2022 South Carolina Child Well-Being Data Profile

UNION COUNTY

Children under 18 years of age (2021)

Union County	**5,814**
South Carolina	1,117,092

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
29.3%	**7.5%**	**12.9%**	**9.6%**
South Carolina 20.0%	South Carolina 8.2%	South Carolina 18.8%	South Carolina 8.2%
County Ranking 33	County Ranking 11	County Ranking 1	County Ranking 28
IMPROVED	IMPROVED	IMPROVED	IMPROVED
2021	2017 - 2021	2017 - 2021	2017 - 2021

EDUCATION
DOMAIN RANK 36

Cumulative percent of children failing grades 1, 2, or 3	Third graders testing below state standards in English/Language Arts	Eighth graders testing below state standards in math	Dropouts as a percentage of the total enrollment for grades 9-12
1.0%	**65.0%**	**85.2%**	**5.6%**
South Carolina 1.4%	South Carolina 52.0%	South Carolina 69.8%	South Carolina 2.4%
County Ranking 12	County Ranking 31	County Ranking 34	County Ranking 45
IMPROVED	IMPROVED	WORSENED	WORSENED
2021 - 2022	2021 - 2022	2021 - 2022	2020 - 2021

HEALTH
DOMAIN RANK 37

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
9.4%	**7**	**45.5**	**259.1**
South Carolina 9.8%	South Carolina 6.5	South Carolina 18.7	South Carolina 82.7
County Ranking 13	County Ranking 23	County Ranking 41	County Ranking 42
IMPROVED	WORSENED	WORSENED	WORSENED
2020	2020	2020	2020

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY
DOMAIN RANK 33

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
52.7%	**14.6%**	**14.0%**	**30**
South Carolina 39.7%	South Carolina 10.0%	South Carolina 9.8%	South Carolina 19.3
County Ranking 34	County Ranking 41	County Ranking 28	County Ranking 35
IMPROVED	WORSENED	IMPROVED	IMPROVED
2017 - 2021	2017 - 2021	2016 - 2020	2020

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.

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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** Lancaster	**21** Newberry	**31** Laurens	**41** Marlboro
2 Greenville	**12** Berkeley	**22** Florence	**32** Chesterfield	**42** Barnwell
3 Pickens	**13** Aiken	**23** Georgetown	**33** Union	**43** Dillon
4 Lexington	**14** Oconee	**24** Calhoun	**34** Clarendon	**44** Colleton
5 Dorchester	**15** Richland	**25** Sumter	**35** McCormick	**45** Lee
6 Spartanburg	**16** Abbeville	**26** Bamberg	**36** Chester	**46** Allendale
7 Beaufort	**17** Kershaw	**27** Cherokee	**37** Fairfield	
8 Charleston	**18** Saluda	**28** Jasper	**38** Hampton	
9 Horry	**19** Greenwood	**29** Darlington	**39** Orangeburg	
10 Anderson	**20** Edgefield	**30** Williamsburg	**40** Marion	

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? Contact the research and evaluation team at **research@scchildren.org** for more information.

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