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2024 KIDS COUNT® DATA PROFILE

# SOUTH CAROLINA



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## ECONOMIC WELL-BEING

|  | UNITED STATES |             |             | SOUTH CAROLINA |             |             |
|--|---------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|-------------|
| <b>Children in poverty</b><br>US 11,583,000   SC 211,000   | 17%<br>2019   | 16%<br>2022 | ↓<br>BETTER | 20%<br>2019    | 19%<br>2022 | ↓<br>BETTER |
| <b>Children whose parents lack secure employment</b><br>US 18,635,000   SC 315,000                 | 26%<br>2019   | 26%<br>2022 | =<br>SAME   | 28%<br>2019    | 28%<br>2022 | =<br>SAME   |
| <b>Children living in households with a high housing cost burden</b><br>US 21,807,000   SC 287,000 | 30%<br>2019   | 30%<br>2022 | =<br>SAME   | 26%<br>2019    | 26%<br>2022 | =<br>SAME   |
| <b>Teens not in school and not working</b><br>US 1,149,000   SC 25,000                             | 6%<br>2019    | 7%<br>2022  | ↑<br>WORSE  | 8%<br>2019     | 9%<br>2022  | ↑<br>WORSE  |

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## EDUCATION

|  | UNITED STATES  |                |            | SOUTH CAROLINA |                |             |
|--|----------------|----------------|------------|----------------|----------------|-------------|
| <b>Young children (ages 3 and 4) not in school</b><br>US 4,328,000   SC 68,000 | 52%<br>2013-17 | 54%<br>2018-22 | ↑<br>WORSE | 54%<br>2013-17 | 57%<br>2018-22 | ↑<br>WORSE  |
| <b>Fourth graders not proficient in reading</b><br>US N.A.   SC N.A.           | 66%<br>2019    | 68%<br>2022    | ↑<br>WORSE | 68%<br>2019    | 68%<br>2022    | =<br>SAME   |
| <b>Eighth graders not proficient in math</b><br>US N.A.   SC N.A.              | 67%<br>2019    | 74%<br>2022    | ↑<br>WORSE | 71%<br>2019    | 78%<br>2022    | ↑<br>WORSE  |
| <b>High school students not graduating on time*</b><br>US N.A.   SC N.A.       | 14%<br>2018-19 | 14%<br>2020-21 | =<br>SAME  | 19%<br>2018-19 | 17%<br>2020-21 | ↓<br>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 |                |             | SOUTH CAROLINA |                |             |
|--|---------------|----------------|-------------|----------------|----------------|-------------|
| <b>Low birth-weight babies</b><br>US 315,288   SC 5,775                                      | 8.3%<br>2019  | 8.6%<br>2022   | ↑<br>WORSE  | 9.8%<br>2019   | 10.0%<br>2022  | ↑<br>WORSE  |
| <b>Children without health insurance</b><br>US 3,932,000   SC 56,000                         | 6%<br>2019    | 5%<br>2022     | ↓<br>BETTER | 6%<br>2019     | 5%<br>2022     | ↓<br>BETTER |
| <b>Child and teen deaths per 100,000</b><br>US 23,140   SC 465                               | 25<br>2019    | 30<br>2022     | ↑<br>WORSE  | 33<br>2019     | 39<br>2022     | ↑<br>WORSE  |
| <b>Children and teens (ages 10 to 17) who are overweight or obese**</b><br>US N.A.   SC N.A. | N.A.<br>N.A.  | 33%<br>2021-22 | N.A.        | N.A.<br>N.A.   | 38%<br>2021-22 | N.A.        |

## FAMILY AND COMMUNITY

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|   | UNITED STATES  |               |             | SOUTH CAROLINA |               |             |
|---|----------------|---------------|-------------|----------------|---------------|-------------|
| <b>Children in single-parent families</b><br>US 23,331,000   SC 382,000                                       | 34%<br>2019    | 34%<br>2022   | =<br>SAME   | 39%<br>2019    | 37%<br>2022   | ↓<br>BETTER |
| <b>Children in families where the household head lacks a high school diploma</b><br>US 8,015,000   SC 103,000 | 12%<br>2019    | 11%<br>2022   | ↓<br>BETTER | 11%<br>2019    | 9%<br>2022    | ↓<br>BETTER |
| <b>Children living in high-poverty areas</b><br>US 5,682,000   SC 93,000                                      | 12%<br>2013-17 | 8%<br>2018-22 | ↓<br>BETTER | 12%<br>2013-17 | 8%<br>2018-22 | ↓<br>BETTER |
| <b>Teen births per 1,000</b><br>US 143,789   SC 2,875   | 17<br>2019     | 14<br>2022    | ↓<br>BETTER | 22<br>2019     | 17<br>2022    | ↓<br>BETTER |

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

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