

## SOUTH DAKOTA CAREER INTEREST SURVEY

**Directions:** 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. Use the following rating scale :

**1–Dislike very much      2–Dislike      3–Not sure      4–Like      5–Like very much**

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| 1. Design an office building.                                   | 1 2 3 4 5 | 29. Coordinate the activities of a bank.                                | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 2. Broadcast the evening news.                                  | 1 2 3 4 5 | 30. Sell goods or services to others.                                   | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 3. Inspect buildings to detect fire hazards.                    | 1 2 3 4 5 | 31. Test computer equipment.  | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 4. Control air traffic at an airport.                           | 1 2 3 4 5 | 32. Perform medical laboratory tests.                                   | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 5. Plan and oversee the construction of a school.               | 1 2 3 4 5 | 33. Trim trees.   | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 6. Welcome and seat people in a restaurant.                     | 1 2 3 4 5 | 34. Care for animals in a kennel.                                       | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 7. Evaluate the results of a new program.                       | 1 2 3 4 5 | 35. Assist a dentist.   | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 8. Develop or make changes in computer systems.                 | 1 2 3 4 5 | 36. Help patients feed or dress themselves.                             | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 9. Read X-rays and ultra sound recordings.                      | 1 2 3 4 5 | 37. Create handmade objects for sale.                                   | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 10. Fight fires.  | 1 2 3 4 5 | 38. Select and take care of costumes for theater casts or entertainers. | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 11. Treat people who have hearing disorders.                    | 1 2 3 4 5 | 39. Sort mail for delivery.   | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 12. Help people develop financial plans.                        | 1 2 3 4 5 | 40. Prepare tax returns for individuals or small businesses.            | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 13. Photograph people or nature scenes.                         | 1 2 3 4 5 | 41. Plan and coordinate activities for a convention.                    | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 14. Prepare materials for museum collections and exhibits.      | 1 2 3 4 5 | 42. Be responsible for the operation of a motel.                        | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 15. Estimate damage to motor vehicles.                          | 1 2 3 4 5 | 43. Study the needs of communities for housing and schools.             | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 16. Read meters and record the use of electricity or water.     | 1 2 3 4 5 | 44. Analyze physical evidence related to crimes.                        | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 17. Manage a farm or ranch for another owner.                   | 1 2 3 4 5 | 45. Paint the inside of a house.  | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 18. Help a customer choose clothes.                             | 1 2 3 4 5 | 46. Service aircraft engines.   | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 19. Treat diseases in animals.                                  | 1 2 3 4 5 | 47. Lead worship services.  | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 20. Solve problems by applying mathematical formulas or models. | 1 2 3 4 5 | 48. Help a patient relearn to walk.                                     | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 21. Drive a large tractor-trailer truck.                        | 1 2 3 4 5 | 49. Play a musical instrument.  | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 22. Keep a building clean and orderly.                          | 1 2 3 4 5 | 50. Arrange flowers.  | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 23. Help individuals prevent mental health problems.            | 1 2 3 4 5 | 51. Keep records for a company on incoming and outgoing materials.      | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 24. Teach in an elementary or high school.                      | 1 2 3 4 5 | 52. Prepare and file correspondence.                                    | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 25. Work in a library.  | 1 2 3 4 5 | 53. Buy merchandise or materials for resale.                            | 1 2 3 4 5 |
| 26. Teach art, drama or music at a college.                     | 1 2 3 4 5 | 54. Defend someone in a trial.  | 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 |   |           |

55. Diagnose and treat illnesses.	1 2 3 4 5	91. Make exact measurements and determine property boundaries.	1 2 3 4 5
56. Treat dental problems.	1 2 3 4 5	92. Study the weather.	1 2 3 4 5
57. Build a garage.	1 2 3 4 5	93. Enforce laws.	1 2 3 4 5
58. Operate a combine.	1 2 3 4 5	94. Monitor ventilation in a building.	1 2 3 4 5
59. Guard important property.	1 2 3 4 5	95. Conduct tours.	1 2 3 4 5
60. Teach a trade or skill in a vocational or technical school.	1 2 3 4 5	96. Help clients get available benefits and services.	1 2 3 4 5
61. Perform in a play.	1 2 3 4 5	97. Design a set for a play.	1 2 3 4 5
62. Write a novel.	1 2 3 4 5	98. Model clothes at a fashion show.	1 2 3 4 5
63. Answer questions and obtain information needed by customers.	1 2 3 4 5	99. Process and maintain medical records of patients.	1 2 3 4 5
64. Register and assign rooms to motel guests.	1 2 3 4 5	100. Help a pharmacist prepare medications.	1 2 3 4 5
65. Interpret laws.	1 2 3 4 5	101. Help people buy or sell a house.	1 2 3 4 5
66. Help prepare legal documents.	1 2 3 4 5	102. Cut and style peoples' hair.	1 2 3 4 5
67. Research problems related to farm crops or farm animals.	1 2 3 4 5	103. Develop computer equipment for commercial use.	1 2 3 4 5
68. Teach biology in a college.	1 2 3 4 5	104. Study the physical aspects of the earth.	1 2 3 4 5
69. Repair VCR and CD players.	1 2 3 4 5	105. Pilot a passenger airplane.	1 2 3 4 5
70. Assemble or rebuild machines.	1 2 3 4 5	106. Trim, cut or prepare meat for customers.	1 2 3 4 5
71. Keep order in a court of law.	1 2 3 4 5	107. Be a principal in a school.	1 2 3 4 5
72. Serve food to others.	1 2 3 4 5	108. Give nursing care to ill or injured patients.	1 2 3 4 5
73. Direct a motion picture.	1 2 3 4 5		
74. Decorate the interior of an office building or home.	1 2 3 4 5		
75. Make travel reservations for others.	1 2 3 4 5		
76. Dispatch work crews to work sites.	1 2 3 4 5		
77. Investigate crimes.	1 2 3 4 5		
78. Supervise people who prepare and serve food.	1 2 3 4 5		
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		
84. Help people choose a career path.	1 2 3 4 5		
85. Teach dance.	1 2 3 4 5		
86. Be a reporter for a newspaper.	1 2 3 4 5		
87. Interview people for bank loans.	1 2 3 4 5		
88. Receive and pay out money in a bank.	1 2 3 4 5		
89. Administer the activities of a hospital.	1 2 3 4 5		
90. Help passengers on a flight.	1 2 3 4 5		

# CAREER INTEREST SURVEY ANSWER SHEET

Use this answer sheet to score the results of your interest survey. Transfer your responses for each of the 108 items on the previous two pages to the blanks provided. Add your responses for each of the six interest areas. Circle the three groups with the highest total scores.

Artistic	Conventional	Enterprising	Investigative	Realistic	Social
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*) \_\_\_\_\_

***Place this interest survey in your portfolio for future reference.***

# **SOUTH DAKOTA INTEREST SURVEY ANSWER SHEET**

Listed below are six career interest areas and a brief description of each. If you downloaded this document, click on the underlined links while pressing the CTRL key to see a list of possible careers for each of these areas.

## [Artistic](#)

"Creators" These individuals are artistic and like change. They enjoy using their imagination, creativity, feelings and intuition. They like working in jobs where they are free to set their own schedule.

## [Conventional](#)

"Organizer" These individuals are detail oriented and organized. They like to analyze data, keep financial records and do research. They can be counted on to be accurate and enjoy structure and closure.

## [Enterprising](#)

"Persuader" These individuals like to influence, persuade or lead people and manage others. They enjoy working on a team toward goals, competition and business-like activities.

## [Investigative](#)

"Thinker" These individuals are interested in science and logic. They like to analyze, evaluate and solve problems, and enjoy learning and understanding the causes of events.

## [Realistic](#)

"Doer" These individuals prefer to work with objects, things, machines, tools, plants, or animals. They have mechanical ability, enjoy being outdoors, and working with their hands.

## [Social](#)

"Helper" These individuals like to work with other people. They enjoy teaching, helping and curing people. They are good with words.