

OVERALL RANK

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2023 KIDS COUNT® DATA PROFILE

## NORTH CAROLINA

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## ECONOMIC WELL-BEING

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	UNITED STATES			NORTH CAROLINA		
<b>Children in poverty</b> US 12,243,000   NC 411,000	17% 2019	17% 2021	= SAME	20% 2019	18% 2021	↓ BETTER
<b>Children whose parents lack secure employment</b> US 21,143,000   NC 641,000	26% 2019	29% 2021	↑ WORSE	26% 2019	28% 2021	↑ WORSE
<b>Children living in households with a high housing cost burden</b> US 21,857,000   NC 570,000	30% 2019	30% 2021	= SAME	26% 2019	25% 2021	↓ BETTER
<b>Teens not in school and not working</b> US 1,234,000   NC 41,000	6% 2019	7% 2021	↑ WORSE	7% 2019	7% 2021	= SAME

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## EDUCATION

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	UNITED STATES			NORTH CAROLINA		
<b>Young children (ages 3 and 4) not in school</b> US 4,380,000   NC 144,000	53% 2012-16	54% 2017-21	↑ WORSE	57% 2012-16	58% 2017-21	↑ WORSE
<b>Fourth-graders not proficient in reading</b> US N.A.   NC N.A.	66% 2019	68% 2022	↑ WORSE	64% 2019	68% 2022	↑ WORSE
<b>Eighth-graders not proficient in math</b> US N.A.   NC N.A.	67% 2019	74% 2022	↑ WORSE	63% 2019	75% 2022	↑ WORSE
<b>High school students not graduating on time*</b> US N.A.   NC N.A.	14% 2018-19	14% 2019-20	= SAME	14% 2018-19	12% 2019-20	↓ BETTER

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](https://datacenter.aecf.org).

## HEALTH

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	UNITED STATES			NORTH CAROLINA		
<b>Low birth-weight babies</b> US 311,932   NC 11,365	8.3% 2019	8.5% 2021	↑ WORSE	9.3% 2019	9.4% 2021	↑ WORSE
<b>Children without health insurance</b> US 4,165,000   NC 135,000	6% 2019	5% 2021	↓ BETTER	6% 2019	5% 2021	↓ BETTER
<b>Child and teen deaths per 100,000</b> US 23,198   NC 849	25 2019	30 2021	↑ WORSE	27 2019	34 2021	↑ WORSE
<b>Children and teens (ages 10 to 17) who are overweight or obese</b> US N.A.   NC N.A.	31% 2018-19	33% 2020-21	↑ WORSE	31% 2018-19	34% 2020-21	↑ WORSE

## FAMILY AND COMMUNITY

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	UNITED STATES			NORTH CAROLINA		
<b>Children in single-parent families</b> US 23,626,000   NC 774,000	34% 2019	34% 2021	= SAME	37% 2019	36% 2021	↓ BETTER
<b>Children in families where the household head lacks a high school diploma</b> US 8,269,000   NC 260,000	12% 2019	11% 2021	↓ BETTER	12% 2019	11% 2021	↓ BETTER
<b>Children living in high-poverty areas</b> US 6,086,000   NC 172,000	13% 2012-16	8% 2017-21	↓ BETTER	13% 2012-16	7% 2017-21	↓ BETTER
<b>Teen births per 1,000</b> US 146,973   NC 5,474	17 2019	14 2021	↓ BETTER	18 2019	16 2021	↓ BETTER

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