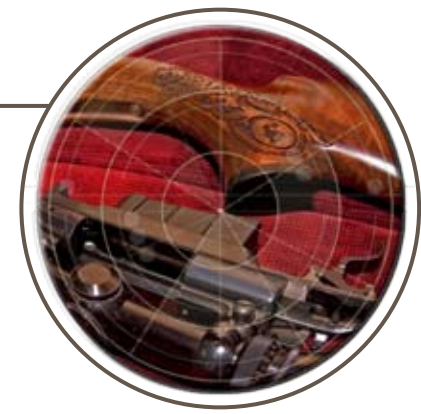


# South Dakota Firearm Industry Quick Stats



South Dakota has long been home to unique and varied firearm companies like Black Hills Ammunition and Boyd's Gunstock Industries.

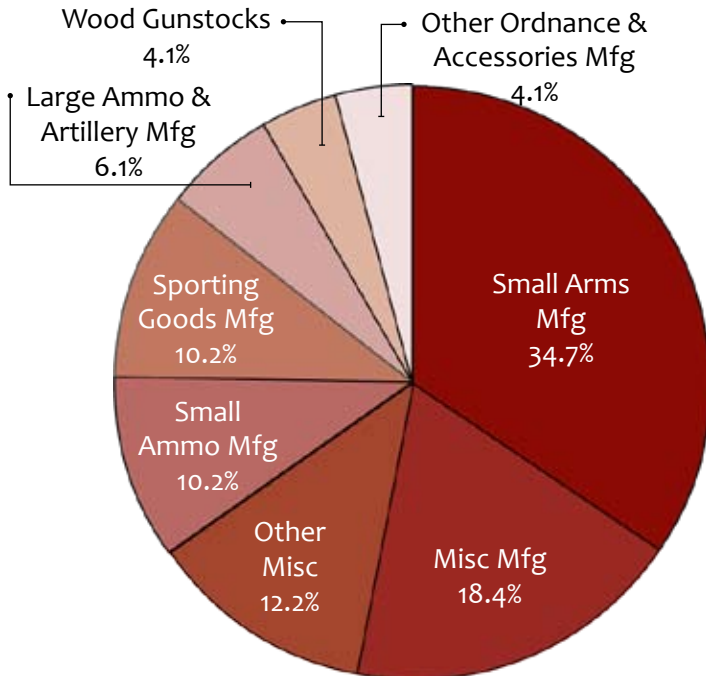
The firearms industry plays a big role in South Dakota's economy and today, 49 firearm companies call South Dakota home, employing more than 750 people.

And the industry is growing. Since 1999, when liability protection laws were introduced for manufacturers, more than 31 firearm and related companies have expanded to South Dakota.

## INDUSTRY STATISTICS

Number of Firearm Companies .....	49
Employment Estimate.....	776
Average Size of Establishment.....	15.8 Emp
Number of Firearm Companies Prior to 2000.....	18
New Firearm Companies Since 2000.....	31
Growth in Firearm Companies 2000-2011.....	172%

## Firearm Companies by NAICS Code



## Workforce

Much of the firearm workforce requires traditional manufacturing skills such as welding, machine tool operation, and CNC machining.

These occupations in South Dakota have seen notable growth since 2001, around 30%, while the rest of the nation has declined by almost 14%.

On average, these occupations pay an hourly wage of \$17.02 in South Dakota.

Multiple training and degree programs are available at South Dakota's technical institutes and universities to help meet the workforce needs of firearm companies.

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