

2015 South Dakota Employment & Wages

An analysis of 2015 employment and wage data by industry from the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) program is available from the South Dakota Department of Labor and Regulation's Labor Market Information Center (LMIC). LMIC conducts the South Dakota QCEW program in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

This flier provides highlights of the 2015 summary. For the complete summary, see the LMIC website at www.sdjobs.org/lmic. Click on the menu option "Workers by Industry."

If you need assistance finding the 2015 online summary or have any questions, please call the LMIC at 800.592.1881 or email LMIC@state.sd.us.



2015 Highlights

Statewide



The number of South Dakota employees covered by unemployment insurance in 2015 was 416,016 workers, up 1.2 percent from 2014.



The average annual pay for these workers in 2015 was \$40,181, up 3.9 percent from 2014.

Supersectors



The percentage of covered workers increased by 2 percent or more in three supersectors:

- Natural Resources and Mining
- Trade, Transportation and Utilities
- Construction



With a 7.0 percent increase, covered workers in the Leisure and Hospitality Services supersector enjoyed the greatest increase in annual pay in 2015.

Counties



The largest actual growth in covered workers from 2014 to 2015 by county occurred in Minnehaha (1,822), Lincoln (984) and Brookings (509). Hanson County had the largest percentage growth at 7.6 percent.



Average annual pay rose for most counties over the year. Annual pay in Walworth, Campbell, Jones, Potter and Perkins counties increased by 6.0 percent or more. The largest actual dollar gain from 2014 to 2015 occurred in Lincoln County (up \$2,480).

Average Number of Establishments, Covered Workers & Pay 2015

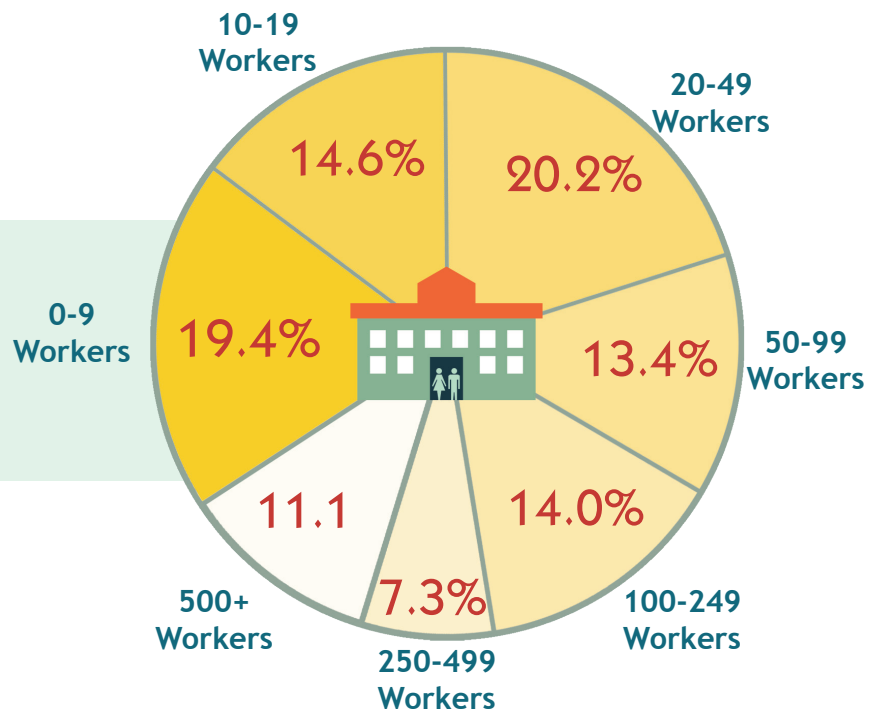
| Supersectors | Number of Establishments | Number of Workers | Annual Pay |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|------------|
| Natural Resources and Mining | 997 | 6,215 | \$40,451 |
| Construction | 4,010 | 22,201 | \$44,996 |
| Manufacturing | 1,114 | 42,592 | \$45,434 |
| Trade, Transportation and Utilities | 8,319 | 86,554 | \$37,043 |
| Information | 606 | 5,884 | \$45,850 |
| Financial Activities | 3,369 | 29,160 | \$53,505 |
| Professional and Business Services | 5,106 | 30,672 | \$51,000 |
| Education and Health Services | 2,848 | 63,950 | \$46,835 |
| Leisure and Hospitality Services | 3,243 | 46,137 | \$15,565 |
| Other Services | 2,286 | 10,712 | \$29,691 |
| Government | 2,482 | 71,939 | \$40,297 |

In 2015, Trade, Transportation and Utilities had the most covered workers and establishments. Financial Activities had the highest average annual pay.

South Dakota Distribution of Employees by Establishment Size

Small businesses are predominate in South Dakota, with 77.5 percent of all establishments falling in 2015 in the 0-9 worker size class.

While more than three quarters of the establishments in South Dakota employ fewer than 10 workers, these establishments only employed 19.4 percent of all the covered workers in South Dakota.



For more information

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