

OVERALL RANK

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2023 KIDS COUNT® DATA PROFILE

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ECONOMIC WELL-BEING

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	UNITED STATES			MISSISSIPPI		
Children in poverty US 12,243,000 MS 189,000	17%	17%	= SAME	28%	28%	= SAME
	2019	2021		2019	2021	
Children whose parents lack secure employment US 21,143,000 MS 241,000	26%	29%	↑ WORSE	34%	35%	↑ WORSE
	2019	2021		2019	2021	
Children living in households with a high housing cost burden US 21,857,000 MS 194,000	30%	30%	= SAME	26%	28%	↑ WORSE
	2019	2021		2019	2021	
Teens not in school and not working US 1,234,000 MS 12,000	6%	7%	↑ WORSE	10%	7%	↓ BETTER
	2019	2021		2019	2021	

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EDUCATION

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	UNITED STATES			MISSISSIPPI		
Young children (ages 3 and 4) not in school US 4,380,000 MS 38,000	53%	54%	↑ WORSE	49%	50%	↑ WORSE
	2012-16	2017-21		2012-16	2017-21	
Fourth-graders not proficient in reading US N.A. MS N.A.	66%	68%	↑ WORSE	68%	69%	↑ WORSE
	2019	2022		2019	2022	
Eighth-graders not proficient in math US N.A. MS N.A.	67%	74%	↑ WORSE	76%	82%	↑ WORSE
	2019	2022		2019	2022	
High school students not graduating on time* US N.A. MS N.A.	14%	14%	= SAME	15%	12%	↓ BETTER
	2018-19	2019-20		2018-19	2019-20	

N.A.: Not available *Graduation data may not be comparable across time due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Explore data on children and families at datacenter.aecf.org.

HEALTH

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	UNITED STATES			MISSISSIPPI		
Low birth-weight babies US 311,932 MS 4,339	8.3% 2019	8.5% 2021	↑ WORSE	12.3% 2019	12.3% 2021	= SAME
Children without health insurance US 4,165,000 MS 46,000	6% 2019	5% 2021	↓ BETTER	6% 2019	6% 2021	= SAME
Child and teen deaths per 100,000 US 23,198 MS 405	25 2019	30 2021	↑ WORSE	43 2019	55 2021	↑ WORSE
Children and teens (ages 10 to 17) who are overweight or obese US N.A. MS N.A.	31% 2018-19	33% 2020-21	↑ WORSE	38% 2018-19	41% 2020-21	↑ WORSE

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY

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	UNITED STATES			MISSISSIPPI		
Children in single-parent families US 23,626,000 MS 292,000	34% 2019	34% 2021	= SAME	46% 2019	45% 2021	↓ BETTER
Children in families where the household head lacks a high school diploma US 8,269,000 MS 76,000	12% 2019	11% 2021	↓ BETTER	12% 2019	11% 2021	↓ BETTER
Children living in high-poverty areas US 6,086,000 MS 152,000	13% 2012-16	8% 2017-21	↓ BETTER	26% 2012-16	22% 2017-21	↓ BETTER
Teen births per 1,000 US 146,973 MS 2,545	17 2019	14 2021	↓ BETTER	29 2019	26 2021	↓ BETTER

N.A.: Not available

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