Youngest Workers (16-24 years) as a Percentage of the Labor Force

Youth make up a slightly larger share of the labor force in South Dakota.

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Labor Force Participation Rates

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Those 16-24 participate in the labor force at a significantly higher rate in South Dakota compared to the nation.

Educational Attainment of the Population 18-24 years

- Graduate of professional degree, 0.6%
- Bachelor’s degree, 9.9%
- Associate degree, 6.2%
- Some college, no degree, 35.2%
- High school graduate, 34.3%
- 9th to 12th grade, no diploma, 12.6%
- Less than 9th grade, 1.2%

South Dakota
- Graduate of professional degree, 0.9%
- Bachelor’s degree, 11.0%
- Associate degree, 5.6%
- Some college, no degree, 37.8%
- High school graduate, 32.7%
- 9th to 12th grade, no diploma, 10.6%
- Less than 9th grade, 1.4%

United States

The state almost mirrors the nation’s educational attainment for 18- to 24-year-olds.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2019 American Community Survey 1-year Estimates, Table B15001

Top Five Industries Employing Workers Ages 14-24
(Percentage of total employment indicated, private ownership)

- South Dakota
  - Accommodation & Food Services, 25.1%
  - Retail Trade, 21.6%
  - Health Care & Social Assistance, 15.1%
  - Manufacturing, 7.7%
  - Construction, 5.6%

- United States
  - Accommodation & Food Services, 25.9%
  - Retail Trade, 20.8%
  - Health Care & Social Assistance, 10.3%
  - Administrative & Support & Waste Management & Remediation Service, 6.9%
  - Manufacturing, 5.4%

Youth make up greater percentages of the labor force in Health Care & Social Assistance, Retail Trade, Manufacturing, and Construction in South Dakota.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2019 Quarterly Workforce Indicators Data, Longitudinal-Employment Household Dynamics Program, August 2021.

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