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2022 South Carolina Child Well-Being Data Profile

DARLINGTON COUNTY

Children under 18 years of age (2021)

Darlington County
South Carolina

13,950
1,117,092


ECONOMIC WELL-BEING
DOMAIN RANK
33

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

28.6%

South Carolina **20.0%**
County Ranking **31**

IMPROVED

2021

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

14.1%

South Carolina **8.2%**
County Ranking **37**

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2017 - 2021

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

16.6%

South Carolina **18.8%**
County Ranking **16**

IMPROVED

2017 - 2021


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

16.3%

South Carolina **8.2%**
County Ranking **40**

WORSENER

2017 - 2021


EDUCATION
DOMAIN RANK
20

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

3.5%

South Carolina **1.4%**
County Ranking **35**

IMPROVED

2021 - 2022

Third graders testing below state standards in English/Language Arts

63.6%

South Carolina **52.0%**
County Ranking **28**

IMPROVED

2021 - 2022

Eighth graders testing below state standards in math

72.8%

South Carolina **69.8%**
County Ranking **16**

IMPROVED

2021 - 2022

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

0.9%

South Carolina **2.4%**
County Ranking **6**

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2020 - 2021


HEALTH
DOMAIN RANK
27

Low-birthweight babies

14.0%

South Carolina **9.8%**
County Ranking **42**

WORSENER

2020

Infant mortality rate per 1,000

5.3

South Carolina **6.5**
County Ranking **12**

WORSENER

2020

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

17.8

South Carolina **18.7**
County Ranking **21**

IMPROVED

2020

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

70.8

South Carolina **82.7**
County Ranking **15**

WORSENER

2020


FAMILY AND COMMUNITY
DOMAIN RANK
32

Children living in single parent families

49.3%

South Carolina **39.7%**
County Ranking **27**

IMPROVED

2017 - 2021

Families where householder lacks a high school diploma

12.0%

South Carolina **10.0%**
County Ranking **27**

IMPROVED

2017 - 2021

Children living in concentrated areas of poverty

25.9%

South Carolina **9.8%**
County Ranking **41**

WORSENER

2016 - 2020

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

29.4

South Carolina **19.3**
County Ranking **32**

WORSENER

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.

DARLINGTON COUNTY

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	27	Cherokee	37	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.