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The U.S. Census Bureau released on September 14th a detailed look at America’s people, places and economy with new statistics on income, poverty, health insurance and more than 40 other topics from the American Community Survey. The release provides statistics on more than 40 social, economic and housing topics for U.S. communities with populations of 65,000 or more.

For South Dakota, statistics for the state, Sioux Falls Metro, Rapid City Metro, Pennington County, and Minnehaha County are included in the release. The State Data Center has prepared the detailed comparison profiles for these geographies, and summarized the findings at the state level by highlighting differences between 2015 and 2016 that were statistically different.

**South Dakota**

*Demographics*

- Total Population was 865,454, with a statistically significant growth of the noninstitutionalized population from 841,363 in 2015 to 848,774 in 2016.

- Between 2015 and 2016, Native American population (one race) as a share of the total population increased from 8.3 percentage to 8.9 percentage; Hispanic population was estimated as 3.7 percent of the total population, statistically higher than that was reported in previous years.

*Housing Characteristics*

- The state also showed an increase in total number of housing units by 3,520 (380,307 in 2015 VS 383,827 in 2016).

- The percentage of vacant housing unit (%) increased from 10.7 to 13.0 between 2015 and 2016.

- Median home value ($) increased from 152,800 in 2015 to 160,700 in 2016.

- Between 2015 and 2016, the state showed an increased in the percentage of housing units, either renter or home owner, paying less than 20 percent of total household income.
Economic Characteristics

- Median household income ($) was estimated at 54,467, which was not statistically different from the 2015 estimate.

- Between 2015 and 2016, poverty rates declined in general. Poverty rate of people aged 65 years and over, however, increased from 8.3 to 10.9, and it was statistically different.

- In 2016, the health insurance coverage rate was 91.3 percent for the noninstitutionalized population in the state. Between 2015 and 2016, the health insurance coverage rate increased by 1.5 percentage points, which was statistically different.

- Between 2015 and 2016, the percent of children under 18 years that were NOT covered by any health insurance types dropped by 2.2 percent points.

To explore more details of the statistics for the state, click 2016 South Dakota demographics, social, housing, and economic characteristics. To explore the statistics for the two metros and the two counties, click 2016 ACS 1-year estimates for selected geographies in South Dakota: demographics, social, housing, and economic characteristics.

Additional Annual Releases:

- On Oct. 19, the Census Bureau will release American Community Survey supplemental tables. These tables contain high level statistics for communities with populations of 20,000 or more, compared to the 65,000 population minimum for the standard American Community Survey one-year statistics.

- On Dec. 7, the Census Bureau will release American Community Survey five-year statistics (2012-2016), which are available for all geographic areas regardless of population size, down to the block-group level.

To learn more about the American Community Survey — how it works and what it’s used for, you can also visit www.census.gov/acs or contact Dr. Weiwei Zhang at the State Data Center to arrange a workshop

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