

2026 KIDS COUNT® DATA PROFILE

ALABAMA

OVERALL SCORE 435 BETTER	OVERALL RANK 42
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ECONOMIC WELL-BEING	SCORE	486 BETTER	RANK	40
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	UNITED STATES			ALABAMA		
Children in poverty US 11,117,000 AL 226,000	17% 2019	15% 2024	↓ BETTER	21% 2019	20% 2024	↓ BETTER
Children whose parents lack secure employment US 18,420,000 AL 312,000	26% 2019	25% 2024	↓ BETTER	31% 2019	28% 2024	↓ BETTER
Children living in households with a high housing cost burden US 22,385,000 AL 293,000	30% 2019	31% 2024	↑ WORSE	24% 2019	26% 2024	↑ WORSE
Teens not in school and not working US 1,218,000 AL 22,000	6% 2019	7% 2024	↑ WORSE	7% 2019	8% 2024	↑ WORSE

EDUCATION	SCORE	330 WORSE	RANK	37
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	UNITED STATES			ALABAMA		
Young children (ages 3 and 4) not in school US 4,277,000 AL 73,000	52% 2015-19	54% 2020-24	↑ WORSE	56% 2015-19	57% 2020-24	↑ WORSE
Fourth graders not proficient in reading US N.A. AL N.A.	66% 2019	70% 2024	↑ WORSE	72% 2019	72% 2024	STABLE
Eighth graders not proficient in math US N.A. AL N.A.	67% 2019	73% 2024	↑ WORSE	79% 2019	82% 2024	↑ WORSE
High school students not graduating on time US N.A. AL N.A.	14% 2018-19	13% 2023-24	↓ BETTER	8% 2018-19	10% 2023-24	↑ WORSE

N.A.: Not available

Note: Rankings show how states compare. Scores range from 0 (worst) to 1,000 (best) and reflect child well-being relative to a 2019 baseline; changes over time indicate progress or decline. Scores are not percentages or a finish line; higher scores indicate better outcomes.

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HEALTH	UNITED STATES			ALABAMA		SCORE	RANK
	2019	2024	TREND	2019	2024	458 STABLE	42
Low birth-weight babies US 308,966 AL 5,856	8.3%	8.5%	↑ WORSE	10.5%	10.1%	↓ BETTER	
Children without health insurance US 4,648,000 AL 52,000	6%	6%	STABLE	3%	4%	↑ WORSE	
Child and teen deaths per 100,000 US 21,189 AL 473	25	27	↑ WORSE	41	39	↓ BETTER	
Children and teens (ages 10 to 17) who are overweight or obese US N.A. AL N.A.	31%	30%	↓ BETTER	33%	33%	STABLE	

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY	UNITED STATES			ALABAMA		SCORE	RANK
	2019	2024	TREND	2019	2024	465 BETTER	46
Children in single-parent families US 23,472,000 AL 413,000	34%	34%	STABLE	40%	39%	↓ BETTER	
Children in families where the household head lacks a high school diploma US 7,868,000 AL 107,000	12%	11%	↓ BETTER	11%	9%	↓ BETTER	
Children living in high-poverty areas US 5,419,000 AL 129,000	9%	7%	↓ BETTER	12%	11%	↓ BETTER	
Teen births per 1,000 US 137,273 AL 3,287	17	13	↓ BETTER	26	19	↓ BETTER	

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