



## **SOUTH DAKOTA**

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### **MAJOR CITIES:**

South East South Dakota	Sioux Falls
Glacial Lakes South Dakota	Aberdeen
Great Lakes South Dakota	Pierre
Black Hills South Dakota	Rapid City

### **SOUTH DAKOTA – CLIMATE**

South Dakota has an interior continental climate, with hot summers, extremely cold winters, high winds, and periodic droughts. The normal January temperature is 12°F (–11°C); the normal July temperature, 74°F (23°C). The record low temperature is –58°F (–50°C), set at McIntosh on 17 February 1936; the record high, 120°F (49°C), at Gannvalley on 5 July 1936.

Normal annual precipitation (1971–2000) averaged 24.7 in (62.7 cm) in Sioux Falls in the southeast, decreasing to less than 13 in (33 cm) in the northwest. Sioux Falls receives an average of 41 in (104 cm) of snow per year.

## **CULTURAL ACTIVITIES**

[http://www.tripadvisor.com/Attractions-g54805-Activities-Sioux\\_Falls\\_South\\_Dakota.html](http://www.tripadvisor.com/Attractions-g54805-Activities-Sioux_Falls_South_Dakota.html)

[http://www.tripadvisor.com/Attractions-g30095-Activities-Aberdeen\\_South\\_Dakota.html](http://www.tripadvisor.com/Attractions-g30095-Activities-Aberdeen_South_Dakota.html)

[http://www.tripadvisor.com/Attractions-g54760-Activities-Pierre\\_South\\_Dakota.html](http://www.tripadvisor.com/Attractions-g54760-Activities-Pierre_South_Dakota.html)

[http://www.tripadvisor.com/Attractions-g54774-Activities-c46-Rapid\\_City\\_South\\_Dakota.html](http://www.tripadvisor.com/Attractions-g54774-Activities-c46-Rapid_City_South_Dakota.html)

Click on these sites for more cultural activities.

- **Falls Park - Sioux Falls**

- This is what Sioux Falls is named after. There is always something to do. A known favorite place is the Falls Park. It is gorgeous down there year round and they have light shows about the history of the town. All visitors need to go see the marvelous red granite with water flowing over it. It has a great history! Stop by the Overlook Cafe which serves a simple but delicious menu.

- **Great Plains Zoo and Delbridge Museum of Natural History - Sioux Falls**

- The Great Plains Zoo offers visitors an up-close look at more than 1,000 animals, from anteaters to zebras, penguins to porcupines, and including an exciting animal collection often not found in larger zoos: tigers, snow leopards, giraffes, rhinoceros, flamingoes and a variety of primates. The Zoo also includes the Delbridge Museum of Natural History, a local treasure that houses a rare, one-in-the-world collection of 150 mounted animals, including 36 "vanishing species."

- **Wylie Park - Aberdeen**

- Wylie Park is where you will find Aberdeen's magical theme park, Storybook Land. Follow the Yellow Brick Road to a land of enchantment inspired by familiar nursery rhymes. Visit the medieval castle or take a ride on the Storybook Land Express miniature train, carousel or balloon ride. The 210 acre park offers recreational opportunities including camping, picnicking, playground areas, swimming beach, miniature golf, softball, volleyball and miles of rambling recreational trails. For more information call 605-626-7015.

- **Cultural Heritage Center - Pierre**

- Not your typical museum structure, this one is built into the side of hill, and much of it is underground. A contemporary version of a traditional Native American dwelling, this beautiful building features Native American (mostly the Sioux tribes) and pioneer exhibits, with many rare artifacts tracing the history of South Dakota.

- **South Dakota Discovery Center - Pierre**

- Everyone gets to try things out at this "science playground for the whole family" where "please touch" interactive science and nature exhibits provide a fun and educational experience. The center is housed in a huge converted city power plant and includes aquariums stocked with walleye, gar, trout and other Missouri River fish.

- **Main Street Square – Rapid City**

- Come by and visit the gift shop, tea room, picnic areas and pavilion. Seasonal Butterfly House, Spring Festival of Flowers and Scarecrow. Enjoy 112 acres of beautiful gardens and walking paths.

- **Pirate's Cove Adventure Golf**

- Pirate's Cove Adventure Golf offers a fun miniature golf experience!

- **WaTiki Indoor Watermark – Rapid City**

- With 30,000 square feet of pools, slides, and splashing fun, WaTiki is the largest indoor waterpark in the Dakotas! The resort also includes two premier hotels, and an arcade. Open year round, WaTiki is a great place! Visit one of the best Rapid City attractions. WaTiki is fun for everyone!

- **Mount Rushmore- Keystone**

- South Dakota's Black Hills provide the backdrop for Mount Rushmore, the world's greatest mountain carving. These 60-foot high faces, 500 feet up, look out over a setting of pine, spruce, birch, and aspen in the clear western air.

## **GROCERY SHOPPING**

Target Sunshine Foods K-Mart Old Dutch Foods	Wal-Mart Safeway The Kroger Company
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[http://southdakota.usl.myareaguide.com/grocery\\_stores.html](http://southdakota.usl.myareaguide.com/grocery_stores.html)

Click on this site for more grocery stores in South Dakota.

## **SHOPPING**

Eastern SD   Sioux Falls   SD   [Empire Mall](#)

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Eastern SD   Sioux Falls   SD   [The Empire Mall](#)

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Western SD   Rapid City   SD   [Rushmore Mall](#)

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<http://www.mallseeker.com/southdakotamalls.aspx>

Click here for more information on shopping.

## **PHARMACIES**

Walgreens

K-Mart

Target

Hy-Vee Pharmacy

Lewis Drug Pharmacy

Wal-Mart

Shopko Pharmacy

<http://www.superpages.com/yellowpages/C-Pharmacies/S-SD/>

Click here for locating other pharmacies in South Dakota.

## **POST OFFICES/SHIPPING**



<http://www.postofficehours.net/state/SD.html> Click here for more information



<http://local.fedex.com/sd/> Click here for more information



[https://www.ups.com/dropoff?loc=en\\_US](https://www.ups.com/dropoff?loc=en_US) Click here for more information.

## **TIME ZONES**

### **South Dakota Time Zone – South Dakota Current Local Time - Daylight Saving Time**

South Dakota is in the Central Time Zone

<http://localtimes.info/search/?s=south+dakota&x=0&y=0>

Click here for more information.

## **COST OF LIVING IN SOUTH DAKOTA**

<b>Cost of Living</b>	<b>South Dakota, SD</b>	<b>United States</b>
<a href="#"><u>Overall</u></a>	96	100
<a href="#"><u>Grocery</u></a>	102.6	100
<a href="#"><u>Health</u></a>	98	100
<a href="#"><u>Housing</u></a>	88	100
<a href="#"><u>Utilities</u></a>	96	100
<a href="#"><u>Transportation</u></a>	93	100
<a href="#"><u>Miscellaneous</u></a>	104	100

Our cost of living indices are based on a US average of 100. An amount below 100 means South Dakota, SD is cheaper than the US average. A cost of living index above 100 means South Dakota, SD is more expensive.

Overall, South Dakota, SD cost of living is 96.00

[http://www.bestplaces.net/cost\\_of\\_living/state/southdakota](http://www.bestplaces.net/cost_of_living/state/southdakota)

Click here for more information

## **MINIMUM WAGE**

State	2017 Minimum Wage	2017 Tipped Wage
SD	\$8.65	\$4.32

<http://www.minimum-wage.us/>

Click here for more information.

## **WORKMAN'S COMPENSATION**

[http://dlr.sd.gov/workers\\_compensation/](http://dlr.sd.gov/workers_compensation/)

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## **TRANSPORTATION SERVICES**

Aberdeen Ride Line – Aberdeen  
River Cities Transit - Pierre  
Rapid Transit System – Rapid City  
Sioux Falls Transit – Sioux Falls

<http://www.apta.com/resources/links/unitedstates/Pages/SouthDakotaTransitLinks.aspx> click  
here for more information