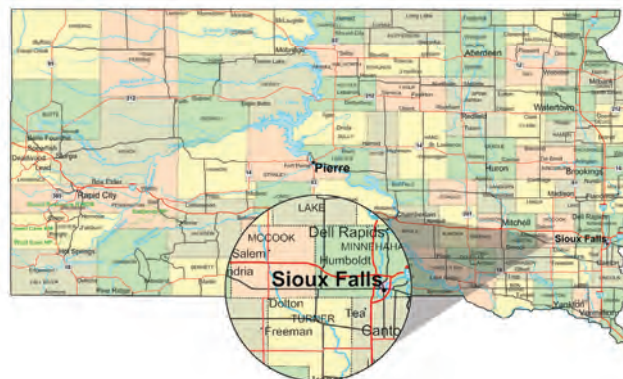




Sioux Falls, South Dakota



Sioux Falls, the largest city in South Dakota, is located on both sides of the Big Sioux River. The falls of the Big Sioux River have been a focus of recreation and industry since the founding of the city in 1856.

Sioux Falls' museums include the Center for Western Studies, Delbridge Museum of Natural History, Multi-Cultural Center/African American Museum, Museum of Visual Materials, Old Courthouse Museum, Pettigrew Home and Museum, Sioux Empire Medical Museum, and the Kirby Science Discovery Center at the Washington Pavilion of Arts and Science.

In addition to the Kirby Science Discovery Center, the Washington Pavilion of Arts and Science houses the Wells Fargo CineDome Theater, Husby Performing Arts Center, and Visual Arts Center. The Sioux Empire Community Theatre and the Orpheum Theater, which is on the National Register of Historic Places, present plays and concerts.

Professional sports teams include the Sioux Falls Pheasants (baseball), the Sioux Falls Skyforce (basketball), and the Sioux Falls Storm (indoor football).

NEIGHBORHOODS

Although the downtown area is not a residential neighborhood, many surrounding neighborhoods provide easy access to downtown. Most of All Saints, an older residential neighborhood near the downtown area, is a National Register Historic District. The area contains a mix of residential types and serves as a transition between downtown and the McKennan Park neighborhood, the site of Avera McKennan Hospital. This area features many classic-style homes along tree-lined boulevards. The neighborhood surrounding Augustana College, the University of Sioux Falls, and Sanford Hospital has housing options that range from small bungalows to large split-level homes. Axtell Park is another older residential neighborhood area that features single-family residences with some scattered apartments. In the Beadle Greenway neighborhood, an area that has been redeveloping from industrial to residential, office, and neighborhood services, multifamily housing prevails. Single-family residences predominate in Emerson. Overlooking downtown, the Cathedral neighborhood, another historic district, consists of Victorian-era architecture, including the Pettigrew Home and Museum.

New residential developments of single-family homes, condominiums, and town houses have been under construction in the eastern, southern, and western portions of the city. The city has expanded as developers acquire land and petition the city to annex the property.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Sioux Falls boasts over 70 parks, including Falls Park, which has the waterfall and quartzite rock formations of the Big Sioux River, and some of the city's earliest buildings, including the Horse Barn Arts Center. The bike trail in Falls Park follows the Big Sioux River and loops around the city. Sherman Park features the Great Plains Zoo; Delbridge Museum of Natural History; the U.S.S. South Dakota Battleship Memorial, which was the most decorated battleship of World War II; the South Dakota Softball Hall of Fame; the Indian Burial Mounds; and nine lighted softball diamonds. Great Bear Recreation Park offers skiing, snowboarding, and tubing in the winter and hiking in the summer. Harmonon Park is the home field for the University of Sioux Falls Cougar baseball team and features seven baseball fields and an eight-field softball complex. McKennan Park has eight lighted tennis courts, the Mediterranean Sunken Gardens, a restored 1926 bandshell, a Statue of Liberty, and a tournament-play horseshoe pit. The Sertoma Butterfly House, located in Sertoma Park, has over 800 free-flying butterflies from around the world.

EDUCATION

The Sioux Falls School District educates approximately 20,000 students in 24 elementary schools, 5 middle schools, and 3 high schools. In addition, the district has an alternative school for middle and high school students. The district operates specialized elementary schools focusing on specific subject areas. Specialized high school programs include the Academy of Finance and the Career and Technical Education Academy. In addition, the high schools have programs in conjunction with Southeast Technical Institute, a publicly funded, postsecondary institution that offers applied science associate's degrees, diplomas, and certificates.

Three other school districts also serve students living in the newer outlying areas of Sioux Falls: Brandon, Harrisburg, and Tea.

South Dakota Public Universities and Research Center (University Center), a collaborative partnership among The University of South Dakota, South Dakota State University, Dakota State University, Northern State University, and Black Hills State University, offers associate's, bachelor's, master's, and doctorate degree programs in their entirety in Sioux Falls. Augustana is a private liberal arts and professional college of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. University of Sioux Falls is a private Christian university. Colorado Technical Institute (CTU) Sioux Falls offers associate's, bachelor's, and master's degree programs in a range of industries. National American University Sioux Falls Campus offers associate's, bachelor's, and master's degree programs designed specifically for working adults. Sioux Falls Seminary, a Baptist seminary, offers a master's degree in divinity. Kilian Community College is an independent, nonprofit community college.

HEALTH CARE

Sioux Falls has two acute-care medical centers with over 1,000 beds. In addition, the city is served by a freestanding surgical center, a freestanding cardiac hospital, a long-term acute-care hospital, and a Veterans Memorial Medical Center. The Children's Care Hospital and School provide services for children with mild-to-intensive learning, behavioral, or physical problems.

CITY STATS

2007

City Population	151,505
Metropolitan Statistical Area Population	226,993
Per Capita Personal Income, Sioux Falls, SD (MSA):	\$38,551