

# South Dakota

Belle Fourche



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Belle Fourche, South Dakota is well known for its rodeo heritage. On the 4th of July each year the city hosts the Black Hills Roundup Rodeo which attracts many visitors. This town is also the geographic "Center of the Nation" for the 50 United States. It is a recreational haven where the natural beauty of the rim of the Black Hills is laced by rivers that anchor themselves in western South Dakota's largest reservoir. Strong value systems, excellent education opportunities, and a low crime rate make Belle Fourche a wonderful place to raise children.

## [Butte County](#)

**Population in 2014:** 5,594 (94% urban, 6% rural). **Population change since 2000:** +23.9%

**Males:** 2,761  (48.9%)

**Females:** 2,881  (51.1%)

**Population density:** 1793 people per square mile (low)

**Median resident age:**  36.1 years

**South Dakota median age:**  40.7 years

**Zip code:** 57717

**Area code:** 605

**Time Zone:** MST time zone

**Incorporated on** 04/20/1903

**Elevation:** 3023 feet

**Land area:** 3.16 square miles.

**Latitude:** 44.67 N, **Longitude:** 103.85 W

### Belle Fourche city income, earnings, and wages data

**Estimated median household income in 2011:** \$41,280 (it was \$26,875 in 2000)

**Belle Fourche:** \$41,280

**South Dakota:** \$48,321

**Estimated per capita income in 2011:** \$20,297

**Mar. 2012 cost of living index in Belle Fourche:** 81.4 (low, U.S. average is 100)

### Belle Fourche, SD residents, houses, and apartments details

**Estimated median house or condo value in 2011:** \$111,328 (it was \$55,000 in 2000)

**Belle Fourche:** \$111,328

**South Dakota:** \$131,400

**Mean prices in 2011: All housing units:** \$97,117; **Detached houses:** \$111,002; **Townhouses or other attached units:** \$49,101; **In 3-to-4-unit structures:** \$117,615; **Mobile homes:** \$26,105; **Occupied boats, RVs, vans, etc.:** \$8,702

**Median gross rent in 2011:** \$510.

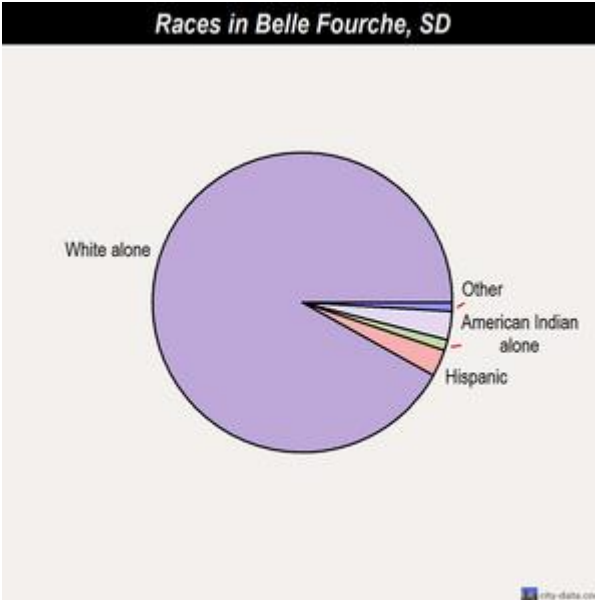
**Median real estate property taxes paid for housing units with mortgages in 2011:** \$1,719 (1.4%)

**Median real estate property taxes paid for housing units with no mortgage in 2011:** \$1,250 (1.5%)

### **Single-family new house construction building permits:**

- 1997: 7 buildings, average cost: \$48,100
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- 1999: 4 buildings, average cost: \$63,800
- 2000: 8 buildings, average cost: \$59,400
- 2001: 16 buildings, average cost: \$80,200
- 2002: 9 buildings, average cost: \$70,000
- 2003: 15 buildings, average cost: \$83,800
- 2004: 26 buildings, average cost: \$82,000
- 2005: 37 buildings, average cost: \$102,800
- 2006: 35 buildings, average cost: \$144,100
- 2007: 39 buildings, average cost: \$95,200
- 2008: 22 buildings, average cost: \$119,200
- 2009: 12 buildings, average cost: \$147,500
- 2010: 12 buildings, average cost: \$122,500
- 2011: 9 buildings, average cost: \$76,900
- 2012: 17 buildings, average cost: \$133,600

Races in Belle Fourche detailed stats: ancestries, foreign born residents, place of birth



- **White alone** - 5,150 (91.9%)
- **Two or more races** - 173 (3.1%)
- **Hispanic** - 163 (2.9%)
- **American Indian alone** - 63 (1.1%)
- **Asian alone** - 46 (0.8%)
- **Black alone** - 7 (0.1%)

**Notable Public Services in Belle Fourche** - Belle Fourche Volunteer Fire Department, Belle Fourche City Hall, Belle Fourche Public Library , Butte County Courthouse, Butte County Ambulance Service Belle.

**Cemeteries:** Riverside Cemetery, Pine Slope Cemetery (2). Display/hide their locations on the map

**Rivers and creeks:** Hay Creek, Redwater River, Middle Creek.

**Tourist attractions:** Tri-State Museum (831 State Street), The Raptor's Nest Inn (Tours & Charters; US 85 and SD 34).

**Hotels:** The Raptor's Nest Inn (US 85 and SD 34), Lariat Motel (1033 Elkhorn Street), AmericInn Lodge & Suites (2312 Dakota Avenue), Super 8 (501 National Street), Bunkhouse Motel (South Highway 85), Sunset Motel (19022 US Highway 85), Motel 6 (1815 5th Avenue), Reid Motel (922 Harding Street), Ace Motel (109 6th Avenue).

**Courts:** Court Services (839 5th Avenue),  
Brandenburg R E (839 5th Avenue).

## **Hospitals/medical centers near Belle Fourche:**

- Belle Fourche Regional Medical Clinic – (Family Medical) - (605) 723-8970
- SPEARFISH REGIONAL HOSPITAL (Acute Care Hospitals, Voluntary non-profit - Private, about 13 miles away; SPEARFISH, SD) - (605) 644-4170
- SPEARFISH REGIONAL SURGERY CENTER (Acute Care Hospitals, Voluntary non-profit - Other, provides emergency services, about 13 miles away; SPEARFISH, SD) - (605) 642-3113

## **Airports located in Belle Fourche:**

- Belle Fourche Municipal Airport (Runways: 2, Itinerant Ops: 2,100, Local Ops: 10,000, Military Ops: 12)

## **Colleges/universities with over 2000 students nearest to Belle Fourche:**

- Black Hills State University (about 12 miles; Spearfish, SD; Full-time enrollment: 2,551)
- Casper College (about 178 miles; Casper, WY; FT enrollment: 2,078)
- University of Mary (about 207 miles; Bismarck, ND; FT enrollment: 2,016)
- Bismarck State College (about 209 miles; Bismarck, ND; FT enrollment: 2,710)
- Montana State University-Billings (about 241 miles; Billings, MT; FT enrollment: 2,629)
- University of Wyoming (about 249 miles; Laramie, WY; FT enrollment: 9,610)
- Laramie County Community College (about 252 miles; Cheyenne, WY; FT enrollment: 2,121)

## **Public high school in Belle Fourche:**

- Belle Fourche High School (Students: 405; Location: 1301 12TH AVE; Grades: 9-12)

## **Public elementary/middle schools in Belle Fourche:**

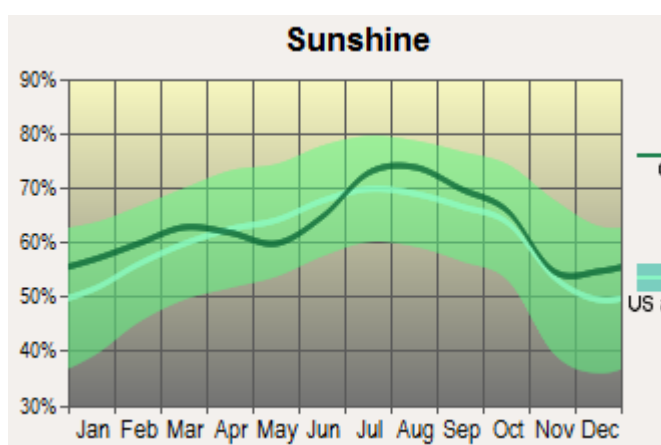
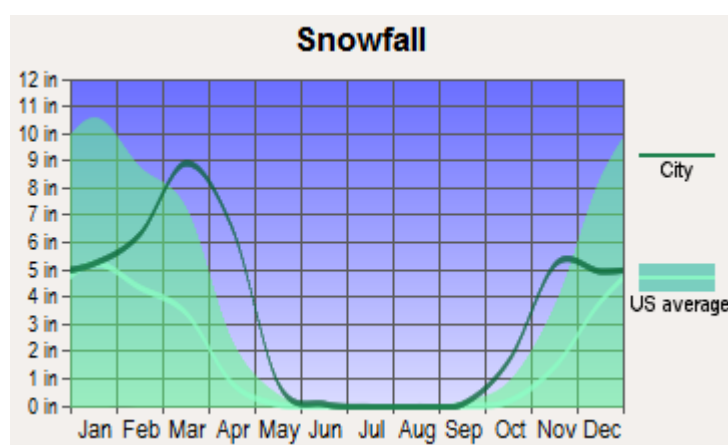
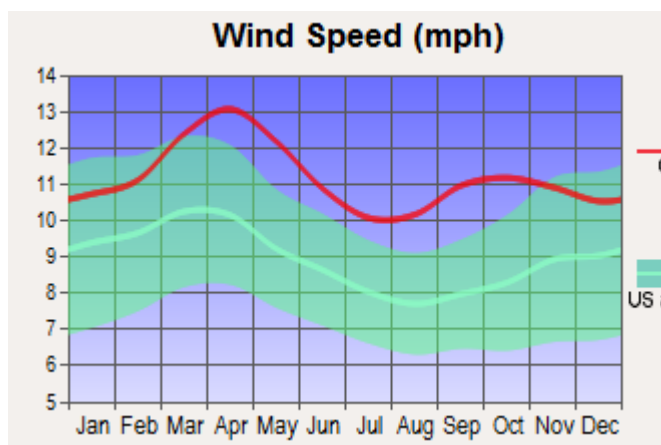
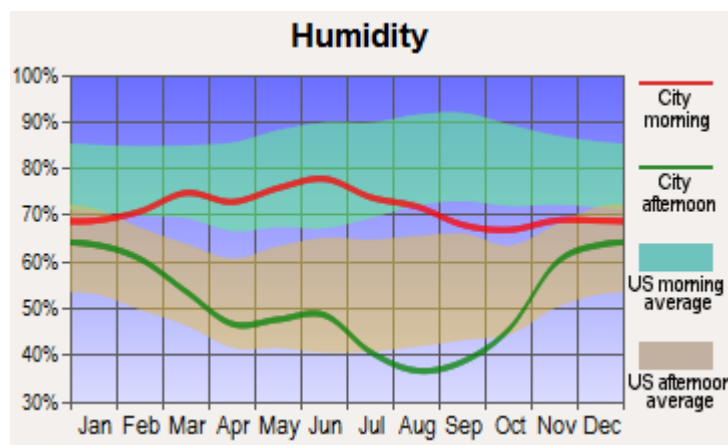
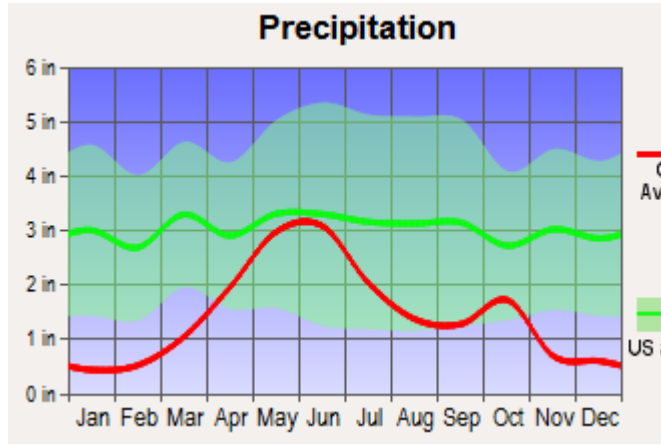
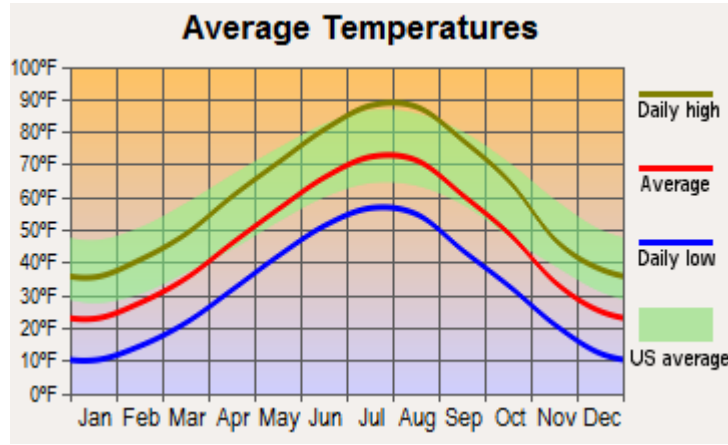
- Belle Fourche Middle School (Students: 394; Location: 1302 ZIEBACH STREET; Grades: 5-8)
- North Park Elementary School (Location: 29 NORTH 6TH AVE; Grades: K)
- South Park Elementary School (Location: 1816 VALLEY DRIVE; Grades: PK-4)

## **Library in Belle Fourche:**

BELLE FOURCHE PUBLIC LIBRARY (Operating income: \$208,876; Location: 905 5TH AVE; 44,169 books; 1,292 audio materials; 1,646 video materials; 24 state licensed databases; 107 print serial subscriptions)

# Average climate in Belle Fourche, South Dakota

Based on data reported by over 4,000 weather stations



## **Tornado activity:**

**Belle Fourche-area historical tornado activity is below South Dakota state average. It is 44% smaller than the overall U.S. average.**

**On 7/18/1965, a category F3 (max. wind speeds 158-206 mph) tornado 15.5 miles away from the Belle Fourche city center caused between \$5000 and \$50,000 in damages.**

**On 6/29/1993, a category F3 tornado 19.9 miles away from the city center caused between \$500 and \$5000 in damages.**

## **Earthquake activity:**

**Belle Fourche-area historical earthquake activity is slightly below South Dakota state average. It is 94% smaller than the overall U.S. average.**

**On 2/6/1996 at 16:08:36, a magnitude 3.7 (3.7 LG, Depth: 3.1 mi, Class: Light, Intensity: II - III) earthquake occurred 47.9 miles away from the city center**

**On 2/24/1993 at 23:52:17, a magnitude 3.6 (3.6 ML) earthquake occurred 97.2 miles away from Belle Fourche center**

**On 11/3/1999 at 13:28:52, a magnitude 3.5 (3.5 ML, Depth: 6.2 mi) earthquake occurred 98.2 miles away from the city center**

**On 2/7/2007 at 10:35:58, a magnitude 3.1 (3.1 LG, Depth: 3.1 mi) earthquake occurred 76.6 miles away from the city center**

*Magnitude types: regional Lg-wave magnitude (LG), local magnitude (ML)*

## **Natural disasters:**

**The number of natural disasters in Butte County (12) is near the US average (12).**

**Major Disasters (Presidential) Declared: 11**

**Emergencies Declared: 1**

**Causes of natural disasters: Winter Storms: 5, Floods: 4, Storms: 4, Snows: 2, Blizzard: 1, Flash Flood: 1, Flood: 1, Hurricane: 1, Mudslide: 1 (Note: Some incidents may be assigned to more than one category).**