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# South Dakota Hot Trends in Health Care



*Consider  
routing  
YOUR  
career  
toward  
healthcare*



**16%**

South Dakota's Health Care industry is a major source of employment and earnings, accounting for more than **16%** of all workers in privately owned establishments and over **21%** of those employers' payrolls.



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South Dakota's Health Care industry added more workers than any other industry in the last 10 years. It added nearly 9,000 workers, an increase of 18.5%.



**6,472**

The Health Care industry is projected to be among the state's largest growth industries to 2028, adding nearly 6,500 workers to the state's economy with a growth rate over 11%.



**7 of 10**

Seven out of South Dakota's 10 occupations projected to grow the fastest to 2028 are directly or indirectly related to health care.



# The Stats Behind the Trends



South Dakota’s Health Care industry is a major source of employment and earnings in South Dakota, accounting for 57,540 workers (or 16.7% of all workers in privately owned establishments) and 21.2% of privately-owned establishment payrolls in 2020 (based on Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages).

The number of workers in South Dakota’s health care industry increased 18.5% from 2010 to 2020, significantly higher than the 8.8% increase of all private industries (based on Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages).

South Dakota’s health care industry is projected to be among the largest growth industries through 2028. The industry is projected to add 6,472 workers to South Dakota’s economy from 2018 to 2028. The rate of growth is projected to be 11.3%, much faster than the 7.1% growth projected for all industries.

Seven of the 10 occupations projected to grow the fastest to 2028 in South Dakota are directly or indirectly related to health care, as shown in the light blue rows of the table below.

South Dakota Occupations Projected to be the Fastest Growing 2018-2028					
Ranking	Occupation	2018 Estimated Employment	2028 Projected Employment	Numeric Change	2018-2028 Percent Change
1	Information Security Analysts	253	342	89	35.2%
2	Computer Numerically Controlled Machine Tool Programmers, Metal and Plastic	77	102	25	32.5%
3	Respiratory Therapists	336	430	94	28.0%
4	Nursing Instructors and Teachers, Postsecondary	245	312	67	27.4%
5	Nurse Practitioners	549	697	148	27.0%
6	Personal Care Aides	2,981	3,783	802	26.9%
7	Physician Assistants	544	685	141	25.9%
8	Software Developers, Applications	1,041	1,300	259	24.9%
9	Health Specialties Teachers, Postsecondary	161	201	40	24.8%
10	Occupational Therapy Assistants	119	147	28	23.5%
<b>Total, All Occupations</b>		<b>491,588</b>	<b>526,251</b>	<b>34,663</b>	<b>7.1%</b>

Data is preliminary and subject to revision.

Source: Labor Market Information Center, South Dakota Department of Labor and Regulation

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