



SOUTH DAKOTA

Gross State Product: \$52 billion | 5G Welcome: NO



What did South Dakota do right?

The state ranks among the top three in the Tax Friendly category, due to its business-friendly policies, including the lack of a corporate income tax. It places no restrictions on the testing or development of self-driving vehicles and allows ridesharing services to operate freely statewide.



What can South Dakota do better?

The state can revise its drone regulations, which permit its Department of Transportation as well as the state Aeronautics Commission to set drone and aviation rules, overlapping federal regulations. It currently has only \$3.40 per capita in venture capital, so it can also improve its grade in the Attracts Investment category.

Technology

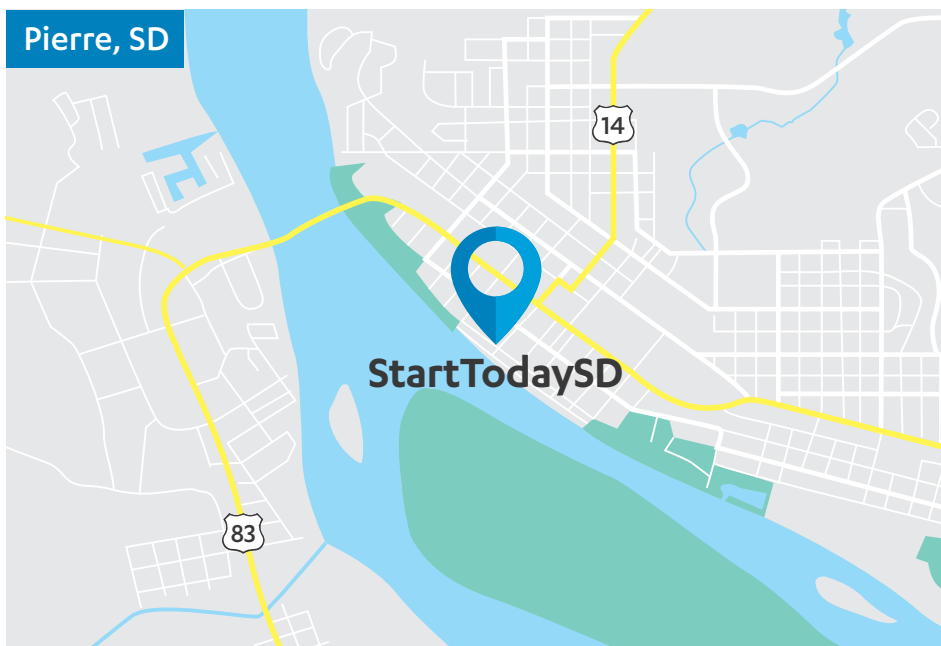
Short-Term Rentals	B+
Ridesharing & E-Scooters	A
Self-Driving Vehicles	A
Drones	D
Fast Internet	D+

Society

Best & Brightest	B
Grants Advanced Degrees	D-
Tech Workforce	C
Innovation-Friendly Sustainability Policies	B

Economy

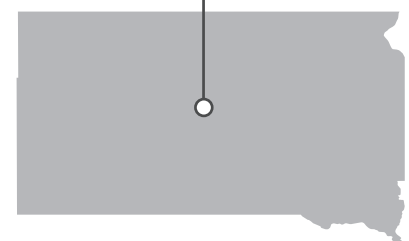
Attracts Investment	D-
Entrepreneurial Activity	B+
Tax Friendly	A+



South Dakota employers that need well-trained employees can start their own apprenticeships with support from StartTodaySD, a state initiative to help businesses launch apprenticeships in a range of industries.

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Areas of Innovation

CTA's Innovation Scorecard is formulated using a range of complementary factors that indicates how strongly a state supports innovation. These factors may relate to a state's citizens, corporations doing business or employing people there or a state's legislative and regulatory environments.



Tax Friendly

It has no corporate tax and most of its tax policies are business-friendly.



Short-Term Rentals

STRs operate under a statewide tax agreement, although they lack a full legal framework.



Ridesharing & E-Scooters

Ridesharing is legal statewide and e-scooters are not present.



Self-Driving Vehicles

The state has no laws that restrict the testing, development or deployment of SDVs.



Innovation-Friendly Sustainability Policies

It has no environmental rules or regulations that restrict innovation.



Best & Brightest

Although it is a "right-to-work" state, it lacks a law that protects workers from discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and/or gender identity.

ABOUT THE SCORECARD

CTA's 2020 U.S. Innovation Scorecard grades every state on 12 quantitative and qualitative criteria that measure how well it fosters innovation.

Each state ranks in one of four tiers: Innovation Champions excel in almost all areas, followed by Innovation Leaders, which earn high scores in most. Innovation Adopters promote innovation in some areas but not others. Finally, Modest Innovators may support innovation in one or more areas, but they show the greatest room for improvement.

Learn more about the Scorecard and its methodology on the web at CTA.tech/scorecard.

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