

RANK  
**45** =

# DARLINGTON COUNTY

Children under 18 years of age (2022)

Darlington County 14,199

South Carolina 1,122,689

**INTAKES**  
Rate per 100 families<sup>1</sup>

**13.7**

INCREASED

South Carolina 13.3

**Percent of intakes investigated**

**58.0%**

DECREASED

South Carolina 54.3%

**Percent of investigations substantiated**

**40.0%**

DECREASED

South Carolina 22.9%

**Percent of intakes referred to Family Centered Community Support Services<sup>2</sup>**

**22.4%**

INCREASED

South Carolina 20.7%

**Percent of intakes where no action was taken**

**19.6%**

DECREASED

South Carolina 25.0%

**ALL CHILDREN IN FOUNDED INVESTIGATIONS**  
Rate per 1,000

**29.3**

DECREASED

South Carolina 13.0  
County Ranking ↓ 46

**Children ages 0-6**  
Rate per 1,000

**53.9**

INCREASED

South Carolina 21.5  
County Ranking = 45

**Ages 7-12**  
Rate per 1,000

**22.7**

DECREASED

South Carolina 10.9  
County Ranking ↑ 44

**Ages 13-17**  
Rate per 1,000

**15.3**

INCREASED

South Carolina 8.0  
County Ranking ↓ 44

**Age unknown**

**0**

N/A

South Carolina 0  
County Ranking N/A

**ALL TYPES OF ABUSE<sup>3</sup>**  
Rate per 1,000

**6.5**

DECREASED

South Carolina 3.1  
County Ranking ↑ 42

**Physical abuse<sup>4</sup>**  
Rate per 10,000

**58.5**

DECREASED

South Carolina 22.4  
County Ranking ↓ 46

**Sexual abuse<sup>5</sup>**  
Rate per 10,000

**5.6**

DECREASED

South Carolina 4.5  
County Ranking ↑ 31

**Emotional abuse**  
Rate per 10,000

**1.4**

INCREASED

South Carolina 3.3  
County Ranking ↓ 20

**Human trafficking<sup>6</sup>**  
Rate per 100,000

**7**

INCREASED

South Carolina 9.2  
County Ranking ↓ 27

**ALL TYPES OF NEGLECT<sup>7</sup>**  
Rate per 1,000

**19.5**

DECREASED

South Carolina 7.8  
County Ranking ↑ 45

**Physical neglect**  
Rate per 1,000

**14.5**

DECREASED

South Carolina 6.5  
County Ranking ↑ 41

**Medical neglect**  
Rate per 10,000

**2.1**

DECREASED

South Carolina 2.1  
County Ranking ↑ 20

**Educational neglect**  
Rate per 10,000

**38.7**

INCREASED

South Carolina 9.1  
County Ranking ↓ 46

**Substantial risk for injury<sup>8</sup>**  
Rate per 1,000

**8.2**

INCREASED

South Carolina 4.2  
County Ranking ↓ 45

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## South Carolina County Rankings

All 46 counties are ranked from first (1) to last (46). In addition to the overall ranking, each county has a domain and indicator ranking.

|              |                |                 |                 |                      |
|--------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| 1 Barnwell   | 11 Pickens     | 21 Chesterfield | 31 Greenwood    | 41 Oconee            |
| 2 Edgefield  | 12 Calhoun     | 22 Colleton     | 32 Newberry     | 42 Chester           |
| 3 Saluda     | 13 Florence    | 23 Dorchester   | 33 Abbeville    | 43 Jasper            |
| 4 Lexington  | 14 Fairfield   | 24 Orangeburg   | 34 Cherokee     | 44 Marlboro          |
| 5 Aiken      | 15 Spartanburg | 25 Horry        | 35 Charleston   | 45 <b>Darlington</b> |
| 6 York       | 16 Greenville  | 26 McCormick    | 36 Union        | 46 Laurens           |
| 7 Beaufort   | 17 Bamberg     | 27 Kershaw      | 37 Marion       |                      |
| 8 Berkeley   | 18 Anderson    | 28 Lee          | 38 Hampton      |                      |
| 9 Lancaster  | 19 Georgetown  | 29 Richland     | 39 Dillon       |                      |
| 10 Allendale | 20 Sumter      | 30 Clarendon    | 40 Williamsburg |                      |

### Why is this important?

Children’s Trust of South Carolina produces the child maltreatment profiles for each county in South Carolina. They are a resource for policymakers, researchers and organizations to understand the scope and nature of child maltreatment.

Child maltreatment is abuse and neglect that occurs to children under 18 years of age. It includes all types of physical, emotional, and sexual abuse in addition to all forms of neglect, negligence, and exploitation of children. This information can help community and state leaders develop strategies and policies to prevention maltreatment, protect child and support families in needs. They can also help allocate resources more effectively and tailor interventions to address specific issues.

Child maltreatment is preventable when there are protective and promotive factors that support families. It takes all of us working together to prevent child abuse and neglect. It is possible to build protective and promotive factors that benefit children, families, and communities in general, and to prevent child maltreatment.

### How can this data be used?

Raise awareness about these statistics in your workplace, organization, and community.

Collaborate with your community to make data-driven decisions using this profile, including when developing a plan for action to prevent and address child maltreatment.

Advocate by using this profile for grant writing, policy statements, and presentations to key policy stakeholders in your community.

### Where does the data come from?

County-level child maltreatment data comes from the South Carolina Department of Social Services (S.C. DSS). Data is released annually by the South Carolina DSS and can be found at <https://dss.sc.gov/about/data-and-resources/child-welfare-data/child-protective-services-data/>. Child maltreatment is likely to be underreported, suggesting that the true prevalence of child maltreatment is much higher.

**1. Intakes rate per 100 families** - This is not a percentage because one family can have multiple intakes in a single year. **2. Percent of intakes referred to Family Centered Community Support Services** - In January 2012, South Carolina Department of Social Services (S.C. DSS) developed the use of community services referred to as Family Centered Community Support Services to work with families who had been reported. Intake staff determined (1) there wasn't a safety threat to the child but (2) the family might benefit from some voluntary services to address potential risk factors. **3. All Abuse** - Includes excessive corporal punishment, emotional abuse, physical abuse, sexual abuse, and human trafficking. **4. Physical Abuse** - Includes physical abuse and excessive corporal punishment. **5. Sexual Abuse** - Does not include sex trafficking which is included in human trafficking. **6. Human Trafficking** - Includes sex trafficking and labor trafficking. Rates have increased sharply in the past years due to an increased focus on awareness and education around human trafficking. **7. All Neglect** - All Neglect Includes abandonment, contributing to the delinquency of a minor, educational neglect, medical neglect, and physical neglect. **8. Substantial risk for injury** - According to S.C. DSS, this category is separate from evidence of neglect or abuse and is not included in the rate for either neglect or abuse.