

SOUTH DAKOTA
Winner: Republican

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The state of South Dakota is one of the most Republican states in the United States. The state has been republican for many years and it does not seem that they will change anytime soon. Even on the U.S. Congress level they vote more republican than they do any other government party. Even though the state has some of the fewest amounts of electoral votes they still matter and the candidates want them even though they will not be in that area. The Republican Party has had South Dakota under their belt for a good amount of time when it has come to the president elections.

Even though the state of South Dakota is large by area, it is not large by the number of electoral votes. The reason behind this is that the population of the state is small. The population stands at a little over 780,000 people (South Dakota). Compared to the overall population of the United States the state make-up could easily thought of as rural areas. Most Urban areas are mostly democrat, but with very few major cities it is hard for the democrats to gain a foothold.

The biggest set of jobs inside of the state of South Dakota is farming. The state is majority rural and farmland and the Republican Party is a big supporter of the farmer and the job they have. Also, on the other elections at the U.S. level the republicans have won election in the House. The other elections show that even though the Democrats have won more of the Senate elections, they do not win in the President primaries.

South Dakota voting as a democrat is not very likely. The state has too much that the Republican helps them with that it would be folly to vote otherwise. So from the information found, the state is going to be republican for a long time unless something drastic changes.

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