

# South Dakota Career Interest Survey

*An interest assessment to help you identify careers you would enjoy*

What activities interest you? Where do your career interests fall? Take the following career interest survey to help you target some general types of careers that interest you from the hundreds of possibilities.

1. Assess how well you'd like to do each work-related activity on pages 2-4 by writing a rating for the activity. Use the rating scale below and provided on each page.

## Use this scale:

- 1 - Dislike very much
- 2 - Dislike
- 3 - Not sure
- 4 - Like
- 5 - Like very much



2. Remove the answer sheet on page 5 to score your assessment. Follow the instructions on the answer sheet.
3. Once you've determined your primary, secondary and third highest interest areas using your answer sheet, find the corresponding interest areas on our Exploring Occupations of Interest web page at the following location:

[dlr.sd.gov/lmic/menu\\_sdcis\\_groups.aspx](http://dlr.sd.gov/lmic/menu_sdcis_groups.aspx)

The six interest groups listed there are the same groups used in the South Dakota Career Interest Survey. Since people work better in occupations that match their interests and personality, these occupations are grouped to reflect what people with these interest areas like to do.

4. Once you choose an interest area and click on a specific occupation included in that interest area, you will see comprehensive information on that specific occupation in our virtual labor market information system. Look through all the career options in your highest three areas of interest.
5. Use the virtual labor market data system and other resources available from school counselors, teachers, South Dakota Department of Labor and Regulation Job Service offices, and public libraries to explore those occupations further.



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1. Design or create graphics for commercial or promotional use.
2. Read news reports or play and queue music and interview guests.
3. Prepare financial statements and provide financial advice to others.
4. Develop programs to control machining processing of materials produced by CNC machines.
5. Plan and oversee the construction of projects such as roads and highways or the construction of homes or buildings.
6. Direct the work of other cooks as well as prepare food served in a restaurant setting.
7. Design and implement computer networks.
8. Maintain and troubleshoot computer systems to ensure they are working properly and fix any issues.
9. Read X-rays and ultra sound recordings.
10. Fight fires.
11. Evaluate athletic skills and instruct and coach specific sports.
12. Organize activities like games or crafts for groups of people.
13. Create handmade objects for sale.
14. Use electronic tools to create special effects or animations for videos or computer games.
15. Review health and property insurance claims to determine and apply payment.
16. Perform a variety of clerical duties depending on needs of employer.
17. Manage a farm or ranch.
18. Help a customer choose furniture, vehicles or select clothing.

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19. Dispense and provide information to customers about prescribed medications.
20. Transform raw data into meaningful information.
21. Drive a large tractor-trailer truck.
22. Keep a building clean and orderly.
23. Treat people who have mental, emotional or substance abuse problems.
24. Teach in an elementary or a high school.
25. Design products that are manufactured such as cars, home appliances or children's toys.
26. Decorate store windows and create attractive displays of products for sale.
27. Design, create and make changes to websites for different digital platforms.
28. Compute and record numbers correctly.
29. Coordinate the activities of workers in a bank.
30. Create and promote a public image for an organization through a variety of social media.
31. Conduct experiments with chemicals to develop new products.
32. Diagnose, treat and help prevent mental health disorders.
33. Trim trees.
34. Care for animals in a kennel.

35. Clean peoples teeth.
36. Help residents of a nursing facility with daily care needs like eating and dressing.
37. Emcee and play prerecorded music at events such as wedding receptions, parties and bars and clubs.
38. Direct displays at art show and the work of artists.
39. Sort mail for delivery.
40. Prepare tax returns for individuals or small businesses.
41. Plan and coordinate activities for a convention.
42. Be responsible for the operation of a hotel.
43. Study the needs of communities for housing and schools.
44. Investigate crimes or people.
45. Paint the inside of a house.
46. Repair and refinish automotive vehicle bodies and straighten vehicle frames.
47. Lead worship services.
48. Help a patient relearn to walk.
49. Perform for others by singing or playing a musical instrument.
50. Plan and review and edit written materials for newspapers, magazines, books and ect.
51. Keep records for a company on incoming and outgoing materials.
52. Expedite and route incoming and outgoing shipments and take orders from and prepare bills for customers.
53. Organize fund raising activities and promote awareness of and for organizations.
54. Defend someone in a trial.

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**4 - Like**

**5 - Like very much**

55. Diagnose and treat injuries and illnesses.
56. Treat dental problems.
57. Install, repair and maintain electrical wiring, equipment and fixtures.
58. Operate a combine.
59. Plan programs to help patients regain daily living skills after being injured or sick.
60. Teach a trade or skill in a vocational-technical school.
61. Perform in a play.
62. Write articles, advertisements or novels.
63. Perform secretarial duties using medical knowledge of hospitals, clinics or laboratories.
64. Register and assign rooms to hotel, motel or resort guests.
65. Determine policies and provide the overall direction of a company.
66. Sell life, property, health, automotive or other insurances to customers.
67. Conduct research in the genetics, nutrition and reproduction of domestic and farm and ranch animals.
68. Conduct research to improve human health.
69. Install and repair audio and video equipment in homes or public venues.

70. Assemble or rebuild engines, turbines and machines.
71. Lead people in exercise activities.
72. Take orders and serve food and beverages.
73. Create new dance routines to be performed for an audience.
74. Decorate the interior of an office building or home.
75. Assist lawyers by investigating facts and preparing legal documents.
76. Dispatch work crews to work sites.
77. Supervise police officers and detectives.
78. Supervise people who prepare and serve food.
79. Treat eye diseases and injuries.
80. Study behavior, diseases and the life of animals in a zoo or the wild.
81. Operate power saws and other equipment to make wooden objects.
82. Lay pipe for a water main.
83. Take care of other people's children.
84. Help people choose a career path.
85. Produce or direct plays or movies, tv shows such as the news or radio shows.
86. Write or report on news stories for newspapers, television on a variety of computer platforms.
87. Interview people for bank loans.
88. Receive and pay out money in a bank.
89. Administer the activities of a hospital.
90. Sell highly technical goods and services such as computer systems and technology.
91. Design plans to prevent, control and remediate environmental hazards.

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92. Study the weather.
93. Enforce laws.
94. Perform routine maintenance on machines.
95. Take tickets at a movie theatre.
96. Assess injuries or illness and administer basic emergency care while transporting patient to medical facilities.
97. Operate a television or film camera to record images for tv, video or film productions.
98. Work with producers to edit films and video to create a finished product.
99. Process and maintain medical records of patients.
100. Help a pharmacist prepare medications.
101. Help people buy or sell a house.
102. Advise others on financial issues such as investing money and paying taxes.
103. Develop computer applications or programs.
104. Study the physical aspects of the earth.
105. Pilot aircrafts to transport people and/or products from one location to another.
106. Trim, cut, or prepare meat for customers.
107. Find foster homes for abused or neglected children.
108. Give nursing care to ill or injured patients.

# South Dakota Career Interest Survey Answer Sheet

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Use this answer sheet to score the results of your interest survey. Transfer your responses for each of the numbered items on pages 2, 3 and 4 to the corresponding numbered blanks provided. Add your responses for each of the six interest areas and circle the three groups with the highest total scores. Refer back to the instructions on page 1 for suggestions on using your results.

<b>Artistic Interest Area</b>		<b>Conventional Interest Area</b>		<b>Enterprising Interest Area</b>		<b>Investigative Interest Area</b>		<b>Realistic Interest Area</b>		<b>Social Interest Area</b>	
Item 1	_____	Item 3	_____	Item 5	_____	Item 7	_____	Item 9	_____	Item 11	_____
Item 2	_____	Item 4	_____	Item 6	_____	Item 8	_____	Item 10	_____	Item 12	_____
Item 13	_____	Item 15	_____	Item 17	_____	Item 19	_____	Item 21	_____	Item 23	_____
Item 14	_____	Item 16	_____	Item 18	_____	Item 20	_____	Item 22	_____	Item 24	_____
Item 25	_____	Item 27	_____	Item 29	_____	Item 31	_____	Item 33	_____	Item 35	_____
Item 26	_____	Item 28	_____	Item 30	_____	Item 32	_____	Item 34	_____	Item 36	_____
Item 37	_____	Item 39	_____	Item 41	_____	Item 43	_____	Item 45	_____	Item 47	_____
Item 38	_____	Item 40	_____	Item 42	_____	Item 44	_____	Item 46	_____	Item 48	_____
Item 49	_____	Item 51	_____	Item 53	_____	Item 55	_____	Item 57	_____	Item 59	_____
Item 50	_____	Item 52	_____	Item 54	_____	Item 56	_____	Item 58	_____	Item 60	_____
Item 61	_____	Item 63	_____	Item 65	_____	Item 67	_____	Item 69	_____	Item 71	_____
Item 62	_____	Item 64	_____	Item 66	_____	Item 68	_____	Item 70	_____	Item 72	_____
Item 73	_____	Item 75	_____	Item 77	_____	Item 79	_____	Item 81	_____	Item 83	_____
Item 74	_____	Item 76	_____	Item 78	_____	Item 80	_____	Item 82	_____	Item 84	_____
Item 85	_____	Item 87	_____	Item 89	_____	Item 91	_____	Item 93	_____	Item 95	_____
Item 86	_____	Item 88	_____	Item 90	_____	Item 92	_____	Item 94	_____	Item 96	_____
Item 97	_____	Item 99	_____	Item 101	_____	Item 103	_____	Item 105	_____	Item 107	_____
Item 98	_____	Item 100	_____	Item 102	_____	Item 104	_____	Item 106	_____	Item 108	_____
<b>Total</b>	_____	<b>Total</b>	_____	<b>Total</b>	_____	<b>Total</b>	_____	<b>Total</b>	_____	<b>Total</b>	_____

My primary interest area (area with the highest total score) \_\_\_\_\_

My secondary interest area (area with the second highest total score) \_\_\_\_\_

My third interest area (area with the third highest total score) \_\_\_\_\_

