

ECONOMIC
WELL-BEING

DOMAIN RANK

39

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

37.1%

South Carolina 22.1%
County Ranking 40

IMPROVED

2018

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

14.0%

South Carolina 8.6%
County Ranking 32

WORSENERD

2014 - 2018

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

23.9%

South Carolina 20.4%
County Ranking 37

IMPROVED

2014 - 2018

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

9.9%

South Carolina 6.9%
County Ranking 28

IMPROVED

2014 - 2018



EDUCATION

DOMAIN RANK

44

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

1.7%

South Carolina 1.4%
County Ranking 22

IMPROVED

2018

Third graders
testing below state
standards in English/
Language Arts¹

82.5%

South Carolina 50.2%
County Ranking 45

N/A

2018 - 2019

Eighth graders
testing below state
standards in math¹

92.1%

South Carolina 63.4%
County Ranking 45

N/A

2018 - 2019

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

2.6%

South Carolina 1.9%
County Ranking 35

WORSENERD

2018 - 2019



HEALTH

DOMAIN RANK

33

Low-birthweight babies

14.3%

South Carolina 9.6%
County Ranking 41

WORSENERD

2018

Infant mortality
rate per 1,000

8.6

South Carolina 7.2
County Ranking 28

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

105.2

South Carolina 71.9
County Ranking 33

IMPROVED

2018

FAMILY AND
COMMUNITY

DOMAIN RANK

37

Children living in single
parent families

59.9%

South Carolina 40.3%
County Ranking 41

IMPROVED

2014 - 2018

Families where
householder lacks a
high school diploma

15.4%

South Carolina 10.3%
County Ranking 34

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

41.9

South Carolina 1.6
County Ranking 42

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.

MARION 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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