Mississippi County

County Seat: Charleston

Population: 11,822

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2019	2023	2019	2023		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	920	731	34.4%	28.1%	⬆	14.7%	107
Food insecurity for children [a]	680	850	22.5%	31.0%	⬇	18.7%	114
Health							
Low birthweight infants [b]	75	74	12.5%	10.3%	⬆	8.9%	107
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) [b]	13	15	4.7	5.6	⬇	7.1	46
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) [a]	20	16	7.3	6.0	⬆	5.5	107
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	21	21	61.9	63.1	⬇	15.9	115
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000)	14	5	5.1	1.9	⬆	2.9	22
Education							
High school graduation	146	115	96.1%	91.2%	⬇	91.3%	92
Achievement proficiency 3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	53	32	35.1%	26.9%	⬇	42.2%	111
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	54	29	34.6%	22.8%	⬇	42.3%	113
4th grade math (MAP)	24	30	17.3%	23.1%	⬆	43.7%	112
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	28	16	15.9%	13.7%	⬇	40.1%	115

[a] Data based on 2018 and 2022.
[b] Data based on five-year time spans, 2013-2018 and 2019-2023.

Trend: ⬆ better ⬇ worse ➔ no change

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Contextual Indicators

Demographics

Total population	2019	13,180
	2022	11,822
Child population under 18	2019	2,744
	2023	2,669
Children under 18 as % of total population	2019	20.8%
	2023	22.6%
Child population under 6	2019	820
	2023	889
Children under 6 as % of total population	2019	6.2%
	2023	7.5%
Minority child population under 18 [a]	2019	828
	2023	885
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population [a]	2019	30.2%
	2023	33.2%
Minority child population under 6 [a]	2019	259
	2023	289
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population [a]	2019	31.6%
	2023	32.5%
Children in single-parent families	2013-2018	48.4%
	2019-2023	39.4%
Children in married-parent families	2013-2018	50.0%
	2019-2023	50.2%

Economic Well-being

Children under 6 in families in poverty	2019	41.7%
	2023	41.7%
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2019	31.9%
	2023	26.6%
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2018	31.1%
	2019-2023	28.5%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2013-2018	65.0%
	2019-2023	55.4%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2019	57.5%
	2023	54.4%
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2018	$30,956
	2019-2023	$48,059
Adult unemployment	2019	4.1%
	2023	3.8%
Child homelessness	2019	1.6%
	2023	4.0%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2019	69.5
	2024	70.4
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2019	%
	2024	0.0%
School attendance, grades K-12	2019	94.3
	2023	92.4

Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/ homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2018	44.2
	2019-2023	108.0
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2013-2018	14.0%
	2019-2023	21.2%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2019	26.6
	2023	45.6
Annual high school dropout rate	2019	0.9%
	2023	1.8%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2019	11.7
	2023	3.0

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2018	17.4
	2019-2023	9.7
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2018	19.9
	2019-2023	23.7
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2013-2018	7.0
	2019-2023	0.0
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2018	84.2
	2019-2023	123.5
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 [b]	2013-2018	%
	2019-2023	50.0%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) [c]	2012-2017	10.4**
	2018-2022	35.9*
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2017	86.4
	2018-2022	10.2
Uninsured children	2018	6.3%
	2022	8.1%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2019	93.5%
	2023	91.6%

[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).