

An interest assessment helps identify careers you would enjoy

What activities interest you? Where do your career interests fall? Take the following career interest survey to help you target some general types of careers that interest you from the hundreds of possibilities.



1. Assess how well you'd like to do each work-related activity on pages 2-3 by circling a rating for the activity. Use the rating scale provided on each page.
2. Remove the answer sheet on page 4 to score your assessment. Follow the instructions on the answer sheet.
3. Once you've determined your primary, secondary and third highest interest areas using your answer sheet, find the corresponding interest areas on our Exploring Occupations of Interest web page at the following location.

dlr.sd.gov/lmic/menu_sdcis_groups.aspx

The six interest groups listed there are the same groups used in the South Dakota Interest Survey. Since people work better in occupations that match their interests and personality, these occupations are grouped to reflect what people with these interest areas like to do.

4. Once you choose an interest area and click on a specific occupation included in that interest area, you will see comprehensive information on that specific occupation in our virtual labor market information system. Look through all the career options in your highest three areas of interest.
5. Use the virtual labor market data system and other resources available from school counselors, teachers, South Dakota Department of Labor and Regulation local offices or public libraries to explore those occupations further.

1. Design an office building.
2. Broadcast the evening news.
3. Inspect buildings to detect fire hazards.
4. Develop programs to control machining or processing of metal or plastic parts by automatic machines.
5. Plan and oversee the construction of a school.
6. Welcome and seat people in a restaurant.
7. Research an area to see if people there would likely buy a certain product or service.
8. Develop or make changes in computer systems.
9. Read X-rays and ultra sound recordings.
10. Fight fires.
11. Help the elderly with daily living activities.
12. Organize activities like games or crafts for groups of people.
13. Photograph people or nature scenes.
14. Create computer games, videos or commercials using computers.
15. Estimate damage to motor vehicles.
16. Read meters and record the use of electricity or water.
17. Manage a farm or ranch for another owner.
18. Help a customer choose clothes.
19. Treat diseases in animals.
20. Solve problems by applying mathematical formulas or models.
21. Drive a large tractor-trailer truck.
22. Keep a building clean and orderly.
23. Help individuals prevent mental health problems.
24. Teach in an elementary or a high school.
25. Design products that are manufactured such as cars, home appliances or children's toys.
26. Teach art or drama or music at a college.
27. Design, create and make changes to websites.
28. Compute and record numbers correctly.
29. Coordinate the activities of workers in a bank.
30. Create and promote a public image for an organization through a variety of social media.

Use this Scale

1–Dislike very much

2–Dislike

3–Not sure

4–Like

5–Like very much

31. Conduct experiments with chemicals to develop new products.
32. Perform medical laboratory tests.
33. Trim trees.
34. Care for animals in a kennel.
35. Clean peoples teeth.
36. Help patients feed or dress themselves.
37. Create handmade objects for sale.
38. Cut and style hair or apply makeup for other people.
39. Sort mail for delivery.
40. Prepare tax returns for individuals or small businesses.
41. Plan and coordinate activities for a convention.
42. Be responsible for the operation of a hotel.
43. Study the needs of communities for housing and schools.
44. Plan nutritious meals for individuals with health concerns.
45. Paint the inside of a house.
46. Service aircraft engines.
47. Lead worship services.
48. Help a patient relearn to walk.
49. Play a musical instrument.
50. Arrange flowers.
51. Keep records for a company on incoming and outgoing materials.
52. Prepare and file correspondence.
53. Buy merchandise or materials for resale.
54. Defend someone in a trial.
55. Diagnose and treat illnesses.
56. Treat dental problems.

57. Repair and open locks.
58. Operate a combine.
59. Plan programs to help patients regain daily living skills after being injured and/or sick.
60. Teach a trade or skill in a vocational-technical school.
61. Perform in a play.
62. Write a novel.
63. Perform secretarial duties using medical knowledge of hospitals, clinics or laboratories.
64. Register and assign rooms to motel guests.
65. Determine policies and provide the overall direction of a company.
66. Arrange and direct all activities related to funerals.
67. Research problems related to farm crops or farm animals.
68. Conduct research to improve human health.
69. Repair stereo systems or install home theatre equipment.
70. Assemble or rebuild machines.
71. Lead people in exercise activities.
72. Serve food to others.
73. Create new dance routines to be performed for an audience.
74. Decorate the interior of an office building or home.
75. Assist lawyers by investigating facts and preparing legal documents.
76. Dispatch work crews to work sites.
77. Investigate crimes or people.
78. Supervise people who prepare and serve food.
79. Treat eye diseases and injuries.
80. Study society and human behavior.
81. Operate power saws and other equipment to make wooden objects.
82. Lay pipe for a water main.
83. Take care of other people's children.
84. Help people choose a career path.
85. Teach dance.
86. Be a reporter for a newspaper.
87. Interview people for bank loans.
88. Receive and pay out money in a bank.
89. Administer the activities of a hospital.
90. Help passengers on a flight.
91. Design and test electrical equipment.
92. Study the weather.
93. Enforce laws.
94. Perform routine maintenance on machines.
95. Take tickets at a movie theatre.
96. Help clients get available benefits and services.
97. Design a set for a play.
98. Model clothes at a fashion show.
99. Process and maintain medical records of patients.
100. Help a pharmacist prepare medications.
101. Help people buy or sell a house.
102. Advise others on financial issues such as investing money and paying taxes.
103. Develop computer applications or programs.
104. Study the physical aspects of the earth.
105. Pilot a passenger airplane.
106. Trim, cut, or prepare meat for customers.
107. Find foster homes for abused or neglected children.
108. Give nursing care to ill or injured patients.

Use this Scale

1–Dislike very much

2–Dislike

3–Not sure

4–Like

5–Like very much

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South Dakota Interest Survey Answer Sheet

Name _____ Date _____

Use this answer sheet to score the results of your interest survey. Transfer your responses for each of the numbered items on pages 2 and 3 to the blanks provided. Add your responses for each of the six interest areas and circle the three groups with the highest total scores. Refer back to the instructions on page 1 for suggestions on using your results.

Artistic Interest Area	Conventional Interest Area	Enterprising Interest Area	Investigative Interest Area	Realistic Interest Area	Social Interest
Area					
Item 1 _____	Item 3 _____	Item 5 _____	Item 7 _____	Item 9 _____	Item 11 _____
Item 2 _____	Item 4 _____	Item 6 _____	Item 8 _____	Item 10 _____	Item 12 _____
Item 13 _____	Item 15 _____	Item 17 _____	Item 19 _____	Item 21 _____	Item 23 _____
Item 14 _____	Item 16 _____	Item 18 _____	Item 20 _____	Item 22 _____	Item 24 _____
Item 25 _____	Item 27 _____	Item 29 _____	Item 31 _____	Item 33 _____	Item 35 _____
Item 26 _____	Item 28 _____	Item 30 _____	Item 32 _____	Item 34 _____	Item 36 _____
Item 37 _____	Item 39 _____	Item 41 _____	Item 43 _____	Item 45 _____	Item 47 _____
Item 38 _____	Item 40 _____	Item 42 _____	Item 44 _____	Item 46 _____	Item 48 _____
Item 49 _____	Item 51 _____	Item 53 _____	Item 55 _____	Item 57 _____	Item 59 _____
Item 50 _____	Item 52 _____	Item 54 _____	Item 56 _____	Item 58 _____	Item 60 _____
Item 61 _____	Item 63 _____	Item 65 _____	Item 67 _____	Item 69 _____	Item 71 _____
Item 62 _____	Item 64 _____	Item 66 _____	Item 68 _____	Item 70 _____	Item 72 _____
Item 73 _____	Item 75 _____	Item 77 _____	Item 79 _____	Item 81 _____	Item 83 _____
Item 74 _____	Item 76 _____	Item 78 _____	Item 80 _____	Item 82 _____	Item 84 _____
Item 85 _____	Item 87 _____	Item 89 _____	Item 91 _____	Item 93 _____	Item 95 _____
Item 86 _____	Item 88 _____	Item 90 _____	Item 92 _____	Item 94 _____	Item 96 _____
Item 97 _____	Item 99 _____	Item 101 _____	Item 103 _____	Item 105 _____	Item 107 _____
Item 98 _____	Item 100 _____	Item 102 _____	Item 104 _____	Item 106 _____	Item 108 _____
Total _____	Total _____	Total _____	Total _____	Total _____	Total _____

My primary interest area *(area with the highest total score)* _____

My secondary interest area *(area with the second highest total score)* _____

My third interest area *(area with the third highest total score)* _____