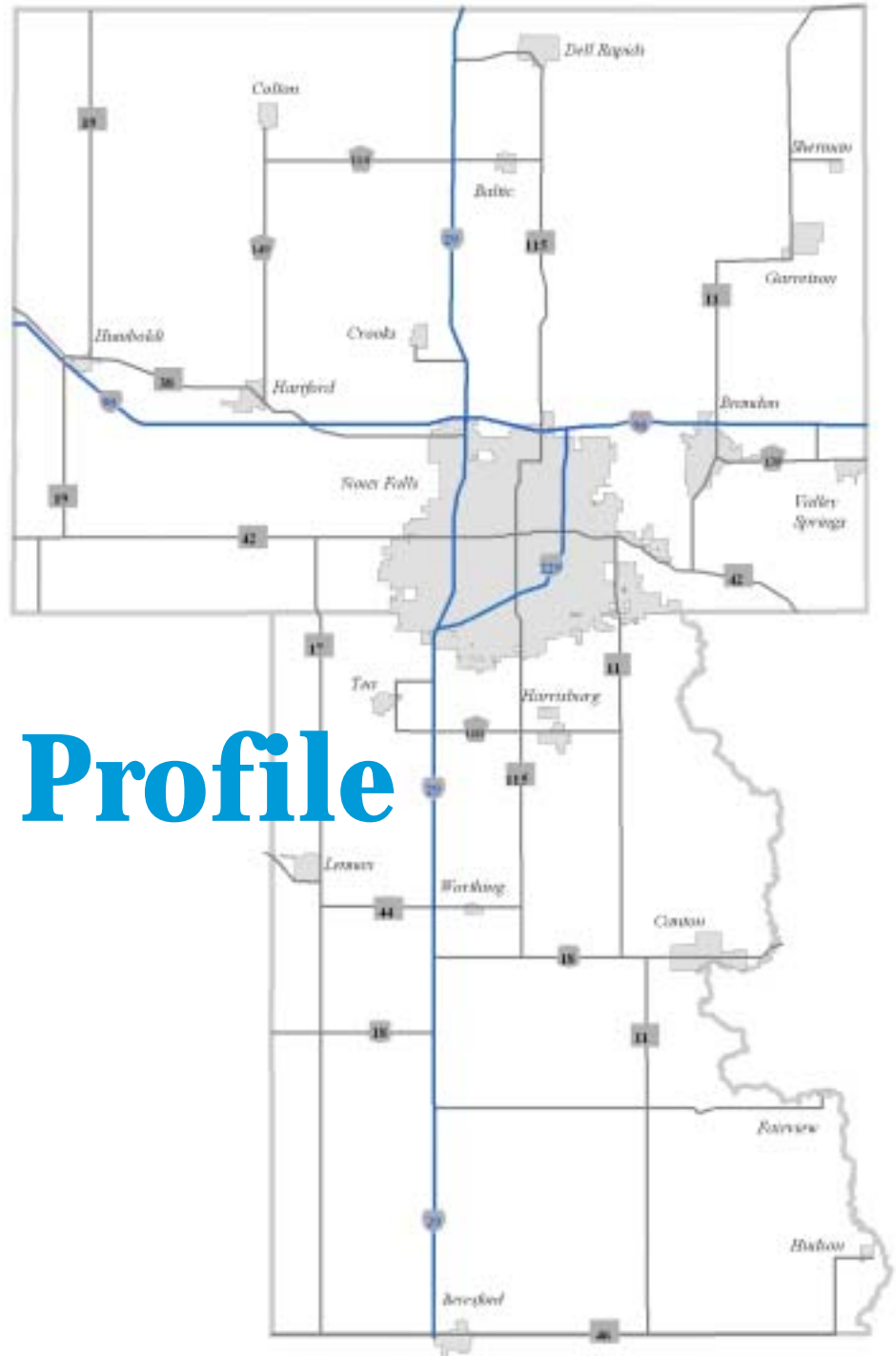


Community Profile

2009-2010

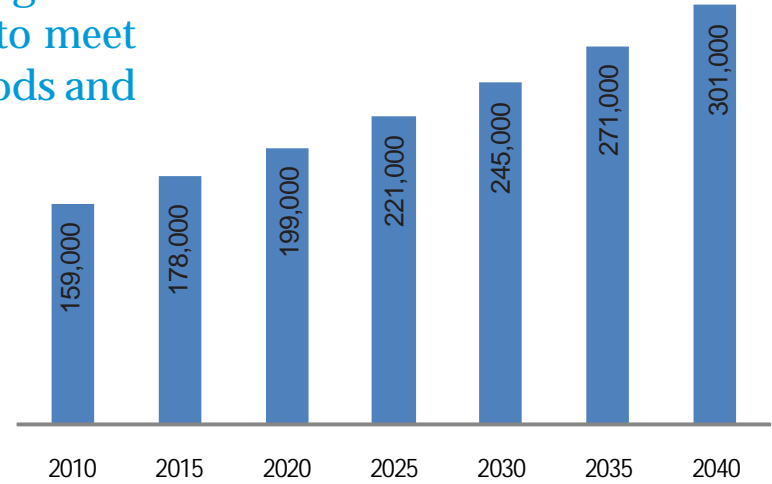
Sioux Falls Development Foundation
200 North Phillips Avenue, PO Box 907
Sioux Falls, SD 57101-0907
605.339.0103 or 800.658.3373





Sioux Falls has experienced constant, manageable growth providing an expanding labor force to meet businesses needs and more consumers for goods and services.

Population Projections - Sioux Falls



Source: City of Sioux Falls Planning Department

Population

Year	Sioux Falls	MSA
1900	10,266	23,926
1910	14,094	29,631
1920	25,202	42,490
1930	33,362	50,872
1940	40,832	57,697
1950	52,699	70,910
1960	65,466	86,575
1970	72,468	95,209
1980	81,343	109,435
1990	100,814	123,023
2000	123,975	172,412
2009	154,100	223,000

Persons/Households/Families - MSA

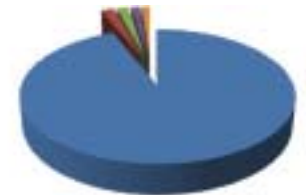
Total Households	85,405
Persons per Household	2.60
Total Families	56,430
Persons per Family	3.18

Source: 2007 American Community Survey

Race Distribution - MSA

One Race	98.3%
White	93.9%
Black	1.8%
American Indian	1.8%
Asian	1.1%
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0.1%
Other	1.2%
2 or More Races	1.7%
Hispanic/Latino Origin (of any race)	3.2%

Source: 2007 American Community Survey



According to the Census Bureau, the Sioux Falls MSA is among the fastest-growing metro areas in the nation, and one of only two in the Midwest to make the top 50. The area ranked 19th for rapid population gains with a growth rate of 2.6% from July, 2007 through July, 2008.

Income Information - MSA

2007 Per Capita Income	\$24,884
2007 Median Household Income	\$50,287
2007 Median Family Income	\$64,093
2007 Median Income	\$26,999

Source: 2007 American Community Survey

Sex Distribution

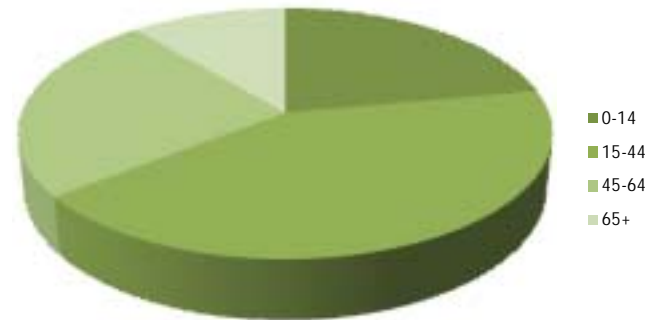
	Female	Male
Sioux Falls City	50.7%	49.3%
Sioux Falls MSA	49.7%	50.3%

Source: 2007 American Community Survey

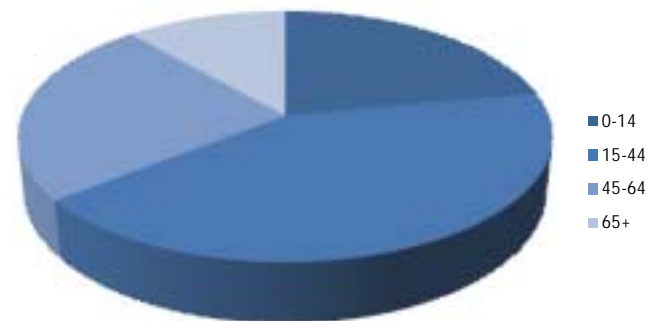
Housing Units - Sioux Falls

1990	41,568
2000	52,640
2001	54,536
2002	55,531
2003	57,095
2004	58,854
2005	60,507
2006	62,123
2007	63,688
2008	65,430
2009	66,921

Age Distribution - Sioux Falls



Age Distribution - MSA



Source: 2007 American Community Survey

Demographics



Sioux Falls is one of America's crossroads cities, located at the junction of two interstate highways, I-90 and I-29.

Interstate Traffic Counts - 2008

	Vehicles per Day
Interstate-29	
Exit 73 (Tea Exit) - I-229	31,560
I-229 Exit - 41st Street	32,180
26th Street Exit - 12th Street	47,480
12th Street Exit - Madison Street	40,400
Madison Street-Russell Street	36,990
Interstate-90	
I-229 Exit - Cliff Avenue	20,710
Cliff Avenue Exit - I-29	18,270
Interstate-229	
Louise Avenue Exit - Western	35,190
Cliff Avenue Exit - 26th Street	40,400
Rice Street Exit - Benson Road	30,160

Source: South Dakota Department of Transportation

Highways

Sioux Falls is one of America's crossroads cities, located at the junction of two interstate highways, I-90 and I-29. I-90, joining Boston and Seattle, is one of the five coast-to-coast east-west freeways. I-29 runs north-south and joins Kansas City with Winnipeg. I-229 joins I-29 with I-90 south and east of the city creating an interstate loop to enhance traffic flow.

Express Delivery Service

Small package delivery, including overnight air carrier service, is readily available in Sioux Falls. UPS, FedEx, and Airborne Express have air cargo facilities at the Sioux Falls airport and operate jet freighters on a daily basis. Sioux Falls houses a district terminal of UPS and a modern FedEx facility is located in the Sioux Empire Development Park.

For information on transportation in and around the Sioux Falls area contact:

**South Dakota
Department of Transportation
605.773.3265
www.sddot.com**

or

**City of Sioux Falls
Engineering Department
605.367.8601
www.siouxfalls.org/publicworks/**

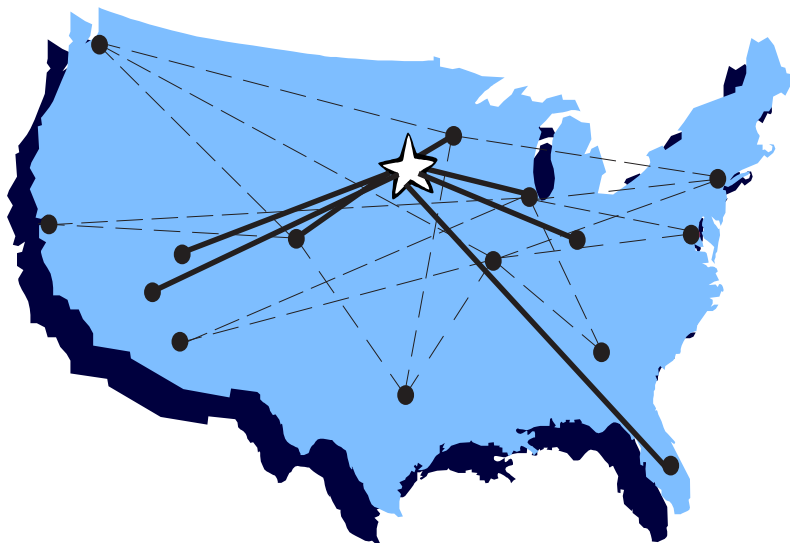
Transportation

Over-the-road freight service is well provided for in Sioux Falls. Over 50 truck lines serve Sioux Falls with many maintaining terminal facilities locally. Leading national and regional carriers serving Sioux Falls are capable of handling all types of freight.

Air Transportation

Joe Foss Field, Sioux Falls' regional airport, is located approximately two miles northwest of downtown. The airport is the largest in South Dakota and is very important to the region with 62,926 landings and takeoffs in 2008. The terminal accommodated 743,895 passengers in 2008.

Sioux Falls is currently served by six scheduled air carriers including Northwest, Northwest AirlinK, Skywest, Mesaba, Allegiant Air and Delta Connection. Landmark Aviation and Charter First provide charter service.



Commercial Airline Flights

Daily Departures

- 7 flights to Minneapolis
- 5 flights to Chicago
- 4 flights from Denver
- 2 flights to Salt Lake
- 1 flight to Atlanta
- 1 flight to Detroit
- 4 Weekly flights to and from Las Vegas
- 3 Weekly flights to and from Phoenix
- 2 Weekly flights to and from Orlando
- 2 Weekly flights to and from Los Angeles

Daily Arrivals

- 7 flights from Minneapolis
- 5 flights from Chicago
- 4 flights to Denver
- 2 flights from Salt Lake
- 1 flight from Atlanta
- 1 flight from Detroit

Source: Sioux Falls Regional Airport Authority
May, 2009

Rail Service

Rail service to and from Sioux Falls is provided by the **BNSF Railroad**. BNSF provides service nation-wide with over 32,000 miles of track, and can accommodate all types of materials. A number of industrial areas in and around Sioux Falls, including the Sioux Empire Development Parks, have rail access. The **Ellis & Eastern** provides service within the City and connects with BNSF. Direct connections with dock spurs and freight forwarding service is available from both railroads. Contact BNSF at www.BNSF.com for more information.



Non-Ag Wage & Salary Employment - MSA

Year	Manufacturing	Non-Mfg	Total
1980	7,850	46,220	54,070
1990	8,433	64,734	73,167
2000	13,925	99,892	113,817
2004	11,967	106,275	118,242
2005	12,617	113,633	126,250
2006	13,142	116,516	129,658
2007	13,125	120,392	133,517
2008	13,133	122,584	135,717

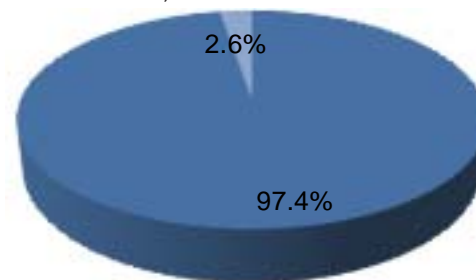
Source: SD Department of Labor, LMIC

Non-farm wage and salary employment has increased by 21,000 in the MSA since 2000.

Civilian Labor Force, Employment & Unemployment - MSA

Year	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	%Unemployed
1980	63,142	60,243	2,899	4.6%
1990	74,228	72,125	2,103	2.8%
2000	91,773	90,342	1,431	1.6%
2008	129,319	125,896	3,423	2.6%

Source: SD Department of Labor, LMIC



Fulfilling career opportunities, metropolitan amenities, access to educational resources, and the growing regional economic influence of Sioux Falls have had a positive effect on the labor supply.

Major Employers

Sanford Health	7,225
Avera	4,884
Wells Fargo	3,615
John Morrell & Company	3,200
Citigroup	3,000
Sioux Falls School District 49-5	3,000
Hy-Vee Food Stores	2,102
First PREMIER Bank/PREMIER Bankcard	1,272
WalMart/Sam's Club	1,211
City of Sioux Falls	1,121
Evangelical Lutheran Good Samaritan Society	1,109
Department of Veterans Affairs Medical & Regional Office	860
Raven Industries/Aerostar International Inc.	796
Midcontinent Communications	795
Midwest Coast Transport	760
Lewis Drug, Inc.	750
HSBC	725
CIGNA Tel Drug	700
Esurance	617
United States Postal Service	588
LodgeNet Entertainment Corporation	566
Midland National Life Insurance Company	539
Sunshine Food Markets	531
Minnehaha County	520
Children's Care Hospital & School	515
Qwest Communications	500
South Dakota Achieve	500
StarMark Cabinetry	500

The estimated available labor supply for the Sioux Falls MSA is approximately 23,000.

Availability of Labor

With an infusion of nearly 3,000 people each year, Sioux Falls has been and remains a center of employment opportunity for the surrounding region. Although the published unemployment rates are significantly below the national average, there are various sources of labor available. Many workers are presently employed, but are either underemployed or are willing to take a different position if the jobs are available. Businesses have found a significant number of workers in the area (many with college degrees). It is difficult to determine the exact number however, because they are not identified by labor market assessments that rely solely on statistical unemployment figures. Most of these workers are anxious to find employment opportunities that are more compatible with their training. Other potential employees may be found in the pool of people who are not actively seeking employment, but would be willing to work if the opportunity presented itself.

Employee Training Programs

It is not only business leaders, but the people themselves that value and take advantage of the quality and variety of education and training that is available in our immediate area. The local high school graduation rate is consistently among the highest in the U.S. An already well-equipped and productive workforce is prepared to learn new skills as evidenced by the nearly 10,000 adults currently attending one of a dozen colleges, universities or technical institutes in the city of Sioux Falls. Business partnerships at every level of training and education are encouraged and common. Customized training programs are being designed to meet specific company requirements. South Dakota's Workforce Development grants can provide substantial assistance to train new workers or upgrade the skills of existing workers.

“Right to Work” Law

In South Dakota, employees are protected by the “Right to Work” law. Under this statute, any industry that unionizes does so under “open shop” conditions. This means it is illegal for employees to be discriminated against because of membership or non-membership in the union by either management or other employees.



For more information on the labor force and employment statistics or career opportunities in Sioux Falls or South Dakota, contact:

**South Dakota Labor Market
Information Center
1-605-626-2314
www.dol.sd.gov/lmic/**

For local assistance, contact:

**Forward Sioux Falls
Workforce Development
1-605-339-0103**

Labor Force



Estimated Actual Value of Taxable Property

Sioux Falls

1990	\$2,305,638,795
1995	\$3,519,604,521
2000	\$4,885,054,000
2004	\$6,428,329,066
2005	\$6,737,518,514
2006	\$7,406,830,646
2007	\$8,033,251,697
2008	\$8,341,000,204

Lincoln County

2005	\$2,384,250,856
2006	\$2,629,437,328
2007	\$3,118,489,206
2008	\$3,416,236,238

Sources: Minnehaha & Lincoln Counties

Sioux Falls Financial Institutions

Year	Assets
1980	\$ 1,118,334,000
1990	\$14,562,633,000
2000	\$30,394,387,000
2001	\$43,956,067,000
2002	\$65,367,903,000
2003	\$75,758,892,000
2004*	\$432,333,199,000
2005	\$460,233,813,000
2006	\$487,176,778,000
2007	\$557,003,342,000
2008	\$636,397,715,000

*Increase due to an institution moving national charter to Sioux Falls.
Source: FDIC & Ninth District Federal Reserve Bank

Since 2000, \$3.6 billion worth of construction has occurred and over 14,800 new housing units have been built in Sioux Falls.

Building Construction - Sioux Falls

(in millions)

	1990	1995	2000	2008
New Residential	\$37.9	\$67.9	\$136.3	\$161.7
Residential Additions/Remodel	\$9.1	\$21.7	\$25.0	\$32.0
New Non-Residential	\$34.8	\$29.7	\$118.2	\$89.0
Non-Residential Additions/Remodel	\$34.4	\$61.5	\$85.0	\$171.4
Total Value*	\$116.2	\$180.8	\$364.5	\$454.1
Number of Permits Issued	3,990	4,513	5,968	6,019

* includes construction value of Federal & State projects
Source: Planning & Building Services, City of Sioux Falls

Construction Statistics

Minnehaha County

2008 # of Permits - Unincorporated Areas: 446
Value - Unincorporated Areas: \$30,739,868

Source: Minnehaha County Planning Department

Lincoln County

2008 # of Permits - Unincorporated Areas: 192
Value - Unincorporated Areas: \$20,808,605

Source: Lincoln County Planning Department

Economic Indicators

2008 Gross Sales

Sioux Falls	Gross Sales
Ag/Forestry/Fishing	\$35,455,936
Construction	10,613,055
Manufacturing	1,133,672,193
Transportation/Public Utilities	334,329,569
Wholesale Trade	1,684,513,699
Retail Trade	5,991,718,845
Finance/Insurance/Real Estate	85,357,658
Services	2,650,094,069
Public Administration	519,341
Total	\$11,926,340,418

Minnehaha County	Gross Sales
Ag/Forestry/Fishing	\$39,110,268
Construction	8,929,801
Manufacturing	1,222,182,978
Transportation/Public Utilities	343,182,541
Wholesale Trade	2,059,949,126
Retail Trade	6,095,466,944
Finance/Insurance/Real Estate	83,284,788
Services	2,665,664,560
Public Administration	591,948
Total	\$12,518,429,007

Lincoln County	Gross Sales
Ag/Forestry/Fishing	\$15,411,644
Construction	4,455,003
Manufacturing	341,967,464
Transportation/Public Utilities	37,216,874
Wholesale Trade	84,292,801
Retail Trade	462,458,811
Finance/Insurance/Real Estate	7,588,464
Services	252,077,198
Other	481,663
Total	\$1,205,949,920

Source: SD Department of Revenue

Even with the challenges facing the national economy, locally companies have opened new facilities and established companies have continued to expand in our area; creating new jobs, infusing new capital, and broadening the tax base.

Retail Sales

As the largest retail center between Denver and the Twin Cities, Sioux Falls offers the consumer a vast selection of goods with thousands of retail stores scattered throughout the metro area. Employing approximately 12% of the metro labor force, the retail sector has a primary market area of 565,000 consumers. Sioux Falls ranks 194th out of 300 metro areas in terms of population. Per-household retail sales for 2008 were \$52,444 compared to the national average of \$43,423.

Effective Buying Income

Sioux Falls MSA has a median household effective buying income (EBI = all personal income less personal tax and non-tax payments otherwise known as "disposable" or "after-tax" income) of \$44,474 ranking 87th out of the nation's 300 largest metropolitan areas. The total EBI for the Sioux Falls MSA for 2008 was \$4,659,638,000.

Households by EBI Group

Group	Percent
\$25,000-\$49,999	35.9%
\$50,000-\$74,999	22.8%
\$75,000 and over	19.5%

■ Clothing & Accessories

■ Furniture/Electronics/Appliances

■ Health/Personal Care

■ Food & Beverage

■ General Merchandise

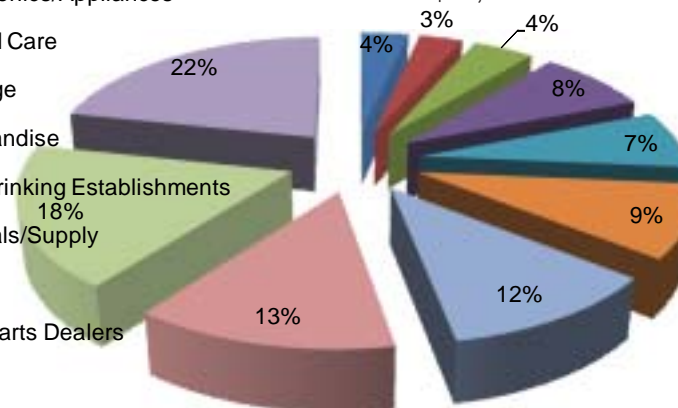
■ Food Service/Drinking Establishments

■ Building Materials/Supply

■ Gas Stations

■ Motor Vehicle/Parts Dealers

■ Miscellaneous





South Dakota has a very attractive business climate:

Business Tax Comparison

City	State Income Tax	Real Property Tax	Total
Des Moines, IA	\$112,500	\$69,985	\$182,485
Minneapolis, MN	\$98,000	\$52,738	\$150,738
Milwaukee, WI	\$79,000	\$34,318	\$113,318
Omaha, NE	\$75,870	\$30,207	\$106,077
Fargo, ND	\$64,645	\$ 34,157	\$98,802
Denver, CO	\$46,300	\$35,206	\$81,506
Sioux Falls, SD	- 0 -	\$30,990	\$30,990

Income Tax is based on \$1 million in federal taxable income.
Real Property Tax is based on \$1.5 million assessed value.
Source: The Boyd Company, Princeton, NJ

NO State Corporate Income Tax
NO State Personal Income Tax
NO Personal Property Tax
NO Inheritance Tax
NO Inventory Tax

Workers Compensation

South Dakota has traditionally been known as a state with one of the lowest workers compensation rates in the country. For detailed information on the cost of worker's compensation, contact the Insurance Division of the South Dakota Department of Revenue & Regulation.

605.773.3563

www.state.sd.us/drr2/revenue.html

Unemployment Insurance Tax

New employers are subject to the following: 1.75 percent of the first year and 1.55 percent of the second and third years of the first \$9,500 paid to each employee during a calendar year. For a construction employee, the rate is 6.55 percent of the first year and 3.55 percent the second and third years. Employers for four years or more are assigned an experienced rating based on the employer's benefit and contribution experience in relation to the employer's total taxable payroll for a certain period and the remaining balance in the State fund. The average experienced rating for South Dakota employers in 2008 was 0.91 percent.

Sales & Use Tax

Sales Tax - 6 percent (4% State and 2% City) of gross receipts from rentals of lodging establishments and from retail sales of tangible personal property, public utility services, admissions to places of amusement, mechanical amusement devices, etc., and from services and professions. The Use Tax is collected on tangible personal property used or consumed in the state. South Dakota has a reciprocal statute on its sales and use tax. Sioux Falls also has a 1 percent entertainment tax.

Bank & Financial Corporation Excise Tax

This tax is imposed at an adjusting rate from 6 percent to 0.25 percent as income increases. Six percent is charged on the first \$400 million of net income.

Motor Vehicle Excise Tax

Three percent is imposed on the purchase price of motor vehicles, recreational vehicles, and motor homes.

Business Climate

Real Property Tax

Real property is defined as land and buildings. Equipment and inventory are classified as personal property and are not subject to the property tax. In Sioux Falls for the 2008 assessment year, the ag level of assessment is 92.2 percent. The factor to lower the ag value to a taxable value of 85 percent is 92.2 percent. The non-ag level of assessment for the 2008 assessment year is 94.6 percent. The factor to lower this non-ag value to a taxable value of 85 percent is 89.9 percent.

AG: .922 x .922 = 85% of market value
 Non-Ag: .946 x .899 = 85% of market value

2008 Levy for the City of Sioux Falls:

Water	0.028
City	4.359
School	13.440
County (Minnehaha)	2.838
Total	\$20.665/1,000 valuation

Property Taxes vary depending on the School District.

Property Tax Abatement

The City of Sioux Falls has an ordinance that allows owner-occupied new industrial, distribution or research structures, or additions to these types of existing structures, to be taxed at a

lower rate. This abatement ordinance results in a savings of property tax normally paid during the first five years following construction. The following chart illustrates the percentage of taxable value used through the first five years.

Years Following Construction	% of Taxable Value Used
1st	--
2nd	20%
3rd	40%
4th	60%
5th	80%
6th plus	100%

A number of Minnehaha and Lincoln County communities have enacted property tax abatement ordinances as well. For information, contact the Lincoln or Minnehaha County Economic Development Association at 605.339.0103.

Sales Tax Refund

The City of Sioux Falls enacted an ordinance that authorizes a refund of city sales taxes on capital machinery and equipment for qualifying projects. The refund applies to a new construction project that adds at least \$5,000,000 in taxable value to the city's property tax base, or an investment in non-realty capital assets of not less than \$10,000,000, or a combination of new construction and non-realty capital assets exceeding \$10,000,000.

Revolving Economic Development & Initiative Fund

The REDI Fund is a low interest revolving loan fund for economic development. The loan fund provides financing assistance for qualifying start-up firms, existing businesses, and businesses moving into South Dakota based on the creation of primary jobs.

The REDI Fund can provide financing for the purchase of land and the associated site improvements, construction, acquisition, and renovation of buildings; equipment; fees, services, and other costs associated with construction.

The REDI Fund can provide up to 45 percent of the project cost and requires the applicant to secure the matching total funds before applying to the South Dakota Board of Economic Development for the REDI Fund, including a 10 percent minimum equity contribution. The interest rate offered by the REDI Fund is determined by the Board of Economic Development on a semiannual basis; however, each loan has a 3 percent fixed rate of interest. The loans are amortized over a period of time, up to 20 years for real estate and 10 years for equipment, with a balloon after five years.

www.sdreadytowork.com

Incentives



Sioux Falls offers a strong infrastructure of telecommunications services. As a regional hub for medical, call center, and retail services, the community is wired with multiple carriers for voice and data transport. The providers offer everything from the traditional residential services to optical OCX capacity with local and regional SONET protection.

Local Area Service Providers

Knology
877.633.4567
www.knology.com

Midcontinent Communications
800.888.1300
www.midcocomm.com

Qwest Corporation
800.603.6000
www.qwest.com

SDN Communications
800.247.1442
www.sdncommunications.com

Sioux Valley Wireless
800.616.7888
www.svwireless.com

Long Distance Telecommunications

Long distance network service is provided by a number of national service providers and other independent resellers.

Point of Presence

AT&T, MCI, Midcontinent Communications, Knology, Qwest, SDN Communications and Sprint all maintain Points of Presence in the community.

MidAmerican Energy

Natural gas in Sioux Falls is provided by MidAmerican Energy Company. The company serves more than two dozen South Dakota communities in Minnehaha, McCook, Lincoln, Turner, Moody, Lake, Yankton, Clay and Union Counties. MidAmerican provides electric service to 720,000 customers and natural gas service to 702,000 customers in Iowa, Illinois, Nebraska and South Dakota. MidAmerican's Economic Development Group assists businesses with expansion plans, and serves as a resource for development organizations to aid in local business retention and recruitment efforts.

economicadvantage@midamerican.com
www.midamericanenergy.com

Sioux Falls Regional Sanitary Landfill

The SFRSL, in operation since 1979, is the largest landfill in the state of South Dakota and is operated under the South Dakota Department of Environment and Natural Resources. It is located approximately 7.5 miles west of Sioux Falls and has a service area covering five counties. The SFRSL has a total permitted area of 469 acres, and owns another 142.5 acres.

Sioux Falls, in partnership with POET Biorefining, have taken "green" to a new level with the completion of a landfill gas pipeline earlier this year. The 10-mile, low-pressure pipeline provides methane gas to help power daily operations at a 105 million gallon per year POET ethanol plant.

Utilities

The majority of Sioux Falls' electrical needs are supplied by Xcel Energy. In rural areas of Minnehaha County, electric service is provided by Sioux Valley Energy. In rural areas of Lincoln County electric service is provided by Southeastern Electric Cooperative, Inc.

Xcel Energy Company

Xcel Energy provides electricity to over 90 percent of the electrical customers in Sioux Falls - - approximately 70,000 residential and commercial clients. Xcel also serves customers in 35 rural communities in eastern South Dakota, including a number in Minnehaha and Lincoln counties. The company owns and operates three combustion turbine-generating units at the Angus C. Anson plant site. Located between Sioux Falls and Brandon, the plant utilizes natural gas and is capable of providing over 560 megawatts of power, and is generally used for peaking purposes on hot summer days. Xcel Energy offers a range of rate options, including interruptible rates that can provide industrial customers with significant rate savings.

www.xcelenergy.com
800.481.4700

Sioux Valley Energy

Sioux Valley Energy provides electricity and a wide range of related services, to customers in a number of counties in South Dakota and Minnesota, including Minnehaha. Service is provided in the communities of Brandon, Hartford, Colton, Corson, Humboldt, Crooks, Lyons and Valley Springs, as well as portions of Sioux Falls. Sioux Valley Energy has more than 5,600 miles of distribution line serving nearly 21,000 residential, commercial and industrial accounts. Besides basic central station electric services, Sioux Valley Energy offers electrical wiring and repair, energy use advice and assistance programs, reduced rate and rebate programs for using electricity for space heating, controlled-use air-conditioning and water heating, and residential/commercial energy conservation assistance. Sioux Valley Energy's subsidiary, Sioux Valley Wireless, provides high speed Internet to customers in the region.

www.siouxvalleyenergy.com
800.234.1960

Southeastern Electric Cooperative

Southeastern Electric provides electrical services to consumer-members who live in the southern city limits of Sioux Falls, Lincoln, McCook, Turner and Hutchinson Counties, and parts of Clay and Union Counties. The locally-owned Coop provides service to residential, commercial and industrial customers on a non-profit basis. The Coop serves over 14,000 meters and is one of the fastest-growing coops in the state. The Coop also offers incentive programs for ground source heat pumps, energy efficiency programs, off-peak heating, water heating, and all-electric heat for homes and businesses.

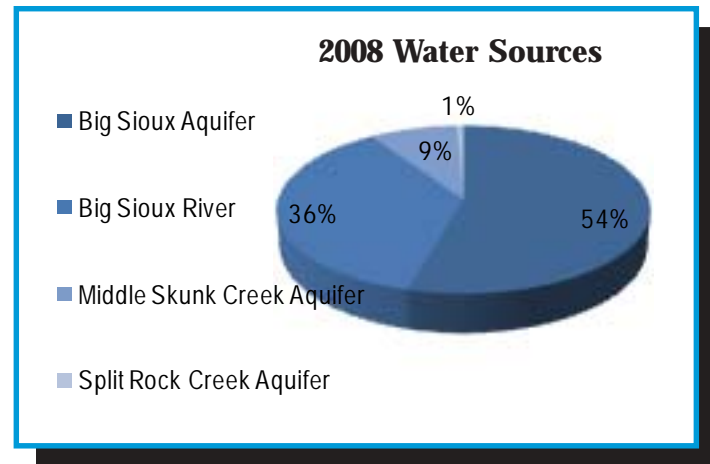
www.southeasternelectric.com
605.648.3619 or 800.333.2859



Water - Sioux Falls

Four sources of water are available to the City of Sioux Falls. Source water, both groundwater and surface water, are treated at the Water Purification Plant. Treated drinking water is then pumped and stored in a combination of groundwater and elevated storage facilities. A total of 24 million gallons of water can be stored, 5 million gallons in four elevated tanks, 14 million gallons in four ground level concrete reservoirs, and 5 million gallons in a steel ground level storage reservoir.

Construction is currently underway on the **Lewis & Clark Regional Water System** that will supply treated water from the Missouri River through 337 miles of pipeline to member communities and rural water systems, including Sioux Falls, with an estimated completion date of 2012.



According to April 2008 Forbes.com, Sioux Falls is one of the "Best Cities for Clean Drinking Water"!

Forbes.com examined data compiled by University of Cincinnati researchers in its "United States Drinking Water Quality Study Report" which covered 77 metro areas (or about 66% of the population in the continental US). Rankings were based on levels of the cloudiness of water or turbidity, bacteria, haloacetic acids and lead.

Cities with some of the cleanest water on tap included Sioux Falls, Des Moines, Iowa, Austin, Texas, Miami, Florida and Birmingham, Alabama.

Wastewater Treatment - Sioux Falls

The Sioux Falls Department of Water Reclamation oversees wastewater collection and treatment for the City. The sanitary sewer system consists of 798 miles of sewer pipe and 27 lift stations within the city. Phase I of the East Side Sanitary Sewer construction was completed in 2008 opening an additional 8,000 acres for development.

Residential and commercial flow is 73.2 percent of the flow contribution to the collection and treatment system. High Strength and Industrial flow contributes approximately 6.8 percent of the total flow. The Water Reclamation Division provides collection and treatment services for two sanitary districts and one municipality outside of the City of Sioux Falls. The districts contribute 2.7 percent of the total flow to the system.

The Division also provides treatment for final discharge to the Big Sioux River according to the conditions of the City's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit. The City currently has primary, secondary and tertiary treatment facilities. The state-of-the-art wastewater treatment facility has an average flow capacity of 21 million gallons per day and can handle a peak flow of up to 42 million gallons per day. Average daily flows in 2008 were over 15.24 million gallons per day.

For information contact:

Sioux Fall Public Works Department	605.367.8600
Minnehaha Community Water Corp.	605.428.3374
Lincoln County Rural Water System	605.767.2966
South Lincoln Rural Water	605.372.4211

Cost of Living

Median Existing Home Price

4th Quarter 2000	\$108,700
4th Quarter 2001	\$114,500
4th Quarter 2002	\$119,200
4th Quarter 2003	\$121,300
4th Quarter 2004	\$127,300
4th Quarter 2005	\$136,400
4th Quarter 2006	\$133,700
4th Quarter 2007	\$144,500
4th Quarter 2008	\$144,200

Source: www.realtor.org

Monthly Apartment Rent

	Range
1 Bedroom	\$470 - \$800
2 Bedroom	\$585 - \$875
3 Bedroom	\$610 - \$1,075

Cost of Living Comparison

Component Weight	100%	13%	28%	10%	10%	4%	35%
	All Items	Food	Housing	Utilities	Trans- portation	Health	Misc. Service
Minneapolis	110.6	112.5	120.1	99.8	101.1	105.9	108.2
Chicago	110.5	104.1	127.4	111.4	106.6	98.6	100.1
Las Vegas	106.3	103.1	123.1	94.8	100.7	100.8	98.2
Denver	103.5	103.9	110.3	89.4	99.1	107.0	102.4
Cheyenne	100.9	107.0	105.1	109.6	96.2	96.8	94.3
St. Cloud	99.7	107.1	85.9	112.7	99.2	101.4	105.5
Kansas City	96.3	94.4	87.6	93.7	98.9	95.5	105.0
Eau Claire	94.4	95.7	91.5	86.4	101.1	102.4	95.7
Sioux Falls	94.1	89.6	84.3	113.1	92.6	100.6	98.7

Source: American Chamber of Commerce Research Association's Cost of Living Indicators Inter-City Index (US Average is 100) - 2nd Quarter, 2008



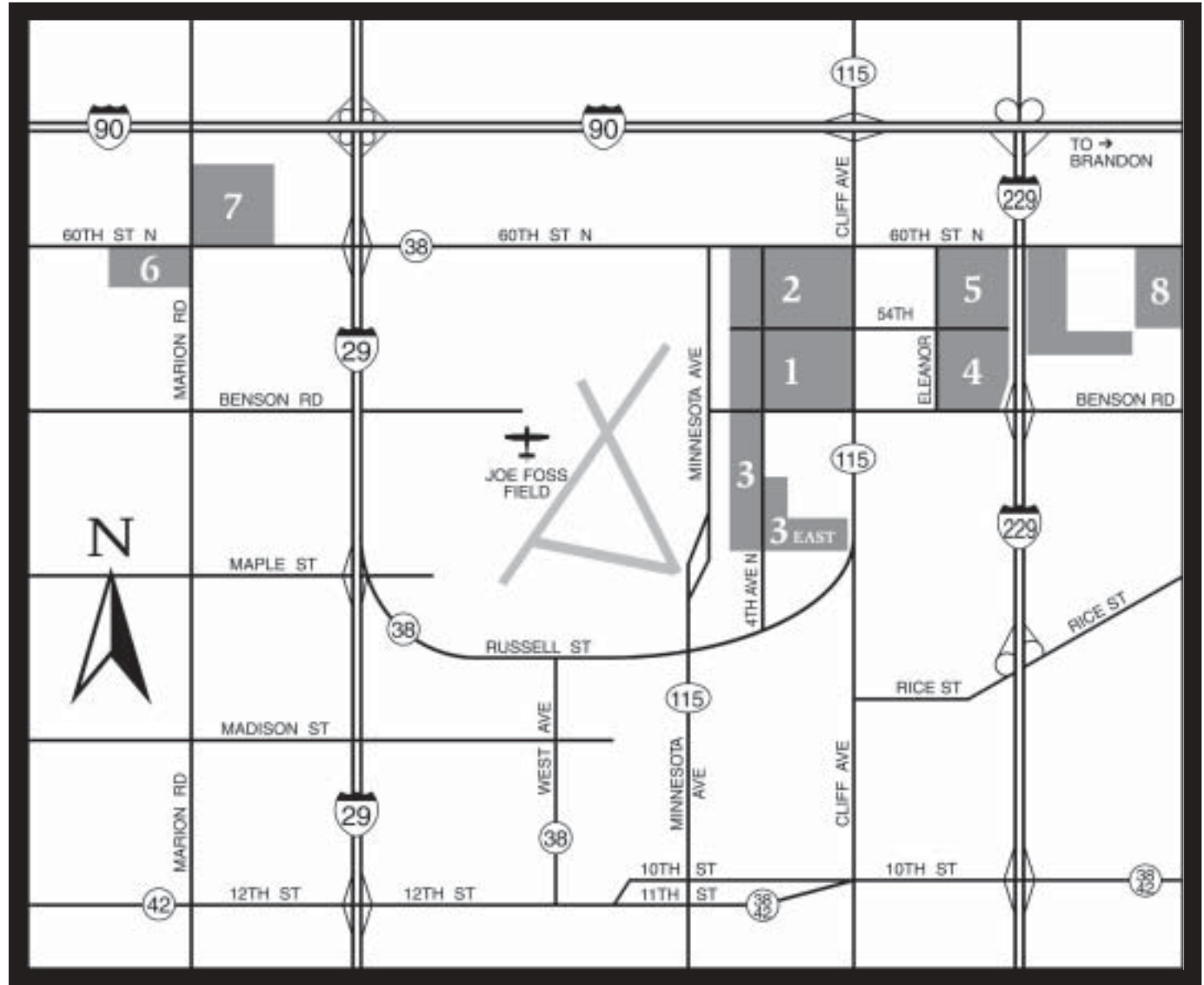
SEDP Stats:

115 Businesses

13,000 Employees

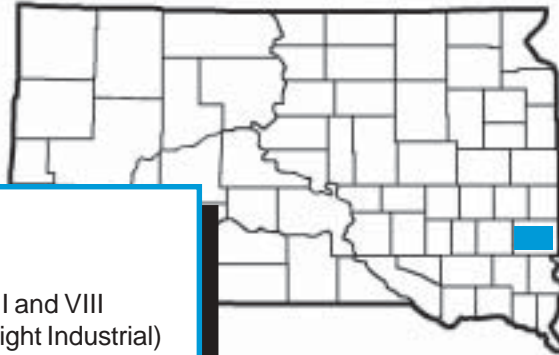
Major Tenants:

- Automatic Data Processing
- CIGNA/Tel Drug
- Citibank
- Daktronics
- Electronic Systems
- FEDEX
- Graco Inc
- HSBC
- POET LLC
- StarMark Cabinetry
- Sullivan Inc.
- United States Postal Service
- Wells Fargo



For More Information: For information on available sites in the Sioux Empire Development Parks contact the Development Foundation at 605.339.0103 or 800.658.3373.

Sioux Empire Development Parks



Established in 1970, over 1,300 acres. Zoned I-1 for light industrial. Paved roads with curb & gutter. Protective covenants are in place. Located near the intersection of I-29 & I-90. Within minutes of the Sioux Falls Regional Airport.

SEDP Benefits:

370 Acres Available in Parks VII and VIII
300 Acres Zoned I-1 (Light Industrial)
70 Acres Zoned C-4 (Commercial)

Located within Sioux Falls City Limits with the benefit of Municipal Services

Natural Gas provided by MidAmerican Energy

Electricity provided by Xcel Energy in Park VIII

Electricity provided by Sioux Valley Energy in Park VII

Lots sub-dividable & platted to meet buyers needs

Protective covenants in place to protect the integrity of the Parks and to enhance property values.

Corson & Brandon Development Parks



Located on the BNSF mainline, the Corson & Brandon Development Parks have rail sites available and over 90 acres for non-rail users. Lot size varies from approximately 1 acre to 20+ depending upon the project. Immediate access to I-90 is available with I-29 only nine miles away. The Sioux Falls Regional Airport is within 10 minutes of the site.

The Parks are within the Brandon city limits and is served by city water and wastewater services. The entire parcel is zoned I-3. Sioux Valley Energy is the electrical service provider and MidAmerican Energy Company provides natural gas.

For more information on the site, contact the Minnehaha County Economic Development Association at 605.339.0103 or 800.658.3373.



Whatever it takes . . . the Sioux Falls Development Foundation is ready to assist you in becoming a member of our corporate community.

Sioux Falls Development Foundation

As a non-profit development corporation, the Sioux Falls Development Foundation provides a variety of professional services including industry and business specific location assistance for new and expanding firms; comprehensive information on industrial park land, available sites and industrial/commercial/office facilities; utilities; demographics; labor information; business and tax climate data as well as information on the quality of life in the community.

The Foundation stands ready to assist companies in exploring the opportunities available in Sioux Falls and South Dakota and works in partnership with a number of entities and organizations including the Governor's Office of Economic Development, local municipalities, county officials and economic development organizations; and real estate brokers and representatives of area financial institutions.

Development Foundation resources include an area business directory (a compilation of over 600 businesses categorized by major employer, manufacturers and members); site location/comparative operating cost analyses focusing on various industries, corporate functions and geographic locations. Studies are available for the bioscience industry, banking, mail order pharmacy, data centers and healthcare services . . . to name a few.

The Foundation also owns and operates the Sioux Empire Development Parks. Established in 1970, the 1300+ acre parks are completely developed and available for immediate occupancy. Paved roads and gutters serve the properties which are zoned I-1. Protective covenants have been adopted to enhance the quality of the parks and maintain property values.

200 North Phillips Avenue, PO Box 907, Sioux Falls, SD 57101-0907
605.339.0103 or 800.658.3373
www.siouxfallsdevelopment.com

Where are the best places to jump-start a business or a career? For the **seventh year in a row, the "Best Small Metro" area is Sioux Falls**, according to the March 2009 issue of **Forbes**. Sioux Falls was followed by Bismarck (#6), Fargo (#7), Iowa City (#9) and Rapid City (#13).

"There's nothing like zero tax to make your retirement dollar go further", according to U.S. News, which named **Sioux Falls one of the Ten Great Low-Tax Places to Retire** out of more than 2000 U.S. communities. Communities that had relatively low taxes and offered amenities important to retirees such as a reasonable cost of living, and fine recreational and cultural activities fared the best.

Business Services & Resources

Minnehaha County & Lincoln County Economic Development Associations

The Lincoln and Minnehaha County Economic Development Associations (LCEDA and MCEDA) represent a two-county economic development collaboration between the 16 incorporated communities outside of Sioux Falls, two county governments and the Sioux Falls Development Foundation. The organizations share staff and resources to provide leadership and expertise to their local economic development efforts. Working with local governments, community leaders and volunteer economic development boards, the two organizations assist communities with new business recruitment, business expansion, land development, workforce and community development issues. Together with the Sioux Falls Development Foundation, LCEDA and MCEDA provide potential companies a focused, single point of contact to explore location opportunities within the region.



605.339.0103 or 800.658.3373



The Small Business & Entrepreneurship Council ranks states according to their public policy climates for small business and entrepreneurship in their "Small Business Survival Index". The 2008 index once again named **South Dakota as the most entrepreneur-friendly state**. Those making the list of the worst include Minnesota (46th), Iowa (42nd) and Nebraska (36th).

Governor's Office of Economic Development

The Governor's Office of Economic Development's main objective is to expand primary job opportunities for all South Dakotans. GOED works to retain and expand existing businesses, foster new businesses, facilitate business succession and recruit out-of-state businesses. Recruitment efforts are focused on six targeted industries; Renewable Energy, Agribusiness, Biotechnology, Firearms, Medical Devices and Information Technology. The office works closely with community economic development corporations to expand and diversify the state's industry and economy. Additionally, GOED administers a variety of financing opportunities available to new and expanding businesses.

www.sdreadytowork.com
800.872.6190



According to a study conducted by the Tax Foundation (a non-profit organization based in Washington D.C.), **South Dakota ranked #2 for being business friendly**. The study "State Business Tax Climate Index Rankings by State, 2009," ranks the 50 states on how "business friendly" their tax systems are. South Dakota has been one of the best states since 2003. Neighboring states didn't fare so well, Minnesota ranked 41st, followed by Nebraska 42nd and Iowa 44th.



Workforce Development Programs:

Interns in Industry

Interns in Industry is a program designed to create links between Sioux Falls area businesses and students currently studying in area colleges and technical institutes. The Workforce Development Office can assist your business in starting and/or expanding your internship program. The Office acts as a clearinghouse by recruiting and screening applicants for internship positions within your company. Your company then has the opportunity to interview the top candidates in the region. The program benefits your business, area students and the community.

Sioux Falls Recruiting Coop

The Sioux Falls Recruiting Cooperative is an alliance of Sioux Falls companies who have joined together to recruit professional and technical candidates from outside the Sioux Falls area.

Through www.sfrc.com, attendance at professional job fairs and active marketing, SFRC seeks to connect professionals with rewarding careers in Sioux Falls.

SFRC provides links to positions in engineering, information technology, sales and marketing and other professional career opportunities. Member firms include financial institutions, medical centers, insurance and surety companies, high tech industries, government agencies and manufacturers. A complete list of SFRC members, with a thumbnail sketch of each, is included on the www.sfrc.com website under "Member Companies".

For more information contact our Workforce Development Director
605.339.0103
www.opportunitysf.com



South Dakota Technology Business Center

The South Dakota Technology Business Center (SDTBC) is a technology business incubator providing business development assistance and leased space to new and early-stage technology-based businesses.

Business development services include: mentoring; consulting in the areas of marketing, accounting, human resources, finance, insurance and law; intellectual property assistance; networking opportunities; and educational seminars.

The 45,000 square foot Technology Business Center facility offers office and lab space for lease. The building features six wet labs, high-speed Internet access, backup power, a state-of-the-art telecommunications and data network, and shared conference and meeting rooms.

In addition to the SDTBC, the first 15,000 square feet of a planned 30,000 square foot multi-tenant building has been completed. This facility is the first in a planned technology business park and is designed to house growing technology businesses. Tenants of this facility have access to backup power and the Technology Business Center's telecommunications and data infrastructure.

www.sdtbc.com
605.275.8000
info@sdtbc.com



Enterprise Institute

The Enterprise Institute is a non-profit corporation that helps researchers, inventors and entrepreneurs commercialize their ideas. The Enterprise Institute is involved in growing angel investing in South Dakota. Two initiatives provide different formats to facilitate angel investment in South Dakota companies.

Enterprise Angels™ formed to encourage investment in high-growth, start-up companies in an organized effort. Support services and deal flow are provided by the Enterprise Institute.

A group of angel investors and RAIN® Source Capital have formed a new RAIN®angel fund, **SDSU/Brookings Angel Fund, LLC**. SDSU/Brookings Angel Fund is capitalized at \$1,000,000. The fund will invest primarily in regional start-up companies located in Brookings and the tri-state area of South Dakota, Minnesota and Iowa. The Enterprise Institute will provide local administrative services throughout the life of the fund.

Regional Angel Investment Network, RAIN® funds are a series of formal investment funds available for economic development in South Dakota communities through the Enterprise Institute and RAIN Source Capital.

www.sdei.org
605.275.2833

Customized assistance provided include:

- Trademark & Patent Searches
- Referrals to Intellectual Property Attorneys
- Competitive & Market Analysis
- Primary & Secondary Research
- Marketing Plan Development & Review
- Potential Sourcing
- Due Diligence
- Targeted Recruitment Search
- Business Assessment
- Financial Statement Proformas
- Financial Analysis
- Valuations
- Integration of Economic Intelligence & Financial Analysis into a Written Document
- Review / Development of Strategy
- Mentorship Coordination
- Constructive Review
- Identification of Funding Options
- Proposal & Presentation Preparation
- Investor Networks
- SEC Regulations Summary

Entrepreneur Support Services



Port of Entry/Customs Office

Beginning operations in January of 1996, the Port's Customs Office allows freight and passengers to clear customs in Sioux Falls rather than another state. Persons interested in accessing Port Services are encouraged to contact the South Dakota International Marketing Director at 605.338.3424 or the Port Director at 605.338.4384.

Foreign Trade Zone

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- The Federal Government approved a Foreign Trade Zone in Sioux Falls. Foreign Trade Zone #220's current activated site is Nordica Warehouses, Inc., located at 801 South 6th Avenue. This site consists of a 125,000 square foot public dry goods heated warehouse, freezer building and cooler building. For more information, contact Nordica Warehouses at 605.336.9152.

Southeastern Council of Governments (SECOG)

SECOG is a planning and development district serving the southeastern region of South Dakota

In 2002, SECOG created a separate non-profit organization called the **South Eastern Development Foundation** to provide gap financing to new and expanding businesses and to provide loans to low-income home buyers in partnership with USDA Rural Development's 502 Home Loan Program.

In 2006, SECOG created another non-profit organization called **Dakota BUSINESS Finance**, which provides the SBA 504 Program to finance land, buildings, and long-term equipment. Both of these entities, which are staffed by SECOG, were created to expand economic opportunities in South Dakota.

www.secog.org
605.367.5390

U.S. Postal Service

The Postal Service provides cost effective and convenient mailing and shipping options for business needs, from Express Mail Overnight and Priority Mail to International Services. On average, the 590 employees process in excess of 2 million pieces a day and deliver to 72,000 addresses.

Retail services are provided at the Main Post Office, Meadows Postal Store, and contract stations located in Lewis Drug and Hy-Vee Stores.

Sioux Falls is also home to two other postal operations. The Dakotas District Office is responsible for all Customer Service Operations in the Dakotas and part of Minnesota and the Postal Business Center helps firms with mail piece design, mailing list maintenance and shipping services.

Convention Facilities

Visitors to Sioux Falls enjoy a variety of local hotels/motels providing modern and professional meeting facilities. Nearly 4,200 sleeping rooms are available as well as facilities to accommodate various size meetings and conventions.

Sioux Falls is the home of a state-of-the-art convention center, adjacent to the Arena. The Center offers approximately 140,000 square feet, including over 50,000 square feet of exhibition space, a ballroom, and 14 meeting rooms.

Media

Newspapers include the Sioux Falls Argus Leader, Sioux Falls Business Journal, Sioux Falls Shopping News and The Tri-State Neighbor. The City boasts a number of television stations including: KELO/CBS, KSFY/ABC, KDLT/NBC, KTTW/FOX, KAUN/RTN, KWSD/CW and Midcontinent Communications/Cable along with multiple AM & FM radio stations.

Education

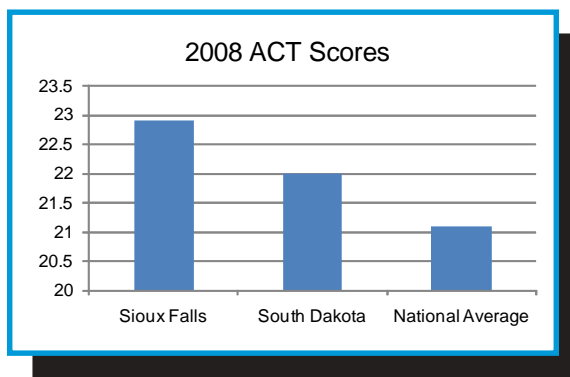
Public Education

Sioux Falls has the largest public school district in South Dakota, serving over 20,000 students. By providing a multitude of opportunities, technologies and programs that target specific needs, the public schools deliver education for all—one student at a time.

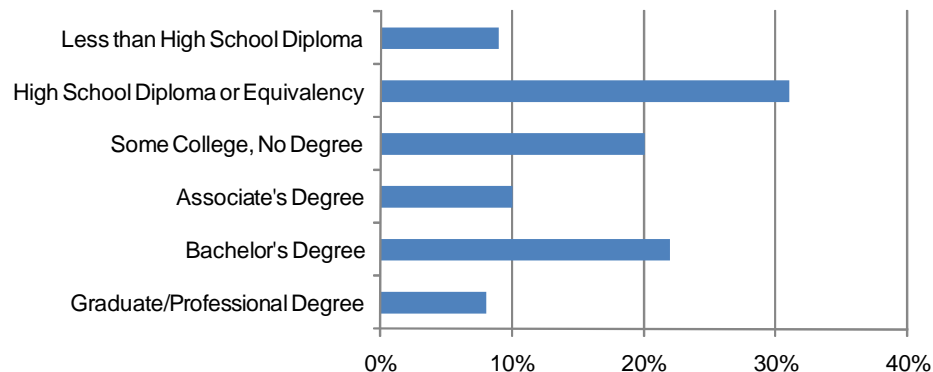
The system is comprised of 24 elementary schools, 5 middle schools, and 4 high schools, including Joe Foss Alternative School. A Career and Technical Education Academy for high schools students will open in the fall of 2010.

The Sioux Falls School District recognizes the needs and benefits of implementing alternative school models to provide families and students with choice. Specialized elementary schools are created around a specific subject area including fine arts; enriched and accelerated learning; math, science and technology, Spanish instruction / immersion; and parental involvement.

www.sf.k12.sd.us



Educational Attainment - Sioux Falls MSA



Non-Public Schools

Sioux Falls has many opportunities for elementary and secondary education in non-public schools. A variety of non-public schools operate in Sioux Falls with a combined enrollment of approximately 3,800 students. Religious denominations operating these schools include Roman Catholic, Lutheran Wisconsin Synod, Lutheran Missouri Synod, Christian Interdenominational, Baptist and Independent Fundamental.

Special Needs Education

The Children's Care Hospital & School serves disabled children with therapy, education and special care to help them capitalize on individual capabilities. The South Dakota School for the Deaf provides academic and vocational education with programs from preschool through high school.

Quality public and private educational opportunities abound in Sioux Falls . . . from PreK through medical and doctoral degrees.



Augustana College

Religious residential liberal arts college established in 1860. Offers Bachelors degree in 46 majors and pre-professional specializations, Masters in Nursing, Education and Teaching.

Annual Enrollment: 1,700-1,800
Average # of Graduates: 300-400

2001 South Summit Avenue
Sioux Falls, SD 57197
800.727.2844 | 605.274.0770
www.augie.edu

University of Sioux Falls

Religious residential liberal arts university established in 1883. Offers AA, Bachelors, Masters and PhD ED.

Annual Enrollment: 1,600-1,700
Average # of Graduates: 400-500

1101 West 22nd Street
Sioux Falls, SD 57105
800.888.1047
www.usiouxfalls.edu

South Dakota Public Universities & Research Center

Extension campus, established in 1992, for six South Dakota public universities offering classes in Sioux Falls. Degrees conferred from home campus include Certificates, Bachelors, Masters and PhDs.

Annual Enrollment: 3,500

2205 Career Drive
Sioux Falls, SD 57107
605.367.5640
www.sduniversitycenter.org

Southeast Technical Institute

Technical institute providing training in over 40 programs and offering Associate in Applied Science Degrees, Diplomas or Certificates. Established in 1978.

Annual Enrollment: 2,200-2,400
Average # of Graduates: 600-700

2320 North Career Avenue
Sioux Falls, SD 57107
800.247.0789
www.southeasttech.edu

Sanford School of Medicine of The University of South Dakota

Primary clinical campus (years 3-4) of the University of South Dakota medical school. Five residency programs are offered: Internal Medicine, Pathology, Psychiatry, Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, and Transitional. The School of Medicine was established in 1907.

Average # of Graduates: 50

1400 West 22nd Street
Sioux Falls, SD 57105
605.357.1300
www.usd.edu/med

Colorado Technical University

Established in 1992 providing career-oriented education at the Associate, Bachelor and Master degree levels.

Annual Enrollment: 900-1,000
Average # of Graduates: 200-400

3901 West 57th Street
Sioux Falls, SD 57108
866.498.5570
www.coloradotech.edu

Higher Education

National American University

Established in 1974 offering Associate, Bachelors and an on-line MBA degree.

Annual Enrollment: 350-450
Average # of Graduates: 100-150

2801 South Kiwanis Avenue #100
Sioux Falls, SD 57105
605.336.4600
www.national.edu

Sioux Falls Seminary

Graduate theological institution that relocated to Sioux Falls in 1949 offering Masters and Doctoral degrees.

Annual Enrollment: 150-200
Average # of Graduates: 20-50

1525 South Grange Avenue
Sioux Falls, SD 57105
800.440.6227 | 605.336.6588
www.sfseminary.edu

Kilian Community College

Private Community college established in 1977.

Annual Enrollment: 300-400
Average # of Graduates: 50-100

300 East 6th Street
Sioux Falls, SD 57103
800.888.1147 | 605.221.3100
www.kilian.edu

Mount Marty College

The Sioux Falls campus houses the Nurse Anesthesia Graduate Program conferring a Master of Science Degree upon completion. Program moved to Sioux Falls in 1994.

3932 South Western Avenue
Sioux Falls, SD 57105
605.322.8090
www.mtmc.edu

Bellevue University

Sioux Falls program was established in 2003 on the campus of Southeast Technical Institute offering career-relevant degree programs.

Annual Enrollment: 75-100

Mickelson Education Building
2320 N. Career Avenue, Room 117
Sioux Falls, SD 57107
605.335.8010
www.bellevue.edu

Globe University/Minnesota School of Business

Sioux Falls campus was established in 2007 offering masters, bachelors and associate degrees and diplomas.

Annual Enrollment: 75-100

5101 South Broadband Lane
Sioux Falls, SD 57108
866.437.0705 | 605.977.0705
www.globeuniversity.edu

Stewart School

Established in 1950 providing cosmetology, esthetics, and nail technology education.

604 North West Avenue
Sioux Falls, SD 57104
605.336.2775
www.stewartschool.com



Sioux Falls City Government

Sioux Falls is a home rule city governed by a strong mayor, council form of government. Three council members are elected at large and five are elected by the voters of each of the five council districts. The mayor is elected at large for a term of 4 years.

The City provides a wide range of municipal services including police and fire protection, construction maintenance of highways, bridges and streets, public utilities, public parking and transit, health and social services, cultural and recreational activities, planning and zoning enforcement and general administrative services. In addition, the City has oversight of the Sioux Falls Regional Airport Authority and the Sioux Falls Regional Emergency Medical Service Authority. www.siouxfalls.org

Minnehaha County Government

Minnehaha County, created in 1862, encompasses 810 square miles. It is the largest county in the state in terms of population. The 2000, Census recorded a population of 148,265. The 2008 estimated population is 173,800. Minnehaha County is governed by ten elected officials including five part-time Commissioners. Daily operations are managed by 19 full-time department heads and carried out by 520 full-time employees. The County maintains two rural parks. In conjunction with the City of Sioux Falls, the County maintains the Siouxland Library system, the Siouxland Heritage Museum system and dispatches police, fire and medical personnel through the Metro Communications 911 Center.

www.minnehahacounty.org

Lincoln County Government

Lincoln County was organized by the Territorial Legislature in 1876 and encompasses an area of approximately 576 square miles. Governed by a five member board of commissioners with a staff of 110, Lincoln County provides the traditional services common to county government. Lincoln County also owns and operates the Marv Skie Great Planes Airport located just south of Sioux Falls. The Lincoln County Sheriff's Department has 13 professional law enforcement officers including the Sheriff and 12 Deputies.

www.lincolncountysd.org

Vital Statistics - City of Sioux Falls

Date of Incorporation	March 20, 1889
Charter Adopted	May 24, 1889
2nd Charter Adopted	January 1, 1995
Presidents/Mayors to Date	30
Land Use	30% Residential 70% Nonresidential
Area	73 square miles
Altitude	1,422 feet above sea level
Latitude	43°34'51"
Longitude	96°44'30"
Paved Streets	797 miles
Storm Sewers	414 miles
Sanitary Sewers	798 miles
Water Mains	938 miles
Street Lights	16,155
City Employees	1,121
Uniformed Fire Fighters	184
# of Fire Stations	10
ISO Rating	3
Police Officers	222
Average Response Time	5.47 Minutes

Government

Law Enforcement

	1990	2000	2008
Criminal Homicide	4	2	4
Rape	48	87	149
Robbery	33	56	62
Aggravated Assault	178	234	223
Burglary	661	639	752
Larceny	3,624	3,248	3,309
Auto Theft	175	288	270

Source: City of Sioux Falls Police Department

Winter, Spring, Summer, Fall . . . Sioux Falls' climate, with its four distinct seasons, allows for a pleasant variety and an invigorating life-style. A broad range of outdoor recreational opportunities are available because of our unique climate.

Climate

Climate Statistics

Annual Average Temperature	45.7°F
Average Relative Humidity	64% (Noon)
Annual Precipitation	24.93 Inches
Annual Percentage of Possible Sunshine	63%
Average Annual Wind Speed	11.0 MPH
Annual Total Snow and Sleet	40.0 Inches
Annual Heating Degree Days (65°F Base)	7,764
Annual Cooling Degree Days (65°F Base)	759
First Fall Freeze Date	October 1
Last Spring Freeze Date	May 10

Average Temperatures - Degrees F

	Mean	High	Low
January	14.6	24.7	4.5
February	20.5	30.5	10.5
March	31.6	41.6	21.7
April	46.6	58.5	34.6
May	58.4	70.5	46.3
June	68.3	80.1	56.6
July	73.8	85.5	62.1
August	71.5	83.2	59.8
September	61.4	73.7	49.1
October	49.0	61.4	36.7
November	32.9	43.2	22.6
December	19.9	29.4	10.4



Sioux Falls offers just about anything anyone could want . . . over 500 restaurants . . . a world class performance hall and interactive science center . . . theater, museums . . . symphony orchestra . . . downhill skiing and snowboarding . . . minor league football, basketball, baseball and hockey . . . festivals, parades . . . water parks . . . a zoo . . . and Sculpture Walk with over 50 works of art throughout downtown.

Sioux Falls Parks & Rec Department

69 Parks - 2,880 Acres of Park Land

Soccer & Football Fields
Baseball & Softball Fields
Tennis, Basketball & Volleyball Courts
Skate Parks / Skating Rinks
Disc Golf Course
Dog Parks

21 Miles of Paved Bike Trails

3 City-owned Golf Courses

6 Aquatic Centers / Swimming Pools

Wading Pool / Spray Pad

5 Community Centers

Great Plains Zoo & Delbridge Museum

45-Acre Facility
600 Animals / 150 Species
Children's Petting Zoo
Carrousel & Train Rides
Museum with 150 Mounted Animals

Great Bear Recreational Park

Snowboarding Facilities
Downhill / Cross-country Skiing
Tubing

Municipal Band Concerts

USS Battleship South Dakota Memorial

Sioux Falls Ice & Recreation Center

605.367.8222
www.siouxfallsparks.org

Festivals & Events

A number of festivals and events take place in and around the Sioux Falls area including:

Automania
Festival of Bands
Festival of Cultures
Festival of Trees
German Fest
Great Plains Balloon Race
Hot Harley Nights
Hot Summer Nights
JazzFest
LifeLight Christian Music Festival
Parade of Lights
RibFest
Siouxland Renaissance Festival
Sioux Empire Fair
Sidewalk Arts Festival
Spirit of the West Festival

800.333.2072
www.siouxfallscvb.com
www.siouxfallsevents.com

Our Community

Cultural Activities

Area residents enjoy and support an unusually wide range of cultural activities. Sioux Falls is rapidly becoming a showcase of the arts in the Upper Midwest. Community arts organizations include the South Dakota Symphony Orchestra, Civic Fine Arts Association, the Sioux Empire Arts Council, the Sioux Empire Community Theatre, the Children's Theatre Company of South Dakota and the Siouxland Heritage Museums.

The Washington Pavilion of Arts & Science features a state-of-the-art performance hall, a multi-use "black box" theater, an OMNI theater, visual arts galleries and a Science Discovery Center with interactive exhibits.

SculptureWalk is an exciting exhibit of over 50 outdoor sculptures displayed year round along the sidewalks in downtown Sioux Falls. Each year the exhibit displays new sculptures from artists around the world.

The Multi-Cultural Center provides opportunities to learn, celebrate and share through cultural experiences. They sponsor the Festival of Cultures at Falls Park and numerous other ethnic celebrations throughout the year.

Area Outdoor Recreation

Sioux Falls is the gateway to many recreational areas throughout the state. To the north is the glacial lakes region, excellent for water activities and camping. To the west and south stretches the Missouri River, providing beautiful scenery and an unspoiled atmosphere. South Dakota's walleye fishing on the Missouri River is considered to be the best in the United States. In the autumn, the most popular form of outdoor recreation is hunting. In South Dakota, known as the ring-neck pheasant capital of the world, tens of thousands of hunters bag their limits each season. There is also high quality waterfowl hunting in the state.

Sioux Falls Green Project

A group of Sioux Falls civic business leaders and public officials spearheaded a citywide initiative to change the way people think about and act toward the environment. Targeting both consumers and the business community, the Green Project seeks to educate and inspire Sioux Falls residents to live greener – particularly the areas of recycling, water conservation, energy consumption and development.

www.siouxfallsgreenproject.com

Minor League Sport Teams

SkyForce - NBA Development League Team

Stamperde - U.S. Hockey League Team

Storm - United Indoor Football Team

Canaries - Northern League Baseball Team

Dakota Lawdawgs - North American Football League Team

Sioux Falls was ranked #8 among cities its size by Next Generation Consulting as one of the **best places for young professionals to live and work**. Cities were scored based on seven indexes: earning, learning, vitality, around town, after hours, cost of lifestyle and social capital.



Sioux Falls is recognized as the finest major medical center between Denver and Rochester, Minnesota. Home to two regional health care systems and a variety of specialty hospitals and numerous clinics, the Sioux Falls healthcare community serves people in a four-state area and beyond. The Sanford School of Medicine of The University of South Dakota is located in Sioux Falls and enhances health care in all the hospitals. Over 500 doctors staff the hospitals and clinics.

Healthcare Developments

“The Gift” to Sanford Health

\$400 Million Donation by Mr. T. Denny Sanford
Donation will fund the Sanford Initiatives:
Development of Services/Facilities focused on Children
Significant growth of key research areas including the creation of the Sanford Pediatric Institute
Sanford Project - finding a cure for Type 1 Diabetes
Healthcare Campus of the Future

Sanford Children’s Hospital - “Castle of Care”

Opened March of 2009
Region’s only free-standing children’s hospital
146 Beds

Avera Cancer Institute

New 217,000 square foot facility opening in fall 2010
Destination Cancer Center
Designed as a “Green” building
Registered as a LEED project by the US Green Building Council

Health Services



Hospital Systems

Avera
Avera McKennan Hospital
www.avera.org
Sanford Health
Sanford USD Medical Center
www.sanfordhealth.org

Specialty Hospitals

Avera Behavioral Health Center
www.avera.org
Avera Heart Hospital of South Dakota
www.averahearthospital.com
Children’s Care Hospital
www.cchs.org
Sioux Falls Surgical Hospital
www.sfsurgical.com
Select Specialty Hospital
www.selectmedicalcorp.com
Veteran’s Memorial Hospital
www.siouxfallsva.gov

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