

Overall Rank

**48** ECONOMIC WELL-BEING  
Rank

	UNITED STATES	MISSISSIPPI
<b>CHILDREN IN POVERTY</b> US: 14,116,000   MS: 211,000	22% 2010	33% 2010
	19% 2016 BETTER	30% 2016 BETTER
<b>CHILDREN WHOSE PARENTS LACK SECURE EMPLOYMENT</b> US: 20,692,000   MS: 249,000	33% 2010	39% 2010
	28% 2016 BETTER	34% 2016 BETTER
<b>CHILDREN LIVING IN A HOUSEHOLD WITH A HIGH HOUSING COST BURDEN</b> US: 23,556,000   MS: 200,000	41% 2010	35% 2010
	32% 2016 BETTER	28% 2016 BETTER
<b>TEENS NOT IN SCHOOL AND NOT WORKING</b> US: 1,176,000   MS: 16,000	9% 2010	13% 2010
	7% 2016 BETTER	9% 2016 BETTER

**44** EDUCATION  
Rank

	UNITED STATES	MISSISSIPPI
<b>YOUNG CHILDREN (AGES 3 AND 4) NOT IN SCHOOL</b> US: 4,256,000   MS: 37,000	52% 2009-11	47% 2009-11
	52% 2014-16 SAME	48% 2014-16 WORSE
<b>FOURTH-GRADERS NOT PROFICIENT IN READING</b> US: N.A.   MS: N.A.	68% 2009	78% 2009
	65% 2017 BETTER	73% 2017 BETTER
<b>EIGHTH-GRADERS NOT PROFICIENT IN MATH</b> US: N.A.   MS: N.A.	67% 2009	85% 2009
	67% 2017 SAME	78% 2017 BETTER
<b>HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS NOT GRADUATING ON TIME</b> US: N.A.   MS: N.A.	21% 2010-11	25% 2010-11
	16% 2015-16 BETTER	18% 2015-16 BETTER

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**47** HEALTH  
Rank

	UNITED STATES	MISSISSIPPI
<b>LOW BIRTH-WEIGHT BABIES</b> US: 321,839   MS: 4,345	8.1% 2010	8.2% 2016 WORSE
		12.1% 2010
		11.5% 2016 BETTER
<b>CHILDREN WITHOUT HEALTH INSURANCE</b> US: 3,277,000   MS: 33,000	8% 2010	4% 2016 BETTER
		8% 2010
		5% 2016 BETTER
<b>CHILD AND TEEN DEATHS PER 100,000</b> US: 20,360   MS: 303	26 2010	26 2016 SAME
		38 2010
		40 2016 WORSE
<b>TEENS WHO ABUSE ALCOHOL OR DRUGS</b> US: 1,148,000   MS: 9,000	N.A. 2009-10	5% 2015-16
		N.A. 2009-10
		4% 2015-16

**50** FAMILY AND COMMUNITY  
Rank

	UNITED STATES	MISSISSIPPI
<b>CHILDREN IN SINGLE-PARENT FAMILIES</b> US: 24,267,000   MS: 304,000	34% 2010	35% 2016 WORSE
		46% 2010
		45% 2016 BETTER
<b>CHILDREN IN FAMILIES WHERE THE HOUSEHOLD HEAD LACKS A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA</b> US: 9,989,000   MS: 93,000	15% 2010	14% 2016 BETTER
		17% 2010
		13% 2016 BETTER
<b>CHILDREN LIVING IN HIGH-POVERTY AREAS</b> US: 9,448,000   MS: 189,000	13% 2008-12	13% 2012-16 SAME
		28% 2008-12
		26% 2012-16 BETTER
<b>TEEN BIRTHS PER 1,000</b> US: 209,809   MS: 3,326	34 2010	20 2016 BETTER
		55 2010
		33 2016 BETTER