

An interest assessment helps 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 2-3 by circling a rating for the activity. Use the rating scale provided on each page.
2. Remove the answer sheet on page 4 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 in South Dakota Career InSite (www.sdjobs.org/careerinsite). From the "Who Am I?" option on the right-hand menu, simply choose "Interest Areas." These are the same six Interest Areas used in the South Dakota 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. Included under the "Interest Area" information for the occupation will be the three interest areas for that occupation. The first interest area is the most important and tells you the primary interest area related to that occupation. There also is a second and third interest area listed for each occupation. Look through all the career options in your highest area of interest. Pay special attention to those careers in your primary area that include your second highest interest area. To expand your occupation search, you can reverse your primary and secondary interest areas. You may want to look through the careers in your third highest interest group as well, especially if there are a limited number of careers in your first and second highest interest groups.
5. Use Career InSite (www.sdjobs.org/careerinsite) and other resources available from school counselors, teachers, South Dakota Department of Labor and Regulation local offices or public libraries to explore those occupations further.

1. Design an office building. 1 2 3 4 5
2. Broadcast the evening news. 1 2 3 4 5
3. Inspect buildings to detect fire hazards. 1 2 3 4 5
4. Control air traffic at an airport. 1 2 3 4 5
5. Plan and oversee the construction of a school. 1 2 3 4 5
6. Welcome and seat people in a restaurant. 1 2 3 4 5
7. Evaluate the results of a new program. 1 2 3 4 5
8. Develop or make changes in computer systems. 1 2 3 4 5
9. Read X-rays and ultra sound recordings. 1 2 3 4 5
10. Fight fires. 1 2 3 4 5
11. Treat people who have hearing disorders. 1 2 3 4 5
12. Help people develop financial plans. 1 2 3 4 5
13. Photograph people or nature scenes. 1 2 3 4 5
14. Prepare materials for museum collections and exhibits. 1 2 3 4 5
15. Estimate damage to motor vehicles. 1 2 3 4 5
16. Read meters and record the use of electricity or water. 1 2 3 4 5
17. Manage a farm or ranch for another owner. 1 2 3 4 5
18. Help a customer choose clothes. 1 2 3 4 5
19. Treat diseases in animals. 1 2 3 4 5
20. Solve problems by applying mathematical formulas or models. 1 2 3 4 5
21. Drive a large tractor-trailer truck. 1 2 3 4 5
22. Keep a building clean and orderly. 1 2 3 4 5
23. Help individuals prevent mental health problems. 1 2 3 4 5
24. Teach in an elementary or high school. 1 2 3 4 5
25. Work in a library. 1 2 3 4 5
26. Teach art, drama or music at a college. 1 2 3 4 5
27. Help people when they have problems using their computer. 1 2 3 4 5
28. Compute and record numbers correctly. 1 2 3 4 5
29. Coordinate the activities of a bank. 1 2 3 4 5
30. Sell goods or services to others. 1 2 3 4 5

Use this Scale
1–Dislike very much
2–Dislike
3–Not sure
4–Like
5–Like very much

31. Test computer equipment. 1 2 3 4 5
32. Perform medical laboratory tests. 1 2 3 4 5
33. Trim trees. 1 2 3 4 5
34. Care for animals in a kennel. 1 2 3 4 5
35. Assist a dentist. 1 2 3 4 5
36. Help patients feed or dress themselves. 1 2 3 4 5
37. Create handmade objects for sale. 1 2 3 4 5
38. Select and take care of costumes for theater casts or entertainers. 1 2 3 4 5
39. Sort mail for delivery. 1 2 3 4 5
40. Prepare tax returns for individuals or small businesses. 1 2 3 4 5
41. Plan and coordinate activities for a convention. 1 2 3 4 5
42. Be responsible for the operation of a motel. 1 2 3 4 5
43. Study the needs of communities for housing and schools. 1 2 3 4 5
44. Analyze physical evidence related to crimes. 1 2 3 4 5
45. Paint the inside of a house. 1 2 3 4 5
46. Service aircraft engines. 1 2 3 4 5
47. Lead worship services. 1 2 3 4 5
48. Help a patient relearn to walk. 1 2 3 4 5
49. Play a musical instrument. 1 2 3 4 5
50. Arrange flowers. 1 2 3 4 5
51. Keep records for a company on incoming and outgoing materials. 1 2 3 4 5
52. Prepare and file correspondence. 1 2 3 4 5
53. Buy merchandise or materials for resale. 1 2 3 4 5
54. Defend someone in a trial. 1 2 3 4 5

55. Diagnose and treat illnesses.	1 2 3 4 5	86. Be a reporter for a newspaper.	1 2 3 4 5
56. Treat dental problems.	1 2 3 4 5	87. Interview people for bank loans.	1 2 3 4 5
57. Build a garage.	1 2 3 4 5	88. Receive and pay out money in a bank.	1 2 3 4 5
58. Operate a combine.	1 2 3 4 5	89. Administer the activities of a hospital.	1 2 3 4 5
59. Guard important property.	1 2 3 4 5	90. Help passengers on a flight.	1 2 3 4 5
60. Teach a trade or skill in a vocational-technical school.	1 2 3 4 5	91. Make exact measurements and determine property boundaries.	1 2 3 4 5
61. Perform in a play.	1 2 3 4 5	92. Study the weather.	1 2 3 4 5
62. Write a novel.	1 2 3 4 5	93. Enforce laws.	1 2 3 4 5
63. Answer questions and obtain information needed by customers.	1 2 3 4 5	94. Monitor ventilation in a building.	1 2 3 4 5
64. Register and assign rooms to motel guests.	1 2 3 4 5	95. Conduct tours.	1 2 3 4 5
65. Interpret laws.	1 2 3 4 5	96. Help clients get available benefits and services.	1 2 3 4 5
66. Help prepare legal documents.	1 2 3 4 5	97. Design a set for a play.	1 2 3 4 5
67. Research problems related to farm crops or farm animals.	1 2 3 4 5	98. Model clothes at a fashion show.	1 2 3 4 5
68. Teach biology in a college.	1 2 3 4 5	99. Process and maintain medical records of patients.	1 2 3 4 5
69. Repair VCR and CD players.	1 2 3 4 5	100. Help a pharmacist prepare medications.	1 2 3 4 5
70. Assemble or rebuild machines.	1 2 3 4 5	101. Help people buy or sell a house.	1 2 3 4 5
71. Keep order in a court of law.	1 2 3 4 5	102. Cut and style peoples' hair.	1 2 3 4 5
72. Serve food to others.	1 2 3 4 5	103. Develop computer equipment for commercial use.	1 2 3 4 5
73. Direct a motion picture.	1 2 3 4 5	104. Study the physical aspects of the earth.	1 2 3 4 5
74. Decorate the interior of an office building or home.	1 2 3 4 5	105. Pilot a passenger airplane.	1 2 3 4 5
75. Make travel reservations for others.	1 2 3 4 5	106. Trim, cut or prepare meat for customers.	1 2 3 4 5
76. Dispatch work crews to work sites.	1 2 3 4 5	107. Be a principal in a school.	1 2 3 4 5
77. Investigate crimes.	1 2 3 4 5	108. Give nursing care to ill or injured patients.	1 2 3 4 5
78. Supervise people who prepare and serve food.	1 2 3 4 5	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> <p>Use this Scale</p> <p>1–Dislike very much</p> <p>2–Dislike</p> <p>3–Not sure</p> <p>4–Like</p> <p>5–Like very much</p> </div>	
79. Treat eye diseases and injuries.	1 2 3 4 5		
80. Study human behavior.	1 2 3 4 5		
81. Process photographs.	1 2 3 4 5		
82. Lay pipe for a water main.	1 2 3 4 5		
83. Care for children in your home.	1 2 3 4 5	<div style="text-align: center;"> <p>www.sdjobs.org</p> </div>	
84. Help people choose a career path.	1 2 3 4 5		
85. Teach dance.	1 2 3 4 5		

South Dakota 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 and 3 to the 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.

Artistic Interest Area	Conventional Interest Area	Enterprising Interest Area	Investigative Interest Area	Realistic Interest Area	Social Interest
Area _____					
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 _____
Total _____	Total _____	Total _____	Total _____	Total _____	Total _____

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)* _____