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2025 KIDS COUNT® DATA PROFILE

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ECONOMIC WELL-BEING

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	UNITED STATES			MISSISSIPPI		
Children in poverty US 11,445,000 MS 154,000	17% 2019	16% 2023	↓ BETTER	28% 2019	23% 2023	↓ BETTER
Children whose parents lack secure employment US 18,437,000 MS 209,000	26% 2019	25% 2023	↓ BETTER	34% 2019	31% 2023	↓ BETTER
Children living in households with a high housing cost burden US 22,134,000 MS 166,000	30% 2019	30% 2023	= SAME	26% 2019	25% 2023	↓ BETTER
Teens not in school and not working US 1,168,000 MS 15,000	6% 2019	7% 2023	↑ WORSE	10% 2019	8% 2023	↓ BETTER

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EDUCATION

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	UNITED STATES			MISSISSIPPI		
Young children (ages 3 and 4) not in school US 4,317,000 MS 37,000	52% 2014-18	54% 2019-23	↑ WORSE	48% 2014-18	50% 2019-23	↑ WORSE
Fourth graders not proficient in reading US N.A. MS N.A.	66% 2019	70% 2024	↑ WORSE	68% 2019	68% 2024	= SAME
Eighth graders not proficient in math US N.A. MS N.A.	67% 2019	73% 2024	↑ WORSE	76% 2019	78% 2024	↑ WORSE
High school students not graduating on time US N.A. MS N.A.	14% 2018-19	13% 2021-22	↓ BETTER	15% 2018-19	11% 2021-22	↓ BETTER

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HEALTH

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	UNITED STATES			MISSISSIPPI		
Low birth-weight babies US 308,263 MS 4,290	8.3% 2019	8.6% 2023	↑ WORSE	12.3% 2019	12.5% 2023	↑ WORSE
Children without health insurance US 4,155,000 MS 43,000	6% 2019	5% 2023	↓ BETTER	6% 2019	6% 2023	= SAME
Child and teen deaths per 100,000 US 22,841 MS 384	25 2019	29 2023	↑ WORSE	43 2019	53 2023	↑ WORSE
Children and teens (ages 10 to 17) who are overweight or obese US N.A. MS N.A.	31% 2018-19	31% 2022-23	= SAME	38% 2018-19	42% 2022-23	↑ WORSE

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY

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	UNITED STATES			MISSISSIPPI		
Children in single-parent families US 23,531,000 MS 277,000	34% 2019	34% 2023	= SAME	46% 2019	44% 2023	↓ BETTER
Children in families where the household head lacks a high school diploma US 7,998,000 MS 64,000	12% 2019	11% 2023	↓ BETTER	12% 2019	10% 2023	↓ BETTER
Children living in high-poverty areas US 5,546,000 MS 138,000	10% 2014-18	8% 2019-23	↓ BETTER	23% 2014-18	20% 2019-23	↓ BETTER
Teen births per 1,000 US 140,977 MS 2,596	17 2019	13 2023	↓ BETTER	29 2019	25 2023	↓ BETTER

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