South Dakota’s labor force participation rate is 68.9%, meaning nearly 7 out of 10 people 16 or older are employed or actively seeking work. The national labor force participation rate is 61.7%.

South Dakota youth (ages 16-24) participate in the labor force at 64.6%, compared to just 53.9% nationally.

South Dakotans 65 and older participate in the labor force at 27.8%, outpacing their counterparts nationally (19.4%).

With a male 73.5% labor force participation rate, South Dakota ranks fourth nationally. The male labor force participation rate is 67.7% in the nation.

South Dakota women rank fifth nationally with a labor force participation rate of 64.2%. The rate of their counterparts nationally is 56.2%.

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