

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 where employment data is collected for the pay periods that occur during the 12th of the month, preliminary estimates show the total nonfarm wage and salaried workers employment level dropped by 200 workers (or 0.1 percent) from January 2010 to February 2010.

The loss is non-seasonal and typical of recessionary periods. Total private employment declined by 1,300 jobs (or 0.4 percent) which was mainly driven by worker losses in retail trade, financial activities and mining, logging and construction. Total government increased by 1,100 workers (or 1.4 percent). The seasonal gain was made up overwhelmingly by increases in educational workers as schools went back to full employment after their semester/vacation breaks ended.

Mining, logging and construction showed a loss of 300 workers (or 1.7 percent). This seasonal loss is well within historical patterns derived from previous January to February employment level changes. The U.S. Census Bureau shows South Dakota new housing building permits were noticeably lower in January 2010 than they were in January 2009.

Retail trade produced a 1,200 worker (or 2.4 percent) seasonal decrease from January 2010 to February 2010. The loss was more than expected when looking at previous retail trade historical data for the January to February time frames.

Professional and business services showed a seasonal worker gain of 300 workers (or 1.2 percent). The seasonal gain is actually stronger than last year's January 2009 to February 2009 worker increase, but is less than the 2004 to 2007 corresponding time periods.

Financial activities lost 300 jobs (or 1.0 percent). Most of the losses were centered within credit card operations.

Educational services, including both public and private establishments, posted a seasonal gain of 2,100 workers (or 5.1 percent). State government education produced a January to February gain of 700 workers (or 7.8 percent). The majority of the gain is from state university workers coming back on the payroll after the semester break. Because of the dates of the January pay period, those staff and work-study students who did not work in between the fall and spring semesters (end of December and first half of January) caused a temporary January decrease, which recovered in February. Private educational services and local government educational services showed the same trends as state

government education. Private education had a 700 worker (or 11.1 percent) increase; local government education had a 700 worker (or 2.7 percent).

Over-the-year comparisons

Based on a monthly survey of South Dakota establishments, preliminary estimates show total nonfarm wage and salaried workers decreased by 8,300 employees (or 2.1 percent) from February 2009 to February 2010. Unemployment insurance claims support the estimated over-the-year loss.

Natural resources, mining and construction produced a 1,700 worker (or 9.1 percent) over-the-year loss. December 2009 produced a sharp over-the-year drop, but January and February 2010 have seemed to stabilize in their 12 month losses.

Manufacturing has been hit particularly hard by the deep national recession and is showing an over-the-year loss of 3,000 workers (or 7.6 percent). The manufacturing industry has seemed to stabilize losses since October 2009. An in-depth analysis by the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis shows surveyed manufacturers in South Dakota are more optimistic than they were in 2009.

Worker levels in the **financial activities** industry dropped 1,700 (or 5.5 percent). Most of the losses came from credit card operations, which were affected by consumer financial woes and legislated restrictive credit card laws. Non-credit card banking weathered fairly well. Apparently South Dakota businesses in this sector were more cautious regarding loan procedures and therefore have not suffered as much from non-collectable loans when compared to the national level.

Professional and business services lost 1,800 workers (or 6.7 percent) from February 2009 to February 2010. August 2009 through December 2009 showed a noticeable decline in professional and business services, but that decline has seemed to stabilize in the first part of 2010. The worker decreases in this industry were a result of recession-impacted businesses in other industries no longer hiring as many workers through temporary help agencies. Also, businesses in other industries were reducing output and therefore no longer needing the prior level of services being provided by professional and business services. When the state and the nation ease out of the recession, the level of workers in professional and business services is expected to rebound.

The **health care and social services** industry produced an increase of 700 workers (or 1.3 percent) over the year. South Dakota health care worker numbers have increased every year since the specific data was first recorded in 1972.

Total **government** produced growth of 900 workers (or 1.2 percent), most of which can be attributed to local government growth in the larger cities. The total government growth was strongly influenced by federal stimulus spending that targeted all government entities.

South Dakota Nonfarm Worker Levels

<u>Industries</u>	<u>February 2010</u>	<u>January 2010</u>	<u>February 2009</u>	<u>% Chg Last Month</u>	<u>% Chg Last Year</u>
TOTAL	388,600	388,800	396,900	-0.1	-2.1
Total Private	310,400	311,700	319,600	-0.4	-2.9
Goods Producing	53,700	53,900	58,400	-0.4	-8.0
Service Providing	334,900	334,900	338,500	0.0	-1.1
Private Service Providing	256,700	257,800	261,200	-0.4	-1.7
Mining/Logging/Const	17,000	17,300	18,700	-1.7	-9.1
Manufacturing	36,700	36,600	39,700	0.3	-7.6
Trade Trans/Util	78,600	79,800	79,200	-1.5	-0.8
Wholesale Trade	18,200	18,200	18,100	0.0	0.6
Retail Trade	48,000	49,200	48,200	-2.4	-0.4
Trans/Warehsing/Util	12,400	12,400	12,900	0.0	-3.9
Information	6,700	6,700	6,800	0.0	-1.5
Financial Activities	29,100	29,400	30,800	-1.0	-5.5
Prof Bus Services	25,200	24,900	27,000	1.2	-6.7
Education/Health Svc	63,400	63,100	62,700	0.5	1.1
Educational Services	7,000	6,300	7,000	11.1	0.0
Hlth Care/Soc Assist	56,400	56,800	55,700	-0.7	1.3
Leisure/Hospitality	38,300	38,400	39,100	-0.3	-2.0
Other Services	15,400	15,500	15,600	-0.6	-1.3
Government	78,200	77,100	77,300	1.4	1.2
Federal	11,300	11,400	11,200	-0.9	0.9
State	18,800	18,100	18,600	3.9	1.1
State Education	9,700	9,000	9,600	7.8	1.0
Local	48,100	47,600	47,500	1.1	1.3
Local Education	26,500	25,800	26,200	2.7	1.1

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Rapid City Metropolitan Statistical Area Nonfarm Worker Levels

<u>Industries</u>	<u>February 2010</u>	<u>January 2010</u>	<u>February 2009</u>	<u>% Chg Last Month</u>	<u>% Chg Last Year</u>
Rapid City MSA Total	57,800	57,900	59,100	-0.2	-2.2
Total Private	46,800	47,200	48,400	-0.8	-3.3
Goods Producing	6,500	6,600	7,200	-1.5	-9.7
Service-Providing	51,300	51,300	51,900	0.0	-1.2
Private Service Providing	40,300	40,600	41,200	-0.7	-2.2
Natural Resources/Mining/Construction	4,100	4,200	4,300	-2.4	-4.7
Manufacturing	2,400	2,400	2,900	0.0	-17.2
Trade/Transportation/Utilities	12,400	12,700	12,700	-2.4	-2.4
Wholesale Trade	2,100	2,100	2,100	0.0	0.0
Retail Trade	8,500	8,700	8,700	-2.3	-2.3
Transportation/Warehousing/Utilities	1,800	1,900	1,900	-5.3	-5.3
Information	1,000	1,000	900	0.0	11.1
Financial Activities	3,700	3,700	3,800	0.0	-2.6
Professional/Business Services	4,300	4,300	4,600	0.0	-6.5
Educational/Health Services	9,600	9,500	9,500	1.1	1.1
Leisure/Hospitality	6,800	6,900	7,000	-1.4	-2.9
Other Services	2,500	2,500	2,700	0.0	-7.4
Government	11,000	10,700	10,700	2.8	2.8

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Sioux Falls Metropolitan Statistical Area Nonfarm Worker Levels

<u>Industries</u>	<u>February 2010</u>	<u>January 2010</u>	<u>February 2009</u>	<u>% Chg Last Month</u>	<u>% Chg Last Year</u>
Sioux Falls MSA Total	129,800	130,200	132,600	-0.3	-2.1
Total Private	116,700	117,100	119,800	-0.3	-2.6
Goods Producing	17,600	17,700	19,200	-0.6	-8.3
Service-Providing	112,200	112,500	113,400	-0.3	-1.1
Private Service Providing	99,100	99,400	100,600	-0.3	-1.5
Natural Resources/Mining/Construction	5,700	5,800	6,300	-1.7	-9.5
Manufacturing	11,900	11,900	12,900	0.0	-7.8
Trade/Transportation/Utilities	27,200	27,600	27,700	-1.4	-1.8
Wholesale Trade	6,500	6,500	6,700	0.0	-3.0
Retail Trade	15,800	16,200	15,900	-2.5	-0.6
Transportation/Warehousing/Utilities	4,900	4,900	5,100	0.0	-3.9
Information	2,900	3,000	3,100	-3.3	-6.5
Financial Activities	16,100	16,100	16,600	0.0	-3.0
Professional/Business Services	10,400	10,300	11,000	1.0	-5.5
Educational/Health Services	26,000	25,700	25,200	1.2	3.2
Leisure/Hospitality	12,100	12,200	12,300	-0.8	-1.6
Other Services	4,400	4,500	4,700	-2.2	-6.4
Government	13,100	13,100	12,800	0.0	2.3

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South Dakota Statistical Areas Nonfarm Worker Levels

<u>Areas</u>	<u>February 2010</u>	<u>February 2009</u>
Aberdeen MiSA	21,700	21,990
Brookings MiSA	18,530	18,790
Huron MiSA	8,330	8,475
Mitchell MiSA	12,060	12,495
Pierre MiSA	11,815	11,935
Spearfish MiSA	11,835	12,035
Vermillion MiSA	7,340	7,420
Watertown MiSA	16,455	16,780
Yankton MiSA	12,235	12,320
Rapid City MSA	57,800	59,100
Sioux Falls MSA	129,800	132,600
Dewey-Ziebach LMA	2,340	2,365
Aurora County	785	785
Bennett County	855	860
Bon Homme County	1,820	1,880
Brule County	2,170	2,215
Buffalo County	460	470
Butte County	2,720	2,860
Campbell County	440	440
Charles Mix County	3,430	3,380
Clark County	820	855
Corson County	930	940
Custer County	2,220	2,250
Day County	1,950	2,000
Deuel County	1,525	1,565
Douglas County	1,095	1,125
Fall River County	2,510	2,580
Faulk County	590	590
Grant County	3,475	3,650
Gregory County	1,370	1,405
Haakon County	725	755
Hand County	1,235	1,220
Harding County	400	425
Hutchinson County	2,585	2,595
Hyde County	540	550
Jackson County	625	635
Jerauld County	1,280	1,375
Jones County	445	455
Kingsbury County	1,675	1,690
Lake County	4,590	4,790
Lyman County	1,420	1,465
McPherson County	630	665
Marshall County	1,300	1,300
Mellette County	350	335
Miner County	845	870
Moody County	2,020	2,030
Perkins County	1,145	1,160

Potter County	850	850
Roberts County	3,280	3,420
Sanborn County	690	700
Shannon County	3,965	3,955
Spink County	2,380	2,325
Sully County	405	415
Todd County	2,935	2,960
Tripp County	2,085	2,175
Union County	8,555	9,365
Walworth County	2,235	2,280

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South Dakota Labor Supply

February 2010

South Dakota	85,280	Hanson County	250
Rapid City MSA	11,845	Harding County	85
Sioux Falls MSA	24,765	Hughes County	1,785
Aurora County	205	Hutchinson County	530
Beadle County	1,545	Hyde County	110
Bennett County	560	Jackson County	405
Bon Homme County	570	Jerauld County	195
Brookings County	3,295	Jones County	65
Brown County	3,515	Kingsbury County	410
Brule County	420	Lake County	990
Butte County	700	Lawrence County	2,370
Campbell County	105	Lyman County	500
Charles Mix County	875	McPherson County	195
Clark County	300	Marshall County	445
Clay County	1,720	Mellette County	260
Codington County	2,775	Miner County	180
Corson County	480	Moody County	580
Custer County	620	Perkins County	235
Davison County	2,010	Potter County	175
Day County	600	Roberts County	1,190
Deuel County	405	Sanborn County	170
Dewey County	1,170	Shannon County	3,420
Douglas County	220	Spink County	610
Edmunds County	310	Stanley County	260
Fall River County	730	Sully County	90
Faulk County	145	Todd County	1,745
Grant County	705	Tripp County	480
Gregory County	350	Union County	1,885
Haakon County	125	Walworth County	545
Hamlin County	475	Yankton County	2,370
Hand County	225	Ziebach County	400
Buffalo County	585		

United States & South Dakota

Seasonally Adjusted
Labor Force

<u>Areas</u>	<u>February 2010*</u>				<u>February 2009</u>			
	<u>Labor Force</u>	<u>Employment</u>	<u>Unemployment</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Labor Force</u>	<u>Employment</u>	<u>Unemployment</u>	<u>Rate</u>
United States	153,512,000	138,641,000	14,871,000	9.7%	154,401,000	141,687,000	12,714,000	8.2%
South Dakota	444,600	423,300	21,300	4.8%	447,500	427,100	20,400	4.6%

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South Dakota & Counties

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Labor Force

<u>Areas</u>	February 2010				February 2009			
	<u>Labor Force</u>	<u>Employment</u>	<u>Unemployment</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Labor Force</u>	<u>Employment</u>	<u>Unemployment</u>	<u>Rate</u>
SOUTH DAKOTA	436,790	413,445	23,345	5.3	440,940	418,070	22,870	5.2
Aurora County	1,505	1,435	70	4.6	1,410	1,355	55	4.0
Beadle County	9,700	9,295	405	4.2	9,510	9,155	355	3.8
Bennett County	1,400	1,315	85	6.1	1,355	1,255	100	7.2
Bon Homme County	3,020	2,865	155	5.1	2,935	2,745	190	6.5
Brookings County	19,340	18,570	770	4.0	20,400	19,810	590	2.9
Brown County	20,910	20,090	820	3.9	20,840	20,035	805	3.9
Brule County	2,715	2,625	90	3.4	2,650	2,550	100	3.7
Buffalo County	505	420	85	17.2	515	400	115	22.2
Butte County	5,315	5,060	255	4.8	5,370	5,095	275	5.1
Campbell County	855	815	40	4.9	800	770	30	4.0
Charles Mix County	4,075	3,890	185	4.5	3,850	3,660	190	4.9
Clark County	1,785	1,650	135	7.6	1,785	1,650	135	7.7
Clay County	7,800	7,515	285	3.6	7,760	7,485	275	3.6
Codington County	15,785	14,865	920	5.8	16,610	15,540	1,070	6.4
Corson County	1,400	1,325	75	5.2	1,340	1,255	85	6.5
Custer County	4,360	4,090	270	6.1	4,100	3,875	225	5.5
Davison County	10,805	10,250	555	5.1	11,070	10,560	510	4.6
Day County	2,895	2,645	250	8.6	2,875	2,600	275	9.5
Deuel County	2,700	2,470	230	8.5	2,735	2,525	210	7.7
Dewey County	2,540	2,270	270	10.6	2,400	2,155	245	10.3
Douglas County	1,745	1,660	85	4.8	1,645	1,570	75	4.5
Edmunds County	2,035	1,955	80	3.9	2,005	1,940	65	3.2
Fall River County	3,605	3,370	235	6.5	3,580	3,325	255	7.2
Faulk County	1,155	1,115	40	3.6	1,090	1,050	40	3.8
Grant County	4,050	3,770	280	6.9	4,135	3,860	275	6.7
Gregory County	2,255	2,130	125	5.5	2,230	2,110	120	5.5
Haakon County	1,145	1,105	40	3.4	1,125	1,070	55	5.1
Hamlin County	2,870	2,680	190	6.6	2,955	2,775	180	6.0
Hand County	1,920	1,855	65	3.3	1,770	1,715	55	3.2
Hanson County	1,925	1,790	135	6.9	1,935	1,840	95	4.8
Harding County	780	760	20	2.8	735	710	25	3.3
Hughes County	10,295	9,915	380	3.7	9,795	9,460	335	3.4
Hutchinson County	3,735	3,570	165	4.4	3,595	3,425	170	4.8
Hyde County	755	720	35	4.5	700	670	30	4.6
Jackson County	1,105	1,010	95	8.7	1,095	965	130	12.0
Jerauld County	1,325	1,280	45	3.5	1,390	1,335	55	3.9
Jones County	660	645	15	2.4	620	595	25	4.3
Kingsbury County	2,960	2,770	190	6.4	2,965	2,800	165	5.6
Lake County	6,500	6,125	375	5.8	6,760	6,390	370	5.5
Lawrence County	13,430	12,800	630	4.7	13,350	12,790	560	4.2
Lincoln County	21,710	20,660	1,050	4.8	21,535	20,615	920	4.3
Lyman County	1,930	1,810	120	6.2	1,855	1,725	130	7.1
McCook County	2,690	2,535	155	5.7	2,855	2,700	155	5.4

McPherson County	1,130	1,070	60	5.4	1,045	990	55	5.3
Marshall County	2,050	1,890	160	7.9	2,100	1,885	215	10.3
Meade County	12,020	11,280	740	6.2	12,290	11,675	615	5.0
Mellette County	860	810	50	5.9	895	830	65	7.3
Miner County	1,255	1,190	65	5.3	1,225	1,150	75	6.1
Minnehaha County	99,410	93,940	5,470	5.5	101,365	96,415	4,950	4.9
Moody County	3,860	3,560	300	7.8	4,005	3,760	245	6.1
Pennington County	53,315	50,400	2,915	5.5	53,675	50,960	2,715	5.1
Perkins County	1,625	1,555	70	4.2	1,540	1,455	85	5.5
Potter County	1,280	1,220	60	4.8	1,255	1,200	55	4.2
Roberts County	4,615	4,305	310	6.7	4,725	4,345	380	8.0
Sanborn County	1,375	1,325	50	3.7	1,360	1,310	50	3.7
Shannon County	3,810	3,455	355	9.3	3,735	3,315	420	11.3
Spink County	3,440	3,280	160	4.7	3,230	3,045	185	5.7
Stanley County	1,905	1,825	80	4.3	1,860	1,785	75	4.1
Sully County	915	880	35	4.0	865	825	40	4.8
Todd County	3,390	3,175	215	6.3	3,390	3,070	320	9.5
Tripp County	2,915	2,790	125	4.2	2,805	2,680	125	4.4
Turner County	4,200	3,955	245	5.9	4,390	4,155	235	5.4
Union County	8,140	7,610	530	6.5	8,360	7,845	515	6.1
Walworth County	2,695	2,500	195	7.2	2,555	2,380	175	6.9
Yankton County	11,735	11,125	610	5.2	12,250	11,520	730	6.0
Ziebach County	840	795	45	5.3	835	770	65	7.6

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South Dakota Areas

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Labor Force

<u>Areas</u>	February 2010*				February 2009			
	<u>Labor Force</u>	<u>Employment</u>	<u>Unemployment</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Labor Force</u>	<u>Employment</u>	<u>Unemployment</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Rapid City MSA	65,335	61,680	3,655	5.6	65,970	62,640	3,330	5.0
Sioux Falls MSA	128,015	121,090	6,925	5.4	130,140	123,885	6,255	4.8
Aberdeen MiSA	22,945	22,045	900	3.9	22,845	21,975	870	3.8
Brookings MiSA	19,340	18,570	770	4.0	20,400	19,810	590	2.9
Huron MiSA	9,700	9,295	405	4.2	9,510	9,155	355	3.8
Mitchell MiSA	12,730	12,040	690	5.4	13,000	12,400	600	4.6
Pierre MiSA	12,200	11,740	460	3.8	11,655	11,245	410	3.5
Spearfish MiSA	13,430	12,800	630	4.7	13,350	12,790	560	4.2
Vermillion MiSA	7,800	7,515	285	3.6	7,760	7,485	275	3.6
Watertown MiSA	18,655	17,545	1,110	5.9	19,560	18,315	1,245	6.4
Yankton MiSA	11,735	11,125	610	5.2	12,250	11,520	730	6.0
Dewey-Ziebach LMA	3,375	3,065	310	9.2	3,235	2,925	310	9.6

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South Dakota Cities

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Labor Force

<u>Areas</u>	February 2010*			<u>Rate</u>
	<u>Labor Force</u>	<u>Employment</u>	<u>Unemployment</u>	
Aberdeen City	14,720	14,075	645	4.4%
Brookings City	13,030	12,500	530	4.1%
Huron City	6,900	6,585	315	4.6%
Mitchell City	8,590	8,095	495	5.8%
Pierre City	8,650	8,310	340	3.9%
Rapid City City	35,475	33,170	2,305	6.5%
Sioux Falls City	86,525	81,620	4,905	5.7%
Sioux Falls City - Lincoln	7,395	7,025	370	5.0%
Sioux Falls City - Minnehaha	79,125	74,595	4,530	5.7%
Spearfish City	5,785	5,495	290	5.0%
Vermillion City	6,125	5,910	215	3.5%
Watertown City	12,505	11,710	795	6.4%
Yankton City	7,680	7,210	470	6.1%

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South Dakota Annualized Pay of Covered Workers

October 2008 to September 2009*

Statewide	\$33,043	Hutchinson County	\$25,915
Rapid City MSA	\$32,569	Hyde County	\$28,235
Sioux Falls MSA	\$37,125	Jackson County	\$23,214
Aurora County	\$25,101	Jerauld County	\$27,185
Beadle County	\$30,801	Jones County	\$22,262
Bennett County	\$24,258	Kingsbury County	\$29,106
Bon Homme County	\$25,105	Lake County	\$28,771
Brookings County	\$33,550	Lawrence County	\$27,729
Brown County	\$32,387	Lincoln County	\$36,341
Brule County	\$24,113	Lyman County	\$23,852
Buffalo County	\$35,475	McCook County	\$24,691
Butte County	\$25,995	McPherson County	\$23,245
Campbell County	\$23,692	Marshall County	\$27,209
Charles Mix County	\$25,691	Meade County	\$31,835
Clark County	\$25,719	Mellette County	\$22,113
Clay County	\$30,010	Miner County	\$26,277
Codington County	\$31,108	Minnehaha County	\$37,353
Corson County	\$27,863	Moody County	\$31,613
Custer County	\$27,024	Pennington County	\$32,665
Davison County	\$29,959	Perkins County	\$23,779
Day County	\$23,568	Potter County	\$27,116
Deuel County	\$33,009	Roberts County	\$26,236
Dewey County	\$29,482	Sanborn County	\$26,631
Douglas County	\$25,985	Shannon County	\$33,206
Edmunds County	\$27,525	Spink County	\$27,816
Fall River County	\$29,828	Stanley County	\$25,683
Faulk County	\$25,674	Sully County	\$25,936
Grant County	\$30,832	Todd County	\$29,986
Gregory County	\$23,877	Tripp County	\$25,945
Haakon County	\$26,157	Turner County	\$37,406
Hamlin County	\$27,933	Union County	\$38,651
Hand County	\$25,630	Walworth County	\$25,164
Hanson County	\$27,668	Yankton County	\$31,863
Harding County	\$30,896	Ziebach County	\$29,271
Hughes County	\$34,521		

*This data is updated quarterly.

South Dakota Local Office Activities

	January 2009 - December 2009	January 2008 - December 2008	% Chg Last Year
<u>Activities</u>			
Job Seekers	92,399	77,391	19.4%
Entered Employments	27,193	26,689	1.9%
Job Openings Received	56,903	85,539	-33.5%

South Dakota Department of Labor Unemployment Insurance Activities

	February 2010	January 2010	February 2009	% Chg Last Month	% Chg Last Year
<u>Unemployment Insurance Activities</u>					
Initial Claims	2,255	3,457	2,826	-34.8%	-20.2%
Weeks Claimed	31,056	34,446	28,475	-9.8%	9.1%
Amount of Benefit Payments	\$6,572,753	\$6,229,170	\$5,914,890	5.5%	11.1%
Unemployment Trust Fund Balance	(\$15,232,953)	(\$11,230,479)	\$18,203,517	35.6%	-183.7%

Unemployment Insurance Weeks Claimed South Dakota Residents By County

February 2010

Aurora	79	Fall River	261	Meade	1177
Beadle	483	Faulk	27	Mellette	49
Bennett	93	Grant	271	Miner	78
Bon Homme	141	Gregory	142	Minnehaha	8126
Brookings	980	Haakon	31	Moody	375
Brown	1027	Hamlin	265	Pennington	4542
Brule	62	Hand	31	Perkins	63
Buffalo	87	Hanson	173	Potter	86
Butte	335	Hughes	483	Roberts	349
Campbell	37	Hutchinson	196	Sanborn	49
Charles Mix	167	Hyde	21	Shannon	311
Clark	159	Jackson	90	Spink	170
Clay	243	Jerauld	63	Stanley	103
Codington	1393	Jones	14	Sully	47
Corson	36	Kingsbury	282	Todd	205
Custer	363	Lake	480	Tripp	104
Davison	758	Lawrence	786	Turner	353
Day	386	Lincoln	1289	Union	407
Deuel	272	Lyman	122	Walworth	244
Dewey	287	McCook	183	Yankton	752
Douglas	105	McPherson	46	Ziebach	36
Edmunds	68	Marshall	195	Harding	12

National Economic Indicators

	February 2010	January 2010	February 2009	% Chg Last Month	% Chg Last Year
Consumer Price Index	216.7	216.7	212.2	0.0%	2.1%
Nonfarm Payroll Employment	128.1	127.6	131.3	0.4%	-2.4%
Privately Owned Housing Starts	575	611	574	-5.9%	0.2%
Bank Prime Loan Rate	3.25	3.25	3.25	0.0%	0.0%