

What is a state walking network?



Walkable communities benefit everyone. In partnership with America Walks State Walking Networks, South Dakota works collaboratively to build and strengthen the resources, capacities, and collaboration between local and state agencies and organizations, and advocate to create safe, accessible places to walk and move for all residents.

Team South Dakota includes representation from SDSU Extension, South Dakota Department of Health (SDDOH), South Dakota Department of Transportation (SDDOT), & South Dakota AARP.

Public Outreach

Communication Efforts:

- Walk! Social Media Campaign
- HealthySD Get Your Tail on the Trail
- SD Department of Health E-News Physical Activity News Brief
- Livable 605 Coalition & Website
- SDSU Extension

Walking Events & Programs:

- South Dakota & International Walk to School Day
- Guided, educational, themed hikes in SD State Parks
- SDSU Extension Walk with Ease
- Park Prescriptions

STATE SNAPSHOT

Population:

884,659 (US Census Bureau, 2019 Estimate)

Adults who meet aerobic physical activity guidelines:

50.8% (SD Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, 2017)

Adults who report 7 or more exercise trips/week i.e. walking to grocery store:

10% (SD Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, 2016)



Walkability Successes

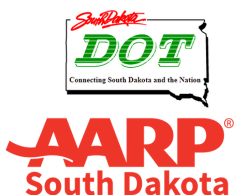
Plans & Policies

- SD Department of Transportation Long-Range Transportation Plan
- SD Department of Transportation Safe Travel for Every Pedestrian (STEP) Decision Guide and Best Policies, Uncontrolled Intersections, Mid-Block Crossings, FHWA
- SD Health Department 2020-2025 Strategic Plan

Funding Opportunities

- SD Department of Transportation Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)
- SD Department of Game, Fish, and Parks Recreational Trails Program (RTP)
- SD Department of Game, Fish, and Parks Land Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)
- Good and Healthy SD Funding Opportunities
- AARP SD Funding Opportunities

Network Partners



SD Department of Transportation Alternatives Featured Community (TAP)

The Eagle Butte Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe applied for a TAP grant in 2014 and was awarded funding in 2015 for the Hawks Eagle Pathway Extension in Eagle Butte. It connects to 4.5 miles of existing pathways, links the school, new healthcare facility, housing, and a busy pathway along Hwy 212, and provides crosswalks for pedestrians at intersections.

SD Department of Health Walkable Communities Featured Community (Walk Audit Grantee)

Hermosa received a Walk Audit Grant in 2018 that followed their Everybody Walk SD! designation and allowed city leaders to continue making progress towards creating a more walkable town. Hermosa utilized the AARP Livability Workbooks and Toolkits in their planning process and have an active visionary Town Board.

SD Department of Health Walkable Communities Featured Community

(Active Transportation Assessment Grantee)

Salem partnered with SDSU Landscape Architect Design students in 2015 to conduct active transportation assessments of the built environment, laying the groundwork for longer term policy to enhance walkability. Salem used their assessment data to successfully apply and receive a SDDOT TAP grant to build connectors between the school, park, as well as the business district.

Healthy Hometown SM Powered by Wellmark Featured Community

Custer convened a team of key leaders who completed visioning sessions identifying walkability as a key area of focus, and completed a walk audit in June 2018. Custer is working to address the recommendations that came out of the audit to improve the walkability and bikability for all residents and visitors.