

ECONOMIC
WELL-BEING

DOMAIN RANK

31

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

30.1%

South Carolina 22.1%
County Ranking 25

IMPROVED

2018

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

18.6%

South Carolina 8.6%
County Ranking 43

WORSENERD

2014 - 2018

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

16.2%

South Carolina 20.4%
County Ranking 4

IMPROVED

2014 - 2018

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

13.8%

South Carolina 6.9%
County Ranking 38

WORSENERD

2014 - 2018



EDUCATION

DOMAIN RANK

42

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

3.5%

South Carolina 1.4%
County Ranking 39

IMPROVED

2018

Third graders
testing below state
standards in English/
Language Arts¹

63.7%

South Carolina 50.2%
County Ranking 32

N/A

2018 - 2019

Eighth graders
testing below state
standards in math¹

87.4%

South Carolina 63.4%
County Ranking 42

N/A

2018 - 2019

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

3.0%

South Carolina 1.9%
County Ranking 39

WORSENERD

2018 - 2019



HEALTH

DOMAIN RANK

27

Low-birthweight babies

10.7%

South Carolina 9.6%
County Ranking 24

IMPROVED

2018

Infant mortality
rate per 1,000

16.5

South Carolina 7.2
County Ranking 43

IMPROVED

2018

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

0

South Carolina 19
County Ranking 1

IMPROVED

2018

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

0

South Carolina 71.9
County Ranking 1

UNCHANGED

2018

FAMILY AND
COMMUNITY

DOMAIN RANK

26

Children living in single
parent families

51.2%

South Carolina 40.3%
County Ranking 31

IMPROVED

2014 - 2018

Families where
householder lacks a
high school diploma

13.5%

South Carolina 10.3%
County Ranking 25

IMPROVED

2014 - 2018

Children living
in concentrated
areas of poverty

0.0%

South Carolina 11.0%
County Ranking 1

IMPROVED

2014 - 2018

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

37.7

South Carolina 1.6
County Ranking 38

WORSENERD

2018

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.

1. This year's data is not comparable to last year's per South Carolina Department of Education. See definitions and sources on KIDS COUNT data center.

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

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.

The 2020 child well-being county profiles reflect data that was collected in 2018. These profiles DO NOT share current data on the impacts of COVID-19 on child well-being in South Carolina.

Questions?

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