

Demographic Indicators

Poverty Thresholds

Internet site: <http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/poverty/threshld/thresh08.html>

Data Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Definitions: Following the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) Statistical Policy Directive 14, the Census Bureau uses a set of money income thresholds that vary by family size and composition to determine who is poor. If a family's total income is less than that family's threshold, then that family, and every individual in it, is considered poor. The poverty thresholds do not vary geographically, but are updated annually for inflation using the Consumer Price Index (CPI-U). The official poverty definition counts money income before taxes and does not include capital gains and non cash benefits (such as public housing, Medicaid, and food stamps). Poverty is not defined for people in military barracks, institutional group quarters, or for unrelated individuals under age 15 (such as foster children). They are excluded from the poverty universe—that is, they are considered neither as “poor” nor as “non-poor.”

While the thresholds, in some sense, represent families' needs, the official poverty measure should be interpreted as a statistical yardstick rather than as a complete description of what people and families need to live. Moreover, many of the government's aid programs use different dollar amounts as eligibility criteria.

For a history of the official poverty measure see “The Development of the Orshansky Thresholds and Their Subsequent History as the Official U.S. Poverty Measure,” by Gordon Fisher, at: www.census.gov/hhes/poverty/povmeas/papers/orshansky.html

Poverty Guidelines

Internet site: <http://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty/09poverty.shtml>

Data Source: Federal Register, Vol. 72, No. 15, January 24, 2007, pp. 3147–3148.

Definition: The poverty guidelines apply to both aged and non-aged units. The guidelines have never had an aged/non-aged distinction; only the Census Bureau (statistical) poverty thresholds have separate figures for aged and non-aged one-person and two-person units. Programs using the guidelines (or percentage multiples of the guidelines — for instance, 125 percent or 185 percent of the guidelines) in determining eligibility include Head Start, the Food Stamp Program, the National School Lunch Program, the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program, and the Children's Health Insurance Program. Note that in general, cash public assistance programs (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families and Supplemental Security Income) do NOT use the poverty guidelines in determining eligibility. The Earned Income Tax Credit program also does NOT use the poverty guidelines to determine eligibility.

The poverty guidelines (unlike the poverty thresholds) are designated by the year in which they are issued. For instance, the guidelines issued in January 2007 are designated the 2007 poverty guidelines. However, the 2007 HHS poverty guidelines only reflect price changes through calendar year 2006; accordingly, they are approximately equal to the Census Bureau poverty thresholds for calendar year 2006.

Poverty Guidelines & Poverty Thresholds

The U.S. Census Bureau uses a set of money income thresholds that vary by family size and composition to determine who is poor. There are two slightly different versions of the [U.S.] federal poverty measure: the poverty thresholds and the poverty guidelines.

Poverty guidelines

The poverty guidelines are another version of the federal poverty measure. The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) issues the guidelines each year in the Federal Register. The guidelines are a simplified version of the poverty thresholds and are used for determining financial eligibility for a wide range of federal and state programs.

Poverty thresholds

The poverty thresholds do not vary geographically and are updated each year by the Census Bureau (although they were originally developed by Mollie Orshansky of the Social Security Administration). *“The thresholds are used mainly for statistical purposes, for instance, preparing estimates of the number of Americans in poverty each year.”*

2009 HHS Poverty Guidelines

Persons in Family Unit	48 Contiguous States and D.C.	Alaska	Hawaii
1	\$10,830	\$13,530	\$12,460
2	14,570	18,210	16,760
3	18,310	22,890	21,060
4	22,050	27,570	25,360
5	25,790	32,250	29,660
6	29,530	36,930	33,960
7	33,270	41,610	38,260
8	37,010	46,290	42,560
For each additional person add	3,740	4,680	4,300

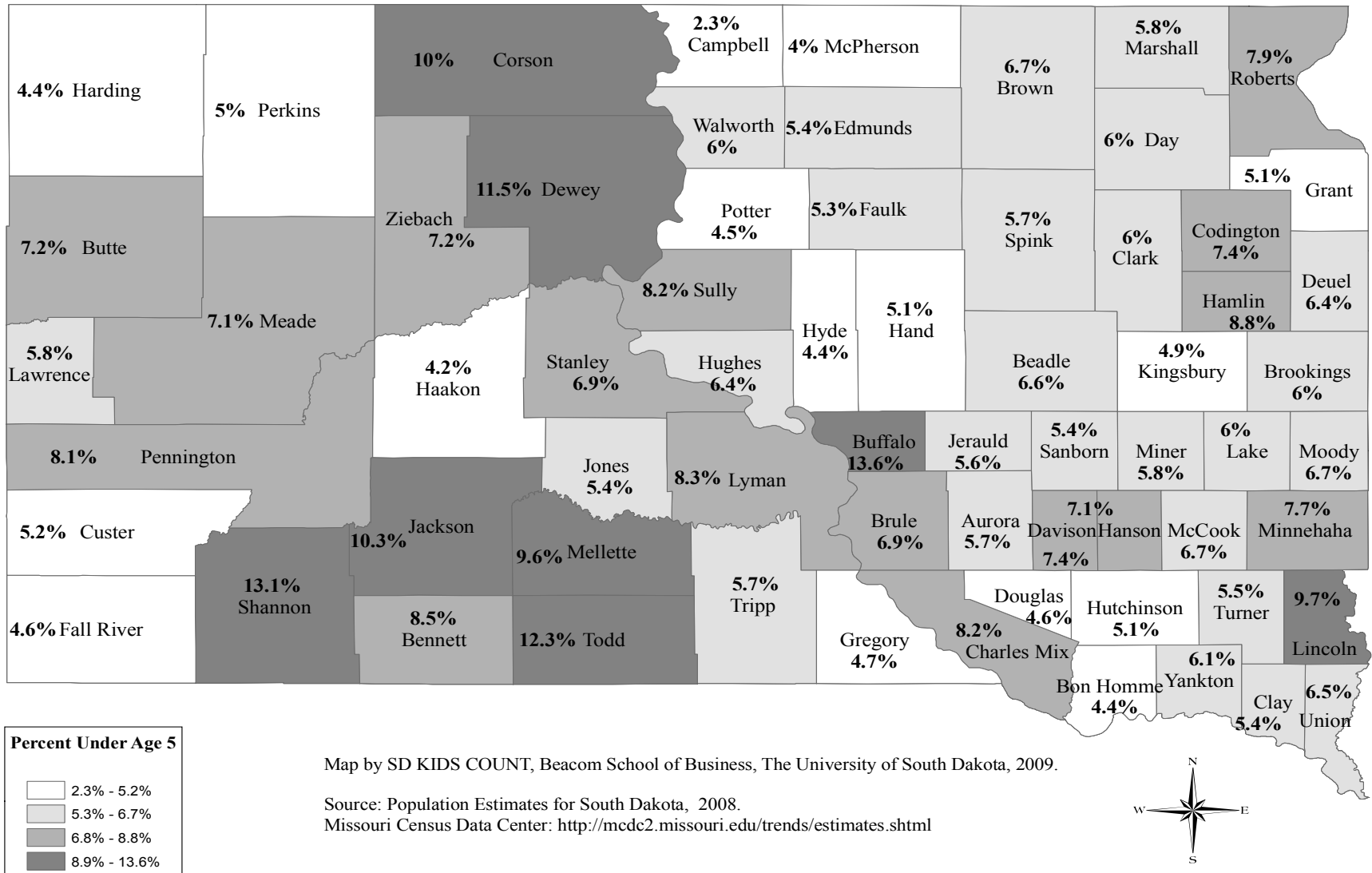
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Poverty Thresholds for 2008 by Size of Family and Number of Related Children Under 18 Years

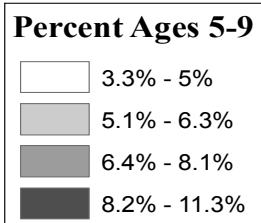
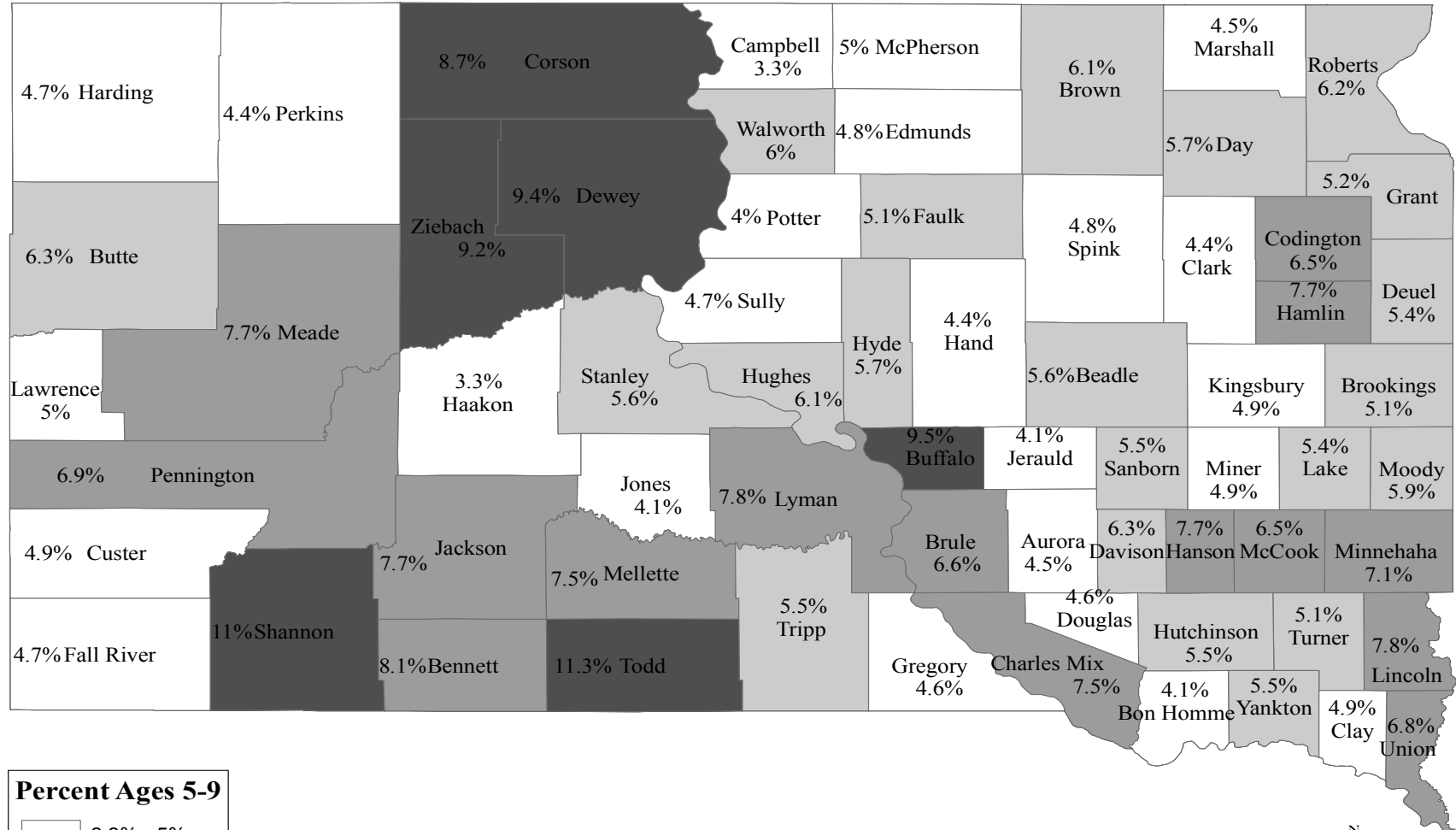
Size of family unit	Related children under 18 years								
	None	One	Two	Three	Four	Five	Six	Seven	Eight +
One person (unrelated individual)	\$10,991								
Under 65 years	\$11,201								
65 years and over	\$10,326								
Two people									
Householder under 65 years	\$14,417	\$14,840							
Householder 65 years and over	\$13,014	\$14,784							
Three people	\$16,841	\$17,330	\$17,346						
Four people	\$22,207	\$22,570	\$21,834	\$21,910					
Five people	\$26,781	\$27,170	\$26,338	\$25,694	\$25,301				
Six people	\$30,803	\$30,925	\$30,288	\$29,677	\$28,769	\$28,230			
Seven people	\$35,442	\$35,664	\$34,901	\$34,369	\$33,379	\$32,223	\$30,955		
Eight people	\$39,640	\$39,990	\$39,270	\$38,639	\$37,744	\$36,608	\$35,426	\$35,125	
Nine people or more	\$47,684	\$47,915	\$47,278	\$46,743	\$45,864	\$44,656	\$43,563	\$43,292	\$41,624

SOURCE: U.S. Census Bureau. <http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/poverty/threshld/thresh08.html>

2008 Population Estimates - Percent Under Age 5 by County South Dakota = 7.3%

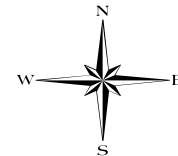


2008 Population Estimates - Percent Ages 5-9 by County South Dakota = 6.5%

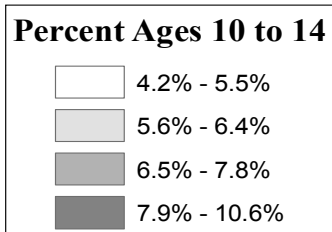
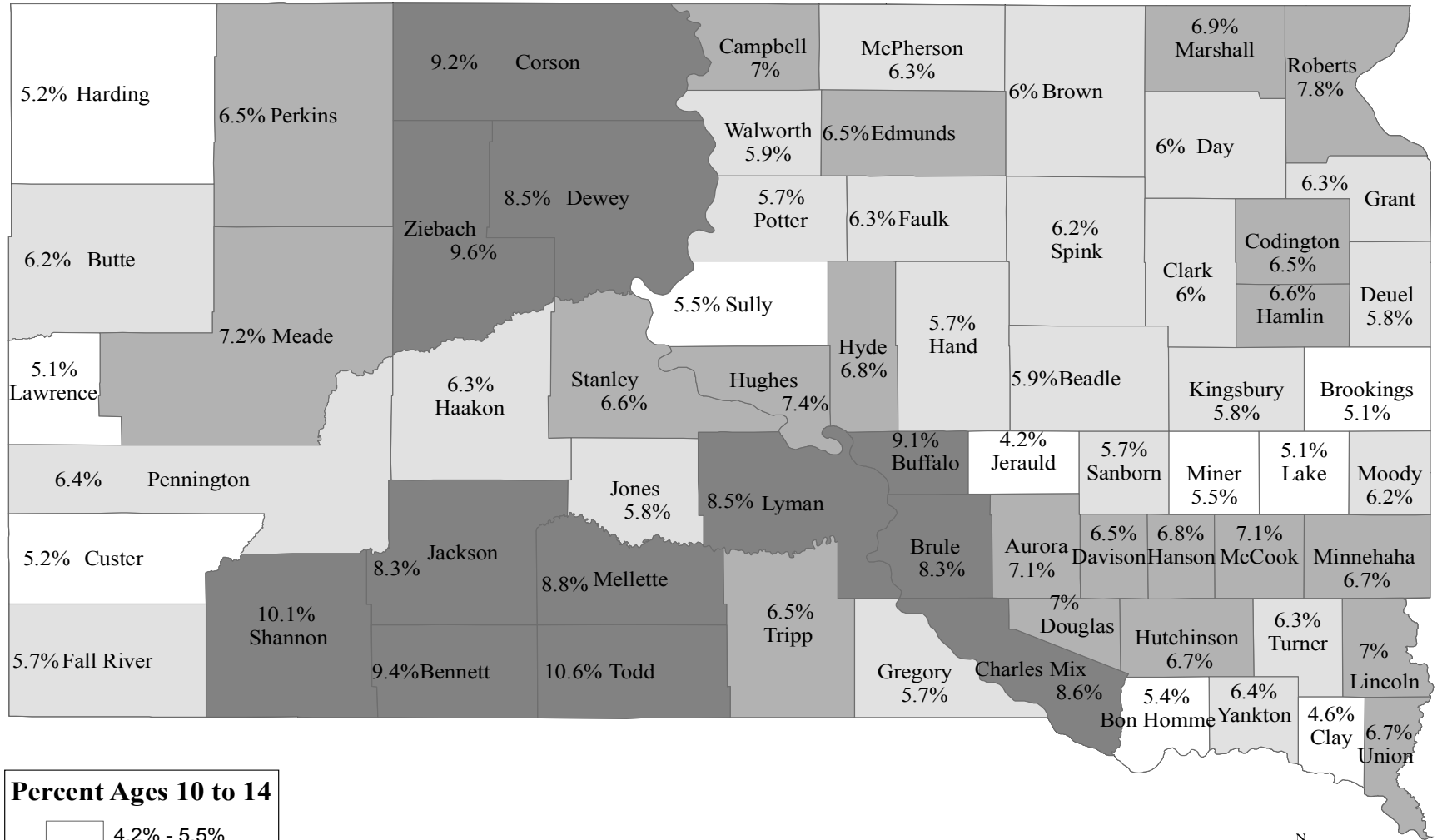


Map by SD KIDS COUNT, Beacom School of Business, The University of South Dakota, 2009.

Source: Population Estimates for South Dakota, 2008
Missouri Census Data Center: http://mcdc.missouri.edu/websas/estimates_by_age.shtml

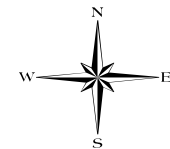


2008 Population Estimates - Percent Ages 10 to 14 by County South Dakota = 6.6%

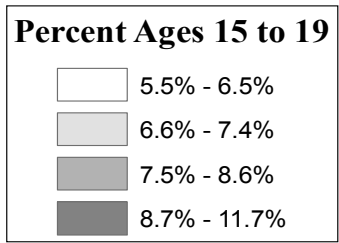
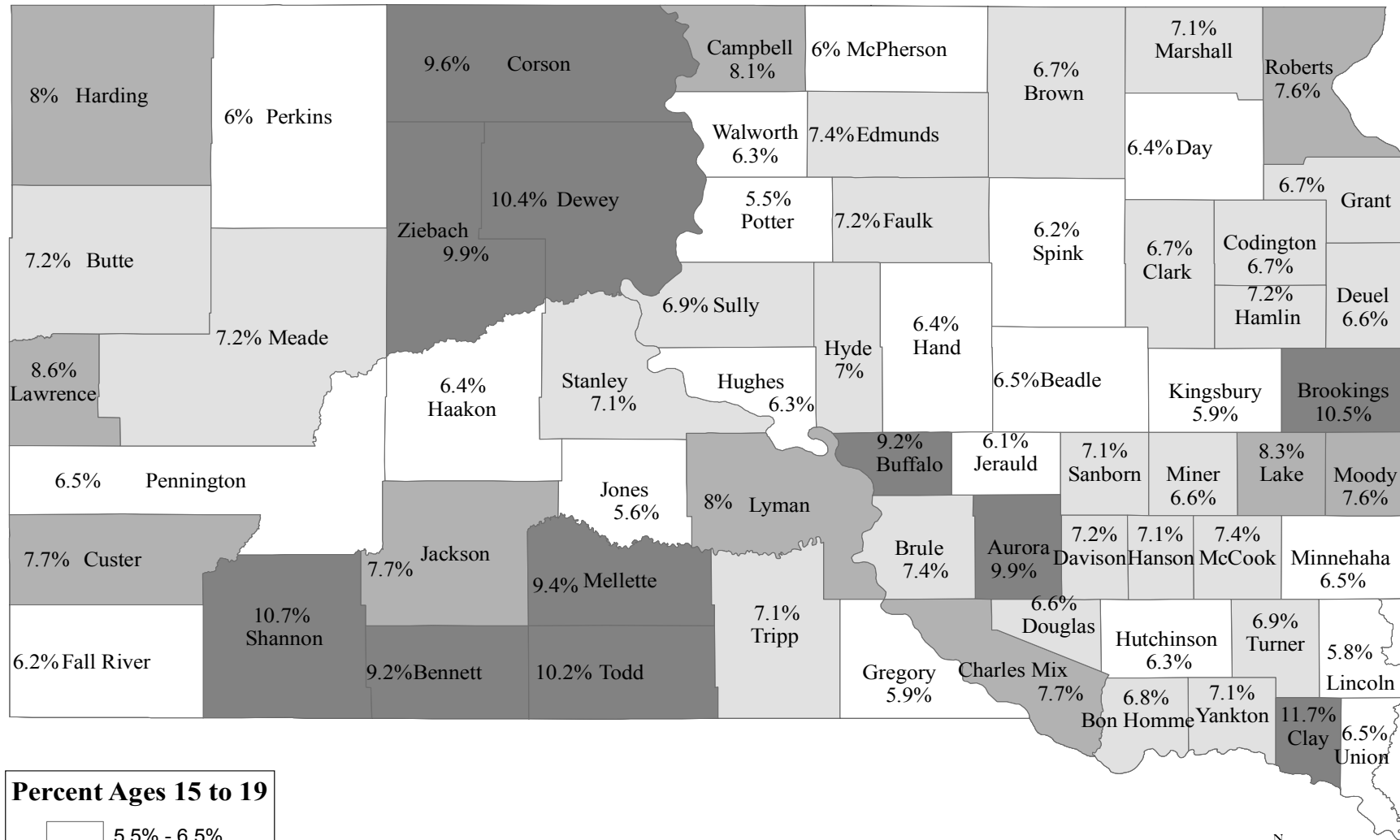


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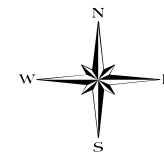


2008 Population Estimates - Percent Ages 15 to 19 by County South Dakota = 7.1%

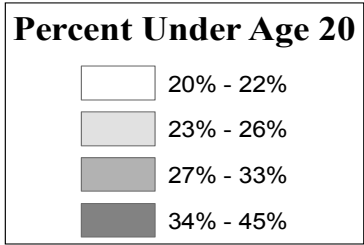
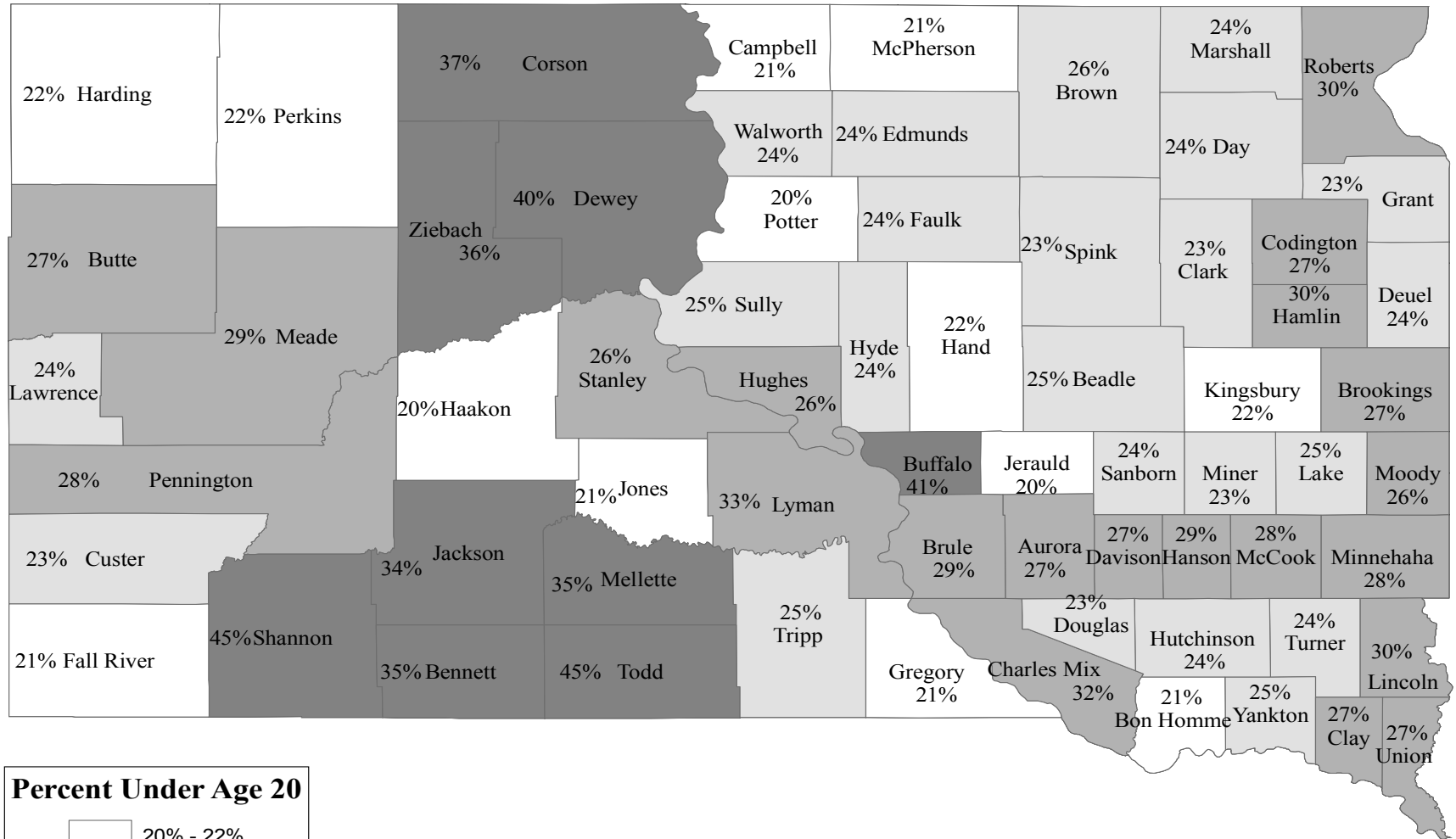


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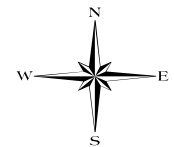


2008 Population Estimates - Percent Under Age 20 by County South Dakota = 28%



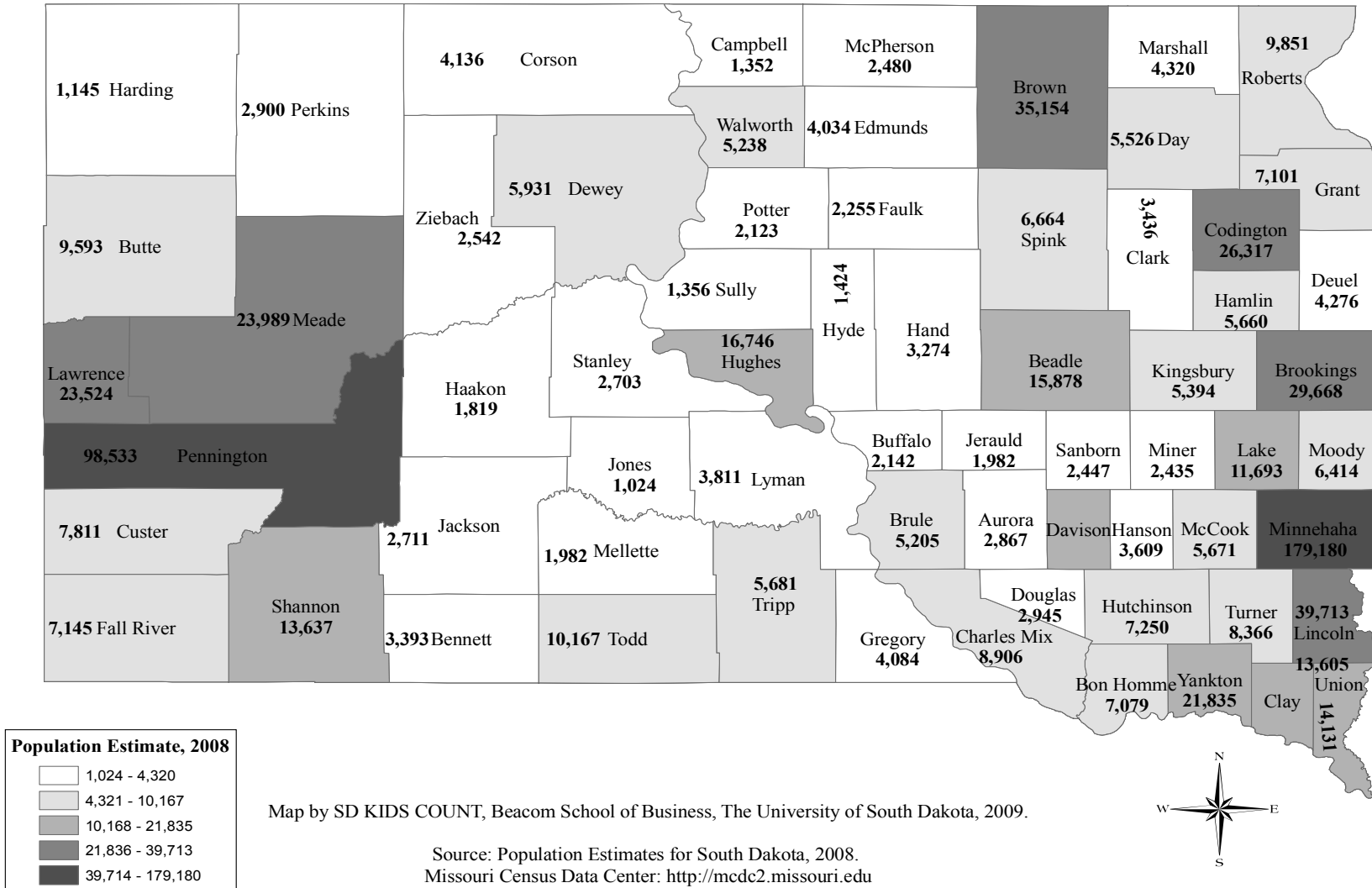
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County Population Estimates, 2008

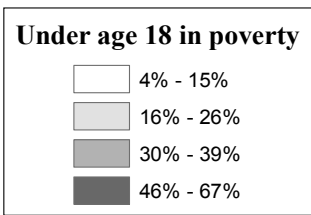
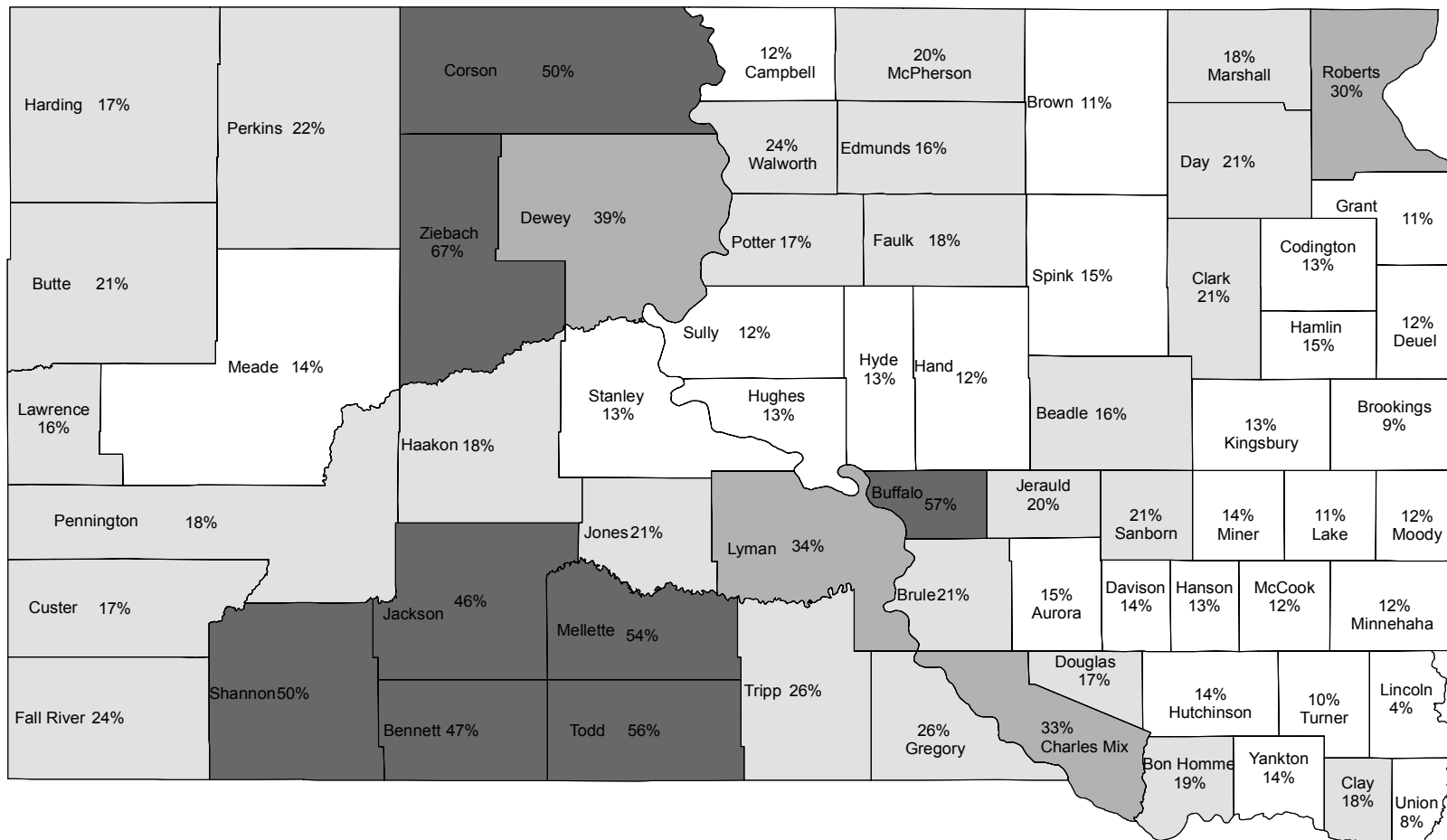
South Dakota = 804,194



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Source: Population Estimates for South Dakota, 2008.
 Missouri Census Data Center: <http://mcdc2.missouri.edu>

Under age 18 in poverty, 2007 South Dakota = 17.5%



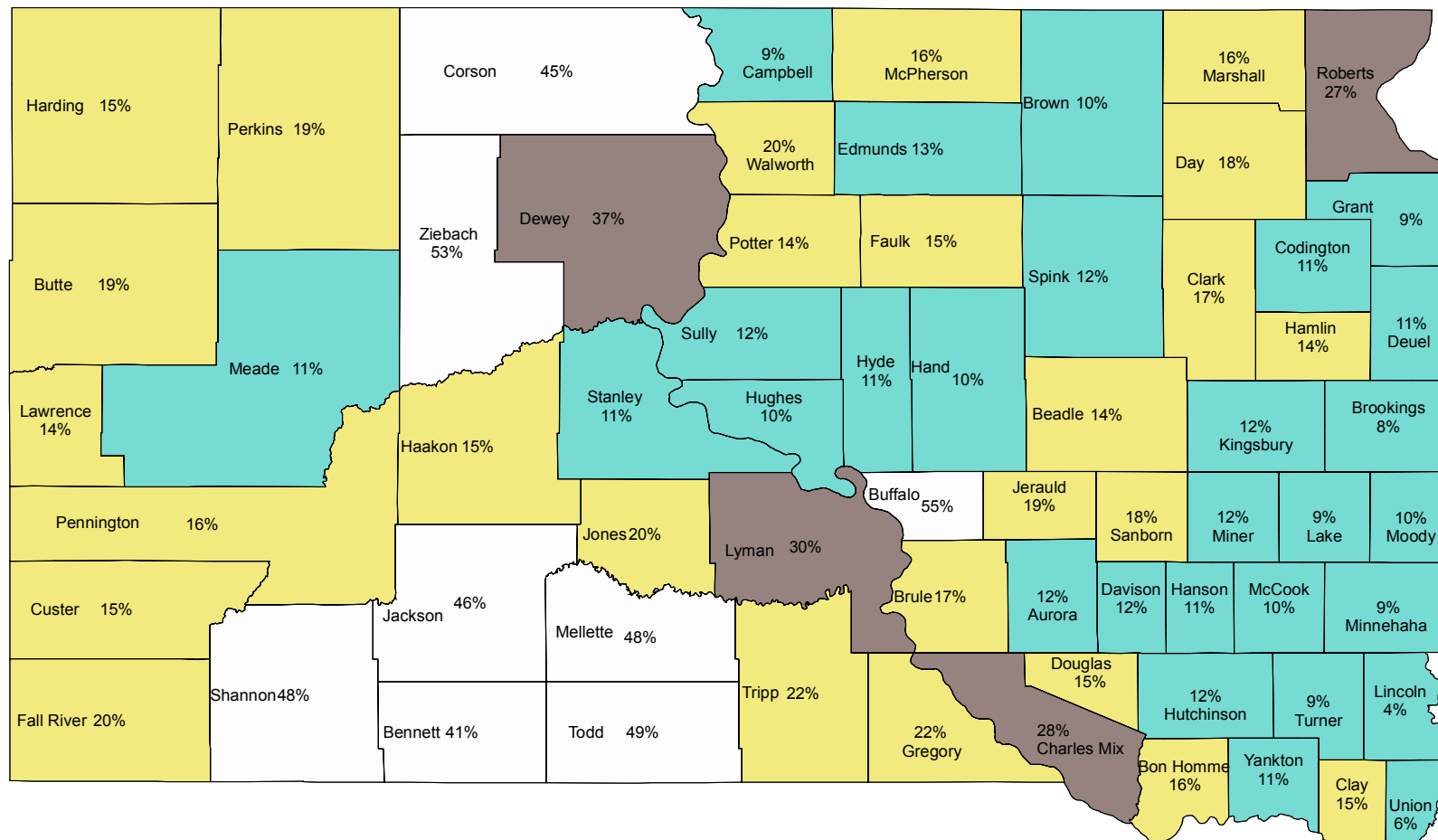
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Data Source: Table 1: 2007 Poverty and Median Income Estimates-
Counties. U.S. Census Bureau,
Small Area Estimates Branch
Release date: 12.2008

<http://www.census.gov/did/www/saie/index.html>



Ages 5-17 in families in poverty, 2007 South Dakota = 15%



Ages 5-17 in families in poverty

- 4% - 13%
- 14% - 22%
- 23% - 37%
- 38% - 55%

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