



South Dakota High Demand & High Wage Career



Career Cluster: Finance

Accountants & Auditors

Standard Occupational Code 13-2011

What They Do

Prepare, analyze and interpret financial records to prepare statements, give advice, or audit and evaluate statements prepared by others. Develop, implement, modify and document recordkeeping and accounting systems, using computer technology.

Is This For You?

Work Interests are described in the following categories (compatible with Holland's Model). People who tend to succeed in this career are:

Conventional (Organizers) — Detail oriented and organized. They like to analyze data, keep financial records and do research. They can be counted on to be accurate and enjoy structure and closure.

Enterprising (Persuaders) — Like to influence, persuade or lead people and manage others. They enjoy working on a team toward goals, competition and business-like activities.

Work Values are aspects of work that are satisfying to you. The following work values are generally associated with this career.

Achievement — Results oriented, allow use of strongest abilities and provide feeling of accomplishment.

Independence — Allow employees to work on their own and make decisions.

Recognition — Offer advancement, potential for leadership, and are often considered prestigious.

Abilities reflect a person's aptitude to acquire skills and knowledge. The following abilities are important for success in the career.

- Deductive Reasoning
- Mathematical Reasoning
- Number Facility
- Oral Expression
- Written Comprehension
- Problem Sensitivity
- Written Expression
- Inductive Reasoning
- Information Ordering

Basic Skills You Need

- Active Listening
- Reading Comprehension
- Critical Thinking
- Speaking
- Writing
- Mathematics

Education & Training

A bachelor's degree in accounting or related program is recommended. A registered apprenticeship is another option for preparing for this occupation. To learn more, visit StartTodaySD.com or contact your local Job Service office to get started.

Certified Public Accountants are required to be licensed by the South Dakota Board of Accountancy. For more information, visit the South Dakota Board of Accountancy website at <https://dlr.sd.gov/accountancy>.

South Dakota Employment & Wages

2022 Employment	2032 Employment	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Average Annual Openings	Annual Median Wage	Annual Average Wage
6,179	6,831	652	10.6%	560	\$75,110	\$77,840

Additional References

Labor Market Information Center

www.dlr.sd.gov/lmic

Career OneStop

www.careeronestop.org

O*Net Online

www.onetonline.org

mySkills myFuture

<https://www.myskillsmyfuture.org/>

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Recommended Levels* for the National Career Readiness Certificate

Applied Math	5
Workplace Documents	4
Graphic Literacy	5

*Using the median skill level.

Where They Work

The South Dakota industries which employ the largest number of accountants and auditors are:

- Accounting, Tax Preparation, Bookkeeping, and Payroll Services
- Local Government, excluding Education and Hospitals
- Management of Companies and Enterprises

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