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2025 KIDS COUNT® DATA PROFILE

# SOUTH CAROLINA



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## ECONOMIC WELL-BEING

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	UNITED STATES			SOUTH CAROLINA		
<b>Children in poverty</b> US 11,445,000   SC 215,000	17% 2019	16% 2023	↓ BETTER	20% 2019	19% 2023	↓ BETTER
<b>Children whose parents lack secure employment</b> US 18,437,000   SC 308,000	26% 2019	25% 2023	↓ BETTER	28% 2019	27% 2023	↓ BETTER
<b>Children living in households with a high housing cost burden</b> US 22,134,000   SC 299,000	30% 2019	30% 2023	= SAME	26% 2019	26% 2023	= SAME
<b>Teens not in school and not working</b> US 1,168,000   SC 23,000	6% 2019	7% 2023	↑ WORSE	8% 2019	8% 2023	= SAME

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## EDUCATION

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	UNITED STATES			SOUTH CAROLINA		
<b>Young children (ages 3 and 4) not in school</b> US 4,317,000   SC 67,000	52% 2014-18	54% 2019-23	↑ WORSE	54% 2014-18	56% 2019-23	↑ WORSE
<b>Fourth graders not proficient in reading</b> US N.A.   SC N.A.	66% 2019	70% 2024	↑ WORSE	68% 2019	68% 2024	= SAME
<b>Eighth graders not proficient in math</b> US N.A.   SC N.A.	67% 2019	73% 2024	↑ WORSE	71% 2019	76% 2024	↑ WORSE
<b>High school students not graduating on time</b> US N.A.   SC N.A.	14% 2018-19	13% 2021-22	↓ BETTER	19% 2018-19	16% 2021-22	↓ BETTER

N.A.: Not available

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> US 308,263   SC 5,750	8.3% 2019	8.6% 2023	↑ WORSE	9.8% 2019	10.0% 2023	↑ WORSE
<b>Children without health insurance</b> US 4,155,000   SC 74,000	6% 2019	5% 2023	↓ BETTER	6% 2019	6% 2023	= SAME
<b>Child and teen deaths per 100,000</b> US 22,841   SC 446	25 2019	29 2023	↑ WORSE	33 2019	36 2023	↑ WORSE
<b>Children and teens (ages 10 to 17) who are overweight or obese</b> US N.A.   SC N.A.	31% 2018-19	31% 2022-23	= SAME	37% 2018-19	34% 2022-23	↓ BETTER

## FAMILY AND COMMUNITY

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	UNITED STATES			SOUTH CAROLINA		
<b>Children in single-parent families</b> US 23,531,000   SC 394,000	34% 2019	34% 2023	= SAME	39% 2019	37% 2023	↓ BETTER
<b>Children in families where the household head lacks a high school diploma</b> US 7,998,000   SC 101,000	12% 2019	11% 2023	↓ BETTER	11% 2019	9% 2023	↓ BETTER
<b>Children living in high-poverty areas</b> US 5,546,000   SC 97,000	10% 2014-18	8% 2019-23	↓ BETTER	11% 2014-18	9% 2019-23	↓ BETTER
<b>Teen births per 1,000</b> US 140,977   SC 2,965	17 2019	13 2023	↓ BETTER	22 2019	17 2023	↓ BETTER

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