



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 record keeping 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 Styles (personality tendencies) of people who perform well in this occupation have:

Intellectual Curiosity — A tendency to seek out and acquire new work-related knowledge and obtain a deep understanding of work-related subjects.

Cautiousness — A tendency to be careful, deliberate, and risk-avoidant when making work-related decisions or doing work.

Integrity — A tendency to be honest and ethical at work.

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

- Oral Comprehension
- Oral Expression
- Written Comprehension
- Deductive Reasoning
- Inductive Reasoning
- Near Vision
- Problem Sensitivity

Work Activities

- Getting Information
- Communicating with Supervisors, Peers, or Subordinates
- Working with Computers — Using computers and computer systems (including hardware and software) to program, write soft

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

2024 Employment	2034 Employment	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Average Annual Openings	Annual Median Wage	Annual Average Wage
5,982	6,569	587	9.8%	513	\$78,880	\$85,030

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:

- Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services
- Credit Intermediation and Related Activities
- Educational Services
- Management of Companies and Enterprises

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