**South Dakota**

### BASIC INFORMATION
- **2010 Census Population:** 814,180 (46th)
- **Land Area:** 75,811 square miles (16th)
- **Density:** 10.7 persons per square mile (46th)
- **Capital:** Pierre
- **Became a State:** November 2, 1889 (39th)

### HISTORY
The United States acquired almost all of the area of South Dakota from France in 1803 as part of the Louisiana Purchase. A small portion in the northeast part of the present-day state was added by a convention signed with Great Britain in 1818. Dakota Territory was organized on March 2, 1861, from unorganized area formerly within Minnesota Territory and part of Nebraska Territory. Dakota Territory included all of the present-day states of North Dakota and South Dakota, most of Montana, the northern half of Wyoming, and a small part of Nebraska. The territory was reduced in 1863 with the organization of Idaho Territory, enlarged in 1864 with the addition of most of the remainder of present-day Wyoming, and again reduced with the organization of Wyoming Territory in 1868. In 1882, the state of Nebraska acquired an area north of the Keya Paha River and Niobrara River. South Dakota was admitted to the Union simultaneously with North Dakota on November 2, 1889, as the 39th and 40th states, with generally the same boundary as the present state.

Census data for the combined area in present-day North Dakota and South Dakota are available in the 1860 census (and listed in national tables with South Dakota). The 1860 census population is for territory reported as unorganized Dakota and territory now in Montana. Although the state had not yet been legally established, the 1870 and 1880 populations are for the area of the present state. The population of Dakota Territory as legally established was 135,177 in 1880 and 14,181 in 1870.

### AMERICAN INDIAN AREAS
South Dakota has 11 American Indian areas. There are nine reservations, four with associated off-reservation trust lands. There are also two off-reservation trust lands associated with reservations in neighboring states.

### METROPOLITAN AND MICROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS AND RELATED STATISTICAL AREAS
South Dakota has three metropolitan statistical areas, nine micropolitan statistical areas, and one combined statistical area.

### COUNTIES
There are 66 counties in South Dakota. Each county is governed by a board of commissioners.

### COUNTY SUBDIVISIONS
There are 1,339 county subdivisions in South Dakota known as minor civil divisions (MCDs). There are 914 townships with functioning, but not necessarily active, governments.

### PLACES
South Dakota has 390 places; 311 incorporated places and 79 census designated places (CDPs). The incorporated places consist of 156 cities, 154 towns, and 1 village. Incorporated places are independent of county subdivisions.

#### Geographic Entities
- **American Indian / Alaska Native / Native Hawaiian Areas:** 11 (2010), 11 (Census 2000)
- **American Indian Tribal Subdivisions:** 49 (2010), 50 (Census 2000)
- **Block Groups:** 654 (2010), 688 (Census 2000)
- **Census Blocks:** 88,360 (2010), 77,951 (Census 2000)
- **Census Tracts:** 88,360 (2010), 77,951 (Census 2000)
- **Congressional Districts (108th - 112th):** 1 (2010), 1 (Census 2000)
- **Counties and Equivalents:** 66 (2010), 66 (Census 2000)
- **County Subdivisions:** 1,339 (2010), 1,361 (Census 2000)
- **Places:** 390 (2010), 350 (Census 2000)
- **State Legislative Districts (Lower):** 37 (2010), 35 (Census 2000)
- **State Legislative Districts (Upper):** 37 (2010), 35 (Census 2000)
- **Unified School Districts:** 156 (2010), 176 (Census 2000)
- **Voting Districts:** 902 (2010), 979 (Census 2000)

#### Features
- **Address Range-Feature Names:** 285,809 (2010)
- **Address Ranges:** 225,237 (2010)
- **Area Landmarks:** 1,585 (2010)
- **Area Water:** 27,761 (2010)
- **Edges:** 659,743 (2010)
- **Feature Names:** 585,372 (2010)
- **Linear Water:** 63,396 (2010)
- **Point Landmarks:** 1,603 (2010)
- **Primary and Secondary Roads:** 2,534 (2010)
- **Roads:** 120,381 (2010)
- **Topological Faces:** 228,877 (2010)
- **Topological Faces- Area Hydrography:** 33,706 (2010)
- **Topological Faces- Area Landmark:** 3,340 (2010)

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