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# Depression

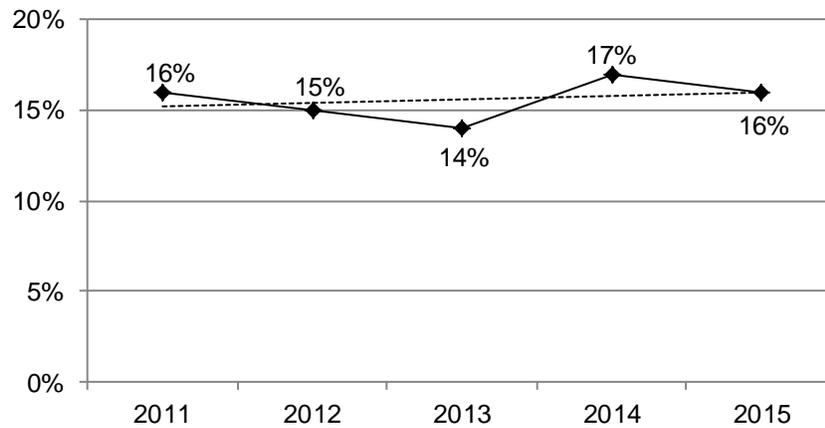
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**Definition:** Respondents who were told by a doctor, nurse, or health professional that they had some form of depression.

## Prevalence of Depression

- South Dakota 16%
- Nationwide median 19%

**Figure 56**  
**Percent of Respondents Who Were Told They Have Depression, 2011-2015**



Source: The Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, South Dakota Department of Health, 2011-2015

**Table 41  
Respondents Who Were Told They Have Depression, 2011-2015**

		2011-2015	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
<b>Total</b>		<b>16%</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>16%</b>
<b>Gender</b>	Male	11%	12%	12%	8%	12%	11%
	Female	21%	21%	19%	21%	21%	21%
<b>Age</b>	18-24	18%	*	*	*	*	*
	25-34	17%	*	*	*	*	*
	35-44	16%	*	*	*	*	*
	45-54	17%	*	*	*	*	*
	55-64	16%	19%	17%	*	15%	17%
	65-74	14%	*	*	*	*	*
	75+	10%	*	*	*	*	*
<b>Race</b>	White	15%	16%	15%	14%	16%	16%
	American Indian	19%	*	*	*	*	*
<b>Ethnicity</b>	Hispanic	17%	*	*	*	*	*
	Non-Hispanic	16%	16%	15%	14%	16%	16%
<b>Household Income</b>	Less than \$25,000	25%	25%	24%	*	27%	*
	\$25,000-\$49,999	15%	15%	16%	12%	16%	17%
	\$50,000+	11%	12%	10%	10%	10%	10%
<b>Education</b>	Less than High School, G.E.D.	19%	*	*	*	*	*
	High School, G.E.D.	15%	15%	14%	14%	15%	16%
	Some Post-High School	18%	19%	17%	16%	20%	17%
	College Graduate	13%	12%	13%	12%	14%	12%
<b>Employment Status</b>	Employed for Wages	14%	15%	14%	14%	14%	14%
	Self-employed	10%	*	*	*	*	*
	Unemployed	27%	*	*	*	*	*
	Homemaker	18%	*	*	*	*	*
	Student	16%	*	*	*	*	*
	Retired	12%	11%	13%	10%	13%	14%
	Unable to Work	49%	*	*	*	*	*
<b>Marital Status</b>	Married/Unmarried Couple	13%	13%	12%	13%	13%	13%
	Divorced/Separated	27%	*	*	*	*	*
	Widowed	17%	*	*	*	*	*
	Never Married	17%	*	*	*	*	*
<b>Home Ownership Status</b>	Own Home	13%	13%	13%	12%	13%	14%
	Rent Home	23%	23%	21%	21%	25%	*
<b>Children Status</b>	Children in Household (Ages 18-44)	16%	15%	14%	*	*	*
	No Children in Household (Ages 18-44)	18%	*	*	*	*	*
<b>Phone Status</b>	Landline	14%	15%	13%	13%	13%	16%
	Cell Phone	18%	*	18%	16%	19%	16%
<b>Pregnancy Status</b>	Pregnant (Ages 18-44)	22%	*	*	*	*	*
	Not Pregnant (Ages 18-44)	22%	*	*	*	*	*
<b>County</b>	Minnehaha	18%	*	*	*	*	*
	Pennington	19%	*	*	*	*	*
	Lincoln	14%	*	*	*	*	*
	Brown	17%	*	*	*	*	*
	Brookings	17%	*	*	*	*	*
	Codington	15%	*	*	*	*	*
	Meade	17%	*	*	*	*	*
	Lawrence	18%	*	*	*	*	*

Note: \*Results based on small sample sizes have been suppressed.

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