

Mississippi County

County
Composite
Rank

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County Seat: Charleston

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2018	2022	2018	2022		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	968	915	35.3%	35.2%	↑	16.8%	112
Food insecurity for children ^b	830	690	27.0%	24.8%	↑	12.8%	113
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a, c}	94	80	12.6%	10.8%	↑	8.9%	110
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^c	23	10	8.0	3.8	↑	6.3	22
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	24	27	8.4	10.1	↓	5.1	114
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	13	14	36.3	42.3	↓	16.8	114
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	29	16	10.3	6.0	↑	2.7	87
Education							
High school graduation	117	116	96.7%	87.2%	↓	91.2%	110
Achievement proficiency ^{a, d}							
3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	54	28	35.5	21.5		41.0%	113
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	61	39	38.6	28.3		41.9%	110
4th grade math (MAP)	45	34	30.0	27.4		43.0%	110
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	46	34	26.0	19.1		41.2%	110

Trend: ↑ better ↓ worse → no change

^a Outcome not included in County Composite Rank.

^b Data based on 2017 and 2021.

^c Data based on five-year time spans, 2013-2017 and 2018-2022.

^d Achievement proficiency measures those that scored proficient or above on the MAP tests and algebra I end-of-course exam. Achievement data from 2018 are not shown due to differences in testing standards and assessments used in 2022; accordingly, no trend arrows are shown.

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Contextual Indicators

Demographics			Education		
Total population	2018	13,748	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2018	69.5
	2021	11,688		2023	70.6
Child population under 18	2018	2,804	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2018	0.0%
	2022	2,663		2023	0.0%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2018	21.9%	School attendance, grades K-12	2018	94.5
	2022	22.8%		2022	92.3
Child population under 6	2018	825	Family & Community		
	2022	862	Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2017	68.7
Children under 6 as % of total population	2018	6.2%		2018-2022	100.0
	2022	7.4%	Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2013-2017	15.7%
Minority child population under 18 ^a	2018	837		2018-2022	18.5%
	2022	909	Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2018	35.9
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population ^a	2018	29.9%		2022	60.4
	2022	34.1%	Annual high school dropout rate	2018	0.9%
Minority child population under 6 ^a	2018	257		2022	1.6%
	2022	302	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2018	11.4
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population ^a	2018	31.2%		2022	7.5
	2022	35.0%	Health		
Children in single-parent families	2013-2017	54.1%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2017	14.7
	2018-2022	38.6%		2018-2022	10.8
Children in married-parent families	2013-2017	44.8%	Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	19.5
	2018-2022	52.6%		2018-2022	39.7
Economic Well-being			Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	15.3
Children under 6 in families in poverty	2018	38.3%		2018-2022	0.0
	2022	28.2%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	42.9
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2018	32.6%		2018-2022	206.2
	2022	34.4%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^b	2013-2017	—%
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2017	28.7%		2018-2022	50.0%
	2018-2022	30.5%	Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^c	2012-2016	27.8*
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2013-2017	68.4%		2017-2021	36.1*
	2018-2022	57.5%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2016	86.2
Children in families receiving SNAP	2018	59.3%		2017-2021	102.6
	2022	56.1%	Uninsured children	2017	5.3%
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2017	\$\$26,766		2021	6.9%
	2018-2022	\$\$43,571	School attendance, grades 9-12	2018	93.6%
Adult unemployment	2018	3.8%		2022	90.5%
	2022	3.2%	^a Due to changes in race categories, 2001 and later minority estimates are not comparable to pre-2001 counts and percentages. ^b If no % listed, no vehicle fatalities occurred during the period. ^c *Indicates unstable rate due to low count (<20 cases); ** indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (<5 cases).		
Child homelessness	2018	0.5%			
	2022	4.2%			