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A general question on ancestry (ethnicity) was asked for the first time in a decennial census in 1980. Persons were asked to self-identify themselves as to which nationality group or country in which they or their parents or ancestors were born before their arrival in the United States. A large number (52% nationally) reported one ancestral tie, whereas the remaining persons identified multiple ancestral ties.

South Dakota

Of the 392,401 South Dakotans who identified with one ancestral group, one in four (25.9%) identified themselves as of German decent, followed by Norwegian (6.8%), English (4.3%) and (Irish (3.2%). The other ten major groups cited by residents of the state and each county can be seen in Table I. In many cases "other groups" were a substantial portion of some of the counties. Table 2 reflects the total response for all ancestral groups for the state in 1980.

Nationally

Nationally, most Americans which cited one ancestral group identified with English descent (23.7 million persons), second Afro-American (20.5 million), third German (17.9 million persons) and fourth Irish (10.3 million persons). Other major ancestral groups in rank order were as follows:

English	23.7 Million Persons
Afro-American	20.5 Million Persons
German	17.9 Million Persons
Irish	10.3 Million Persons
Mexican	6.9 Million Persons
Italian	6.8 Million Persons
Polish	3.8 Million Persons
French	3.0 Million Persons
American Indian	1.9 Million Persons
Dutch	1.4 Million Persons
Russian	1.4 Million Persons
Welsh	1.3 Million Persons
Puerto Rico	1.3 Million Persons
Norwegian	1.2 Million Persons
Swedish	1.2 Million Persons
Czech	1.1 Million Persons
Hungarian	.7 Million Persons
Greek	.6 Million Persons
Portuguese	.6 Million Persons
Danish	.4 Million Persons

Table 1. Major ancestry groups cited by South Dakotans: 1980

	GERMAN		NORWEGIAN		ENGLISH		IRISH		SCOTTISH		ITALIAN		RUSSIAN		HUNGARIAN		SWEDISH		DUTCH		FRENCH		POLISH		GREEK		PORTUGUESE		OTHER		TOTAL POPULATION
State	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#
Aurora	1,122	30.9	183	5.0	132	3.6	102	2.8	7	.19	1	.05	2	.05	2	.05	60	1.7	507	13.9	9	.25	5	.14	5	.14	0	—	142	3.9	3,625
Beadle	6,711	34.9	899	4.7	837	4.4	569	2.9	53	.28	21	.11	22	.11	431	2.2	412	2.1	194	1.0	74	.39	16	.08	0	—	385	4.6	19,195		
Bennett	387	12.7	30	.98	147	4.83	118	3.88	2	.65	0	—	0	—	23	.92	7	.22	12	.39	19	.62	0	—	0	—	1,095	35.9	3,044		
Bon Homme	2,147	26.6	149	1.85	178	2.20	184	2.28	3	.10	3	.10	16	.20	24	.30	360	4.47	12	.15	16	.20	2	.02	0	—	1,369	23.2	5,059		
Brookings	5,432	22.2	3,263	13.4	960	3.95	666	2.73	139	.57	71	.29	38	.16	4	.06	387	1.59	961	3.95	163	.67	42	.17	18	.07	0	—	1,704	7.0	24,332
Brown	13,937	37.71	2,137	5.78	1,203	3.25	837	2.26	98	.27	43	.17	179	.48	22	.06	460	1.24	226	.61	198	.54	260	.70	33	.09	6	.02	2,034	5.5	36,962
Brule	1,154	22.00	177	3.37	125	2.38	125	2.38	6	.11	1	.02	15	.28	3	.06	99	1.89	109	2.08	41	.78	12	.23	0	—	640	12.2	5,245		
Buffalo	122	6.79	16	.89	61	3.39	11	.61	0	—	0	—	0	—	0	—	0	—	3	.17	0	—	0	—	4	.22	0	—	1,146	63.84	1,795
Butte	1,683	20.10	411	4.91	616	7.36	405	4.84	54	.65	34	.41	29	.35	2	.24	151	1.80	145	1.73	98	1.17	11	.13	8	.09	0	—	699	8.35	5,372
Campbell	1,245	55.50	183	8.16	20	.39	43	1.92	0	—	0	—	20	.59	6	.27	12	1.42	141	6.28	15	.67	0	—	0	—	25	1.11	2,243		
Charles Mix	1,718	17.74	368	3.80	238	2.46	305	3.15	17	.17	0	—	12	.12	3	.08	132	1.36	931	9.62	44	.45	14	.14	0	—	0	—	3,224	33.3	9,680
Clark	1,391	28.4	728	14.87	157	3.21	114	2.32	11	.22	0	—	0	—	0	—	114	2.33	53	1.08	30	.61	13	.26	0	—	0	—	1,151	3.08	4,894
Clay	2,601	19.0	1,177	8.59	869	6.34	721	5.27	82	.60	37	.27	7	.05	9	.07	473	3.45	145	1.06	256	1.87	64	.47	0	—	0	—	1,324	9.67	13,689
Codington	7,111	34.04	2,685	12.85	989	4.74	621	2.97	35	.17	10	.05	17	.08	0	—	365	1.75	254	1.22	304	1.46	226	1.08	2	.01	0	—	1,027	4.92	20,585
Corson	1,188	22.86	97	1.86	37	.71	103	1.98	26	.50	33	.64	10	.19	3	.06	19	.37	7	.34	10	.19	4	.08	0	—	0	—	2,041	39.28	5,196
Custer	1,013	16.97	195	3.25	343	5.72	220	3.67	22	.37	30	.50	11	.18	1	.02	78	1.30	61	1.02	60	1.0	9	.15	0	—	2	.03	293	4.88	6,000
Davison	6,430	36.08	978	5.49	889	4.99	980	5.50	79	.44	30	.17	29	.16	58	.33	326	1.83	388	2.18	152	.85	43	.24	20	.11	0	—	1,135	6.64	17,320
Day	1,661	20.42	1,424	17.51	253	3.11	57	1.07	3	.10	9	.17	4	.05	6	.07	144	1.77	43	.53	39	.48	554	6.31	0	—	511	6.28	3,133		
Deuel	1,474	27.87	739	13.97	95	1.80	93	1.76	9	.17	6	.11	4	.08	2	.04	61	1.15	139	2.63	8	.15	6	.11	2	.04	0	—	225	4.25	5,289
Dewey-Arms	857	15.97	87	1.62	137	2.55	50	.93	0	—	14	.26	20	.37	0	—	27	.50	17	.32	23	.43	10	.19	0	—	0	—	2,719	50.67	5,366
Douglas	1,473	35.23	64	1.53	94	2.25	56	1.34	1	.07	0	—	3	.19	31	.74	22	.53	1,404	33.58	3	.07	4	.10	0	—	0	—	159	3.80	4,151
Edmunds	3,161	61.27	85	1.65	83	1.60	49	.95	2	.04	32	.62	32	.62	4	.08	40	.78	31	.60	31	.60	17	.33	0	—	1	.02	149	2.89	5,159
Fall River	1,565	18.54	279	3.30	762	9.03	463	5.49	87	1.03	30	.36	0	—	9	.11	151	1.79	75	.89	108	1.28	37	.32	19	.23	0	—	395	10.61	3,439
Faulk	1,404	42.20	71	2.13	115	3.46	72	2.16	3	.15	0	—	0	—	2	.06	24	.72	17	.51	20	.60	5	.21	2	.06	0	—	152	4.57	3,327
Grant	3,846	42.67	887	9.84	274	3.04	213	2.36	37	.41	14	.16	4	.05	3	.03	429	4.76	133	1.48	38	.42	41	.45	2	.02	0	—	265	2.94	9,013
Gregory	2,202	36.60	88	1.46	246	4.09	142	2.36	5	.13	4	.07	20	.33	3	.05	115	1.91	70	1.16	41	.68	4	.07	0	—	0	—	688	11.44	6,015
Haakon	406	14.53	253	9.06	85	3.04	103	3.69	5	.18	0	—	0	—	0	—	15	.54	35	1.25	11	.39	12	.43	0	—	0	—	74	2.65	2,794
Hamlin	1,430	27.18	659	12.53	163	3.10	131	2.49	9	.17	14	.27	10	.19	13	.25	95	1.81	235	4.47	26	.49	13	.25	1	.02	0	—	630	11.97	5,261
Hand	1,595	32.25	132	2.67	197	6.01	135	2.73	32	.65	9	.18	13	.26	0	—	16	.32	67	1.35	28	.57	4	.08	0	—	0	—	163	3.29	4,948
Hanson	1,957	57.31	88	2.58	53	2.43	119	3.48	8	.23	4	.12	8	.23	7	.20	43	1.26	26	.76	38	1.11	6	.18	0	—	0	—	231	6.76	3,415
Harding	105	6.18	192	11.29	69	4.06	50	2.94	1	.24	0	—	3	.18	2	.12	26	1.53	3	.18	5	.47	4	.24	0	—	0	—	113	6.65	1,700
Hughes	3,132	22.03	604	4.25	687	4.83	544	3.83	72	.51	36	.25	31	.21	6	.04	161	1.13	96	.68	144	1.01	20	.20	6	.04	0	—	1,319	9.28	14,220
Hutchinson	6,342	67.83	109	1.17	105	1.12	74	.79	15	.16	4	.04	69	.74	58	.62	21	.22	38	.41	22	.24	4	.04	0	—	0	—	313	3.35	9,350
Hyde	411	19.36	102	4.93	73	3.53	76	3.67	9	.43	0	—	0	—	0	—	39	1.80	24	1.16	19	.92	0	—	0	—	0	—	166	3.02	2,069
Jackson*	354	10.30	71	2.07	148	4.3	61	1.78	14	.41	4	.12	4	.06	3	.09	39	1.13	44	1.28	22	.64	5	.20	0	—	0	—	1,381	40.18	3,437
Jerauld	1,064	36.33	121	4.13	161	5.50	44	1.50	5	.17	0	—	11	.38	0	—	27	.92	25	.85	8	.27	2	.07	0	—	0	—	126	4.30	2,929
Jones	265	18.11	91	6.22	45	3.08	45	3.08	9	.62	0	—	1	.07	0	—	16	1.09	42	2.87	0	—	0	—	0	—	0	—	33	2.26	1,463
Kingsbury	1,596	23.90	914	13.68	262	3.92	182	2.72	11	.16	3	.04	0	—	0	—	177	2.65	90	1.35	35	.52	3	.12	0	—	0	—	545	8.16	6,679
Lake	2,931	27.33	1,221	11.39	421	3.93	424	3.95	56	.52	24	.22	5	.05	15	.14	226	2.11	234	2.18	72	.67	21	.20	0	—	22	.21	766	7.14	10,724
Lawrence	3,421	18.65	609	3.32	1,377	7.51	678	3.70	107	.58	146	.80	9	.05	13	.07	246	1.34	180	.98	182	.99	122	.67	18	.10	3	.02	1,607	8.76	18,339
Lincoln	3,666	26.29	2,039	14.62	278	1.99	335	2.40	17	.12	29	.21	0	—	0	—	295	2.12	632	4.53	33	.24	15	.11	8	.06	0	—	701	5.03	13,942
Lyman	744	19.25	240	6.21	104	2.69	120	3.11	4	.10	0	—	0	—	0	—	40	1.04	30	.78	33	.85	12	.31	4	.10	0	—	376	25.26	3,564
McCook	2,944	45.69	197	3.06	126	1.96	192	2.98	16	.25	0	—	0	—	6	.09	199	3.09	37	1.35	13	.20									

Table 2. Persons who reported a single ancestry group for South Dakota: 1980

Ancestry Group	South Dakota		
Total	392,401		
EUROPEAN (excluding Spaniard)		NON-SPANISH CARIBBEAN, CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICAN	SPANISH
Alsatian	34		Bolivian 5
Austrian	527	Barbadian 2	Chilean 14
Basque	52	Bermudan 7	Costa Rican 4
Basque, French	40	Jamaican 4	Cuban 19
Basque, Spanish	7	Trinidadian and Tobagonian 11	Dominican 13
Basque,	5	Virgin Islander (U.S.) 2	Ecuadorian 10
Belgian	508	British West Indian 11	Guatemalan 11
Belorussian	5	Other West Indian, or Central or South American (excluding Spanish) 17	Honduran 4
Bulgarian	21		Mexican 1,027
Croatian	35		Panamanian 8
Cypriot	9		Peruvian 7
Czech	9,397		Puerto Rican 95
Danish	9,353		Spanish/Hispanic 600
Dutch	14,073		Uruguayan 3
Eastern European	12		Venezuelan 5
			Other Spanish 17
English	20,147	ASIAN (excluding Middle Easterner)	
Estonian	0		
European	366	Asian Indian 139	NORTH AMERICAN
Finnish	1,907	Cambodian 57	Aleut and Eskimo 65
French	5,576	Chinese 167	American Indian 36,144
German	170,180	Filipino 201	Canadian 110
Greek	455	Indonesian 4	French Canadian 631
Hungarian	623	Japanese 314	Other North American 7
Icelander	17	Korean 328	
Irish	21,574	Laotian 50	
Italian	1,528	Pakistani 27	
Latvian	195	Thai 100	
Lithuanian	123	Vietnamese 227	
Luxembourger	557	Other Asian 29	
Maltese	9		SUBSAHARA AFRICAN
Northern Irishlander	3		African 28
Norwegian	47,267		Afro-American 1,307
Polish	2,977		Cape Verdean 3
Portuguese	132		Ethiopian 6
Madeiran	10		Nigerian 6
Portuguese	122		Other Sub Sahara African 55
Rumanian	52	NORTH AFRICAN AND MIDDLE EASTERN	
Russian	1,145		
Scandinavian	5,085	Arab/Arabian 67	
Scottish	2,307	Armenian 19	
Serbian	12	Egyptian 12	
Slavic	57	Iranian 33	
Slovak	123	Israeli 13	
Slovene	23	Lebanese 103	
Swedish	11,415		PACIFIC
Swiss	1,141		
Ukrainian	49	Syrian 90	Australian 17
Welsh	1,020	Turkish 31	Guamanian/Chamorro 39
Yugoslavian	157	Other North African or Middle Easterner 18	Hawaiian 11
Other European	177		Other Pacific 40

Source: PCS0-S1, "Ancestry of the Population", Census of Population, U.S. Census Bureau, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1980.