
Family Planning

Definition: South Dakota females, ages 18-49, who are currently using birth control.

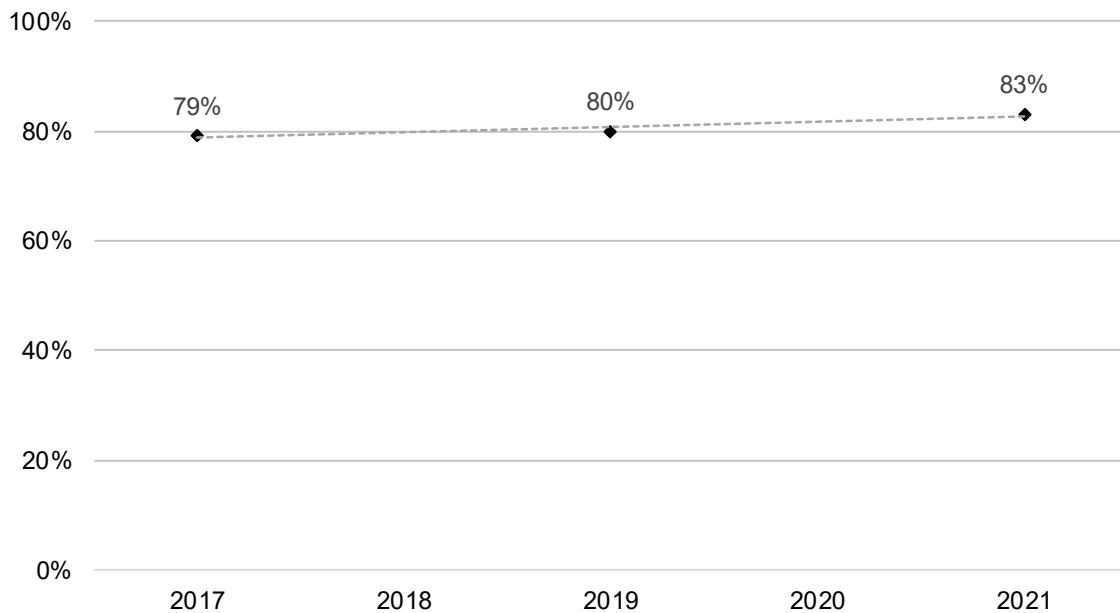
Prevalence of Birth Control Use

- South Dakota 83%
- There is no nationwide median for using birth control

Trend Analysis

Overall, the percent of South Dakota females, ages 18-49, who are currently using birth control has been slowly increasing since this question was first asked in 2017.

Figure 62
Percentage of Female South Dakotans, Ages 18-49, Who Are Currently Using Birth Control, 2017-2021



Source: The Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, South Dakota Department of Health, 2017-2021

Table 60
Female South Dakotans, Ages 18-49, Who Are Currently Using Birth Control, 2017-2021

		2017-2021	95% Confidence Interval	
			Low	High
Gender	Male	-		
	Female	80%	77.0%	83.4%
Age	18-29	82%	75.7%	86.7%
	30-39	82%	76.1%	87.2%
	40-49	76%	70.4%	81.2%
	50-59	-	-	-
	60-69	-	-	-
	70-79	-	-	-
	80+	-	-	-
Race/Ethnicity	White, Non-Hispanic	82%	77.9%	84.9%
	American Indian, Non-Hispanic	81%	71.7%	87.3%
	American Indian/White, Non-Hispanic	*	*	*
	Hispanic	*	*	*
Household Income	Less than \$35,000	77%	70.0%	83.0%
	\$35,000-\$74,999	82%	75.7%	86.9%
	\$75,000+	85%	79.3%	89.9%
Education	Less than High School, G.E.D.	83%	70.0%	90.6%
	High School, G.E.D.	74%	64.8%	80.7%
	Some Post-High School	80%	74.3%	85.3%
	College Graduate	85%	80.5%	88.4%
Employment Status	Employed for Wages	81%	76.2%	84.3%
	Self-employed	76%	63.4%	84.6%
	Unemployed	66%	47.5%	80.8%
	Homemaker	81%	68.5%	88.7%
	Student	93%	84.1%	96.7%
	Retired	*	*	*
	Unable to Work	*	*	*
Marital Status	Married/Unmarried Couple	82%	77.7%	85.0%
	Divorced/Separated	76%	63.1%	85.3%
	Widowed	*	*	*
	Never Married	80%	73.2%	86.1%
Home Ownership Status	Own Home	81%	77.3%	85.0%
	Rent Home	78%	70.8%	83.2%
Children Status	Children in Household (Ages 18-44)	82%	77.5%	86.1%
	No Children in Household (Ages 18-44)	79%	71.9%	84.5%
Phone Status	Landline	79%	70.6%	84.7%
	Cell Phone	81%	76.9%	84.0%
Pregnancy Status	Pregnant (Ages 18-44)	-	-	-
	Not Pregnant (Ages 18-44)	81%	77.4%	84.5%
County	Minnehaha	75%	65.9%	82.4%
	Pennington	82%	72.5%	88.2%
	Lincoln	81%	65.8%	91.0%
	Brown	*	*	*
	Brookings	81%	69.7%	89.3%
	Codington	87%	75.9%	93.1%
	Meade	81%	65.6%	90.8%

Note: *Results based on small sample sizes have been suppressed.

Source: The Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, South Dakota Department of Health, 2017-2021

Demographics

Age	Birth control use does not seem to consistently change as age increases.
Race/ Ethnicity	The prevalence of birth control use does not seem to differ based on race/ethnicity.
Household Income	Birth control use increases as household income increases.
Education	Birth control use does not seem to consistently change as education levels increase.
Employment	Those who are a student demonstrate a very high prevalence of birth control use, while those who are unemployed show a very low prevalence.
Marital Status	The prevalence of birth control use does not seem to differ based on marital status.
Home Ownership	Birth control use does not seem to differ based on home ownership status.
Children Status	Birth control use does not seem to differ based on presence of children in the household.
Phone Status	Birth control use does not seem to differ based on phone status.
County	The prevalence of birth control use does not seem to differ among the available counties.

The following table shows the type of birth control women, ages 18-49, use. The most common method of birth control was female or male sterilization followed by birth control pills.

Female or male sterilization (ex. Tubal ligation, Essure, Aadiana, male vasectomy)	31%
Birth control pills	26%
Male or female condoms	23%
IUD	13%
Other method	7%

Source: South Dakota Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, 2017-2021

The following table shows the reasons for not using birth control when asked of women, ages 18-49. The most common reason for not using birth control was that the respondent did not think they or their partner could become pregnant (infertile or too old). The second most common response was they just did not think about it.

Table 62	
Reason for Not Using Birth Control, 2017-2021	
Don't think you or your partner can get pregnant (infertile or too old)	35%
Just didn't think about it	13%
Didn't think you were going to have sex/no regular partner	9%
Religious reasons	5%
Other reasons	38%

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