RICHLAND COUNTY

**ECONOMIC WELL-BEING**

Children 0-17 in households with incomes below the poverty level:
- Richland County: 20.1%
- South Carolina: 22.3%

**EDUCATION**

Cumulative percent of children failing grades 1, 2, or 3:
- Richland County: 1.7%
- South Carolina: 3.8%

**HEALTH**

Low-birthweight babies:
- Richland County: 10.6%
- South Carolina: 9.7%

**FAMILY AND COMMUNITY**

Children living in single parent families:
- Richland County: 44.6%
- South Carolina: 40.5%

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

scChildren.org/kidscount
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?
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