### Economic Well-Being

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<td>Children 0-17 in households with incomes below the poverty level</td>
<td>30.1%</td>
<td>7,310</td>
<td>1,105,945</td>
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#### Improved 2017

- **Economic Well-Being Domain Rank**: 33 (improved from 33 in 2013-2017)
- **Children 0-17 in households with incomes below the poverty level**: 30.1% (improved from 22.3% in 2013-2017)

#### Worsened 2013-2017

- **Children under age 18 whose resident parents are not in the labor force**: 18.4% (worsened from 9.2%)
- **Owner-occupied housing where household spends at least 30 percent of their income on housing**: 16.6% (improved from 21.1%)
- **Teens age 16-19 not enrolled in school and not working**: 14.7% (improved from 7.1%)

### Education

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<td>71.4%</td>
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#### Improved 2017

- **Cumulative percent of children failing grades 1, 2, or 3**: 6.8% (improved from 3.8%)
- **Third graders testing below state standards in English/Language Arts**: 71.4% (improved from 57.9%)
- **Eighth graders testing below state standards in math**: 87.0% (improved from 65.5%)

#### Worsened 2013-2017

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<td>Child deaths, ages 1-14, rate per 100,000</td>
<td>17.6</td>
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<td>Teen deaths, ages 15-19 rate per 100,000</td>
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#### Improved 2017

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### Family and Community

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<td>Births to teens 15 to 19 years of age, rate per 1,000</td>
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#### Improved 2013-2017

- **Children living in single parent families**: 50.0% (improved from 40.5%)
- **Families where householder lacks a high school diploma**: 14.7% (improved from 10.8%)
- **Children living in concentrated areas of poverty**: 5.7% (improved from 11.9%)
- **Births to teens 15 to 19 years of age, rate per 1,000**: 37.7 (improved from 21.7%)

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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

Children’s Trust is home to KIDS COUNT South Carolina.
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
2 Dorchester
3 Greenville
4 Lexington
5 Beaufort
6 Pickens
7 Berkeley
8 Anderson
9 Richland
10 Spartanburg

11 Charleston
12 Horry
13 Oconee
14 Abbeville
15 Aiken
16 Lancaster
17 Calhoun
18 Newberry
19 Kershaw
20 Edgefield

21 Union
22 Cherokee
23 Saluda
24 Georgetown
25 Florence
26 Greenwood
27 Sumter
28 Hampton
29 Colleton
30 Chesterfield

31 Chester

32 Clarendon
33 Darlington
34 Bamberg
35 Laurens
36 Fairfield
37 Marlboro
38 Orangeburg
39 Jasper
40 McCormick

41 Marion
42 Barnwell
43 Dillon
44 Lee
45 Williamsburg
46 Allendale

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 Dr. Aditi Srivastav at asrivastav@scchildren.org or 803-744-4062 for more information.