

Mississippi County

County
Composite
Rank

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County Seat: Charleston

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2017	2021	2017	2021		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	1,059	781	37.8%	29.3%	↑	16.5%	101
Food insecurity for children ^b	830	710	26.2%	24.7%	↑	15.4%	106
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a, c}	92	83	11.8%	11.3%	↑	8.8%	110
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^c	27	16	9.1	5.9	↑	5.0	92
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	31	15	10.5	5.5	↑	3.6	110
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	19	14	52.8	40.6	↑	17.0	106
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	32	19	11.1	7.0	↑	3.0	95
Education							
High school graduation	118	117	97.5%	88.6%	↓	90.8%	100
Achievement proficiency ^{a, d}							
3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	—	31	—	26.1		41.4%	113
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	—	56	—	36.1		44.9%	93
4th grade math (MAP)	—	32	—	26.9		36.8%	105
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	—	6	—	3.9		26.8%	114

Trend: ↑ better ↓ worse → no change

^a Outcome not included in County Composite Rank.

^b Data based on 2016 and 2020.

^c Data based on five-year time spans, 2012-2016 and 2017-2021.

^d Achievement proficiency measures those that scored proficient or above on the MAP tests and algebra I end-of-course exam. Achievement data from 2017 are not shown due to differences in testing standards and assessments used in 2021; accordingly, no trend arrows are shown.

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Contextual Indicators

Demographics			Education		
Total population	2017	13,586	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2017	65.5
	2020	12,538		2022	68.8
Child population under 18	2017	2,872	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2017	0.0%
	2021	2,732		2022	%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2017	21.1%	School attendance, grades K-12	2017	94.4
	2021	21.8%		2021	93.9
Child population under 6	2017	841	Family & Community		
	2021	853	Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2012-2016	67.6
Children under 6 as % of total population	2017	6.2%		2017-2021	78.9
	2021	6.8%	Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2012-2016	19.2%
Minority child population under 18 ^a	2017	904		2017-2021	17.5%
	2021	885	Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2017	40.8
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population ^a	2017	31.5%		2021	55.3
	2021	32.4%	Annual high school dropout rate	2017	1.0%
Minority child population under 6 ^a	2017	281		2021	2.7%
	2021	275	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2017	18.5
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population ^a	2017	33.4%		2021	6.2
	2021	32.2%	Health		
Children in single-parent families	2012-2016	54.1%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2012-2016	16.6
	2017-2021	36.8%		2017-2021	12.2
Children in married-parent families	2012-2016	44.8%	Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2012-2016	18.9
	2017-2021	54.5%		2017-2021	23.2
Economic Well-being			Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2012-2016	14.8
Children in poverty under 6	2017	42.2%		2017-2021	0.0
	2021	29.6%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2012-2016	43.5
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2012-2016	34.3%		2017-2021	117.9
	2017-2021	28.5%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^b	2012-2016	—%
Housing cost-burdened households	2012-2016	28.7%		2017-2021	—%
	2017-2021	27.4%	Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^c	2011-2015	23.3**
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2012-2016	68.4%		2016-2020	28.2**
	2017-2021	61.5%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2011-2015	85.1
Children in families receiving SNAP	2017	61.2%		2016-2020	105.2
	2021	54.5%	Uninsured children	2016	5.0%
Median income family household with children under 18	2012-2016	\$26,766		2020	7.3%
	2017-2021	\$38,750	School attendance, grades 9-12	2017	93.3%
Adult unemployment	2017	5.1%		2021	92.6%
	2021	4.7%	^a Due to changes in race categories, 2001 and later minority estimates are not comparable to pre-2001 counts and percentages.		
Child homelessness	2017	0.0%	^b If no % listed, no vehicle fatalities happened in the county during that period.		
	2021	3.9%	^c *Indicates unstable rate due to low count (<20 cases); ** indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (<5 cases).		