

A bright sunburst graphic with rays emanating from a central point, set against a warm orange and yellow background.

South Dakota HOT CAREERS to 2034

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Labor Market Information Center
South Dakota Department of Labor and Regulation



South Dakota's Top 30 Hot Careers

	Annual Openings 2024-2034	Average Wage 2025
Registered Nurses	946	\$77,140
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	786	\$58,550
First-Line Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers	541	\$61,860
Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing, Except Technical and Scientific Products	521	\$81,270
Accountants and Auditors	513	\$85,030
Carpenters	498	\$51,330
General and Operations Managers	454	\$153,020
Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers	422	\$51,980
Management Analysts	381	\$92,440
Maintenance and Repair Workers, General	379	\$49,790
Elementary School Teachers, Except Special Education	337	\$52,680
Electricians	333	\$61,980
Agricultural Equipment Operators	256	\$47,470
Insurance Sales Agents	252	\$82,200
Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics	244	\$55,660
Secondary School Teachers, Except Special and Career/Technical Education	237	\$53,960
First-Line Supervisors of Construction Trades and Extraction Workers	230	\$78,970
Operating Engineers and Other Construction Equipment Operators	229	\$59,330
Food Service Managers	218	\$63,920
First-Line Supervisors of Office and Administrative Support Workers	214	\$64,100
Police and Sheriff's Patrol Officers	211	\$64,320
First-Line Supervisors of Production and Operating Workers	209	\$73,610
Executive Secretaries and Executive Administrative Assistants	195	\$56,200
Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses	189	\$54,990
Dental Assistants	188	\$50,170
Plumbers, Pipefitters, and Steamfitters	188	\$55,530
Cement Masons and Concrete Finishers	176	\$48,800
Child, Family, and School Social Workers	173	\$53,320
First-Line Supervisors of Transportation & Material Moving Workers, Except Aircraft Cargo Handling Supervisor	173	\$64,760
Clergy	167	\$60,180

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