



SOUTH DAKOTA

In Brief

" Dakota voters have strongly favored the Republican Party throughout most of the state's history. Republicans have won most of the elections for governor, and also have won the state's electoral votes in most presidential elections (see ELECTORAL COLLEGE). In the 1960's, South Dakota began to show signs of being a two-party state. Since then, the Democratic Party has continued to draw voter support. But the Republicans remain the largest party."

Resource: World Book 2008

Capital: Pierre

Area: 77,116 sq mi

Population: 781,919

Resource: World Almanac 2008

South Dakota's 2007 population of 796,000 includes a higher percentage of the non-Hispanic white-alone population and a higher percentage of the American Indian and Alaska Native population than the nation as a whole, according to U.S. Census Bureau statistics. About 68 percent of South Dakota's voting-age citizens cast a ballot in the 2004 general election, which was higher than the national rate of 64 percent.

More information at: <http://www.census.gov/population/www/socdemo/voting.html>

Selected Characteristics	South Dakota	U.S.
Median age	36.9	36.4
Women	50.0%	50.7%
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino	86.6%	66.4%
American Indian or Alaska Native alone	8.5%	1.0%
Black alone	0.9%	12.8%
Hispanic or Latino	2.1%	14.8%
Median household income	\$42,791	\$48,451
Foreign born	2.2%	12.5%
Persons below poverty	13.6%	13.3%
Bachelor's degree or higher (age 25+)	24.8%	27.0%
Median home value	\$112,600	\$185,200

Source: U.S. Census Bureau Total Population Estimates (2007), State Population Estimates by Characteristics (2006), American Community Survey (2006).

More Resources

Government Information
<p>The official web site for the State South Dakota http://www.sd.gov/</p> <p>Governor of South Dakota http://www.state.sd.us/governor/</p> <p>South Dakota - Elected officials in U.S. Senate http://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm?State=SD</p> <p>South Dakota - Elected officials in U.S. House of Representatives http://www.house.gov/house/MemberWWW_by_State.shtml#de</p>
Elections 2008
<p>Politics 1: South Dakota Directory http://www.politicsone.com/sd.htm</p> <p>The Green Papers: South Dakota 2008 General elections - General http://www.thegreenpapers.com/G08/SD.phtml</p> <p>Secretary of State - Elections & Voter Registration http://www.sdsos.gov/</p>
Statistics
<p>South Dakota - Quick facts from the US Census Bureau http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/46000.html</p>
Media
<p>Local newspapers http://www.newslink.org/sdnews.html</p> <p>Local radio stations http://www.newslink.org/sdradi.html</p>
General Information
<p>Infoplease South Dakota http://www.infoplease.com/jpa/A0108270.html</p> <p>50states.com - South Dakota http://www.50states.com/sdakota.htm</p>