RANK 5

2020 South Carolina Child Well-Being Data Profile
DORCHESTER COUNTY

Children under 18 years of age (2018)

Dorchester County 39,320
South Carolina 1,107,050

ECONOMIC WELL-BEING
DOMAIN RANK 13

Children 0-17 in households with incomes below the poverty level	Children under age 18 whose resident parents are not in the labor force	Owner-occupied housing where household spends at least 30 percent of their income on housing	Teens age 16-19 not enrolled in school and not working
17.0%	**7.1%**	**25.4%**	**5.7%**
South Carolina 22.1%	South Carolina 8.6%	South Carolina 20.4%	South Carolina 6.9%
County Ranking 3	County Ranking 8	County Ranking 42	County Ranking 13
WORSENED	IMPROVED	WORSENED	IMPROVED
2018	2014 - 2018	2014 - 2018	2014 - 2018

EDUCATION
DOMAIN RANK 1

Cumulative percent of children failing grades 1, 2, or 3	Third graders testing below state standards in English/Language Arts[1]	Eighth graders testing below state standards in math[1]	Dropouts as a percentage of the total enrollment for grades 9-12
1.8%	**40.1%**	**53.7%**	**0.7%**
South Carolina 1.4%	South Carolina 50.2%	South Carolina 63.4%	South Carolina 1.9%
County Ranking 24	County Ranking 2	County Ranking 3	County Ranking 6
IMPROVED	N/A	N/A	UNCHANGED
2018	2018 - 2019	2018 - 2019	2018 - 2019

HEALTH
DOMAIN RANK 9

Low-birthweight babies	Infant mortality rate per 1,000	Child deaths, ages 1-14, rate per 100,000	Teen deaths, ages 15-19 rate per 100,000
8.6%	**4.9**	**19.7**	**84.5**
South Carolina 9.6%	South Carolina 7.2	South Carolina 19	South Carolina 71.9
County Ranking 7	County Ranking 8	County Ranking 28	County Ranking 29
WORSENED	IMPROVED	WORSENED	IMPROVED
2018	2018	2018	2018

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY
DOMAIN RANK 4

Children living in single parent families	Families where householder lacks a high school diploma	Children living in concentrated areas of poverty	Births to teens 15 to 19 years of age, rate per 1,000
36.3%	**7.0%**	**4.0%**	**18.1**
South Carolina 40.3%	South Carolina 10.3%	South Carolina 11.0%	South Carolina 1.6
County Ranking 8	County Ranking 4	County Ranking 14	County Ranking 7
IMPROVED	IMPROVED	WORSENED	IMPROVED
2014 - 2018	2014 - 2018	2014 - 2018	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.

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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?

Want to host a data conversation in your community? Contact Dr. Aditi Srivastav at **asrivastav@scchildren.org** or 803-744-4062 for more information.

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