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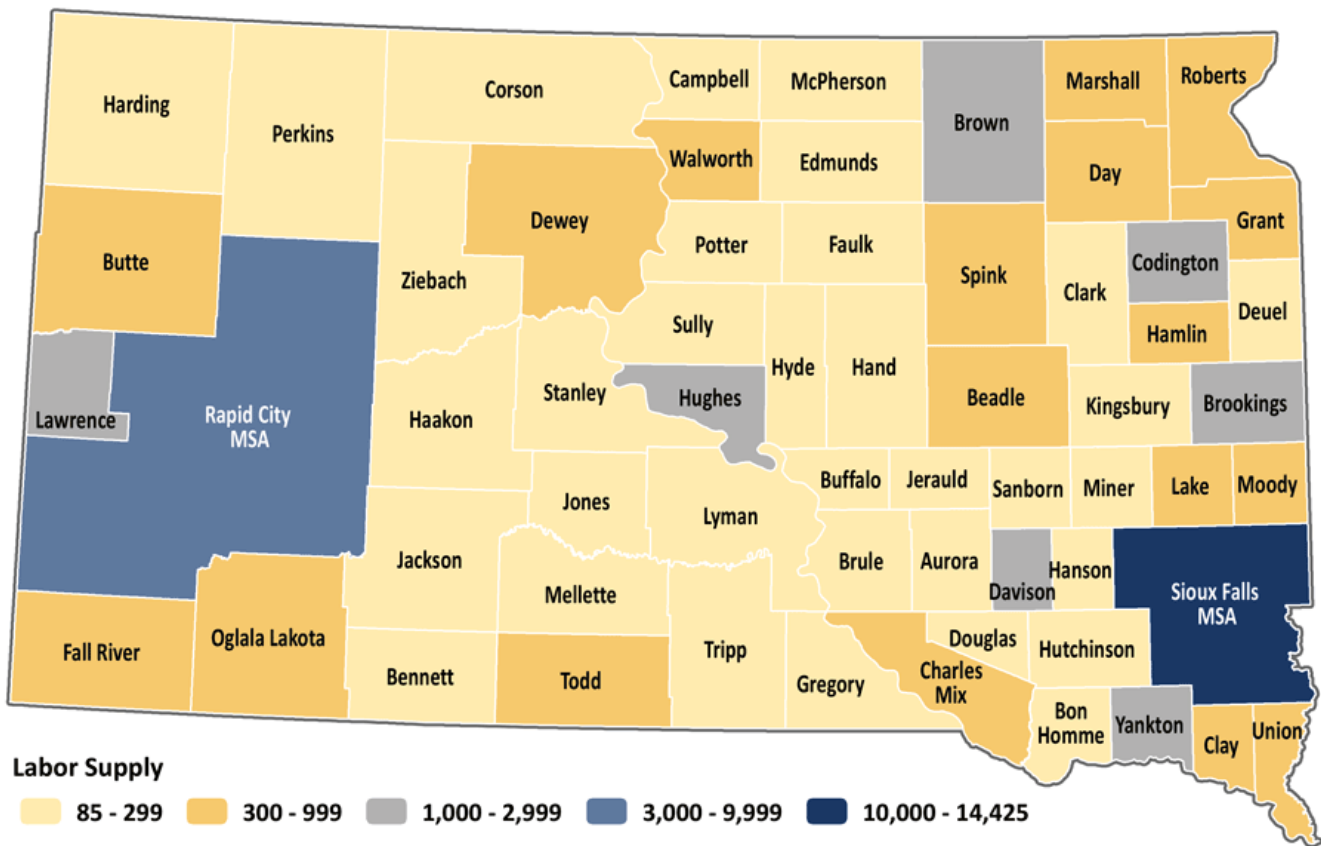
Overview of the Current Labor Market

The analysis below is based on the most current labor market data available at any point in time.

Labor Supply

The number of South Dakotans who would be available to staff a new or expanding business, or South Dakota's labor supply, was estimated at 47,230 in March 2017. Included in this labor supply are those who currently hold jobs (and would like to change) and those who, for a variety of reasons, do not have jobs.

South Dakota Labor Supply March 2017

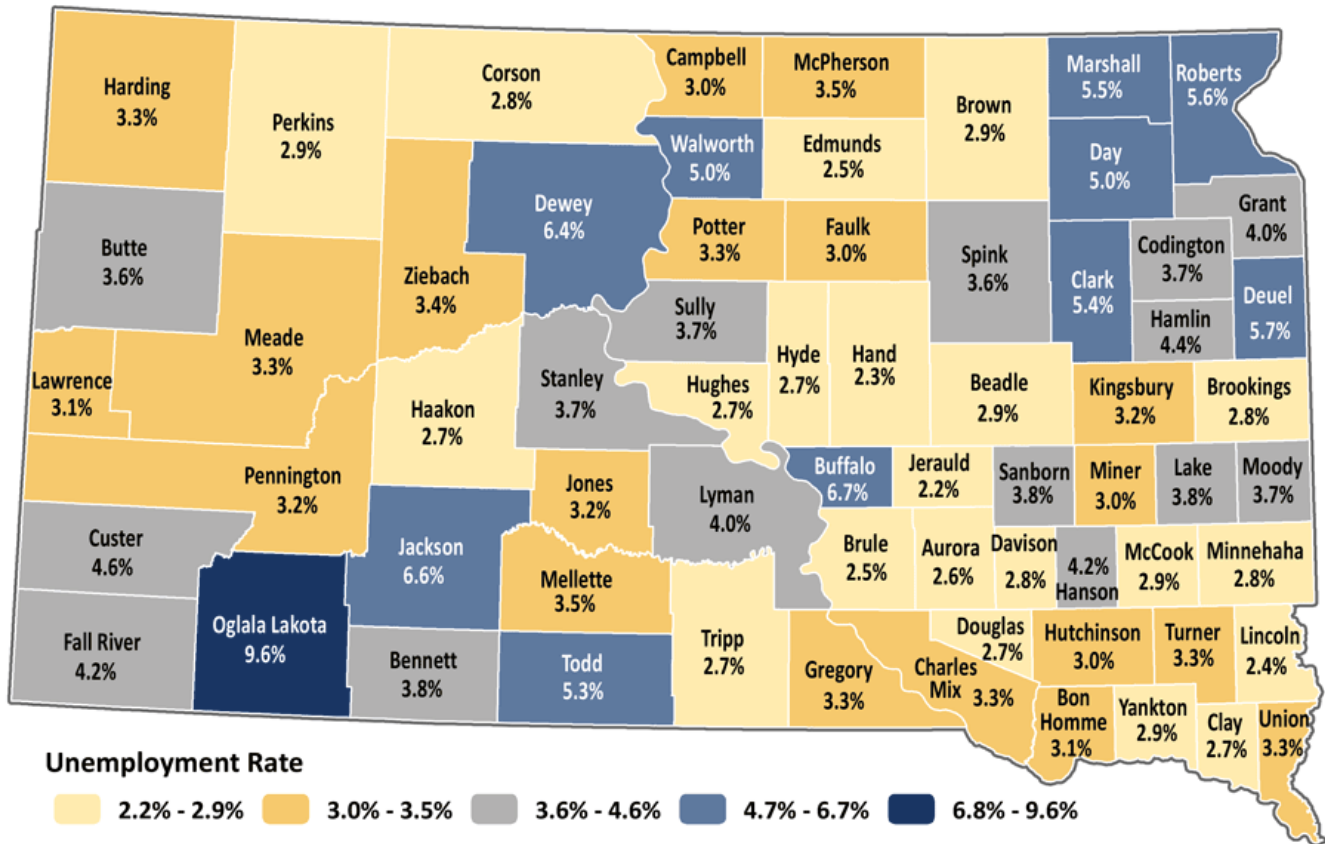


Labor Force

This data is seasonally adjusted.

Preliminary estimates show the March 2017 South Dakota labor force up over the month, with the level of employed increasing to 443,900. The level of unemployed decreased by 100 (0.8 percent) to 12,800.

South Dakota Unemployment Rates by County Not seasonally adjusted March 2017



Notes about labor force data

The unemployment rate represents the number of unemployed as a percent of the labor force. People are classified as unemployed if they do not have jobs, have actively looked for work in the prior four weeks and are currently available for work. People who were not working and were waiting to be recalled to jobs from which they were temporarily laid off are also included as unemployed.

Labor force estimates for South Dakota are produced by the Labor Market Information Center in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. The concepts and definitions underlying the labor force data come from the Current Population Survey (CPS), the household survey which is the official measure of the labor force for the nation. The statewide estimate of the number of nonfarm jobs is a component of the model used to produce the labor force estimates. Other data used in this model include the number of continued unemployment insurance claims and survey data from the Current Population Survey (CPS) which is specific to the state.

Although state specific data is used in the production of the labor force estimates for South Dakota, the state monthly model estimates are controlled in "real time" to sum to national monthly labor force estimates from the CPS. Therefore, variation in the estimates of the employed and unemployed are somewhat controlled by what is happening nationally.

South Dakota Nonfarm Wage & Salaried Workers by Industry

This data is not seasonally adjusted.

Over-the-month comparisons

Based on a monthly survey of South Dakota establishments, preliminary estimates show the total nonfarm wage and salaried worker level increased by 2,800 (or 0.7 percent) from February 2017 to March 2017.

The **Leisure and Hospitality** sector experienced worker gains, increasing by 600 workers (1.4 percent).

Construction increased by 800 workers (4.0 percent) in March. Historically, the construction sector peaks in the summer as crew workers fix the roads and highways across the state and continues until cold weather starts.

Professional and Business Services was unchanged over-the-month at 30,700 workers in March 2017.

Other Services had a slight increase over-the-month of 100 workers (0.6 percent).

Education and Health Services increased by 700 workers (1.0 percent), from 70,800 in February 2017 to 71,500 March 2017. This sector continues to grow and expand.

Retail Trade increased over the month by 100 (0.2 percent) from 52,800 in February 2017 to 52,900 in March 2017.

Manufacturing lost 200 workers (0.5 percent), decreasing from 41,200 in February to 41,000 in March.

Financial Activities gained 300 workers (1.0 percent) over-the-month with its rise to 29,900 workers.

Over-the-year comparisons

Based on a monthly survey of South Dakota establishments, preliminary estimates show the total nonfarm wage and salaried worker level increased by 5,400 (1.3 percent) from March 2016 to March 2017. Since 2005, the South Dakota total nonfarm worker level has continued to trend upward.

Leisure and Hospitality was unchanged over the year at 43,500 workers in March 2017. Worker levels in this sector commonly fluctuate quite a bit due to the seasonality of this sector, depending on the time of year. Worker levels trends for this sector have been fairly consistent, typically peaking in August and reflecting lower levels during January and February.

Retail Trade gained 500 workers (1.0 percent), rising to a level of 52,900 in March 2017.

The **Construction** sector increased over the year in March 2017, with the employment level increasing by 1,100 workers (5.6 percent). Historically, the worker levels in this industry hit highs during the summer months and decline when colder weather hits.

Education and Health Services increased over the year to 71,500 in March 2017, gaining 1,500 workers (2.1 percent). The Education and Healthcare Services sector has remained fairly stable and continued to trend upward. The aging population continued to impact the demand for health care services.

The **Professional and Business Services** sector had an over-the-year increase of 300 workers (1.0 percent). The worker level in this industry has continued to trend upward since January 2004. The worker level was 30,400 in March 2016 and increased to 30,700 in March 2017.

The **Wholesale Trade** worker level increased over the year by 100 workers (0.5 percent) to 21,200 workers in March 2017. The Wholesale Trade sector includes establishments engaged in wholesaling merchandise, as well as rendering services incidental to the sale of merchandise.

Manufacturing experienced a decrease over the year of 1,100 workers (2.6 percent). Worker levels had been steadily trending upward until the recession hit in 2009. Since then, worker levels have continued to trend upward overall. Durable Goods decreased over-the-year by 1,300 workers (4.7 percent). Durable Goods are not for immediate consumption and able to be kept for a period of time, such as cars, refrigerators and mobile phones. Non-Durable Goods increased by 200 workers (1.4 percent). Non-Durable Goods are immediately consumed in one use or ones that have a lifespan of less than three years. Examples of Non-Durable Goods are cosmetics, cleaning supplies, food and fuel.

The **Other Services** sector gained 200 workers (1.3 percent), rising to a level of 16,000 workers in March 2017. Other Services include a wide variety of activities, including repair and maintenance, personal and laundry services, religious, grant making, private households and other similar organizations. Historical trends reflect consistent fluctuations with worker levels increasing during the summer months and declining in the spring months.

Financial Activities gained 900 workers (3.1 percent), reaching a level of 29,900 workers in March 2017. Worker levels within this sector had been trending upward, with a high point in 2010. Although a downturn occurred in 2014, worker levels have been trending upward again.

Government increased by 1,600 workers (2.0 percent) to a level of 80,500 in March 2017. The Government sector includes Federal, State and Local Government.

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South Dakota Nonfarm Worker Levels

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Industries	March 2017	February 2017	March 2016	Percent Change	
				Last Month	Last Year
TOTAL	428,200	425,400	422,800	0.7%	1.3%
Total Private	347,700	345,300	343,900	0.7%	1.1%
Goods Producing	62,800	62,200	62,700	1.0%	0.2%
Service Providing	365,400	363,200	360,100	0.6%	1.5%
Private Service Providing	284,900	283,100	281,200	0.6%	1.3%
Mining/Logging/Construction	21,800	21,000	20,600	3.8%	5.8%
Mining and Logging	900	900	800	0.0%	12.5%
Construction	20,900	20,100	19,800	4.0%	5.6%
Construction of Buildings	5,400	5,300	5,300	1.9%	1.9%
Heavy/Civil Engineering Construction	3,100	2,700	2,700	14.8%	14.8%
Speciality Trade Contractors	12,400	12,100	11,800	2.5%	5.1%
Manufacturing	41,000	41,200	42,100	-0.5%	-2.6%
Durable Goods	26,400	26,600	27,700	-0.8%	-4.7%
Non-Durable Goods	14,600	14,600	14,400	0.0%	1.4%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	87,500	87,200	86,700	0.3%	0.9%
Wholesale Trade	21,200	21,000	21,100	1.0%	0.5%
Retail Trade	52,900	52,800	52,400	0.2%	1.0%
Transportation/Warehousing/Utilities	13,400	13,400	13,200	0.0%	1.5%
Information	5,800	6,000	5,800	-3.3%	0.0%
Financial Activities	29,900	29,600	29,000	1.0%	3.1%
Professional Business Services	30,700	30,700	30,400	0.0%	1.0%
Education/Health Service	71,500	70,800	70,000	1.0%	2.1%
Educational Services	7,900	7,700	7,800	2.6%	1.3%
Health Care/Social Assistance	63,600	63,100	62,200	0.8%	2.3%
Hospitals	24,800	24,800	24,000	0.0%	3.3%
Leisure/Hospitality	43,500	42,900	43,500	1.4%	0.0%
Other Services (except Public Administration)	16,000	15,900	15,800	0.6%	1.3%
Government	80,500	80,100	78,900	0.5%	2.0%
Federal Government	11,700	11,600	11,100	0.9%	5.4%
State Government	19,000	19,200	18,800	-1.0%	1.1%
State Education	10,200	10,200	10,000	0.0%	2.0%
Local Government	49,800	49,300	49,000	1.0%	1.6%
Local Education	27,600	27,200	27,000	1.5%	2.2%

Notes: 2017 data is preliminary and subject to revision. Data may not sum to totals because of rounding.

Source: Labor Market Information Center, South Dakota Department of Labor and Regulation. Produced in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Access [historical South Dakota nonfarm wage and salaried worker data](#). See the [definition of nonfarm wage and salaried workers](#). See [technical notes about nonfarm worker estimates](#).

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Rapid City Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) Nonfarm Worker Levels

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Industry	March 2017	February 2017	March 2016	Percent Change	
				Last Month	Last Year
TOTAL	66,000	65,000	64,700	1.5%	2.0%
Total Private	54,100	53,300	53,500	1.5%	1.1%
Goods Producing	7,400	7,200	7,500	2.8%	-1.3%
Service Providing	58,600	57,800	57,200	1.4%	2.5%
Private Service Providing	46,700	46,100	46,000	1.3%	1.5%
Mining/Logging/Construction	4,600	4,400	4,700	4.6%	-2.1%
Manufacturing	2,800	2,800	2,800	0.0%	0.0%
Trade/Transportation/Utilities	13,500	13,500	13,400	0.0%	0.8%
Wholesale Trade	2,500	2,500	2,400	0.0%	4.2%
Retail Trade	9,200	9,200	9,300	0.0%	-1.1%
Transportation/Warehousing/Utilities	1,800	1,800	1,700	0.0%	5.9%
Information	900	900	900	0.0%	0.0%
Financial Activities	4,000	4,000	4,000	0.0%	0.0%
Professional/Business Services	5,100	5,100	5,100	0.0%	0.0%
Educational/Health Services	11,500	11,400	11,100	0.9%	3.6%
Leisure/Hospitality	8,700	8,200	8,500	6.1%	2.4%
Other Services	3,000	3,000	3,000	0.0%	0.0%
Government	11,900	11,700	11,200	1.7%	6.3%

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Sioux Falls Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA)

Nonfarm Worker Levels

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Industry	March 2017	February 2017	March 2016	Percent Change	
				Last Month	Last Year
TOTAL	152,000	150,600	149,600	0.9%	1.6%
Total Private	138,200	136,900	135,800	1.0%	1.8%
Goods Producing	20,800	20,800	20,700	0.0%	0.5%
Service Providing	131,200	129,800	128,900	1.1%	1.8%
Private Service Providing	117,400	116,100	115,100	1.1%	2.0%
Mining/Logging/Construction	7,600	7,600	7,200	0.0%	5.6%
Manufacturing	13,200	13,200	13,500	0.0%	-2.2%
Trade/Transportation/Utilities	32,200	31,700	32,200	1.6%	0.0%
Wholesale Trade	8,300	8,200	8,200	1.2%	1.2%
Retail Trade	18,400	18,100	18,500	1.7%	-0.5%
Transportation/Warehousing/Utilities	5,500	5,400	5,500	1.9%	0.0%
Information	2,500	2,600	2,600	-3.9%	-3.9%
Financial Activities	15,800	15,600	15,600	1.3%	1.3%
Professional/Business Services	15,000	14,800	14,200	1.4%	5.6%
Educational/Health Services	31,900	31,700	31,000	0.6%	2.9%
Leisure/Hospitality	14,900	14,600	14,500	2.1%	2.8%
Other Services	5,100	5,100	5,000	0.0%	2.0%
Government	13,800	13,700	13,800	0.7%	0.0%

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South Dakota Labor Supply

March 2017				
Area	Unemployed	Underemployed	Discouraged Workers	Total Labor Supply
South Dakota	14,580	29,060	3,590	47,230
Rapid City MSA	2,405	4,640	165	7,210
Sioux Falls MSA	4,040	10,215	165	14,425
Aurora County	40	50	40	125
Beadle County	270	520	40	835
Bennett County	40	65	55	160
Bon Homme County	90	80	45	215
Brookings County	540	1,450	40	2,035
Brown County	615	1,485	40	2,140
Brule County	60	140	35	235
Buffalo County	50	45	100	195
Butte County	180	230	50	460
Campbell County	25	25	45	95
Charles Mix County	125	170	50	345
Clark County	100	65	80	250
Clay County	195	655	40	890
Codington County	555	1,060	55	1,670
Corson County	40	100	40	180
Custer County	185	150	70	405
Davison County	310	825	40	1,180
Day County	140	100	75	315
Deuel County	125	55	85	265
Dewey County	140	225	95	465
Douglas County	45	55	40	135
Edmunds County	55	70	35	160
Fall River County	125	190	60	375
Faulk County	35	35	45	115

South Dakota Labor Supply, continued March 2017				
Area	Unemployed	Underemployed	Discouraged Workers	Total Labor Supply
Grant County	185	190	60	435
Gregory County	70	75	50	190
Haakon County	30	35	40	105
Hamlin County	140	110	65	315
Hand County	40	80	35	155
Hanson County	75	25	60	160
Harding County	25	30	50	105
Hughes County	275	790	40	1,100
Hutchinson County	110	130	45	285
Hyde County	20	25	40	85
Jackson County	80	45	100	230
Jerauld County	25	55	30	110
Jones County	15	25	45	90
Kingsbury County	85	115	45	245
Lake County	245	315	55	615
Lawrence County	405	930	45	1,380
Lincoln County	745	1,520	35	2,300
Lyman County	70	105	60	235
Marshall County	135	95	80	310
McCook County	90	80	40	215
McPherson County	40	35	50	125
Meade County	445	475	50	970
Mellette County	25	25	50	105
Miner County	35	35	45	115
Minnehaha County	3,050	8,490	40	11,585
Moody County	145	115	55	315
Oglala Lakota County	350	440	150	940
Pennington County	1,775	4,015	50	5,835

South Dakota Labor Supply, continued March 2017				
Area	Unemployed	Underemployed	Discouraged Workers	Total Labor Supply
Perkins County	45	65	40	150
Potter County	40	40	50	125
Roberts County	270	230	85	585
Sanborn County	45	30	55	130
Spink County	120	135	55	310
Stanley County	70	100	55	220
Sully County	30	35	55	120
Todd County	160	260	80	500
Tripp County	80	130	40	250
Turner County	155	125	50	325
Union County	265	670	50	980
Walworth County	110	150	75	335
Yankton County	340	810	40	1,190
Ziebach County	35	30	50	110

Source: Labor Market Information Center, South Dakota Department of Labor and Regulation.

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United States and South Dakota Labor Force

Seasonally Adjusted

Area	March 2017				March 2016			
	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Rate	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Rate
United States	160,201,000	153,000,000	7,202,000	4.5%	159,278,000	151,301,000	7,977,000	5.0%
South Dakota	456,700	443,900	12,800	2.8%	451,600	439,300	12,300	2.7%

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South Dakota and County Labor Force

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Area	March 2017				March 2016			
	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Rate	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Rate
South Dakota	454,623	440,043	14,580	3.2%	449,225	435,063	14,162	3.2%
Aurora County	1,510	1,471	39	2.6%	1,497	1,461	36	2.4%
Beadle County	9,381	9,111	270	2.9%	9,408	9,138	270	2.9%
Bennett County	1,100	1,058	42	3.8%	1,115	1,076	39	3.5%
Bon Homme County	2,903	2,812	91	3.1%	2,902	2,825	77	2.7%
Brookings County	19,461	18,921	540	2.8%	18,958	18,453	505	2.7%
Brown County	21,202	20,586	616	2.9%	21,173	20,584	589	2.8%
Brule County	2,421	2,360	61	2.5%	2,462	2,396	66	2.7%
Buffalo County	716	668	48	6.7%	722	675	47	6.5%
Butte County	5,089	4,908	181	3.6%	5,011	4,836	175	3.5%
Campbell County	846	821	25	3.0%	854	824	30	3.5%
Charles Mix County	3,801	3,675	126	3.3%	3,819	3,695	124	3.2%
Clark County	1,885	1,783	102	5.4%	1,898	1,796	102	5.4%
Clay County	7,370	7,174	196	2.7%	7,322	7,123	199	2.7%
Codington County	15,226	14,670	556	3.7%	15,261	14,711	550	3.6%
Corson County	1,446	1,405	41	2.8%	1,438	1,386	52	3.6%
Custer County	3,957	3,773	184	4.6%	3,881	3,686	195	5.0%
Davison County	11,259	10,947	312	2.8%	11,205	10,909	296	2.6%
Day County	2,838	2,697	141	5.0%	2,838	2,682	156	5.5%
Deuel County	2,154	2,031	123	5.7%	2,237	2,078	159	7.1%
Dewey County	2,213	2,071	142	6.4%	2,217	2,064	153	6.9%
Douglas County	1,660	1,615	45	2.7%	1,670	1,622	48	2.9%
Edmunds County	2,203	2,149	54	2.5%	2,190	2,142	48	2.2%
Fall River County	2,934	2,811	123	4.2%	2,992	2,827	165	5.5%
Faulk County	1,109	1,076	33	3.0%	1,066	1,039	27	2.5%
Grant County	4,523	4,340	183	4.0%	4,448	4,266	182	4.1%
Gregory County	2,074	2,006	68	3.3%	2,037	1,976	61	3.0%
Haakon County	1,099	1,069	30	2.7%	1,080	1,054	26	2.4%
Hamlin County	3,197	3,055	142	4.4%	3,154	3,021	133	4.2%

South Dakota and County Labor Force, continued

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Area	March 2017				March 2016			
	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Rate	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Rate
Hand County	1,836	1,794	42	2.3%	1,859	1,819	40	2.2%
Hanson County	1,783	1,709	74	4.2%	1,764	1,703	61	3.5%
Harding County	748	723	25	3.3%	754	732	22	2.9%
Hughes County	10,018	9,745	273	2.7%	9,979	9,725	254	2.5%
Hutchinson County	3,652	3,542	110	3.0%	3,655	3,553	102	2.8%
Hyde County	706	687	19	2.7%	699	682	17	2.4%
Jackson County	1,222	1,141	81	6.6%	1,192	1,138	54	4.5%
Jerauld County	1,041	1,018	23	2.2%	1,062	1,036	26	2.4%
Jones County	529	512	17	3.2%	529	516	13	2.5%
Kingsbury County	2,743	2,656	87	3.2%	2,681	2,596	85	3.2%
Lake County	6,559	6,312	247	3.8%	6,471	6,227	244	3.8%
Lawrence County	13,155	12,750	405	3.1%	12,946	12,511	435	3.4%
Lincoln County	31,283	30,539	744	2.4%	30,693	29,997	696	2.3%
Lyman County	1,690	1,622	68	4.0%	1,707	1,634	73	4.3%
Marshall County	2,427	2,294	133	5.5%	2,456	2,334	122	5.0%
McCook County	3,184	3,093	91	2.9%	3,124	3,037	87	2.8%
McPherson County	1,075	1,037	38	3.5%	1,083	1,048	35	3.2%
Meade County	13,429	12,985	444	3.3%	13,119	12,675	444	3.4%
Mellette County	747	721	26	3.5%	761	734	27	3.5%
Miner County	1,181	1,145	36	3.0%	1,192	1,158	34	2.9%
Minnehaha County	109,263	106,211	3,052	2.8%	107,282	104,336	2,946	2.7%
Moody County	3,936	3,792	144	3.7%	3,886	3,747	139	3.6%
Oglala Lakota County	3,636	3,286	350	9.6%	3,562	3,263	299	8.4%
Pennington County	54,802	53,025	1,777	3.2%	53,535	51,814	1,721	3.2%
Perkins County	1,588	1,542	46	2.9%	1,523	1,481	42	2.8%
Potter County	1,143	1,105	38	3.3%	1,143	1,107	36	3.1%
Roberts County	4,805	4,534	271	5.6%	4,837	4,580	257	5.3%
Sanborn County	1,212	1,166	46	3.8%	1,204	1,172	32	2.7%

South Dakota and County Labor Force, continued

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Area	March 2017				March 2016			
	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Rate	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Rate
Spink County	3,303	3,184	119	3.6%	3,235	3,113	122	3.8%
Stanley County	1,854	1,786	68	3.7%	1,842	1,790	52	2.8%
Sully County	862	830	32	3.7%	839	819	20	2.4%
Todd County	3,041	2,879	162	5.3%	2,948	2,773	175	5.9%
Tripp County	3,009	2,929	80	2.7%	2,952	2,880	72	2.4%
Turner County	4,718	4,564	154	3.3%	4,758	4,610	148	3.1%
Union County	8,059	7,796	263	3.3%	8,169	7,900	269	3.3%
Walworth County	2,187	2,077	110	5.0%	2,216	2,079	137	6.2%
Yankton County	11,636	11,298	338	2.9%	11,558	11,245	313	2.7%
Ziebach County	981	948	33	3.4%	949	911	38	4.0%

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South Dakota Area Labor Force

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Area	March 2017				March 2016			
	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Rate	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Rate
Rapid City MSA	72,188	69,783	2,405	3.3%	70,535	68,175	2,360	3.3%
Sioux Falls MSA	148,448	144,407	4,041	2.7%	145,713	141,841	3,872	2.7%
Aberdeen MiSA	23,405	22,735	670	2.9%	23,363	22,726	637	2.7%
Brookings MiSA	19,461	18,921	540	2.8%	18,958	18,453	505	2.7%
Huron MiSA	9,381	9,111	270	2.9%	9,408	9,138	270	2.9%
Mitchell MiSA	13,042	12,656	386	3.0%	12,969	12,612	357	2.8%
Pierre MiSA	12,734	12,361	373	2.9%	12,659	12,333	326	2.6%
Spearfish MiSA	13,155	12,750	405	3.1%	12,946	12,511	435	3.4%
Vermillion MiSA	7,370	7,174	196	2.7%	7,322	7,123	199	2.7%
Watertown MiSA	15,226	14,670	556	3.7%	15,261	14,711	550	3.6%
Yankton MiSA	11,636	11,298	338	2.9%	11,672	11,389	283	2.4%
Dewey-Ziebach LMA	3,194	3,019	175	5.5%	3,198	3,011	187	5.8%

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South Dakota City Labor Force

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Areas	March 2017				March 2016			
	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Rate	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Rate
Aberdeen	15,318	14,845	473	3.1%	15,295	14,843	452	3.0%
Brookings	13,685	13,311	374	2.7%	13,336	12,982	354	2.7%
Huron	6,735	6,533	202	3.0%	6,763	6,552	211	3.1%
Mitchell	8,915	8,664	251	2.8%	8,882	8,634	248	2.8%
Pierre	8,152	7,931	221	2.7%	8,134	7,915	219	2.7%
Rapid City	35,944	34,794	1,150	3.2%	35,232	34,000	1,232	3.5%
Sioux Falls	100,986	98,187	2,799	2.8%	99,217	96,453	2,764	2.8%
Sioux Falls - Lincoln	15,335	15,014	321	2.1%	15,069	14,748	321	2.1%
Sioux Falls - Minnehaha	85,651	83,173	2,478	2.9%	84,148	81,705	2,443	2.9%
Spearfish	6,142	5,970	172	2.8%	6,083	5,858	225	3.7%
Vermillion	5,587	5,440	147	2.6%	5,547	5,401	146	2.6%
Watertown	11,831	11,408	423	3.6%	11,911	11,440	471	4.0%
Yankton	7,185	6,955	230	3.2%	7,216	7,011	205	2.8%

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South Dakota and Area Annualized Pay of Workers Covered by Unemployment Insurance

October 2015 to September 2016					
Statewide	\$41,225	Douglas County	\$33,387	McPherson County	\$29,810
Rapid City MSA	\$39,757	Edmunds County	\$37,584	Marshall County	\$36,234
Sioux Falls MSA	\$46,105	Fall River County	\$34,715	Meade County	\$37,707
Aurora County	\$30,655	Faulk County	\$33,429	Mellette County	\$25,601
Beadle County	\$38,300	Grant County	\$38,412	Miner County	\$32,094
Bennett County	\$29,624	Gregory County	\$29,746	Minnehaha County	\$46,348
Bon Homme County	\$32,465	Haakon County	\$34,975	Moody County	\$36,641
Brookings County	\$41,507	Hamlin County	\$34,722	Oglala Lakota County	\$37,458
Brown County	\$39,905	Hand County	\$31,548	Pennington County	\$40,253
Brule County	\$30,909	Hanson County	\$36,054	Perkins County	\$30,740
Buffalo County	\$36,659	Harding County	\$39,614	Potter County	\$33,417
Butte County	\$32,936	Hughes County	\$42,059	Roberts County	\$33,144
Campbell County	\$33,337	Hutchinson County	\$33,662	Sanborn County	\$31,245
Charles Mix County	\$32,292	Hyde County	\$37,759	Spink County	\$35,752
Clark County	\$32,196	Jackson County	\$27,944	Stanley County	\$34,117
Clay County	\$35,739	Jerauld County	\$35,310	Sully County	\$34,396
Codington County	\$37,609	Jones County	\$28,343	Todd County	\$35,625
Corson County	\$34,316	Kingsbury County	\$34,481	Tripp County	\$33,202
Custer County	\$33,915	Lake County	\$37,711	Turner County	\$32,962
Davison County	\$37,825	Lawrence County	\$33,294	Union County	\$51,987
Day County	\$30,546	Lincoln County	\$46,786	Walworth County	\$32,781
Deuel County	\$39,004	Lyman County	\$28,630	Yankton County	\$39,782
Dewey County	\$37,435	McCook County	\$33,759	Ziebach County	\$33,764

Source: Labor Market Information Center, South Dakota Department of Labor and Regulation. Produced in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Access [historical annual pay data](#).

See the [definition of covered workers](#).

See the [definition of Metropolitan Statistical Area \(MSA\)](#).

See [technical notes about the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages](#), the program that makes this data possible.

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Activities of the Unemployment Insurance Division, South Dakota Department of Labor and Regulation

Activities	March 2017	February 2017	March 2016	Percent Change	
				Last Month	Last Year
Initial Claims	793	977	836	-18.8%	-5.1%
Weeks Claimed	13,873	15,470	12,419	-10.3%	11.7%
Amount of Benefit Payments	\$4,063,291	\$4,483,650	\$3,419,167	-9.4%	18.8%
Unemployment Trust Fund Balance	\$102,056,191	\$105,247,759	\$92,235,501	-3.0%	10.6%

Source: Unemployment Insurance Division, South Dakota Department of Labor and Regulation.

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Activities of the Job Services Offices of the South Dakota Department of Labor and Regulation

Activities	March 2016 to April 2017	March 2015 to April 2016	Percent Change
Job Seekers	52,376	56,379	-7.1%
Entered Employments	21,587	22,956	-6.0%
Job Openings Received	88,865	97,088	-8.5%

Source: South Dakota Department of Labor and Regulation.

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Activities of the Unemployment Insurance Division of the South Dakota Department of Labor and Regulation Weeks Claimed

March 2017					
Aurora	29	Fall River	98	McPherson	16
Beadle	239	Faulk	15	Meade	416
Bennett	29	Grant	124	Mellette	14
Bon Homme	73	Gregory	66	Miner	25
Brookings	349	Haakon	12	Minnehaha	3,139
Brown	707	Hamlin	162	Moody	125
Brule	20	Hand	16	Oglala Lakota	317
Buffalo	21	Hanson	61	Pennington	1,761
Butte	169	Harding	9	Perkins	13
Campbell	25	Hughes	276	Potter	28
Charles Mix	80	Hutchinson	79	Roberts	234
Clark	87	Hyde	4	Sanborn	47
Clay	84	Jackson	72	Spink	116
Codington	710	Jerauld	13	Stanley	75
Corson	17	Jones	8	Sully	31
Custer	155	Kingsbury	86	Todd	84
Davison	310	Lake	257	Tripp	58
Day	174	Lawrence	322	Turner	152
Deuel	96	Lincoln	613	Union	178
Dewey	115	Lyman	38	Walworth	120
Douglas	27	Marshall	164	Yankton	278
Edmunds	22	McCook	84	Ziebach	20

Source: Unemployment Insurance Division, South Dakota Department of Labor and Regulation.
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National Economic Indicator

Indicators	March 2017	February 2017	March 2016	Percent Change	
				Last Month	Last Year
Consumer Price Index	243.8	243.6	238.1	0.1%	2.4%
Nonfarm Payroll Employment (not seasonally adjusted)	144.9	144.3	142.8	0.5%	1.5%
Privately Owned Housing Starts	1,215	1,303	1,113	-6.8%	9.2%
Bank Prime Loan Rate	3.88	3.75	3.5	3.5%	10.9%

Sources:

Consumer Price Index and Nonfarm Payroll Employment (in thousands), U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Privately Owned Housing Starts, U.S. Census Bureau.

Bank Prime Loan Rate, Federal Reserve Board.

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