

DARLINGTON COUNTY

OVERALL RANK

30

Number of children under 18 years of age 2015

15,405

South Carolina 1,091,588



ECONOMIC WELL-BEING

DOMAIN RANK

28

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

2014

36.1%

South Carolina 27.3%
County Ranking 34

IMPROVED

Children living in families where no parent is in labor force

2010 - 2014

13.5%

South Carolina 9.2%
County Ranking 29

WORSENERD

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

2010 - 2014

20.6%

South Carolina 24.8%
County Ranking 10

IMPROVED


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

2010 - 2014

14.9%

South Carolina 9.3%
County Ranking 39

WORSENERD



EDUCATION

DOMAIN RANK

23

Cumulative percent of children failing grades 1, 2 or 3

2014

14.0%

South Carolina 4.5%
County Ranking 42

IMPROVED

Third graders testing below state standards in reading

2014

21.9%

South Carolina 17.1%
County Ranking 21

WORSENERD

Eighth graders testing below state standards in math

2014

34.6%

South Carolina 29.8%
County Ranking 27

WORSENERD

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

2013 - 2014

0.3%

South Carolina 2.3%
County Ranking 3

UNCHANGED



HEALTH

DOMAIN RANK

34

Low-birthweight babies

2014

11.1%

South Carolina 9.7%
County Ranking 34

IMPROVED

Infant mortality rate per 1,000

2014

3.8

South Carolina 6.9
County Ranking 10

IMPROVED

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

2014

46.0

South Carolina 19.3
County Ranking 46

IMPROVED

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

2014

0.0

South Carolina 45.9
County Ranking 1

UNCHANGED



FAMILY AND COMMUNITY

DOMAIN RANK

36

Children living in single parent families

2010 - 2014

53.1%

South Carolina 41.4%
County Ranking 31

WORSENERD

Children in families where household head lacks a high school diploma

2010 - 2014

18.1%

South Carolina 12.8%
County Ranking 33

UNCHANGED

Children living in census tracts with a poverty rate of 30% +

2010 - 2014

29.0%

South Carolina 15.0%
County Ranking 36

WORSENERD

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

2014

36.8

South Carolina 31.6
County Ranking 31

IMPROVED

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 <http://datacenter.kidscount.org/data#SC/2/0>.

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Why is this important?

When children meet educational milestones, live in economically and emotionally stable homes and live in supportive communities, they are more likely to thrive and grow into productive, contributing citizens of our state.

Currently, too many of South Carolina's children live in environments that put them at risk for many negative outcomes, including child abuse and neglect. The data paints a very alarming picture for South Carolina's future.

Where does this data come from?

Children's Trust of South Carolina produces child well-being profiles for each county in South Carolina. This work is done in partnership with the Annie E. Casey Foundation (AECF) and the South Carolina Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office. The county profiles are modeled after the AECF's KIDS COUNT state and national profiles.

The county profiles of child well-being include four domains and four indicators in each domain for a total of 16 indicators. Just like the KIDS COUNT national and state profiles, the county profiles include four domains: economic, education, health, and family and community. 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.

What can you do?

The county profiles can be used in a number of different ways. For example, the profiles can be used in grant writing, service decision-making, policy and advocacy and many more. We hope you will use the county profiles to improve outcomes for children and families in 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	11 Spartanburg	21 Lancaster	31 McCormick	41 Barnwell
2 Dorchester	12 Charleston	22 Sumter	32 Saluda	42 Marion
3 Lexington	13 Anderson	23 Greenwood	33 Colleton	43 Lee
4 Greenville	14 Newberry	24 Florence	34 Clarendon	44 Dillon
5 Calhoun	15 Horry	25 Union	35 Chester	45 Marlboro
6 Pickens	16 Kershaw	26 Chesterfield	36 Orangeburg	46 Allendale
7 Beaufort	17 Abbeville	27 Fairfield	37 Hampton	
8 Berkeley	18 Aiken	28 Laurens	38 Williamsburg	
9 Richland	19 Georgetown	29 Cherokee	39 Bamberg	
10 Oconee	20 Edgefield	30 Darlington	40 Jasper	

Questions?

Want to host a data conversation in your community? Contact Dr. Melissa Stropolis at mstropolis@scchildren.org or 803-744-4048 for more information.