

South Dakota Hot Trends in Healthcare



✓ South Dakota's healthcare industry is a major source of employment and earnings in South Dakota, accounting for more than 15 percent of all workers in privately owned establishments and more than 19 percent of those employers' payrolls.

✓ South Dakota's healthcare industry added more workers than any other industry from 1999 to 2009. This industry added 9,835 workers during that time period, resulting in percentage growth of almost 26 percent.

✓ South Dakota's healthcare industry is projected to be among the largest growth industries through 2018; it will add an estimated 8,000 workers to South Dakota's economy. The rate of growth is projected to be 16.2 percent, almost double the 8.8 percent growth projected for all industries.

✓ The two healthcare occupational groups (the healthcare practitioners and technical occupational group and the health diagnosing and treating occupational group) are projected to be among the six largest growth occupational groups in South Dakota to 2018.

✓ Several healthcare occupations in South Dakota are projected to have higher than average demand for workers in 2018.

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The Statistics Behind the Trends

South Dakota's healthcare industry is a major source of employment and earnings in South Dakota, accounting for about 47,850 workers (or 15.1 percent of all workers in privately owned establishments) and 19.5 percent of statewide privately owned establishment payroll in 2009. *(Based on Quarterly Census of Employment & Wages)*

The number of workers in South Dakota's healthcare industry increased 25.9 percent from 1999 to 2009, significantly higher than the 6.7 percent increase among all private industries. *(Based on Quarterly Census of Employment & Wages)*

South Dakota's healthcare industry is projected to be among the largest growth industries through 2018. The industry is projected to add 8,025 workers to South Dakota's economy (from a level of 49,395 in 2008 to a level of 57,420 in 2018). The rate of growth is projected to be 16.2 percent, almost double the 8.8 percent growth projected in total employment for all industries.

The healthcare practitioners and technical occupational group and the health diagnosing and treating occupational group are projected to be among the largest growth occupational groups in South Dakota through 2018, projected to add a combined 7,615 jobs to the economy.

Several healthcare occupations in South Dakota are projected to have higher than average demand for workers in 2018. (The average annual demand for workers across all occupations is projected to be 25.) The table below shows the employment and demand projections for those healthcare occupations projected to be in higher-than-average demand.

Occupational Title	2008 Base Number of Jobs	2018 Projected Number of Jobs	Actual Change	Percent Change	Average Annual Demand for Workers
Registered Nurses	10,490	12,650	2,160	20.6%	399
Nursing Aides & Orderlies	6,365	7,175	810	12.7%	144
Licensed Practical Nurses	2,075	2,355	280	13.5%	93
Pharmacy Technicians	1,150	1,515	365	31.7%	65
Pharmacists	1,100	1,315	215	19.5%	45
Medical Records Technicians	1,080	1,235	155	14.4%	38
Home Health Aides	1,110	1,370	260	23.4%	37
Dental Assistants	825	1,005	180	21.8%	34
Medical Assistants	865	1,070	205	23.7%	31
Emergency Medical Technicians	815	940	125	15.3%	29
Radiologic Technologists & Technicians	995	1,130	135	13.6%	28