



Yankton County Register of Deeds 2023 Report

Yankton County Register of Deeds staff collected \$297,594 in total fees in 2023. That total includes \$140,980 in Land Transfer Fees resulting from \$141 million in sales of residential properties, commercial properties and farmland last year.

The Register of Deeds office had over 8,000 transactions last year involving vital records, land records, copy requests and liens. Some of the reports, requests and documents processed or filed by ROD staff in 2023 include:

- 1,559 liens
- 1,154 death records
- 1,138 birth records
- 910 land transfers
- 880 deeds
- 533 mortgages
- 540 satisfactions
- 626 copy requests
- 317 marriage records
- 171 burial permits
- 172 marriage licenses
- 101 easements
- 40 assignments
- 78 plats

Yankton County Real Estate/Land Sales (2014-2023)

2014: \$70.7 million
2015: \$103.4 million
2016: \$94.4 million
2017: \$111.1 million
2018: \$109.1 million
2019: \$116.8 million
2020: \$119.3 million
2021: \$176.3 million
2022: \$161.8 million
2023: \$140.9 million

Note: Last year was down from the big numbers of 2021 and 2022, but 2023 was still the third best year for real estate sales in Yankton County history.

2023 Monthly Real Estate Sales in Yankton County

January 2023: \$7.2 million
February 2023: \$7.5 million
March 2023: \$7.3 million
April 2023: \$6.7 million
May 2023: \$10 million
June 2023: \$20.2 million
July 2023: \$11.9 million
August 2023: \$14 million
September 2023: \$8.9 million
October 2023: \$12.3 million
November 2023: \$24.5 million
December 2023: \$10.4 million

2023 Monthly average of real estate sales in Yankton County

2014 monthly average: \$5.9 million
2015 monthly average: \$8.6 million
2016 monthly average: \$7.9 million
2017 monthly average: \$9.3 million
2018 monthly average: \$9.1 million
2019 monthly average: \$9.7 million
2020 monthly average: \$9.9 million
2021 monthly average: \$14.7 million
2022 monthly average: \$13.5 million
2023 monthly average: \$11.7 million

Births that occur in Yankton County (S.D. Dept of Health)

2014: 636 in-county births

2015: 619 in-county births

2016: 656 in-county births (10-year high)

2017: 626 in-county births

2018: 595 in-county births

2019: 544 in-county births

2020: 557 in-county births

2021: 546 in-county births

2022: 494 in-county births (10-year low)

2023: 510 in-county births (provisional)

(10-year average of births occurring in Yankton County: 578)

Note: Averaged 626 births per year 2014-2018; 531 births per year 2019-2023)

Yankton County resident births (S.D. Dept. of Health)

2014: 281

2015: 266

2016: 318 (10-year high)

2017: 269

2018: 253

2019: 247

2020: 268

2021: 246

2022: 239

2023: 222 (10-year low)

10-year average of Yankton County resident births: 261 (5 per week)

Note: Averaged 277 per year from 2014-2018; 244 per year from 2019-2023.

Yankton County burial permits (filed with Register of Deeds)

2014: 164

2015: 138

2016: 131

2017: 237 (10-year high)

2018: 115 (10-year low)

2019: 161

2020: 183

2021: 162

2022: 165

2023: 171

(10-year average: 163)

Deaths that occur in Yankton County (S.D. Dept of Health)

2014 in-county deaths: 263

2015 in-county deaths: 290

2016 in-county deaths: 281

2017 in-county deaths: 272

2018 in-county deaths: 248 (10-year low)

2019 in-county deaths: 285

2020 in-county deaths: 333 (10-year high)

2021 in-county deaths: 326

2022 in-county deaths: 286

2023 in-county deaths: 274 (provisional)

(10-year average of deaths occurring in Yankton County: 286)

Yankton County resident deaths (S.D. Dept of Health)

Note: Most of these deaths occur in Yankton County, but number also includes county residents who died outside Yankton County.

2014: 221 (10-year low)

2015: 254

2016: 240

2017: 249

2018: 240

2019: 273 (10-year high)

2020: 265

2021: 268

2022: 249

2023: 251 (provisional)

(10-year average of deaths occurring in Yankton County: 251)

Note: Avg. of 3.9 county resident deaths per week from 2000-2014.

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Leading causes of 2022 Yankton County resident deaths

No. 1) Heart disease - 50

No. 2) Cancer - 44

No. 3) Alzheimer's - 25

No. 4) Stroke - 16

No. 5) Covid-19 - 12

No. 5) Chronic lower respiratory disease - 12

No. 7) Dementia - 9

No. 8) Diabetes - 7

No. 8) Septicemia - 7

10) Accidental falls - 6

10) Hypertension - 6

Leading causes of Yankton Co. resident deaths 2012-2022 (12-year totals)

- No. 1) Heart disease - 684**
- No. 2) Cancer - 523**
- No. 3) Alzheimer's - 231**
- No. 4) Chronic lower respiratory disease - 206**
- No. 5) Accidents - 145**
- No. 6) Cerebrovascular disease - 120**
- No. 7) Diabetes - 108**

Yankton Co. marriage licenses 2014-2023 (Register of Deeds)

- 2014: 144 (10-year low)**
- 2015: 176**
- 2016: 183**
- 2017: 186 (10-year high)**
- 2018: 161**
- 2019: 162**
- 2020: 160**
- 2021: 156**
- 2022: 164**
- 2023: 172**
- (10-year average: 166)***

Yankton Co. divorces 2014-2023 (Yankton County Clerk of Courts data)

Note: Numbers represent divorce decrees completed, not divorce actions initiated.

- 2014: 65**
- 2015: 62**
- 2016: 60**
- 2017: 55**
- 2018: 50**
- 2019: 63**
- 2020: 49 (10-year low)**
- 2021: 53**
- 2022: 62**
- 2023: 70 (10-year high)**
- (10-year average for Yankton County divorces: 59)***

Fees collected by Yankton County Register of Deeds office

2014: \$248,143 (10-year low)
2015: \$282,351
2016: \$274,793
2017: \$292,446
2018: \$296,479
2019: \$303,522
2020: \$344,130
2021: \$418,772 (10-year high)
2022: \$344,326
2023: \$297,594
(10-year average: \$310,256)

Note: Breakdown of \$297,594 in fees collected last year: \$140,980 or 47% came from transfer fees; \$77,528 or 26% was from real estate recording fees; \$45,280 or 15% was from vital records fees; and \$33,806 or 11% was from copy fees.

County liens filed with Yankton Co. Register of Deeds 2018-2023

2018: 810 (6-year low)
2019: 1,116
2020: 842
2021: 895
2022: 1,203
2023: 1,430 (6-year high)

Note: The number of county liens we filed last year was up by 227 from 2022. Of the 1,430 county liens filed in 2023, 1,069 were for poor relief and 361 were for court-appointed legal counsel.

Total liens filed with Yankton County Register of Deeds in 2023

County Liens: 1,430
State Liens: 116
Federal Liens: 6
Mechanic Liens: 7