

Mississippi County

County Seat: Charleston

Population: 11,750

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2020	2024	2020	2024		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	857	726	32.0%	27.8%	↑	15.3%	107
Food insecurity for children ^a	690	840	24.1%	31.1%	↓	18.1%	114
Health^b							
Low birthweight infants ^c	90	73	12.0%	10.4%	↑	8.9%	108
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^a	14	8	5.1	3.0	↑	5.4	61
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	8	14	22.9	41.8	↓	15.9	111
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000)	5	18	1.8	6.7	↓	2.9	98
Education							
High school graduation	135	115	88.8%	90.6%	↑	92.1%	97
Achievement proficiency 3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	80	29	46.0%	26.9%	↓	41.6%	111
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	74	30	46.3%	22.6%	↓	42.1%	111
4th grade math (MAP)	51	32	29.8%	26.4%	↓	44.5%	108
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	92	12	66.2%	7.6%	↓	41.5%	115

Trend: ↑ better ↓ worse → no change

Notes:

^aData based on 2019 and 2023.

^b"Preventable Hospitalizations for All Causes for Children Under 18" was discontinued as a MOPHIMS indicator in 2023.

^cData based on five-year time spans, 2015-2019 and 2020-2024.

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Contextual Indicators

Demographics			Education		
Total population	2020	13,328	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2020	68.5
	2023	11,750		2025	78.5
Child population under 18	2020	2,744	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2020	—%
	2024	2,676		2025	—%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2020	21.6%	School attendance, grades K-12	2020	93.9
	2024	22.8%		2024	92.4
Child population under 6	2020	851	Family & Community		
	2024	921	Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2019	56.2
Children under 6 as % of total population	2020	6.7%		2020-2024	141.8
	2024	7.8%	Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2013-2019	10.6%
Minority child population under 18	2020	863		2020-2024	16.7%
	2024	900	Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2020	30.4
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2020	31.5%		2024	46.5
	2024	33.6%	Annual high school dropout rate	2020	1.4%
Minority child population under 6	2020	277		2024	1.0%
	2024	314	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2020	6.9
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population	2020	32.5%		2024	2.2
	2024	34.1%	Health		
Children in single-parent families	2013-2019	34.1%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2019	9.3
	2020-2024	38.7%		2020-2024	11.4
Children in married-parent families	2013-2019	56.9%	Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2019	15.4
	2020-2024	56.9%		2020-2024	31.7
Economic Well-being			Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2013-2019	0.0
Children under 6 in families in poverty	2020	34.0%		2020-2024	9.7
	2024	29.4%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2019	85.5
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2020	30.5%		2020-2024	131.0
	2024	28.7%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^b	2013-2019	0.0%
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2019	30.8%		2020-2024	50.0%
	2020-2024	25.3%	Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^c	2012-2018	23.8
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2013-2019	61.1%		2019-2023	21.6**
	2020-2024	50.0%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2018	85.1
Children in families receiving SNAP	2020	56.6%		2019-2023	113.2
	2024	52.5%	Uninsured children	2019	6.1%
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2019	\$32,033		2023	9.5%
	2020-2024	\$64,159	School attendance, grades 9-12	2020	92.8%
Adult unemployment ^a	2020	5.3%		2024	91.8%
	2023	3.8%	^a There will be a delay in the release of 2024 annual unemployment statistics until after April 10, 2026.		
Child homelessness	2020	4.1%	^b If no % listed, no vehicle fatalities occurred during the period.		
	2024	4.1%	^c *Indicates unstable rate due to low count (<20 cases); ** indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (<5 cases).		