# COLLETON COUNTY

# Children under 18 years of age (2021)

**Colleton County** South Carolina **8,796** 1,117,092

ECONOMIC WELL-BEING DOMAIN RANK

Children 0-17 in households with incomes below the poverty level

30.6%

South Carolina 20.0% County Ranking 35

**IMPROVED** 

2021

Children under age 18 whose resident parents are not in the labor force

8.2%

South Carolina 8.2% County Ranking 16

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2017 - 2021

Owner-occupied housing where household spends at least 30 percent of their income on housing

24.2%

South Carolina 18.8% County Ranking 41

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2017 - 2021

Teens age 16-19 not enrolled in school and not working

11.9%

South Carolina 8.2% County Ranking 33

WORSENED

2017 - 2021



Cumulative percent of children failing grades 1, 2, or 3

1.7%

South Carolina 1.4% County Ranking 22

WORSENED

2021 - 2022

Third graders testing below state standards in English/Language Arts

76.5%

South Carolina 52.0%
County Ranking 42

WORSENED

2021 - 2022

Eighth graders testing below state standards in math

91.7%

South Carolina 69.8% County Ranking 44

WORSENED

2021 - 2022

Dropouts as a percentage of the total enrollment for grades 9-12

**7.4%** 

South Carolina 2.4% County Ranking 46

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2020 - 2021



Low-birthweight babies

12.7%

South Carolina 9.8% County Ranking 37

WORSENED

2020

Infant mortality rate per 1,000

4.5

South Carolina 6.5
County Ranking 8

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2020

Child deaths, ages 1-14, rate per 100,000

45.1

South Carolina 18.7
County Ranking 40

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2020

Teen deaths, ages 15-19 rate per 100,000

471.5

South Carolina 82.7
County Ranking 46

WORSENED

2020



Children living in single parent families

50.9%

South Carolina 39.7% County Ranking 30

WORSENED

2017 - 2021

Families where householder lacks a high school diploma

13.5%

South Carolina 10.0% County Ranking 35

WORSENED

2017 - 2021

Children living in concentrated areas of poverty

**17.0%** 

South Carolina 9.8%
County Ranking 33

WORSENED

2016 - 2020

Births to teens 15 to 19 years of age, rate per 1,000

42.3

South Carolina 19.3
County Ranking 45

UNCHANGED

2020

Lower county rankings (e.g. #1) indicates better outcomes. There are 46 counties in South Carolina. The data source for each indicator can be found at datacenter.kidscount.org/data#SC. N.A. = Not Available.





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

### Why is this important?

Children's Trust of South Carolina produces the child well-being profiles for each county in South Carolina. They provide us with a snapshot into the status of children and families in South Carolina.

When children thrive, they meet educational milestones, live in economically stable homes and in supportive communities, and they are more likely to grow into productive, contributing members of our state.

However, as the profiles show, too many of South Carolina's children live in environments that may put them at risk for negative outcomes, including child abuse and neglect.

#### How to use them?

These child well-being profiles can be used in a wide variety of ways: grant writing, community and coalition meetings, decision-making, policy and advocacy.

#### Where does this data come from?

This work, done in partnership with the Annie E. Casey Foundation (AECF) and the South Carolina Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office, is modeled after the AECF's KIDS COUNT state and national profiles.

When county-level data are available, the profiles use the same indicators as KIDS COUNT. When county-level data are not available, the profiles use proxies for the KIDS COUNT indicators.

#### **Questions?**

Want to host a data conversation in your community? Contact the research and evaluation team at **research@scchildren.org** for more information.



