

### ANNUAL AVERAGE UNEMPLOYMENT RATES (2000-2008)

Year	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
South Dakota	2.3%	3.4%	3.1%	3.6%	3.5%	3.9%	3.2%	3.0%	3.0%
United States	4.0%	4.7%	5.8%	6.0%	5.5%	5.1%	4.6%	4.6%	5.8%

Source: S.D. Dept. of Labor, Labor Market Information Center, Labor Force Statistics, July 2008.

**MORE THAN 10,000 HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE GRADUATES ENTER THE WORKFORCE EVERY YEAR.**

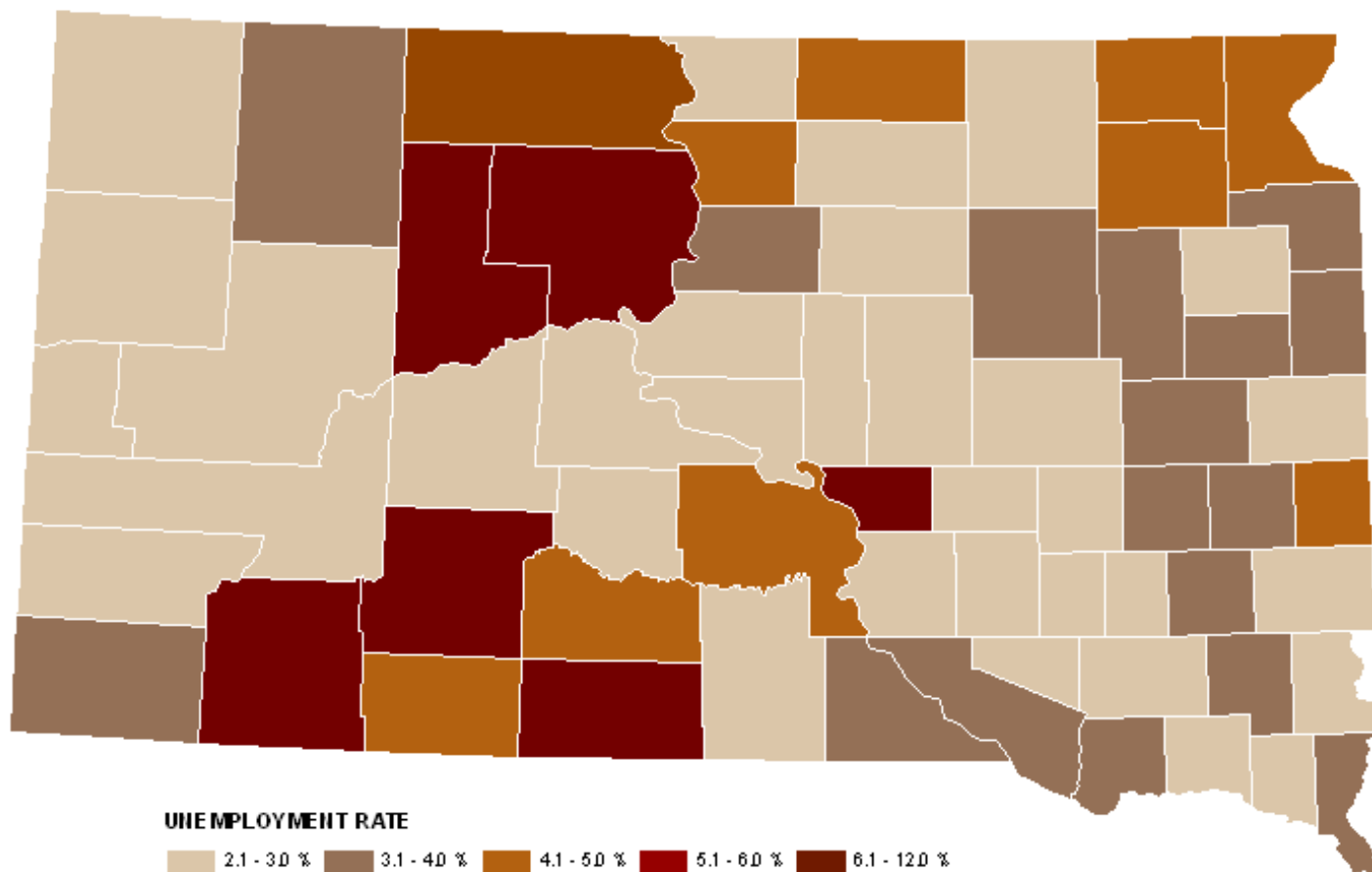
### UNIONIZATION RATE (2008)

South Dakota..... 5.0%  
 United States..... 12.4%

*SOUTH DAKOTA IS A RIGHT-TO-WORK STATE*

Source: U.S. Dept. of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Table 5: Union Affiliation of Employed Wage & Salary Workers by State, 2008.

### COUNTY UNEMPLOYMENT RATES (2008)



## COMMUTE DATA - TRAVEL TIME TO WORK (2000)

Minutes	Amount	Percent
At home	24,156	6.48%
Less than 5	32,545	8.73%
5 to 15	156,847	42.09%
15 to 30	108,943	29.23%
30 to 60	38,342	10.29%
60 or more	11,815	3.17%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau. Census 2000, Summary File 3, Journey to Work, 2000.

## LABOR PARTICIPATION RATES (1999-2008)

Year	South Dakota	United States
2008	72.8%	65.9%
2007	73.2%	66.0%
2006	73.1%	66.2%
2005	73.1%	66.0%
2004	73.4%	66.0%
2003	73.5%	66.2%
2002	72.9%	66.6%
2001	73.0%	66.8%
2000	72.8%	67.1%

Source: US Dept of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, "Employment Statistics of the Civilian Noninstitutional Population by State," September 2009.

## LABOR FORCE IN SOUTH DAKOTA (2008-2009)

	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemp. Rate	Labor Supply*
Sept '08	445,380	432,520	12,860	2.9%	70,290
Dec '08	439,480	422,255	17,225	3.9%	76,160
Avg '08	444,890	431,380	13,510	3.0%	NA
Mar '09	443,450	419,480	23,970	5.4%	79,540
Jun '09	455,780	433,480	22,300	4.9%	81,510

\* The labor supply considers both the unemployed and the underemployed and is a more accurate representation of South Dakota's labor pool.

Source: S.D. Dept of Labor, Labor Market Information Center, Labor Force Statistics, Not Seasonally Adjusted, August 2009.

## TRAINING

South Dakota is committed to supplying its industry partners with a skilled labor force. To help new and expanding companies find the workers they need, South Dakota offers training grant dollars to help train new and existing employees.

The Governor's Office of Economic Development provides technical assistance to help identify approaches and ideas necessary to develop successful projects and training programs.

South Dakota's four technical institutes also provide technical assistance and training through Corporate Education Centers or Business and Industry Training. These centers offer a wide range of services including:

- Certification Programs
- Continuing Education Programs
- Training Needs Assessment
- Customized Training



### Customized Training

Technical schools and Technical training organizations such as R-Tec in Yankton, SD provide customized training opportunities. Customized programs are developed in partnerships with the company or organization and are tailored to meet specific company training needs while utilizing the latest technology available.

Training may be held on-site or at one of the partner institutions depending on customer preference and availability of resources. "Mobile Labs" for welding and computer training are available for on-site training. This flexibility allows Business & Industry Training to provide service to all communities across South Dakota.

South Dakota's four technical institutes offer a wide variety of career opportunities from health care to computer technology, and manufacturing and mechanical trades to culinary arts. The following lists highlight programs at each school.

#### Lake Area Technical Institute

- Computer Information Systems
- Machine Tool Technology
- Robotics
- Energy Technology

#### Southeast Technical Institute

- Financial Services
- Internet Applications Developer
- Biomedical Technology
- Hydraulics & Pneumatics

#### Mitchell Technical Institute

- Satellite Communications
- Communications Systems Engineering Technology
- Utilities Technology
- Computer Systems Technology

#### Western Dakota Technical Institute

- Industrial Electronics
- Welding Manufacturing
- Pharmacy Technician
- Computer Networking Specialist