Marriage & Divorce

An Overview: 2011

Marriages:

- Number Occurring in S.D.: 6,145
- S.D. Rate per 1,000 Population: 7.5
- *U.S. Rate per 1,000 Population: 6.8

Age of Bride for South Dakota Residents (Years)
- Mean: 30
- Median: 27
- Mode: 24
- Range:
  - Lower: 16
  - Upper: 91

Age of Groom for South Dakota Residents (Years)
- Mean: 33
- Median: 29
- Mode: 24
- Range:
  - Lower: 16
  - Upper: 91

Divorces and Annulments:

- Number Occurring in S.D.: 2,694
- S.D. Rate Per 1,000 Population: 3.3
- *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: 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 2010. The U.S. divorce rate only includes 44 reporting states and the District of Columbia.

Marriages in South Dakota

In 2011, the South Dakota marriage rate was 7.5, up slightly from 7.3 in 2010. On the following page is Table 66, which provides the United States and South Dakota marriage rates from 2000 through 2011. Figure 44, on the next page, illustrates the changes in these rates over this same time period.
Table 66
Marriages and Marriage Rates by Occurrence, South Dakota and United States, 2000-2011

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<th>United States*</th>
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Note: *The marriage data for the United States is provisional for all years. Crude marriage rates are per 1,000 population. The 2006 U.S. number and rate excludes data from Louisiana.
Source: National Center for Health Statistics and South Dakota Department of Health, Office of Health Statistics

Figure 44
Marriages Occurring in South Dakota and United States, 2000-2011

Note: The U.S. rate is provisional for all years. The year 2006 excludes data from Louisiana.
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 2011 was 30 years of age, the median age was 27, and the modal age was 24. The age of brides in 2011 ranged from a low of 16 to a high of 91. The mean age of South Dakota resident grooms in 2011 was 33 years of age, the median age was 29, and the modal age was 24. The age of grooms in 2011 ranged from a low of 16 to a high of 91.
Divorces in South Dakota

For comparisons over time, Figure 46, below, illustrates the rates for South Dakota and national divorce rates from 2000 to 2011. Table 67, on the next page, lists the rates for South Dakota and the United States. As displayed, the 2011 South Dakota divorce rate was 3.3 divorces per 1,000 population, which decreased slightly from 3.4 in 2010.

Figure 45
Brides and Grooms by Age Group for Marriages Occurring in South Dakota, 2011

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

Figure 46
Divorces Occurring in South Dakota and United States, 2000-2011

Note: The U.S. rate is provisional for all years. Crude divorce rates are per 1,000 population.


Source: 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 2011 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 56 years for South Dakota divorces in 2011.