

SOUTH CAROLINA'S CHILDREN

South Carolina's Children At a Glance¹

State Population ²	4,679,230	Poverty Rate, Children Under 18 ⁵	27.8%
Population, Children Under 18 ³	1,082,013	Poverty Rate, Children Ages 5–17 ⁶	25.5%
State Poverty Rate ⁴	18.9%	Poverty Rate, Children Under 5 ⁷	32.8%

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT

- In 2011, South Carolina had 27,837 total referrals for child abuse and neglect. Of those, 17,444 reports were referred for investigation.⁸
- In 2011, 11,324 children were victims of abuse or neglect in South Carolina, a rate of 10.5 per 1,000 children, representing a 7.7% decrease from 2010. Of these children, 68.5% were neglected, 38.4% were physically abused, and 5.6% were sexually abused.⁹
- The number of child victims has decreased 11.3% in comparison to the number of victims in 2007.¹⁰
- In 2011, 15 children in South Carolina died as a result of abuse or neglect.¹¹
- In 2011, 3,821 children in South Carolina lived apart from their families in out-of-home care, compared with 4,485 children in 2010. In 2011, 1,303 of the children living apart from their families were age 5 or younger, and 485 were 16 or older.¹²
- The number of children living apart from their families in out-of-home care has decreased 26.0% in comparison to the number of children in out-of-home care in 2007.¹³
- Of South Carolina children in out-of-home care in 2011, 45.9% were white, 40.2% black, 5.0% Hispanic, 0.2% American Indian/Alaskan Native, 0.2% Asian or Pacific Islander and 7.5% of more than one race or ethnicity.¹⁴

ADOPTION, KINSHIP CARE, AND PERMANENT FAMILIES FOR CHILDREN

- Of the 3,533 children exiting out-of-home care in South Carolina in 2011, 46.8% were reunited with their parents or other family members.¹⁵
- In 2011, 588 children were legally adopted through the public child welfare agency in South Carolina, a 11.2% increase from 529 in 2010.¹⁶
- Of the 3,821 children in out-of-home care in 2011, 1,397 or 36.6% were waiting to be adopted.¹⁷
- In 2011, approximately 53,122 South Carolina grandparents had primary responsibility caring for their grandchildren.¹⁸
- Of the 3,821 children in out-of-home care in 2011, 249 were living with relatives while in care.¹⁹
- Of all South Carolina children in kinship care in 2010, 3.4% were white, 2.4% black, 0.3% Hispanic, 0.0% American Indian/Alaskan Native, 0.0% Asian or Pacific Islander, and 2.4% of more than one race or ethnicity.²⁰

CHILD POVERTY AND INCOME SUPPORT

- The total number of individuals receiving Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) in South Carolina decreased from 43,377 in 2010 to 41,994 in 2011, an decrease of 3.2%. The number of families receiving TANF in 2011 was 17,816, a 3.6% decrease from 2010.²¹
- From 2009-10, for every 100 South Carolina families living in poverty, only 17 received TANF benefits.²²
- In 2011, \$237,488,686 was spent in South Carolina on TANF assistance, including 16% on basic assistance, 0% on child

care, 1% on transportation, and 83% on nonassistance.²³

- In 2011, 75,361,907 was spent on WIC (the Special Supplement Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children) in South Carolina, serving 130,647 participants.²⁴
- In 2011, South Carolina distributed \$247,263,227 in child support funds, a 0.30% decrease from 2010.²⁵
- In 2011 in South Carolina, 128,215 low income renter households paid more than half their monthly income in housing costs, 34% of them are families with children.²⁶

CHILD CARE AND HEAD START

- In 2010, South Carolina had a monthly average of 19,600 children served by subsidized child care; 20,400 children received subsidized child care in 2009 and 21,300 in 2008.²⁷
- In 2012, to be eligible for subsidized child care in South Carolina, a family of three could make no more than \$27,795, which is equivalent to 52% of the state's median income.²⁸
- As of early 2012, South Carolina had no waiting list for child care assistance.²⁹
- In 2011, Head Start served 13,121 South Carolina children, a 7.6% increase from 2010.³⁰

HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE

- In 2011, 350,000 children younger than 19 were enrolled in Medicaid in South Carolina—51% of the total number of enrollees in the state.³¹
- In 2011, South Carolina had 72,084 children enrolled in its State Children's Health Insurance Program, a 1.8% decrease from 2010, when 73,438 children were enrolled.³²
- In 2011, South Carolina had 142,000 uninsured children, representing 13% of its child population.³³
- In 2010, 5,781 babies were born weighing less than 2,500 grams in South Carolina.³⁴
- In 2010, 397 infants under age 1 died in South Carolina.³⁵
- In 2010, the birth rate for teens 15–17 in South Carolina was 22 births per 1,000 girls; for teens 18–19, the rate was 69. This reflects a total rate of 43 births per 1,000 girls ages 15–19.³⁶
- Cumulative through 2011, 16,905 adults and adolescents, as well as 117 children younger than 13, were reported as having AIDS in South Carolina.³⁷
- In 2009 and 2010, an estimated 22,000 children ages 12–17 and 332,000 adults age 18 and older were dependent on or abusing illicit drugs or alcohol in South Carolina.³⁸

VULNERABLE YOUTH

- In 2011, 366 children aged out of out-of-home care—exited foster care to emancipation—in South Carolina.³⁹
- In 2011, 30,000 South Carolina teens ages 16–19 were not enrolled in school and were not working.⁴⁰
- In 2011, 98,000 young adults ages 18–24 were not enrolled in school, were not working, and had no degree beyond high school.⁴¹
- In 2009 and 2010, approximately 14,000 children ages 12–17 in South Carolina needed but had not received treatment for illicit drug use in the past year.⁴²
- In 2009 and 2010, approximately 14,000 children ages 12–17 needed but had not received treatment for alcohol use in the past year.⁴³
- In 2010, 29 South Carolina children younger than 20 committed suicide, a rate of 2.37 per 100,000 children.⁴⁴

JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION

- In 2010, 42 children under age 19 were killed by a firearm in South Carolina, a 31% decrease from 61 in 2009.⁴⁵
- In 2011, 15,796 children younger than 18 were arrested in South Carolina, a 18.0% decrease from 19,258 arrests in 2010. Of the arrests in 2011, 736 were for violent crimes.⁴⁶
- In 2010, 984 children lived in juvenile correction facilities in South Carolina.⁴⁷

CHILD WELFARE WORKFORCE⁴⁸

- A 2003 General Accounting Office (GAO) report documented that staff shortages, high caseloads, high worker turnover and low salaries impinge on delivering services to achieve safety, permanence, and well being for children.⁴⁹
- The federal Child and Family Service Reviews have clearly demonstrated that the more time a caseworker spends with a child and family, the better the outcomes for those children and families.⁵⁰
- According to the 2003 GAO report, the average caseload for child welfare/foster care caseworkers is 24–31 children; these high caseloads contribute to high worker turnover and insufficient services being provided to children and families. CWLA recommends that foster care caseworkers have caseloads of 12–15 children.⁵¹

FUNDING CHILD WELFARE SERVICES FOR SOUTH CAROLINA'S CHILDREN

- Out of 3,821 children in out-of-home care in South Carolina in 2011, only 2,069, or 54%, received Title IV-E federal foster care assistance.⁵²
- In 2010, South Carolina spent \$250,363,911 for child welfare services. Of this amount, \$164,107,906 was from federal funds, \$79,976,354 from state funds, and \$6,279,651 from local funds.⁵³
- In 2010, of the \$164,107,906 in federal funds received for child welfare, \$55,176,762 was from Title IV-E Foster Care and Adoption Assistance, \$13,940,879 came from Title IV-B Child Welfare Services and Promoting Safe and Stable Families, \$32,319,683 was from Medicaid, \$10,380,443 came from Social Services Block Grant, \$50,559,442 was from TANF, and \$1,730,697 came from other federal sources.⁵⁴
- South Carolina received \$29,564,274 in federal funds for IV-E foster care expenditures in 2011, including \$12,493,827 for maintenance payments, \$9,045,036 for administration and child placement, \$492,576 for the statewide automated child welfare information system, and \$1,586,053 for training.⁵⁵
- South Carolina received \$14,092,751 in federal funds for IV-E adoption assistance expenditures in 2011, including \$10,732,921 for assistance payments, \$3,281,874 for administration and child placement, and \$77,956 for staff and provider training.⁵⁶

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