### Mental Health in South Dakota

1. **1 in 5 U.S. adults** experience mental illness each year.
2. **112,000 adults** in South Dakota have a mental health condition. That’s more than 8x the population of Pierre.
3. **More than half of Americans** report that COVID-19 has had a negative impact on their mental health.
   - In February 2021, **29.1% of adults in South Dakota** reported symptoms of anxiety or depression.
   - **16.9%** were unable to get needed counseling or therapy.

### South Dakotans struggle to get the help they need.

- **South Dakotans** are over 2x more likely to be forced out-of-network for mental health care than for primary health care — making it more difficult to find care and less affordable due to higher out-of-pocket costs.
- **448,334 people** in South Dakota live in a community that does not have enough mental health professionals.

- **More than half of people** with a mental health condition in the U.S. did not receive any treatment in the last year.

### Key Statistics

- **1 in 20 U.S. adults** experience serious mental illness each year.
  - In South Dakota, **30,000 adults** have a serious mental illness.

- **1 in 6 U.S. youth** aged 6–17 experience a mental health disorder each year.
  - **7,000 South Dakotans** age 12–17 have depression.

- **9.6% of people in the state** are uninsured.

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It is more important than ever to build a stronger mental health system that provides the care, support and services needed to help people build better lives.
An inadequate mental health system affects individuals, families and communities.

High school students with depression are more than 2x more likely to drop out than their peers.

47.5% of South Dakotans age 12–17 who have depression did not receive any care in the last year.

1,058 people in South Dakota are homeless and 1 in 11 live with a serious mental illness.

On average, 1 person in the U.S. dies by suicide every 11 minutes.

In South Dakota, 167 lives were lost to suicide and 27,000 adults had thoughts of suicide in the last year.

1 in 4 people with a serious mental illness has been arrested by the police at some point in their lifetime – leading to over 2 million jail bookings of people with serious mental illness each year.

About 2 in 5 adults in jail or prison have a history of mental illness.

7 in 10 youth in the juvenile justice system have a mental health condition.

NAMI South Dakota is part of NAMI, National Alliance on Mental Illness, the nation’s largest grassroots mental health organization dedicated to building better lives for the millions of Americans affected by mental illness.

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