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# SUPPORTING VETERANS IN SOUTH DAKOTA



SD'S VETERANS



VETERAN POPULATION

54,527

Veterans in South Dakota

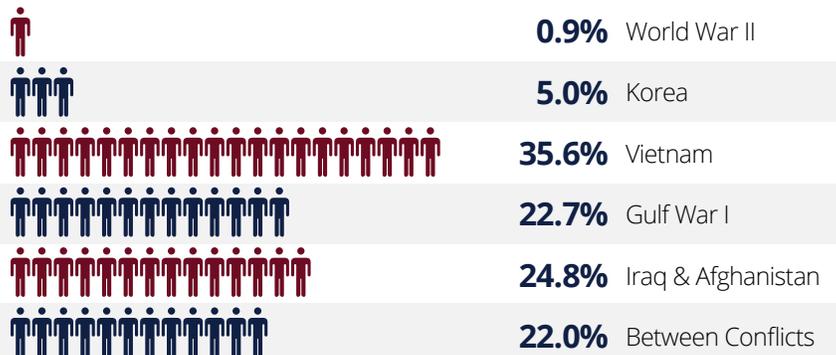


% VETERANS

8.1%

of South Dakota's adult population are veterans of the U.S. military

### SERVICE ERA\*



Source: Housing Assistance Council tabulations of the 2019-2023 American Community Survey (ACS PUMs used for certain estimates)  
\* Totals may exceed 100%. Some veterans served in multiple eras.



LOCATION



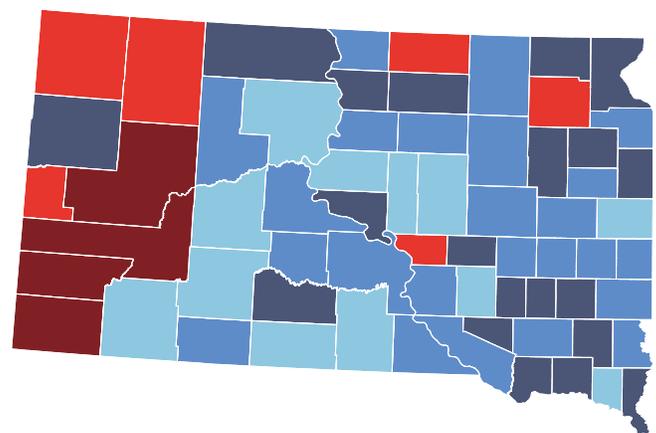
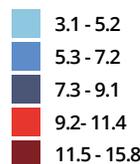
GEOGRAPHY

## Veterans by County

Veterans as a percent of the adult population

### Counties

Percent Veteran Population



To learn more about Veterans in your community visit

**Veterans Data Central**  
at [www.veteransdata.info](http://www.veteransdata.info)

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**ECONOMIC  
WELL BEING**



**3.2%**

Unemployment rate for South Dakota's veterans. The overall unemployment rate for South Dakota is 3.0%. Younger persons have the highest rates of unemployment among veterans



**6.6%**

of South Dakota's veterans live in poverty



**\$70,911**

Median household income of South Dakota veterans. The median income of all South Dakota households is \$72,032.



**33.3%**

of South Dakota's veterans have a service connected disability rating (18,153 Veterans).

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**HOUSING  
&  
HOMES**

**VETERAN  
OCCUPIED  
HOMES**

**34,997**



Approximately 34,997, or 9.8 percent, of South Dakota's homes are occupied by veterans.

**HOME-  
OWNERSHIP**

**78.6%**



Homeownership rate of South Dakota's veterans

**HOME  
VALUE**

**\$200,000**



The median value of South Dakota veterans' homes is \$200,000. The state's overall median home value is \$200,000.

**HOUSING  
PROBLEMS**

**7,732**



Approximately 7,732 South Dakota veterans live in homes with one or more major problems of quality, crowding, or cost. Housing affordability is the greatest housing problem among veterans. Roughly 21.6 percent of South Dakota veterans pay too much for their housing.

**VA  
MORTGAGE  
LOANS**

**1,203**



In 2023, 1,203 VA home loan guarantees were made in South Dakota to support veteran homeowners. VA loans represented 9.9 percent of South Dakota's home mortgage originations in 2023.

**HOME-  
LESSNESS**

**42**



HUD estimates that approximately 42 South Dakota veterans are homeless.

Source: Housing Assistance Council tabulations of the 2019-2023 American Community Survey (ACS PUMs used for certain estimates), 2023 Home Mortgage Disclosure Act (HMDA) Data, 2024 HUD Point in Time Homeless Estimate (PIT)

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