

Mississippi County

County Seat: Charleston

County
Composite
Rank

2016
110

2020
110

Population: 13,748

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2014	2018	2014	2018		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	1,249	968	40.1%	35.3%	↑	18.3%	107
Food insecurity for children ^b	850	830	27.0%	27%	→	17.5%	115
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a,c}	112	89	12.5%	11.9%	↑	8.5%	113
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^{b,c}	56	23	17.9	8.0	↑	7.1	85
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	16	24	5.1	8.4	↓	7.5	110
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	27	13	79.6	36.3	↑	21.6	93
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	15	29	4.7	10.3	↓	4.0	99
Education							
High school graduation	134	117	93.7%	96.7%	↑	91.3%	19
Achievement proficiency ^{a,d}							
3rd grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		54		35.5%		48.6%	
8th grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		61		38.6%		49.0%	
4th grade Math (MAP)		45		30.0%		45.8%	
Algebra I (End of Course exam)		46		26.0%		47.0%	

Trend: ↑ better ↓ worse → no change

^a Outcome not included in County Composite Rank.

^b Data based on 2013 and 2017.

^c Data based on 5-year time spans, 2009-2013 and 2014-2018.

^d Achievement proficiency measures those that scored proficient or above on the MAP tests and Algebra I End of Course exam. Achievement data from 2014 are not shown due to differences in testing standards and assessments used in 2018; accordingly, no trend arrows or county ranks are shown.

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Contextual Indicators

Demographics

Total population	2014	14,232
	2018	13,748
Child population under 18	2014	3,225
	2018	2,804
Children under 18 as % of total population	2014	22.2%
	2018	21.9%
Child population under 6	2014	1,102
	2018	825
Children under 6 as % of total population	2014	7.7%
	2018	6.2%
Minority child population under 18	2014	987
	2018	837
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2014	31.2%
	2018	29.9%
Minority child population under 6	2014	348
	2018	257
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population	2014	31.6%
	2018	31.2%
Children in single-parent families	2009-2013	43.8%
	2014-2018	48.4%
Children in married-parent families	2009-2013	55.6%
	2014-2018	50.0%

Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2014	42.1%
	2018	38.3%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2009-2013	39.5%
	2014-2018	32.6%
Housing cost-burdened households	2009-2013	31.5%
	2014-2018	31.1%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2009-2013	69.4%
	2014-2018	65.0%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2014	63.1%
	2018	59.3%
Median income family household with children under 18	2009-2013	\$30,978
	2014-2018	\$30,956
Adult unemployment	2014	7.3%
	2018	3.8%
Child homelessness	2014	0.0%
	2018	0.5%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2014	79.0
	2019	69.5
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2014	—
	2019	0.0%
School attendance, grades K-12	2014	94.4%
	2018	94.5%

Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2009-2013	24.7
	2014-2018	44.2
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2009-2013	11.5%
	2014-2018	14.0%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2014	74.2
	2018	35.9
Annual high school dropout rate	2014	0.9%
	2018	0.9%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2014	9.2
	2018	11.4

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2009-2013	11.2
	2014-2018	17.4
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2009-2013	12.8
	2014-2018	19.9
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2009-2013	7.5
	2014-2018	7.0
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2009-2013	42.6
	2014-2018	84.2
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^a	2009-2013	%
	2014-2018	%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^b	2008-2012	24.8*
	2013-2017	10.4**
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2008-2012	70.4
	2013-2017	86.4
Uninsured children	2013	6.6%
	2017	5.3%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2014	92.8%
	2018	93.6%

^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)