

# South Dakota Career Interest Survey

*An interest assessment to help you 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 2-4 by writing a rating for the activity. Use the rating scale below and provided on each page.

## Use this scale:

- 1 - Dislike very much
- 2 - Dislike
- 3 - Not sure
- 4 - Like
- 5 - Like very much



2. Remove the answer sheet on page 5 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](http://dlr.sd.gov/lmic/menu_sdcis_groups.aspx)

The six interest groups listed there are the same groups used in the South Dakota Career 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 Job Service offices, and public libraries to explore those occupations further.

1. Design or create graphics for commercial or promotional use.
2. Read news reports or play and queue music and interview guests.
3. Prepare financial statements and provide financial advice to others.
4. Develop programs to control machining processing of materials produced by CNC machines.
5. Plan and oversee the construction of projects such as roads and highways or the construction of homes or buildings.
6. Direct the work of other cooks as well as prepare food served in a restaurant setting.
7. Design and implement computer networks.
8. Maintain and troubleshoot computer systems to ensure they are working properly and fix any issues.
9. Read X-rays and ultra sound recordings.
10. Fight fires.
11. Evaluate athletic skills and instruct and coach specific sports.
12. Organize activities like games or crafts for groups of people.
13. Create handmade objects for sale.
14. Use electronic tools to create special effects or animations for videos or computer games.
15. Review health and property insurance claims to determine and apply payment.
16. Perform a variety of clerical duties depending on needs of employer.
17. Manage a farm or ranch.
18. Help a customer choose furniture, vehicles or select clothing.

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**5 - Like very much**

19. Dispense and provide information to customers about prescribed medications.
20. Transform raw data into meaningful information.
21. Drive a large tractor-trailer truck.
22. Keep a building clean and orderly.
23. Treat people who have mental, emotional or substance abuse 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. Decorate store windows and create attractive displays of products for sale.
27. Design, create and make changes to websites for different digital platforms.
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.
31. Conduct experiments with chemicals to develop new products.
32. Diagnose, treat and help prevent mental health disorders.
33. Trim trees.
34. Care for animals in a kennel.

35. Clean peoples teeth.
36. Help residents of a nursing facility with daily care needs like eating and dressing.
37. Emcee and play prerecorded music at events such as wedding receptions, parties and bars and clubs.
38. Direct displays at art show and the work of artists.
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. Investigate crimes or people.
45. Paint the inside of a house.
46. Repair and refinish automotive vehicle bodies and straighten vehicle frames.
47. Lead worship services.
48. Help a patient relearn to walk.
49. Perform for others by singing or playing a musical instrument.
50. Plan and review and edit written materials for newspapers, magazines, books and ect.
51. Keep records for a company on incoming and outgoing materials.
52. Expedite and route incoming and outgoing shipments and take orders from and prepare bills for customers.
53. Organize fund raising activities and promote awareness of and for organizations.
54. Defend someone in a trial.

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**4 - Like**

**5 - Like very much**

55. Diagnose and treat injuries and illnesses.
56. Treat dental problems.
57. Install, repair and maintain electrical wiring, equipment and fixtures.
58. Operate a combine.
59. Plan programs to help patients regain daily living skills after being injured or sick.
60. Teach a trade or skill in a vocational-technical school.
61. Perform in a play.
62. Write articles, advertisements or novels.
63. Perform secretarial duties using medical knowledge of hospitals, clinics or laboratories.
64. Register and assign rooms to hotel, motel or resort guests.
65. Determine policies and provide the overall direction of a company.
66. Sell life, property, health, automotive or other insurances to customers.
67. Conduct research in the genetics, nutrition and reproduction of domestic and farm and ranch animals.
68. Conduct research to improve human health.
69. Install and repair audio and video equipment in homes or public venues.

70. Assemble or rebuild engines, turbines and machines.
71. Lead people in exercise activities.
72. Take orders and serve food and beverages.
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. Supervise police officers and detectives.
78. Supervise people who prepare and serve food.
79. Treat eye diseases and injuries.
80. Study behavior, diseases and the life of animals in a zoo or the wild.
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. Produce or direct plays or movies, tv shows such as the news or radio shows.
86. Write or report on news stories for newspapers, television on a variety of computer platforms.
87. Interview people for bank loans.
88. Receive and pay out money in a bank.
89. Administer the activities of a hospital.
90. Sell highly technical goods and services such as computer systems and technology.
91. Design plans to prevent, control and remediate environmental hazards.

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92. Study the weather.
93. Enforce laws.
94. Perform routine maintenance on machines.
95. Take tickets at a movie theatre.
96. Assess injuries or illness and administer basic emergency care while transporting patient to medical facilities.
97. Operate a television or film camera to record images for tv, video or film productions.
98. Work with producers to edit films and video to create a finished product.
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 aircrafts to transport people and/or products from one location to another.
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.

# South Dakota Career 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, 3 and 4 to the corresponding numbered 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 _____
<b>Total</b> _____	<b>Total</b> _____	<b>Total</b> _____	<b>Total</b> _____	<b>Total</b> _____	<b>Total</b> _____

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) \_\_\_\_\_