

RANK  
**45**

2022 South Carolina Child Well-Being Data Profile

**LEE COUNTY**

Children under 18 years of age (2021)

Lee County  
South Carolina

3,216  
1,117,092



**ECONOMIC WELL-BEING**  
DOMAIN RANK  
**44**

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

**34.0%**

South Carolina **20.0%**  
County Ranking **39**

**UNCHANGED**

2021

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

**14.1%**

South Carolina **8.2%**  
County Ranking **38**

**IMPROVED**

2017 - 2021

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

**26.1%**

South Carolina **18.8%**  
County Ranking **43**

**WORSENERD**

2017 - 2021


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

**15.3%**

South Carolina **8.2%**  
County Ranking **38**

**IMPROVED**

2017 - 2021



**EDUCATION**  
DOMAIN RANK  
**34**

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

**2.7%**

South Carolina **1.4%**  
County Ranking **32**

**WORSENERD**

2021 - 2022

Third graders testing below state standards in English/Language Arts

**70.0%**

South Carolina **52.0%**  
County Ranking **39**

**IMPROVED**

2021 - 2022

Eighth graders testing below state standards in math

**93.4%**

South Carolina **69.8%**  
County Ranking **45**

**WORSENERD**

2021 - 2022

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

**1.9%**

South Carolina **2.4%**  
County Ranking **12**

**WORSENERD**

2020 - 2021



**HEALTH**  
DOMAIN RANK  
**46**

Low-birthweight babies

**14.0%**

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

**IMPROVED**

2020

Infant mortality rate per 1,000

**6.4**

South Carolina **6.5**  
County Ranking **16**

**IMPROVED**

2020

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

**123.5**

South Carolina **18.7**  
County Ranking **46**

**WORSENERD**

2020

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

**300**

South Carolina **82.7**  
County Ranking **43**

**IMPROVED**

2020



**FAMILY AND COMMUNITY**  
DOMAIN RANK  
**38**

Children living in single parent families

**63.9%**

South Carolina **39.7%**  
County Ranking **43**

**IMPROVED**

2017 - 2021

Families where householder lacks a high school diploma

**13.1%**

South Carolina **10.0%**  
County Ranking **31**

**IMPROVED**

2017 - 2021

Children living in concentrated areas of poverty

**17.8%**

South Carolina **9.8%**  
County Ranking **35**

**IMPROVED**

2016 - 2020

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

**29.8**

South Carolina **19.3**  
County Ranking **34**

**IMPROVED**

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](https://datacenter.kidscount.org/data#SC). N.A. = Not Available.

# LEE 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](mailto:research@scchildren.org) for more information.