



Top 30  
Hot Careers  
2016 - 2026  
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**South Dakota's Highest Projected Demand and Highest Wage Occupations**



**SOUTH DAKOTA  
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& REGULATION**

Occupational Title	Annual Average Demand	Annual Median Wage	Annual Average Wage
Total, All Occupations	58,885	\$32,238	\$40,766
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	1,005	\$38,550	\$40,766
Registered Nurses	837	\$55,658	\$40,853
Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing, Except Technical and Scientific	640	\$57,176	\$62,175
Carpenters	639	\$34,504	\$35,774
Accountants and Auditors	513	\$61,515	\$65,456
First-Line Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers	435	\$42,695	\$47,039
Welders, Cutters, Solderers and Brazers	391	\$36,910	\$37,614
General and Operations Managers	380	\$110,150	\$123,306
Elementary School Teachers, Except Special Education	324	\$40,781	\$41,575
Insurance Sales Agents	315	\$47,648	\$64,762
Maintenance and Repair Workers, General	313	\$35,770	\$36,597
First-Line Supervisors of Food Preparation and Serving Workers	301	\$32,852	\$33,470
Management Analysts	299	\$67,496	\$79,099
Secondary School Teachers, Except Special and Career/Technical Education	268	\$41,475	\$41,985
Electricians	265	\$44,577	\$45,951
Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics	238	\$37,839	\$39,581
Loan Interviewers and Clerks	236	\$32,718	\$33,425
Cement Masons and Concrete Finishers	229	\$36,526	\$37,028
Operating Engineers and Other Construction Equipment Operators	229	\$42,706	\$43,753
Parts Salespersons	226	\$32,395	\$34,537
Clergy	209	\$44,146	\$47,036
First-Line Supervisors of Office and Administrative Support Workers	190	\$47,486	\$49,263
Child, Family and School Social Workers	187	\$38,163	\$39,767
Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing, Technical and Scientific Products	187	\$71,907	\$84,582
Coaches and Scouts	185	\$31,217	\$33,978
Highway Maintenance Workers	173	\$33,322	\$33,685
Plumbers, Pipefitters and Steamfitters	170	\$41,096	\$43,195
Middle School Teachers, Except Special and Career/Technical Education	166	\$41,901	\$42,518
First-Line Supervisors of Construction Trades and Extraction Workers	157	\$61,284	\$63,210
Loan Officers	155	\$60,177	\$63,988

Source: Labor Market Information Center, South Dakota Department of Labor and Regulation, August 2018

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