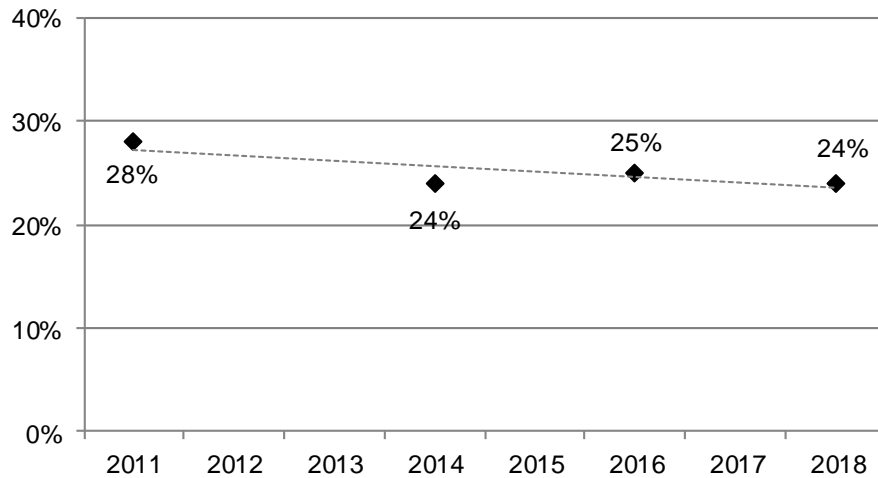

Sunblock Use

Definition: South Dakotans who answered “always” or “nearly always” to the question: “When you are outside for more than one hour on a sunny day, how often do you wear sunblock or sunscreen with an SPF of 15 or higher?”

Prevalence of Sunblock Use

- South Dakota 24%
- There is no nationwide median for sunblock use

Figure 73
Percent of South Dakotans Who Use Sunblock Most of the Time, 2011, 2014, 2016, and 2018



Source: The Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, South Dakota Department of Health, 2011, 2014, 2016, and 2018

Table 58
South Dakotans Who Use Sunblock Most of the Time, 2014-2018

		2014-2018	95% Confidence Interval	
			Low	High
Gender	Male	15%	13.3%	15.8%
	Female	35%	33.2%	36.7%
Age	18-29	18%	15.1%	20.6%
	30-39	26%	23.0%	29.3%
	40-49	29%	26.0%	32.0%
	50-59	25%	22.4%	27.1%
	60-69	27%	24.6%	29.3%
	70-79	26%	23.6%	29.4%
	80+	23%	19.5%	26.9%
Race/Ethnicity	White, Non-Hispanic	26%	25.0%	27.4%
	American Indian, Non-Hispanic	15%	12.1%	18.8%
	Hispanic	19%	11.5%	29.1%
Household Income	Less than \$35,000	19%	16.7%	20.6%
	\$35,000-\$74,999	26%	23.6%	27.7%
	\$75,000+	32%	29.6%	34.1%
Education	Less than High School, G.E.D.	12%	8.7%	15.4%
	High School, G.E.D.	20%	17.6%	21.5%
	Some Post-High School	25%	23.3%	27.2%
	College Graduate	35%	32.6%	36.6%
Employment Status	Employed for Wages	26%	24.0%	27.2%
	Self-employed	20%	17.4%	23.0%
	Unemployed	17%	11.4%	23.9%
	Homemaker	34%	28.1%	40.8%
	Student	20%	14.4%	27.9%
	Retired	26%	24.5%	28.6%
	Unable to Work	20%	15.7%	25.0%
Marital Status	Married/Unmarried Couple	28%	26.5%	29.4%
	Divorced/Separated	20%	17.5%	22.9%
	Widowed	27%	23.6%	30.7%
	Never Married	17%	14.4%	19.3%
Home Ownership Status	Own Home	27%	25.8%	28.4%
	Rent Home	18%	16.0%	20.6%
Children Status	Children in Household (Ages 18-44)	25%	22.6%	27.5%
	No Children in Household (Ages 18-44)	21%	17.6%	23.7%
Phone Status	Landline	26%	24.7%	28.0%
	Cell Phone	24%	22.1%	25.0%
Pregnancy Status	Pregnant (Ages 18-44)	21%	12.0%	34.7%
	Not Pregnant (Ages 18-44)	34%	30.8%	37.2%
County	Minnehaha	24%	21.6%	27.2%
	Pennington	31%	27.9%	33.7%
	Lincoln	35%	29.5%	41.2%
	Brown	25%	21.3%	28.0%
	Brookings	27%	21.9%	32.0%
	Codington	20%	17.0%	23.3%
	Meade	26%	21.6%	31.4%
	Lawrence	28%	24.3%	31.0%

Note: *Results based on sample sizes less than 100 have been suppressed.

Source: The Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, South Dakota Department of Health, 2014-2018

Demographics

Gender	Females exhibit a significantly higher prevalence of sun block use than males.
Age	There seems to be no consistent differences with sun block use as age changes.
Race/Ethnicity	Whites demonstrate a significantly higher prevalence of sun block use than American Indians.
Household Income	The prevalence of sun block use increases as household income increases. This includes significant increases as the \$35,000-\$74,999 and \$75,000+ income groups are reached.
Education	The prevalence of sun block use increases as education levels increase. This includes significant increases as each new education level is reached.
Employment	Those who are a homemaker or retired demonstrate a very high prevalence of sun block use, while those who are self-employed, unemployed, a student, or unable to work show a very low prevalence.
Marital Status	Those who are married or widowed exhibit a very high prevalence of sun block use, while those who are divorced or have never been married show a very low prevalence.
Home Ownership	Those who own their home show a significantly higher prevalence of sun block use than those who rent their home.
Children Status	There seems to be no difference in the prevalence of sun block use regarding whether children are in the household.
Phone Status	There seems to be no difference in the prevalence of sun block use regarding phone status.
County	Pennington, Lincoln, and Lawrence counties demonstrate a very high prevalence of sun block use, while Minnehaha, Brown, and Codington counties show a very low prevalence.