



## SOUTH DAKOTA [SD]

Capital: Pierre  
 Area: 77,116 sq. mi.  
 Population: 814,130  
 Pop. density: 10.9/sq. mi.  
 Nickname: "The Monument State"  
 State motto: "Under God the People Rule"  
 Governor: Dennis Daugaard (R)  
 U.S. Senators: Tim Johnson (D), John Thune (R)



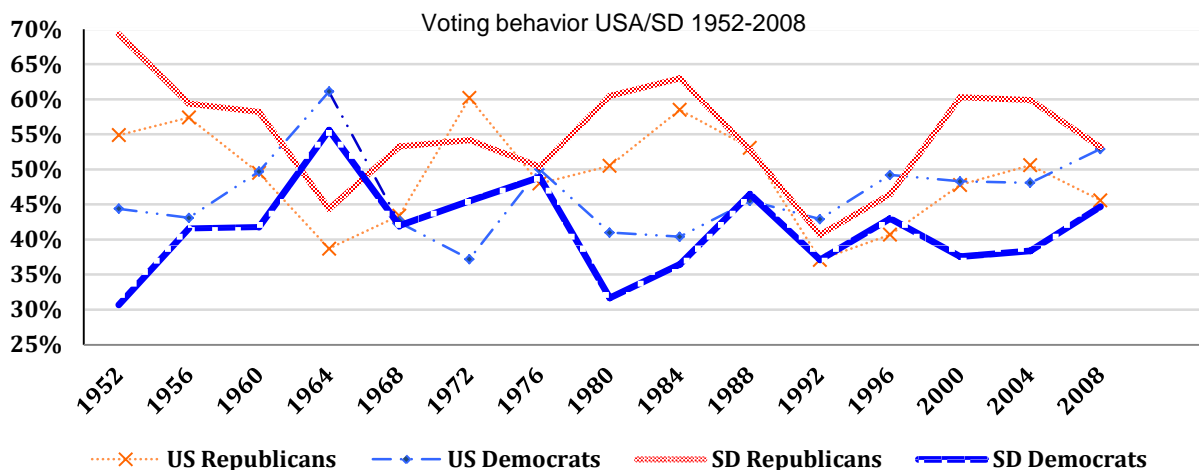
"South Dakota." *Encyclopædia Britannica*. Encyclopædia Britannica Online. Encyclopædia Britannica Inc., 2012. Web. 25 Apr. 2012. <<http://www.britannica.com/EBchecked/topic/556164/South-Dakota>>.



### I. VOTING BEHAVIOR:

"Dakota voters have strongly favored the Republican Party throughout most of the state's history. Republicans have won most of the elections for governor, and also have won the state's electoral votes in most presidential elections. In the 1960's, South Dakota began to show signs of being a two-party state. Since then, the Democratic Party has continued to draw voter support. But the Republicans remain the largest party."

Resource: *World Book 2008*



Resource: "Election Information" Office of the Clerk. February 2008. April 25, 2012. <[http://clerk.house.gov/member\\_info/electioninfo/index.aspx](http://clerk.house.gov/member_info/electioninfo/index.aspx)>

### VOTING RATES

	Percent voted (citizen) US	Percent voted (citizen) SD
2000	50.3%	57.2%
2004	55.7%	67.2%
2008	57.1%	63.0%

Resource: US Census Bureau, ed. (2012). *Statistical Abstract of the United States: 2012*. April 25, 2012. <<http://www.census.gov/prod/2011pubs/12statab/election.pdf>>

South Dakota's 2011 population of c. 820,000 includes a higher percentage of the non-Hispanic white-alone population and a higher percentage of the American Indian and Alaska Native population than the nation as a whole, according to U.S. Census Bureau statistics. About 63 percent of South Dakota's citizens cast a ballot in the 2008 general election, which was higher than the national rate of 57 percent.

More information at: <http://www.census.gov/population/www/socdemo/voting.html>



## II. DEMOGRAPHICS

Selected Characteristics	South Dakota	U.S.
Median age	37.2	36.9
Women	50.0%	50.8%
White persons, not Hispanic	84.7%	63.7%
Black persons	1.3%	12.6%
Hispanic or Latino	2.7%	16.3%
Median household income	\$46,369	\$51,914
Foreign born	2.3%	12.7%
Persons below poverty	13.7%	13.8%
Bachelor's degree or higher (age 25+)	25.3%	27.9%
Median home value	\$122,200	\$188,400

Resource: US Census Bureau, ed. (2012). *State and County QuickFacts*. 17. January 2012. April 25, 2012.  
<http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/46000.html>



## III. MORE RESOURCES

### Government Information

South Dakota's Official Website: <http://sd.gov/>

Governor of South Dakota: <http://sd.gov/governor/>

Elected Officials in U.S. Senate – South Dakota:

[http://www.senate.gov/general/contact\\_information/senators\\_cfm.cfm?State=SD](http://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm?State=SD)

Elected Officials in U.S. House of Representatives – South Dakota:

[http://www.house.gov/representatives/#state\\_sd](http://www.house.gov/representatives/#state_sd)

### Elections 2012

*Politics 1* – South Dakota Directory: <http://www.politicsone.com/sd.htm>

*The Green Papers* – South Dakota 2012 General Elections: <http://www.thegreenpapers.com/G12/SD>

*My Time to Vote*: [http://elections.mytimetovote.com/dates/south\\_dakota.html](http://elections.mytimetovote.com/dates/south_dakota.html)

Secretary of State – South Dakota: <http://sdsos.gov/>

### Statistics

*Quick Facts from the US Census Bureau* – South Dakota: <http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/46000.html>

Election 2008 (Voting and Registration): <http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/socdemo/voting/index.html>

*Polling Report* – Collection of National Polling Results: <http://www.pollingreport.com/>

*Gallup* – America's largest Polling Institute: <http://www.gallup.com/poll/election.aspx>

### Media

General Media Collection by the U.S. Embassy: <http://usa.usembassy.de/media.htm>

### Local newspapers

*News Link*, newspapers: <http://www.newslink.org/sdnews.html>

*U.S. Newspapers List* (USNPL): <http://www.usnpl.com/sdnews.php>

### Local radio stations

*News Link*, radio stations: <http://www.newslink.org/sdradi.html>

*On the Radio*: [http://www.ontheradio.net/states/south\\_dakota.aspx](http://www.ontheradio.net/states/south_dakota.aspx)

### General Information

*Infoplease* – South Dakota: <http://www.infoplease.com/ipa/A0108270.html>

*50states.com* – South Dakota: <http://www.50states.com/sdakota.htm>

Official Tourism Website of South Dakota: <http://www.travelsd.com/>

### Web 2.0-Representation of the State and Parties

Democratic Party

Official website: <http://www.sddp.org/>

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/SoDakDems>

YouTube: <http://www.youtube.com/user/SDDEMPARTY>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/SoDakDems>

Republican Party

<http://southdakotagop.com/>

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/South-Dakota-Republican-Party/109214993243>

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<http://twitter.com/sdgop>