



Children in South Carolina

1,023,504 children live in South Carolina

- A child in South Carolina is abused or neglected every 49 minutes**
- A child in South Carolina is born into poverty every 50 minutes**
- A child in South Carolina dies before his or her first birthday every 18 hours**
- A child or teen in South Carolina is killed by gunfire every week**

South Carolina Rankings*

- South Carolina ranks 35th among states in per pupil expenditures.
 - South Carolina ranks 37th among states in the percent of children who are poor.
 - South Carolina ranks 45th among states in the percent of babies born to mothers who received early prenatal care.
 - South Carolina ranks 46th among states in infant mortality.
 - South Carolina ranks 48th among states in percent of babies born at low birthweight.
- [*1st represents the best state for children and 51st represents the worst state for children.]

Child Poverty in South Carolina

Number of poor children	189,796
Percent of children who are poor	19.9%
Number of adults and children receiving cash assistance from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	46,346
Maximum monthly TANF cash assistance for a family of three	\$205

Child Hunger in South Carolina

Number of children who receive food stamps	191,370
Percent of eligible persons who receive food stamps	61%
Number of children in School Lunch Program	469,483
Number of women and children receiving WIC (Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children)	109,575

Early Childhood Development in South Carolina

Percent of children under age six with all parents in the labor force	65.1%
Number of children served by Head Start	12,248
Number of children served by the Child Care and Development Block Grant	20,300
Average annual cost of child care for a four-year-old in a center	\$3,900

Child Welfare in South Carolina

Number of children who were victims of abuse and neglect	10,738
Number of children in foster care	4,818
Number of children adopted from foster care	340
Number of grandparents raising their grandchildren	53,788

Education in South Carolina

Amount spent per pupil in public school	\$6,130
Percent of fourth graders reading below grade level	74%
Percent of fourth graders below grade level in math	68%
Average class size in public elementary schools	17.8
Average class size in public secondary schools	22.4

Child Health in South Carolina

Number of children without health insurance	92,000
Percent of children without health insurance	8.9%
Percent of two-year-olds who are not fully immunized	21.2%

Youth At Risk in South Carolina

Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds who are not enrolled in school and are not high school graduates	11.4%
High school completion rate	85.1%
Percent of 16- to 19-year-olds who are unemployed	18.2%
Number of juveniles arrested	15,696
Number of children and teens in juvenile or adult correctional facilities	2,232
Number of children and teens killed by firearms: 20 homicides; 15 suicides; 6 accidents; and 1 undetermined	42

GET INVOLVED: CDF and our partners in South Carolina offer a variety of projects, which individuals, organizations and congregations can initiate at the local level to improve the lives of children. CDF provides training and/or ongoing technical assistance for many of these projects.

The Dodd-Miller comprehensive **Act to Leave No Child Behind** (S. 448/H.R. 936) will help provide all children a *Healthy Start*, a *Head Start*, a *Fair Start*, a *Safe Start*, and a *Moral Start* in life and successful passage to adulthood with the help of caring families and communities. For more information on how the Act to Leave No Child Behind will help children in your state, and how your Representatives and Senators vote for children, please visit www.cdfactioncouncil.org.

Compiled from the most up-to-date data available.

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