

Table 6. **Population for the 15 Largest Counties and Incorporated Places in South Dakota: 1990 and 2000**

NOTE: Data not adjusted based on the Accuracy and Coverage Evaluation. For information on confidentiality protection, sampling error, nonsampling error, and definitions, see <http://factfinder.census.gov/home/en/datanotes/expplu.html>.

Population rank		Geographic area	Population		Population change, 1990 to 2000	
2000	1990		2000	1990 ¹	Number	Percent
		South Dakota	754 844	696 004	58 840	8.5
		COUNTY				
1	1	Minnehaha County	148 281	123 809	24 472	19.8
2	2	Pennington County	88 565	81 343	7 222	8.9
3	3	Brown County	35 460	35 580	- 120	-0.3
4	4	Brookings County	28 220	25 207	3 013	12.0
5	5	Codington County	25 897	22 698	3 199	14.1
6	6	Meade County	24 253	21 878	2 375	10.9
7	11	Lincoln County	24 131	15 427	8 704	56.4
8	7	Lawrence County	21 802	20 655	1 147	5.6
9	8	Yankton County	21 652	19 252	2 400	12.5
10	10	Davison County	18 741	17 503	1 238	7.1
11	9	Beadle County	17 023	18 253	- 1 230	-6.7
12	12	Hughes County	16 481	14 817	1 664	11.2
13	13	Clay County	13 537	13 186	351	2.7
14	15	Union County	12 584	10 189	2 395	23.5
15	17	Shannon County	12 466	9 902	2 564	25.9
		INCORPORATED PLACE				
1	1	Sioux Falls city	123 975	100 814	23 161	23.0
2	2	Rapid City city	59 607	54 523	5 084	9.3
3	3	Aberdeen city	24 658	24 927	- 269	-1.1
4	4	Watertown city	20 237	17 592	2 645	15.0
5	5	Brookings city	18 504	16 270	2 234	13.7
6	6	Mitchell city	14 558	13 798	760	5.5
7	7	Pierre city	13 876	12 906	970	7.5
8	8	Yankton city	13 528	12 703	825	6.5
9		Huron city	11 893	12 448	- 555	-4.5
10	10	Vermillion city	9 765	10 034	- 269	-2.7
11	11	Spearfish city	8 606	6 966	1 640	23.5
12	12	Madison city	6 540	6 257	283	4.5
13	13	Sturgis city	6 442	5 330	1 112	20.9
14	19	Brandon city	5 693	3 543	2 150	60.7
15	14	Belle Fourche city	4 565	4 335	230	5.3

- Represents zero or rounds to 0.0.

¹ 1990 census counts are as published in 1990 census reports and thus do not include any changes published subsequently due to boundary changes or to the Count Question Resolution program.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000 Redistricting Data (P.L. 94-171) Summary File, Table PL1, and 1990 census.