

## Households & Families

### Introduction

*This edition of Facts on Kids describes the characteristics of households and families in South Dakota. Technically, the term household refers to one or more person(s) sharing quarters while a family is two or more related (by birth, marriage or adoption) persons living together. More complete definitions of 'household' and 'family', as defined by the U.S. Census Bureau, are on page 3 of the monograph.*

### Families in South Dakota

The portrait of South Dakota families has changed over the past decade. Census 2000 reports the total number of family households in South Dakota was 194,330<sup>1</sup>. The number of female- or male-headed households is increasing more rapidly than the traditional married couple households. The following chart<sup>2</sup> shows the profile for families with children from the 1980, 1990, and 2000 Censuses and the percent change from the 1980 Census to the 2000 Census.

Family Profile	1980	1990	2000	% Change 1980-2000
<u>Married Couple Families</u>	154,298	152,519	157,391	2.0%
With children	80,819	74,213	71,148	-12.0%
<u>Female Headed Families</u>	17,041	20,711	26,205	53.8%
With children	10,869	13,891	17,645	62.3%
<u>Male Headed Families</u>	5,732	7,076	10,734	87.3%
With children	2,130	3,586	6,387	199.9%

While married couple families with children have decreased in numbers, they still constitute by far the largest segment of the family types noted above. The chart shows that married couples with children decreased from 1980 to 2000 by 12%. Female-headed families with children grew by 62% from 1980 to 2000. The greatest percent increase occurred in male-headed families with children, who increased 200% from 1980 to 2000.

The average family size<sup>3</sup> in South Dakota is 3.07 persons. The average family size in the U.S. is slightly larger, 3.14 persons.

### Households

The average household size in South Dakota is 2.5 persons, which is slightly less than the national average of 2.59<sup>4</sup> persons.

The overall percentage of households with at least one child under age 18 in South Dakota (34.8%) is slightly less than that of the United States (36%)<sup>5</sup>. According to the 2000 Census there were 202,649 persons under age 18 living in South Dakota; 200,296 reside in households, and 2,353 reside in group quarters such as juvenile correctional institutions, group foster homes, military quarters and hospitals<sup>6</sup>. South Dakota ranks 45<sup>th</sup> nationally in the number of children under the age of 18<sup>7</sup>.

The average number of children in families in households with children under age 18<sup>8</sup> in South Dakota is 2 children while the nation is slightly less with 1.9 children.

The county map on the following page shows the percent of households with persons under age 18. There are five counties having greater than 50 percent of households with children: Shannon (69%), Todd (61%), Buffalo (60%), Ziebach (56%), and Dewey (52%). Forty counties have 34 percent or less households with children. **Source: P19. HOUSEHOLDS BY PRESENCE OF PEOPLE UNDER 18 YEARS BY HOUSEHOLD TYPE [19] - Universe: Households. Data Set: Census 2000 Summary File 1 (SF 1) 100-Percent Data.**

### Family households

For family households, South Dakota closely resembles that of the U.S. as shown in the table<sup>9</sup> below.

	United States Percent	South Dakota Percent
<b>Family households:</b>		
<b>2-person household</b>	40.8%	45.2%
<b>3-person household</b>	23.1%	20.7%
<b>4-person household</b>	20.4%	19.3%
<b>5-person household</b>	9.5%	9.4%
<b>6-person household</b>	3.6%	3.4%
<b>7+ person household</b>	2.5%	2.1%

Of the **family households with people under 18 years**, married-couple families constitute 73.4 percent in South Dakota. The other family households with one or more persons under 18 years are either male householder, no wife present, 7.0 percent; or female householder, no husband present, 19.6 percent. South Dakota is higher than the nation in several of these categories: married-couple families constitute 69.7 percent of family households nationally and 6.8 percent of family households headed by a male householder with no wife present. However, nationally, 23.5 percent of the family households with children consist of female householders with no husband present. The percentage of male householder, no wife present, is 9.8 percent.

## Definitions

### Family

*A family includes a householder and one or more other people living in the same household who are related to the householder by birth, marriage, or adoption. All people in a household who are related to the householder are regarded as members of his or her family. A household can contain only one family for purposes of census tabulations. Not all households contain families since a household may be a group of unrelated people or one person living alone. Families are classified by type as either a "married-couple family" or an "other family" according to the presence of a spouse. "Other family" is further broken out according to the sex of the householder.*

*Married-couple family is a family in which the householder and his or her spouse are enumerated as members of the same household.*

*Other family a male householder, no wife present, is a family with a male householder and no spouse*



*of the householder present. A female householder, no husband present, is a family with a female householder and no spouse of the householder present.*

*Related children - "Related children" in a family include own children by birth, stepchildren or adopted children and all other people under 18 years of age in the household who are related to the householder, except the spouse of the householder. Foster children are not included since they are not related to the householder.*

### Household

*Household - A household includes all of the people who occupy a housing unit. A housing unit is a house, an apartment, a mobile home, a group of rooms, or a single room occupied (or if vacant, intended for occupancy) as separate living quarters.*

*Separate living quarters are those in which the occupants live separately from any other people in the building and have direct access from the outside of the building or through a common hall. The occupants may be a single family, one person living alone, two or more families living together, or any other group of related or unrelated people who share living quarters.*

*Householder. The data on relationship to householder were derived from the question "How is this person related to Person 1," which was asked of Persons 2 and higher in housing units. One person in each household is designated as the householder (Person 1). In most cases, this is the person, or one of the people, in whose name the home is owned, being bought, or rented. If there is no such person in the household, any household member 15 years old or over could be designated as the householder (that is, Person 1).*

*Households are classified by type according to the sex of the householder and the presence of relatives. Two types of householders are distinguished: family householders and non-family householders.*

*A family householder is a householder living with one or more people related to him or her by birth, marriage, or adoption. The householder and all of the people in the household related to him or her are family members. A non-family householder is a householder living alone or with non-relatives only.*

*Spouse (husband/wife). Includes a person married to and living with a householder. This category includes people in formal marriages, as well as people in common-law marriages.*





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