



# South Dakota Hot Trends in Health Care

**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 20% of those employers' payrolls.

South Dakota's Health Care industry added more than 9,000 workers (17.9%) over the last 10 years, more than any other industry.

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**7,291**

The Health Care industry is projected to be among the state's largest growth industries to 2030, adding more than 7,000 workers to the state's economy with a growth rate over 12%.

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Half of South Dakota's 10 occupations projected to grow the fastest to 2030 are directly or indirectly related to health care.



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South Dakota's Health Care industry is a major source of employment and earnings in South Dakota, accounting for 58,117 workers (or 16.3% of all workers in privately owned establishments) and 20.4% of privately-owned establishment payrolls in 2021 (based on Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages).

The number of workers in South Dakota's Health Care industry increased 17.9% from 2011 to 2021, significantly higher than the 10.9% 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 2030. The industry is projected to add 7,291 workers to South Dakota's economy from 2020 to 2030. The rate of growth is projected to be 12.4%, much faster than the 8.5% growth projected for all industries.

Five of the 10 occupations projected to grow the fastest to 2030 in South Dakota are directly or indirectly related to health care. The table below shows projected employment and demand for the 10 healthcare occupations projected to be in greatest demand.

South Dakota Health Care Occupations Projected to be in Greatest Demand 2020-2030					
Ranking	Occupation	2020 Estimated Employment	2030 Projected Employment	2020-2030 Percent Change	Projected Annual Demand
1	Registered Nurses	13,436	15,046	12.0%	899
2	Nursing Assistants	6,218	6,733	8.3%	834
3	Home Health and Personal Care Aides	3,829	4,572	19.4%	581
4	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses	2,046	2,193	7.2%	175
5	Medical Assistants	930	1,102	18.5%	135
6	Dental Assistants	860	970	12.8%	117
7	Pharmacy Technicians	1,328	1,451	9.3%	110
8	Clinical Laboratory Technologists and Technicians	1,325	1,485	12.1%	104
9	Medical Dosimetrists, Medical Records Specialists, and All Other Health Technologists and Technicians	1,263	1,377	9.0%	104
10	Medical and Health Services Managers	864	1,083	25.4%	96
<b>Total, All Occupations</b>		<b>483,893</b>	<b>525,014</b>	<b>8.5%</b>	<b>59,880</b>

Data is preliminary and subject to revision.  
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