

# Mississippi County

County Seat: Charleston

County  
Composite  
Rank

2018  
**109**

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**93**

2022

Population: 13,328

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2016	2020	2016	2020		State Rate	County Rank
<b>Economic Well-Being</b>							
Children under 18 in poverty	1,006	857	34.7%	32%	↑	15.5%	109
Food insecurity for children <sup>b</sup>	820	690	25.7%	24.1%	↑	15.1%	106
<b>Health</b>							
Low birthweight infants <sup>a,c</sup>	94	90	11.3%	12%	↓	8.7%	113
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) <sup>c</sup>	44	15	14.3	5.5	↑	7.1	46
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) <sup>b</sup>	39	14	12.7	5.1	↑	6.2	94
<b>Family &amp; Community</b>							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	14	8	37.6	22.9	↑	18.8	62
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) <sup>a</sup>	13	5	4.4	1.8	↑	3.2	12
<b>Education</b>							
High school graduation	158	135	99.4%	88.8%	↓	91.3%	104
Achievement proficiency <sup>a,d</sup>							
3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)							
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)							
4th grade math (MAP)							
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)							

Trend: ↑ better ↓ worse → no change

<sup>a</sup> Outcome not included in County Composite Rank.

<sup>b</sup> Data based on 2015 and 2019.

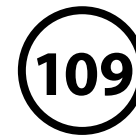
<sup>c</sup> Data based on five-year time spans, 2011-2015 and 2016-2020.

<sup>d</sup> Due to the COVID pandemic, MAP tests were suspended in 2020, and proficiency reports were not issued for the 2019-2020 school year.

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## Contextual Indicators

### Demographics

Total population	2016	13,799
	2020	13,328
Child population under 18	2016	2,957
	2020	2,744
Children under 18 as % of total population	2016	21.4%
	2020	21.6%
Child population under 6	2016	901
	2020	851
Children under 6 as % of total population	2016	6.5%
	2020	6.7%
Minority child population under 18	2016	919
	2020	863
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2016	31.1%
	2020	31.5%
Minority child population under 6	2016	301
	2020	277
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population	2016	33.4%
	2020	32.5%
Children in single-parent families	2011-2015	50.7%
	2016-2020	34.1%
Children in married-parent families	2011-2015	48.9%
	2016-2020	56.9%

### Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2016	40.2%
	2020	34%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2011-2015	38%
	2016-2020	30.5%
Housing cost-burdened households	2011-2015	33.2%
	2016-2020	30.8%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2011-2015	69.2%
	2016-2020	61.1%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2016	62.6%
	2020	56.6%
Median income family household with children under 18	2011-2015	\$28,143
	2016-2020	\$32,033
Adult unemployment	2016	6.6%
	2020	5.3%
Child homelessness	2016	0%
	2020	4.1%

### Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2016	67
	2021	68.5
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2016	0%
	2021	—%
School attendance, grades K-12	2016	94.8%
	2020	93.9%

### Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2011-2015	52.2
	2016-2020	56.2
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2011-2015	13.06%
	2016-2020	10.58%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2016	45.5
	2020	30.4
Annual high school dropout rate	2016	0.3%
	2020	1.4%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2016	6.4
	2020	6.9

### Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2011-2015	15.7
	2016-2020	9.3
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2011-2015	19
	2016-2020	15.4
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2011-2015	16.5
	2016-2020	0
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2011-2015	49.2
	2016-2020	85.5
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 <sup>a</sup>	2011-2015	—%
	2016-2020	0%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) <sup>b</sup>	2010-2014	28.8
	2015-2019	23.8
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2010-2014	79.6
	2015-2019	85.1
Uninsured children	2015	6.5%
	2019	6.1%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2016	93.6%
	2020	92.8%

<sup>a</sup> If no % listed, no vehicle fatalities happened in the county during that period.

<sup>b</sup> \*Indicates unstable rate due to low count (<20 cases); \*\* indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (<5 cases).