Future business and community leaders are born every day, but new data show South Carolina’s children struggle to reach important milestones. For children and families of color, the struggle is even greater.

As the statewide organization that prevents child abuse, neglect and injury, Children’s Trust supports targeted policies and programs that ensure all children, regardless of race, are safe, healthy and ready for the future.

Children’s Trust encourages all South Carolinians who care about children – legislators, parents, business and community leaders and advocates – to use the data and recommendations to make decisions. Three publications – *Race for Results: Building Opportunity for South Carolina’s Children*, the *South Carolina Racial Equity Impact Assessment Guide*, and the *Early Childhood Common Agenda* – are available to help guide decision making to improve the lives of all children.

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**Health**


**Education**

- Children ages 3-5 enrolled in nursery school, preschool or kindergarten: 67% (2013-2015)
- Fourth graders who scored at or above proficient in reading: S (2015)
- Eighth graders who scored at or above proficient in math: S (2015)

**Economic Well-Being**

- Young adults ages 19-26 who are in school or working: 74% (2013-2015)
- Young adults ages 25-29 who have completed an associate's degree or higher: S (2013-2015)

**Family and Community**

- Children who live with a household member who has at least a high school diploma: 93% (2013-2015)
- Children who live in families with income at or above 200% of poverty: 57% (2013-2015)
- Children who live in low-poverty areas (poverty <20%): 66% (2011-2015)

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Population Source: KIDS COUNT Data Center, Population Division, U.S. Census Bureau; children under the age of 18. http://datacenter.kidscount.org. S = data are suppressed if the margins of error are high.

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