

Mississippi County

County Seat: Charleston

County
Composite
Rank

2014
110

2018
109

Population: 13,799

| Outcome Measures | Number | | Rate | | Trend | Rank | |
|--|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------------|-------------|
| | 2012 | 2016 | 2012 | 2016 | | State Rate | County Rank |
| Economic Well-Being | | | | | | | |
| Children under 18 in poverty | 1,197 | 1,006 | 38.4% | 34.7% | ↑ | 19.2% | 102 |
| Food insecurity for children ^b | 830 | 820 | 26.2% | 25.7% | ↑ | 18.6% | 107 |
| Health | | | | | | | |
| Low birthweight infants ^{a,c} | 111 | 92 | 12.1% | 11.8% | ↑ | 8.2% | 113 |
| Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^{b,d} | 54 | 44 | 17.1 | 14.3 | ↑ | 7.2 | 109 |
| Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^{b,d} | 29 | 39 | 9.2 | 12.7 | ↓ | 9.2 | 112 |
| Family & Community | | | | | | | |
| Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000) | 30 | 14 | 82.6 | 37.6 | ↑ | 23.3 | 89 |
| Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a | 32 | 13 | 10.0 | 4.4 | ↑ | 4.2 | 44 |
| Education | | | | | | | |
| Graduation rate | 136 | 158 | 87.7% | 99.4% | ↑ | 91.5% | 9 |
| Achievement proficiency ^{a,e} | | | | | | | |
| 3rd grade English/Language Arts (MAP) | 62 | 80 | 39.2% | 46.0% | | 60.7% | |
| 8th grade English/Language Arts (MAP) | 71 | 74 | 42.0% | 46.3% | | 59.3% | |
| 4th grade Math (MAP) | 69 | 51 | 42.3% | 29.8% | | 52.6% | |
| Algebra I (End of Course exam) | 61 | 92 | 42.4% | 66.2% | | 66.2% | |

Trend: ↑ better ↓ worse → no change

^a Outcome not included in County Composite Rank.

^b Data based on 2011 and 2015.

^c Data based on 5-year time spans, 2007-2011 and 2012-2016.

^d If no number is listed, the count is suppressed by DHSS for confidentiality purposes.

^e Achievement proficiency measures those that scored proficient or above on the MAP tests and Algebra I End of Course exam. Comparisons between 2012 and 2016 data should be treated with caution due to differences in testing standards; accordingly, no trend arrows or county ranks are shown.

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Contextual Indicators

Demographics

| | | |
|--|-----------|--------|
| Total population | 2012 | 14,298 |
| | 2016 | 13,799 |
| Child population under 18 | 2012 | 3,197 |
| | 2016 | 2,957 |
| Children under 18 as % of total population | 2012 | 22.4% |
| | 2016 | 21.4% |
| Child population under 6 | 2012 | 1,114 |
| | 2016 | 901 |
| Children under 6 as % of total population | 2012 | 7.8% |
| | 2016 | 6.5% |
| Minority child population under 18 | 2012 | 975 |
| | 2016 | 919 |
| Minority child population under 18 as % of child population | 2012 | 30.5% |
| | 2016 | 31.1% |
| Minority child population under 6 | 2012 | 360 |
| | 2016 | 301 |
| Minority child population under 6 as % of child population | 2012 | 32.3% |
| | 2016 | 33.4% |
| Children in single-parent families | 2007-2011 | 45.7% |
| | 2012-2016 | 50.7% |
| Children in married-parent families | 2007-2011 | 53.6% |
| | 2012-2016 | 48.9% |

Economic Well-being

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|---|-----------|----------|
| Children in poverty under 6 | 2007-2011 | 33.2% |
| | 2012-2016 | 40.2% |
| Children in poverty, ages 5-17 | 2007-2011 | 38.4% |
| | 2012-2016 | 30.4% |
| Housing cost-burdened households | 2007-2011 | 27.2% |
| | 2012-2016 | 25.3% |
| Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level | 2007-2011 | 70.6% |
| | 2012-2016 | 63.4% |
| Children in families receiving SNAP | 2012 | 70.0% |
| | 2016 | 62.6% |
| Median income family household with children under 18 | 2007-2011 | \$27,232 |
| | 2012-2016 | \$31,393 |
| Adult unemployment | 2012 | 8.4% |
| | 2016 | 6.6% |
| Child homelessness | 2012 | 0.0% |
| | 2016 | 0.0% |

Education

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|---|------|-------|
| Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000) | 2012 | 77.6 |
| | 2017 | 67.0 |
| Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity | 2012 | — |
| | 2017 | 0.0% |
| School attendance, grades K-12 | 2012 | 94.7% |
| | 2016 | 94.8% |

Family & Community

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| Teen unintentional injuries/ homicides/suicides (per 100,000) | 2007-2011 | 0.0 |
| | 2012-2016 | 67.6 |
| Single parent head-of-house- hold with children under 18 | 2007-2011 | 13.2% |
| | 2012-2016 | 13.1% |
| Juvenile law violation referrals (per 1,000) | 2012 | 135.2 |
| | 2016 | 45.5 |
| Annual high school dropout rate | 2012 | 2.6% |
| | 2016 | 0.3% |
| Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000) | 2012 | 6.9 |
| | 2016 | 6.4 |
| Children living in high poverty areas | 2007-2011 | 35.5% |
| | 2012-2016 | 35.1% |

Health

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| Infant mortality (per 1,000) | 2007-2011 | 6.5 |
| | 2012-2016 | 16.6 |
| Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000) | 2007-2011 | 13.2 |
| | 2012-2016 | 18.9 |
| Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000) | 2007-2011 | 15.2 |
| | 2012-2016 | 14.8 |
| Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000) | 2007-2011 | 0.0 |
| | 2012-2016 | 43.5 |
| Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^a | 2007-2011 | % |
| | 2012-2016 | % |
| Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^b | 2006-2010 | |
| | 2011-2015 | |
| Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000) | 2006-2010 | 94.2 |
| | 2011-2015 | 82.1 |
| Uninsured children | 2011 | 7.6% |
| | 2015 | 6.5% |
| School attendance, grades 9-12 | 2012 | 92.8% |
| | 2016 | 93.6% |

^a If no % listed, no vehicle fatalities happened in the county during that period.

^b If no rate listed, rate is suppressed for confidentiality purposes.