

DORCHESTER COUNTY

RANK
8

Children under 18 years of age (2023)

Dorchester County
South Carolina40,563
1,127,062

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

12.8%South Carolina **18.8%**
County Ranking **3****IMPROVED**

2023

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

7.2%South Carolina **8.2%**
County Ranking **10****IMPROVED**

2019 - 2023

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

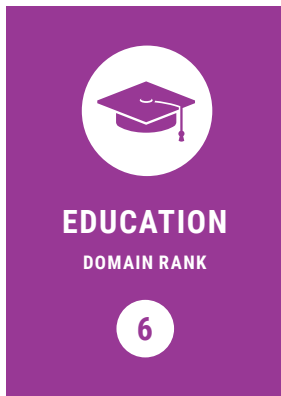
20.8%South Carolina **18.7%**
County Ranking **33****IMPROVED**

2019 - 2023

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

11.1%South Carolina **7.8%**
County Ranking **30****WORSENERD**

2019 - 2023



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

2.1%South Carolina **1.1%**
County Ranking **28****IMPROVED**

2023 - 2024

Third graders testing below state standards in English/Language Arts

40.1%South Carolina **46.2%**
County Ranking **6****IMPROVED**

2023 - 2024

Eighth graders testing below state standards in math

67.8%South Carolina **69.7%**
County Ranking **10****WORSENERD**

2023 - 2024

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

0.5%South Carolina **2.4%**
County Ranking **1****IMPROVED**

2021 - 2022



Low-birthweight babies

9.2%South Carolina **10.0%**
County Ranking **14****IMPROVED**

2022

Infant mortality rate per 1,000

4.8South Carolina **6.8**
County Ranking **15****WORSENERD**

2022

Children experiencing food insecurity

15.9%South Carolina **17.7%**
County Ranking **9****WORSENERD**

2022

Deaths, ages 0-19 rate per 100,000

50.9South Carolina **67.5**
County Ranking **2****IMPROVED**

2020 - 2022



Children living in single parent families

37.2%South Carolina **38.4%**
County Ranking **14****WORSENERD**

2019 - 2023

Families where householder lacks a high school diploma

6.5%South Carolina **8.0%**
County Ranking **8****WORSENERD**

2019 - 2023

Children living in concentrated areas of poverty

5.9%South Carolina **8.6%**
County Ranking **16****WORSENERD**

2019 - 2023

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

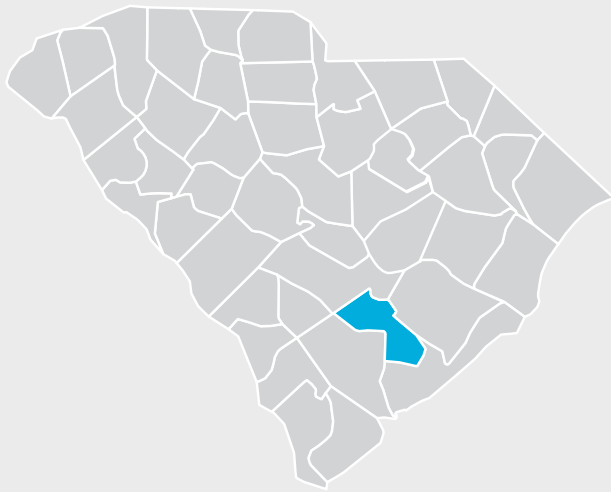
19.2South Carolina **17.3**
County Ranking **18****WORSENERD**

2022

Lower county rankings (e.g. #1) indicates better outcomes. There are 46 counties in South Carolina. N.D. = Not Disclosed.

N.A. = Not Applicable. The most recent data for each indicator can be found at datacenter.aecf.org/data?location=SC

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

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 the state.

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 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 S.C. 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?

Children's Trust regularly dedicates time and energy to helping agencies understand data and collaborate with their communities to make meaningful decisions. If you would like to host a conversation about this data in your community, please contact Sarah Knox at sknox@scchildren.org.

For any questions about the data or other inquiries, please contact research@scchildren.org.