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2020 South Carolina Child Well-Being Data Profile

LEE COUNTY

Children under 18 years of age (2018)

Lee County
South Carolina

3,458
1,107,050



ECONOMIC WELL-BEING
DOMAIN RANK
46

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

42.8%

South Carolina **22.1%**
County Ranking **43**

WORSENERD
2018

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

26.9%

South Carolina **8.6%**
County Ranking **46**

WORSENERD
2014 - 2018

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

20.3%

South Carolina **20.4%**
County Ranking **25**


IMPROVED
2014 - 2018

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

16.2%

South Carolina **6.9%**
County Ranking **42**

WORSENERD
2014 - 2018



EDUCATION
DOMAIN RANK
36

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

2.9%

South Carolina **1.4%**
County Ranking **37**

IMPROVED
2018

Third graders testing below state standards in English/ Language Arts¹

71.9%

South Carolina **50.2%**
County Ranking **40**

N/A
2018 - 2019

Eighth graders testing below state standards in math¹

91.3%

South Carolina **63.4%**
County Ranking **44**

N/A
2018 - 2019

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

0.4%

South Carolina **1.9%**
County Ranking **1**

IMPROVED
2018 - 2019



HEALTH
DOMAIN RANK
34

Low-birthweight babies

13.2%

South Carolina **9.6%**
County Ranking **37**

WORSENERD
2018

Infant mortality rate per 1,000

12.6

South Carolina **7.2**
County Ranking **35**

WORSENERD
2018

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

0

South Carolina **19**
County Ranking **1**

UNCHANGED
2018

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

95.6

South Carolina **71.9**
County Ranking **32**

IMPROVED
2018



FAMILY AND COMMUNITY
DOMAIN RANK
42

Children living in single parent families

67.5%

South Carolina **40.3%**
County Ranking **44**

WORSENERD
2014 - 2018

Families where householder lacks a high school diploma

19.0%

South Carolina **10.3%**
County Ranking **43**

IMPROVED
2014 - 2018

Children living in concentrated areas of poverty

25.2%

South Carolina **11.0%**
County Ranking **38**

IMPROVED
2014 - 2018

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

31.6

South Carolina **1.6**
County Ranking **31**

IMPROVED
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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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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