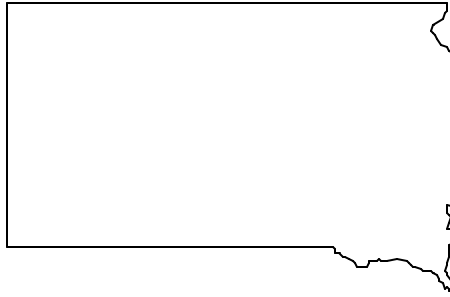


# **SOUTH DAKOTA - MISCELLANEOUS**



**STATE CAPITOL: PIERRE**

**ADMITTED TO THE UNION: 1889**

**NICKNAME: THE MOUNT RUSHMORE STATE**

**MOTTO: UNDER GOD THE PEOPLE RULE**

**POPULATION ESTIMATE 2002: 761,063**

**POPULATION CENSUS 2000: 754,844**

**RANKS 16<sup>TH</sup> IN AREA AT 75,885 SQUARE MILES OF LAND AREA -- 1,232 SQUARE MILES OF INLAND WATER**

**POPULATION PER SQUARE MILE IN 2000: 9.9**

**DIVIDED INTO 66 COUNTIES**

**BORDERED BY SIX STATES: MINNESOTA, NORTH DAKOTA, NEBRASKA, MONTANA, IOWA, AND WYOMING**

**LOWEST ELEVATION POINT: 962 FEET (BIG STONE LAKE)**

**HIGHEST ELEVATION POINT: 7,242 FEET (HARNEY PEAK)**

**STATE TREE: BLACK HILLS SPRUCE**

**STATE FLOWER: AMERICAN PASQUE**

**STATE ANIMAL: COYOTE**

**STATE BIRD: CHINESE RING-NECKED PHEASANT**

**STATE FISH: WALLEYE**

**STATE INSECT: HONEY BEE (APIS MELLIFERA L.)**

**STATE GEM STONE: FAIRBURN AGATE**

**STATE MINERAL: ROSE QUARTZ**

**STATE JEWELRY: BLACK HILLS GOLD**

**STATE SLOGAN: GREAT FACES, GREAT PLACES**

**STATE SOIL: HOUDEK**

**STATE DESSERT: KUCHEN**