

# Marriage & Divorce

<b>An Overview: 2010</b>	
<b>Marriages:</b>	
Number Occurring in S.D.	5,939
S.D. Rate per 1,000 Population	7.3
U.S. Rate per 1,000 Population	6.8
Age of Bride for South Dakota Residents (Years)	
Mean	30
Median	26
Mode	22
Range	
Lower	16
Upper	89
Age of Groom for South Dakota Residents (Years)	
Mean	32
Median	29
Mode	24
Range	
Lower	16
Upper	91
<b>Divorces and Annulments:</b>	
Number Occurring in S.D.	2,774
S.D. Rate Per 1,000 Population	3.4
U.S. Rate per 1,000 Population	3.6
Years Married Before Termination in S.D.	
Mean	10
Median	7
Mode	2
Range	
Lower	Less Than 1
Upper	52

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

## Marriages in South Dakota

In 2010, the South Dakota marriage rate was 7.3, down slightly from 7.8 in 2009. On the following page is Table 64, which provides the United States and South Dakota

marriage rates from 2000 through 2010. Figure 38, on the next page, illustrates the changes in these rates over this same time period.

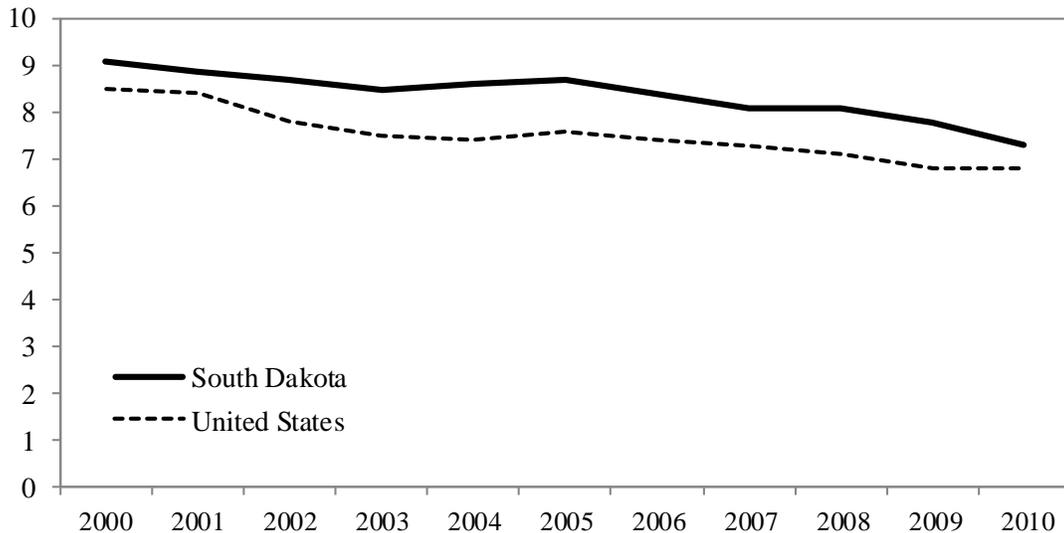
**Table 64**  
**Marriages and Marriage Rates by Occurrence,**  
**South Dakota and United States, 2000-2010**

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

Note: Crude marriage rates are per 1,000 population  
The year 2006 excludes data from Louisiana.

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

**Figure 38**  
**Marriages Occurring in South Dakota and United States, 2000-2010**



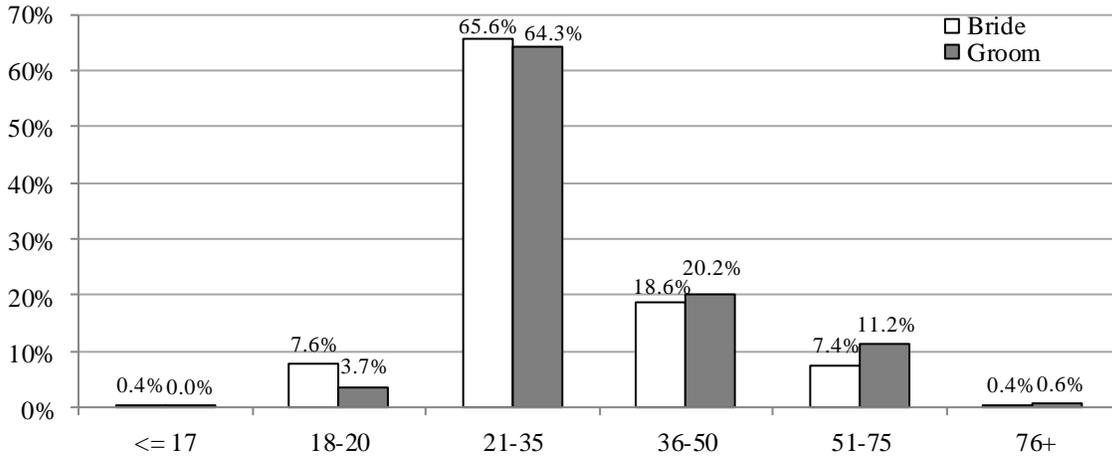
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Source: National Center for Health Statistics and South Dakota Department of Health, Office of Health Statistics

For South Dakota residents, the mean or average age of brides in 2010 was 30 years of age, the median age was 26, and the modal age was 22. The age of brides in 2010 ranged from a low of 16 to a high of

89. The mean age of South Dakota resident grooms in 2010 was 32 years of age, the median age was 29, and the modal age was 24. The age of grooms in 2010 ranged from a low of 16 to a high of 91.

**Figure 39**  
**Brides and Grooms by Age Group for Marriages Occurring in South Dakota, 2010**



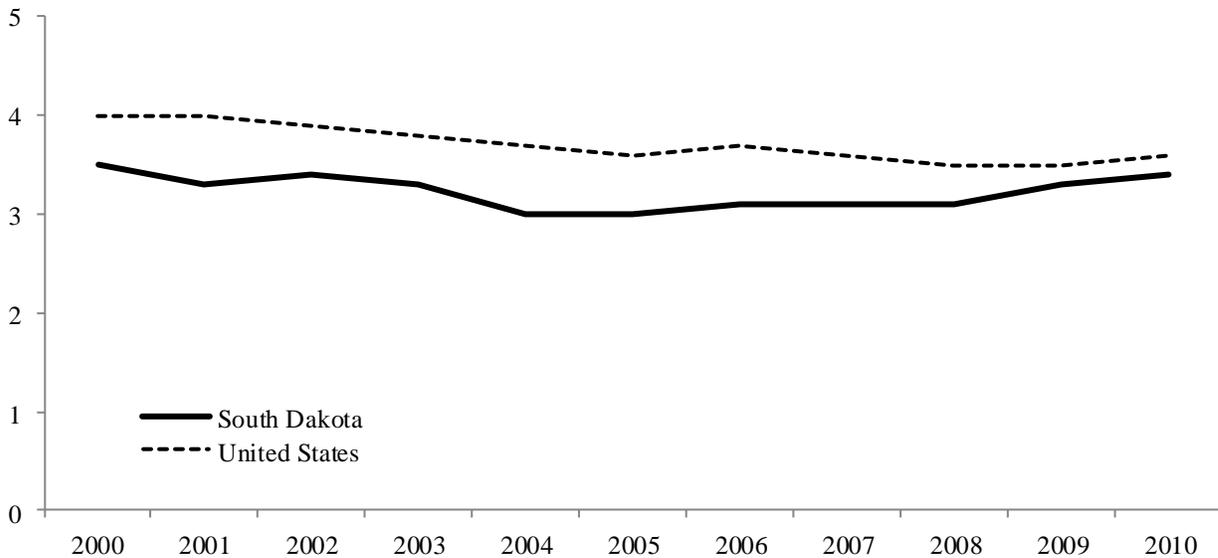
Source: South Dakota Department of Health, Office of Health Statistics

Divorces in South Dakota

For comparisons over time, Figure 40, below, illustrates the rates for South Dakota and national divorce rates from 2000 to 2010. Table 65, on the next page, lists the rates for South Dakota and the United

States. As displayed, the 2010 South Dakota divorce rate was 3.4 divorces per 1,000 population, which increased slightly from 3.3 in 2009.

**Figure 40**  
**Divorces Occurring in South Dakota and United States, 2000-2010**



Note: Crude divorce rates are per 1,000 population.

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

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

**Table 65**  
**Number and Rate of Divorces and Annulments by Occurrence,**  
**South Dakota and United States, 2000-2010**

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

Note: Crude divorce rates are per 1,000 population.

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

For South Dakota divorces, the mean or average duration of the marriages ending in divorce during 2010 was 10 years, the median duration was seven years, and the

modal duration was two years. The length of time before terminating the marriage ranged from less than one year to 52 years for 2010 South Dakota divorces.