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2024 KIDS COUNT® DATA PROFILE

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ECONOMIC WELL-BEING

	UNITED STATES			MISSISSIPPI		
Children in poverty <small>US 11,583,000 MS 175,000</small>	17% 2019	16% 2022	↓ BETTER	28% 2019	26% 2022	↓ BETTER
Children whose parents lack secure employment <small>US 18,635,000 MS 217,000</small>	26% 2019	26% 2022	= SAME	34% 2019	32% 2022	↓ BETTER
Children living in households with a high housing cost burden <small>US 21,807,000 MS 195,000</small>	30% 2019	30% 2022	= SAME	26% 2019	29% 2022	↑ WORSE
Teens not in school and not working <small>US 1,149,000 MS 16,000</small>	6% 2019	7% 2022	↑ WORSE	10% 2019	10% 2022	= SAME

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EDUCATION

	UNITED STATES			MISSISSIPPI		
Young children (ages 3 and 4) not in school <small>US 4,328,000 MS 38,000</small>	52% 2013-17	54% 2018-22	↑ WORSE	49% 2013-17	50% 2018-22	↑ WORSE
Fourth graders not proficient in reading <small>US N.A. MS N.A.</small>	66% 2019	68% 2022	↑ WORSE	68% 2019	69% 2022	↑ WORSE
Eighth graders not proficient in math <small>US N.A. MS N.A.</small>	67% 2019	74% 2022	↑ WORSE	76% 2019	82% 2022	↑ WORSE
High school students not graduating on time* <small>US N.A. MS N.A.</small>	14% 2018-19	14% 2020-21	= SAME	15% 2018-19	12% 2020-21	↓ BETTER

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

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HEALTH

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	UNITED STATES			MISSISSIPPI		
Low birth-weight babies US 315,288 MS 4,400	8.3% 2019	8.6% 2022	↑ WORSE	12.3% 2019	12.7% 2022	↑ WORSE
Children without health insurance US 3,932,000 MS 39,000	6% 2019	5% 2022	↓ BETTER	6% 2019	5% 2022	↓ BETTER
Child and teen deaths per 100,000 US 23,140 MS 342	25 2019	30 2022	↑ WORSE	43 2019	47 2022	↑ WORSE
Children and teens (ages 10 to 17) who are overweight or obese** US N.A. MS N.A.	N.A. N.A.	33% 2021-22	N.A.	N.A. N.A.	42% 2021-22	N.A.

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY

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Children in single-parent families US 23,331,000 MS 277,000	34% 2019	34% 2022	= SAME	46% 2019	44% 2022	↓ BETTER
Children in families where the household head lacks a high school diploma US 8,015,000 MS 68,000	12% 2019	11% 2022	↓ BETTER	12% 2019	10% 2022	↓ BETTER
Children living in high-poverty areas US 5,682,000 MS 148,000	12% 2013-17	8% 2018-22	↓ BETTER	24% 2013-17	21% 2018-22	↓ BETTER
Teen births per 1,000 US 143,789 MS 2,683	17 2019	14 2022	↓ BETTER	29 2019	26 2022	↓ BETTER

N.A.: Not available **Overweight or obese data are not comparable across time due to methodology changes.

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