



# Celebrating SMALL BUSINESS in South Dakota



*Not just Saturday, November 26, but every day*

**80%**

Small businesses (those with fewer than 10 employees) account for nearly 80% of all establishments in the state.

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Small businesses employ nearly 72,000 South Dakotans, about one out of five wage and salaried workers in the state.

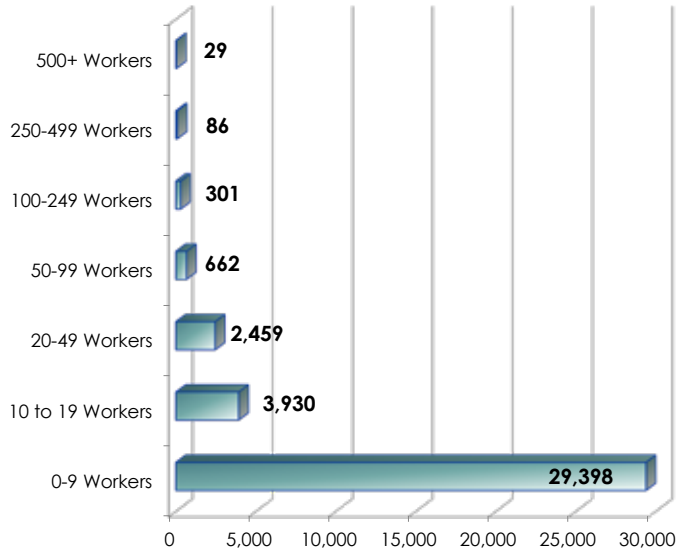
**Top 2**

The Professional and Business Services and the Trade, Transportation and Utilities industry supersectors account for the largest percentages of small businesses in the state, at 23.5% and 22.3%, respectively.

**1K+**

Minnehaha and Pennington counties have the largest number of small establishments in the state, followed by Lincoln, Lawrence, Brown and Codington, each of which have more than 1,000 small establishments.

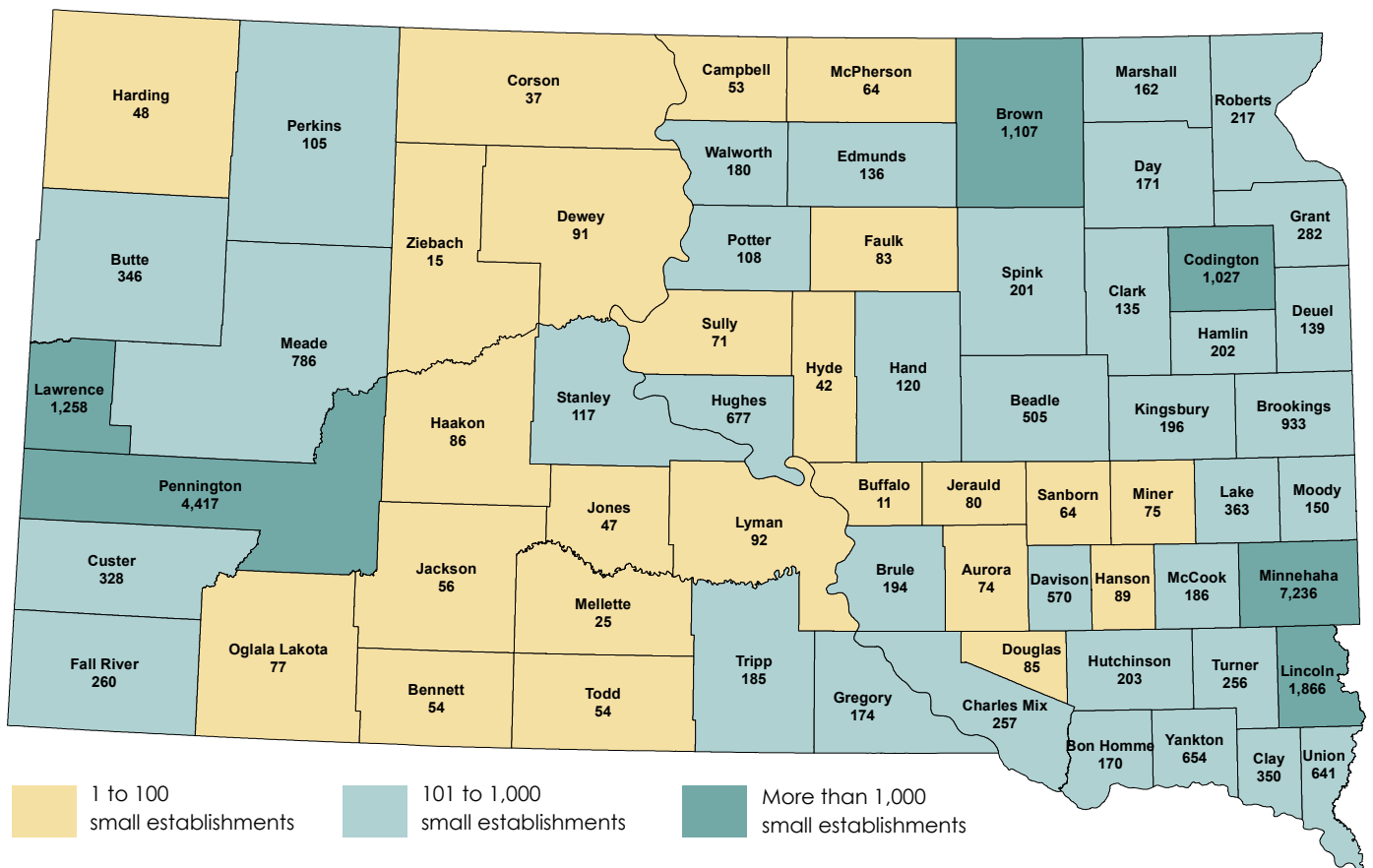
**South Dakota Number of Establishments by Establishment Size in 2021**



**South Dakota Distribution of Employment by Establishment Size in 2021**

| Establishment Size Class       | Employment     | Percent of Total Employment |
|--------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|
| 0-9 Workers                    | 71,613         | 20.1%                       |
| 10 to 19 Workers               | 53,077         | 14.9%                       |
| 20-49 Workers                  | 73,082         | 20.5%                       |
| 50-99 Workers                  | 44,762         | 12.5%                       |
| 100-249 Workers                | 45,935         | 12.9%                       |
| 250-499 Workers                | 28,321         | 7.9%                        |
| 500+ Workers                   | 40,084         | 11.2%                       |
| <b>Total, All Size Classes</b> | <b>356,874</b> | <b>100.0%</b>               |

**South Dakota Number of Small Establishments (0-9 Workers) by County in 2021**



Source: Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages program, Labor Market Information Center, South Dakota Department of Labor and Regulation, Nov. 2022. Data produced in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Only employment covered by Reemployment Assistance (unemployment insurance) benefits is included in the QCEW program.

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