

Households & Families in South Dakota

Introduction

This edition of Facts on KIDS in South Dakota describes the changes and characteristics of households and families in South Dakota. Definition of terms are as follows:

A **household** contains one or more people. Everyone living in a housing unit makes up a household. One of the people who owns or rents the residence is designated as the householder. For the purposes of examining family and household composition, two types of households are defined: family and nonfamily.

- A **family household** has at least two members related by birth, marriage, or adoption, one of whom is the householder.
- A **nonfamily household** can be either a person living alone or a householder who shares the housing unit only with nonrelatives—for example, boarders or roommates. The nonrelatives of the householder may be related to each other.

Family households are maintained by married couples or by a man or woman living with other relatives. Children may or may not be present. In contrast, **nonfamily households** are maintained only by men or women with no relatives at home.

Own children are a subset of all children—they are the biological, step, or adopted child of the householder or family reference person (in the case of subfamilies) for the universe being considered, whether household, family, or family group. Own children are also limited to children who have never been married, are under the age of 18 (unless otherwise specified), and are not themselves a family reference person. Foster children are not included as own children since they are not related to the householder¹.

Families in South Dakota

The family profile² of the United States to South Dakota is shown in the chart on the left. South

2010 Family Profile	United States	South Dakota
Married Couple Families	48%	50%
With own children under age 18	20%	20%
Female Headed Families	13%	10%
With own children under age 18	7%	6%
Male Headed Families	5%	4%
With own children under age 18	2%	3%

Dakota has a slightly higher percentage of married couple families than the United States. The state also has a slightly higher percentage of male headed families with own children under age 18. The United States has a slightly higher percentage of female and male headed families, and female headed families with own children under age 18.

The portrait of South Dakota families has changed over the past decades. Census 2010 reports the total number of family households in South Dakota was 206,964³. The number of female- or male-headed households is increasing more rapidly than the traditional married couple households. The chart³ at the top of the next page shows the profile for families with children from the 1980, 1990, 2000, and 2010 Censuses and the percent change from the 1980 Census to the 2010 Census. While married couple families with children have decreased in numbers, they still constitute by far the largest segment of the family types noted above. Married couples with children decreased from 1980 to 2010 by 21%.



South Dakota Family Profile	1980	1990	2000	2010	% Change 1980-2010
Married Couple Families	154,298	152,519	157,391	161,617	5%
With Children	80,819	74,213	71,148	63,461	-21%
Female Headed Families	17,041	20,711	26,205	31,114	83%
With Children	10,869	13,891	17,645	20,054	85%
Male Headed Families	5,732	7,076	10,734	14,233	148%
With Children	2,130	3,586	6,387	8,381	293%

Female-headed families with children increased 85% from 1980 to 2010. The greatest percent increase occurred in male-headed families with children, which increased 293% from 1980 to 2010.

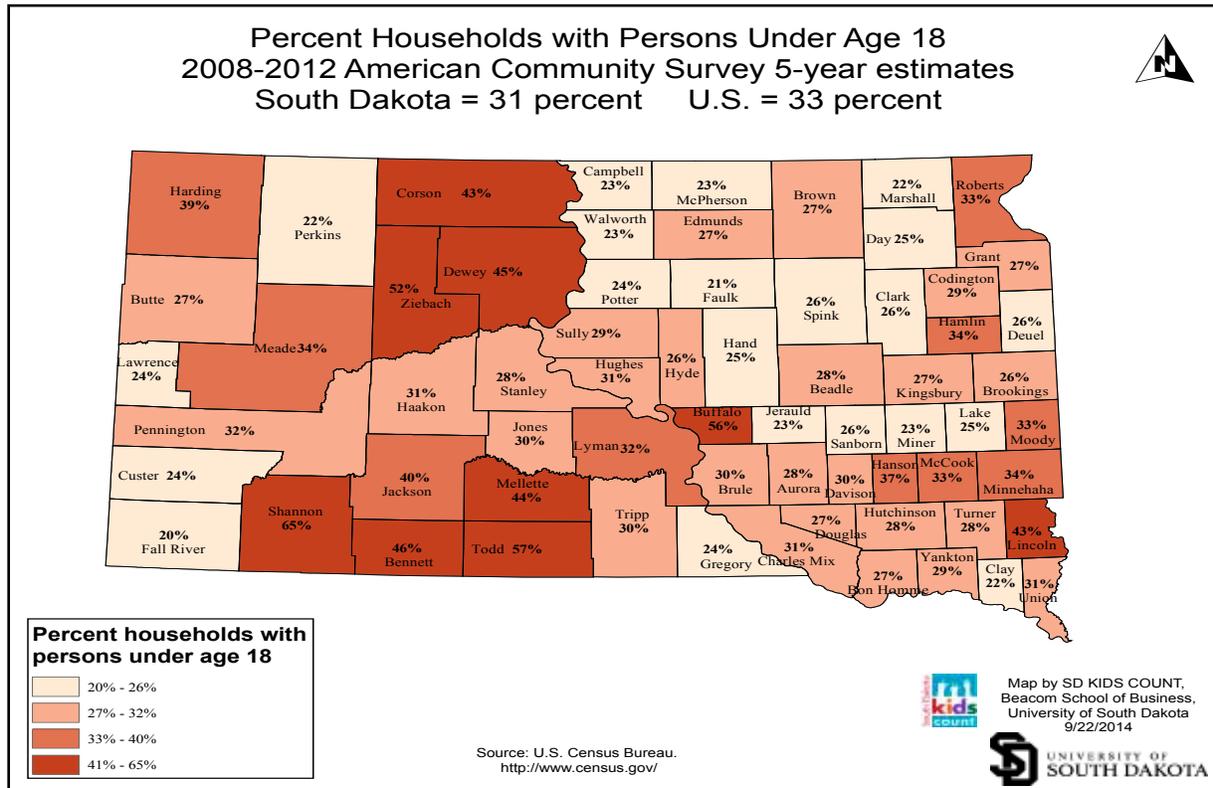
According to the 2010 Census there were 206,964 total family households⁴ (see table on the left). The average

Total Family Households	206,964
Avg. Household Size, SD	2.4
Avg. Household Size, US	2.6
Avg. Family Size, SD	3.00
Avg. Family Size, U.S.	3.14
Persons under 18 living in SD	202,797
reside in households	199,028
reside in group quarters	3,769

household size⁵ in South Dakota is 2.4 persons, which is slightly less than the national average of 2.6 persons. The average family size⁵ in South Dakota is 3.00 persons. The average family size in the U.S. is slightly larger, 3.14 persons. There were 202,797 persons under age 18⁶ living in South Dakota in 2010. Of that number 199,028 reside in households⁶, and 3,769 reside in group quarters such as juvenile correctional institutions, group foster homes, military quarters and hospitals⁶.

Households

The overall percentage of households with at least one child under age 18 in South Dakota (31%) is slightly less than that of the United States (33%)⁵. The county map below shows the percent of households with persons under age 18. There are nineteen counties that have one-third or more of households with children under age 18⁷.



Family households

For family households⁸, South Dakota closely resembles that of the U.S. as shown in the table below.

	United States				South Dakota			
	2000		2010		2000		2010	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Family Households:	71,787,347	100%	77,538,296	100%	194,330	100%	206,964	100%
2-person household	29,264,081	41%	31,882,616	41%	87,743	45%	99,234	48%
3-person household	16,617,344	23%	17,765,829	23%	40,227	21%	41,815	20%
4-person household	14,657,823	20%	15,214,075	20%	37,455	19%	36,252	18%
5-person household	6,834,963	10%	7,411,997	10%	18,256	9%	18,345	9%
6-person household	2,595,658	4%	3,026,278	4%	6,512	3%	6,918	3%
7+ person household	1,817,478	3%	2,237,501	3%	4,137	2%	4,400	2%

Notes:

¹ Vespa, J, Lewis, L.M., & Kreider, R.M. (2013) America's Families and Living Arrangements: 2012. (P-20-570) U.S. Department of Commerce, Economics and Statistics Administration. U. S. Census Bureau: Washington DC. Accessed 10/17/2014. <http://www.census.gov/prod/2013pubs/p20-570.pdf>

² Family Profile data came from: DP-1 Profile of General Population and Housing Characteristics: 2010, 2010 Census Summary File 2 <http://www.census.gov/> U.S. Census Bureau.

³QT-P11: Households and Families, 2010, 2010 Census Summary File 1. Data for 1980, 1990, and 2000 are from the U.S. Census Bureau <http://www.census.gov/>.

⁴ DP-1 Profile of General Population and Housing Characteristics: 2010, 2010 Census Summary File 2. <http://www.census.gov/> U.S. Census Bureau.

⁵ QT-P11. HOUSEHOLDS AND FAMILIES: 2010, 2010 Census Summary File 1. <http://www.census.gov/> U.S. Census Bureau.

⁶ P26. HOUSEHOLD TYPE BY HOUSEHOLD SIZE [16] - Universe: Households. Data Set: Census 2000 Summary File 1 (SF 1) 100-Percent Data. <http://www.census.gov/> U.S. Census Bureau.

⁷ DP02. SELECTED SOCIAL CHARACTERISTICS IN THE UNITED STATES 2008-2012 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates. <http://www.census.gov/> U.S. Census Bureau.

⁸ 2000 data came from P026 - HOUSEHOLD TYPE BY HOUSEHOLD SIZE [16], Universe: Households, Data Set: Census 2000 File 1 (SF 1) 100-Percent Data. 2010 data came from: PCT20 – HOUSEHOLD TYPE BY HOUSEHOLD SIZE, Universe: Households, Data Set: 2010 Census Summary File 2. <http://www.census.gov/> U.S. Census Bureau.



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