

## IMPROVING CHILD WELL-BEING INDICATORS IN SOUTH DAKOTA

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According to the *2011 National KIDS COUNT Data Book*, South Dakota has an overall rank of 21<sup>st</sup> in a comparison of the 50 states on 10 measures of child and family well-being. What does South Dakota need to do to achieve a 10-percent improvement in key indicators?

### PERCENT LOW BIRTH WEIGHT BABIES

| Where are we now?   | What will it take to make a 10% improvement?       | What does a 10% improvement in the rate mean in numbers?              |
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| South Dakota ranks 5 <sup>th</sup> in the nation; 5% of South Dakota's babies were born low birth weight in 2008. | South Dakota's desired rate would need to be 5.9%. | The number of low birth weight babies would need to be reduced by 68. |

### INFANT MORTALITY (DEATHS UNDER 1 YEAR OF AGE PER 1,000 LIVE BIRTHS).

| Where are we now?   | What will it take to make a 10% improvement?                           | What does a 10% improvement in the rate mean in numbers?   |
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| South Dakota ranks 16 <sup>th</sup> in the nation; 6.4 deaths per 1,000 live births or about 79 infants died in 2007. | South Dakota's desired rate would need to be 5.8 per 1,000 live births | The number of infant deaths would need to be reduced by 8. |

### CHILD DEATH RATE (DEATHS PER 100,000 CHILDREN AGES 1-14)

| Where are we now?  | What will it take to make a 10% improvement?                         | What does a 10% improvement in the rate mean in numbers?  |
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| South Dakota ranks 45 <sup>th</sup> in the nation with a rate of 27 per 100,000 children or about 41 child deaths in 2007. | South Dakota's desired rate would need to be 24 per 100,000 children | The number of child deaths would need to be reduced by 5. |

### TEEN DEATH RATE (DEATHS PER 100,000 TEENS AGES 15-19)

| Where are we now?  | What will it take to make a 10% improvement?                              | What does a 10% improvement in the rate mean in numbers? |
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| South Dakota ranks 40 <sup>th</sup> in the nation; with a rate of 83 per 100,000 teen or about 48 teen deaths in 2007. | South Dakota's desired rate would need to be 75 deaths per 100,000 teens. | The number of teen deaths would need to be reduced by 4. |

### TEEN BIRTH RATE (BIRTHS PER 1,000 FEMALES AGES 15-19)

| Where are we now?   | What will it take to make a 10% improvement?                      | What does a 10% improvement in the rate mean in numbers?   |
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| South Dakota ranks 23 <sup>rd</sup> in the nation; with a rate of 40 per 1,000 births or about 1,117 teen births in 2008. | South Dakota's desired rate would need to be 36 births per 1,000. | The number of teen births would need to be reduced by 113. |

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What does South Dakota need to do to achieve a 10-percent improvement in key indicators?

### PERCENT OF TEENS NOT IN SCHOOL AND NOT HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES (AGES 16 TO 19)

| Where are we now?   | What will it take to make a 10% improvement?     | What does a 10% improvement in the rate mean in numbers?   |
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| South Dakota ranks 22 <sup>nd</sup> in the nation; 6% of South Dakota's teens or about 2,840 were high school dropouts in 2009. | South Dakota's desired rate would need to be 5%. | The number of teens not in school and not high school graduates would need to be reduced by 262. |

### PERCENT OF TEENS NOT ATTENDING SCHOOL AND NOT WORKING (AGES 16-19)

| Where are we now?   | What will it take to make a 10% improvement?     | What does a 10% improvement in the rate mean in numbers?                                  |
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| South Dakota ranks 8 <sup>th</sup> in the nation; 7% of South Dakota's teens or about 3,406 were not working or attending school in 2009. | South Dakota's desired rate would need to be 6%. | The number teens not working and not in attending school would need to be reduced by 313. |

### PERCENT OF CHILDREN LIVING IN FAMILIES WHERE NO PARENT HAS FULL-TIME, YEAR-ROUND EMPLOYMENT

| Where are we now?   | What will it take to make a 10% improvement?      | What does a 10% improvement in the rate mean in numbers?   |
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| South Dakota ranks 5 <sup>th</sup> in the nation; 24% of South Dakota's children or about 47,580 lived in families without secure employment in 2009. | South Dakota's desired rate would need to be 22%. | The number of children living in families without secure employment would need to be reduced by 3,815. |

### PERCENT OF CHILDREN IN POVERTY (INCOME BELOW \$21,756 FOR A FAMILY OF TWO ADULTS AND TWO CHILDREN IN 2009.)

| Where are we now?   | What will it take to make a 10% improvement?      | What does a 10% improvement in the rate mean in numbers?                             |
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| South Dakota ranks 26 <sup>th</sup> in the nation; 19% of South Dakota's children or about 35,497 lived below the poverty line in 2009. | South Dakota's desired rate would need to be 17%. | The number of children living below poverty level would need to be reduced by 2,908. |

### PERCENT OF CHILDREN IN SINGLE PARENT FAMILIES

| Where are we now?   | What will it take to make a 10% improvement?      | What does a 10% improvement in the rate mean in numbers?                                   |
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| South Dakota ranks 8 <sup>th</sup> in the nation; 28% of South Dakota's children or about 52,526 lived in single parent families in 2009. | South Dakota's desired rate would need to be 25%. | The number of children living in single parent families would need to be reduced by 6,317. |