Instructions for Finding South Dakota Occupational Wage Data in the Virtual Labor Market Data System

Begin at the menu page https://dlr.sd.gov/lmic/menu_occupational_wages.aspx and follow the link to the virtual labor market data system. Then follow the instructions below. (Chrome or Edge browser recommended; functionality in the virtual system is not compatible with Internet Explorer.)

If you need additional assistance or would like us to provide the data you need, please contact the Labor Market Information Center at 605.626.2314 or email melodee.lane@state.sd.us.

1. Click on “Filter.”
2. Click in the Geography Type box as needed to find data for a different area from the default of State. Then choose the area type(s) of interest.

Click anywhere outside a drop-down box to close it and continue with the next step.

3. Then select the area(s) of interest. The table at the right will update based on your selection.

If you prefer, you may click in the Select Areas By Map box to select the region.

4. Click in the Select Occupation Level box as needed to deselect any of the default options. (We recommend selecting only the “All Detailed Occupations” in most cases.)

5. Click in the Select Occupation Family box as needed to deselect any of the occupation families (broad occupational categories).

6. Click in the Select Occupation box as needed to select the specific occupation(s) of interest.

If you prefer, you may click in the “Search for an Occupation” box, then follow the additional instructions below to search by occupational title or code.
To search by keyword, we recommend entering as few of characters as possible for the most complete list of matching options.

After typing the keyword, if you click in the search box again, you will see a list of matching options pop up immediately underneath as shown in the example at the right. You may click on the best option at this point if you wish.
If you are familiar with Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) codes, you may use this option. (SOC codes are the same as the first six digits of O*Net codes.)

If you are searching for specific occupations by keyword or by code, you will need to click on the Search button to perform the actual search. You will see a table listing the matching occupational titles (including their codes). Click on the occupation of interest.

Tip: No data is available for occupations listed in gray, but occupational wage data is available for those in blue. Also, if there are multiple occupations with the same title, in most cases, selecting an option with a code not ending in 0 will provide the best results. Contact LMIC for assistance as needed in finding occupations of interest.
7. To select annual data rather than the default of hourly data, click here.

8. To view more percentile wage data (10th percentile, median and 90th percentile), click on the three dots at the right of the column headings, then select the additional options you wish to view.

9. Use these options as you wish to copy the table, export it in CSV or Excel format, or print it.