



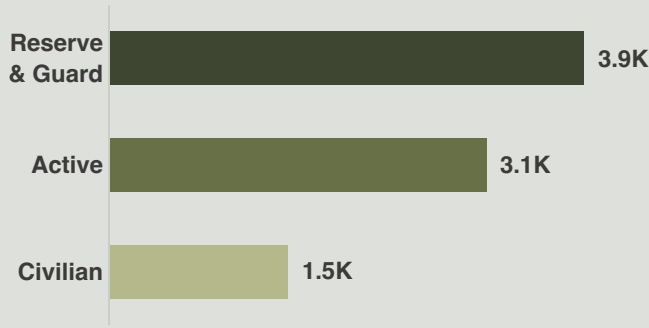
OVERVIEW

In Fiscal Year (FY) 2024, the state of South Dakota received \$1.4 billion in Defense spending, which provides direct funding for the Department of War (DoW) personnel salaries, defense contracts, and construction of military facilities in the state. This spending by DoW personnel, contractors, and their families creates significant economic activity, attracts related industries and investments, and generates important state and local government tax revenues.

The Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration (REPI) Program is a key tool used by DoW and its partners to protect the military's ability to train, test, and operate in the state. The Department created the REPI Program in response to the development of lands and loss of habitat in the vicinity of or affecting its installations, ranges, and airspace that can lead to restrictions or costly and inadequate training and testing alternatives. Through the REPI Program, DoW works with state and local governments, conservation organizations, and willing private landowners to address these challenges to the military mission and the viability of DoW installations and ranges. The REPI Program has benefited from broad bipartisan support both in the U.S. Congress and among groups representing state and local officials. From FY 2013 through FY 2025, DoW and its partners have contributed nearly \$22.3 million to REPI projects supporting one installation in South Dakota.

DOW IN SOUTH DAKOTA

DOW Personnel (as of 30 Sept 2024)



Total DOW Personnel: 8.5K

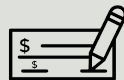
Federal Defense Spending and Economic Impact
 (in FY 2024)



\$1.4 billion
 in Federal Defense
 spending



1.8%
 of state Gross
 Domestic Product



\$425.1M
 in payroll contributed
\$900.1M
 in contracts awarded

Acres of National Defense Land
 (as of 30 Sept 2024)



9,707 acres
 DOW Managed
 Land

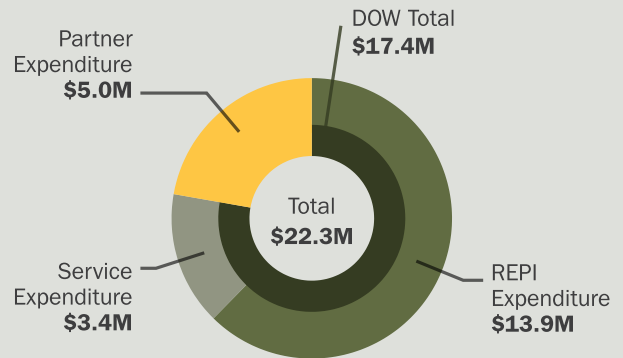


1,233 acres
 State-Owned
 National Guard
 Land

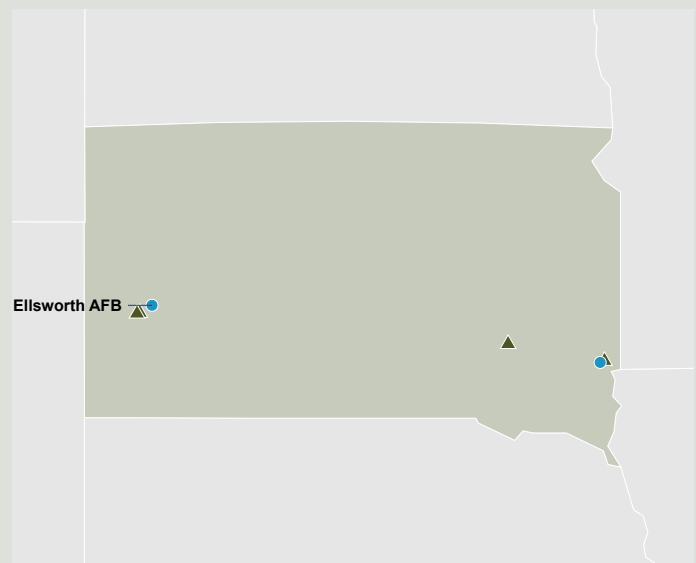
10,940 acres
 Total Defense
 Land

REPI PROJECTS IN SOUTH DAKOTA

Funding Summary (from FY 2013 through FY 2025)



Acres Protected (FY 2013 through FY 2025): 3,014



▲ Army ◆ Navy
 ■ Marine Corps ● Air Force

REPI Installations and Ranges

MILITARY PRESENCE

- Ellsworth Air Force Base (AFB) is the **home of the 28th Bomb Wing**, which flies B-1B Lancers. As the host unit, providing all essential base operating support services for Ellsworth and combat support services for an Air Expeditionary Wing.
- In 2021, the Air Force signed a Record of Decision officially naming Ellsworth AFB as **the first B-21 Raider stealth bomber Main Operating Base**. The B-21 will incrementally replace the B-1 Lancer and B-2 Spirit to perform both conventional and nuclear missions alongside the B-52 Stratofortress.

REPI PROJECTS

Installation	County	Congressional District
Ellsworth AFB	Meaded, Pennington	At-Large

For all REPI Project Profiles visit: www.repi.mil/BufferProjects/ProjectList.aspx



Army Sgt. Maj. Peter Klundt jumps out of an Air Force C-130J Super Hercules over a designated landing zone during Bright Star in Alexandria, Egypt, Sept. 8, 2025.

Key REPI Partners

- City of Box Elder
- City of Rapid City
- Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation
- Pennington County
- South Dakota Ellsworth Development Authority
- West River Foundation

Data Sources

- **For Economic Impact Information:**
 - Ellsworth 2023 Economic Impact Analysis: <https://www.ellsworth.af.mil/About-Us/>
 - For Land Information: Office of the Assistant Secretary of War for Sustainment, Real Property, Business Systems & Information Directorate: “Base Structure Report – FY25 Baseline” (as of 30 Sept 2024)
- **For Federal Spending and Personnel Information:** Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation: “Defense Spending by State – Fiscal Year 2024”: <https://www.oldcc.gov/dsbs-fy2023>
- **For REPI Projects Information:** “2026 REPI Report to Congress”: https://www.repi.mil/Portals/44/REPI_2026_RT_C_20260305.pdf