

Mississippi County

County Composite Rank

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County Seat: Charleston

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2013	2017	2013	2017		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	1,614	1,059	51.6%	37.8%	↑	18.5%	112
Food insecurity for children ^b	710	830	22.5%	26.2%	↓	17.4%	113
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a,c}	114	94	12.4%	12.6%	↓	8.4%	115
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^b	75	27	23.5	9.1	↑	7.1	94
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	22	31	6.9	10.5	↓	8.0	112
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	29	19	82.4	52.8	↑	22.5	114
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	18	32	5.7	11.1	↓	3.3	110
Education							
Graduation rate	114	118	89.1%	97.5%	↑	91.0%	13
Achievement proficiency ^{a,d}							
3rd grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		71		44.7%		62.2%	
8th grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		89		62.2%		60.4%	
4th grade Math (MAP)		67		40.4%		53.9%	

Trend: ↑ better ↓ worse → no change

^a Outcome not included in County Composite Rank.

^b Data based on 2012 and 2016.

^c Data based on 5-year time spans, 2008-2012 and 2013-2017.

^d Achievement proficiency measures those that scored proficient or above on the MAP tests. Achievement data from 2013 is not shown due to differences in testing standards and assessments used in 2017; accordingly, no trend arrows or county ranks are shown.

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Contextual Indicators

Demographics			Education		
Total population	2013	14,282	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2013	75.4
	2017	13,586		2018	65.5
Child population under 18	2013	3,172	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2013	—
	2017	2,872		2018	0.0%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2013	22.3%	School attendance, grades K-12	2013	94.3%
	2017	21.1%		2018	94.4%
Child population under 6	2013	1,129	Family & Community		
	2017	841	Teen unintentional injuries/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2008-2012	0.0
Children under 6 as % of total population	2013	7.9%		2013-2017	68.7
	2017	6.2%	Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2008-2012	10.6%
Minority child population under 18	2013	997		2013-2017	15.7%
	2017	904	Juvenile law violation referrals (per 1,000)	2013	52.9
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2013	31.3%		2017	40.8
	2017	31.5%	Annual high school dropout rate	2013	0.5%
Minority child population under 6	2013	363		2017	1.0%
	2017	281	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2013	10.7
Minority child population under 6 as % of child population	2013	32.2%		2017	18.5
	2017	33.4%	Health		
Children in single-parent families	2008-2012	41.1%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2008-2012	12.0
	2013-2017	54.1%		2013-2017	14.7
Children in married-parent families	2008-2012	58.7%	Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2008-2012	12.8
	2013-2017	44.8%		2013-2017	19.5
Economic Well-being			Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2008-2012	15.2
Children in poverty under 6	2013	50.0%		2013-2017	15.3
	2017	42.2%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2008-2012	0.0
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2013	49.9%		2013-2017	42.9
	2017	34.3%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^a	2008-2012	%
Housing cost-burdened households	2008-2012	28.7%		2013-2017	%
	2013-2017	28.7%	Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^b	2007-2011	21.8**
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2008-2012	68.3%		2012-2016	27.8*
	2013-2017	68.4%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2007-2011	98.0
Children in families receiving SNAP	2013	65.9%		2012-2016	86.2
	2017	61.2%	Uninsured children	2012	7.1%
Median income family household with children under 18	2008-2012	\$31,475		2016	5.0%
	2013-2017	\$26,766	School attendance, grades 9-12	2013	92.4%
Adult unemployment	2013	8.2%		2017	93.3%
	2017	5.1%			
Child homelessness	2013	0.0%			
	2017	0.0%			

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

^b * Indicates unstable rate due to low count (< 20 cases); ** indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (< 5 cases).