



# South Dakota Fact Sheet

*Water Systems Council's wellcare® program is the only federally-supported program protecting groundwater resources and the drinking water supply for more than 15 million households – or 43 million-plus Americans – dependent on private household water wells for their drinking water.*

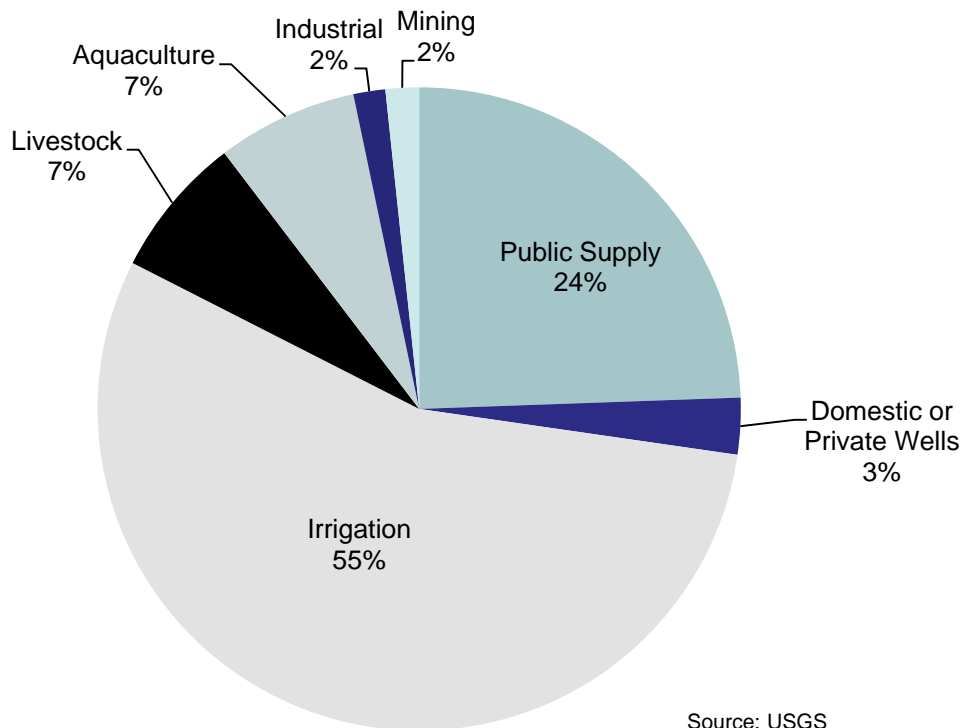


More than **78%** of the population in South Dakota depends on groundwater for its drinking water supply.

Individual, domestic wells are cost-effective, dependable safe drinking water systems for **171,122 people** or at least **48,892 households** in South Dakota.

Domestic wells account for **3%** of the total groundwater use in the state.

## South Dakota Groundwater Use



### GROUNDWATER FACTS

Nearly 46% of the US population relies on groundwater as its primary water supply

Groundwater supplies nearly 25% of all fresh water used in the US

There is almost 30 times more water stored in aquifers than in all the lakes and rivers combined in the US

The economic value of groundwater in the US is \$22 billion annually

Source: GWPC



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**Water Systems Council (WSC) is the only national, nonprofit organization with programs solely focused on wells.** WSC provides important information, technical assistance, training and educational activities to ensure safe drinking water for the **43 million-plus Americans who rely on private wells and the millions more who are served by small, shared wells.**

**Feedback from well owners and others in your state on WSC's wellcare® services:**

*"I can't thank you enough. This information is greatly appreciated."*

**Well Owner from SD**

*"Your staff was very professional and extremely helpful."*

**Well Owner from SD**

*"Thanks for calling back so quickly."*

**Well Owner from SD**

*"Thanks for getting back to me so quickly. Your recommendations are greatly appreciated."*

**Well Owner from SD**

*"Thank you for your patience and for being so knowledgeable."*

**Well Owner from SD**



To refer well owners in your state to WSC, to request programs for your constituents, or to get information on all of the services WSC provides well owners, contact Kathleen Stanley, WSC Executive Director, at 202-625-4387.



South Dakota is one of 27 states experiencing history-making drought. The wellcare® Hotline staff answer questions about drought and other issues for well owners in South Dakota. The wellcare® Hotline also provides practical information for well owners.



**WSC's wellcare® Well Owners Network includes a database of more than 30,000 well owners nationwide.** Well owners in South Dakota can join the wellcare® Well Owners Network for FREE and receive publications and an e-newsletter to help them protect their wells and safe drinking water supply.

## Children's Water Festivals

Each year, WSC works with state and local organizations to host **Children's Water Festivals** for 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> graders. Tens of thousands of students, teachers and others have had fun while learning valuable information about the importance of water!



Contact us for more information on festivals or to ask WSC to help you plan a festival in **South Dakota.**