6.8            |
| 2015 | 23,776        | 5.9            | 76           | 6.1            |
| 2014 | 23,980        | 6.0            | 77           | 6.2            |
| 2013 | 23,595        | 6.0            | 60           | 4.9            |
| 2012 | 24,073        | 6.1            | 72           | 5.9            |
| 2011 | 24,289        | 6.1            | 71           | 6.0            |
| 2010 | 25,258        | 6.0            | 73           | 6.2            |
| 2009 | 24,872        | 6.0            | 62           | 5.2            |
| 2008 | 26,335        | 6.2            | 61           | 5.0            |
| 2007 | 26,893        | 6.1            | 53           | 4.3            |
| 2006 | 25,972        | 6.1            | 30           | 2.5            |

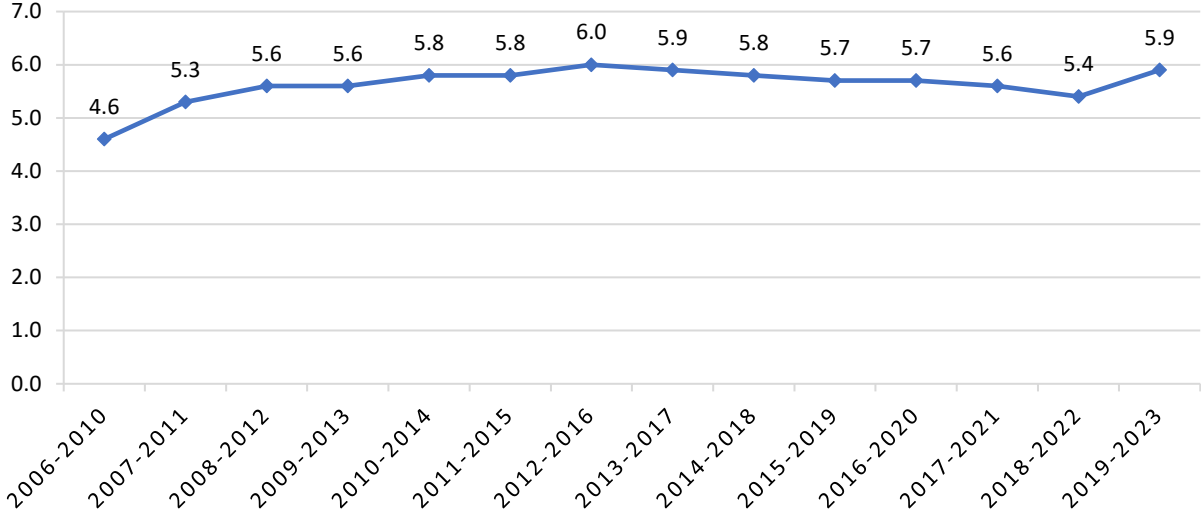
Note: \*2021-2023 U.S. data are not available at time of publication.

Fetal Mortality rates are per 1,000 live births + fetal deaths.

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

Figure 7 displays South Dakota’s fetal mortality rate grouped in five-year increments. The five-year rate is 5.9, up from 5.4 in 2018-2022. South Dakota's lowest fetal mortality rate was 4.6 in 2016-2010.

**Figure 7**  
**Resident Fetal Mortality Rates for South Dakota, 2006-2023**



Note: Rate Per 1,000 Live Births.  
Source: South Dakota Department of Health, Office of Health Statistics



FETAL MORTALITY BY RACE

**Table 30**  
**South Dakota Resident Fetal Deaths and Mortality Rates by Race, Five-Year Increments, 2006-2023**

| Year      | All Races |      | Race of Mother |      |                 |      |          |      |       |      |                         |      |
|-----------|-----------|------|----------------|------|-----------------|------|----------|------|-------|------|-------------------------|------|
|           |           |      | White          |      | American Indian |      | Hispanic |      | Black |      | American Indian & White |      |
|           | Num       | Rate | Num            | Rate | Num             | Rate | Num      | Rate | Num   | Rate | Num                     | Rate |
| 2019-2023 | 331       | 5.9  | 210            | 5.2  | 73              | 9.7  | 18       | 5.0  | 9     | 4.8  | 8                       | 6.0  |
| 2018-2022 | 307       | 5.4  | 189            | 4.7  | 65              | 8.3  | 19       | 5.6  | 15    | 7.6  | 7                       | 5.1  |
| 2017-2021 | 323       | 5.6  | 195            | 4.7  | 69              | 8.5  | 22       | 6.7  | 18    | 9.0  | 7                       | 4.9  |
| 2016-2020 | 335       | 5.7  | 197            | 4.7  | 84              | 10.0 | 23       | 7.1  | 17    | 8.6  | 4                       | 2.9  |
| 2015-2019 | 345       | 5.7  | 209            | 4.9  | 81              | 9.2  | 21       | 6.7  | 21    | 11.2 | 4                       | 2.9  |
| 2014-2018 | 356       | 5.8  | 212            | 4.8  | 85              | 9.4  | 21       | 6.8  | 22    | 12.6 | 6                       | 4.4  |
| 2013-2017 | 365       | 5.9  | 217            | 4.9  | 89              | 9.6  | 21       | 7.1  | 17    | 10.5 | 10                      | 7.7  |
| 2012-2016 | 369       | 6.0  | 221            | 5.0  | 91              | 9.7  | 19       | 6.6  | 17    | 11.4 | 9                       | 7.1  |
| 2011-2015 | 356       | 5.8  | 217            | 4.9  | 84              | 8.9  | 18       | 6.5  | 17    | 12.5 | 10                      | 8.1  |
| 2010-2014 | 353       | 5.8  | 212            | 4.8  | 90              | 9.7  | 17       | 6.3  | 13    | 9.9  | 8                       | 7.0  |
| 2009-2013 | 338       | 5.6  | 217            | 4.9  | 78              | 8.4  | 13       | 5.0  | 13    | 10.5 | 7                       | 6.4  |
| 2008-2012 | 339       | 5.6  | 229            | 5.1  | 77              | 8.2  | 10       | 4.0  | 11    | 9.6  | 3                       | 2.8  |
| 2007-2011 | 320       | 5.3  | 219            | 4.9  | 73              | 7.7  | 9        | 3.7  | 8     | 7.6  | 2                       | 2.0  |
| 2006-2010 | 279       | 4.6  | 200            | 4.4  | 58              | 6.1  | 6        | 2.6  | 6     | 6.0  | 1                       | 1.1  |

Note: Fetal mortality rates are per 1,000 live births.

Failure of races to add to the total is due to other and unknown races included in the total.

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

FETAL MORTALITY BY MOTHER'S AGE

Table 31

South Dakota Resident Fetal Deaths and Mortality Rates by Mother's Age, Five-Year Increments, 2006-2023

| Year      | Age of Mother |      |      |      |       |      |       |      |       |      |       |      |       |      |     |      |
|-----------|---------------|------|------|------|-------|------|-------|------|-------|------|-------|------|-------|------|-----|------|
|           | All Races     |      | < 18 |      | 18-19 |      | 20-24 |      | 25-29 |      | 30-34 |      | 35-39 |      | 40+ |      |
|           | Num           | Rate | Num  | Rate | Num   | Rate | Num   | Rate | Num   | Rate | Num   | Rate | Num   | Rate | Num | Rate |
| 2019-2023 | 331           | 5.9  | 2    | 2.7  | 10    | 5.3  | 52    | 5.0  | 104   | 5.6  | 98    | 5.9  | 50    | 7.2  | 15  | 12.0 |
| 2018-2022 | 307           | 5.4  | 3    | 3.9  | 11    | 5.8  | 49    | 4.5  | 92    | 4.9  | 91    | 5.5  | 46    | 6.7  | 15  | 12.9 |
| 2017-2021 | 323           | 5.6  | 3    | 3.8  | 13    | 6.5  | 55    | 4.9  | 91    | 4.7  | 93    | 5.5  | 53    | 7.8  | 15  | 13.0 |
| 2016-2020 | 335           | 5.7  | 4    | 4.8  | 18    | 8.4  | 57    | 4.8  | 105   | 5.3  | 81    | 4.8  | 57    | 8.6  | 13  | 11.4 |
| 2015-2019 | 345           | 5.7  | 4    | 4.8  | 16    | 6.9  | 64    | 5.1  | 104   | 5.1  | 79    | 4.7  | 63    | 9.7  | 15  | 13.4 |
| 2014-2018 | 356           | 5.8  | 3    | 3.3  | 19    | 7.7  | 72    | 5.5  | 98    | 4.7  | 88    | 5.2  | 60    | 9.6  | 16  | 14.3 |
| 2013-2017 | 365           | 5.9  | 6    | 6.1  | 16    | 6.0  | 78    | 5.7  | 95    | 4.6  | 92    | 5.6  | 62    | 10.2 | 16  | 14.3 |
| 2012-2016 | 369           | 6.0  | 7    | 6.4  | 17    | 6.0  | 78    | 5.6  | 98    | 4.7  | 93    | 5.8  | 57    | 10.0 | 19  | 17.8 |
| 2011-2015 | 356           | 5.8  | 9    | 7.9  | 17    | 5.5  | 77    | 5.4  | 89    | 4.3  | 96    | 6.3  | 50    | 9.2  | 18  | 16.9 |
| 2010-2014 | 353           | 5.8  | 15   | 11.9 | 18    | 5.6  | 78    | 5.4  | 90    | 4.4  | 88    | 6.0  | 47    | 8.9  | 17  | 16.4 |
| 2009-2013 | 338           | 5.6  | 18   | 13.3 | 17    | 4.9  | 72    | 4.8  | 96    | 4.7  | 78    | 5.6  | 42    | 8.3  | 15  | 14.3 |
| 2008-2012 | 339           | 5.6  | 17   | 11.4 | 21    | 5.7  | 72    | 4.7  | 105   | 5.2  | 77    | 5.7  | 33    | 6.7  | 14  | 13.4 |
| 2007-2011 | 320           | 5.3  | 16   | 10.3 | 25    | 6.5  | 70    | 4.5  | 95    | 4.7  | 74    | 5.7  | 29    | 5.9  | 11  | 10.8 |
| 2006-2010 | 279           | 4.6  | 14   | 8.6  | 18    | 4.6  | 66    | 4.1  | 88    | 4.4  | 58    | 4.6  | 25    | 5.1  | 10  | 10.1 |

Note: Fetal mortality rates are per 1,000 live births.

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

# MORTALITY

## OVERVIEW 2023

Total South Dakota Resident Deaths 8,500

Crude Death Rates per 100,000 Population

South Dakota 924.6  
 United States (2022) 984.1

Age-Adjusted Death Rates per 100,000 Population

South Dakota 749.2  
 United States (2022) 798.8

South Dakota resident deaths decreased from 8,955 in 2022 to 8,500 in 2023. Table 32 displays the deaths, crude death rates, and age-adjusted death rates for the United States and South Dakota residents for the past 17 years.

All race data in this section are shown for White and American Indian. The remaining categories (Black, Asian, Pacific Islander, Hispanic, and Multi-Racial) are included in the totals but are not shown specifically in any tables.

**Table 32**  
**Resident Deaths, Crude Death Rates, and Age-Adjusted Death Rates, South Dakota and United States, 2007-2023**

| Year | United States |            |                   | South Dakota |            |                   |
|------|---------------|------------|-------------------|--------------|------------|-------------------|
|      | Number        | Crude Rate | Age-Adjusted Rate | Number       | Crude Rate | Age-Adjusted Rate |
| 2023 | NA*           | NA*        | NA*               | 8,500        | 924.6      | 749.2             |
| 2022 | 3,279,857     | 984.1      | 798.8             | 8,955        | 984.3      | 796.0             |
| 2021 | 3,464,231     | 1,043.8    | 879.7             | 9,183        | 1,025.6    | 858.2             |
| 2020 | 3,383,729     | 1,027.0    | 835.4             | 9,857        | 1,104.2    | 867.4             |
| 2019 | 2,854,838     | 869.7      | 715.2             | 8,273        | 935.2      | 739.6             |
| 2018 | 2,839,205     | 867.8      | 723.6             | 7,971        | 903.5      | 715.7             |
| 2017 | 2,813,503     | 863.8      | 731.9             | 7,991        | 918.9      | 736.1             |
| 2016 | 2,744,248     | 849.3      | 728.8             | 7,838        | 905.7      | 718.6             |
| 2015 | 2,712,630     | 844.0      | 733.1             | 7,724        | 899.7      | 714.9             |
| 2014 | 2,626,418     | 823.7      | 724.6             | 7,500        | 879.1      | 709.9             |
| 2013 | 2,596,993     | 821.5      | 731.9             | 7,079        | 837.9      | 677.4             |
| 2012 | 2,543,279     | 810.2      | 732.8             | 7,283        | 873.9      | 706.8             |
| 2011 | 2,515,458     | 807.3      | 741.3             | 7,271        | 882.3      | 716.1             |
| 2010 | 2,468,435     | 799.5      | 747.0             | 7,087        | 870.4      | 713.4             |
| 2009 | 2,437,163     | 794.5      | 749.6             | 6,913        | 851.1      | 688.6             |
| 2008 | 2,471,984     | 813.0      | 758.3             | 7,056        | 877.0      | 712.1             |
| 2007 | 2,423,712     | 803.6      | 760.2             | 6,800        | 853.2      | 695.1             |

Note: \*U.S. 2023 data were unavailable at publication time.  
 Crude death rates are per 100,000 population.  
 Age-adjusted rates are computed with the 2000 standard.

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

## LEADING CAUSES OF DEATH 2023

The five leading causes of death in 2023 for South Dakota residents were heart disease, cancer, chronic lower respiratory disease, Alzheimer's disease, and stroke.

Heart disease was again the leading cause of death in South Dakota in 2023 accounting for 21.0 percent of all South Dakota resident deaths.

Cancer was the second leading cause of death in 2023 and accounted for 20.5 percent of South Dakota resident deaths. Lung cancer accounted for the most cancer deaths.

Chronic lower respiratory diseases were the third leading cause of death and accounted for 5.0 percent of 2023 South Dakota resident deaths. Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) accounted for the most chronic lower respiratory disease deaths.

Alzheimer's disease was the fourth leading cause of death accounting for 4.7 percent of all South Dakota resident deaths in 2023.

Stroke was the fifth leading cause of death accounting for 4.5 percent of all South Dakota resident deaths in 2023.

Table 33, on the next page, lists South Dakota resident leading causes of death for the last five years. Heart disease has been the overall leading cause of death for four of the past five years. Cancer was the leading cause in 2021 with heart disease second.

COVID-19 dropped out of the top ten leading causes of death in 2023.

Alzheimer's disease was the 4<sup>th</sup> leading cause in 2023, but the 5<sup>th</sup> leading cause over the last five years.

Chronic lower respiratory diseases were the 5<sup>th</sup> leading cause in 2022 but were the 3<sup>rd</sup> leading cause in 2023.

Dementia became the 7<sup>th</sup> leading cause of death in 2023 compared to the previous year when it was the 10<sup>th</sup> leading cause.

**Table 33**  
**South Dakota Resident Leading Causes of Death, 2019-2023**

| Cause of Death                                      | 2019-2023 |        |      | 2019 |        |      | 2020 |        |      | 2021 |        |      | 2022 |        |      | 2023 |        |      |
|---|-----------|--------|------|------|--------|------|------|--------|------|------|--------|------|------|--------|------|------|--------|------|
|   | Rank      | Deaths | %    | Rank | Deaths | %    | Rank | Deaths | %    | Rank | Deaths | %    | Rank | Deaths | %    | Rank | Deaths | %    |
| South Dakota (All Deaths)                           |           | 44,768 | 100  |      | 8,273  | 100  |      | 9,857  | 100  |      | 9,183  | 100  |      | 8,955  | 100  |      | 8,500  | 100  |
| Heart Disease (I00-I09, I11, I13, I20-I51)          | 1         | 8,968  | 20.0 | 1    | 1,840  | 22.2 | 1    | 1,819  | 18.5 | 2    | 1,691  | 18.4 | 1    | 1,835  | 20.5 | 1    | 1,783  | 21.0 |
| Cancer (C00-C97)                                    | 2         | 8,630  | 19.3 | 2    | 1,736  | 21.0 | 2    | 1,728  | 17.5 | 1    | 1,740  | 18.9 | 2    | 1,687  | 18.8 | 2    | 1,739  | 20.5 |
| COVID-19 (U07)                                      | 3         | 2,873  | 6.4  | *    | *      | *    | 3    | 1,497  | 15.2 | 3    | 776    | 8.5  | 3    | 448    | 5.0  | *    | *      | *    |
| Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases (J40-J47)        | 4         | 2,253  | 5.0  | 3    | 521    | 6.3  | 5    | 429    | 4.4  | 4    | 464    | 5.1  | 5    | 415    | 4.6  | 3    | 424    | 5.0  |
| Alzheimer's Disease (G30)                           | 5         | 2,214  | 4.9  | 4    | 496    | 6.0  | 4    | 488    | 5.0  | 5    | 396    | 4.3  | 4    | 436    | 4.9  | 4    | 398    | 4.7  |
| Stroke (I60-I69)                                    | 6         | 1,964  | 4.4  | 5    | 373    | 4.5  | 6    | 426    | 4.3  | 6    | 391    | 4.3  | 6    | 393    | 4.4  | 5    | 381    | 4.5  |
| Diabetes (E10-E14)                                  | 7         | 1,521  | 3.4  | 6    | 287    | 3.5  | 7    | 329    | 3.3  | 8    | 306    | 3.3  | 7    | 336    | 3.8  | 6    | 263    | 3.1  |
| Chronic Liver Disease and Cirrhosis (K70 & K73-K74) | 8         | 1,234  | 2.8  | 10   | 154    | 1.9  | 8    | 235    | 2.4  | 7    | 329    | 3.6  | 8    | 281    | 3.1  | 8    | 235    | 2.8  |
| Accidental Falls (W00-W19)                          | 9         | 1,057  | 2.4  | 7    | 203    | 2.5  | 9    | 217    | 2.2  | 9    | 229    | 2.5  | 9    | 219    | 2.4  | 9    | 189    | 2.2  |
| Dementia (F00-F03)                                  | 10        | 990    | 2.2  | *    | *      | *    | 10   | 194    | 2.0  | *    | *      | *    | 10   | 199    | 2.2  | 7    | 255    | 3.0  |
| Suicide (U03, X60-X84, Y87.0)                       | *         | *      | *    | 9    | 185    | 2.2  | *    | *      | *    | 10   | 202    | 2.2  | *    | *      | *    | 10   | 180    | 2.1  |
| Influenza and Pneumonia (J09-J18)                   | *         | *      | *    | 8    | 189    | 2.3  | *    | *      | *    | *    | *      | *    | *    | *      | *    | *    | *      | *    |
| All Other Causes                                    | -         | 13,064 | 29.2 | -    | 2,289  | 27.7 | -    | 2,495  | 25.3 | -    | 2,659  | 29.0 | -    | 2,706  | 30.2 |      | 2,653  | 31.2 |

Note: Letter/number combinations following cause of death are ICD-10 codes.  
 \*This cause was not one of the 10 leading causes of death for the given year.  
 Due to rounding disease-specific percentages may not sum to 100.  
 Source: South Dakota Department of Health, Office of Health Statistics

**Table 34**  
**South Dakota Resident Leading Causes of Death by Race, 2023**

| Cause of Death                                      | All Races |              |            |              |                   | White |              |            |                |                   | American Indian |            |            |                |                   |
|---|-----------|--------------|------------|--------------|-------------------|-------|--------------|------------|----------------|-------------------|-----------------|------------|------------|----------------|-------------------|
|   | Rank      | Deaths       | %          | Crude Rate   | Age-Adjusted Rate | Rank  | Deaths       | %          | Crude Rate     | Age-Adjusted Rate | Rank            | Deaths     | %          | Crude Rate     | Age-Adjusted Rate |
| <b>South Dakota (All Deaths)</b>                    |           | <b>8,500</b> | <b>100</b> | <b>924.6</b> | <b>749.2</b>      |       | <b>7,417</b> | <b>100</b> | <b>1,002.5</b> | <b>696.7</b>      |                 | <b>859</b> | <b>100</b> | <b>1,218.8</b> | <b>1,628.5</b>    |
| Heart Disease (I00-I09, I11, I13, I20-I51)          | 1         | 1,783        | 21.0       | 193.9        | 151.7             | 1     | 1,628        | 21.9       | 220.1          | 147.2             | 2               | 115        | 13.4       | 163.2          | 238.7             |
| Cancer (C00-C97)                                    | 2         | 1,739        | 20.5       | 189.2        | 147.1             | 2     | 1,579        | 21.3       | 213.4          | 144.1             | 1               | 118        | 13.7       | 167.4          | 235.4             |
| Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases (J40-J47)        | 3         | 424          | 5.0        | 46.1         | 35.6              | 3     | 404          | 5.4        | 54.6           | 36.3              | T10             | 14         | 1.6        | 19.9           | 31.8              |
| Alzheimer's Disease (G30)                           | 4         | 398          | 4.7        | 43.3         | 34.0              | 4     | 386          | 5.2        | 52.2           | 34.6              | *               | *          | *          | *              | *                 |
| Stroke (I60-I69)                                    | 5         | 381          | 4.5        | 41.4         | 32.3              | 5     | 359          | 4.8        | 48.5           | 32.4              | *               | *          | *          | *              | *                 |
| Diabetes (E10-E14)                                  | 6         | 263          | 3.1        | 28.6         | 22.7              | 7     | 197          | 2.7        | 26.6           | 18.2              | 4               | 61         | 7.1        | 86.5           | 127.2             |
| Dementia (F00-F03)                                  | 7         | 255          | 3.0        | 27.7         | 21.6              | 6     | 242          | 3.3        | 32.7           | 21.6              | *               | *          | *          | *              | *                 |
| Chronic Liver Disease and Cirrhosis (K70 & K73-K74) | 8         | 235          | 2.8        | 25.6         | 26.0              | *     | *            | *          | *              | *                 | 3               | 107        | 12.5       | 151.8          | 187.1             |
| Accidental Falls (W00-W19)                          | 9         | 189          | 2.2        | 20.6         | 16.4              | 8     | 165          | 2.2        | 22.3           | 15.2              | T10             | 14         | 1.6        | 19.9           | 28.3              |
| Suicide (U03, X60-X84, Y87.0)                       | 10        | 180          | 2.1        | 19.6         | 20.6              | 10    | 128          | 1.7        | 17.3           | 17.7              | 5               | 42         | 4.9        | 59.6           | 60.2              |
| Motor Vehicle Accidents                             | *         | *            | *          | *            | *                 | *     | *            | *          | *              | *                 | 6               | 41         | 4.8        | 58.2           | 59.8              |
| Homicide (X85-Y09, Y87.1)                           | *         | *            | *          | *            | *                 | *     | *            | *          | *              | *                 | 7               | 30         | 3.5        | 42.6           | 42.1              |
| Accidental Drug Overdose (X40-X44)                  | *         | *            | *          | *            | *                 | *     | *            | *          | *              | *                 | 8               | 29         | 3.4        | 41.1           | 44.4              |
| COVID-19 (U07)                                      | *         | *            | *          | *            | *                 | 9     | 139          | 1.9        | 18.8           | 12.5              | *               | *          | *          | *              | *                 |
| Septicemia (A40-A41)                                | *         | *            | *          | *            | *                 | *     | *            | *          | *              | *                 | 9               | 25         | 2.9        | 35.5           | 51.3              |
| All Other Causes                                    | -         | 2,653        | 31.2       | -            | -                 | -     | 2,190        | 29.5       | -              | -                 | -               | 263        | 30.6       | -              | -                 |

Note: Letter/number combinations following cause of death are ICD-10 codes. Due to rounding, disease-specific percentages may not sum to 100.

\* This cause was not one of the 10 leading causes of death for the given race.

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

## RACE

Table 34, on the previous page, shows South Dakota resident leading causes of death by race as well as crude death rates and age-adjusted death rates.

In 2023, patterns for the 10 leading causes of death varied by race. Only six of the 10 leading causes were the same for whites and American Indians. For example, Alzheimer's disease, stroke, COVID-19, and dementia were in the top 10 for whites, but not American Indians.

At the same time, chronic liver disease and cirrhosis, motor vehicle accidents, accidental drug overdose, homicides, and septicemia were in the top 10 for American Indians, but not whites.

Heart disease was the leading cause of death for whites, while cancer was the leading cause for American Indians.

## GENDER

Table 35, on the following page, presents South Dakota resident leading causes of death by gender as well as crude death rates and age-adjusted death rates.

In 2023 patterns for the 10 leading causes of death in South Dakota also varied by gender. Eight of the 10 leading causes were the same for South Dakota's men and women, but they differed in rank. For example, Alzheimer's disease was the third leading cause for women, but only the seventh leading cause for men. Dementia was the sixth leading cause for women but was not a leading cause for men.

Heart disease was the leading cause of death for men, but cancer was the leading cause for women.

Suicide and motor vehicle accidents were among the 10 leading causes of death for South Dakota's men, but not for women. At the same time, dementia and COVID-19 were both in the top ten for women, but not for men.

Table 35

South Dakota Resident Leading Causes of Death by Gender, 2023

| Cause of Death                                      | Total |              |            |              |                   | Male |              |            |              |                   | Female |              |            |              |                   |
|---|-------|--------------|------------|--------------|-------------------|------|--------------|------------|--------------|-------------------|--------|--------------|------------|--------------|-------------------|
|   | Rank  | Deaths       | %          | Crude Rate   | Age-Adjusted Rate | Rank | Deaths       | %          | Crude Rate   | Age-Adjusted Rate | Rank   | Deaths       | %          | Crude Rate   | Age-Adjusted Rate |
| <b>South Dakota (All Deaths)</b>                    |       | <b>8,500</b> | <b>100</b> | <b>924.6</b> | <b>749.2</b>      |      | <b>4,495</b> | <b>100</b> | <b>961.7</b> | <b>894.5</b>      |        | <b>4,005</b> | <b>100</b> | <b>886.2</b> | <b>629.8</b>      |
| Heart Disease (I00-I09, I11, I13, I20-I51)          | 1     | 1,783        | 21.0       | 193.9        | 151.7             | 1    | 1,058        | 23.5       | 226.4        | 208.9             | 2      | 725          | 18.1       | 160.4        | 105.9             |
| Cancer (C00-C97)                                    | 2     | 1,739        | 20.5       | 189.2        | 147.1             | 2    | 927          | 20.6       | 198.3        | 171.4             | 1      | 812          | 20.3       | 179.7        | 129.8             |
| Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases (J40-J47)        | 3     | 424          | 5.0        | 46.1         | 35.6              | 3    | 218          | 4.8        | 46.6         | 42.2              | T4     | 206          | 5.1        | 45.6         | 31.6              |
| Alzheimer’s Disease (G30)                           | 4     | 398          | 4.7        | 43.3         | 34.0              | 7    | 135          | 3.0        | 28.9         | 30.0              | 3      | 263          | 6.6        | 58.2         | 36.3              |
| Stroke (I60-I69)                                    | 5     | 381          | 4.5        | 41.4         | 32.3              | 4    | 175          | 3.9        | 37.4         | 35.0              | T4     | 206          | 5.1        | 45.6         | 30.2              |
| Diabetes (E10-E14)                                  | 6     | 263          | 3.1        | 28.6         | 22.7              | 5    | 150          | 3.3        | 32.1         | 28.7              | 7      | 113          | 2.8        | 25.0         | 17.9              |
| Dementia (F00-F03)                                  | 7     | 255          | 3.0        | 27.7         | 21.6              | *    | *            | *          | *            | *                 | 6      | 164          | 4.1        | 36.3         | 22.5              |
| Chronic Liver Disease and Cirrhosis (K70 & K73-K74) | 8     | 235          | 2.8        | 25.6         | 26.0              | 8    | 133          | 3.0        | 28.5         | 27.6              | 8      | 102          | 2.5        | 22.6         | 24.5              |
| Accidental Falls (W00-W19)                          | 9     | 189          | 2.2        | 20.6         | 16.4              | 10   | 97           | 2.2        | 20.8         | 20.2              | 9      | 92           | 2.3        | 20.4         | 13.4              |
| Suicide (U03, X60-X84, Y87.0)                       | 10    | 180          | 2.1        | 19.6         | 20.6              | 6    | 136          | 3.0        | 29.1         | 30.2              | *      | *            | *          | *            | *                 |
| Motor Vehicle Accidents                             | *     | *            | *          | *            | *                 | 9    | 108          | 2.4        | 23.1         | 23.0              | *      | *            | *          | *            | *                 |
| COVID-19 (U07)                                      | *     | *            | *          | *            | *                 | *    | *            | *          | *            | *                 | 10     | 77           | 1.9        | 17.0         | 11.5              |
| All Other Causes                                    | -     | 2,653        | 31.2       | -            | -                 | -    | 1,358        | 30.2       | -            | -                 | -      | 1,245        | 31.1       | -            | -                 |

Note: Letter/number combinations following the cause of death are ICD-10 codes. Due to rounding, disease-specific percentages may not sum to 100.

\*This cause was not one of the 10 leading causes of death for this gender.

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



**Table 36**  
**South Dakota Resident Five Leading Causes of Death by Age Group, 2019-2023**

**Deaths per Year**

| <b>Rank</b> | <b>All Ages</b>                           | <b>1-9</b>   | <b>10-19</b>                  | <b>20-29</b>                              | <b>30-39</b>                              | <b>40-49</b>                              | <b>50-59</b>                              | <b>60-69</b>                            | <b>70-79</b>                             | <b>80-89</b>                             | <b>90 &amp; over</b>        |
|-------------|---|--|-------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|--|--|-----------------------------|
| 1           | Heart Disease<br>1,794                    | Motor Vehicle Accidents<br>3   | Suicide<br>22                 | Suicide<br>43                             | Chronic Liver Disease and Cirrhosis<br>41 | Chronic Liver Disease and Cirrhosis<br>53 | Cancer<br>156                             | Cancer<br>406                           | Cancer<br>509                            | Heart Disease<br>492                     | Heart Disease<br>436        |
| 2           | Cancer<br>1,726                           | Accidental Drowning<br>3   | Motor Vehicle Accidents<br>16 | Motor Vehicle Accidents<br>26             | Suicide<br>34                             | Heart Disease<br>49                       | Heart Disease<br>126                      | Heart Disease<br>283                    | Heart Disease<br>384                     | Cancer<br>423                            | Alzheimer's Disease<br>200  |
| 3           | COVID-19 (2020-2023)<br>718               | Homicide<br>3  | Homicide<br>4                 | Accidental Drug Overdose<br>15            | Motor Vehicle Accidents<br>25             | Cancer<br>44                              | Chronic Liver Disease and Cirrhosis<br>62 | COVID-19 (2020-2023)<br>113             | COVID-19 (2020-2023)<br>169              | COVID-19 (2020-2023)<br>205              | Cancer<br>163               |
| 4           | Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases<br>451 | Congenital Malformations, Deformations, and Chromosomal Abnormalities<br>2 | Accidental Drug Overdose<br>2 | Chronic Liver Disease and Cirrhosis<br>11 | Accidental Drug Overdose<br>23            | Suicide<br>27                             | COVID-19 (2020-2023)<br>51                | Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease<br>69 | Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease<br>144 | Alzheimer's Disease<br>185               | COVID-19 (2020-2023)<br>146 |
| 5           | Alzheimer's Disease<br>443                | Cancer<br>2  | Cancer<br>2                   | Homicide<br>10                            | Cancer<br>18                              | Motor Vehicle Accidents<br>21             | Diabetes<br>33                            | Diabetes<br>58                          | Diabetes<br>83                           | Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease<br>149 | Stroke<br>112               |

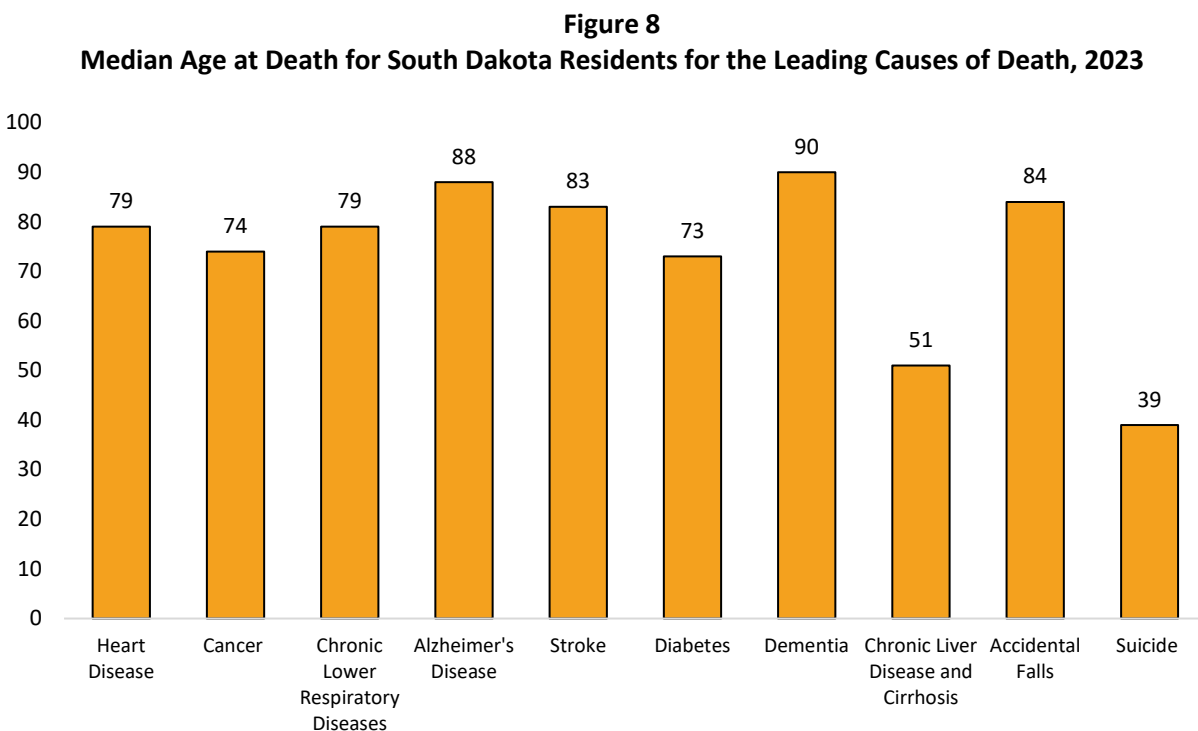
Source: South Dakota Department of Health, Office of Health Statistics

## AGE

Table 36, on the previous page, lists the five leading causes of death by age group for the last five years combined. Motor vehicle accidents, accidental drowning, and homicide were tied for the leading cause of deaths for 1-9 year olds. Suicides were the leading cause of death for 10-29 year olds. Chronic liver disease and cirrhosis was the leading cause for 30-49 year olds. The leading cause of death for persons 50-79 was cancer. Heart disease was the leading cause of death for persons aged 80 and older.

## MEDIAN AGE

Figure 8 presents data on the median age at death for the 10 leading causes of death for South Dakota residents in 2023. The median age for the 10 leading causes of death in 2023 ranged from 39 for suicide to 90 for dementia.



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

Table 37 shows the median age at death for the given years by race and gender. When looking at race, American Indians have a much lower median age at death at 56, while whites' median age at death was 79. The median age at death for males was 75, while females was 81.

**Table 37**  
**Median Age at Death for South Dakota Residents by Race, Gender, and Year of Death, 2005-2023**

| Year of Death | Total Median Age | White | American Indian | Male | Female |
|---------------|------------------|-------|-----------------|------|--------|
| 2023          | 77               | 79    | 56              | 75   | 81     |
| 2022          | 77               | 79    | 55              | 74   | 80     |
| 2021          | 76               | 78    | 55              | 73   | 80     |
| 2020          | 79               | 81    | 60              | 75   | 82     |
| 2015          | 80               | 81    | 56              | 76   | 83     |
| 2010          | 80               | 81    | 58              | 77   | 84     |
| 2005          | 80               | 81    | 58              | 76   | 83     |

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

Table 38 shows the median age at death for South Dakota residents for the leading causes of death by race and gender. In 2023, the median age at death for whites ranged from 43 for suicide to 90 for dementia. The range for American Indians was 28 for suicides to 74 for chronic lower respiratory diseases. For males the range in 2023 was 41 for suicide to 86 for Alzheimer’s disease. The range for females was 49 for chronic liver disease and cirrhosis to 91 for dementia.

**Table 38**  
**Median Age at Death for South Dakota Residents for the Leading Causes of Death**  
**by Race and Gender, 2023**

| Cause of Death                                      | Median Age at Death in Years |           |                 |           |           |
|---|------------------------------|-----------|-----------------|-----------|-----------|
|   | All                          | Race      |                 | Gender    |           |
|   | Total Deaths                 | White     | American Indian | Male      | Female    |
| <b>South Dakota (All Deaths)</b>                    | <b>77</b>                    | <b>79</b> | <b>56</b>       | <b>75</b> | <b>81</b> |
| Heart Disease (I00-I09, I11, I13, I20-I51)          | 79                           | 81        | 64              | 76        | 84        |
| Cancer (C00-C97)                                    | 74                           | 75        | 67              | 74        | 74        |
| Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases (J40-J47)        | 79                           | 79        | 74              | 79        | 80        |
| Alzheimer’s Disease (G30)                           | 88                           | 88        | *               | 86        | 89        |
| Stroke (I60-I69)                                    | 83                           | 83        | *               | 77        | 85        |
| Diabetes (E10-E14)                                  | 73                           | 75        | 66              | 73        | 73        |
| Dementia (F00-F03)                                  | 90                           | 90        | *               | *         | 91        |
| Chronic Liver Disease and Cirrhosis (K70 & K73-K74) | 51                           | *         | 45              | 53        | 49        |
| Accidental Falls (W00-W19)                          | 84                           | 86        | 60              | 81        | 88        |
| Suicide (U03, X60-X84, Y87.0)                       | 39                           | 43        | 28              | 41        | *         |
| COVID-19 (U07)                                      | *                            | 84        | *               | *         | 85        |
| Motor Vehicle Accidents                             | *                            | *         | 32              | 42        | *         |
| Homicide (X85-Y09, Y87.1)                           | *                            | *         | 32              | *         | *         |
| Accidental Drug Overdose (X40-X44)                  | *                            | *         | 31              | *         | *         |
| Septicemia (A40-A41)                                | *                            | *         | 55              | *         | *         |

Note: Letter/number combinations following the cause of death are ICD-10 codes. \*This cause was not one of the 10 leading causes of death for this race or gender.

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

## UNINTENTIONAL INJURIES

Table 39, on the following page, displays the breakdown of deaths due to unintentional injuries for each of the past five years.

The highest number of deaths in 2023 for this category was accidental falls at 189 deaths. Motor vehicle accidents accounted for 145 deaths with car accidents involved in the most deaths in this category at 59 deaths.

The third highest number of deaths due to unintentional injury in 2023 was accidental drug overdose with 73 deaths.

**Table 39**  
**South Dakota Resident Leading Causes of Death Due to Unintentional Injuries, 2019-2023**

|  | Total        | Year of Death |            |            |            |            |
|--|--------------|---------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
|  |              | 2019          | 2020       | 2021       | 2022       | 2023       |
| <b>Total Deaths</b>  | <b>2,760</b> | <b>502</b>    | <b>559</b> | <b>590</b> | <b>586</b> | <b>523</b> |
| <b>1. Accidental Falls (W00-W19)</b>                               | <b>1,056</b> | <b>202</b>    | <b>217</b> | <b>229</b> | <b>219</b> | <b>189</b> |
| <b>2. Motor Vehicle Accidents</b>                                  | <b>765</b>   | <b>130</b>    | <b>153</b> | <b>172</b> | <b>165</b> | <b>145</b> |
| Occupant of Car (V40-V49)  | 313          | 51            | 56         | 78         | 69         | 59         |
| Occupant of Pick-Up or Van (V50-V59)                               | 122          | 28            | 26         | 21         | 28         | 19         |
| Pedestrian (V01-V09)   | 94           | 11            | 17         | 21         | 21         | 24         |
| Motorcycle rider (V20-V29)   | 67           | 13            | 18         | 13         | 10         | 13         |
| Occupant of special all-terrain Vehicle (V86)                      | 52           | 6             | 13         | 9          | 11         | 13         |
| Occupant of Heavy Transport Vehicle (V60-V69)                      | 13           | 1             | 2          | 3          | 2          | 5          |
| Pedal Cyclist (V10-V19)  | 7            | 0             | 1          | 3          | 3          | 0          |
| All Other Motor Vehicle Accidents                                  | 5            | 1             | 0          | 1          | 3          | 0          |
| Motor Vehicle Accident with Unspecified Details                    | 92           | 19            | 20         | 23         | 18         | 12         |
| <b>3. Accidental Drug Overdose (X40-X44)</b>                       | <b>383</b>   | <b>71</b>     | <b>70</b>  | <b>86</b>  | <b>83</b>  | <b>73</b>  |
| <b>4. Accidental Poisoning by and Exposure to Alcohol (X45)</b>    | <b>71</b>    | <b>12</b>     | <b>23</b>  | <b>15</b>  | <b>11</b>  | <b>10</b>  |
| <b>5. Accidental Exposure to Smoke, Fire, and Flames (X00-X09)</b> | <b>63</b>    | <b>11</b>     | <b>11</b>  | <b>19</b>  | <b>12</b>  | <b>10</b>  |
| <b>6. Accidental Drowning (W65-W74)</b>                            | <b>56</b>    | <b>12</b>     | <b>13</b>  | <b>13</b>  | <b>12</b>  | <b>6</b>   |
| <b>7. Exposure to Excessive Natural Cold (X31)</b>                 | <b>51</b>    | <b>10</b>     | <b>8</b>   | <b>9</b>   | <b>15</b>  | <b>9</b>   |
| <b>8. Choking on Food (W79)</b>                                    | <b>36</b>    | <b>7</b>      | <b>3</b>   | <b>5</b>   | <b>8</b>   | <b>13</b>  |
| <b>T9. Choking on any object except food (W80)</b>                 | <b>17</b>    | <b>0</b>      | <b>5</b>   | <b>3</b>   | <b>2</b>   | <b>7</b>   |
| <b>T9. Accidental discharge of firearms (W32-W34)</b>              | <b>17</b>    | <b>0</b>      | <b>5</b>   | <b>0</b>   | <b>7</b>   | <b>5</b>   |
| All Other Causes of Unintentional Injury                           | 245          | 47            | 51         | 39         | 52         | 56         |

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

## TOBACCO USE

On the death certificate, the certifier was instructed to check “yes” or “probably” if in their opinion, the use of tobacco contributed to death or check “no” if in their clinical judgment tobacco use did not contribute to the death. There was also the option of “unknown” if the certifier was unsure if tobacco use contributed to death.

On 1,430 deaths, or 18.6 percent, the certifier indicated “yes” or “probably” that tobacco use contributed to the natural death. Conversely, on 4,204 deaths, or 54.8 percent, the certifier indicated that tobacco use did not contribute to the natural death.

In the remaining 2,038 deaths, or 26.6 percent, the certifier was unsure if tobacco use contributed to the natural death.

Table 40, on the following page, displays the 10 leading causes of natural death where the certifier said “yes” or “probably” that tobacco use contributed to the death.

Tobacco use contributed to death in 73.3 percent, or 22 out of the 30 emphysema deaths in 2023. In 65.5 percent, or 239 lung, trachea, and bronchus cancer deaths the certifier said “yes” or “probably” that tobacco use contributed to the death.

**Table 40**  
**South Dakota Resident Leading Causes of Natural Death as They Relate to Tobacco Use, 2023**  
**(Did Tobacco Use Contribute to Death)**

| Cause of Death   | Yes/Probably |             | Total Natural Deaths |            |
|--|--------------|-------------|----------------------|------------|
|  | Number       | Percent     | Number               | Percent    |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>1,430</b> | <b>18.6</b> | <b>7,672</b>         | <b>100</b> |
| <b>Cancer (C00-C97)</b>  | <b>423</b>   | <b>24.3</b> | <b>1,739</b>         | <b>100</b> |
| Lung, trachea, and bronchus cancer (C33-C34)   | 239          | 65.5        | 365                  | 100        |
| Esophagus cancer (C15)   | 18           | 34.0        | 53                   | 100        |
| <b>Heart disease (I00-I09, I11, I13, I20-I51)</b>                                    | <b>301</b>   | <b>16.9</b> | <b>1,782</b>         | <b>100</b> |
| Coronary artery disease (I20-I25)  | 211          | 20.1        | 1,048                | 100        |
| Acute myocardial infarction (I21-I22)  | 139          | 22.3        | 623                  | 100        |
| Atherosclerotic heart disease (I25.1)  | 56           | 17.4        | 321                  | 100        |
| Hypertensive heart disease (I11)   | 26           | 16.0        | 162                  | 100        |
| <b>Chronic lower respiratory diseases (J40-J47)</b>                                  | <b>264</b>   | <b>62.3</b> | <b>424</b>           | <b>100</b> |
| Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, unspecified (J44.9)                           | 179          | 63.0        | 284                  | 100        |
| Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease with acute lower respiratory infection (J44.0) | 29           | 50.0        | 58                   | 100        |
| Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease with acute exacerbation (J44.1)                | 27           | 69.2        | 39                   | 100        |
| Emphysema (J43)  | 22           | 73.3        | 30                   | 100        |
| <b>Stroke (I60-I69)</b>  | <b>43</b>    | <b>11.3</b> | <b>381</b>           | <b>100</b> |
| <b>Diabetes (E10-E14)</b>  | <b>42</b>    | <b>16.0</b> | <b>263</b>           | <b>100</b> |
| <b>Chronic liver disease and cirrhosis (K70 &amp; K73-K74)</b>                       | <b>36</b>    | <b>15.3</b> | <b>235</b>           | <b>100</b> |
| Alcoholic liver disease (K70)  | 34           | 17.6        | 193                  | 100        |
| <b>COVID-19 (U07)</b>  | <b>31</b>    | <b>20.5</b> | <b>151</b>           | <b>100</b> |
| <b>Chronic alcohol abuse (F10)</b>   | <b>18</b>    | <b>31.0</b> | <b>58</b>            | <b>100</b> |
| <b>Hypertension (I10, I12, I15)</b>  | <b>17</b>    | <b>16.7</b> | <b>102</b>           | <b>100</b> |
| <b>High cholesterol/triglycerides (E78)</b>  | <b>17</b>    | <b>25.0</b> | <b>68</b>            | <b>100</b> |

Note: Table does not include infant deaths.

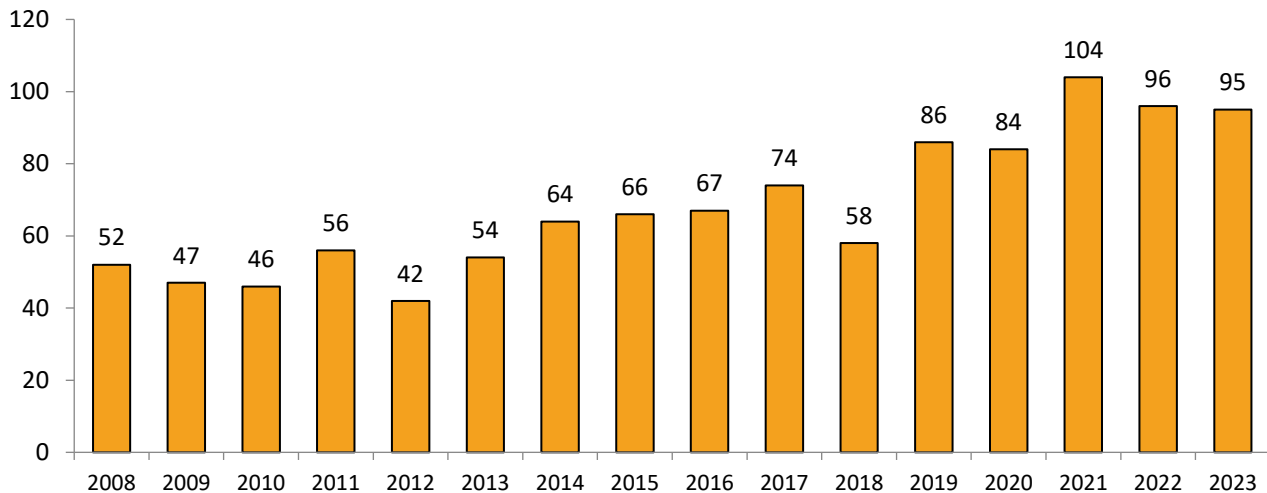
Source: South Dakota Department of Health, Office of Health Statistics

## DRUG OVERDOSE DEATHS

Figures 9-10 and Tables 41-42 on the following pages break down the drug overdose deaths for South Dakota residents for the past 16 years by the manner of death, year of death, and type of drug.

As shown in Figure 9 there were 95 drug overdose deaths in 2023, down slightly from 96 drug overdose deaths in 2022. Table 41 shows that of the 95 drug overdose deaths in 2023, 73 deaths were unintentional, 20 deaths were suicides, and two deaths where the intent was undetermined. The definition of drug overdose deaths is located at the back of this report within the Technical Notes section.

**Figure 9**  
**South Dakota Resident Deaths Due to Drug Overdoses, 2008-2023**



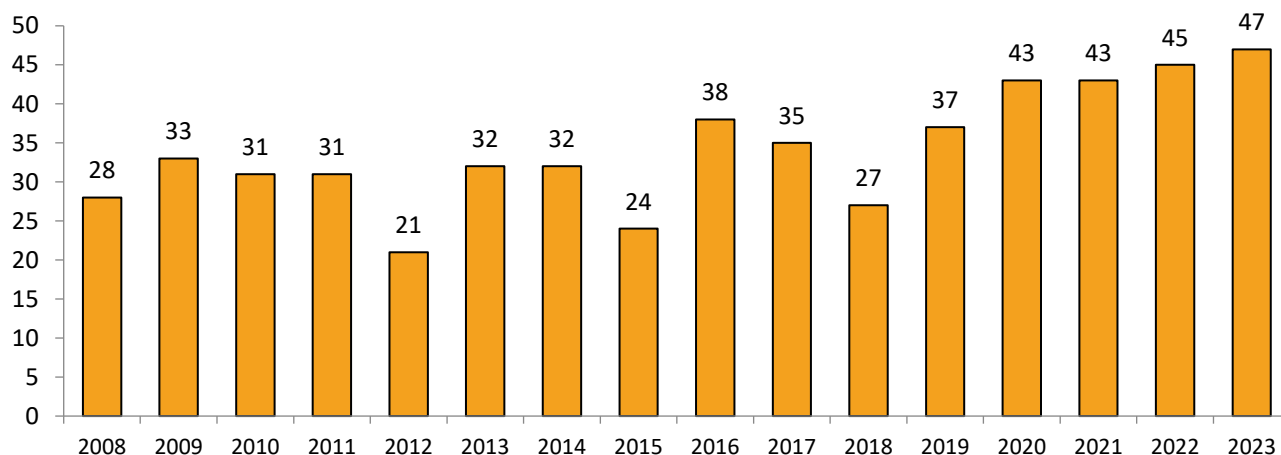
Source: South Dakota Department of Health, Office of Health Statistics

**Table 41**  
**South Dakota Resident Deaths Due to Drug Overdose by Manner of Death and Year of Death for All Drugs, 2008-2023**

|                            | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 |
|----------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| <b>Total</b>               | 52   | 47   | 46   | 56   | 42   | 54   | 64   | 66   | 67   | 74   | 58   | 86   | 84   | 104  | 96   | 95   |
| <b>Unintentional</b>       | 30   | 26   | 19   | 41   | 24   | 34   | 46   | 44   | 52   | 54   | 43   | 71   | 70   | 86   | 84   | 73   |
| <b>Suicide</b>             | 13   | 12   | 16   | 11   | 11   | 15   | 12   | 19   | 12   | 18   | 11   | 10   | 10   | 17   | 9    | 20   |
| <b>Homicide</b>            | 0    | 1    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 1    | 0    | 0    | 1    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 1    | 0    | 0    | 0    |
| <b>Undetermined Intent</b> | 9    | 8    | 11   | 4    | 7    | 4    | 6    | 3    | 2    | 2    | 4    | 5    | 3    | 1    | 3    | 2    |

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

**Figure 10**  
**South Dakota Resident Deaths Due to All Opioid Poisoning, 2008-2023**



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

**Table 42**  
**South Dakota Resident Deaths Due to Drug Overdose by Manner of Death and Year of Death for All Opioid Poisoning, 2008-2023**

|                            | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 |
|----------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| <b>Total</b>               | 28   | 33   | 31   | 31   | 21   | 32   | 32   | 24   | 38   | 35   | 27   | 37   | 43   | 43   | 45   | 47   |
| <b>Unintentional</b>       | 18   | 22   | 15   | 26   | 15   | 21   | 27   | 19   | 31   | 28   | 22   | 32   | 41   | 35   | 40   | 40   |
| <b>Suicide</b>             | 4    | 6    | 8    | 3    | 2    | 9    | 2    | 4    | 6    | 7    | 3    | 3    | 1    | 8    | 3    | 5    |
| <b>Homicide</b>            | 0    | 1    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    |
| <b>Undetermined Intent</b> | 6    | 4    | 8    | 2    | 4    | 2    | 3    | 1    | 1    | 0    | 1    | 2    | 1    | 0    | 2    | 2    |

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

The following tables (43 and 44) show the specific drugs involved in drug overdose deaths for 2023 and for the past 10 years. Out of the 95 total drug deaths in 2023, 39 of those involved fentanyl and 30 involved methamphetamine. Of those 39 involving fentanyl, 21 listed fentanyl as the only drug, while the other 18 deaths involved at least one other drug. For methamphetamine, 20 of the 30 deaths only involved methamphetamine, while the other 10 involved at least one other drug.

The following is an explanation of what is represented regarding “Drugs Involved” in deaths due to a drug overdose:

- Please note that just because a drug is involved in a drug overdose death doesn’t necessarily mean the overdose was due to that specific drug. It just means that drug was mentioned on the death certificate of a drug overdose death. Sometimes we have no way of knowing which drug caused the overdose in cases where multiple drugs are listed.
- Please be aware that when more than one drug is “involved” in a drug overdose, each drug is counted separately. For example, if methamphetamine and heroin are both listed on the death certificate, each drug will be counted once even though it’s just one death.
- Also, if something like Vicodin, which is a combination of drugs, is listed on the death certificate, each drug will be counted and “involved” in the overdose.
- Analogs of fentanyl are included in the total for fentanyl.

**Table 43**  
**South Dakota Resident Deaths Due to Drug Overdose by Drugs Involved, 2023**

| Drugs Involved                 | Number of Deaths | Number of Specific Drugs Listed on Death Certificate |                      |
|--------------------------------|------------------|--|----------------------|
|                                |                  | Only Drug Involved                                   | Other Drugs Involved |
| 1. Fentanyl (Includes analogs) | 39               | 21   | 18                   |
| 2. Methamphetamine             | 30               | 20   | 10                   |
| 3. Cocaine (Benzoylcegonine)   | 11               | 4  | 7                    |
| 4. Hydroxyzine                 | 5                | 1  | 4                    |
| T5. Dextromethorphan           | 3                | 0  | 3                    |
| T5. Diphenhydramine (Benadryl) | 3                | 3  | 0                    |
| T5. Hydrocodone (Vicodin)      | 3                | 3  | 0                    |
| T5. Tramadol                   | 3                | 3  | 0                    |

Note: ICD -10 Codes: X40-X44, X60-X64, X85, Y10-Y14

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

**Table 44**  
**South Dakota Resident Deaths Due to Drug Overdose by Drugs Involved and Year of Death, 2014-2023**

| Drugs Involved and Number of Specific Drugs on Death Certificate | Total      | Year of Death |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |           |
|--|------------|---------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
|  |            | 2014          | 2015      | 2016      | 2017      | 2018      | 2019      | 2020      | 2021      | 2022      | 2023      |
| <b>Methamphetamine</b>   | <b>268</b> | <b>14</b>     | <b>13</b> | <b>18</b> | <b>22</b> | <b>13</b> | <b>31</b> | <b>30</b> | <b>52</b> | <b>45</b> | <b>30</b> |
| Only Drug Involved   | 179        | 10            | 8         | 10        | 12        | 10        | 25        | 19        | 39        | 26        | 20        |
| Other Drugs Involved   | 89         | 4             | 5         | 8         | 10        | 3         | 6         | 11        | 13        | 19        | 10        |
| <b>Fentanyl (Includes Analogs)</b>                               | <b>201</b> | <b>7</b>      | <b>7</b>  | <b>7</b>  | <b>12</b> | <b>12</b> | <b>23</b> | <b>30</b> | <b>29</b> | <b>35</b> | <b>39</b> |
| Only Drug Involved   | 111        | 4             | 6         | 2         | 6         | 8         | 18        | 11        | 15        | 20        | 21        |
| Other Drugs Involved   | 90         | 3             | 1         | 5         | 6         | 4         | 5         | 19        | 14        | 15        | 18        |
| <b>Oxycodone (Oxycontin, Percocet, Percodan)</b>                 | <b>52</b>  | <b>8</b>      | <b>2</b>  | <b>9</b>  | <b>5</b>  | <b>7</b>  | <b>4</b>  | <b>6</b>  | <b>7</b>  | <b>3</b>  | <b>1</b>  |
| Only Drug Involved   | 22         | 5             | 2         | 2         | 2         | 4         | 1         | 2         | 2         | 1         | 1         |
| Other Drugs Involved   | 30         | 3             | 0         | 7         | 3         | 3         | 3         | 4         | 5         | 2         | 0         |
| <b>Cocaine (Benzoylcegonine)</b>                                 | <b>49</b>  | <b>0</b>      | <b>3</b>  | <b>3</b>  | <b>3</b>  | <b>8</b>  | <b>5</b>  | <b>5</b>  | <b>6</b>  | <b>5</b>  | <b>11</b> |
| Only Drug Involved   | 17         | 0             | 0         | 0         | 1         | 4         | 2         | 2         | 2         | 2         | 4         |
| Other Drugs Involved   | 32         | 0             | 3         | 3         | 2         | 4         | 3         | 3         | 4         | 3         | 7         |
| <b>Hydrocodone (Vicodin)</b>                                     | <b>41</b>  | <b>5</b>      | <b>7</b>  | <b>10</b> | <b>4</b>  | <b>2</b>  | <b>2</b>  | <b>3</b>  | <b>4</b>  | <b>1</b>  | <b>3</b>  |
| Only Drug Involved   | 16         | 2             | 2         | 5         | 2         | 1         | 0         | 1         | 0         | 0         | 3         |
| Other Drugs Involved   | 25         | 3             | 5         | 5         | 2         | 1         | 2         | 2         | 4         | 1         | 0         |
| <b>Morphine</b>  | <b>38</b>  | <b>11</b>     | <b>1</b>  | <b>7</b>  | <b>3</b>  | <b>1</b>  | <b>8</b>  | <b>4</b>  | <b>1</b>  | <b>1</b>  | <b>1</b>  |
| Only Drug Involved   | 12         | 6             | 0         | 2         | 1         | 0         | 1         | 0         | 1         | 1         | 0         |
| Other Drugs Involved   | 26         | 5             | 1         | 5         | 2         | 1         | 7         | 4         | 0         | 0         | 1         |
| <b>Heroin</b>  | <b>37</b>  | <b>2</b>      | <b>3</b>  | <b>8</b>  | <b>8</b>  | <b>5</b>  | <b>3</b>  | <b>6</b>  | <b>2</b>  | <b>0</b>  | <b>0</b>  |
| Only Drug Involved   | 14         | 0             | 1         | 4         | 3         | 2         | 1         | 2         | 1         | 0         | 0         |
| Other Drugs Involved   | 23         | 2             | 2         | 4         | 5         | 3         | 2         | 4         | 1         | 0         | 0         |
| <b>Bupropion (Wellbutrin)</b>                                    | <b>24</b>  | <b>2</b>      | <b>0</b>  | <b>1</b>  | <b>3</b>  | <b>3</b>  | <b>5</b>  | <b>2</b>  | <b>3</b>  | <b>3</b>  | <b>2</b>  |
| Only Drug Involved   | 16         | 2             | 0         | 0         | 1         | 2         | 4         | 1         | 2         | 2         | 2         |
| Other Drugs Involved   | 8          | 0             | 0         | 1         | 2         | 1         | 1         | 1         | 1         | 1         | 0         |
| <b>Diphenhydramine (Benadryl)</b>                                | <b>24</b>  | <b>2</b>      | <b>4</b>  | <b>2</b>  | <b>1</b>  | <b>2</b>  | <b>3</b>  | <b>1</b>  | <b>3</b>  | <b>3</b>  | <b>3</b>  |
| Only Drug Involved   | 13         | 2             | 2         | 1         | 1         | 1         | 1         | 0         | 1         | 1         | 3         |
| Other Drugs Involved   | 11         | 0             | 2         | 1         | 0         | 1         | 2         | 1         | 2         | 2         | 0         |



Table 44 (continued)

## South Dakota Resident Deaths Due to Drug Overdose by Drugs Involved and Year of Death, 2014-2023

| Drugs Involved and Number of Specific Drugs on Death Certificate      | Total     | Year of Death |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |
|---|-----------|---------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
|   |           | 2014          | 2015     | 2016     | 2017     | 2018     | 2019     | 2020     | 2021     | 2022     | 2023     |
| <b>Amphetamine (Adderall)</b>   | <b>22</b> | <b>2</b>      | <b>2</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>6</b> | <b>1</b> |
| Only Drug Involved  | 5         | 0             | 0        | 0        | 1        | 0        | 1        | 1        | 0        | 2        | 0        |
| Other Drugs Involved  | 17        | 2             | 2        | 1        | 2        | 0        | 0        | 2        | 3        | 4        | 1        |
| <b>Methadone (Methadose)</b>  | <b>22</b> | <b>6</b>      | <b>4</b> | <b>4</b> | <b>4</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> |
| Only Drug Involved  | 10        | 3             | 3        | 1        | 1        | 2        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        |
| Other Drugs Involved  | 12        | 3             | 1        | 3        | 3        | 1        | 1        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        |
| <b>Acetaminophen (Darvocet, Excedrin, Percocet, Tylenol, Vicodin)</b> | <b>18</b> | <b>2</b>      | <b>3</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>2</b> |
| Only Drug Involved  | 9         | 2             | 2        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 1        | 2        | 2        |
| Other Drugs Involved  | 9         | 0             | 1        | 2        | 1        | 0        | 0        | 2        | 2        | 1        | 0        |
| <b>Amitriptyline</b>  | <b>18</b> | <b>1</b>      | <b>1</b> | <b>4</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> |
| Only Drug Involved  | 2         | 0             | 0        | 0        | 1        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 1        | 0        | 0        |
| Other Drugs Involved  | 16        | 1             | 1        | 4        | 2        | 2        | 2        | 2        | 2        | 0        | 0        |
| <b>Tramadol</b>   | <b>17</b> | <b>0</b>      | <b>2</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>4</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>3</b> |
| Only Drug Involved  | 7         | 0             | 1        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 1        | 0        | 1        | 1        | 3        |
| Other Drugs Involved  | 10        | 0             | 1        | 3        | 1        | 0        | 1        | 1        | 3        | 0        | 0        |
| <b>Citalopram (Celexa)</b>  | <b>17</b> | <b>3</b>      | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>4</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>1</b> |
| Only Drug Involved  | 1         | 0             | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 1        | 0        | 0        | 0        |
| Other Drugs Involved  | 16        | 3             | 0        | 0        | 2        | 1        | 2        | 2        | 4        | 1        | 1        |
| <b>Quetiapine (Seroquel)</b>  | <b>15</b> | <b>0</b>      | <b>0</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>4</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>1</b> |
| Only Drug Involved  | 5         | 0             | 0        | 1        | 1        | 1        | 0        | 1        | 0        | 1        | 0        |
| Other Drugs Involved  | 10        | 0             | 0        | 2        | 3        | 0        | 3        | 0        | 1        | 0        | 1        |
| <b>Gabapentin</b>   | <b>13</b> | <b>0</b>      | <b>0</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>4</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>1</b> |
| Only Drug Involved  | 1         | 0             | 0        | 0        | 0        | 1        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        |
| Other Drugs Involved  | 12        | 0             | 0        | 1        | 1        | 0        | 2        | 1        | 4        | 2        | 1        |
| <b>Hydroxyzine</b>  | <b>10</b> | <b>1</b>      | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>5</b> |
| Only Drug Involved  | 1         | 0             | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 1        |
| Other Drugs Involved  | 9         | 1             | 0        | 0        | 1        | 0        | 2        | 0        | 1        | 0        | 4        |
| <b>Fluoxetine (Prozac)</b>  | <b>10</b> | <b>1</b>      | <b>0</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>1</b> |
| Only Drug Involved  | 2         | 0             | 0        | 0        | 1        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 1        |
| Other Drugs Involved  | 8         | 1             | 0        | 2        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 2        | 1        | 2        | 0        |
| <b>Alprazolam (Xanax)</b>   | <b>10</b> | <b>1</b>      | <b>0</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> |
| Only Drug Involved  | 1         | 1             | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        |
| Other Drugs Involved  | 9         | 0             | 0        | 1        | 0        | 3        | 1        | 1        | 3        | 0        | 0        |

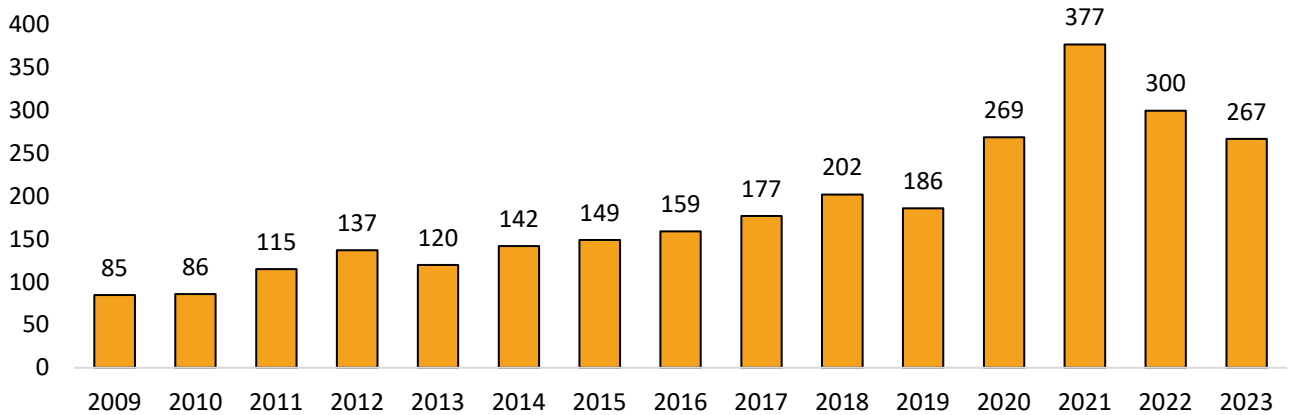
Note: ICD-10 CODES X40-X44, X60-X64, X85, Y10-Y14

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

## ALCOHOL-INDUCED DEATHS

Figure 11 shows the alcohol induced deaths for South Dakota residents for the past 15 years. The definition of alcohol-induced deaths is located in the back of this report within the technical notes section.

**Figure 11**  
**South Dakota Resident Alcohol-Induced Deaths, 2009-2023**

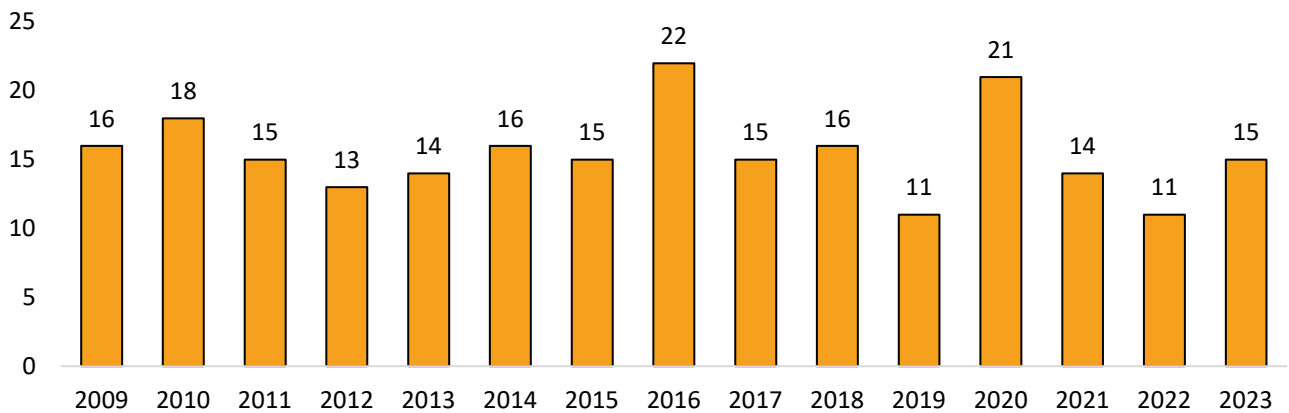


Source: South Dakota Department of Health, Office of Health Statistics

## FARM ACCIDENT DEATHS

Figure 12 shows the number of South Dakota resident deaths due to farm accidents for the past 15 years. The definition of farm accident deaths is located in the back of this report within the technical notes section.

**Figure 12**  
**South Dakota Resident Deaths Due to Farm Accidents, 2009-2023**



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

## MATERNAL MORTALITY

Table 45 shows maternal mortality deaths for the past 10 years. Specific definitions are located in the notes below the table.

**Table 45**  
**South Dakota Resident Deaths Occurring in South Dakota to Women Who Were Pregnant at the Time of Death or Within One Year After Delivery, 2014-2023**

| Year | Any Death While Pregnant, or Within One Year After Delivery | Pregnancy-Related | Pregnancy Associated, But Not Pregnancy-Related |
|------|---|-------------------|---|
| 2023 | 8   | *                 | *   |
| 2022 | 15  | *                 | *   |
| 2021 | 13  | *                 | *   |
| 2020 | 8   | 1                 | 7   |
| 2019 | 6   | 0                 | 6   |
| 2018 | 8   | 1                 | 7   |
| 2017 | 5   | 1                 | 4   |
| 2016 | 6   | 2                 | 4   |
| 2015 | 5   | 2                 | 3   |
| 2014 | 5   | 1                 | 4   |

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

Note: Pregnancy-related: Death resulting from: 1) complications of the pregnancy itself, or 2) the chain of events initiated by the pregnancy that led to death, or 3) aggravation of an unrelated condition by the physiologic or pharmacologic effects of the pregnancy that subsequently caused death during pregnancy or within one calendar year of termination of pregnancy, regardless of the duration or anatomical site of pregnancy. This designation comes from the CDC as part of the Pregnancy Mortality Surveillance System (PMSS). \*--The latest year they have reviewed for South Dakota is 2020.

Pregnancy-associated, but not pregnancy-related: Death of a woman from any cause, while she is pregnant or within one calendar year of termination of pregnancy, regardless of the duration or anatomical site of pregnancy, but not pregnancy related (see above). This designation comes from the CDC as part of the Pregnancy Mortality Surveillance System (PMSS). \*--The latest year they have reviewed for South Dakota is 2020.

Table 46 shows the external causes contributing to death while pregnant within one year after delivery. The top three causes for the past ten years combined were accidental drug overdose, motor vehicle accidents, and suicides.

**Table 46**  
**South Dakota Resident Leading Causes of External Death While Pregnant or Within One Year After Delivery by Cause of Death, 2014-2023**

| External Cause of Death            | Total |
|------------------------------------|-------|
| Accidental drug overdose (X40-X44) | 12    |
| Motor vehicle accidents            | 12    |
| Suicide (X60-X84, Y87.0)           | 12    |
| Homicide (X85-Y09, Y87.1)          | 5     |

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

Table 47 shows the causes contributing to a pregnancy death. The top two causes for the past ten years were kidney disease and respiratory failure.

**Table 47**  
**Contributing Causes of Natural Death While Pregnant or Within One**  
**Year of Giving Birth, 2014-2023**

| Cause of Death                             | Total |
|--|-------|
| Kidney disease (N00-N07, N17-N19, N25-N27) | 5     |
| Respiratory failure (J96)                  | 5     |
| Influenza and pneumonia (J09-J18)          | 4     |
| COVID-19 (U07)                             | 4     |
| Cancer (C00-C97)                           | 3     |
| Heart disease (I00-I09, I11, I13, I20-I51) | 3     |
| Cerebrovascular disease (I60-I69)          | 3     |

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

## FIREARM DEATHS

Table 48 shows firearm deaths for South Dakota residents for the past 10 years. The definition of firearm deaths is located in the back of this report within the Technical Notes section.

**Table 48**  
**South Dakota Resident Deaths Due to Firearms, 2014-2023**

| Year | Total Firearm Deaths | Manner of Death |          |          |                    |                     |
|------|----------------------|-----------------|----------|----------|--------------------|---------------------|
|      |                      | Suicide         | Homicide | Accident | Legal Intervention | Undetermined Intent |
| 2023 | 112                  | 89              | 11       | 5        | 4                  | 3                   |
| 2022 | 138                  | 96              | 27       | 7        | 7                  | 1                   |
| 2021 | 128                  | 98              | 25       | 0        | 4                  | 1                   |
| 2020 | 120                  | 87              | 27       | 5        | 1                  | 0                   |
| 2019 | 113                  | 101             | 10       | 0        | 2                  | 0                   |
| 2018 | 117                  | 91              | 16       | 7        | 3                  | 0                   |
| 2017 | 102                  | 83              | 12       | 2        | 4                  | 1                   |
| 2016 | 107                  | 83              | 14       | 5        | 5                  | 0                   |
| 2015 | 95                   | 73              | 14       | 5        | 2                  | 1                   |
| 2014 | 90                   | 76              | 9        | 2        | 3                  | 0                   |

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

# MARRIAGE & DIVORCE

## OVERVIEW 2023

### Marriages:

|                                |       |
|--------------------------------|-------|
| Number Occurring in S.D.       | 5,471 |
| S.D. Rate per 1,000 Population | 6.0   |
| U.S. Rate per 1,000 Population | 6.2*  |

### \*\*Divorces:

|  |             |
|--|-------------|
| Number Occurring in S.D.                 | 2,113       |
| S.D. Rate Per 1,000 Population           | 2.3         |
| U.S. Rate per 1,000 Population           | 2.4*        |
| Years Married Before Termination in S.D. |             |
| Mean                                     | 11          |
| Median                                   | 9           |
| 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 2022.

The U.S. divorce rate only includes 45 reporting states and the District of Columbia.

\*\* Divorces include annulments.

## MARRIAGES

In 2023, the South Dakota marriage rate decreased to 6.0, down from 6.4 in 2022. **The marriage rate in 2023 was the lowest ever in South Dakota.** Table 49 provides the United States and South Dakota marriage rates from 2009 through 2023.

**Table 49**  
**Marriages and Marriage Rates by Occurrence, South Dakota and United States, 2009-2023**

| Year | United States* |            | South Dakota |            |
|------|----------------|------------|--------------|------------|
|      | Number         | Crude Rate | Number       | Crude Rate |
| 2023 | NA**           | NA**       | 5,471        | 6.0        |
| 2022 | 2,065,905      | 6.2        | 5,826        | 6.4        |
| 2021 | 1,985,072      | 6.0        | 5,636        | 6.3        |
| 2020 | 1,676,911      | 5.1        | 5,359        | 6.0        |
| 2019 | 2,015,603      | 6.1        | 5,403        | 6.1        |
| 2018 | 2,132,853      | 6.5        | 5,757        | 6.5        |
| 2017 | 2,236,496      | 6.9        | 5,862        | 6.7        |
| 2016 | 2,251,411      | 7.0        | 6,271        | 7.2        |
| 2015 | 2,221,579      | 6.9        | 6,195        | 7.2        |
| 2014 | 2,140,272      | 6.9        | 6,040        | 7.1        |
| 2013 | 2,081,301      | 6.8        | 5,919        | 7.0        |
| 2012 | 2,131,000      | 6.8        | 6,236        | 7.5        |
| 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        |

Note: \*The marriage data for the United States are provisional for all years. \*\*2023 data are not available at the time of publication. Crude marriage rates are per 1,000 population. The 2013 and 2014 U.S. number and rate excludes data from Georgia.

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

Table 50 displays marriages by month over the past five years. The most common time to have a wedding for most years is from June to October.

**Table 50**  
**Month of Marriages Occurring in South Dakota, 2019-2023**

| Year      | 2019  |      | 2020  |      | 2021  |      | 2022  |      | 2023  |      |
|-----------|-------|------|-------|------|-------|------|-------|------|-------|------|
|           | Num   | %    | Num   | %    | Num   | %    | Num   | %    | Num   | %    |
| Total     | 5,403 | 100  | 5,359 | 100  | 5,636 | 100  | 5,826 | 100  | 5,471 | 100  |
| January   | 204   | 3.8  | 209   | 3.9  | 212   | 3.8  | 212   | 3.6  | 183   | 3.3  |
| February  | 207   | 3.8  | 276   | 5.2  | 199   | 3.5  | 303   | 5.2  | 176   | 3.2  |
| March     | 229   | 4.2  | 220   | 4.1  | 238   | 4.2  | 236   | 4.1  | 249   | 4.6  |
| April     | 245   | 4.5  | 217   | 4.0  | 282   | 5.0  | 300   | 5.1  | 270   | 4.9  |
| May       | 459   | 8.5  | 333   | 6.2  | 524   | 9.3  | 495   | 8.5  | 469   | 8.6  |
| June      | 816   | 15.1 | 587   | 11.0 | 774   | 13.7 | 740   | 12.7 | 757   | 13.8 |
| July      | 584   | 10.8 | 545   | 10.2 | 710   | 12.6 | 653   | 11.2 | 610   | 11.1 |
| August    | 771   | 14.3 | 803   | 15.0 | 655   | 11.6 | 702   | 12.0 | 601   | 11.0 |
| September | 771   | 14.3 | 789   | 14.7 | 775   | 13.8 | 831   | 14.3 | 899   | 16.4 |
| October   | 538   | 10.0 | 761   | 14.2 | 658   | 11.7 | 727   | 12.5 | 614   | 11.2 |
| November  | 290   | 5.4  | 295   | 5.5  | 286   | 5.1  | 320   | 5.5  | 324   | 5.9  |
| December  | 289   | 5.3  | 324   | 6.0  | 323   | 5.7  | 307   | 5.3  | 319   | 5.8  |

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

## DIVORCES IN SOUTH DAKOTA

Table 51 lists the divorce rates for South Dakota and the United States. The 2023 South Dakota divorce rate was 2.3 divorces per 1,000 population, which is the lowest divorce rate since 1972.

**Table 51**  
**Number and Rate of Divorces by Occurrence,  
South Dakota and United States, 2009-2023**

| Year | United States* |            | South Dakota |            |
|------|----------------|------------|--------------|------------|
|      | Number         | Crude Rate | Number       | Crude Rate |
| 2023 | NA**           | NA**       | 2,113        | 2.3        |
| 2022 | 673,989        | 2.4        | 2,113        | 2.3        |
| 2021 | 689,308        | 2.5        | 2,211        | 2.5        |
| 2020 | 630,505        | 2.3        | 2,226        | 2.5        |
| 2019 | 746,971        | 2.7        | 2,308        | 2.6        |
| 2018 | 782,038        | 2.9        | 2,265        | 2.6        |
| 2017 | 787,251        | 2.9        | 2,340        | 2.7        |
| 2016 | 776,288        | 3.0        | 2,400        | 2.8        |
| 2015 | 800,909        | 3.1        | 2,252        | 2.6        |
| 2014 | 813,862        | 3.2        | 2,374        | 2.8        |
| 2013 | 832,157        | 3.3        | 2,450        | 2.9        |
| 2012 | 851,000        | 3.4        | 2,550        | 3.1        |
| 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        |

Note: \*The U.S. data are provisional for all years. Crude divorce rates are per 1,000 population. \*\*2023 data are not available at time of publication. The years 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022 excludes data from California, Hawaii, Indiana, Minnesota, and New Mexico. The year 2016 excludes data for California, Georgia, Hawaii, Indiana, Minnesota, and New Mexico. The years 2013-2015 exclude California, Georgia, Hawaii, Indiana, and Minnesota. The years 2009-2012 exclude data for California, Georgia, Hawaii, Indiana, Louisiana, and Minnesota.

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

For South Dakota, the mean or average duration of the marriages ending in divorce during 2023 was 11 years, the median duration was nine 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 2023.

Table 52 displays the duration of marriages ending in divorce for the past 10 years. In 2023, zero to four years and five to nine years is the length most marriages lasted with 28.4 and 24.9 percent, respectively.

**Table 52**  
**Duration of Marriage Ending in Divorce Occurring in South Dakota, 2014-2023**

| Year | 0-4 Years |      | 5-9 Years |      | 10-14 Years |      | 15-19 Years |      | 20-24 Years |     | 25-29 Years |     | 30+ Years |     |
|------|-----------|------|-----------|------|-------------|------|-------------|------|-------------|-----|-------------|-----|-----------|-----|
|      | Num       | %    | Num       | %    | Num         | %    | Num         | %    | Num         | %   | Num         | %   | Num       | %   |
| 2023 | 600       | 28.4 | 527       | 24.9 | 345         | 16.3 | 229         | 10.8 | 187         | 8.8 | 104         | 4.9 | 121       | 5.7 |
| 2022 | 573       | 27.1 | 553       | 26.2 | 352         | 16.7 | 222         | 10.5 | 169         | 8.0 | 101         | 4.8 | 143       | 6.8 |
| 2021 | 653       | 29.5 | 524       | 23.7 | 371         | 16.8 | 243         | 11.0 | 165         | 7.5 | 114         | 5.2 | 141       | 6.4 |
| 2020 | 646       | 29.0 | 583       | 26.2 | 354         | 15.9 | 240         | 10.8 | 185         | 8.3 | 92          | 4.1 | 126       | 5.7 |
| 2019 | 658       | 28.5 | 560       | 24.3 | 410         | 17.8 | 259         | 11.2 | 169         | 7.3 | 100         | 4.3 | 152       | 6.6 |
| 2018 | 692       | 30.6 | 563       | 24.9 | 368         | 16.2 | 276         | 12.2 | 165         | 7.3 | 98          | 4.3 | 103       | 4.5 |
| 2017 | 719       | 30.8 | 543       | 23.2 | 374         | 16.0 | 278         | 11.9 | 178         | 7.6 | 115         | 4.9 | 131       | 5.6 |
| 2016 | 791       | 33.0 | 553       | 23.0 | 386         | 16.1 | 253         | 10.5 | 175         | 7.3 | 105         | 4.4 | 137       | 5.7 |
| 2015 | 735       | 32.6 | 528       | 23.4 | 355         | 15.8 | 231         | 10.3 | 182         | 8.1 | 94          | 4.2 | 127       | 5.6 |
| 2014 | 755       | 31.8 | 591       | 24.9 | 359         | 15.1 | 235         | 9.9  | 193         | 8.1 | 114         | 4.8 | 127       | 5.3 |

Table 53 displays the number of children involved in divorces for the past 10 years. Over half (53.6%) of all divorces in 2023 did not include children.

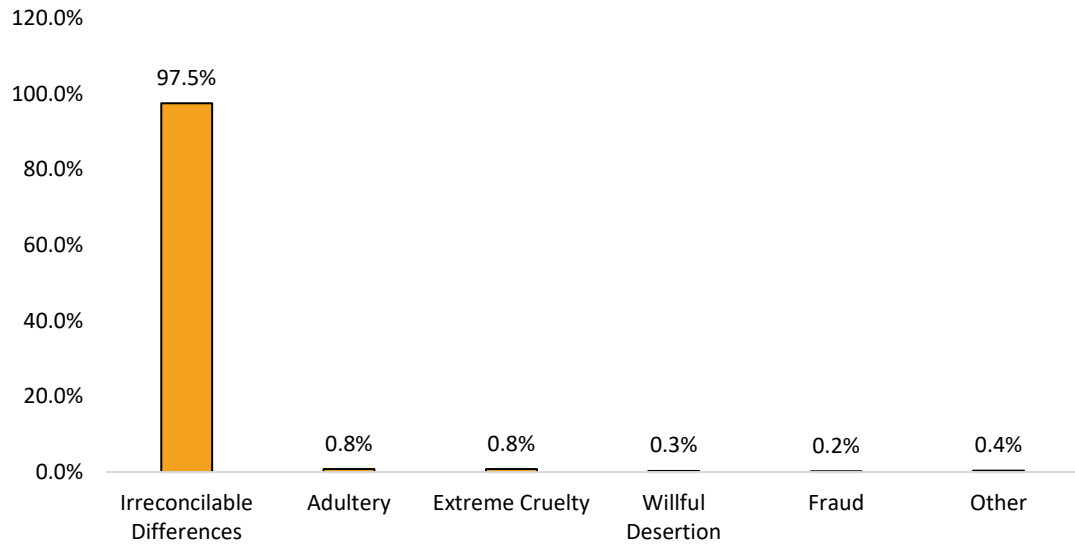
**Table 53**  
**Number of Children Involved in Divorce Occurring in South Dakota, 2014-2023**

| Year | Total |     | No Children Involved |      | 1 Child Involved |      | 2 Children Involved |      | 3 Children Involved |     | 4 or More Children Involved |     | Not Stated |   |
|------|-------|-----|----------------------|------|------------------|------|---------------------|------|---------------------|-----|-----------------------------|-----|------------|---|
|      | Num   | %   | Num                  | %    | Num              | %    | Num                 | %    | Num                 | %   | Num                         | %   | Num        | % |
| 2023 | 2,113 | 100 | 1,133                | 53.6 | 406              | 19.2 | 361                 | 17.1 | 164                 | 7.8 | 49                          | 2.3 | 0          | - |
| 2022 | 2,113 | 100 | 1,126                | 53.3 | 373              | 17.7 | 413                 | 19.5 | 144                 | 6.8 | 57                          | 2.7 | 0          | - |
| 2021 | 2,211 | 100 | 1,198                | 54.2 | 402              | 18.2 | 382                 | 17.3 | 161                 | 7.3 | 68                          | 3.1 | 0          | - |
| 2020 | 2,226 | 100 | 1,174                | 52.7 | 420              | 18.9 | 404                 | 18.1 | 179                 | 8.0 | 49                          | 2.2 | 0          | - |
| 2019 | 2,308 | 100 | 1,204                | 52.2 | 443              | 19.2 | 423                 | 18.3 | 186                 | 8.1 | 52                          | 2.3 | 0          | - |
| 2018 | 2,265 | 100 | 1,164                | 51.4 | 412              | 18.2 | 446                 | 19.7 | 179                 | 7.9 | 64                          | 2.8 | 0          | - |
| 2017 | 2,340 | 100 | 1,227                | 52.4 | 410              | 17.5 | 485                 | 20.7 | 159                 | 6.8 | 59                          | 2.5 | 0          | - |
| 2016 | 2,400 | 100 | 1,298                | 54.1 | 459              | 19.1 | 432                 | 18.0 | 166                 | 6.9 | 43                          | 1.8 | 2          | - |
| 2015 | 2,252 | 100 | 1,190                | 52.8 | 444              | 19.7 | 404                 | 17.9 | 166                 | 7.4 | 48                          | 2.1 | 0          | - |
| 2014 | 2,374 | 100 | 1,256                | 52.9 | 502              | 21.2 | 414                 | 17.4 | 156                 | 6.6 | 45                          | 1.9 | 1          | - |

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

Figure 13, on the next page, displays causes for the divorce. Most divorces in 2023 stated irreconcilable differences with 97.5 percent.

**Figure 13**  
**Causes for Divorce Occurring in South Dakota, 2023**



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



## INFECTIOUS DISEASES IN SOUTH DAKOTA, 2023

The South Dakota Department of Health (SDDOH) strives to promote healthy living and to protect the health of all South Dakotans. A core public health function is the surveillance of infectious diseases in the state.

Infectious disease surveillance monitors patterns of disease occurrence and assesses the health status of South Dakota's population. Surveillance can detect sudden changes in disease occurrence, such as an outbreak, or identify long-term disease trends or new and emerging diseases. Surveillance activities are linked to public health actions, such as investigation, control and prevention, evaluation, or planning and allocating resources to address the diseases affecting the population.

SDDOH is authorized by South Dakota Codified Law 34-22-12 and Administrative Rules Article 44:20 to receive and process mandatory reports of communicable diseases by physicians, hospitals, laboratories, and institutions, and to establish public health measures to control and prevent disease transmission.

This report provides an overview of disease surveillance conducted by SDDOH in 2023. It highlights important statistics and shows key trends on selected reportable diseases in the state. To view the most current infectious disease data, please visit the monthly interactive dashboard on our website: <https://doh.sd.gov/health-data-reports/data-dashboards/infectious-disease-dashboard/>.

**Table 54 Reportable Diseases in South Dakota, 2014-2023** (Calendar years)

| Reportable diseases                         | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020  | 2021  | 2022  | 2023  | Total  |
|---|------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|
| Babesiosis                                  | 1    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 1     | 0     | 0     | 1     | 3      |
| Botulism                                    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0      |
| Brucellosis                                 | 0    | 0    | 0    | 1    | 0    | 0    | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0     | 1      |
| Campylobacteriosis                          | 307  | 346  | 450  | 395  | 532  | 524  | 324   | 310   | 307   | 455   | 3950   |
| Carbapenem-resistant Enterobacterales (CRE) | 3    | 37   | 58   | 64   | 48   | 40   | 27    | 39    | 50    | 40    | 406    |
| Chicken Pox (Varicella)                     | 23   | 27   | 32   | 24   | 31   | 26   | 18    | 9     | 14    | 16    | 220    |
| Chlamydia                                   | 4129 | 3967 | 4336 | 4439 | 4441 | 4545 | 4007  | 4858  | 5166  | 4891  | 44779  |
| Coccidioidomycosis                          | NR   | NR   | 5    | 6    | 3    | 8    | 7     | 6     | 8     | 7     | 50     |
| Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)         | -    | -    | -    | -    | -    | -    | 99984 | 81626 | 90750 | 25818 | 298178 |
| Cryptosporidiosis                           | 151  | 248  | 158  | 163  | 177  | 167  | 76    | 127   | 97    | 161   | 1525   |
| Cyclosporiasis                              | 0    | 0    | 3    | 4    | 30   | 10   | 22    | 16    | 2     | 5     | 92     |
| Dengue                                      | 0    | 2    | 2    | 0    | 1    | 1    | 2     | 0     | 0     | 4     | 12     |
| Ehrlichiosis and Anaplasmosis               | 0    | 0    | 1    | 1    | 4    | 0    | 2     | 3     | 1     | 5     | 17     |
| Giardiasis                                  | 131  | 129  | 116  | 104  | 114  | 92   | 66    | 71    | 65    | 80    | 968    |
| Gonorrhea                                   | 880  | 1055 | 1271 | 1291 | 1694 | 2170 | 2399  | 3261  | 3076  | 2330  | 19427  |
| Hantavirus                                  | 0    | 0    | 0    | 1    | 0    | 2    | 1     | 0     | 1     | 0     | 5      |
| Hepatitis A                                 | 3    | 2    | 1    | 1    | 1    | 8    | 1     | 1     | 2     | 4     | 24     |
| Hepatitis B, chronic                        | 58   | 52   | 60   | 52   | 46   | 37   | 53    | 36    | 30    | 38    | 462    |
| Hepatitis B, acute                          | 3    | 2    | 2    | 2    | 1    | 5    | 4     | 4     | 3     | 3     | 29     |
| Hepatitis C, chronic                        | 516  | 570  | 714  | 563  | 545  | 583  | 723   | 847   | 694   | 582   | 6337   |
| Hepatitis C, acute                          | 0    | 0    | 22   | 20   | 19   | 31   | 10    | 5     | 21    | 10    | 138    |
| <i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> , invasive    | NR   | NR   | 20   | 21   | 30   | 30   | 14    | 17    | 25    | 28    | 185    |
| Hemolytic uremic syndrome                   | 1    | 1    | 1    | 0    | 0    | 5    | 2     | 6     | 6     | 7     | 29     |
| HIV and AIDS                                | 24   | 20   | 35   | 28   | 21   | 31   | 32    | 27    | 44    | 52    | 314    |
| Legionellosis                               | 9    | 10   | 9    | 15   | 33   | 23   | 10    | 21    | 24    | 17    | 171    |

| Reportable diseases  | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | Total |
|--|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|
| Leprosy (Hansen's disease)   | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 1    | 0    | 0    | 1     |
| Listeriosis  | 0    | 0    | 0    | 2    | 1    | 0    | 2    | 1    | 2    | 2    | 10    |
| Lyme disease   | 2    | 5    | 11   | 12   | 7    | 10   | 8    | 16   | 12   | 7    | 90    |
| Malaria  | 5    | 4    | 4    | 8    | 9    | 6    | 2    | 8    | 2    | 4    | 52    |
| Measles  | 8    | 2    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 10    |
| Meningococcal disease  | 2    | 1    | 1    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 1    | 1    | 0    | 6     |
| Mpox   | NR   | NR   | NR   | NR   | NR   | NR   | NR   | NR   | 3    | 0    | 3     |
| Multisystem inflammatory syndrome                                  | NR   | NR   | NR   | NR   | NR   | NR   | 6    | 9    | 6    | 0    | 21    |
| Mumps  | 0    | 0    | 2    | 0    | 0    | 12   | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 14    |
| Pertussis  | 109  | 16   | 15   | 9    | 163  | 147  | 34   | 1    | 1    | 51   | 546   |
| Q fever  | 5    | 5    | 4    | 5    | 12   | 11   | 8    | 5    | 6    | 7    | 68    |
| Rabies, animal   | 21   | 29   | 27   | 22   | 15   | 16   | 10   | 15   | 9    | 20   | 184   |
| Salmonellosis  | 164  | 230  | 305  | 226  | 227  | 166  | 179  | 220  | 250  | 249  | 2216  |
| Shiga toxin-producing <i>E. coli</i>                               | 41   | 62   | 84   | 91   | 204  | 136  | 97   | 96   | 88   | 113  | 1012  |
| Shigellosis  | 616  | 285  | 28   | 29   | 26   | 9    | 12   | 17   | 17   | 53   | 1092  |
| Spotted fever rickettsiosis  | 3    | 2    | 6    | 13   | 14   | 10   | 7    | 7    | 1    | 2    | 65    |
| Methicillin-resistant <i>Staph aureus</i> (MRSA), invasive         | 124  | 159  | 144  | 115  | 173  | 156  | 169  | 178  | 148  | 145  | 1511  |
| <i>Strep. pneumoniae</i> , invasive                                | 88   | 110  | 129  | 135  | 106  | 101  | 71   | 95   | 109  | 125  | 1069  |
| Syphilis (primary, secondary, and early non-primary non-secondary) | 76   | 48   | 41   | 52   | 50   | 56   | 101  | 787  | 1504 | 1390 | 4105  |
| Syphilis, congenital   | 3    | 0    | 2    | 3    | 1    | 3    | 4    | 16   | 40   | 54   | 126   |
| Toxic shock syndrome   | 0    | 3    | 1    | 0    | 1    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 1    | 0    | 6     |
| Tularemia  | 5    | 25   | 14   | 13   | 9    | 17   | 10   | 14   | 0    | 8    | 115   |
| Tuberculosis   | 8    | 17   | 12   | 14   | 12   | 16   | 16   | 12   | 10   | 14   | 131   |
| Typhoid and paratyphoid fever                                      | 0    | 1    | 2    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 1    | 2    | 1    | 7     |
| West Nile fever  | 45   | 29   | 117  | 46   | 122  | 11   | 9    | 29   | 35   | 48   | 491   |
| West Nile neuroinvasive  | 12   | 11   | 35   | 27   | 47   | 0    | 11   | 19   | 36   | 46   | 244   |
| Vibriosis  | NR   | NR   | 5    | 12   | 9    | 3    | 3    | 9    | 4    | 5    | 50    |

\*NR = not reportable

Source: South Dakota Department of Health. Minor variances from past reports reflect differences between MMWR year and calendar year, cross-year deduplication and recategorization.

**Table 55 Reportable Diseases by County of Residence, South Dakota, 2023** (Calendar years)

| County of residence | Campylobacteriosis | Chlamydia   | Cryptosporidiosis | Giardiasis | Gonorrhea   | Hepatitis B, chronic | Hepatitis C, chronic | Legionellosis | MRSA, invasive | Pertussis | Salmonella | Shigellosis | <i>Strep. pneumo., invasive</i> | Shiga Toxin-Prod <i>E. coli</i> | Tularemia | Varicella (Chicken pox) | West Nile disease |
|---------------------|--------------------|-------------|-------------------|------------|-------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------|----------------|-----------|------------|-------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>TOTAL</b>        | <b>455</b>         | <b>4891</b> | <b>161</b>        | <b>80</b>  | <b>2330</b> | <b>38</b>            | <b>582</b>           | <b>17</b>     | <b>145</b>     | <b>51</b> | <b>249</b> | <b>53</b>   | <b>125</b>                      | <b>113</b>                      | <b>8</b>  | <b>16</b>               | <b>94</b>         |
| Incidence*          | 49.5               | 532.0       | 17.5              | 8.7        | 253.4       | 4.1                  | 63.3                 | 1.8           | 15.8           | 5.5       | 27.1       | 5.8         | 13.6                            | 12.3                            | 0.9       | 1.7                     | 10.2              |
| Aurora              | <5                 | 8           | 0                 | <5         | 0           | 0                    | 0                    | 0             | 0              | 0         | 0          | 0           | 0                               | 0                               | 0         | 0                       | 0                 |
| Beadle              | 9                  | 80          | 5                 | 0          | 8           | <5                   | 7                    | 0             | <5             | 0         | <5         | 0           | <5                              | 0                               | 0         | <5                      | <5                |
| Bennett             | <5                 | 48          | 0                 | 0          | 14          | 0                    | <5                   | 0             | <5             | 0         | 0          | 0           | <5                              | 0                               | 0         | 0                       | 0                 |
| Bon Homme           | <5                 | 16          | 0                 | <5         | 5           | 0                    | <5                   | 0             | 0              | 11        | <5         | 0           | 0                               | 0                               | 0         | 0                       | <5                |
| Brookings           | 7                  | 111         | 14                | <5         | 8           | <5                   | >5                   | 0             | <5             | <5        | 7          | <5          | 0                               | <5                              | 0         | <5                      | <5                |
| Brown               | 23                 | 123         | 10                | <5         | 14          | <5                   | 7                    | 0             | <5             | 0         | 9          | <5          | <5                              | <5                              | 0         | <5                      | 9                 |
| Brule               | 7                  | 20          | <5                | 0          | 20          | 0                    | 5                    | 0             | <5             | <5        | <5         | <5          | <5                              | <5                              | 0         | 0                       | 0                 |
| Buffalo             | <5                 | 45          | 0                 | 0          | 39          | 0                    | 28                   | 0             | <5             | 0         | 0          | 0           | 0                               | 0                               | 0         | 0                       | <5                |
| Butte               | 6                  | 25          | 0                 | <5         | 9           | 0                    | <5                   | 0             | 0              | 0         | 9          | 0           | <5                              | 0                               | 0         | 0                       | 0                 |
| Campbell            | <5                 | <5          | 0                 | 0          | 0           | 0                    | 0                    | 0             | 0              | 0         | 0          | 0           | <5                              | 0                               | 0         | 0                       | <5                |

| County of residence | Campylobacteriosis | Chlamydia | Cryptosporidiosis | Giardiasis | Gonorrhea | Hepatitis B, chronic | Hepatitis C, chronic | Legionellosis | MRSA, invasive | Pertussis | Salmonella | Shigellosis | Strep. pneumoniae, invasive | Shiga Toxin-Prod E. coli | Tularemia | Varicella (Chicken pox) | West Nile disease |
|---------------------|--------------------|-----------|-------------------|------------|-----------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------|----------------|-----------|------------|-------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------------------|
| Charles Mix         | 9                  | 58        | <5                | <5         | 35        | <5                   | 15                   | 0             | <5             | 5         | 5          | 0           | <5                          | 0                        | 0         | 0                       | 0                 |
| Clark               | 7                  | 7         | 0                 | <5         | <5        | 0                    | 0                    | 0             | 0              | 0         | 0          | <5          | <5                          | 0                        | 0         | 0                       | <5                |
| Clay                | <5                 | 71        | <5                | <5         | 14        | 0                    | <5                   | <5            | <5             | 0         | 9          | 0           | <5                          | 0                        | 0         | 0                       | 0                 |
| Codington           | 9                  | 76        | 9                 | 5          | 9         | <5                   | <5                   | 0             | <5             | 0         | 6          | 0           | <5                          | 6                        | 0         | 0                       | <5                |
| Corson              | 0                  | 41        | 0                 | 0          | 21        | 0                    | 26                   | 0             | <5             | 0         | <5         | 0           | <5                          | <5                       | 0         | 0                       | <5                |
| Custer              | <5                 | 15        | 0                 | 0          | <5        | 0                    | <5                   | <5            | 0              | 0         | <5         | 0           | <5                          | <5                       | 0         | 0                       | 0                 |
| Davison             | 11                 | 65        | <5                | <5         | 22        | 0                    | <5                   | 0             | 8              | <5        | <5         | <5          | 5                           | 0                        | 0         | 0                       | <5                |
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| Dewey               | 5                  | 146       | 0                 | 0          | 97        | 0                    | 45                   | 0             | <5             | 0         | <5         | 0           | 5                           | 0                        | 0         | 0                       | <5                |
| Douglas             | 8                  | <5        | 0                 | 0          | 0         | 0                    | <5                   | 0             | <5             | 0         | <5         | 0           | <5                          | <5                       | 0         | 0                       | 0                 |
| Edmunds             | 6                  | 5         | <5                | 0          | <5        | 0                    | <5                   | 0             | 0              | 0         | <5         | 0           | 0                           | 0                        | 0         | 0                       | <5                |
| Fall River          | 10                 | 18        | 0                 | 0          | <5        | 0                    | 8                    | 0             | <5             | 0         | 0          | 0           | 0                           | <5                       | 0         | 0                       | <5                |
| Faulk               | <5                 | 0         | <5                | 0          | 0         | 0                    | 0                    | 0             | 0              | 0         | 0          | <5          | 0                           | 0                        | 0         | 0                       | <5                |
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| Gregory             | 10                 | 9         | 0                 | <5         | <5        | 0                    | 0                    | 0             | <5             | 0         | <5         | 0           | 0                           | <5                       | 0         | 0                       | 0                 |
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| Hanson              | <5                 | 6         | 0                 | 0          | <5        | 0                    | 0                    | 0             | <5             | 0         | <5         | 0           | 0                           | 0                        | 0         | 0                       | 0                 |
| Harding             | <5                 | 0         | 0                 | 0          | <5        | 0                    | 0                    | 0             | 0              | 0         | <5         | 0           | 0                           | 0                        | 0         | 0                       | 0                 |
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| Lake                | <5                 | 28        | <5                | <5         | <5        | 0                    | <5                   | <5            | 0              | 0         | <5         | 0           | <5                          | 5                        | 0         | 0                       | <5                |
| Lawrence            | 11                 | 86        | 10                | <5         | 12        | <5                   | 9                    | 0             | <5             | 0         | 5          | <5          | <5                          | <5                       | 0         | 0                       | 0                 |
| Lincoln             | 27                 | 210       | 11                | 7          | 50        | <5                   | 9                    | <5            | 7              | 12        | 21         | 0           | <5                          | <5                       | <5        | <5                      | 5                 |
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| Minnehaha           | 63                 | 1447      | 41                | 26         | 756       | 22                   | 117                  | 5             | 35             | 0         | 40         | 9           | 19                          | 23                       | <5        | 6                       | 11                |
| Moody               | <5                 | 23        | 0                 | 0          | 15        | 0                    | <5                   | 0             | 0              | 0         | 0          | 0           | <5                          | <5                       | 0         | <5                      | <5                |
| Oglala Lakota       | 6                  | 373       | 0                 | <5         | 229       | <5                   | 35                   | 0             | 7              | 0         | <5         | 0           | 9                           | 0                        | <5        | 0                       | 5                 |
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| Roberts             | 11                 | 59        | <5                | 0          | 11        | 0                    | 6                    | 0             | <5             | 0         | <5         | <5          | <5                          | 5                        | 0         | 0                       | 0                 |
| Sanborn             | 8                  | <5        | 0                 | <5         | 0         | 0                    | <5                   | 0             | 0              | 0         | <5         | 0           | <5                          | <5                       | <5        | 0                       | <5                |
| Spink               | 6                  | 8         | 0                 | 0          | 0         | 0                    | 0                    | 0             | <5             | 0         | <5         | 0           | <5                          | <5                       | 0         | 0                       | <5                |
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| Sully               | 0                  | <5        | 0                 | 0          | 0         | 0                    | 0                    | 0             | 0              | 0         | 0          | 0           | <5                          | 0                        | 0         | 0                       | 0                 |
| Todd                | 11                 | 284       | <5                | 8          | 196       | 0                    | 55                   | <5            | 8              | <5        | <5         | 26          | <5                          | <5                       | <5        | 0                       | 0                 |
| Tripp               | 8                  | 25        | <5                | 0          | 23        | 0                    | <5                   | 0             | <5             | 0         | 5          | 0           | <5                          | <5                       | 0         | 0                       | 0                 |
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| Union               | 5                  | 25        | 0                 | 0          | <5        | <5                   | <5                   | 0             | <5             | 6         | <5         | 0           | <5                          | 0                        | 0         | 0                       | <5                |
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| County of residence | Campylobacteriosis | Chlamydia | Cryptosporidiosis | Giardiasis | Gonorrhea | Hepatitis B, chronic | Hepatitis C, chronic | Legionellosis | MRSA, invasive | Pertussis | Salmonella | Shigellosis | Strep. pneumo, invasive | Shiga Toxin-Prod E. coli | Tularemia | Varicella (Chicken pox) | West Nile disease |
|---------------------|--------------------|-----------|-------------------|------------|-----------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------|----------------|-----------|------------|-------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------------------|
| Yankton             | 9                  | 69        | 5                 | 0          | 14        | 0                    | 12                   | 5             | 8              | 0         | 5          | 0           | 5                       | 5                        | 0         | 0                       | 5                 |
| Ziebach             | 5                  | 35        | 0                 | 0          | 14        | 0                    | 5                    | 0             | 5              | 0         | 5          | 0           | 0                       | 0                        | 0         | 0                       | 0                 |

\*Incidence: cases per 100,000 population  
Individual county events of 1, 2, 3 or 4 are published as <5

**Table 56 Reportable Diseases by Gender, Race and Age, South Dakota, 2023** (Calendar years)

|                   | Campylobacteriosis | Chlamydia   | CRE       | Cryptosporidiosis | Giardiasis | Gonorrhea   | Hepatitis B, chronic | Hepatitis C, chronic | HIV and AIDS | Pertussis | Salmonellosis | Shiga Toxin-Producing E. coli | Shigellosis | Strep. pneumo, invasive | Syphilis (P. S. E non-P non-S) | Tuberculosis | Tularemia | Varicella (Chicken pox) | West Nile disease |  |
|-------------------|--------------------|-------------|-----------|-------------------|------------|-------------|----------------------|----------------------|--------------|-----------|---------------|-------------------------------|-------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------------------|--|
| <b>Total</b>      | <b>455</b>         | <b>4891</b> | <b>40</b> | <b>161</b>        | <b>80</b>  | <b>2330</b> | <b>38</b>            | <b>582</b>           | <b>52</b>    | <b>51</b> | <b>249</b>    | <b>113</b>                    | <b>53</b>   | <b>125</b>              | <b>1390</b>                    | <b>14</b>    | <b>8</b>  | <b>16</b>               | <b>94</b>         |  |
| <b>Incidence*</b> | 49.5               | 532.0       | 4.4       | 17.5              | 8.7        | 253.4       | 4.1                  | 63.3                 | 5.7          | 5.5       | 27.1          | 12.3                          | 5.8         | 13.6                    | 151.2                          | 1.5          | 0.9       | 1.7                     | 10.2              |  |
| <b>Gender</b>     |                    |             |           |                   |            |             |                      |                      |              |           |               |                               |             |                         |                                |              |           |                         |                   |  |
| Female            | 202                | 3275        | 22        | 79                | 37         | 1287        | 14                   | 240                  | 19           | 28        | 124           | 63                            | 28          | 53                      | 737                            | 5            | 4         | 6                       | 35                |  |
| Male              | 253                | 1616        | 18        | 82                | 43         | 1043        | 24                   | 342                  | 33           | 23        | 125           | 50                            | 25          | 72                      | 653                            | 9            | 4         | 10                      | 59                |  |
| <b>Race</b>       |                    |             |           |                   |            |             |                      |                      |              |           |               |                               |             |                         |                                |              |           |                         |                   |  |
| White             | 370                | 1882        | 37        | 151               | 61         | 441         | 6                    | 172                  | 24           | 46        | 198           | 104                           | 18          | 72                      | 134                            | 6            | 6         | 10                      | 79                |  |
| Am.Indian         | 58                 | 2255        | 1         | 7                 | 14         | 1548        | 3                    | 360                  | 14           | 1         | 33            | 5                             | 29          | 46                      | 1191                           | 2            | 2         | 1                       | 12                |  |
| Black             | 8                  | 403         | 1         | 1                 | 3          | 231         | 19                   | 19                   | 11           | 0         | 4             | 0                             | 3           | 5                       | 37                             | 2            | 0         | 1                       | 0                 |  |
| Asian             | 3                  | 35          | 1         | 1                 | 0          | 9           | 8                    | 2                    | 3            | 0         | 2             | 0                             | 1           | 1                       | 5                              | 4            | 0         | 1                       | 0                 |  |
| Other             | 5                  | 62          | 0         | 1                 | 1          | 33          | 1                    | 18                   | 0            | 0         | 3             | 1                             | 1           | 0                       | 17                             | 0            | 0         | 2                       | 0                 |  |
| Unknown           | 11                 | 254         | 0         | 0                 | 1          | 68          | 1                    | 11                   | 0            | 4         | 9             | 3                             | 1           | 1                       | 6                              | 0            | 0         | 1                       | 3                 |  |
| <b>Age group</b>  |                    |             |           |                   |            |             |                      |                      |              |           |               |                               |             |                         |                                |              |           |                         |                   |  |
| <1 yr             | 5                  | 3           | 0         | 0                 | 2          | 1           | 0                    | 0                    | 0            | 16        | 5             | 1                             | 2           | 2                       | 0                              | 0            | 0         | 5                       | 0                 |  |
| 1-4 yrs           | 38                 | 1           | 0         | 19                | 29         | 1           | 1                    | 0                    | 0            | 9         | 17            | 26                            | 15          | 5                       | 0                              | 0            | 1         | 5                       | 0                 |  |
| 5-14 yrs          | 28                 | 47          | 1         | 18                | 9          | 13          | 0                    | 2                    | 0            | 16        | 24            | 9                             | 10          | 2                       | 3                              | 0            | 0         | 3                       | 2                 |  |
| 15-24 yrs         | 59                 | 2707        | 1         | 27                | 3          | 770         | 7                    | 56                   | 5            | 5         | 22            | 17                            | 2           | 2                       | 302                            | 2            | 0         | 1                       | 4                 |  |
| 25-39 yrs         | 108                | 1806        | 1         | 43                | 15         | 1182        | 13                   | 246                  | 37           | 1         | 36            | 24                            | 9           | 14                      | 814                            | 7            | 3         | 1                       | 8                 |  |
| 40-64 yrs         | 140                | 318         | 8         | 40                | 17         | 345         | 14                   | 235                  | 9            | 4         | 93            | 20                            | 10          | 50                      | 265                            | 2            | 4         | 1                       | 47                |  |
| ≥65 yrs           | 77                 | 7           | 29        | 14                | 5          | 16          | 3                    | 43                   | 1            | 0         | 52            | 16                            | 5           | 50                      | 6                              | 3            | 0         | 0                       | 33                |  |

Total cases reported on this table may differ slightly from column totals due to incomplete case information.

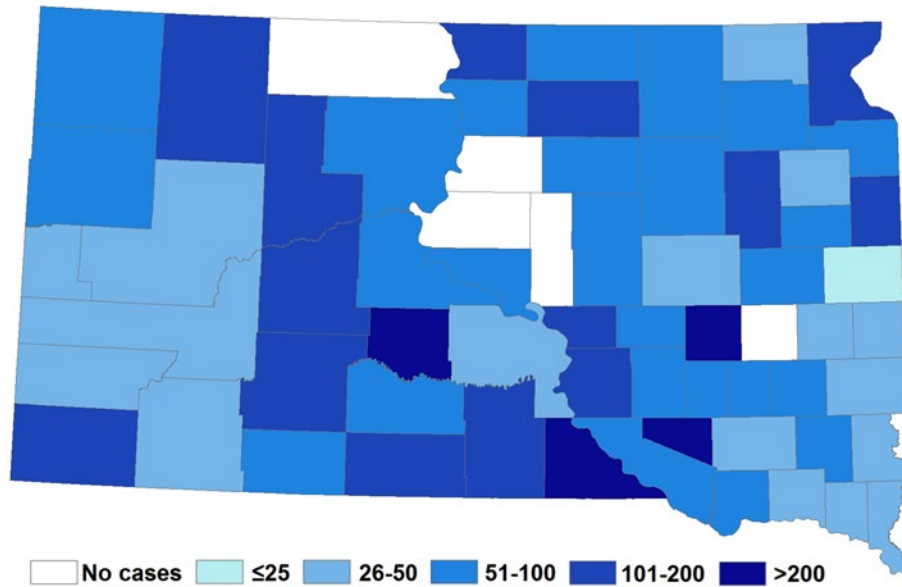
\*Incidence: cases per 100,000 population

## CAMPYLOBACTERIOSIS

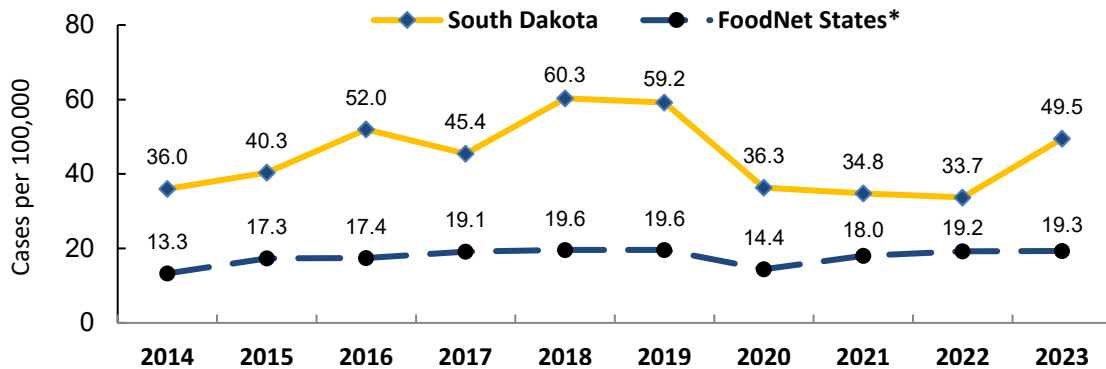
*Campylobacter* is a bacterium that can cause diarrhea, often bloody, abdominal pain, vomiting, fever, nausea, and malaise. Most cases of campylobacteriosis are relatively mild, lasting one to two days. Some cases, however, are more severe and relapses occur in about 20 percent of patients. Complications may include convulsions, septicemia, extra-intestinal infection, arthritis, and one in 1,000 campylobacteriosis cases leads to Guillain-Barré syndrome. *Campylobacter*-associated deaths are rare.

Campylobacteriosis has been the most commonly reported enteric bacterial pathogen in South Dakota since 2001. In 2023, there were 455 cases of *Campylobacter* infection reported, a 40 percent increase from the five-year median (median: 324). South Dakota's rate of campylobacteriosis ranks high nationally, usually double the rate of states receiving enhanced funding for conducting active surveillance for foodborne disease (FoodNet). Eighty-two cases (21%) were hospitalized. Of the *Campylobacter* cases that were culture confirmed, the species identified were *C. jejuni* (127 cases), *C. coli* (17), *C. ureolyticus* (1), *C. fetus* (1), and *C. upsaliensis* (1). Thirty-eight percent of campylobacteriosis cases reported contact with cattle.

**Figure 14**  
**Campylobacteriosis Incidence by County of Residence: South Dakota, 2023**  
(cases per 100,000)



**Figure 15**  
**Campylobacteriosis Incidence, South Dakota & U.S. (FoodNet States\*), 2014-2023**

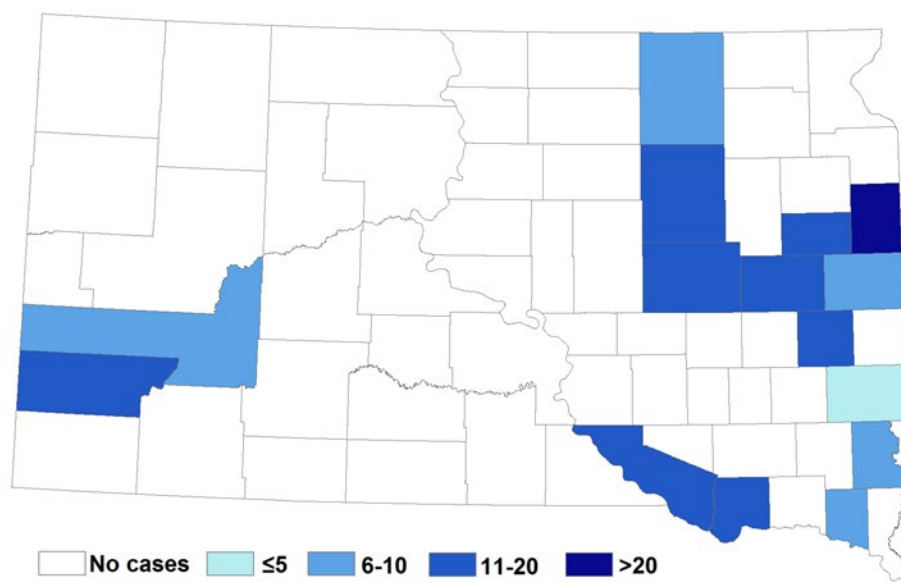


\*FoodNet states include CA, CO, CT, GA, MD, MN, NM, NY, OR, and TN.

## CARBAPENEM-RESISTANT ENTEROBACTERALES (CRE)

Carbapenem-resistant Enterobacterales (CRE) are a family of bacteria that are difficult to treat because they are highly resistant to group of antibiotics called carbapenems. CRE are an important emerging threat to public health. Common bacteria in the Enterobacterales order include *Klebsiella* species, *Enterobacter* species, and *Escherichia coli*. These bacteria are typically found in the human gastrointestinal tract. However, they can spread outside the gut and cause serious infections, such as urinary tract infections, bloodstream infections, wound infections, and pneumonia. Enterobacterales can cause infections in people in both healthcare and community settings. In South Dakota, 40 cases of CRE were reported in 2023. The statewide incidence was 4.4 cases per 100,000 population.

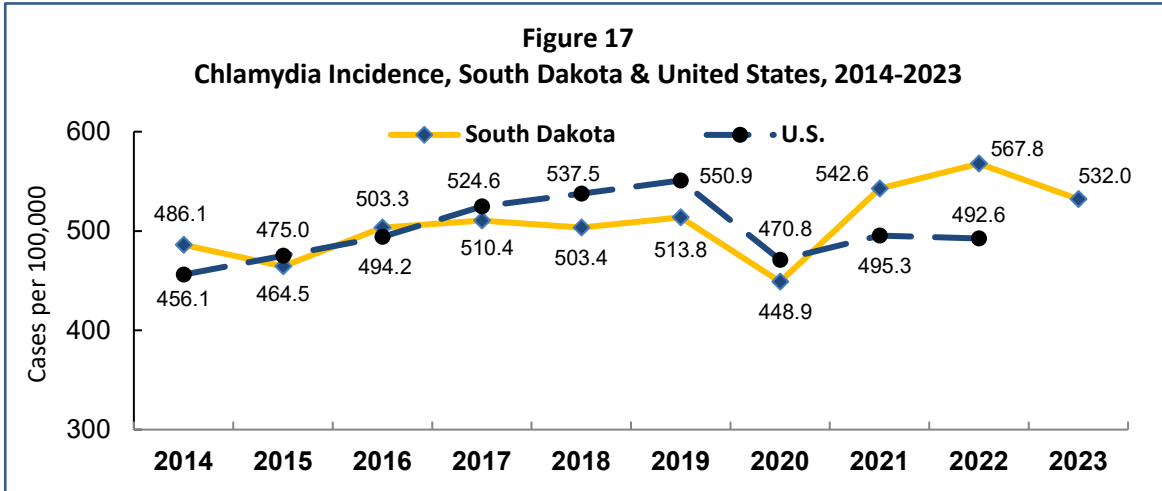
**Figure 16**  
**CRE Incidence by County of Residence: South Dakota, 2023**  
(cases per 100,000)



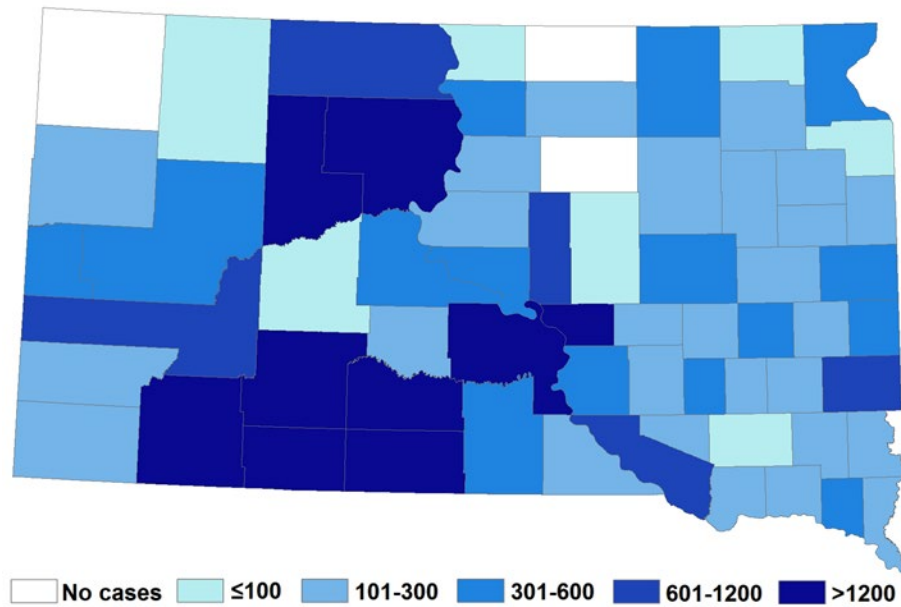
## CHLAMYDIA

Chlamydia is a common sexually transmitted disease (STD) caused by the bacterium *Chlamydia trachomatis* which can infect both men and women. Chlamydia transmission occurs during contact with mucus membrane secretions of infected individuals – almost always during sexual activity. Neonatal transmission occurs when an infant is born to an infected mother and may then cause pneumonia or conjunctivitis in the newborn. Most female infections are asymptomatic or mild, but can cause mucus-pus discharges, pelvic inflammatory disease, infertility, and ectopic pregnancy. Men experience urethral discharge, epididymal pain, and sexually reactive arthritis.

In 2023, there were 4,891 cases of chlamydia reported in South Dakota, an eight percent increase from the five-year median (median: 4,545). Counties with the highest incidence (cases per 100,000 population) included Todd (3,087.3), Dewey (2,803.4), Oglala Lakota (2,776.5), and Buffalo (2,388.5). Youth in the 15–24 year age group had the highest rate of disease. The number of chlamydia cases has been increasing over the past decade in South Dakota.



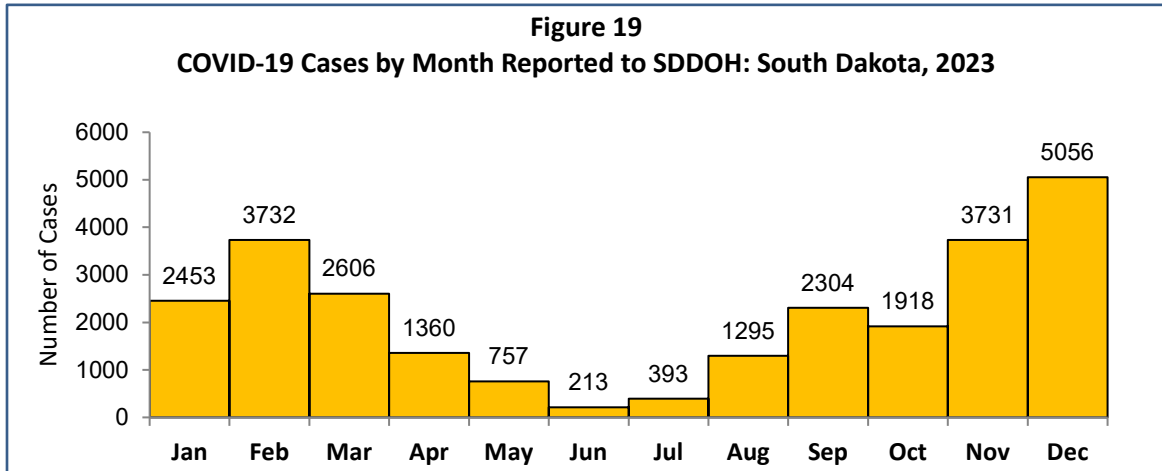
**Figure 18**  
**Chlamydia Incidence by County of Residence: South Dakota, 2023**  
 (cases per 100,000)



### CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19)

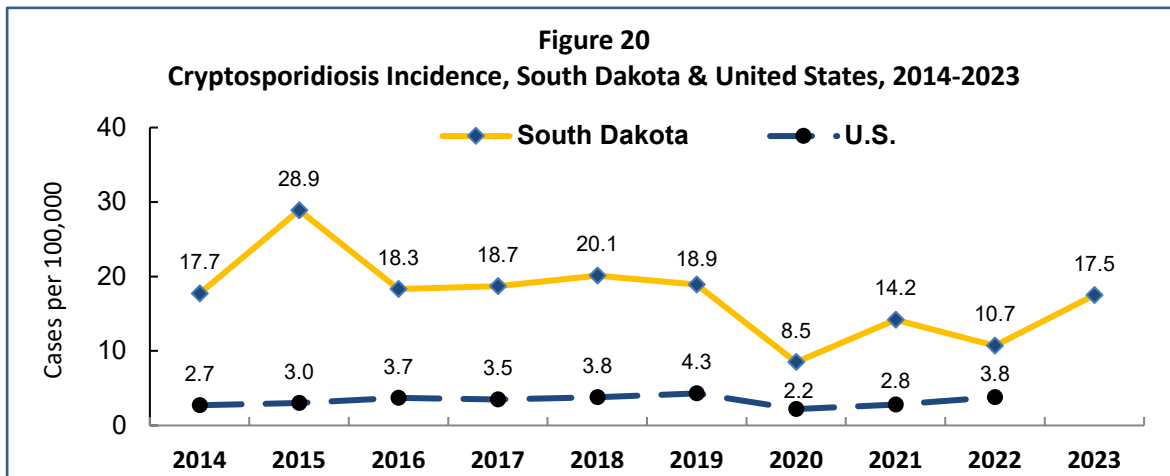
COVID-19 is a respiratory disease caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus first identified in December 2019. From January 2020 until May 2023, COVID-19 was a federal public health emergency in the United States. COVID-19 is transmitted when an infected person breathes out aerosolized droplets that contain the virus. Symptoms of COVID-19 may include cough, runny nose, sore throat, fever, and new loss of taste or smell.

In 2023, a total of 25,818 cases of COVID-19 were reported in South Dakota, resulting in 1,448 hospitalizations and 184 deaths.



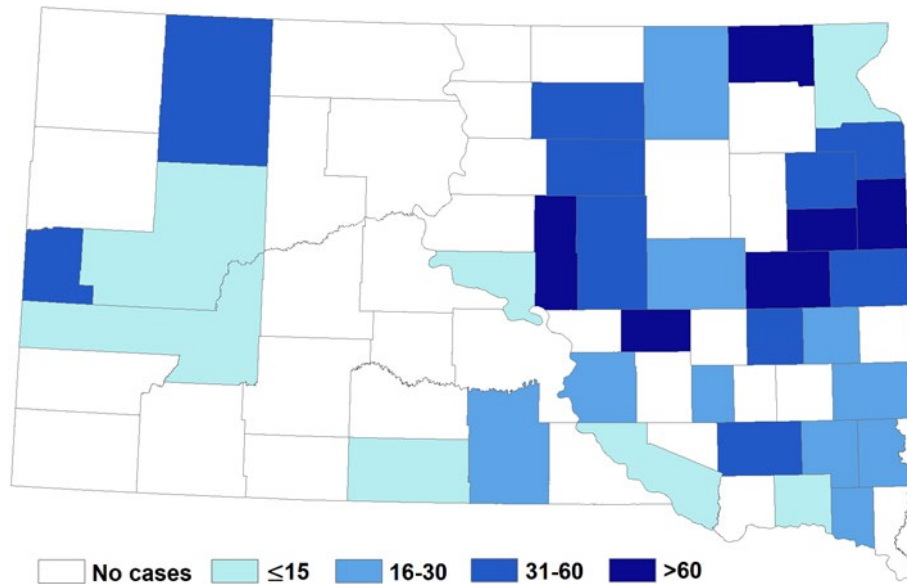
**CRYPTOSPORIDIOSIS**

Cryptosporidiosis is a diarrheal disease caused by a chlorine-tolerant protozoan parasite transmitted by cattle or human feces through contaminated food or water or by direct person-to-person or animal-to-person contact. South Dakota’s cryptosporidiosis rate has been consistently higher than the national rate over the past decade. In 2023, 161 cases of cryptosporidiosis were reported in South Dakota.





**Figure 21**  
**Cryptosporidiosis Incidence by County of Residence: South Dakota, 2023**  
(cases per 100,000)



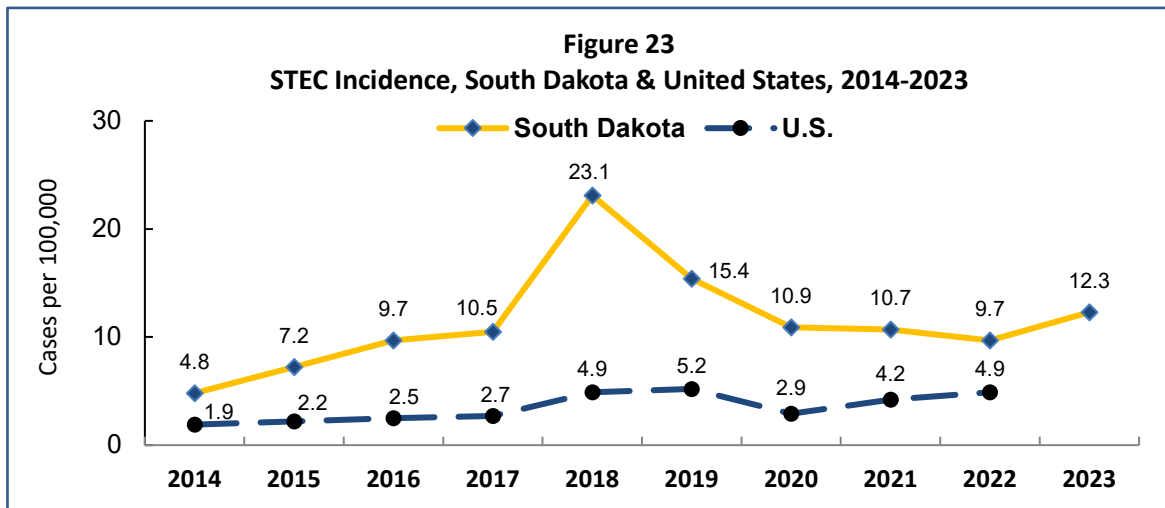
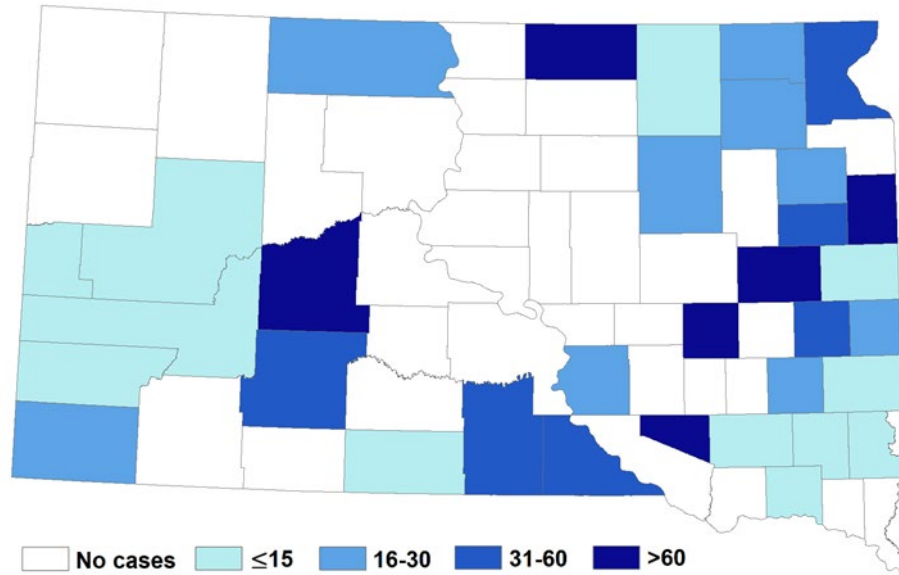
### ESCHERICHIA COLI, SHIGA TOXIN-PRODUCING (STEC)

Shiga-toxin producing *E. coli* (STEC) often causes severe bloody diarrhea and abdominal pain. The illness usually resolves in five to 10 days. In some individuals, however, complications may involve severe hemorrhagic colitis, hemolytic uremic syndrome, thrombotic thrombocytopenic purpura, and even death. STEC is transmitted by meat, water, fresh vegetables, or other foods contaminated by feces of cattle, sheep, deer, and other animals. Person-to-person transmission can also occur. Proper slaughtering and processing methods can prevent human infection, adequate cooking of meats, proper kitchen hygiene, pasteurization of dairy products and fruit juices, and handwashing after contact with cattle or their feces. Individuals with STEC infections are restricted from commercial food handling, child daycare, or patient health care until two successive negative fecal samples are produced.

Culture-independent diagnostic testing (CIDTs) is now commonly used by clinical laboratories in the state for detecting STEC infections. The STEC surveillance case definition used by SDDOH to classify and report cases was updated in 2018. Individuals testing positive by CIDT (but not subsequently confirmed by culture) have been included in the reported case count totals since 2018.

In 2023, 113 cases of STEC were reported in South Dakota (12.3 cases per 100,000 population). South Dakota's STEC rate has been greater than two times the national rate over the past decade. There were 36 cases (32%) that occurred in children less than 15 years of age. Twenty-nine cases (26%) were hospitalized, and seven cases of hemolytic uremic syndrome (HUS) associated with STEC infection were reported. Of the 113 total STEC cases, 43 were culture-confirmed *E. coli* and 70 were only positive by a CIDT. Culture-confirmed cases included the following serogroups: O157 (13 cases), O111 (6), O26 (5), O121 (4), and O103 (4).

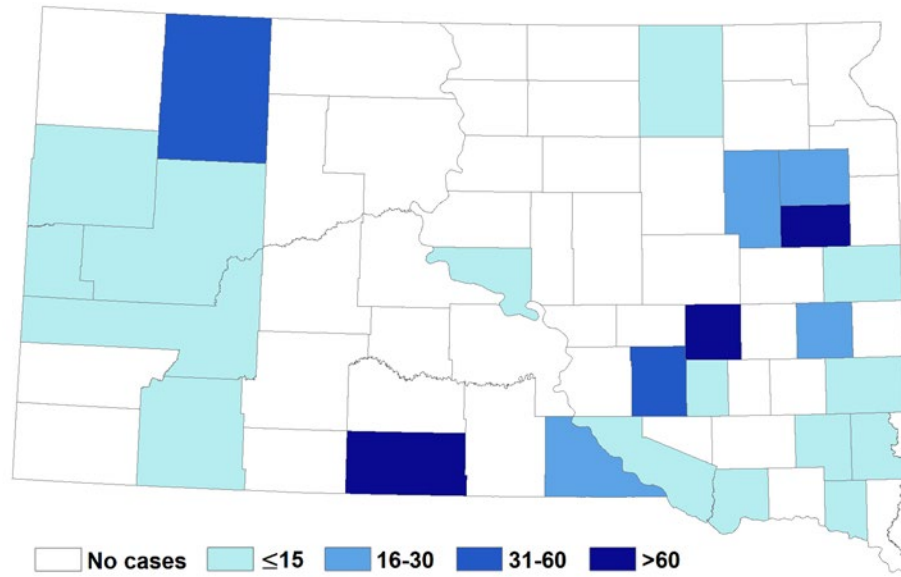
**Figure 22**  
**STEC Incidence by County of Residence: South Dakota, 2023**  
(cases per 100,000)



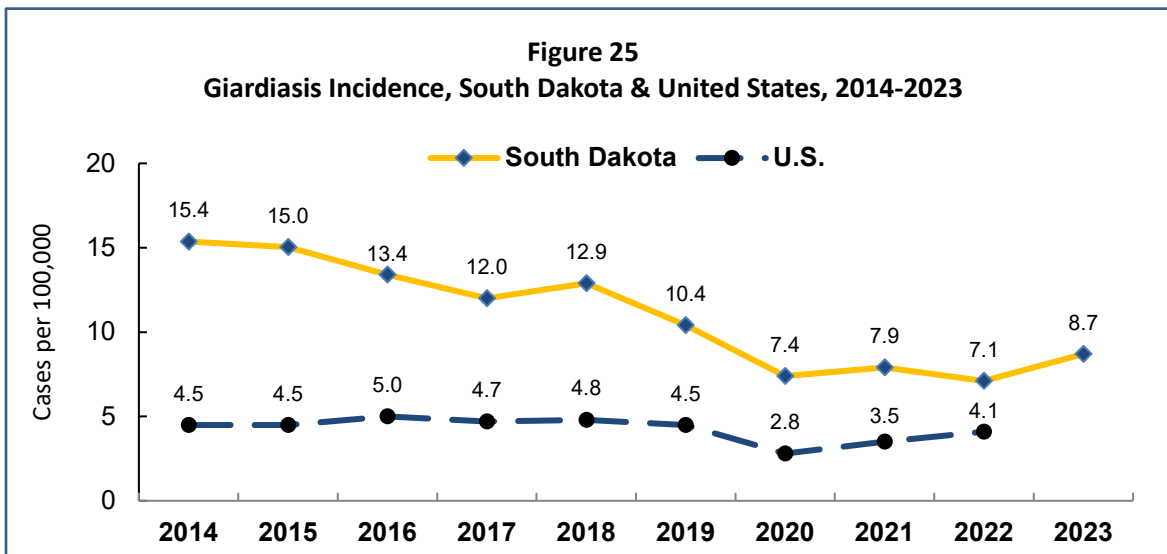
## GIARDIASIS

Giardiasis is a gastrointestinal disease involving diarrhea and abdominal cramps that is caused by a protozoan parasite called *Giardia lamblia* (*G. intestinalis*, *G. duodenalis*). Giardiasis is transmitted person-to-person or by contaminated water, or in some cases animal-to-human. In 2023, 80 cases of *Giardia* infection were reported in South Dakota residents (8.7 cases per 100,000 population), which was slightly above the five-year median (median: 71). South Dakota’s giardiasis rate has been more than double the national rate over the past decade.

**Figure 24**  
**Giardiasis Incidence by County of Residence: South Dakota, 2023**  
(cases per 100,000)



**Figure 25**  
**Giardiasis Incidence, South Dakota & United States, 2014-2023**

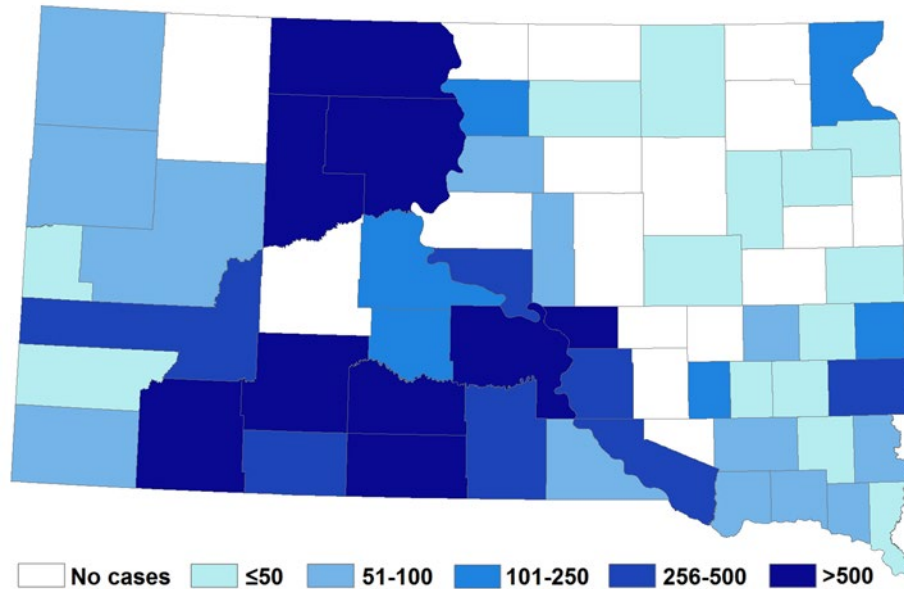


## GONORRHEA

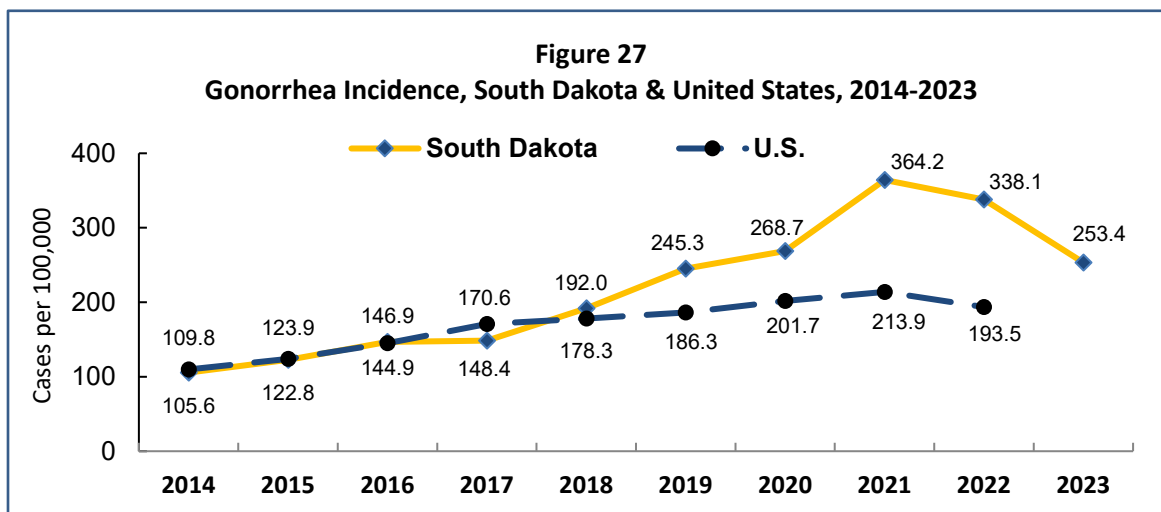
Gonorrhea is a sexually transmitted disease (STD) that can cause infections in the genitals, rectum, and throat, and less commonly as an invasive, disseminated disease. Gonorrhea is most common among young people ages 15-24 years. Although gonorrhea may be asymptomatic, untreated gonorrhea can cause serious and permanent health problems in both women and men. In women, untreated gonorrhea can cause pelvic inflammatory disease with complications such as scar tissue in fallopian tubes, ectopic pregnancy, infertility, and long-term pelvic/abdominal pain. In men gonorrhea may infect the tubes attached to the testicles which may cause sterility.

Gonorrhea has been increasing over the past decade in South Dakota. In 2023, there were 2,330 cases reported, which is a rate of 253.4 cases per 100,000 population. The median age of cases was 29 years old (range: 0 to 89). Females accounted for 55 percent of cases.

**Figure 26**  
**Gonorrhea Incidence by County of Residence: South Dakota, 2023**  
 (cases per 100,000)

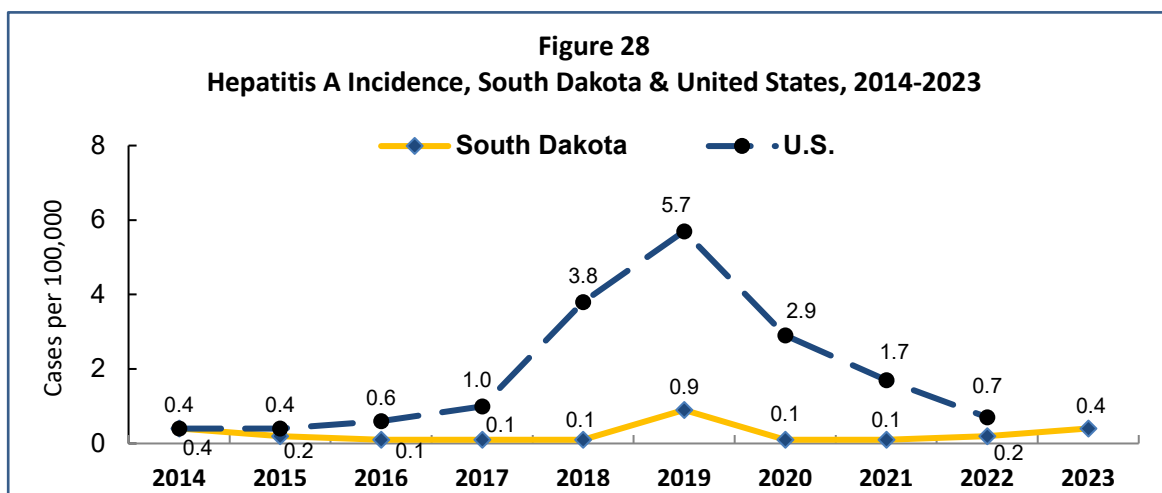


**Figure 27**  
**Gonorrhea Incidence, South Dakota & United States, 2014-2023**



## HEPATITIS A, ACUTE

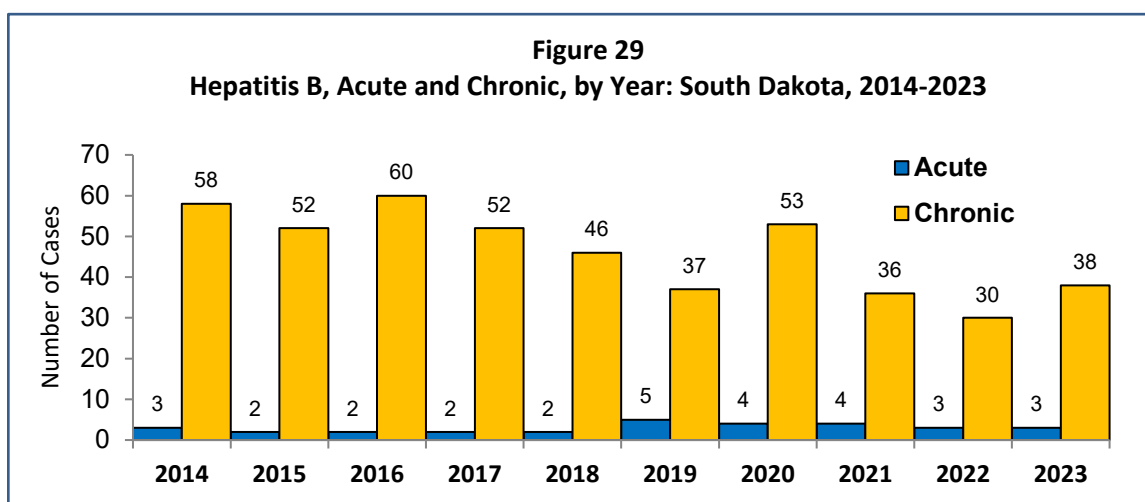
Hepatitis A is a liver disease caused by the hepatitis A virus (HAV), which infects humans through fecal-oral transmission. Since the licensure of the hepatitis A vaccine in 1995-1996, rates of infection have declined significantly. In South Dakota, there were four cases of hepatitis A reported in 2023. Two cases (50%) had recent international travel.



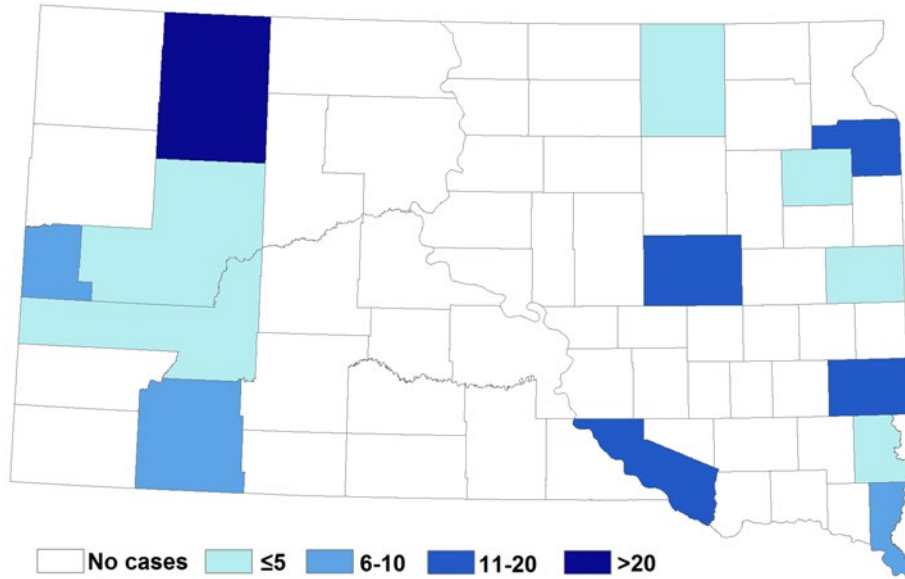
### HEPATITIS B, ACUTE AND CHRONIC

Hepatitis B is a liver disease caused by the hepatitis B virus (HBV). This virus is transmitted when blood and other body fluid from an infected person enters the body of someone who is not infected during sexual contact; sharing needles, syringes, or other drug-injection equipment; or from mother to baby at birth. For some individuals, hepatitis B is an acute, or short-term, illness but for others, it can become a long-term, chronic infection. Risk for HBV chronic infection is related to age at infection: approximately 90 percent of infected infants become chronically infected, compared with 2-6 percent of adults. Chronic hepatitis B can lead to serious health issues like cirrhosis or liver cancer. The best way to prevent hepatitis B is by getting vaccinated. HBV vaccine is now recommended at birth and for children and adolescents who did not complete vaccination as infants. HBV vaccination is not mandatory for school entry in South Dakota.

In 2023, there were three cases of acute hepatitis B and 38 cases of chronic hepatitis B reported in South Dakota. The median age of cases was 36 years (range: 3 to 83) and 63 percent were male.



**Figure 30**  
**Chronic Hepatitis B Incidence by County of Residence: South Dakota, 2023**  
(cases per 100,000)

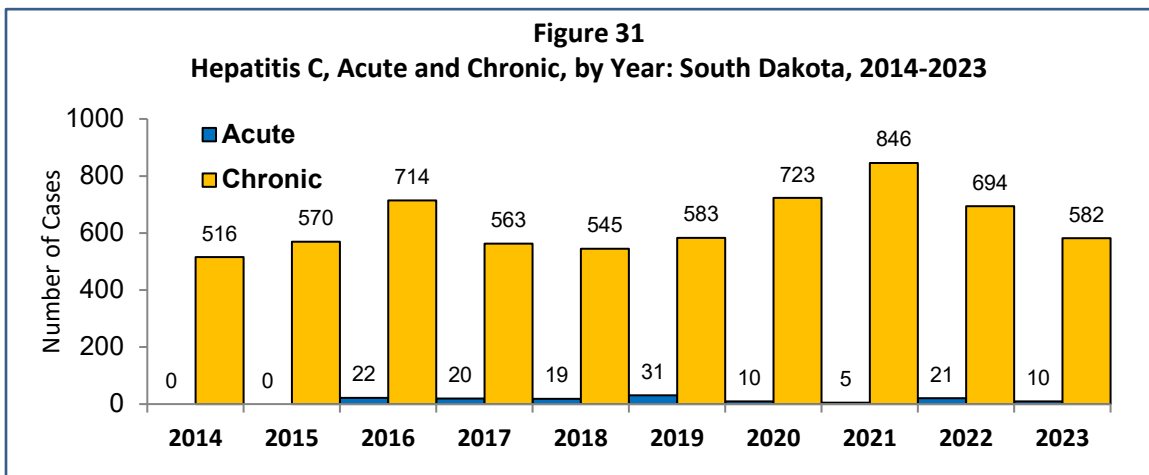


**HEPATITIS C, ACUTE AND CHRONIC**

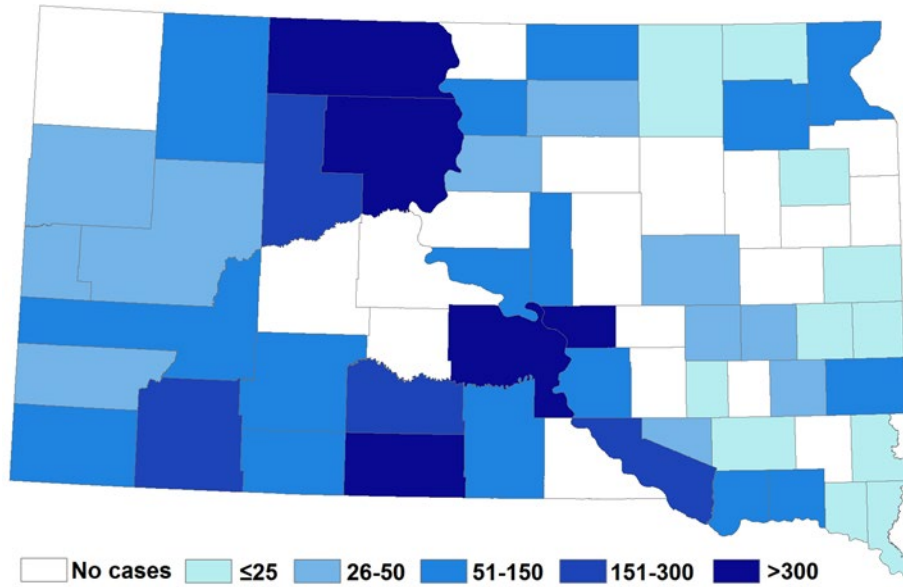
Hepatitis C causes liver disease. For most people, hepatitis C is a long-term, chronic infection and may cause long-term health problems resulting in death. The majority (70-80%) of persons might not be aware of their infection because they do not become clinically ill. There is no vaccine available for hepatitis C. Hepatitis C is a blood-borne virus and the greatest risk for infection is among persons who inject drugs.

In 2023, there were 10 cases of acute hepatitis C and 582 cases of chronic hepatitis C reported in South Dakota. The counties with the highest incidence of chronic hepatitis C (cases per 100,000 population) were Buffalo (1486.2), Dewey (864.1), Corson (687.5), and Todd (597.9).

**Figure 31**  
**Hepatitis C, Acute and Chronic, by Year: South Dakota, 2014-2023**



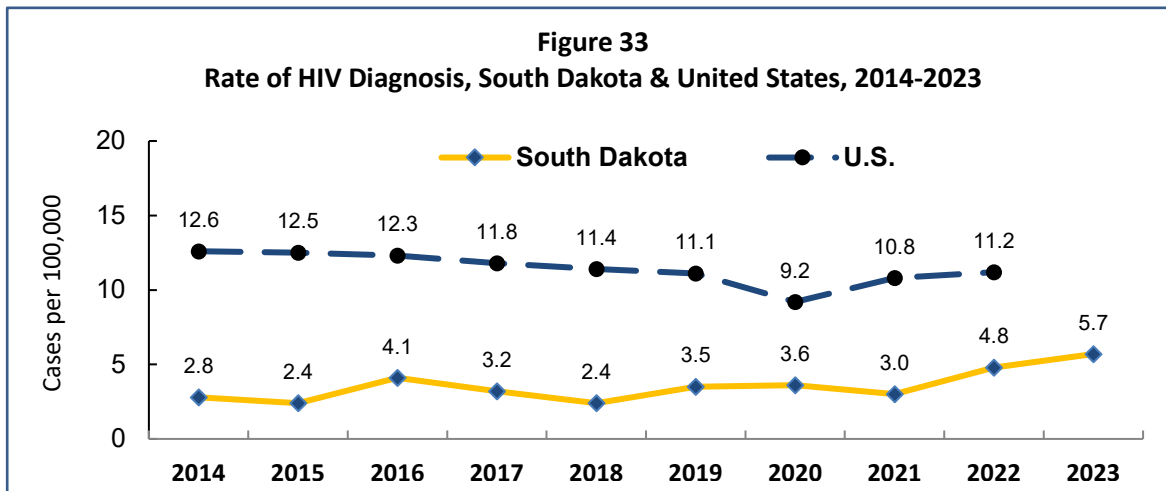
**Figure 32**  
**Chronic Hepatitis C Incidence by County of Residence: South Dakota, 2023**  
(cases per 100,000)



**HIV AND AIDS**

Human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection may lead to acquired immunodeficiency syndrome, or AIDS. HIV is spread mainly by having sex with or sharing drug injection needles and syringes with someone who is already infected with HIV. The only way to know for sure if you have HIV infection is to get tested. In 2023, there were 52 new HIV/AIDS cases reported in South Dakota.

**Figure 33**  
**Rate of HIV Diagnosis, South Dakota & United States, 2014-2023**



## INFLUENZA

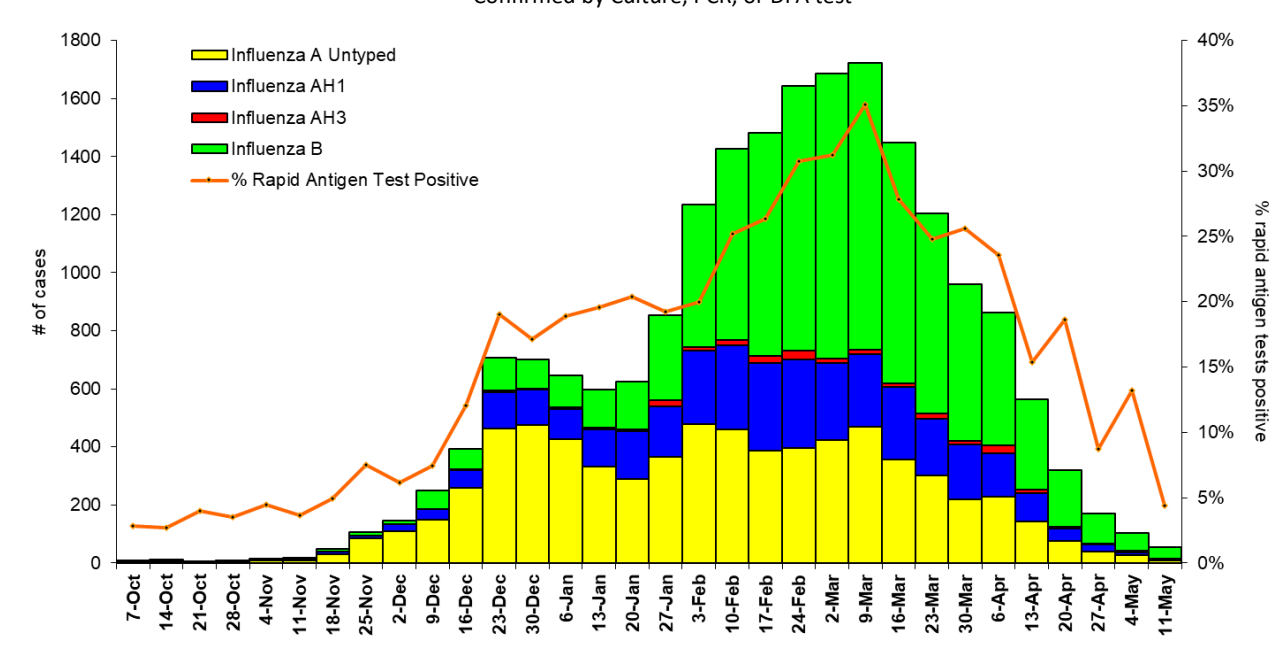
The 2023–2024 influenza season was a moderately severe season in South Dakota. A total of 20,180 confirmed influenza cases were reported to SDDOH, including 11,018 (55%) influenza A and 9,162 (45%) influenza B. Additionally, 16,813 rapid antigen influenza tests were performed with 3,147 positive results (19%); 1,492 (47%) positive for influenza A and 1,655 (53%) positive for influenza B. There were also 855 hospitalizations and 48 deaths reported during the 2023–2024 influenza season.

**Table 57**  
**Influenza Cases by Age Group, South Dakota, 2023-2024**

| Lab Confirmed Influenza Cases<br>(by Culture, PCR, or DFA) |               | Influenza Associated Hospitalizations |            | Influenza Associated Deaths |  |
|--|---------------|---------------------------------------|------------|-----------------------------|--|
| Age Group  | # Cases (%)   | # Hosp (%)                            | Deaths (%) |                             |  |
| 0-4  | 2658 (13%)    | 70 (8%)                               | 0          | (0%)                        |  |
| 5-18   | 7779 (39%)    | 87 (10%)                              | 1          | (2%)                        |  |
| 19-49  | 6357 (32%)    | 169 (20%)                             | 4          | (8%)                        |  |
| 50-64  | 1713 (8%)     | 151 (18%)                             | 4          | (8%)                        |  |
| > 64   | 1673 (8%)     | 378 (44%)                             | 39         | (81%)                       |  |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>20,180</b> | <b>855</b>                            | <b>48</b>  |                             |  |

**Figure 34**  
**2023-2024 Influenza Season Lab Confirmed Cases\* and % Rapid Antigen Test Positive by Week – South Dakota**

\* Confirmed by Culture, PCR, or DFA test





## LEGIONELLOSIS

Legionellosis includes two diseases, Legionnaires' disease and Pontiac fever, caused by exposure to *Legionella* bacteria. Legionnaires' disease causes pneumonia, while Pontiac fever causes a milder illness with fever and muscle aches. *Legionella* is naturally found in the environment, usually in water. People can get legionellosis after breathing in water droplets that contain the bacteria. In 2023, there were 17 cases of legionellosis reported in South Dakota, a 26 percent decrease from the five-year median (median: 23).

## LYME DISEASE

Lyme disease is caused by the spirochete *Borrelia burgdorferi* and is transmitted to humans by bites from *Ixodes scapularis*, commonly known as the blacklegged tick or deer tick. Currently, *I. scapularis* has only been found and documented in a few locations in eastern South Dakota, so the risk of exposure to Lyme disease in South Dakota is low. In 2023, there were seven cases of Lyme disease reported in South Dakota residents, a 30 percent decrease from the five-year median (median: 10).

## METHICILLIN-RESISTANT STAPHYLOCOCCUS AUREUS (MRSA), INVASIVE

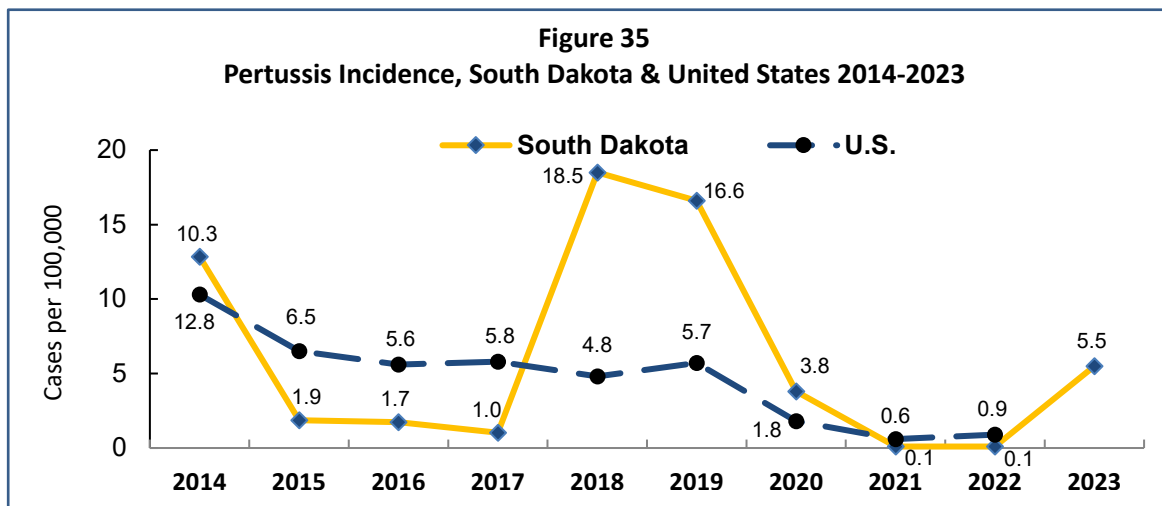
Methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA) is a bacterium resistant to most commonly used antibiotics. Most MRSA infections are skin infections, but may cause life-threatening bloodstream infections, pneumonia, and surgical site infections. In 2023, there were 145 cases of invasive MRSA reported in South Dakota. The highest rate of disease was among the elderly, ages 65 years and older.

## MULTISYSTEM INFLAMMATORY SYNDROME (MIS)

Multisystem inflammatory syndrome (MIS) is a rare but serious inflammatory condition in children (MIS-C) and young adults (MIS-A) that affects multiple organ systems, almost always requiring hospitalization. It appears to be linked to infection with SARS-CoV-2, the virus which causes COVID-19. In 2023, there were no cases of MIS reported in South Dakota.

## PERTUSSIS (WHOOPING COUGH)

Pertussis, commonly called whooping cough, is an acute infectious bacterial disease caused by *Bordetella pertussis*. The bacteria produce toxins that inflame and paralyze respiratory cilia causing severe coughing. Pertussis is transmitted by aerosolized droplets of respiratory secretions from infected individuals. Infants and young children are at higher risk of pertussis-associated complications, hospitalization, and death. The most common complication is secondary bacterial pneumonia. Youth and adults infected with pertussis may expose unprotected infants who are at risk of severe disease and complications. In 2023, there were 51 cases of pertussis reported in South Dakota, a 50 percent increase from the five-year median (median: 34). The median age of cases was 5 years (range: 0 to 58). One death occurred in an infant under 1 year of age.

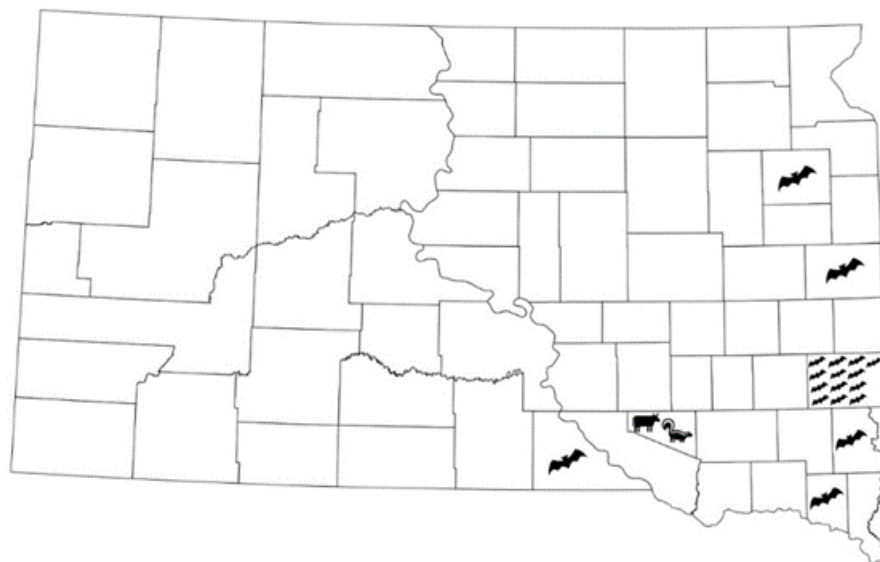


## RABIES, ANIMAL

Rabies is a viral disease affecting the central nervous system. All mammals, including humans, are susceptible to the rabies virus. Bites from infected animals constitute the primary route of transmission. Rabies is a fatal disease and cannot be treated once symptoms appear. Fortunately, rabies is successfully prevented by using post-exposure prophylaxis in people exposed to the rabies virus. While the last human rabies case in South Dakota occurred in 1970, substantial resources are spent managing potential exposures to rabies because of its constant presence in the state. Skunks (*Memphitis mephitis*) are the primary rabies reservoir in South Dakota. Over the past decade, 44 percent of skunks tested have been rabid. Bat rabies is also enzootic in South Dakota with four percent of bats being tested positive.

A total of 20 animals tested positive for rabies in 2023, a 33 percent increase from the five-year median (median: 15). The rabid animals included 18 bats, 1 skunk, and 1 cow. No human rabies was reported.

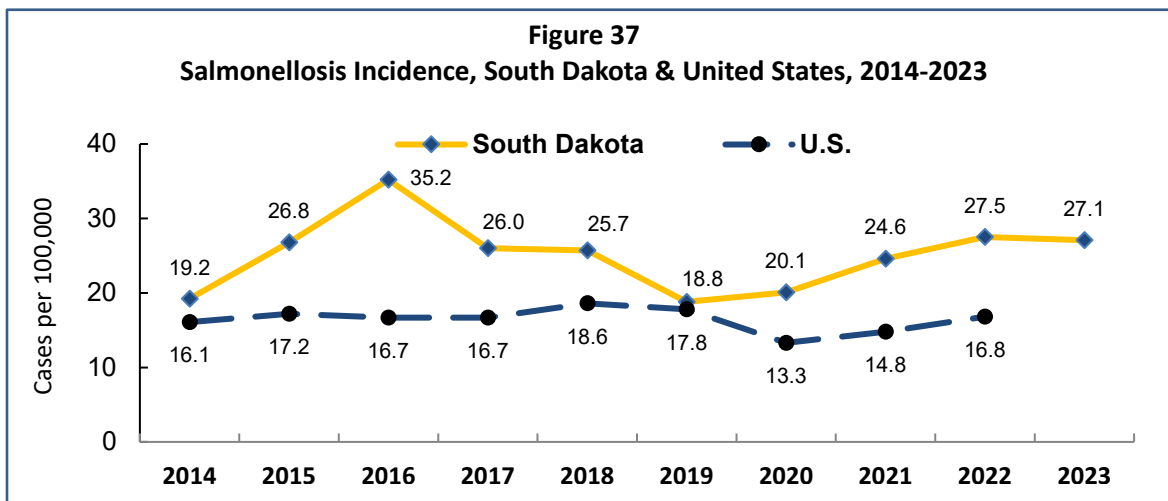
**Figure 36**  
**Animal Rabies by County: South Dakota, 2023**



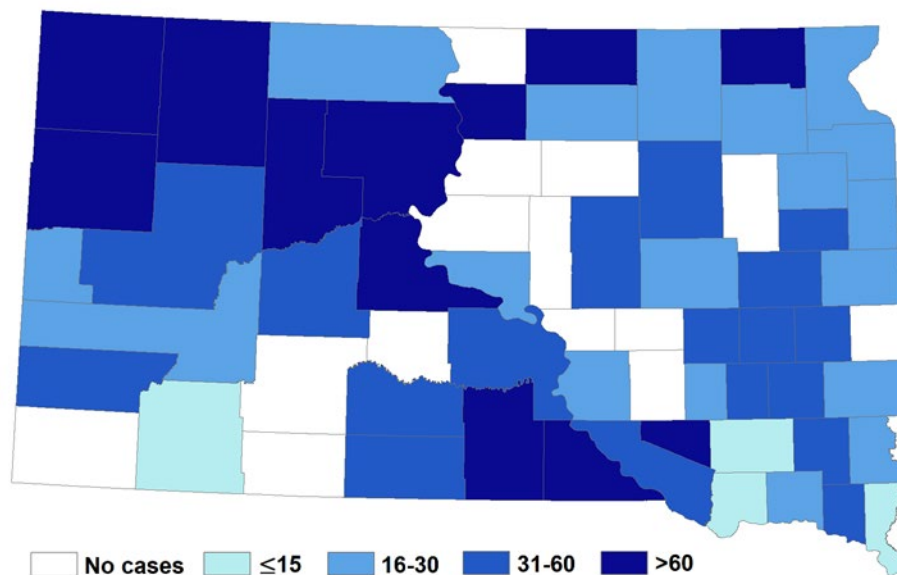
## SALMONELLOSIS

*Salmonella* is a bacterium that can cause diarrhea, fever, and abdominal cramps between 12 and 72 hours after infection. The illness usually lasts four to seven days, and most individuals recover without treatment, but in some with diarrhea, infection may spread from the intestines to the blood stream, and then to other body sites. In severe cases, infection may cause death. The elderly, infants, and those with impaired immune systems are more likely to have a severe illness.

In 2023, 249 cases of salmonellosis were reported in South Dakota. The *Salmonella* serotypes most commonly identified were *S. Enteritidis* (57 cases), *S. Typhimurium* (39), *S. Newport* (16), *S. I 4:i:-* (15), and *S. Infantis* (10). Older adults had the highest rate of infection; 41 percent of reported cases were over 50 years of age. Sixty-four cases (26%) were hospitalized. Twenty-seven cases (11%) reported international travel.



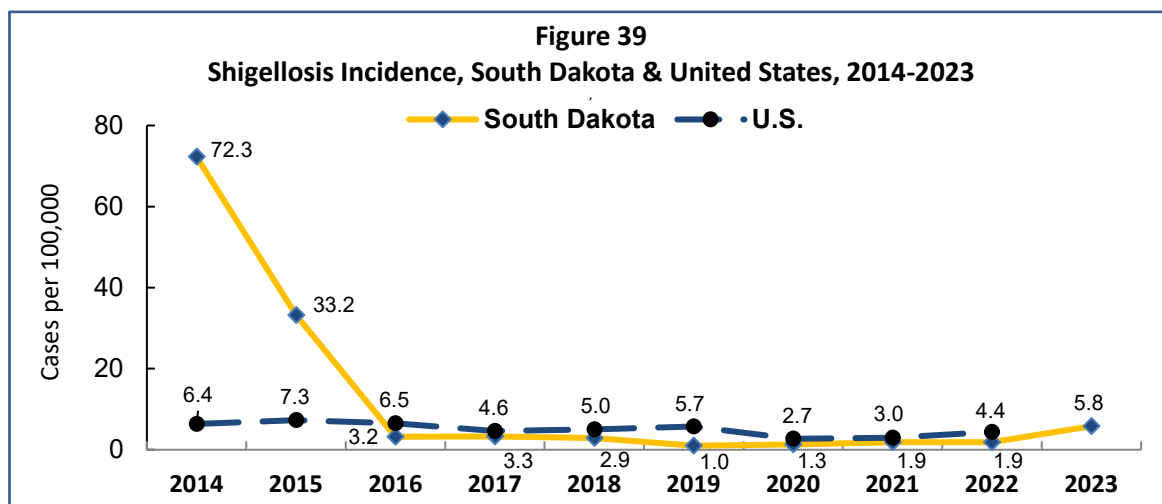
**Figure 38**  
**Salmonellosis Incidence by County of Residence: South Dakota, 2023**  
(cases per 100,000)



## SHIGELLOSIS

Shigellosis is an intestinal infection causing diarrhea, fever, nausea, vomiting, and abdominal cramps. Complications, such as severe dehydration or seizures, may occur, especially among young children. *Shigella* bacteria are transmitted by the fecal-oral route (human feces). Following exposure, illness usually occurs within one to four days. Transmission is typically person-to-person within families, child day care centers, and adult residential living situations. Food may be contaminated by people not washing their hands properly.

In 2023, there were 53 cases of shigellosis reported in South Dakota, a 211 percent increase above the five-year median (median: 17). South Dakota experienced a protracted multi-county outbreak from October 2013 to November 2015, largely in childcare settings. In 2023, thirty-eight cases (72%) were in children less than 15 years of age. Eleven cases (21%) were hospitalized.



## STREPTOCOCCUS PNEUMONIAE, INVASIVE

Pneumococcal disease is an infection caused by the bacteria *Streptococcus pneumoniae*, also referred to as pneumococcus. Invasive *Streptococcus pneumoniae* can cause many types of illnesses, including bacteremia, pneumonia, ear infections, and meningitis. There are vaccines to prevent pneumococcal disease for both children and adults. In 2023, there were 125 cases of invasive pneumococcal disease reported in South Dakota. The majority (80%) of cases occurred in adults 40 years of age and older.

## SYPHILIS (PRIMARY, SECONDARY, EARLY NON-PRIMARY NON-SECONDARY, AND CONGENITAL)

Syphilis is a sexually transmitted disease that can cause long-term complications if not treated promptly and correctly. Symptoms in adults are divided into stages: primary, secondary, early latent, and late latent syphilis. The primary, secondary, and early latent stages are infectious to others. Syphilis is spread by direct contact with a syphilis sore during vaginal, anal, or oral sex. Syphilis can also be spread from an infected mother to her unborn baby, i.e., congenital syphilis.

In South Dakota, there were 1,390 cases of early syphilis (primary, secondary, and early non-primary non-secondary) reported in 2023, a 1,276 percent increase from the five-year median (median: 101). Fifty-four cases of congenital syphilis were also reported. Five counties (Pennington, Oglala Lakota, Minnehaha, Dewey, and Todd) accounted for 73 percent of the state's early syphilis cases.

## TUBERCULOSIS

Tuberculosis (TB) is caused by the *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* bacteria. *M. tuberculosis* usually infects the lungs but can attack any part of the body such as the kidney, spine, and brain. If not treated properly, TB disease can be fatal. Tuberculosis is spread through the air from one person to another when an infectious person coughs, sneezes, speaks, talks, or sings.

There were 14 cases of TB reported in South Dakota in 2023. The median age of cases was 32 years (range: 20 to 76). American Indians have historically reported the highest percentage of TB cases by race, but this trend has decreased in recent years. In 2023, American Indians represented 14 percent of the total TB cases. Seventy-nine percent of TB cases reported were foreign-born.

## TULAREMIA

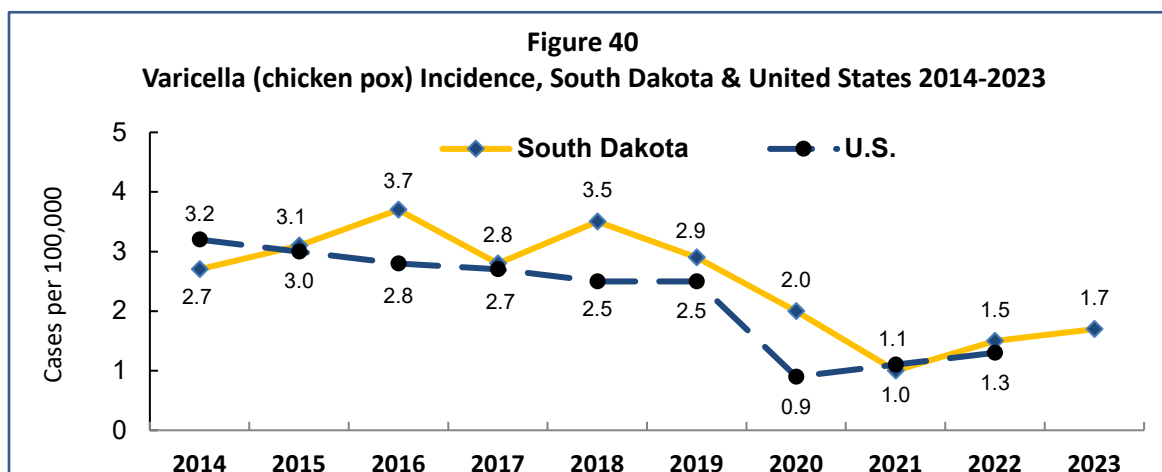
Tularemia is a bacterial disease caused by *Francisella tularensis* and is typically found in rodents but can infect insects as well. Infection can occur from a tick or deerfly bite, handling sick or dead animals, eating contaminated food, or inhaling airborne organisms. Depending on how a person is infected, symptoms can range from skin ulcers, inflamed eyes, sore throat and diarrhea to fever, chills, headache, and muscle aches. There are six main clinical forms of disease: ulceroglandular, glandular, pneumonic, oropharyngeal, oculoglandular, and typhoidal. If left untreated, tularemia may be fatal.

In 2023, there were eight cases of tularemia reported in South Dakota (5 ulceroglandular, 1 glandular, 1 oropharyngeal, and 1 pneumonic). The median age of cases was 40 years old (range: 1 to 61).

## VARICELLA (CHICKEN POX)

Varicella (chicken pox) is a highly contagious disease consisting of a blistering rash, itching, and fever caused by varicella-zoster virus. Chicken pox can be a serious disease, especially in babies and people with weakened immune systems. Varicella is spread through the air by the cough or sneeze of an infected person. It can also be spread by touching or breathing in the virus particles that come from chicken pox blisters. The best way to prevent chicken pox is to get the varicella vaccine. Varicella vaccination is mandated for school entry in South Dakota.

In 2023, there were 16 cases of chicken pox reported in South Dakota. Among cases with known vaccination status, eighty-one percent were unvaccinated or too young to have been vaccinated. The median age of cases was 2 years old (range: 0 to 42).

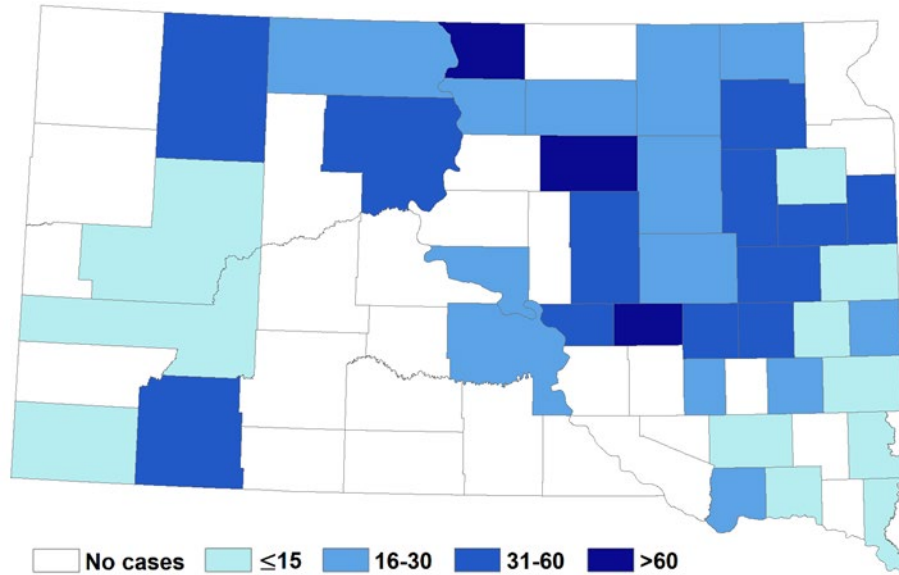


### WEST NILE VIRUS (WNV)

West Nile disease is a viral mosquito-borne illness that emerged in South Dakota in 2002. About 20 percent of WNV infected individuals develop fever with other symptoms such as headache, body aches, joint pains, vomiting, diarrhea, or rash. Most people with this type of West Nile virus disease recover completely, but fatigue and weakness can last for weeks or months. Less than one percent of infected individuals develop a serious neurologic illness such as encephalitis (infection of the brain) or meningitis (infection of the spinal cord). The symptoms of neurologic illness can include headache, high fever, neck stiffness, disorientation, coma, tremors, seizures, or paralysis. Neuroinvasive WNV infection may take several weeks or months to recover. Some of the neurologic effects may be permanent. The death rate for WNV neurologic disease is about 10 percent.

In South Dakota, there were 94 human cases of WNV disease (46 neuroinvasive and 48 non-neuroinvasive) reported in 2023. The overall incidence of WNV was 10.2 cases per 100,000 population. Fifty-four cases (57%) were hospitalized, including four deaths. Additionally, 11 persons were identified to have WNV infection through blood donation screenings.

**Figure 41**  
**Human WNV Disease Incidence by County of Residence: South Dakota, 2023**  
(cases per 100,000)



#### OTHER INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Other infectious diseases reported in South Dakota during 2023 include: 28 cases of invasive *Haemophilus influenzae*, seven cases each of coccidioidomycosis and Q fever, five cases each of cyclosporiasis and vibriosis, four cases each of dengue, ehrlichiosis, and malaria, two cases each of listeriosis and spotted fever rickettsiosis, and one case each of anaplasmosis, babesiosis, and paratyphoid fever.