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

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

South Dakota

- Total labor force: 76,000
- 16-24 years: 16.5%

United States

- Total labor force: 21,160,000
- 16-24 years: 13.2%

Labor Force Participation Rates

South Dakota

- 16-24 years: 66.8%
- All ages: 69.4%

United States

- 16-24 years: 55.5%
- All ages: 62.9%

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


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Educational Attainment of the Population 18–24 years

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

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2016 American Community Survey 1-year Estimates, Table B15001

Top Five Industries Employing Workers Ages 14–24

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Health Care & Social Assistance, Manufacturing and Construction account for higher percentages of youth employment in South Dakota.

South Dakota
- Accommodation & Food Services, 26.2%
- Retail Trade, 22.7%
- Health Care & Social Assistance, 13.6%
- Manufacturing, 7.3%
- Construction, 5.4%

United States
- Accommodation & Food Services, 26.0%
- Retail Trade, 23.0%
- Health Care & Social Assistance, 10.3%
- Administrative & Support & Waste Management & Remediation Services, 7.1%
- Manufacturing 5.3%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2016 Quarterly Workforce Indicators Data, Longitudinal-Employment Household Dynamics Program, June 2018.

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