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On behalf of the Joint Citizens and Legislative Committee on Children and its staff from the Children's Law Center, we are pleased to provide you with this 2024 Data Reference Book.

The Committee on Children studies issues and makes legislative and policy recommendations designed to improve the well-being of children in South Carolina. Annually, the Committee collects data to support its legislative and policy work. This publication reports these data on several indicators including child welfare, health, juvenile justice, education, and safety, among others. The 2024 edition of the Data Reference Book includes four years of state data as well as county and national data where available.

The data contain some good news. While the 2023 data are provisional, they indicate a significant drop in child homicide and suicide rates. Homicide rates fell from 71 to 44 in 2023; suicides decreased to 16 in 2023 from a high of 39 in 2019. Gun deaths have been the leading cause of death for children ages 1 to 17 for the last 3 years; however, they dropped to second place behind motor vehicle accidents for 2023. While the downward trend is encouraging, we still lose too many children to homicide, suicide, and gun violence.

The 2023 data also show us challenges remain.

- The number of referrals to DJJ for violent and serious offenses increased 49% since 2022, and weapons offenses became the top referral offense in 2023. The number of youth detained increased 22% since 2022.
- The number of students identified as homeless increased 15% to 13,483.
- Thousands of children wait for waiver services: 12,448 for the Intellectual Disabilities/Related Disabilities Waiver, 10,564 for the Community Supports Waiver, and 36 for the Head and Spinal Cord Injury Waiver.

We encourage you to review this information, especially the county-level data, and use it to inform future efforts to address children's issues. We thank the many agencies and staff who contributed to this report. May it serve our children well.

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Brad Hutto, Chair

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Paula Calhoon, Vice-Chair

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Data Overview

South Carolina was ranked 40th in the nation on overall child well-being by the Annie E. Casey Foundation in its 2024 *KIDS COUNT Data Book*.¹ More than 1.1 million children under age 18 live in South Carolina, which is 21% of the total population.² The most recent available data show that in South Carolina:

- **646** children died in 2023, including **51** or **8%** deaths by gun.
- **80,827** child non-fatal injuries occurred, requiring a hospital or emergency room visit in 2023.
- **13,796** children/youth were victims of maltreatment in 2023.
- **6,409** children/youth were served in foster care in 2023.
- **2,307** child care facilities regulated by the South Carolina Department of Social Services' child care licensing division were open in 2023.
- **31,292** children received mental health services provided by the South Carolina Department of Mental Health in 2023.
- **3,607** children received treatment services provided by the South Carolina Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services in 2023.
- **772,745** children in the state were enrolled in Medicaid in 2023.
- **9,442** children received services provided by the South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs in 2023.
- **14,589** juvenile delinquency cases were referred to the South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice in 2023.
- **793,860** students were enrolled in South Carolina public school districts, and 49,016 students were enrolled in South Carolina private schools in the 2022-2023 school year.
- **13,483** students were identified as homeless in South Carolina public school districts in the 2022-2023 school year.
- **210,374** or **19.2%** of children under age 18 lived in poverty, higher than the national level (16.3%) in 2022.

For more data and related sources, please see individual indicators of the Data Reference Book.

¹ The Annie E. Casey Foundation, 2024 KIDS COUNT Data Book, [https:// assets.aecf.org/m/resourcedoc/aecf-2024kidscountdatabook-2024.pdf](https://assets.aecf.org/m/resourcedoc/aecf-2024kidscountdatabook-2024.pdf) (last visited June 11, 2024).

² U.S. Census Bureau, by-request population estimates obtained in March 2024. Data are by calendar years unless otherwise specified.

Demographics

Children under 18 Years of Age by Race / Ethnicity in South Carolina, 2022³

	Non-Hispanic White Alone		Non-Hispanic Black Alone		Non-Hispanic Other Race Combination		Hispanic		Total under 18 Years of Age	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
South Carolina	602,297	53.9%	319,111	28.5%	75,682	6.8%	120,782	10.8%	1,117,872	100.0%
Abbeville	3,097	65.3%	1,254	26.4%	234	4.9%	157	3.3%	4,742	100.0%
Aiken	20,228	55.0%	10,337	28.1%	2,291	6.2%	3,901	10.6%	36,757	100.0%
Allendale	172	12.9%	1,015	75.9%	67	5.0%	83	6.2%	1,337	100.0%
Anderson	32,262	68.9%	8,175	17.5%	2,851	6.1%	3,513	7.5%	46,801	100.0%
Bamberg	764	32.4%	1,366	57.9%	120	5.1%	108	4.6%	2,358	100.0%
Barnwell	2,168	44.7%	2,207	45.5%	238	4.9%	237	4.9%	4,850	100.0%
Beaufort	17,014	50.6%	7,288	21.7%	2,155	6.4%	7,165	21.3%	33,622	100.0%
Berkeley	31,044	54.4%	14,686	25.7%	4,617	8.1%	6,761	11.8%	57,108	100.0%
Calhoun	1,292	49.3%	1,023	39.0%	103	3.9%	204	7.8%	2,622	100.0%
Charleston	45,313	56.7%	22,292	27.9%	4,369	5.5%	7,917	9.9%	79,891	100.0%
Cherokee	8,133	64.1%	2,825	22.3%	669	5.3%	1,063	8.4%	12,690	100.0%
Chester	3,543	50.3%	2,737	38.8%	428	6.1%	342	4.9%	7,050	100.0%
Chesterfield	4,790	50.1%	3,340	34.9%	598	6.3%	840	8.8%	9,568	100.0%
Clarendon	2,332	41.8%	2,642	47.3%	252	4.5%	355	6.4%	5,581	100.0%
Colleton	4,226	48.5%	3,252	37.3%	450	5.2%	790	9.1%	8,718	100.0%
Darlington	6,320	45.7%	6,261	45.3%	663	4.8%	580	4.2%	13,824	100.0%
Dillon	2,556	36.7%	3,402	48.8%	598	8.6%	412	5.9%	6,968	100.0%
Dorchester	21,610	54.8%	10,635	27.0%	3,354	8.5%	3,852	9.8%	39,451	100.0%
Edgefield	2,387	53.2%	1,473	32.9%	212	4.7%	412	9.2%	4,484	100.0%
Fairfield	1,069	29.2%	2,205	60.2%	205	5.6%	181	4.9%	3,660	100.0%
Florence	13,341	41.6%	15,374	48.0%	1,725	5.4%	1,608	5.0%	32,048	100.0%
Georgetown	5,703	53.0%	4,003	37.2%	358	3.3%	699	6.5%	10,763	100.0%
Greenville	71,274	57.5%	24,120	19.5%	9,050	7.3%	19,524	15.7%	123,968	100.0%
Greenwood	7,310	47.5%	5,280	34.3%	760	4.9%	2,043	13.3%	15,393	100.0%
Hampton	1,412	38.1%	1,907	51.4%	175	4.7%	215	5.8%	3,709	100.0%
Horry	40,405	63.0%	10,393	16.2%	4,752	7.4%	8,614	13.4%	64,164	100.0%
Jasper	1,536	27.1%	2,202	38.8%	253	4.5%	1,686	29.7%	5,677	100.0%
Kershaw	9,465	60.7%	3,763	24.1%	925	5.9%	1,443	9.3%	15,596	100.0%
Lancaster	13,415	60.5%	4,728	21.3%	1,618	7.3%	2,398	10.8%	22,159	100.0%
Laurens	8,631	58.7%	3,754	25.6%	722	4.9%	1,585	10.8%	14,692	100.0%
Lee	821	26.7%	1,975	64.3%	118	3.8%	159	5.2%	3,073	100.0%
Lexington	43,152	62.7%	12,775	18.6%	4,956	7.2%	7,975	11.6%	68,858	100.0%
Marion	1,866	29.6%	3,773	59.9%	316	5.0%	346	5.5%	6,301	100.0%

1. U.S. Census Bureau, by-request data reports obtained March 2024. Data are July 1, 2022 estimates for children under age 18 unless otherwise specified.

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	Non-Hispanic White Alone		Non-Hispanic Black Alone		Non-Hispanic Other Race Alone		Hispanic		Total under 18 Years of Age	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Marlboro	1,800	34.7%	2,579	49.7%	655	12.6%	155	3.0%	5,189	100.0%
McCormick	339	33.9%	571	57.2%	57	5.7%	32	3.2%	999	100.0%
Newberry	3,880	47.8%	2,591	31.9%	330	4.1%	1,311	16.2%	8,112	100.0%
Oconee	11,443	75.6%	1,183	7.8%	854	5.6%	1,666	11.0%	15,146	100.0%
Orangeburg	4,847	27.4%	11,062	62.5%	849	4.8%	929	5.3%	17,687	100.0%
Pickens	19,210	78.6%	1,841	7.5%	1,391	5.7%	1,984	8.1%	24,426	100.0%
Richland	27,447	30.6%	47,687	53.2%	6,588	7.4%	7,843	8.8%	89,565	100.0%
Saluda	1,874	45.6%	882	21.4%	153	3.7%	1,205	29.3%	4,114	100.0%
Spartanburg	46,948	58.9%	17,033	21.4%	5,934	7.4%	9,745	12.2%	79,660	100.0%
Sumter	9,225	37.6%	12,118	49.4%	1,427	5.8%	1,748	7.1%	24,518	100.0%
Union	3,217	57.8%	1,729	31.1%	426	7.7%	191	3.4%	5,563	100.0%
Williamsburg	1,709	29.7%	3,661	63.6%	187	3.3%	196	3.4%	5,753	100.0%
York	41,707	60.7%	13,712	20.0%	6,629	9.7%	6,609	9.6%	68,657	100.0%

Data Definition and Source

Definition: Estimated number of children younger than age 18 by race and ethnicity.

Census data for 2022 forward will utilize the U.S. Census Bureau’s proprietary county resident population estimates by single year of age, race, and Hispanic origin provided by the U.S. Census Bureau's Population Estimates Program.* These data are not public and are published here by special permission granted by the U.S. Census Bureau. The U.S. Census Bureau limits release of estimates by single year of age at the county level to a “by request only” basis due to concerns about the reliability of these estimates, especially when crossed by additional demographic characteristics. Users of the single-year-of-age county-level population estimates should carefully consider the limited reliability of these estimates.

* These estimates represent a tabulation from the “blended base” for April 1, 2020 which integrates the results of the 2020 Census, the 2020 Demographic Analysis estimates, and the Vintage 2020 estimates series. Therefore, there may be differences between these April 1, 2020 estimates and the results released from the 2020 Census. The Vintage 2022 population estimates methodology statement is located at this URL: <https://www2.census.gov/programs-surveys/popest/technical-documentation/methodology/2020-2022/methods-statement-v2022.pdf>.

Data Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Vintage 2022 Population Estimates

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U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey⁴

2018-2022 Five-year Estimates

±(90 Percent Margin of Error)

South Carolina	Total	In Married-couple Family Household	In Male Householder, No Spouse Present, Family Household	In Female Householder, No Spouse Present, Family Household
Children under 18 years in households	1,100,762 ±556	680,899 ±7,461	78,707 ±3,431	333,132 ±7,301
AGE				
Under 6 years	30.9% ±0.2%	31.0% ±0.4%	31.8% ±1.8%	30.5% ±0.7%
6 to 11 years	34.0% ±0.3%	34.2% ±0.4%	31.2% ±1.6%	34.3% ±0.7%
12 to 17 years	35.0% ±0.3%	34.8% ±0.4%	37.0% ±1.9%	35.2% ±0.9%
RACE AND HISPANIC OR LATINO ORIGIN				
One race	90.7% ±0.4%	90.7% ±0.4%	89.2% ±1.5%	91.0% ±0.7%
White	56.7% ±0.2%	69.3% ±0.5%	54.4% ±2.3%	31.6% ±0.9%
Black or African American	28.3% ±0.3%	15.2% ±0.5%	26.4% ±2.1%	55.5% ±1.0%
American Indian and Alaska Native	0.4% ±0.1%	0.4% ±0.1%	0.6% ±0.4%	0.3% ±0.1%
Asian	1.5% ±0.1%	2.1% ±0.1%	1.2% ±0.4%	0.5% ±0.1%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	0.1% ±0.1%	0.1% ±0.1%	0.0% ±0.1%	0.1% ±0.1%
Some other race	3.7% ±0.2%	3.7% ±0.3%	6.5% ±1.2%	3.0% ±0.4%
Two or more races	9.3% ±0.4%	9.3% ±0.4%	10.8% ±1.5%	9.0% ±0.7%
Hispanic or Latino origin (of any race)	10.2% ±0.1%	10.7% ±0.3%	14.0% ±1.7%	8.2% ±0.5%
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino	53.5% ±0.1%	65.9% ±0.5%	51.0% ±2.3%	28.6% ±0.8%

⁴ U.S. Census Bureau, 2018-2022 American Community Survey Five-year Estimates. Data are based on a sample and are subject to sampling variability. The degree of uncertainty for an estimate arising from sampling variability is represented using a margin of error. The value shown here is the 90 percent margin of error. For example, 1,100,762 ±556 indicates 90 percent confidence that the true number of children under age 18 in households in South Carolina is between 1,100,206 and 1,101,318. "N/A" indicates the estimate is not applicable or not available. Due to rounding, percentages may not always appear to add up to 100%.

<https://data.census.gov/table/ACSST5Y2022.S0901?q=children&g=040XX00US45> (last visited January 10, 2024).

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U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey

2018-2022 Five-year Estimates

±(90 Percent Margin of Error)

South Carolina	Total	In Married-couple Family Household	In Male Householder, No Spouse Present, Family Household	In Female Householder, No Spouse Present, Family Household
RELATIONSHIP TO HOUSEHOLDER				
Own child (biological, step or adopted)	85.8% ±0.4%	90.7% ±0.5%	82.2% ±1.5%	78.9% ±1.0%
Grandchild	10.2% ±0.4%	7.3% ±0.4%	9.4% ±1.1%	16.7% ±0.9%
Other relatives	2.3% ±0.1%	1.3% ±0.1%	5.9% ±0.9%	3.5% ±0.4%
Foster child or other unrelated child	1.7% ±0.2%	0.8% ±0.1%	2.5% ±0.7%	0.9% ±0.2%
NATIVITY				
Native	98.2% ±0.1%	97.9% ±0.2%	97.7% ±0.6%	99.0% ±0.2%
Foreign born	1.8% ±0.1%	2.1% ±0.2%	2.3% ±0.6%	1.0% ±0.2%
PRESENCE OF OTHER ADULTS				
Unmarried partner of householder present	7.9% ±0.3%	N/A N/A	44.5% ±2.2%	14.5% ±0.8%
DISABILITY STATUS				
Civilian children under 18 years in households	1,100,762 ±556	680,899 ±7,461	78,707 ±3,431	333,132 ±7,301
With any disability	4.7% ±0.2%	4.0% ±0.2%	5.3% ±0.8%	6.0% ±0.4%
SCHOOL ENROLLMENT				
Children 3 to 17 years in households	936,298 ±2,429	579,656 ±6,745	65,144 ±3,181	284,483 ±6,687
Enrolled in school	834,305 ±3,236	521,114 ±6,405	57,842 ±2,949	249,236 ±5,736
Public	86.2% ±0.4%	81.7% ±0.6%	92.4% ±1.3%	94.0% ±0.5%
Private	13.8% ±0.4%	18.3% ±0.6%	7.6% ±1.3%	6.0% ±0.5%
Not enrolled in school	101,993 ±3,054	58,542 ±2,157	7,302 ±1,009	35,247 ±2,145
MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS (IN 2022 INFLATION-ADJUSTED DOLLARS) FOR FAMILIES WITH OWN CHILDREN				
Median income (dollars)	76,834 ±1,104	106,258 ±1,006	45,527 ±1,701	31,575 ±950
Children under 18 years in households	1,100,762 ±556	680,899 ±7,461	78,707 ±3,431	333,132 ±7,301

Demographics

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±(90 Percent Margin of Error)

South Carolina	Total	In Married-couple Family Household	In Male Householder, No Spouse Present, Family Household	In Female Householder, No Spouse Present, Family Household
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS				
Children living in households with Supplemental Security Income (SSI), cash public assistance income, or Food Stamp/SNAP benefits	25.5% ±0.6%	13.1% ±0.6%	29.8% ±2.2%	50.0% ±1.2%
POVERTY STATUS IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS				
Children in households for whom poverty status is determined	1,086,056 ±1,520	676,844 ±7,215	77,059 ±3,457	330,573 ±7,417
Income in the past 12 months below poverty level	20.2% ±0.6%	7.4% ±0.5%	25.5% ±2.2%	45.1% ±1.2%
Income in the past 12 months at or above poverty level	79.8% ±0.6%	92.6% ±0.5%	74.5% ±2.2%	54.9% ±1.2%
HOUSING TENURE				
Children under 18 years in occupied housing units	1,100,762 ±556	680,899 ±7,461	78,707 ±3,431	333,132 ±7,301
In owner-occupied housing units	66.7% ±0.6%	81.2% ±0.6%	54.0% ±2.6%	40.0% ±1.2%
In renter-occupied housing units	33.3% ±0.6%	18.8% ±0.6%	46.0% ±2.6%	60.0% ±1.2%

Margin of Error

The American Community Survey is an ongoing survey conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau. It is a 21-page questionnaire sent out to roughly 2% of the U.S. population. The results of these data are used to estimate likely ranges for population demographics. Margin of error allows us to interpret the variability of these estimates by showing the range of probable values for each estimate. For example, the 90% confidence margin of error for children under 18 in households is estimated at 1,100,762 ±556. This indicates 90% confidence that the true number of children under age 18 in households in South Carolina is between 1,100,206 and 1,101,318.

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Child Poverty (2022)⁵

±(90 Percent Margin of Error)

In South Carolina, **210,374** or **19.2%** of children under age 18 lived in poverty, higher than the national level (16.3%) in 2022.

County	Number of Children in Poverty	Percent of Children in Poverty	County	Number of Children in Poverty	Percent of Children in Poverty	County	Number of Children in Poverty	Percent of Children in Poverty	County	Number of Children in Poverty	Percent of Children in Poverty
Abbeville	1,095 ±276	23.5% ±5.9%	Chesterfield	2,648 ±625	28.2% ±6.7%	Hampton	1,085 ±358	29.8% ±9.8%	Oconee	3,189 ±727	21.5% ±4.9%
Aiken	8,919 ±1,506	24.7% ±4.2%	Clarendon	1,579 ±498	29.2% ±9.2%	Horry	12,751 ±2,310	20.3% ±3.7%	Orangeburg	5,482 ±1,245	31.6% ±7.2%
Allendale	673 ±198	51.2% ±15%	Colleton	2,625 ±740	30.6% ±8.6%	Jasper	1,655 ±491	29.7% ±8.8%	Pickens	3,743 ±962	15.6% ±4.0%
Anderson	9,557 ±1,785	20.8% ±3.9%	Darlington	4,189 ±1,015	30.8% ±7.5%	Kershaw	2,584 ±764	16.9% ±5.0%	Richland	16,693 ±3,208	19% ±3.7%
Bamberg	911 ±267	39.3% ±11.5%	Dillon	2,715 ±597	39.7% ±8.7%	Lancaster	2,838 ±843	13% ±3.9%	Saluda	958 ±271	23.7% ±6.7%
Barnwell	1,597 ±461	33.5% ±9.7%	Dorchester	5,672 ±1,233	14.6% ±3.2%	Laurens	3,803 ±890	26.5% ±6.2%	Spartanburg	15,603 ±2,386	20% ±3.1%
Beaufort	6,010 ±1,254	18.2% ±3.8%	Edgefield	1,051 ±297	23.8% ±6.7%	Lee	1,264 ±298	41.8% ±9.8%	Sumter	5,077 ±1,768	21.1% ±7.3%
Berkeley	6,946 ±2,096	12.4% ±3.7%	Fairfield	1,096 ±318	30.4% ±8.8%	Lexington	10,394 ±2,058	15.4% ±3.0%	Union	1,392 ±411	25.8% ±7.6%
Calhoun	621 ±202	24.1% ±7.8%	Florence	9,097 ±1,333	28.8% ±4.2%	McCormick	337 ±106	35% ±11.0%	Williamsburg	1,950 ±621	34.5% ±11.0%
Charleston	11,765 ±2,904	15% ±3.7%	Georgetown	2,782 ±770	26.3% ±7.3%	Marion	2,968 ±466	47.9% ±7.5%	York	6,993 ±1,533	10.4% ±2.3%
Cherokee	2,905 ±706	23.3% ±5.7%	Greenville	15,944 ±3,544	13.1% ±2.9%	Marlboro	1,825 ±451	35.8% ±8.8%	South Carolina	210,374 ±9,129	19.2% ±0.8%
Chester	1,762 ±493	25.4% ±7.1%	Greenwood	3,716 ±942	24.6% ±6.2%	Newberry	1,912 ±548	24.1% ±6.9%	United States	11,582,950 ±133,069	16.3% ±0.2%

⁵ U.S. Census Bureau, Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates (90% Confidence Interval) https://www.census.gov/data-tools/demo/saie/#/?s_state=45&s_county=45001,45003,45005,45007,45009,45011,45013,45015,45017,45019,45021,45023,45025,45027,45029,45031,45033,45035,45037,45039,45041,45043,45045,45047,45049,45051,45053,45055,45057,45059,45061,45063,45067,45069,45065,45071,45073,45075,45077,45079,45081,45083,45085,45087,45089,45091&s_district=&s_geography=county&s_measures=u18 (last visited January 10, 2024).

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Child Deaths

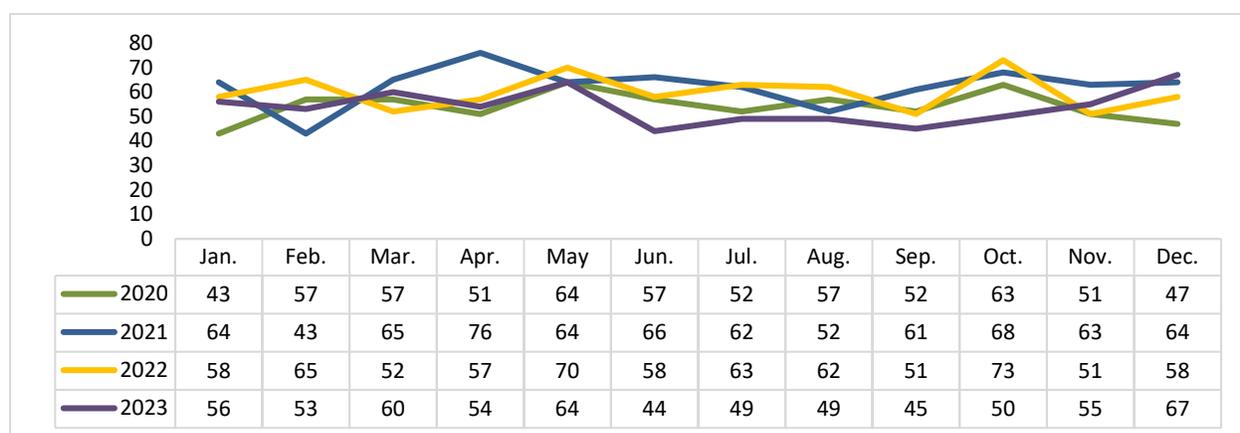
S.C. CHILD DEATHS



646 children died in 2023,
72 deaths or **10%** decrease from 2022 (n=718).

Note. 2023 data are provisional and subject to change. 2022 data are updated by the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control to reflect data revisions since the data were published in the Committee's 2023 Data Reference Book.

S.C. CHILD DEATHS BY MONTH



Note. 2023 data are provisional and subject to change.

COMPARED TO NATIONAL DATA (2021)

S.C. child death rate
(Ages 0-17):
67.4 per 100,000 children



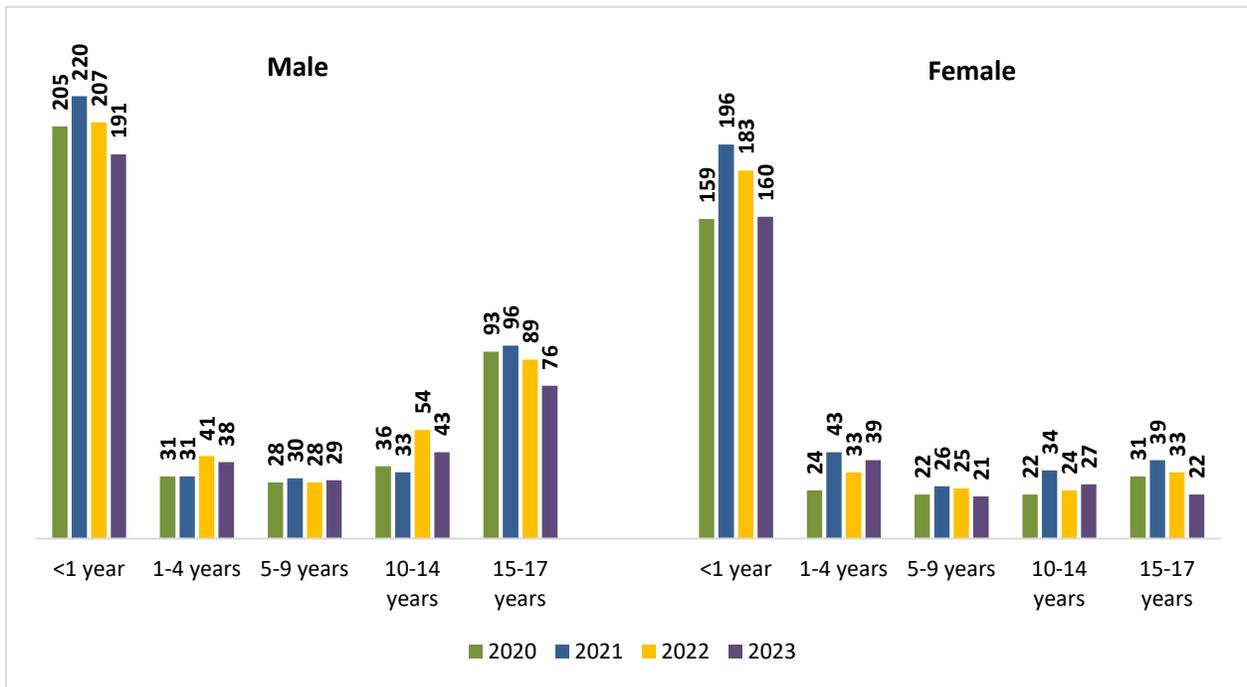
National rate:
48.5 per 100,000 children

S.C. CHILD DEATHS BY AGE GROUP: COMPARING 2023 TO 2022, 2021, AND 2020 DATA

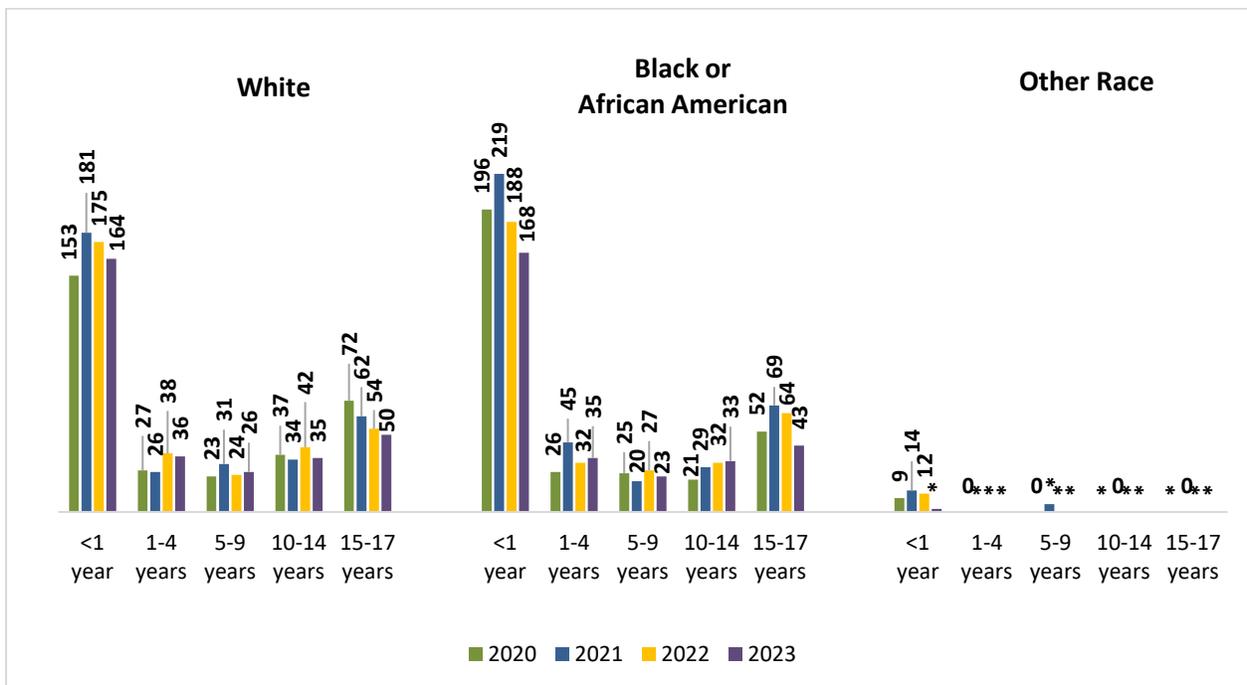
Age Groups	2020	2021	2022	2023	Compared 2023 to 2022	Compared 2023 to 2021	Compared 2023 to 2020
<1 year	364	416	391	351	-40 (-10%)	-65 (-16%)	-13 (-4%)
1-4 years	55	74	74	77	+3 (+4%)	+3 (+4%)	+22 (+ 40%)
5-9 years	50	56	53	50	-3 (-6%)	-6 (-11%)	0 (0%)
10-14 years	58	67	78	70	-8 (-10%)	+3 (+4%)	+12 (+21%)
15-17 years	124	135	122	98	-24 (-20%)	-37 (-27%)	+26 (+21%)
Total	651	748	718	646	-72 (-10%)	-102 (-14%)	-5 (-1%)

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S.C. CHILD DEATHS BY AGE GROUP, SEX, AND RACE



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S.C. CHILD DEATH CAUSES BY AGE GROUP

	2020	2021	2022	2023
< 1 year	Conditions from perinatal period (n=190) Congenital malformations (n=63) Accidental suffocation (n=24) Causes above (n=277) accounted for 76% of deaths for this age group	Conditions from perinatal period (n=203) Congenital malformations (n=77) Accidental suffocation (n=26) Homicide (n=9) Disease of heart (n=5) Causes above (n=320) accounted for 77% of deaths for this age group	Conditions from perinatal period (n=187) Congenital malformations (n=71) Accidental suffocation (n=31) Homicide (n=6) Causes above (n=295) accounted for 75% of deaths for this age group	Conditions from perinatal period (n=169) Congenital malformations (n=48) Accidental suffocation (n=25) Cerebrovascular disease (n=7) Homicide (n=5) Causes above (n=254) accounted for 72% of deaths for this age group
1-4 years	Motor vehicle accidents (n=8) Congenital malformations (n=8) Homicide (n=6) Causes above (n=22) accounted for 40% of deaths for this age group	Congenital malformations (n=7) Motor vehicle accidents (n=7) Homicide (n=6) Accidental suffocation (n=5) Causes above (n=25) accounted for 34% of deaths for this age group	Motor vehicle accidents (n=12) Accidental drowning (n=10) Congenital malformations (n=9) Causes above (n=31) accounted for 42% of deaths for this age group	Motor vehicle accidents (n=13) Accidental drowning (n=11) Congenital malformations (n=6) Accidental suffocation (n=5) Causes above (n=35) accounted for 45% of deaths for this age group
5-9 years	Cancer (n=13) Motor vehicle accidents (n=6) Homicide (n=6) Accidental drowning (n=5) Causes above (n=30) accounted for 60% of deaths for this age group	Motor vehicle accidents (n=17) COVID-19 (n=8) Homicide (n=6) Cancer (n=6) Causes above (n=37) accounted for 66% of deaths for this age group	Motor vehicle accidents (n=8) Causes above (n=8) accounted for 15% of deaths for this age group	Motor vehicle accidents (n=8) Congenital malformations (n=5) Causes above (n=13) accounted for 26% of deaths for this age group
10-14 years	Suicide (n=8) Homicide (n=8) Motor vehicle accidents (n=8) Cancer (n=6) Causes above (n=30) accounted for 52% of deaths for this age group	Motor vehicle accidents (n=12) Suicide (n=10) Cancer (n=9) Homicide (n=7) Congenital malformations (n=6) Causes above (n=44) accounted for 66% of deaths for this age group	Motor vehicle accidents (n=17) Homicide (n=15) Suicide (n=9) Congenital malformations (n=6) Causes above (n=47) accounted for 60% of deaths for this age group	Motor vehicle accidents (n=12) Cancer (n=11) Homicide (n=9) Suicide (n=6) Congenital malformations (n=5) Causes above (n=43) accounted for 61% of deaths for this age group
15-17 years	Motor vehicle accidents (n=36) Homicide (n=27) Suicide (n=20) Accidental poisoning (n=6) Accidental drowning (n=5) Cancer (n=5) Causes above (n=99) accounted for 80% of deaths for this age group	Homicide (n=31) Motor vehicle accidents (n=28) Suicide (n=18) Cancer (n=12) Accidental Poisoning (n=8) COVID-19 (n=8) Disease of heart (n=5) Causes above (n=110) accounted for 81% of deaths for this age group	Homicide (n=42) Motor vehicle accidents (n=24) Accidental Poisoning (n=15) Suicide (n=10) Cancer (n=5) Causes above (n=96) accounted for 79% of deaths for this age group	Motor vehicle accidents (n=27) Homicide (n=22) Suicide (n=10) Cancer (n=6) Accidental poisoning (n=5) Causes above (n=70) accounted for 71% of deaths for this age group

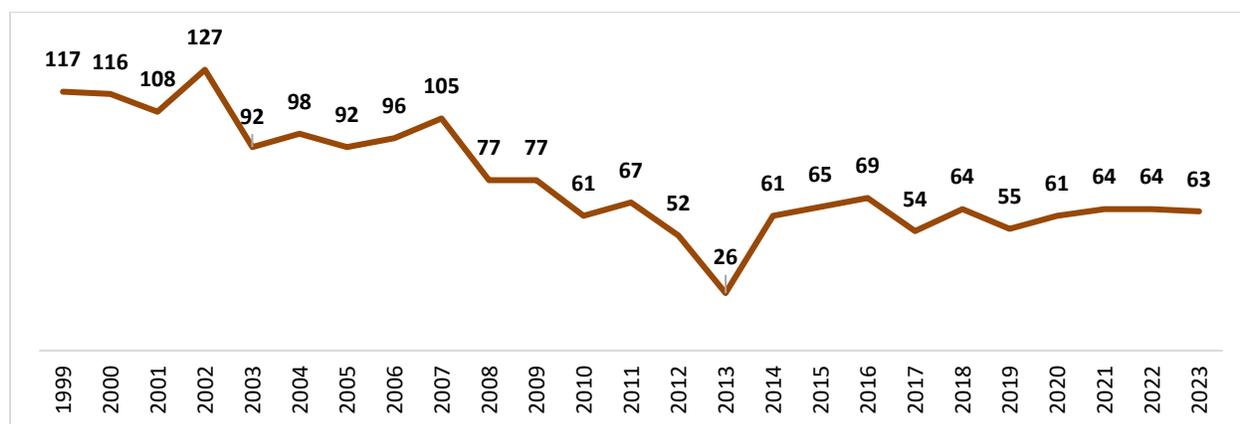
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	2020	2021	2022	2023
0-17 years	Conditions from perinatal period (n=193)	Conditions from perinatal period (n=206)	Conditions from perinatal period (n=188)	Conditions from perinatal period (n=172)
	Congenital malformations (n=78)	Congenital malformations (n=96)	Congenital malformations (n=94)	Congenital malformations (n=64)
	Motor vehicle accidents (n=61)	Motor vehicle accidents (n=64)	Homicide (n=71)	Motor vehicle accidents (n=63)
	Homicide (n=50)	Homicide (n=59)	Motor vehicle accidents (n=64)	Homicide (n=44)
	Suicide (n=28)	Accidental suffocation (n=33)	Accidental suffocation (n=35)	Accidental suffocation (n=31)
	Accidental suffocation (n=28)	Cancer (n=31)	Suicide (n=19)	Cancer (n=24)
	Cancer (n=25)	Suicide (n=28)	Accidental poisoning (n=18)	Accidental drowning (n=16)
	Accidental drowning (n=15)	COVID-19 (n=22)	Cancer (n=17)	Suicide (n=16)
	Disease of heart (n=13)	Disease of heart (n=16)	Accidental drowning (n=16)	Cerebrovascular Disease (n=12)
	Benign neoplasms (n=7)	Cerebrovascular disease (n=9)	COVID-19 (n=9)	Disease of heart (n=9)
	Accidental poisoning (n=7)	Accidental poisoning (n= 8)	Pneumonia and Influenza (n=9)	Pneumonia and Influenza (n=7)
	Cerebrovascular disease (n=6)	Accidental drowning (n=7)	Disease of heart (n=8)	Accidental poisoning (n=7)
	Accidental firearms (n=6)	Accidental fire/flare (n=6)	Chronic lower respiratory disease (n=5)	Accidental firearms death (n=6)
	Accidental fire/flare (n=5)		Diabetes Mellitus (n=5)	
	Causes above (n=522) accounted for 80% of deaths for this age group	Causes above (n=585) accounted for 78% of deaths for this age group	Causes above (n=558) accounted for 78% of deaths for this age group	Causes above (n=471) accounted for 73% of deaths for this age group

Note. 2023 data are provisional and subject to change.

Deaths ≥5 are included.

S.C. MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT DEATHS AMONG CHILDREN BY YEAR (1999-2023)



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S.C. MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT DEATHS AMONG CHILDREN: COMPARED TO NATIONAL DATA (2021)

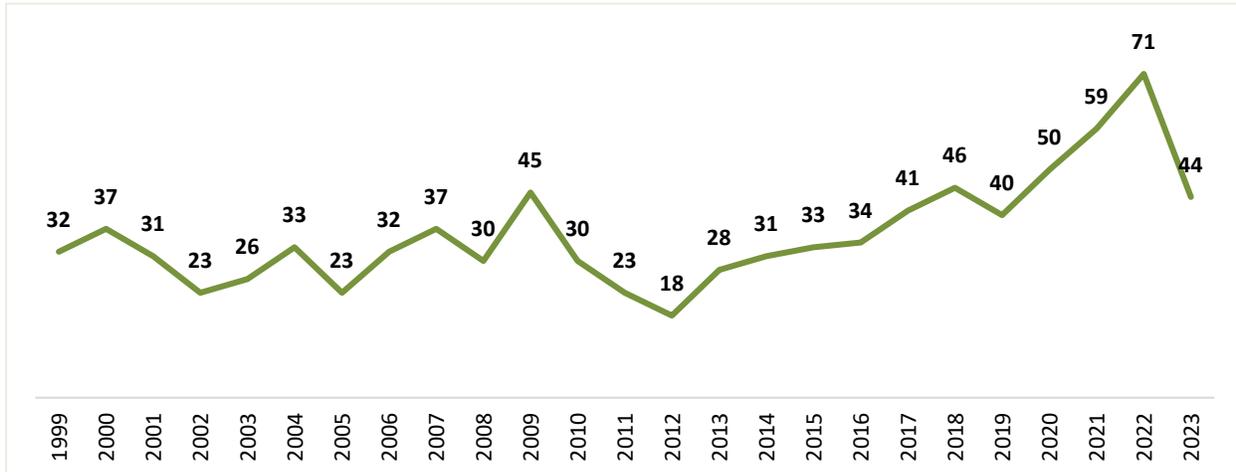
S.C. child motor vehicle accident death rate (Ages 0-17):
5.5 per 100,000 children



National rate:
3.3 per 100,000 children

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S.C. HOMICIDE DEATHS AMONG CHILDREN BY YEAR (1999-2023)



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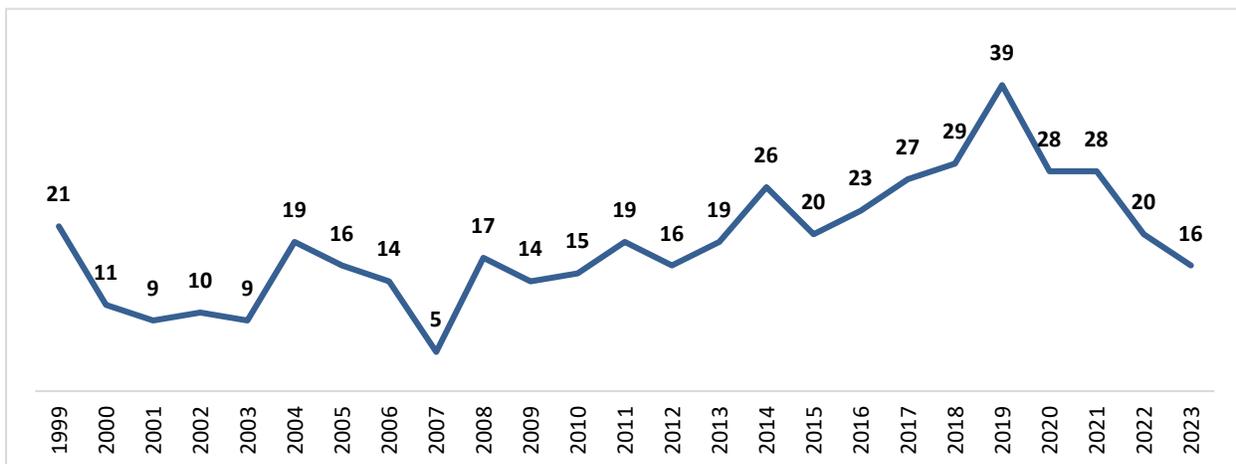
S.C. HOMICIDE DEATHS AMONG CHILDREN: COMPARED TO NATIONAL DATA (2021)

S.C. child homicide death rate
(Ages 0-17):
5.5 per 100,000 children



National rate:
3.0 per 100,000 children

S.C. SUICIDE DEATHS AMONG CHILDREN BY YEAR (1999-2023)



Note. 2023 data are provisional and subject to change.

S.C. SUICIDE DEATHS AMONG CHILDREN: COMPARED TO NATIONAL DATA (2021)

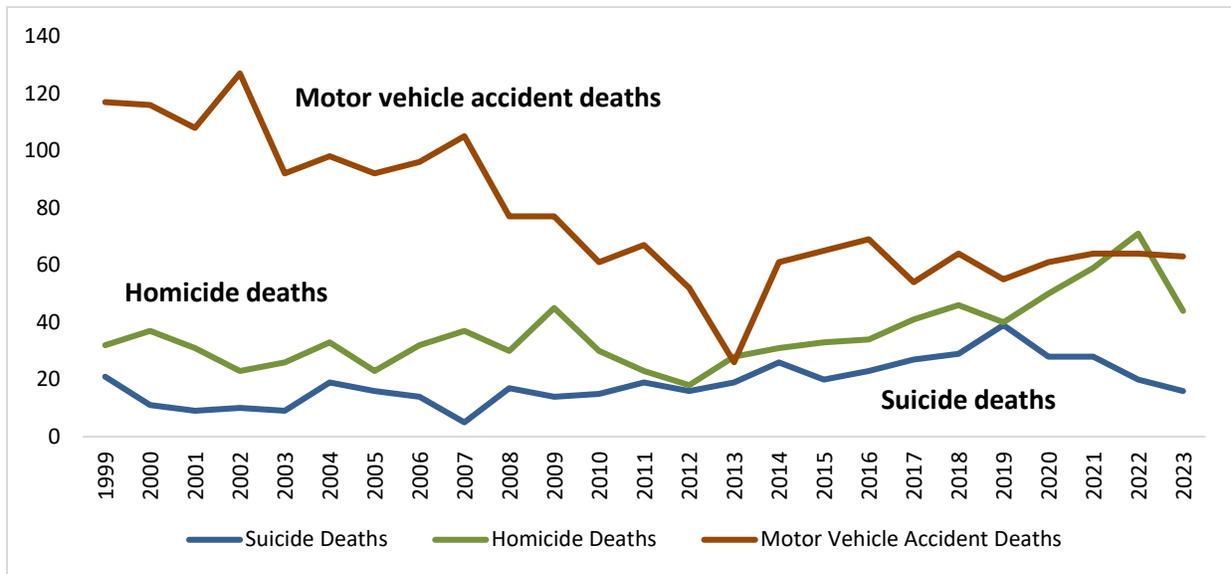
S.C. child suicide death rate
(Ages 0-17):
2.5 per 100,000 children



National rate:
2.4 per 100,000 children

Safety Indicators

S.C. SUICIDE DEATHS, HOMICIDE DEATHS, AND MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT DEATHS AMONG CHILDREN BY YEAR (1999-2023)



S.C. CHILD DEATHS BY COUNTY

County	2020	2021	2022	2023
Abbeville	5	6	0	*
Aiken	19	24	23	11
Allendale	*	*	*	0
Anderson	23	29	25	30
Bamberg	*	*	*	*
Barnwell	5	*	*	*
Beaufort	19	23	14	14
Berkeley	25	25	41	33
Calhoun	*	*	*	*
Charleston	40	59	65	48
Cherokee	11	8	9	7
Chester	9	8	9	*
Chesterfield	8	7	14	*
Clarendon	5	8	6	*
Colleton	10	5	9	11
Darlington	7	12	10	17
Dillon	9	8	*	7
Dorchester	17	14	19	25
Edgefield	*	5	*	*
Fairfield	7	*	5	*

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County (Continued)	2020	2021	2022	2023
Florence	23	27	36	25
Georgetown	5	7	*	8
Greenville	55	70	60	54
Greenwood	5	11	7	11
Hampton	6	6	*	5
Horry	34	33	42	32
Jasper	5	5	7	6
Kershaw	10	10	8	11
Lancaster	14	10	11	9
Laurens	11	12	9	16
Lee	5	5	*	*
Lexington	27	41	37	31
McCormick	0	*	0	*
Marion	5	8	*	13
Marlboro	*	*	9	*
Newberry	8	12	12	*
Oconee	12	*	12	10
Orangeburg	16	30	17	21
Pickens	13	14	15	13
Richland	62	67	59	59
Saluda	*	6	5	*
Spartanburg	41	48	48	41
Sumter	19	20	24	17
Union	7	5	5	*
Williamsburg	*	*	5	*
York	31	37	23	25
Total	651	748	718	646

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DATA SOURCES

1. S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control, unpublished reports generated in February 2022, March 2023, and March 2024. Data are by calendar years for children under age 18 unless otherwise specified. 2022 data are updated by the agency to reflect data revisions since last published in the Committee’s 2023 Data Reference Book.
2. Deaths of motor vehicle accidents, homicide, and suicide among children by year (1999-2018): S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control, Death Certificate Data, https://apps.dhec.sc.gov/Health/SCAN_BDP/tables/death2table.aspx (last visited March 13, 2024).
3. Overall child death rate, child motor vehicle accident death rate, child homicide death rate, and child suicide death rate: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics. Underlying Cause of Death, 2018-2021, Single Race on CDC WONDER Online Database, released in 2023. Data are from the Multiple Cause of Death Files, 2018-2021, as compiled from data provided by the 57 vital statistics jurisdictions through the Vital Statistics Cooperative Program, <https://wonder.cdc.gov/ucd-icd10-expanded.html> (last visited February 27, 2024).

Safety Indicators

Non-Fatal Injuries to Children

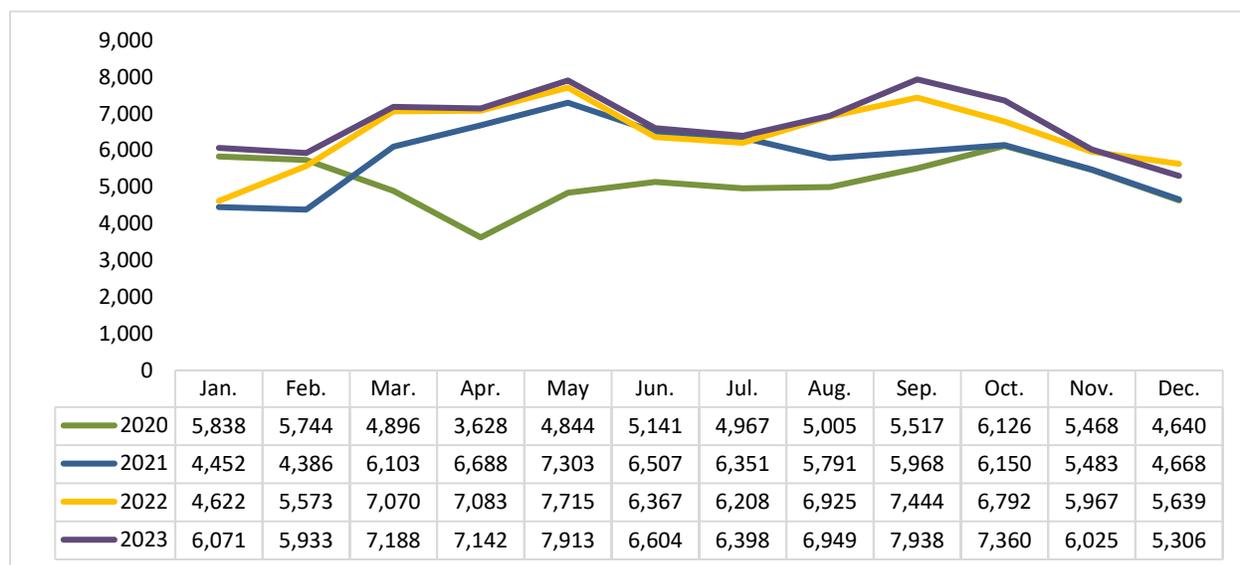
S.C. NON-FATAL INJURIES TO CHILDREN



80,827 non-fatal injuries to children in 2023, **3,422** injuries or **4%** increase from 2022.

Note. 2023 data are provisional and subject to change.

S.C. NON-FATAL INJURIES TO CHILDREN BY MONTH



Note. 2023 data are provisional and subject to change.

COMPARED TO NATIONAL DATA (2020)

S.C. child non-fatal injury rate
(Ages 0-17):
5,506 per 100,000 children



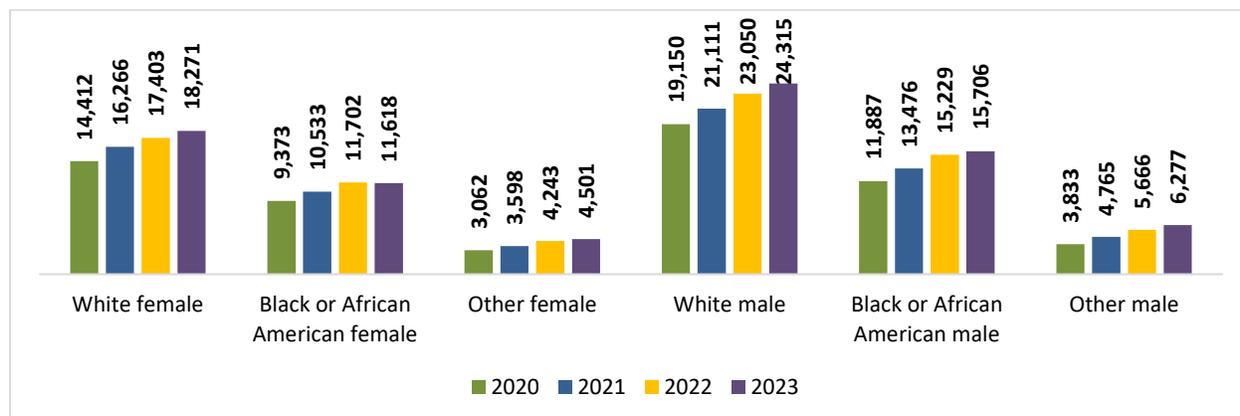
National rate:
5,217 per 100,000 children

S.C. NON-FATAL INJURIES TO CHILDREN BY AGE GROUP: COMPARING 2023 TO 2022, 2021, AND 2020 DATA

Age Groups	2020	2021	2022	2023	Compared 2023 to 2022	Compared 2023 to 2021	Compared 2023 to 2020
<1 year	2,232	2,550	2,694	2,876	+182 (+7%)	+326 (+13%)	+644 (+29%)
1-4 years	17,288	18,610	19,218	20,173	+955 (+5%)	+1,563 (+8%)	+2,885 (+17%)
5-11 years	20,373	23,167	25,677	27,117	+1,440 (+6%)	+3,950 (+17%)	+6,744 (+33%)
12-17 years	21,921	25,523	29,816	30,661	+845 (+3%)	+5,138 (+20%)	+8,740 (+40%)
Total	61,814	69,850	77,405	80,827	+3,422 (+4%)	+10,977(+16%)	+19,013 (+31%)

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S.C. NON-FATAL INJURIES TO CHILDREN BY SEX AND RACE



S.C. NON-FATAL INJURIES TO CHILDREN BY TOP FIVE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT VISITS

Calendar Year 2020	Federal Fiscal Year 2021	Federal Fiscal Year 2022	Federal Fiscal Year 2023
Unspecified injury of head (n=3,457)	Unspecified injury of head (n=4,199)	Unspecified injury of head (n=5,342)	Unspecified injury of head (n=6,355)
Laceration without foreign body of other part of head (n=3,205)	Laceration without foreign body of other part of head (n=3,228)	Laceration without foreign body of other part of head (n=3,386)	Laceration without foreign body of other part of head (n=3,690)
Laceration without foreign body of scalp (n=1,566)	Laceration without foreign body of scalp (n=1,641)	Laceration without foreign body of scalp (n=1,786)	Laceration without foreign body of scalp (n=1,848)
Laceration without foreign body of lip (n=1,338)	Contusion of other part of head (n=1,473)	Contusion of other part of head (n=1,655)	Contusion of other part of head (n=1,726)
Contusion of other part of head (n=1,298)	Laceration without foreign body of lip (n=1,291)	Sprain of unspecified ligament of right ankle (n=1,468)	Sprain of unspecified ligament of right ankle (n=1,568)

Note. S.C. pediatric emergency department visits (ages 0-17), including emergency department visits that resulted in an in-patient admission. Federal fiscal year 2023 data are provisional and subject to change. Please be mindful when comparisons are made among years due to the difference in reporting years (i.e., calendar year vs. federal fiscal year).

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S.C. NON-FATAL INJURIES TO CHILDREN BY TOP FIVE HOSPITAL CHARGES

Calendar Year 2020	Federal Fiscal Year 2021	Federal Fiscal Year 2022	Federal Fiscal Year 2023
Unspecified injury of head (\$9,489,566)	Unspecified injury of head (\$11,907,920)	Unspecified injury of head (\$15,351,541)	Unspecified injury of head (\$17,802,534)
Laceration without foreign body of other part of head (\$6,938,227)	Laceration without foreign body of other part of head (\$7,697,728)	Laceration without foreign body of other part of head (\$8,270,606)	Laceration without foreign body of other part of head (\$9,643,623)
Laceration without foreign body of scalp (\$3,568,554)	Contusion of other part of head (\$3,800,174)	Laceration without foreign body of scalp (\$4,439,812)	Laceration without foreign body of scalp (\$4,975,455)
Contusion of other part of head (\$2,924,058)	Laceration without foreign body of scalp (\$3,781,484)	Contusion of other part of head (\$4,357,091)	Concussion without loss of consciousness (\$4,954,399)
Concussion without loss of consciousness (\$2,879,233)	Strain of muscle, fascia and tendon at neck level (\$3,519,614)	Concussion without loss of consciousness (\$4,115,771)	Contusion of other part of head (\$4,681,514)

Please be mindful when comparisons are made among years due to the difference in reporting years (i.e., calendar year vs. federal fiscal year).

S.C. TOP FIVE NON-FATAL INJURY CAUSES BY AGE GROUP

	Calendar Year 2020	Federal Fiscal Year 2021	Federal Fiscal Year 2022	Federal Fiscal Year 2023
< 1 year	Fall (n=1,131) Struck by/against (n=181) Natural/environmental category (e.g., bites and stings) (n=107) Fire/burn category (n=80) Cut/pierce (n=70) Causes above (n=1,569) accounted for 70% of non-fatal injury causes for this age group	Fall (n=1,345) Struck by/against (n=254) Natural/environmental category (e.g., bites and stings) (n=119) Fire/burn category (n=73) Cut/pierce (n=72) Causes above (n=1,863) accounted for 73% of non-fatal injury causes for this age group	Fall (n=1,450) Struck by/against (n=257) Natural/environmental category (e.g., bites and stings) (n=135) Cut/pierce (n=76) Motor vehicle traffic category (n=48) Causes above (n=1,966) accounted for 73% of non-fatal injury causes for this age group	Fall (n=1,646) Struck by/against (n=259) Natural/environmental category (e.g., bites and stings) (n=146) Cut/pierce (n=84) Fire/burn category (n=66) Causes above (n=2,201) accounted for 77% of non-fatal injury causes for this age group
1-4 years	Fall (n=6,596) Struck by/against (n=2,363) Natural/environmental category (e.g., bites and stings) (n=1,334) Cut/pierce (n=942) Poisoning category (n=557) Causes above (n=11,792) accounted for 68% of non-fatal injury causes for this age group	Fall (n=6,953) Struck by/against (n=2,652) Natural/environmental category (e.g., bites and stings) (n=1,415) Cut/pierce (n=969) Poisoning category (n=613) Causes above (n=12,602) accounted for 68% of non-fatal injury causes for this age group	Fall (n=7,233) Struck by/against (n=2,879) Natural/environmental category (e.g., bites and stings) (n=1,426) Cut/pierce (n=972) Fire/burn category (n=579) Causes above (n=13,089) accounted for 68% of non-fatal injury causes for this age group	Fall (n=7,998) Struck by/against (n=3,025) Natural/environmental category (e.g., bites and stings) (n=1,462) Cut/pierce (n=1,047) Poisoning category (n=582) Causes above (n=14,114) accounted for 70% of non-fatal injury causes for this age group

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	Calendar Year 2020	Federal Fiscal Year 2021	Federal Fiscal Year 2022	Federal Fiscal Year 2023
5-11 years	Fall (n=6,418) Struck by/against (n=3,359) Cut/pierce (n=1,814) Motor vehicle traffic category (n=1,582) Natural/environmental category (e.g., bites and stings) (n=1,499) Causes above (n=14,672) accounted for 72% of non-fatal injury causes for this age group	Fall (n=7,514) Struck by/against (n=4,027) Cut/pierce (n=1,869) Motor vehicle traffic category (n=1,686) Natural/environmental category (e.g., bites and stings) (n=1,600) Causes above (n=16,696) accounted for 72% of non-fatal injury causes for this age group	Fall (n=8,371) Struck by/against (n=4,872) Cut/pierce (n=1,932) Motor vehicle traffic category (n=1,730) Natural/environmental category (e.g., bites and stings) (n=1,644) Causes above (n=18,549) accounted for 72% of non-fatal injury causes for this age group	Fall (n=8,881) Struck by/against (n=5,534) Cut/pierce (n=2,063) Motor vehicle traffic category (n=1,761) Natural/environmental category (e.g., bites and stings) (n=1,676) Causes above (n=19,915) accounted for 73% of non-fatal injury causes for this age group
12-17 years	Fall (n=3,950) Struck by/against (n=3,879) Motor vehicle traffic category (n=3,100) Cut/pierce (n=2,124) Overexertion (n=1,771) Causes above (n=14,824) accounted for 67% of non-fatal injury causes for this age group	Struck by/against (n=4,773) Fall (n=4,433) Motor vehicle traffic category (n=3,497) Overexertion (n=2,326) Cut/pierce (n=2,203) Causes above (n=17,232) accounted for 68% of non-fatal injury causes for this age group	Struck by/against (n=6,192) Fall (n=5,411) Motor vehicle traffic category (n=3,717) Overexertion (n=2,798) Cut/pierce (n=2,295) Causes above (n=20,413) accounted for 68% of non-fatal injury causes for this age group	Struck by/against (n=6,861) Fall (n=5,694) Motor vehicle traffic category (n=3,554) Overexertion (n=3,153) Cut/pierce (n=2,322) Causes above (n=21,584) accounted for 70% of non-fatal injury causes for this age group
0-17 years	Fall (n=18,095) Struck by/against (n=9,782) Motor vehicle traffic category (n=5,178) Cut/pierce (n=4,950) Natural/environmental category (e.g., bites and stings) (n=3,847) Causes above (n= 41,852) accounted for 67% of non-fatal injury causes for this age group	Fall (n=20,245) Struck by/against (n=11,706) Motor vehicle traffic category (n=5,769) Cut/pierce (n=5,113) Natural/environmental category (e.g., bites and stings) (n=4,133) Causes above (n=46,966) accounted for 67% of non-fatal injury causes for this age group	Fall (n=22,465) Struck by/against (n=14,200) Motor vehicle traffic category (n=6,039) Cut/pierce (n=5,275) Overexertion (n=4,271) Causes above (n=52,250) accounted for 68% of non-fatal injury causes for this age group	Fall (n=24,219) Struck by/against (n=15,679) Motor vehicle traffic category (n=5,947) Cut/pierce (n=5,516) Overexertion (n=4,924) Causes above (n=56,285) accounted for 70% of non-fatal injury causes for this age group

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Safety Indicators

S.C. NON-FATAL INJURIES TO CHILDREN BY COUNTY

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Abbeville	334	\$610,394	419	\$1,392,047	455	\$908,305	427	\$2,100,259
Aiken	1,128	\$2,799,493	1,149	\$4,685,749	1,277	\$4,545,887	1,251	\$3,646,965
Allendale	208	\$131,357	227	\$163,309	265	\$188,534	247	\$162,746
Anderson	1,702	\$7,514,783	1,993	\$9,796,285	2,053	\$9,632,912	2,418	\$12,499,534
Bamberg	263	\$847,015	292	\$859,422	313	\$1,317,098	242	\$1,174,310
Barnwell	400	\$828,943	410	\$920,198	438	\$868,569	316	\$785,118
Beaufort	2,107	\$7,029,011	2,335	\$8,597,389	2,601	\$10,447,248	2,742	\$11,519,930
Berkeley	4,112	\$15,692,160	4,750	\$18,055,370	5,382	\$20,932,767	5,718	\$24,322,959
Calhoun	137	\$445,749	137	\$424,404	132	\$516,251	130	\$653,922
Charleston	5,063	\$18,975,059	5,507	\$21,160,404	5,899	\$25,672,650	5,819	\$27,612,887
Cherokee	1,206	\$2,959,146	887	\$2,097,628	1,017	\$2,835,565	1,039	\$4,338,229
Chester	560	\$2,119,029	651	\$2,658,657	766	\$2,839,674	741	\$2,446,222
Chesterfield	176	\$1,307,866	646	\$2,213,598	690	\$2,624,987	637	\$2,770,773
Clarendon	477	\$2,925,423	549	\$3,458,300	546	\$1,854,590	521	\$1,642,351
Colleton	965	\$2,895,496	953	\$4,464,606	1,135	\$5,137,502	1,247	\$4,984,606
Darlington	834	\$3,272,489	903	\$4,252,629	1,002	\$4,975,730	980	\$5,312,303
Dillon	615	\$2,416,367	742	\$3,221,692	725	\$3,500,286	749	\$3,659,332
Dorchester	2,659	\$12,570,713	2,981	\$14,572,542	3,291	\$15,265,462	3,575	\$19,537,294
Edgefield	210	\$308,516	255	\$539,931	315	\$814,922	344	\$872,020
Fairfield	410	\$1,212,101	392	\$971,317	423	\$1,304,769	428	\$1,348,017
Florence	1,738	\$9,339,535	2,063	\$11,378,747	2,198	\$12,026,910	2,047	\$11,084,049
Georgetown	947	\$3,168,357	937	\$4,191,927	985	\$4,481,913	1,004	\$2,959,847
Greenville	5,287	\$20,111,114	6,673	\$26,361,994	7,484	\$27,929,339	8,293	\$33,163,622
Greenwood	921	\$2,936,198	1,078	\$3,717,292	1,229	\$3,139,380	1,096	\$3,227,477
Hampton	525	\$1,969,384	560	\$1,742,870	607	\$1,438,101	633	\$1,382,320
Horry	5,038	\$33,126,669	5,668	\$27,730,870	6,606	\$35,866,490	7,029	\$32,554,054
Jasper	460	\$1,754,679	496	\$2,210,803	567	\$2,364,994	604	\$2,839,593
Kershaw	1,056	\$4,986,741	1,150	\$8,585,312	1,278	\$5,333,634	1,212	\$5,444,632
Lancaster	753	\$4,512,854	865	\$4,420,045	1,007	\$5,489,293	1,047	\$5,115,978
Laurens	888	\$3,268,928	1,055	\$3,314,094	1,327	\$4,250,520	1,424	\$4,225,858
Lee	203	\$626,784	223	\$793,278	236	\$850,855	211	\$1,007,521
Lexington	2,306	\$11,460,992	2,744	\$18,833,323	3,024	\$16,406,560	2,954	\$17,147,577
McCormick	56	\$184,721	43	\$99,512	63	\$112,879	73	\$133,364
Marion	539	\$1,879,578	544	\$2,401,837	667	\$4,658,656	667	\$2,145,993
Marlboro	242	\$872,888	300	\$1,038,262	346	\$2,422,781	297	\$1,099,999
Newberry	663	\$1,312,278	738	\$1,495,005	809	\$2,668,462	867	\$2,181,033

Safety Indicators

County of Patient Residence (Continued)	Calendar Year 2020 ED Visits	Calendar Year 2020 Hospital Charges	Federal Fiscal Year 2021 ED Visits	Federal Fiscal Year 2021 Hospital Charges	Federal Fiscal Year 2022 ED Visits	Federal Fiscal Year 2022 Hospital Charges	Federal Fiscal Year 2023 ED Visits	Federal Fiscal Year 2023 Hospital Charges
Oconee	861	\$3,153,597	1,168	\$5,806,387	1,282	\$4,744,016	1,471	\$4,521,435
Orangeburg	1,260	\$6,930,261	1,212	\$4,863,951	1,410	\$7,364,182	1,225	\$5,943,441
Pickens	1,715	\$6,142,771	2,102	\$8,016,992	2,245	\$6,553,563	2,289	\$7,443,750
Richland	4,169	\$14,189,582	4,134	\$17,135,712	4,483	\$21,313,940	4,855	\$26,351,346
Saluda	156	\$580,684	152	\$335,852	183	\$966,714	163	\$1,273,804
Spartanburg	3,974	\$15,257,774	4,683	\$19,754,379	5,080	\$20,324,991	5,537	\$20,343,012
Sumter	1,572	\$5,579,099	1,735	\$8,746,264	1,922	\$8,065,578	1,978	\$8,079,692
Union	602	\$1,530,862	685	\$2,158,954	757	\$2,465,623	823	\$3,256,966
Williamsburg	521	\$1,056,535	512	\$1,245,598	578	\$1,201,315	550	\$3,101,370
York	1,796	\$7,016,596	2,152	\$8,668,255	2,307	\$10,579,574	2,907	\$13,506,901
Total	61,814	\$249,810,572	69,850	\$299,552,991	77,405	\$329,203,971	80,827	\$350,924,412

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DATA SOURCES

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2. S.C. non-fatal injury rate was calculated with the total number of child non-fatal injuries to children ages 0-17 in 2020, divided by the S.C. total child population for 2020 and multiplied by 100,000. Source of child population: S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control, Population Data, year of 2020, https://apps.dhec.sc.gov/Health/SCAN_BDP/tables/populationtable.aspx (last visited March 7, 2024).
3. National non-fatal injury rate: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, WISQARS online, non-fatal injury reports, <https://wisqars.cdc.gov/nonfatal-reports> (last visited March 7, 2024).

Safety Indicators

Gun Violence among Children

S.C. CHILD GUN DEATHS

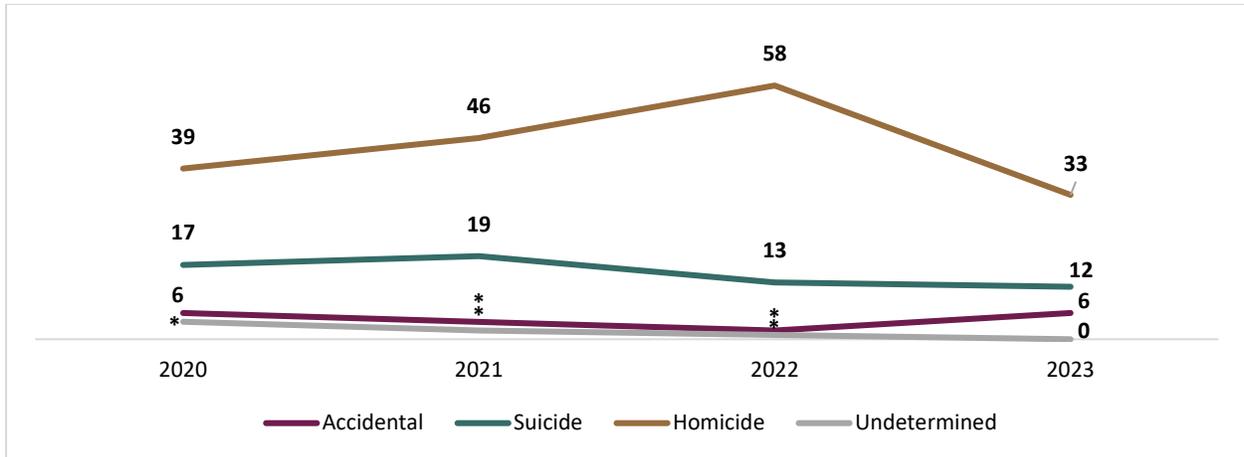


51 children died by guns in 2023, 23 deaths or 31% decrease from 2022.

- 33 or 65% were homicides.
- 12 or 24% were suicides.

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S.C. CHILD GUN DEATHS BY YEAR AND INTENT



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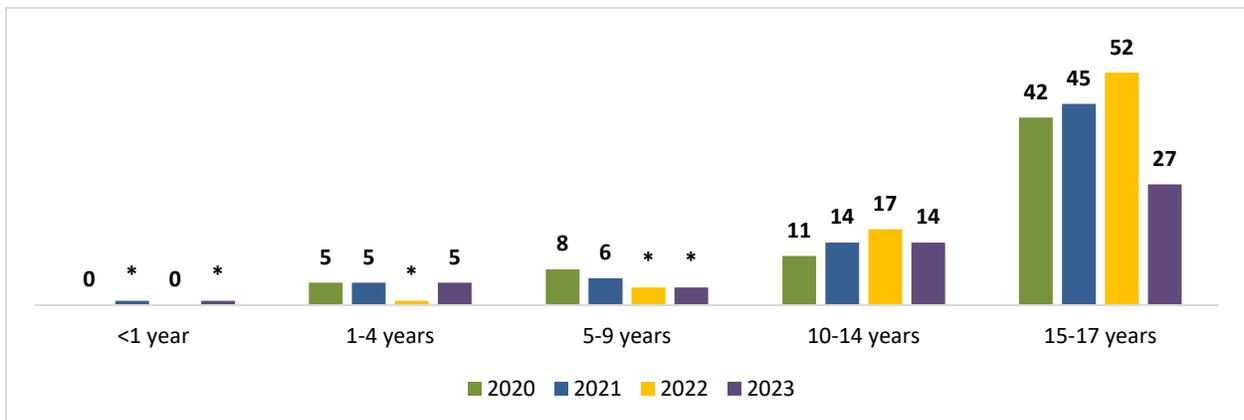
COMPARED TO NATIONAL DATA (2021)

S.C. child gun death rate
(Ages 0-17):
6.4 per 100,000 children



National rate:
3.5 per 100,000 children

S.C. CHILD GUN DEATHS BY YEAR AND AGE GROUP (ALL INTENTS)



Note. 2023 data are provisional and subject to change.

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S.C. CHILD DEATHS BY GUN (ALL INTENTS, EXCLUDING CHILDREN UNDER AGE 1): COMPARED AMONG TOP FIVE DEATH CAUSES

Rank	2020 (Total child deaths: n=287, ages 1-17)	2021 (Total child deaths: n=332, ages 1-17)	2022 (Total child deaths: n=327, ages 1-17)	2023 (Total child deaths: n=295, ages 1-17)
1	Guns (n=66, accounted for 23% of deaths for this age group)	Guns (n=70, accounted for 21% of deaths for this age group)	Guns (n=73, accounted for 22% of deaths for this age group)	Motor vehicle accidents (n=60, accounted for 20% of deaths for this age group)
2	Motor vehicle accidents (n=58, accounted for 20% of deaths for this age group)	Motor vehicle accidents (n=64, accounted for 19% of deaths for this age group)	Motor vehicle accidents (n=61, accounted for 19% of deaths for this age group)	Guns (n=50, accounted for 17% of deaths for this age group)
3	Cancer (n=25, accounted for 9% of deaths for this age group)	Cancer (n=31, accounted for 9% of deaths for this age group)	Congenital malformations (n=23, accounted for 7% of deaths for this age group)	Cancer (n=24, accounted for 8% of deaths for this age group)
4	Congenital malformations (n=15, accounted for 5% of deaths for this age group)	Congenital malformations (n=19, accounted for 6% of deaths for this age group)	Accidental poisoning (n=17, accounted for 5% of deaths for this age group)	Congenital malformations (n=16, accounted for 5% of deaths for this age group)
		COVID-19 (n=19, accounted for 6% of deaths for this age group)	Cancer (n=17, accounted for 5% of deaths for this age group)	Accidental drowning and submersion (n=16, accounted for 5% of deaths for this age group)
5	Accidental drowning (n=14, accounted for 5% of deaths for this age group)	Diseases of heart (n=11, accounted for 3% of deaths for this age group)	Accidental drowning (n=16, accounted for 5% of deaths for this age group)	Accidental poisoning (n=7, accounted for 2% of deaths for this age group)
				Homicide – not gun related/other unspecified means (n=7, accounted for 2% of deaths for this age group)

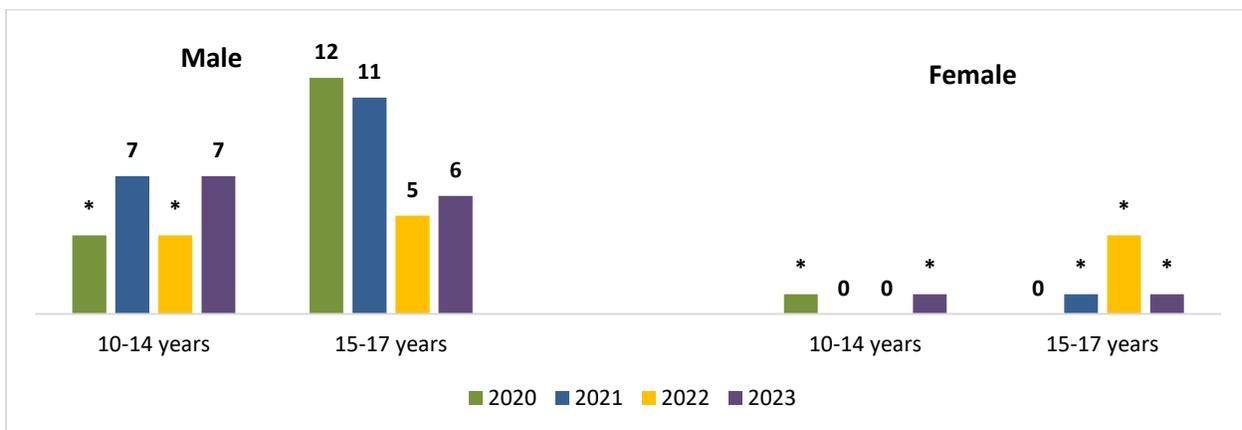
Safety Indicators

S.C. CHILD GUN DEATHS BY AGE GROUP AND INTENT

Age Groups	Intent	2020	2021	2022	2023
< 1 year	Homicide	0	*	0	*
1-4 years	Accidental	*	*	*	*
	Homicide	*	*	0	*
	Undetermined	0	*	0	0
5-9 years	Accidental	*	0	*	*
	Homicide	*	6	*	*
	Undetermined	*	0	0	0
10-14 years	Accidental	0	0	0	*
	Suicide	5	7	*	5
	Homicide	6	7	13	8
15-17 years	Accidental	*	*	0	0
	Suicide	12	12	9	7
	Homicide	27	31	42	20
	Undetermined	*	*	0	0
0-17 years	Accidental	6	*	*	6
	Suicide	17	19	13	12
	Homicide	39	46	58	33
	Undetermined	*	*	0	0

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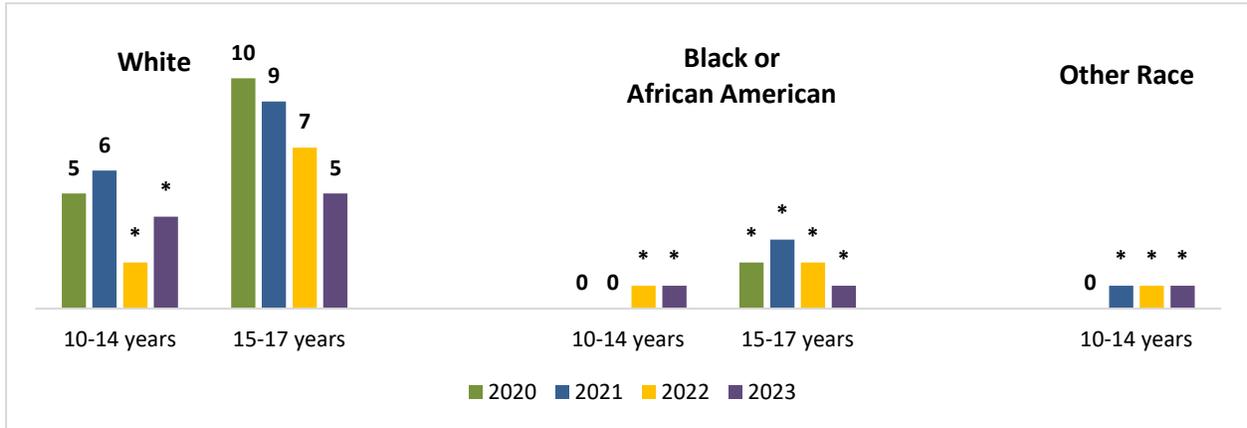
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Safety Indicators

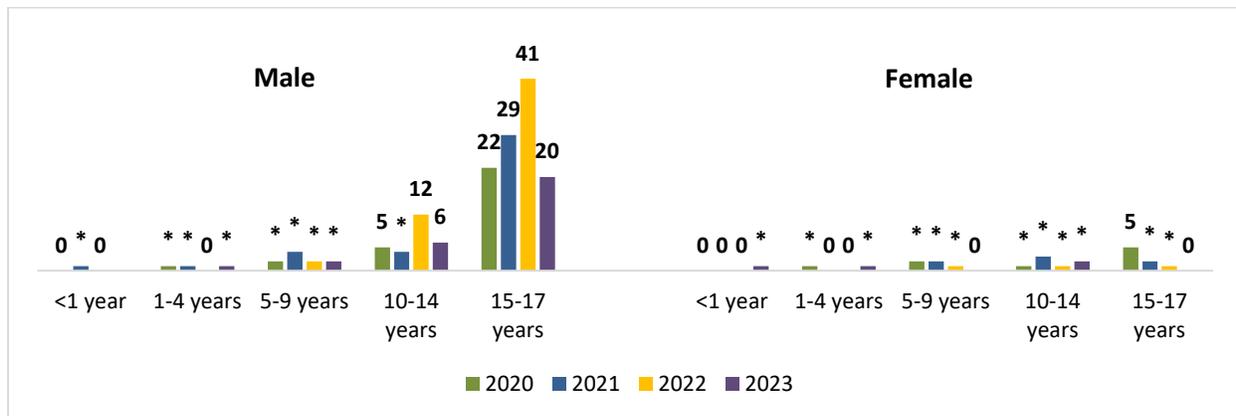
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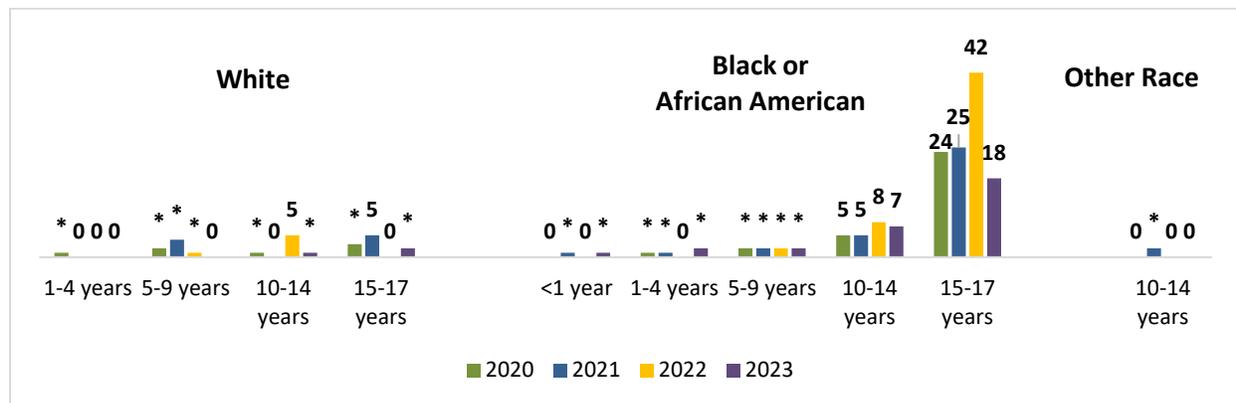
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Safety Indicators

S.C. CHILD GUN DEATHS BY COUNTY

County	2020	2021	2022	2023	2020 to 2023
Abbeville	0	*	0	0	*
Aiken	*	*	*	0	7
Allendale	*	0	0	0	*
Anderson	*	*	*	*	8
Bamberg	0	0	*	*	*
Barnwell	*	0	0	0	*
Beaufort	0	*	*	*	6
Berkeley	*	*	7	*	16
Calhoun	*	0	0	0	*
Charleston	7	*	*	0	15
Cherokee	*	*	*	*	*
Chester	*	*	*	0	6
Chesterfield	*	0	*	*	*
Clarendon	0	*	0	0	*
Colleton	*	0	*	*	5
Darlington	*	*	*	*	8
Dillon	*	0	*	*	5
Dorchester	*	*	*	*	8
Fairfield	*	*	0	0	*
Florence	0	*	6	*	9
Georgetown	*	*	*	*	5
Greenville	*	9	5	*	20
Greenwood	0	*	0	*	*
Horry	*	5	*	*	13
Jasper	*	*	*	*	*
Kershaw	0	*	*	*	5
Lancaster	0	0	*	0	*
Lee	0	*	0	0	*
Lexington	6	*	*	*	12
Marion	0	0	0	*	*
Marlboro	0	0	*	0	*
Newberry	0	0	*	*	*
Oconee	*	0	*	0	*
Orangeburg	*	*	*	*	11
Pickens	0	0	0	0	0
Richland	5	10	12	7	34
Spartanburg	*	*	*	*	6
Sumter	*	*	*	6	9
Union	*	0	0	*	*
Williamsburg	*	0	0	0	*
York	*	6	5	0	11
Total	64	71	74	51	260

Note. 2023 data are provisional and subject to change. The total value (2020 to 2023)

for York County does not include the masked value (*) in 2020.

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Safety Indicators

S.C. NON-FATAL GUN INJURIES TO CHILDREN



359 non-fatal gun injuries to children in federal fiscal year 2023, **5** injuries or **1%** decrease from federal fiscal year 2022.

- **267** or **74%** were unintentional.
- **75** or **21%** were assaults.
- **6** or **2%** were self-harm.
- **11** or **3%** were undetermined (intents).

Note. Federal fiscal year 2023 data are provisional and subject to change.

S.C. NON-FATAL GUN INJURIES TO CHILDREN BY AGE GROUP

Age Groups	Intent	Calendar Year 2020	Federal Fiscal Year 2021	Federal Fiscal Year 2022	Federal Fiscal Year 2023
<1 year	Unintentional	*	0	*	0
	Assault	*	0	0	0
1-4 years	Unintentional	7	13	23	13
	Assault	*	*	*	*
	Undetermined	*	*	0	0
5-11 years	Unintentional	22	19	27	25
	Assault	6	10	5	*
	Undetermined	*	*	0	*
12-17 years	Unintentional	153	173	199	229
	Self-harm	8	8	8	6
	Assault	59	63	85	71
	Legal/war	*	0	0	0
	Undetermined	6	5	14	10
0-17 years	Unintentional	183	205	251	267
	Self-harm	8	8	8	6
	Assault	69	75	91	75
	Legal/war	*	0	0	0
	Undetermined	8	7	14	11

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Safety Indicators

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3. Compared to national data: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics. Underlying Cause of Death, 2018-2021, Single Race on CDC WONDER Online Database, released in 2023. Data are from the Multiple Cause of Death Files, 2018-2021, as compiled from data provided by the 57 vital statistics jurisdictions through the Vital Statistics Cooperative Program, <https://wonder.cdc.gov/ucd-icd10-expanded.html> (last visited March 15, 2024).

Child Welfare Indicators

Child/Youth Maltreatment

S.C. CHILD/YOUTH MALTREATMENT REPORTS



68,411 child/youth maltreatment reports were received by the South Carolina Department of Social Services (DSS) in 2023, **1,516** or **4% increase** from 2022.

- **37,766** or **55%** accepted for investigation (safety issues alleged) in 2023, **1,497** or **4% increase** from 2022.
- **8,022** or **21%** founded investigations in 2023, **735** or **8% decrease** from 2022.
- **13,796** victims of child/youth maltreatment in 2023, **208** or **1% decrease** from 2022.
- **6,119** or **44%** were victims ages 0 to 6 in 2023, **893** or **13% decrease** from 2022.
- **4,863** or **35%** were victims ages 7 to 12 in 2023, **1,425** or **41% increase** from 2022.
- **2,814** or **20%** were victims ages 13 to 17 in 2023, **740** or **21% decrease** from 2022.

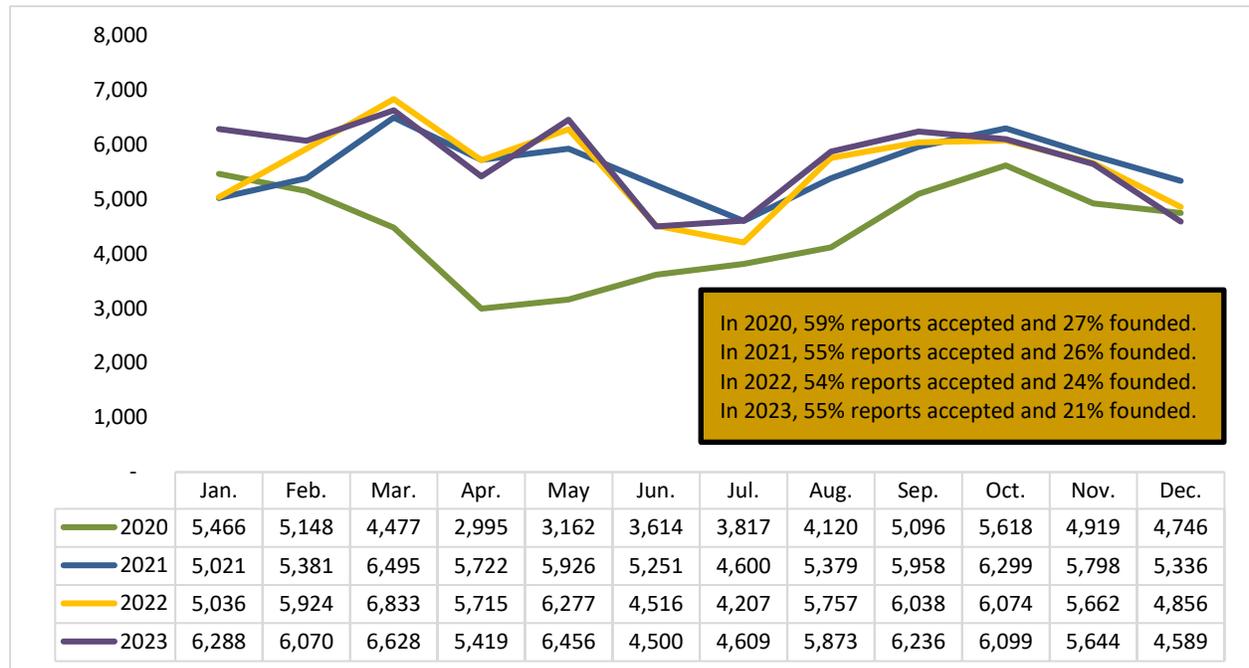
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S.C. CHILD/YOUTH MALTREATMENT REPORTS: COMPARING 2023 TO 2022, 2021, AND 2020 DATA

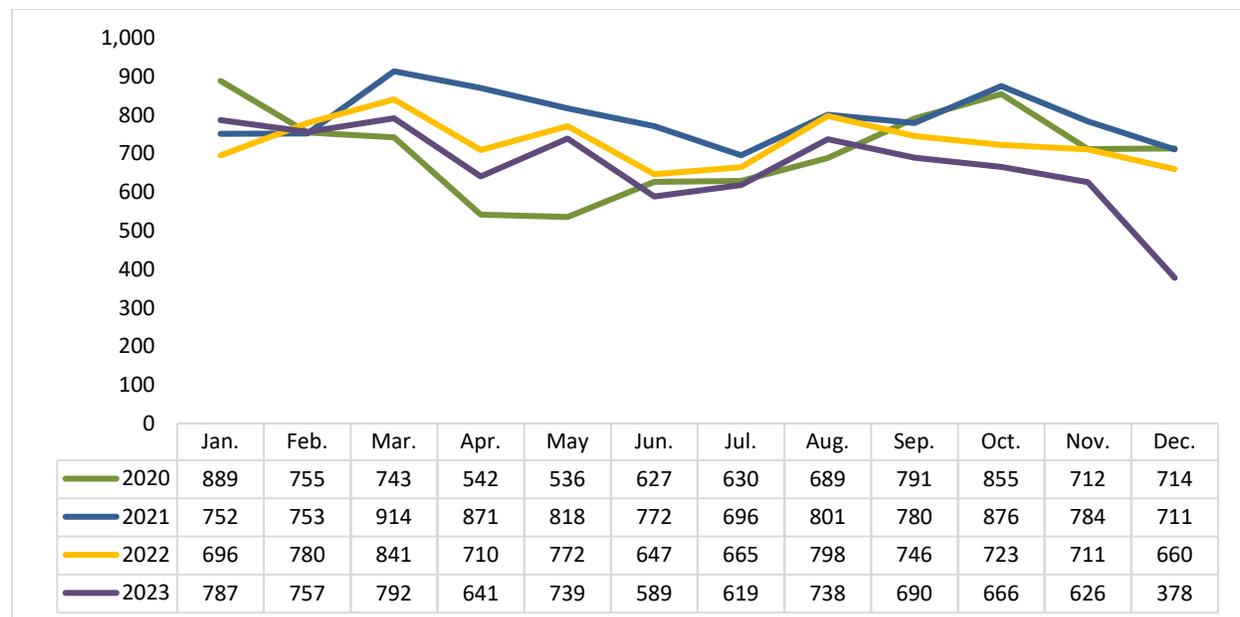
	2020	2021	2022	2023	Compared 2023 to 2022	Compared 2023 to 2021	Compared 2023 to 2020
Maltreatment reports received by DSS	53,178	67,166	66,895	68,411	+1,516 (+2%)	+1,245 (+2%)	+15,233 (+29%)
○ Accepted for investigation	31,596	36,617	36,269	37,766	+1,497 (+4%)	+1,149 (+3%)	+6,170 (+20%)
○ Founded investigations	8,483	9,528	8,749	8,022	-727 (-8%)	-1,506 (-16%)	-461 (-5%)
Maltreatment victims	13,973	15,231	14,004	13,796	-208 (-1%)	-1,435 (-9%)	-177 (-1%)
○ Ages 0 to 6	7,219	7,539	7,012	6,119	-893 (-13%)	-1,420 (-19%)	-1,100 (-15%)
○ Ages 7 to 12	3,425	3,869	3,438	4,863	+1,425 (+41%)	+994 (+26%)	+1,438 (+42%)
○ Ages 13 to 17	3,329	3,823	3,554	2,814	-740 (-21%)	-1,009 (-26%)	-515 (-15%)

Child Welfare Indicators

S.C. CHILD/YOUTH MALTREATMENT REPORTS RECEIVED BY DSS BY MONTH



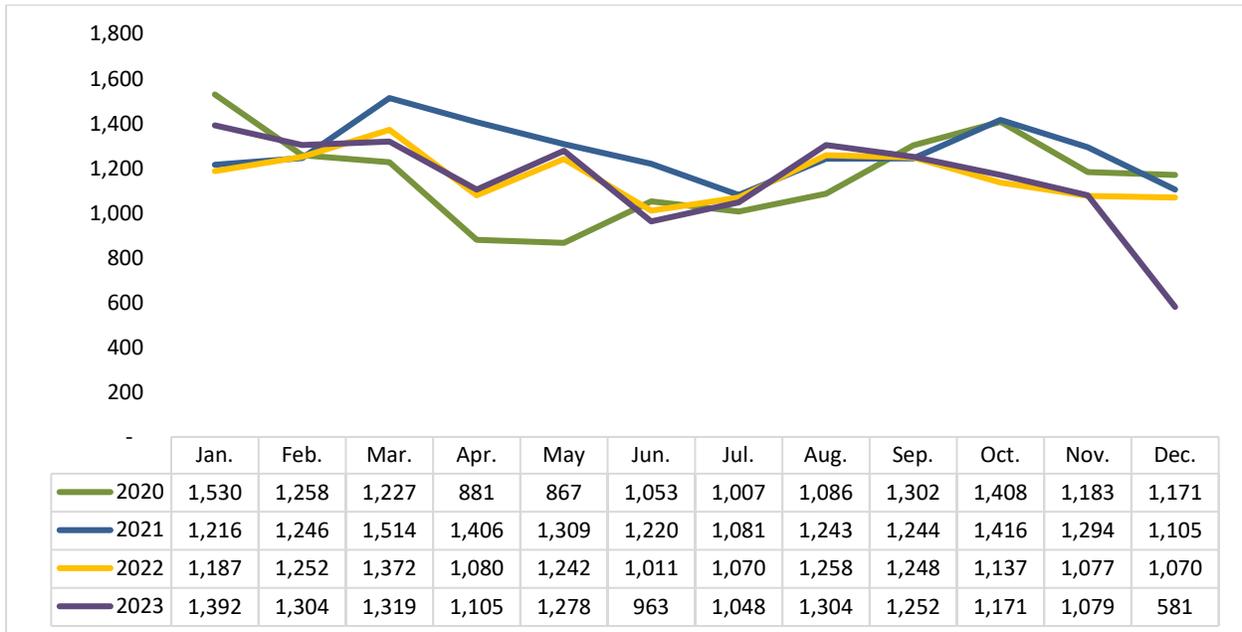
S.C. FOUNDED CHILD/YOUTH MALTREATMENT REPORTS BY MONTH



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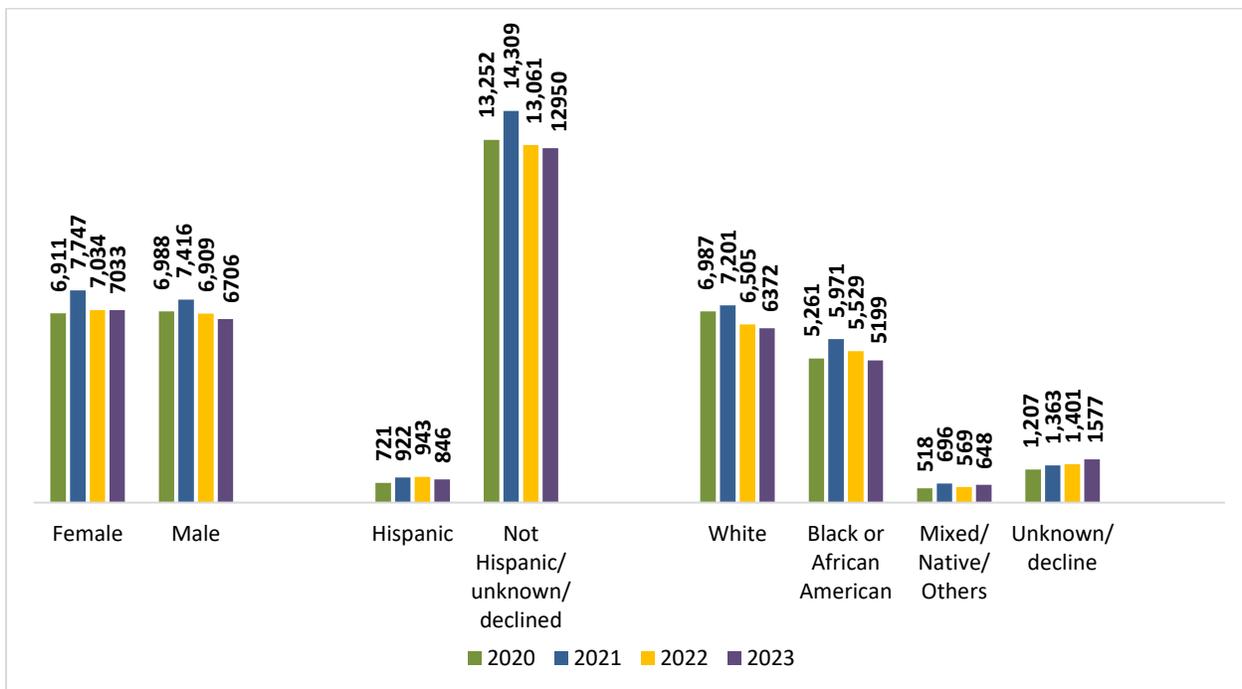
Child Welfare Indicators

S.C. CHILD/YOUTH MALTREATMENT VICTIMS BY MONTH



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S.C. CHILD/YOUTH MALTREATMENT VICTIMS BY SEX, ETHNICITY, AND RACE



Child Welfare Indicators

S.C. CHILD/YOUTH MALTREATMENT VICTIMS: COMPARED TO NATIONAL DATA (OCTOBER 1, 2021-SEPTEMBER 30, 2022)

S.C. child/youth maltreatment victim rate: **13.0 per 1,000 children**  National rate: **7.7 per 1,000 children**

S.C. FOUNDED CHILD/YOUTH MALTREATMENT REPORTS BY TYPE

Maltreatment Type	2020	2021	2022	2023
Abandonment	129	157	196	188
Contributing to the delinquency of a minor	57	54	71	67
Educational neglect	903	1,498	1,055	1,037
Excessive corporal punishment	298	454	447	341
Human trafficking	N/A	107	112	99
Medical neglect	276	343	228	285
Mental injury	803	530	490	376
Physical abuse	1,990	2,273	2,247	1,986
Physical neglect	7,457	8,236	7,345	7,134
Sex trafficking	47	N/A	N/A	N/A
Sexual abuse	467	460	438	362
Substantial risk of physical or mental injury	4,915	5,116	5,059	4,533
Total	17,342	19,228	17,688	16,408

Note. The number of founded maltreatment reports is greater than the number of children in founded investigations since more than one maltreatment per child may be indicated in an investigation.

N/A: Data not applicable/available

S.C. CHILD/YOUTH MALTREATMENT VICTIMS BY REGION AND COUNTY

Region/County	2020	2021	2022	2023
Lowcountry Total	2,593	3,171	3,137	3,162
Allendale	18	24	15	5
Beaufort	160	196	226	235
Berkeley	387	580	483	609
Calhoun	37	42	31	25
Charleston	1,090	1,384	1,429	1,255
Colleton	201	174	165	106
Dorchester	397	450	452	477
Hampton	71	64	60	96
Jasper	45	75	87	95
Orangeburg	187	182	189	259
Midlands Total	4,009	3,980	3,384	3,246
Aiken	452	407	284	227

Child Welfare Indicators

Region/County (Continued)	2020	2021	2022	2023
Bamberg	60	42	30	11
Barnwell	36	43	16	43
Chester	136	209	169	179
Edgefield	52	61	33	28
Fairfield	65	72	47	53
Kershaw	166	265	152	280
Lancaster	306	339	217	230
Lexington	710	551	453	411
McCormick	16	8	22	7
Richland	1,354	1,473	1,428	1,221
Saluda	34	47	48	40
York	502	463	485	516
Pee Dee Total	2,799	3,165	2,629	2,709
Chesterfield	110	130	127	130
Clarendon	92	71	76	74
Darlington	370	409	396	397
Dillon	156	202	131	120
Florence	408	462	335	351
Georgetown	181	165	122	136
Horry	747	955	707	799
Lee	69	71	38	58
Marion	109	139	122	136
Marlboro	129	116	137	116
Sumter	368	357	338	289
Williamsburg	60	88	100	103
Upstate Total	4,572	4,915	4,854	4,679
Abbeville	27	57	63	84
Anderson	719	755	715	605
Cherokee	340	343	267	249
Greenville	1,465	1,661	1,608	1,630
Greenwood	233	224	225	276
Laurens	269	278	337	296
Newberry	131	104	132	122
Oconee	232	250	238	319
Pickens	238	288	285	251
Spartanburg	918	881	891	737
Union	117	74	93	110
Grand Total	13,973	15,231	14,004	13,796

Note. Total may not match due to unknown or missing information. County data are based on office of the case management. Union County was reclassified from the Midlands to the Upstate region in mid-2022.

Child Welfare Indicators

DATA SOURCES

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2. Compared to national data: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Children’s Bureau. (2024). *Child Maltreatment 2022*. Table 3-3. A child is defined as a person who has not attained (a) the age of 18 or (b) the age specified by the child protection law of the state in which the child resides. For sex trafficking victims only, a state may define a child as a person who has not attained the age of 24. <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/cb/data-research/child-maltreatment> (last visited March 18, 2024).

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Children/Youth in Foster Care

S.C. CHILDREN/YOUTH IN FOSTER CARE



2,925 children/youth entered foster care in 2023, **21** or **1% increase** from 2022.
2,876 children/youth exited foster care in 2023, **5** or **0.2% increase** from 2022.
6,409 children/youth were served in foster care in 2023, **100** or **2% decrease** from 2022.

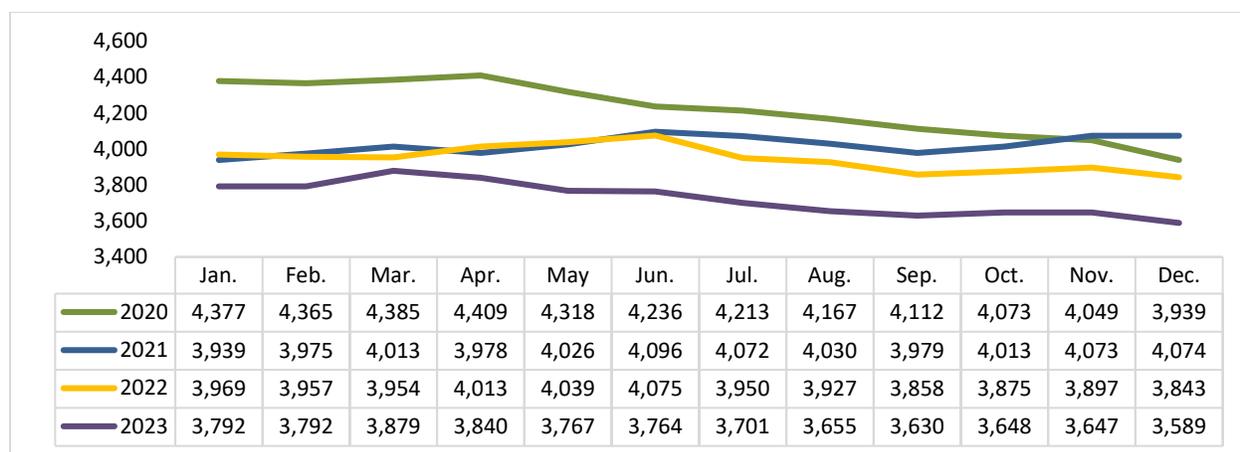
- **2,684** or **42%** were children/youth ages 0 to 6 in 2023, **120** or **5% increase** from 2022.
- **1,773** or **28%** were children/youth ages 7 to 12 in 2023, **10** or **1% increase** from 2022.
- **1,952** or **30%** were children/youth ages 13 to 17 in 2023, **230** or **11% decrease** from 2022.

Note. Children are under age 18 as of 12/31/2023, or the close date of their service, whichever is earlier.

S.C. CHILDREN/YOUTH IN FOSTER CARE: COMPARING 2023 to 2022, 2021, AND 2020 DATA

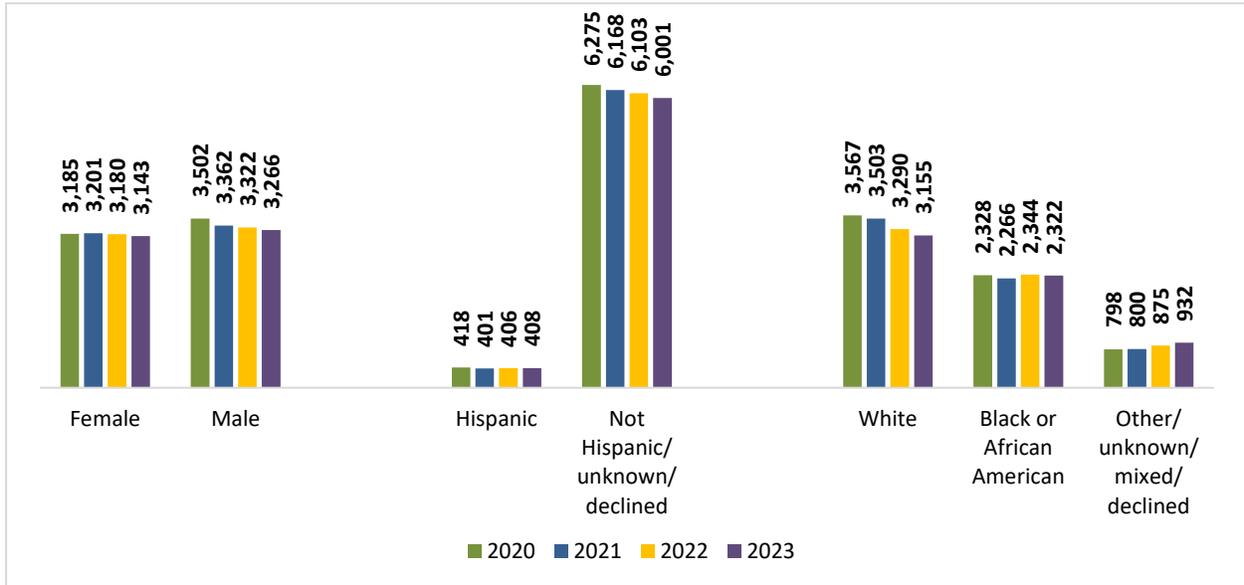
	2020	2021	2022	2023	Compared 2023 to 2022	Compared 2023 to 2021	Compared 2023 to 2020
Children/youth entered foster care	2,662	2,993	2,904	2,925	+21 (+1%)	-68 (-2%)	+263 (+10%)
Children/youth exited foster care	2,811	2,685	2,840	2,876	+36 (+1%)	+191 (+7%)	+65 (+2%)
Children/youth served in foster care	6,693	6,569	6,509	6,409	-100 (-2%)	-160 (-2%)	-284 (-4%)
○ Ages 0 to 6	2,766	2,603	2,564	2,684	+120 (+5%)	+81 (+3%)	-82 (-3%)
○ Ages 7 to 12	1,956	1,843	1,763	1,773	+10 (+1%)	-70 (-4%)	-183 (-9%)
○ Ages 13 to 17	1,971	2,123	2,182	1,952	-230 (-11%)	-171 (-8%)	-19 (-1%)

S.C. CHILDREN/YOUTH IN FOSTER CARE BY MONTH



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S.C. CHILDREN/YOUTH IN FOSTER CARE BY SEX, ETHNICITY, AND RACE



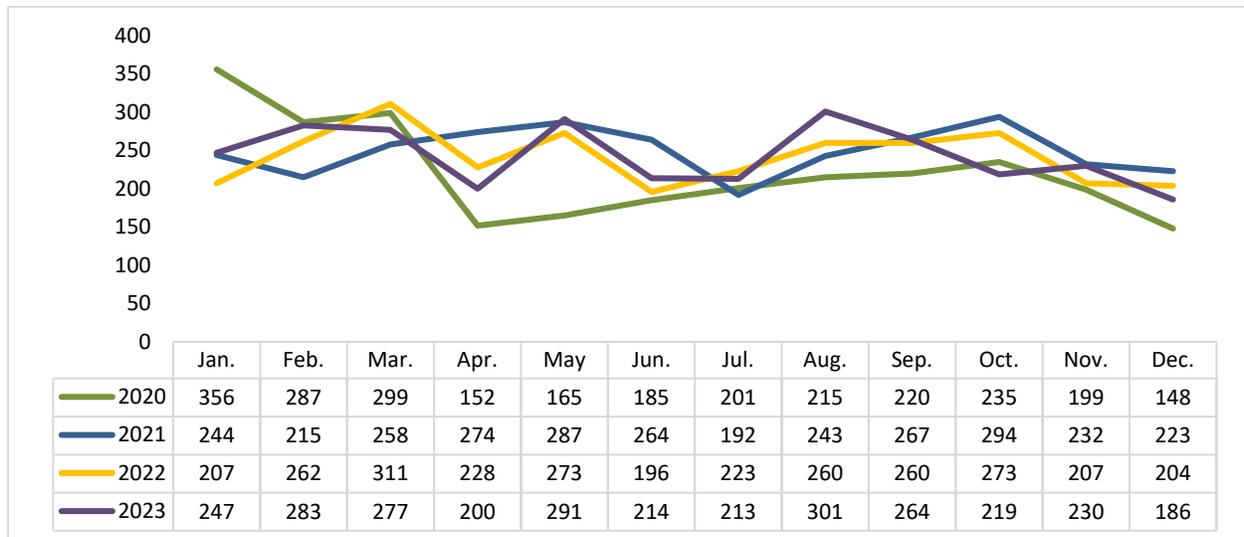
S.C. CHILDREN/YOUTH IN FOSTER CARE: COMPARED TO NATIONAL DATA

S.C. children/youth in foster care on
September 30, 2021:
3.0 per 1,000 children/youth



National rate:
4.5 per 1,000 children/youth

S.C. CHILDREN/YOUTH ENTERED FOSTER CARE BY MONTH



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REASON CHILDREN/YOUTH ENTERED FOSTER CARE IN S.C.

Reason Entered Foster Care	2020	2021	2022	2023
Abandonment	84	118	132	139
Alcohol abuse (child)	17	8	13	8
Alcohol abuse (parent)	70	71	68	57
Caretaker disabling condition	24	13	22	46
Child born to foster child	N/A	*	*	N/A
Child's behavior problem	71	102	100	102
Child's disability	15	*	7	11
Child requested placement	N/A	N/A	N/A	7
Death of parent(s)	18	10	20	30
Disruption or dissolution of adoption	*	*	*	N/A
Domestic Violence	N/A	N/A	N/A	89
Drug abuse (child)	35	29	26	28
Drug abuse (parent)	378	404	416	373
Educational neglect	N/A	N/A	N/A	41
Exploitation (non-sexual)	*	*	*	N/A
Family instability	107	47	67	N/A
Hospitalization of parent	21	9	18	N/A
Inadequate access to health services	N/A	N/A	N/A	11
Inadequate housing	59	47	70	93
Incarceration of parent(s)	41	39	49	64
Lack of employment (parent)	7	*	9	N/A
Lack of housing (homeless)	38	26	56	62
Lost child	5	*	*	N/A
Medical neglect	N/A	N/A	N/A	30
Neglect	1,970	2,154	2,153	2,065
Physical abuse	574	771	635	633
Pregnancy (of the child)	*	*	*	N/A
Prenatal alcohol/drug exposure	N/A	N/A	N/A	55
Prenatal immigration detainment	N/A	N/A	N/A	*
Relinquishment (at birth)	*	*	*	N/A
Relinquishment (other)	10	6	5	N/A
Runaway	34	60	48	33
Sexual abuse	216	261	206	152
Sex trafficking	N/A	N/A	N/A	20
Voluntary placement (non-Child Protective Services)	15	8	*	N/A
Whereabouts unknown	N/A	N/A	N/A	10
24-hour medical hold (child)	N/A	N/A	*	*
Total	3,816	4,204	4,138	4,166

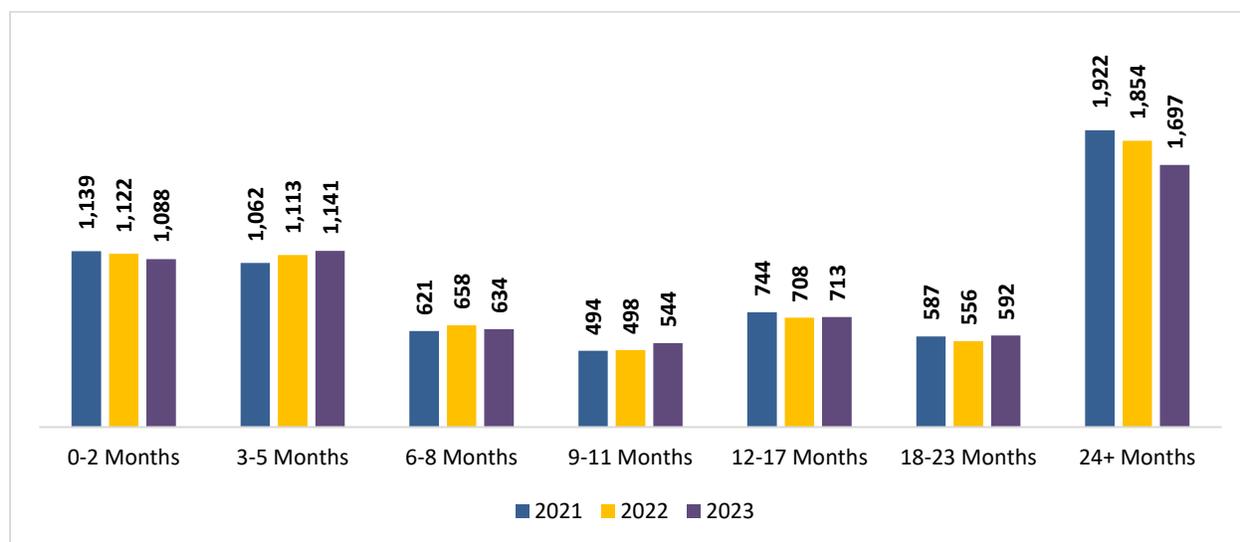
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Child Welfare Indicators

LENGTH OF STAY FOR FOSTER CHILDREN/YOUTH ON A GIVEN DATE IN S.C.

	0-2 Months	3-5 Months	6-8 Months	9-11 Months	12-17 Months	18-23 Months	24+ Months	All Children/Youth
July 1, 2019	697 (15%)	664 (15%)	427 (9%)	433 (10%)	640 (14%)	457 (10%)	1,185 (26%)	4,503 (100%)
July 1, 2020	390 (9%)	615 (15%)	479 (11%)	427 (10%)	625 (15%)	435 (10%)	1,265 (30%)	4,236 (100%)

LENGTH OF STAY FOR FOSTER CHILDREN/YOUTH DURING 2021, 2022, AND 2023 CALENDAR YEARS



Note. Children are under 18 as of the close date of their service, or 12/31/2023, whichever is earlier. A child's time in care is rounded down to the nearest whole number. For example, a child in care 2.8 months is listed in the "0-2 months" category.

2021 data: A child's length of service is the length of time between their open date and either their service close date or 12/31/2021, whichever is earlier. Data as of February 1, 2022.

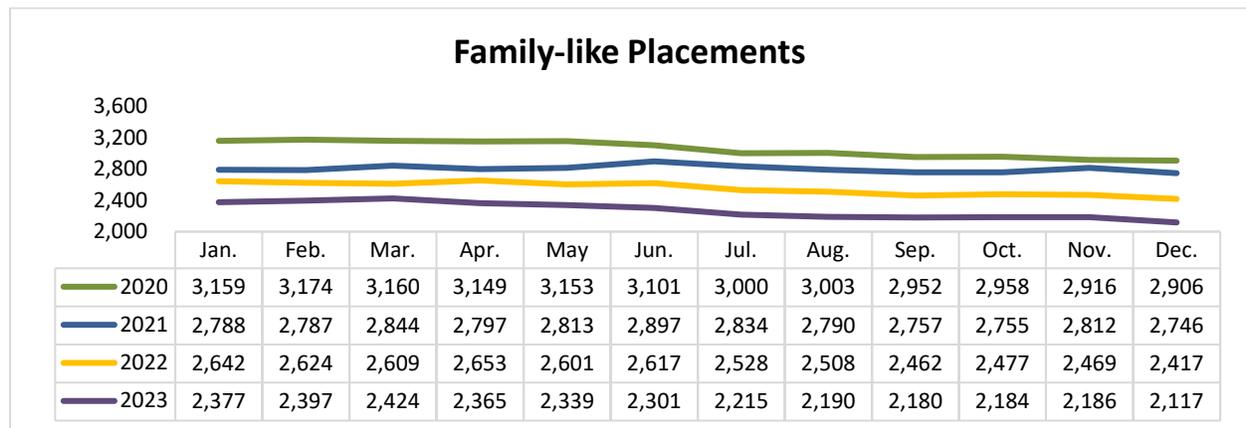
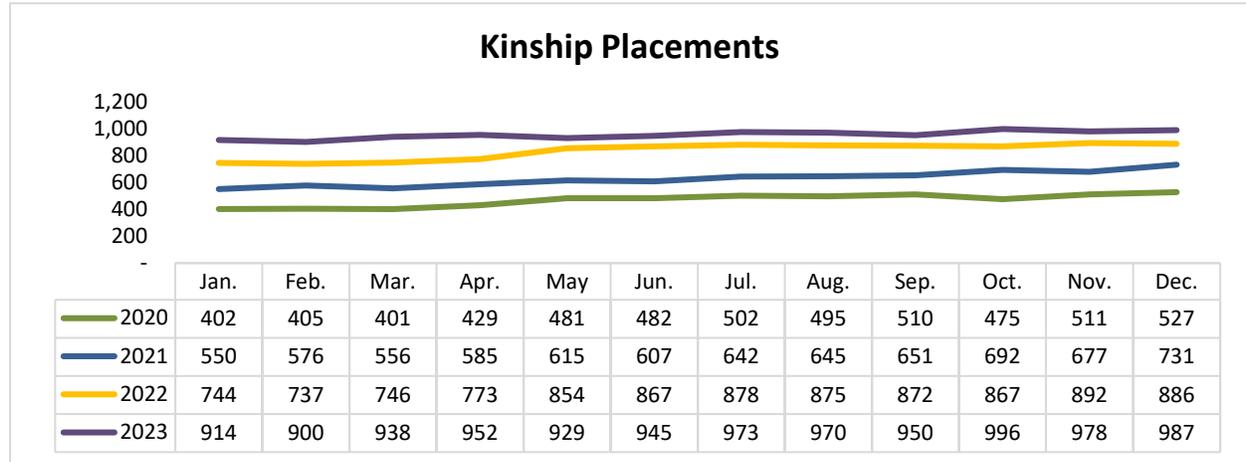
2022 data: A child's length of service is the length of time between their open date and either their service close date or 12/31/2022, whichever is earlier. Data as of March 1, 2023.

2023 data: A child's length of service is the length of time between their open date and either their service close date or 12/31/2023, whichever is earlier. Data as of February 1, 2024.

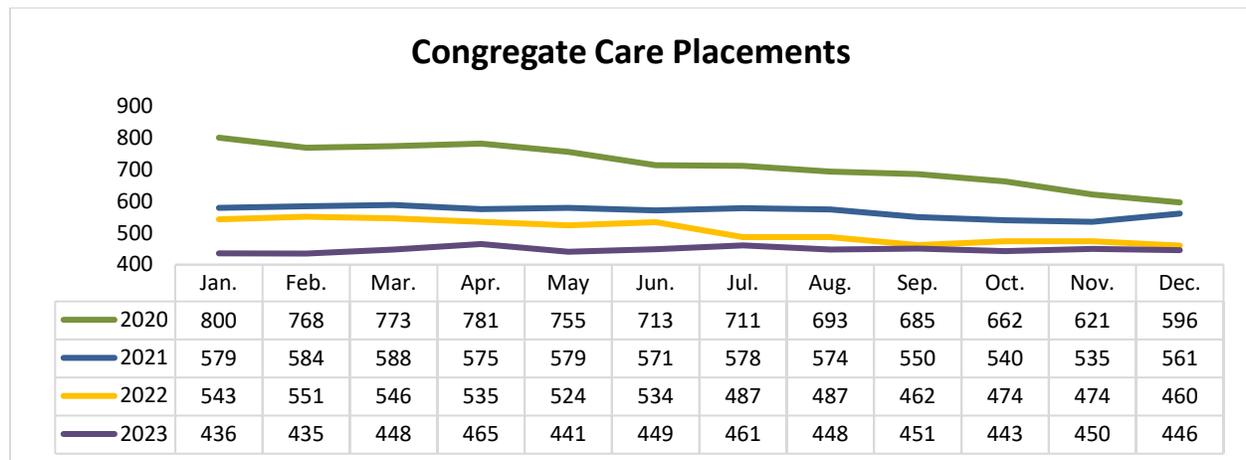
Data are not comparable between years 2020 and 2021/2022/2023 above due to the differences of the data provided (i.e., July 1 data vs. calendar year data).

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FOSTER CARE PLACEMENTS IN S.C.

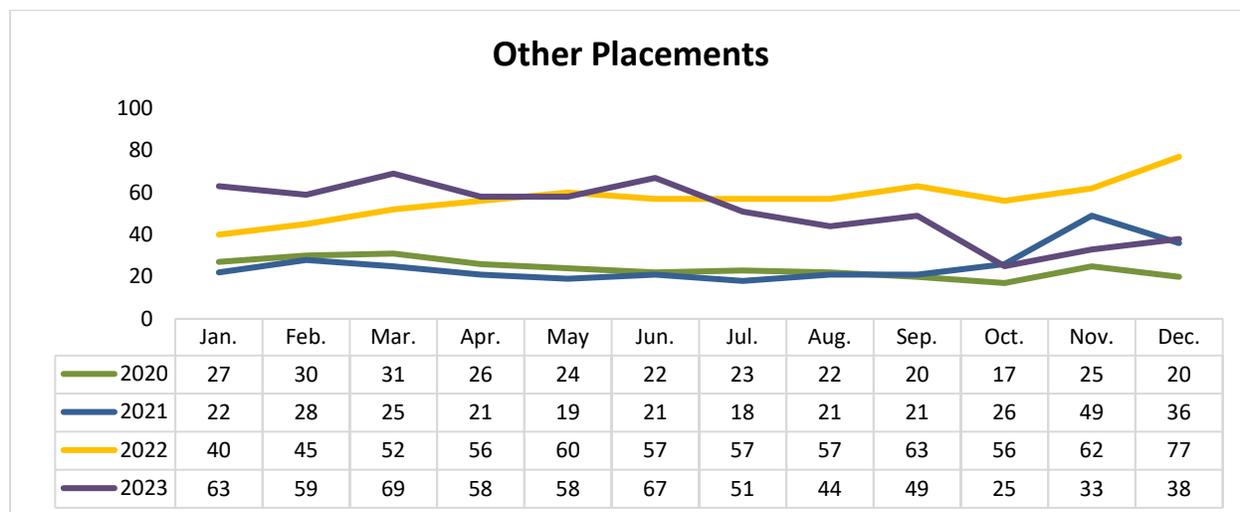


Note. Family-like placements include foster homes, pre-adoptive or adoptive placements, and therapeutic foster homes.



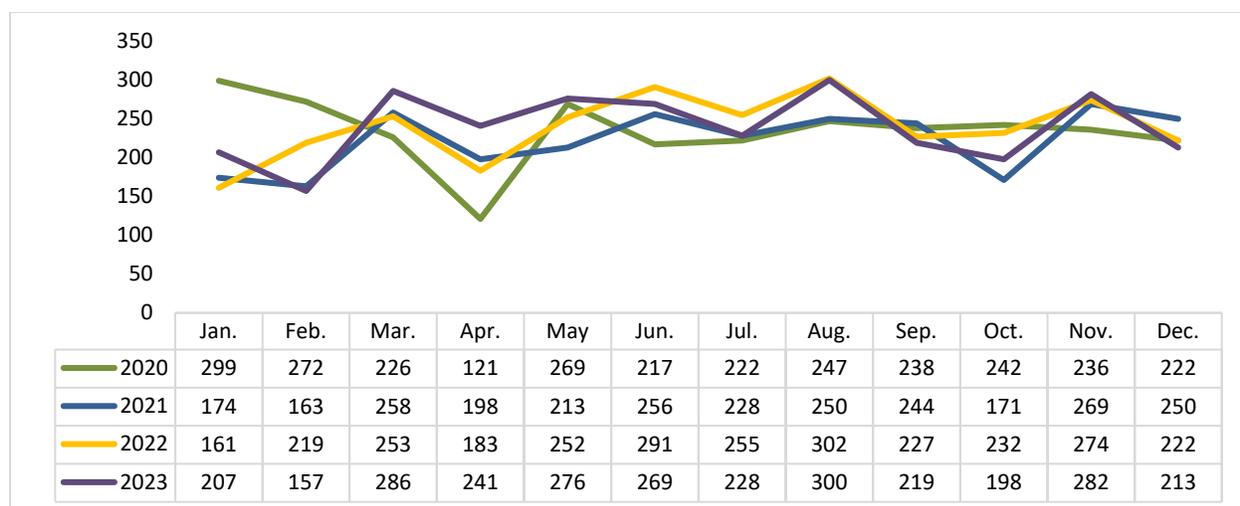
Note. Congregate care placements include congregate care, emergency shelters, and residential treatment facilities.

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Note. Other placements include correctional facilities, DJJ, hospitals, and schools/colleges.

S.C. CHILDREN/YOUTH EXITED FOSTER CARE BY MONTH



REASON CHILDREN/YOUTH EXITED FOSTER CARE IN S.C.

Reason Exited Foster Care	2020	2021	2022	2023
Adoption	466	480	559	640
Aged out	*	*	8	*
Guardianship	86	101	107	115
Living with other relatives	689	582	632	591
Returned to custody of parent/guardian	1,547	1,490	1,516	1,488
Other	21	31	18	39
Total	2,809	2,684	2,840	2,873

Note. The totals do not include masked values (*) where there is only one masked value (*) for a given year.

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S.C. CHILDREN/YOUTH IN FOSTER CARE BY REGION AND COUNTY

Region/Office	2021	2022	2023
Lowcountry Total	1,140	1,128	1,201
Adoption Services Lowcountry Charleston	105	129	143
Allendale County DSS	*	7	6
Beaufort County DSS	78	57	76
Berkeley County DSS	228	239	273
Calhoun County DSS	36	19	*
Charleston County DSS	411	388	342
Colleton County DSS	64	56	60
Dorchester County DSS	93	93	94
Hampton County DSS	12	13	26
Jasper County DSS	19	27	33
Orangeburg County DSS	94	100	148
Midlands Total	1,998	2,182	2,203
Adoption Services Midlands Columbia	118	165	167
Adoption Services Midlands Orangeburg	48	81	77
Adoption Services Midlands Rock Hill	46	69	107
Aiken County DSS	155	161	140
Bamberg County DSS	13	18	15
Barnwell County DSS	11	13	17
Chester County DSS	53	50	61
Edgefield County DSS	7	12	18
Fairfield County DSS	19	37	25
Kershaw County DSS	129	132	139
Lancaster County DSS	97	99	84
Lexington County DSS	242	262	220
McCormick County DSS	*	*	5
Richland County DSS	771	815	876
Saluda County DSS	31	36	22
Union County DSS	26	N/A	N/A
York County DSS	232	232	230
Pee Dee Total	1,215	1,207	1,157
Adoption Services Pee Dee Florence	162	167	195
Chesterfield County DSS	49	50	33
Clarendon County DSS	94	66	36
Darlington County DSS	131	152	126
Dillon County DSS	57	45	43
Florence County DSS	149	127	119
Georgetown County DSS	40	43	38

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Region/Office (Continued)	2021	2022	2023
Horry County DSS	316	351	362
Lee County DSS	23	14	12
Marion County DSS	57	91	85
Marlboro County DSS	25	18	37
Sumter County DSS	90	68	52
Williamsburg County DSS	22	15	19
Upstate Total	2,211	1,988	1,844
Abbeville County DSS	26	36	36
Adoption Services Upstate Greenville	490	484	397
Anderson County DSS	300	247	186
Cherokee County DSS	98	96	51
Greenville County DSS	512	359	343
Greenwood County DSS	87	87	101
Laurens County DSS	177	167	172
Newberry County DSS	20	23	31
Oconee County DSS	116	87	78
Pickens County DSS	74	56	62
Spartanburg County DSS	311	315	360
Union County DSS	N/A	31	27
Grand Total	6,564	6,505	6,405

Note. The region totals and grand total values do not include masked values (*) where there is only one masked value (*) per region for a given year. Union County was reclassified from the Midlands to the Upstate region in mid-2022.

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DATA SOURCES

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2. Compared to national data: Child Trends, State-level Data for Understanding Child Welfare in the United States. Author: Sarah Catherine Williams, Rachel Rosenberg, and Valerie Martinez. Publication Date: April 27, 2023. <https://www.childtrends.org/publications/state-level-data-for-understanding-child-welfare-in-the-united-states> (last visited March 19, 2024). Children currently in care include children from birth to age 20 in foster care on the last day of the federal fiscal year. Rates are calculated using general child population data (birth to age 20) from the U. S. Census Bureau from 2021 which are publicly available on the U.S. Census Bureau website. The data were obtained from the National Data Archive on Child Abuse and Neglect and have been used in accordance with its Terms of Use Agreement license. The data represent the federal fiscal year 2021 reporting period (October 1, 2020 - September 30, 2021, respectively). Children who were missing data on the relevant indicator were excluded from analyses. The Administration on Children, Youth and Families, the Children’s Bureau, the original dataset collection personnel or funding source, NDACAN, Cornell University and their agents or employees bear no responsibility for the analysis presented here.

Child Welfare Indicators

Family Court Hearings and Continuances in Child Protection Cases

S.C. HEARINGS AND CONTINUANCES IN CHILD PROTECTION CASES



15,555 probable cause, merits, judicial review, and permanency planning hearings were scheduled in 2023, **910** or **6% decrease** from 2022.

- **33%** of the scheduled probable cause, merits, judicial review, and permanency planning hearings were continued in 2023, **2%** (continuance rate) *increase* from 2022.

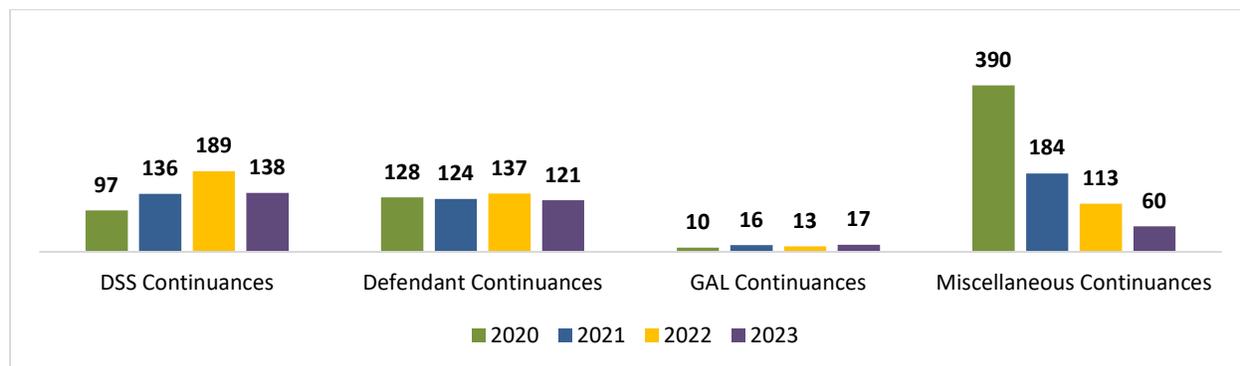
1,025 termination of parental rights (TPR) merits and pre-trial hearings were scheduled in 2023, **163** or **14% decrease** from 2022.

- **32%** of the scheduled TPR merits and pre-trial hearings were continued in 2023, **6%** (continuance rate) *decrease* from 2022.

S.C. HEARINGS AND CONTINUANCES IN CHILD PROTECTION CASES: COMPARING 2023 TO 2022, 2021, AND 2020 DATA

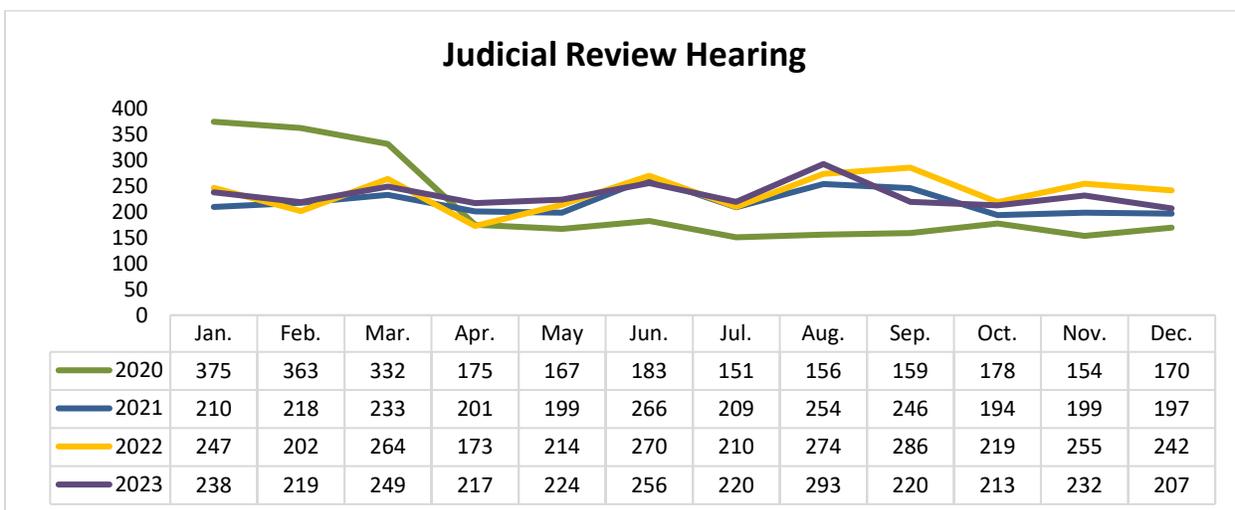
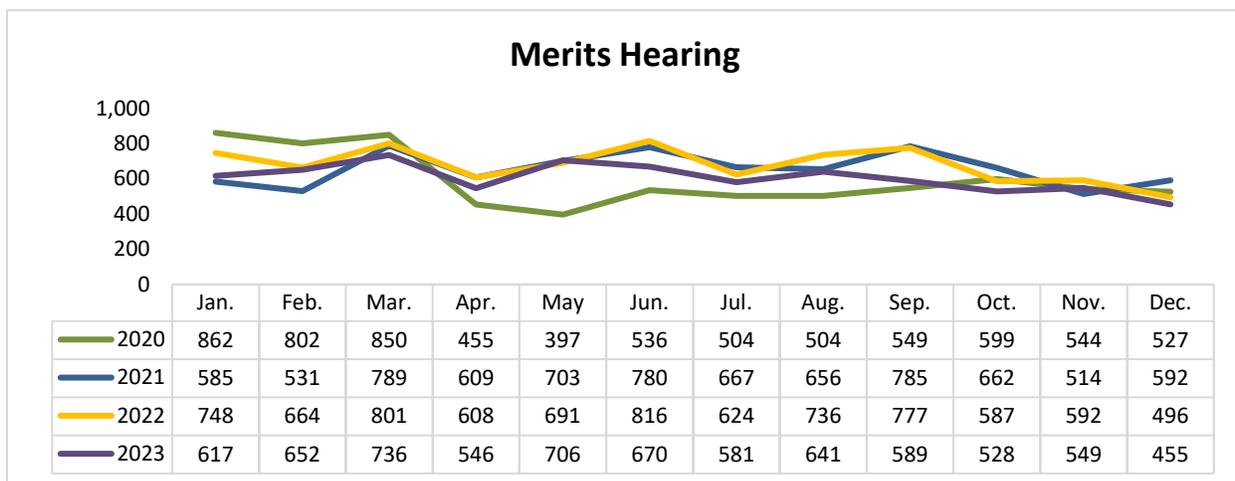
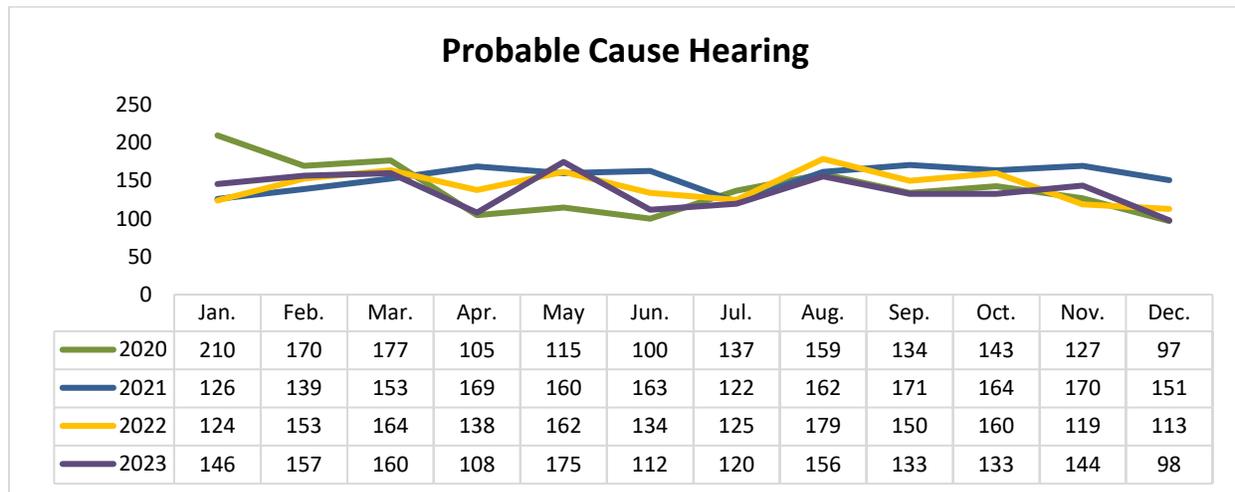
	2020	2021	2022	2023	Compared 2023 to 2022	Compared 2023 to 2021	Compared 2023 to 2020
Number of probable cause, merits, judicial review, and permanency planning hearings scheduled	15,046	15,734	16,465	15,555	-910 (-6%)	-179 (-1%)	+509 (+3%)
Percent of the above scheduled hearings continued	41%	37%	31%	33%	+2%	-4%	-8%
Number of TPR merits and pre-trial hearings scheduled	1,272	1,175	1,188	1,025	-163 (-14%)	-150 (-13%)	-247 (-19%)
Percent of the above scheduled TPR merits and pre-trial hearings continued	49%	39%	38%	32%	-6%	-7%	-17%

S.C. HEARINGS AND CONTINUANCES IN CHILD PROTECTION CASES: REASONS FOR CONTINUANCES

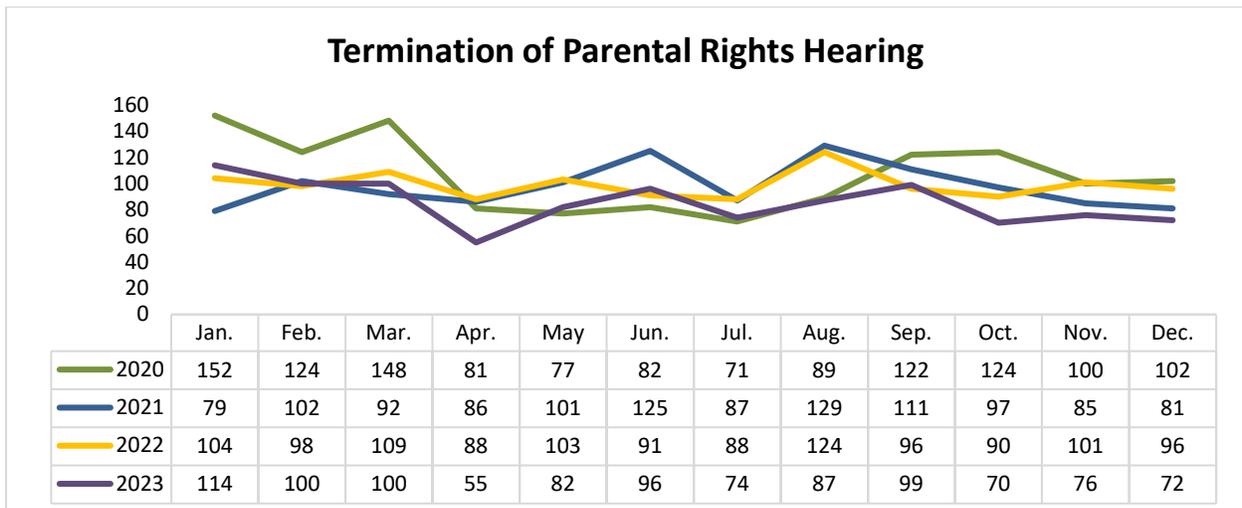
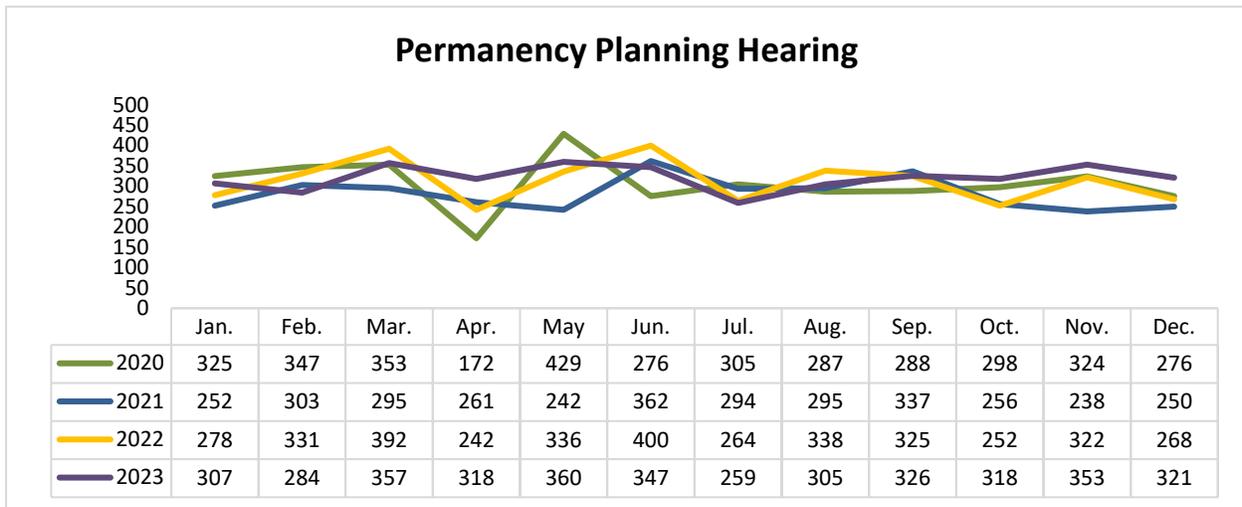


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S.C. NUMBER OF HEARINGS IN CHILD PROTECTION CASES BY TYPE AND MONTH



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S.C. HEARINGS AND CONTINUANCES IN CHILD PROTECTION CASES BY REGION AND COUNTY

Probable Cause, Merits, Judicial Review, and Permanency Planning Hearings								
Region/County	2020		2021		2022		2023	
	Number of hearings scheduled	Number of the scheduled hearings continued	Number of hearings scheduled	Number of the scheduled hearings continued	Number of hearings scheduled	Number of the scheduled hearings continued	Number of hearings scheduled	Number of the scheduled hearings continued
Lowcountry Total	2,168	808	2,896	1,076	3,111	1,073	3,082	1,009
Allendale	14	*	6	N/A	13	5	18	8
Beaufort	183	84	178	55	177	72	220	82
Berkeley	370	142	468	199	600	215	592	198
Calhoun	47	17	82	29	63	28	51	12
Charleston	939	358	1,368	508	1,300	437	1,198	401
Colleton	130	51	124	41	157	55	186	75
Dorchester	236	84	355	141	370	107	273	71
Hampton	42	19	63	28	67	30	71	20
Jasper	33	5	50	15	78	33	76	33
Orangeburg	174	48	202	60	286	91	397	109
Midlands Total	4,779	2,399	4,622	2,059	5,383	2,109	4,985	1,854
Aiken	743	381	731	342	620	193	442	88
Bamberg	59	25	27	7	37	13	44	13
Barnwell	70	32	52	21	66	29	52	23
Chester	127	42	170	83	199	67	223	73
Edgefield	38	14	56	22	66	34	52	14
Fairfield	74	27	72	25	99	26	82	19
Kershaw	242	100	279	102	328	96	310	95
Lancaster	280	127	299	139	179	46	190	39
Lexington	919	593	792	429	840	365	730	241
McCormick	*	N/A	13	9	25	8	16	8
Richland	1,351	688	1,351	567	2,047	921	2,182	1,028
Saluda	74	40	71	30	63	22	42	9
Union	97	37	102	24	86	17	N/A	N/A
York	705	293	607	259	728	272	620	204
Pee Dee Total	3,066	1,038	3,018	985	2,901	803	2,833	774
Chesterfield	133	38	148	51	166	47	141	33
Clarendon	98	37	135	39	133	28	114	26
Darlington	362	119	365	119	383	68	326	62
Dillon	207	79	200	58	160	35	137	24

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Probable Cause, Merits, Judicial Review, and Permanency Planning Hearings (Continued)								
Region/County	2020		2021		2022		2023	
	Number of hearings scheduled	Number of the scheduled hearings continued	Number of hearings scheduled	Number of the scheduled hearings continued	Number of hearings scheduled	Number of the scheduled hearings continued	Number of hearings scheduled	Number of the scheduled hearings continued
Florence	371	127	429	149	379	121	427	133
Georgetown	147	51	153	28	113	20	117	26
Horry	1,078	349	958	303	896	246	905	253
Lee	65	25	60	27	68	29	54	16
Marion	238	100	202	83	221	73	240	76
Marlboro	94	35	93	35	76	29	89	30
Sumter	191	53	198	71	215	79	192	64
Williamsburg	82	25	77	22	91	28	91	31
Upstate Total	5,032	1,995	5,198	1,636	5,567	1,492	5,181	1,431
Abbeville	66	20	75	23	93	37	101	28
Anderson	478	124	530	138	783	130	664	143
Cherokee	406	197	350	96	370	104	233	68
Greenville	1,489	614	1,698	489	1,520	384	1,362	348
Greenwood	303	141	323	139	374	130	356	118
Laurens	409	132	443	125	486	149	572	181
Newberry	110	34	108	30	120	48	98	45
Oconee	324	106	225	44	239	56	264	64
Pickens	325	123	299	72	303	64	275	67
Spartanburg	1,122	504	1,147	480	1,279	390	1,153	345
Union	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	103	24
Grand Total	15,045	6,240	15,734	5,756	16,962	5,477	16,081	5,068

Note. The region totals and grand total values do not include masked values (*) where there is only one masked value (*) per region for a given year. 2022 county data included numbers of motions for each county. Union County was reclassified from the Midlands to the Upstate region in mid-2022. 0<*<5; N/A: Data not applicable/available

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TPR Merits and Pre-trial Hearings

Region/County	2020		2021		2022		2023	
	Number of hearings scheduled	Number of the scheduled hearings continued	Number of hearings scheduled	Number of the scheduled hearings continued	Number of hearings scheduled	Number of the scheduled hearings continued	Number of hearings scheduled	Number of the scheduled hearings continued
Lowcountry Total	141	81	195	90	220	104	120	40
Allendale	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Beaufort	6	5	12	*	12	*	*	*
Berkeley	20	12	17	6	26	*	27	8
Calhoun	*	*	0	0	*	0	0	0
Charleston	80	46	111	62	123	73	47	19
Colleton	14	9	24	11	15	10	17	6
Dorchester	9	6	10	5	13	5	9	*
Hampton	*	*	*	0	*	*	0	0
Jasper	*	0	5	0	0	0	0	0
Orangeburg	5	0	16	*	26	8	20	*
Midlands Total	290	144	262	107	312	106	329	97
Aiken	46	25	52	12	43	14	59	13
Bamberg	*	0	*	0	*	0	0	0
Barnwell	*	*	6	*	5	*	*	*
Chester	*	0	*	*	8	0	14	6
Edgefield	5	*	*	*	0	0	*	*
Fairfield	17	6	*	0	5	0	6	*
Kershaw	*	*	10	5	21	9	29	14
Lancaster	25	10	30	17	40	14	26	9
Lexington	72	37	39	19	52	22	57	14
McCormick	0	0	0	0	*	*	0	0
Richland	39	18	81	34	97	35	53	20
Saluda	0	0	0	0	7	0	5	0
Union	*	*	10	*	6	*	N/A	N/A
York	71	37	22	11	24	8	74	16
Pee Dee Total	242	120	166	65	187	71	184	82
Chesterfield	6	*	*	*	7	*	6	*
Clarendon	10	7	*	0	20	6	21	11
Darlington	22	8	35	15	20	*	32	13
Dillon	5	*	6	*	11	*	9	5
Florence	41	22	39	11	21	*	19	*

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TPR Merits and Pre-trial Hearings (Continued)								
Region/County	2020		2021		2022		2023	
	Number of hearings scheduled	Number of the scheduled hearings continued	Number of hearings scheduled	Number of the scheduled hearings continued	Number of hearings scheduled	Number of the scheduled hearings continued	Number of hearings scheduled	Number of the scheduled hearings continued
Georgetown	5	*	*	0	5	0	7	*
Horry	108	55	44	20	71	39	75	36
Lee	*	*	*	0	7	*	*	*
Marion	*	*	*	0	7	*	5	*
Marlboro	*	*	6	*	8	5	*	0
Sumter	34	12	19	9	*	*	*	*
Williamsburg	*	*	*	*	6	0	*	0
Upstate Total	599	278	547	198	467	169	384	113
Abbeville	11	6	*	0	*	0	16	*
Anderson	50	19	51	11	55	12	49	7
Cherokee	51	25	31	10	32	5	21	5
Greenville	194	103	241	102	185	79	114	31
Greenwood	21	7	18	7	8	*	6	*
Laurens	74	45	65	24	44	15	48	19
Newberry	7	*	5	*	5	*	*	*
Oconee	60	13	34	10	12	*	24	*
Pickens	37	10	24	7	18	*	15	*
Spartanburg	94	50	78	27	108	49	86	34
Union	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	5	*
Grand Total	1,272	623	1,170	460	1,186	450	1,017	332

Note. The region totals and grand total values do not include masked values (*) where there is only one masked value (*) per region for a given year.

0<*<5; N/A: Data not applicable/available

DATA SOURCE

Children’s Law Center, University of South Carolina Joseph F. Rice School of Law. Court Liaison Program, unpublished reports generated in February 2022, March 2023, and March 2024.

Child Welfare Indicators

Child Care

S.C. DSS-REGULATED CHILD CARE FACILITIES BY OPERATIONAL STATUS AND CAPACITY



2,307 open child care facilities were regulated by the South Carolina Department of Social Services' (DSS) child care licensing division in 2023, including **230** newly-opened facilities. The capacity, or the maximum number of children these open facilities were licensed to serve, was **183,178**.

S.C. DSS-REGULATED CHILD CARE FACILITIES BY OPERATIONAL STATUS AND CAPACITY

Operational Status	2020	2021	2022	2023
Total open	2,408	2,185	2,266	2,307
○ Newly opened	156	213	261	230
Closed	171	450	26	15

Capacity (Number of Children Licensed to Served)	2020	2021	2022	2023
Total open	199,172	183,563	190,311	183,178
○ Newly opened	12,010	10,662	14,222	16,980
Closed	7,621	26,669	1,535	595

Note. Legislation passed in 2021 no longer required publicly-funded 4K (Child Early Reading Development and Education Program or CERDEP) to be licensed by DSS. This change accounted for 217 fewer child care programs regulated by the department in 2021. Data were not compared across years in the tables due to the impact of the legislation on the data.

S.C. DSS-REGULATED CHILD CARE FACILITIES BY COUNTY

County	2020		2021		2022		2023	
	Facility Count	Capacity						
Abbeville	17	491	12	365	12	317	10	243
Aiken	68	5,364	55	5,439	57	5,810	52	5,272
Allendale	4	361	3	270	2	146	2	146
Anderson	86	7,278	72	5,936	77	6,402	78	6,461
Bamberg	9	648	7	568	7	568	7	579
Barnwell	12	533	12	596	12	633	12	633
Beaufort	70	6,877	72	6,526	72	6,514	71	6,470
Berkeley	118	8,609	101	7,315	111	7,807	108	7,972
Calhoun	3	188	1	48	2	99	2	99
Charleston	179	19,059	174	18,417	174	20,272	197	24,559
Cherokee	32	1,697	30	1,679	21	1,269	24	1,424

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County (Continued)	2020 Total Open		2021 Total Open		2022 Total Open		2023 Total Open	
	Facility Count	Capacity	Facility Count	Capacity	Facility Count	Capacity	Facility Count	Capacity
Chester	23	1,159	22	1,110	19	1,049	19	1,043
Chesterfield	30	1,589	23	1,280	21	1,156	22	1,205
Clarendon	19	980	16	760	16	836	16	867
Colleton	28	1,250	24	984	21	1,002	21	1,042
Darlington	39	2,837	34	2,273	37	2,537	36	2,614
Dillon	27	1,431	22	1,031	22	956	22	1,077
Dorchester	65	4,553	61	4,257	72	4,501	73	4,941
Edgefield	14	667	9	521	10	527	10	527
Fairfield	15	466	12	370	14	449	17	507
Florence	146	7,444	138	6,162	153	6,671	158	6,939
Georgetown	51	2,431	45	2,213	44	2,221	45	2,334
Greenville	203	24,646	202	24,380	213	25,172	216	25,491
Greenwood	28	2,878	28	2,528	24	2,424	23	2,254
Hampton	13	641	9	474	10	494	9	469
Horry	88	9,215	85	9,013	78	8,900	81	9,317
Jasper	24	803	21	657	28	905	29	932
Kershaw	24	2,277	25	2,397	27	2,413	29	2,662
Lancaster	24	3,045	24	3,045	27	3,463	30	3,935
Laurens	21	2,073	17	1,433	16	1,504	14	1,498
Lee	8	506	5	406	5	425	6	468
Lexington	119	11,022	110	9,950	110	9,842	106	10,325
Marion	30	1,798	32	1,541	34	1,608	34	1,590
Marlboro	17	690	11	456	13	493	13	493
McCormick	3	177	3	177	3	177	3	177
Newberry	17	1,162	9	982	9	1,102	10	1,183
Oconee	34	2,500	24	2,120	22	2,088	20	2,186
Orangeburg	64	4,097	48	3,195	50	3,272	48	3,283
Pickens	43	4,030	43	3,904	42	3,893	39	3,954
Richland	228	19,197	215	18,342	217	18,084	226	18,934
Saluda	7	606	5	526	6	556	5	564
Spartanburg	124	11,559	116	10,613	120	10,863	127	11,882
Sumter	68	5,844	58	5,063	64	5,540	71	5,771
Union	7	803	9	815	9	815	9	815
Williamsburg	41	1,217	41	1,104	41	1,091	40	1,045
York	121	12,541	112	12,793	118	13,264	117	13,976
Grand Total	2,408	199,172	2,185	183,563	2,266	190,311	2,307	200,158

Note. Legislation passed in 2021 no longer required publicly-funded 4K (Child Early Reading Development and Education Program or CERDEP) to be licensed by DSS. This change accounted for 217 fewer child care programs regulated by the department in 2021. Thus, the actual number of child care facilities open (serving children) in 2021 was 2,402.

Child Welfare Indicators

COUNTS OF CHILDREN SERVED BY FIRST STEPS



South Carolina First Steps is the state’s only dedicated, comprehensive early childhood initiative focused on getting children ready for school and life success. As both a state agency and a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, First Steps works with families, early educators, and partners statewide to support children from birth through age five. First Steps takes a holistic approach to offering services that improve children’s health, strengthen families, expand access to quality child care, increase participation in four-year-old kindergarten, and help transition rising kindergartners into school.

FIRST STEPS REACH

Counts of children served by First Steps	FY 19-20	FY 20-21	FY 21-22	FY 22-23
Total number of children directly served	30,576	37,163	57,435	54,241
○ By local partnerships	27,531	34,575	54,092	50,689*
○ By First Steps 4K**	3,045	2,588	3,343	3,650
Total number of children directly served by a high-intensity program***	7,628	6,060	7,856	11,548
○ By local partnerships	4,583	3,472	4,513	7,898*
○ By First Steps 4K**	3,045	2,588	3,343	3,650
Estimated number of children in centers where child care quality enhancement and training have occurred via local partnerships	40,000	60,000	50,000	63,000

*98 children served in Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters through local partnerships were also enrolled in First Steps 4K.

**Total served for at least one day through day 180.

***High-intensity programs are defined relevant to the child; of note: during the COVID-19 pandemic, child care trainings certified by SC Endeavors (through the South Carolina Department of Social Services) were able to be offered virtually for the first time.

Local partnerships: Across the state in every county, First Steps works to ensure that every child has the opportunity to benefit from quality early childhood programs. Through a network of 46 county partnerships, each a local nonprofit, First Steps offers direct services to families and caregivers, share knowledge of community resources and referrals, and mobilize partners in building a more efficient and effective early childhood system.

First Steps 4K: First Steps 4K offers free, full-day four-year-old kindergarten to qualifying children in South Carolina. First Steps 4K partners with more than 250 licensed child care centers and private schools across the state, making it easy for families to find a high-quality program that meets their needs. First Steps 4K is publicly funded and curriculum driven as part of the state’s Child Early Reading Development and Education Program (CERDEP). Through funding provided by the SC Department of Social Services and the SC Child Care Scholarship Program, First Steps 4K PLUS covers extended care for enrolled students, as well as full-day and afterschool care for all siblings, ages 0-12.

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Proportion of children who were served by First Steps	FY 19-20	FY 20-21	FY 21-22	FY 22-23
Proportion of eligible children served directly	18.6%	23.5%	37.1%	36.9%
Proportion of eligible children served directly by a high-intensity program	4.6%	3.8%	5.1%	7.9%
Proportion of children under age 6 who benefit from local partnership child care quality enhancement and training	11.7%	17.5%	14.6%	18.7%

Note. Denominator data from 5-Year Estimates from the American Community Survey (Table B17024). Eligible children defined as children under age 6 <185% federal poverty level (FY19-20: 2014-18 data; FY20-21: 2015-19 data; FY21-22: 2016-20 data; FY22-23: 2017-21 data).

DATA SOURCES

1. S.C. DSS-regulated child care facilities data: S.C. Department of Social Services, unpublished report generated in February 2022, March 2023, and March 2024.
2. First Steps data: S.C. First Steps, unpublished report generated in March 2024.

Health Indicators

Mental Health Services

S.C. MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES PROVIDED TO CHILDREN



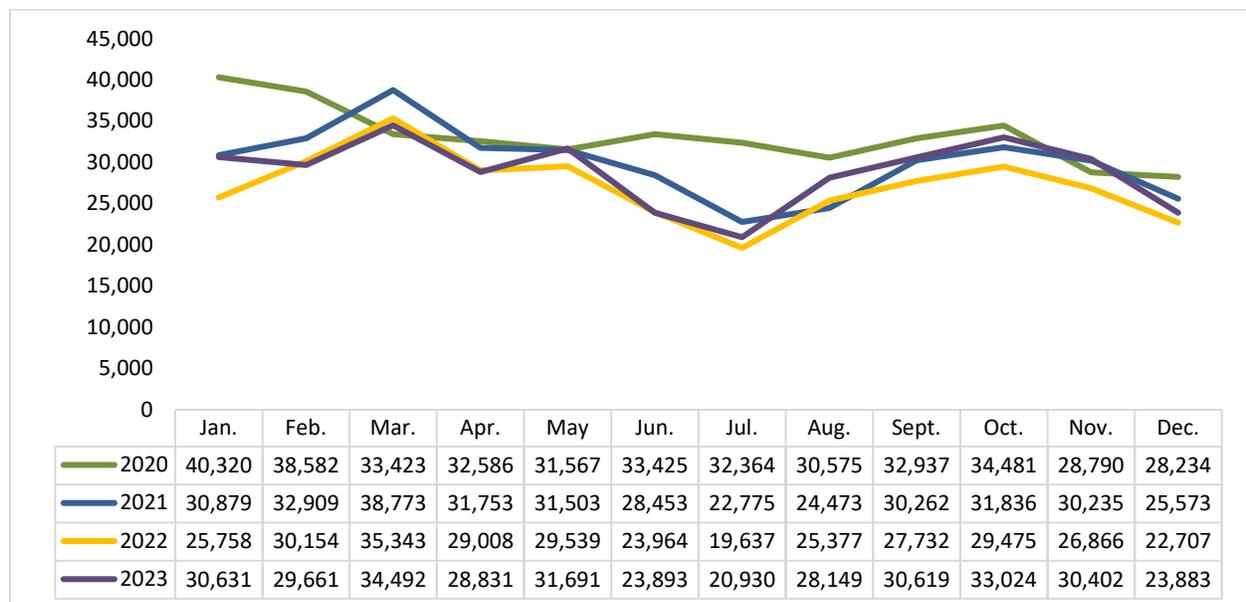
346,206 mental health services were provided to children by the South Carolina Department of Mental Health (DMH) in 2023, **20,646** or **6% increase** from 2022. **31,292** children (unduplicated count) received the provided mental health services in 2023, **58** or **0.2% increase** from 2022.

Note. Data included in the report are limited to services provided through community outpatient facilities.

S.C. MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES PROVIDED BY DMH TO CHILDREN: COMPARING 2023 TO 2022, 2021, AND 2020 DATA

	2020	2021	2022	2023	Compared 2023 to 2022	Compared 2023 to 2021	Compared 2023 to 2020
Number of mental health services provided to children by DMH	397,284	359,424	325,560	346,206	+20,646 (+6%)	-13,218 (-4%)	-51,078 (-13%)
Number of children received mental health services provided by DMH	30,725	31,787	31,234	31,292	+58 (+0.2%)	-495 (-2%)	+567 (+2%)

S.C. MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES PROVIDED BY DMH TO CHILDREN BY MONTH

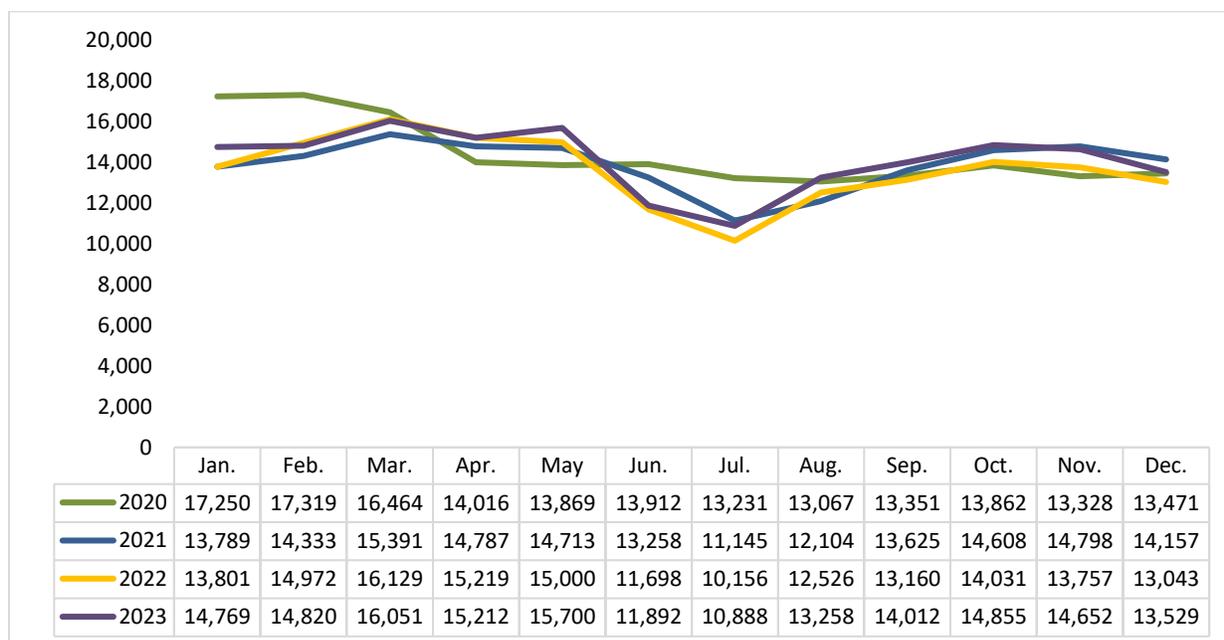


Health Indicators

S.C. MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES PROVIDED BY DMH TO CHILDREN BY PLACE OF SERVICE

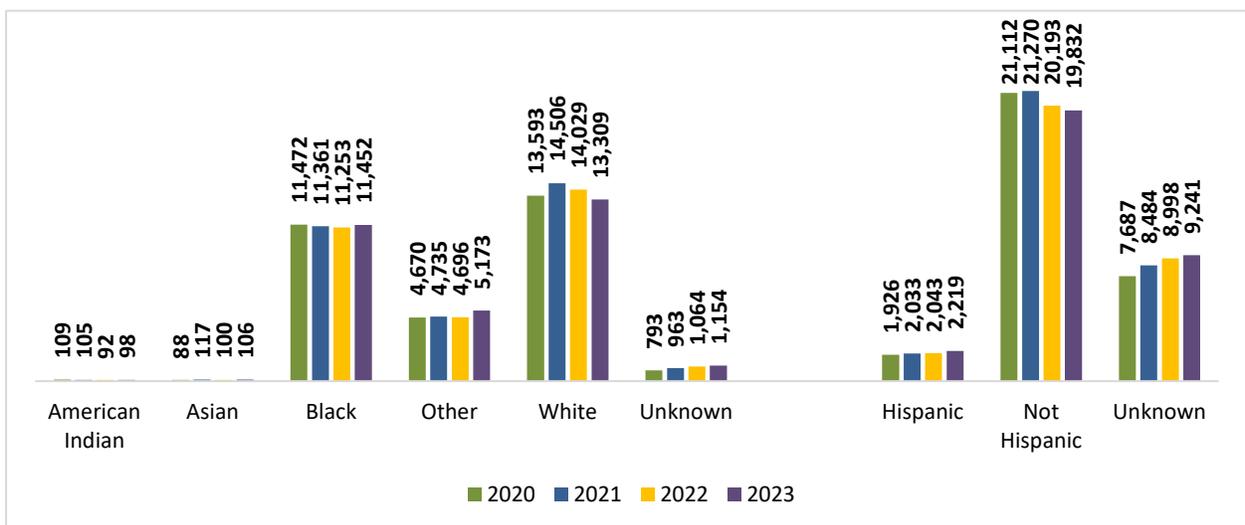
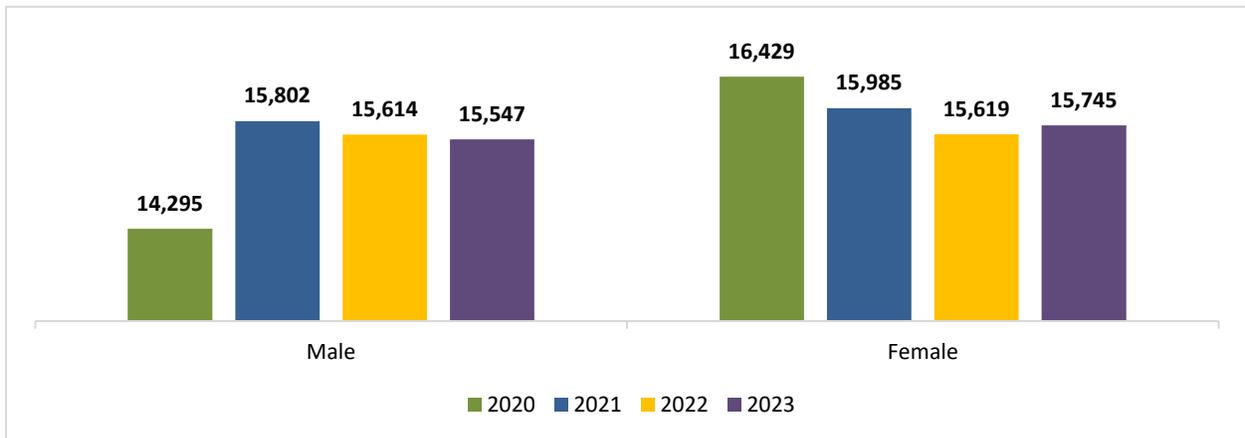
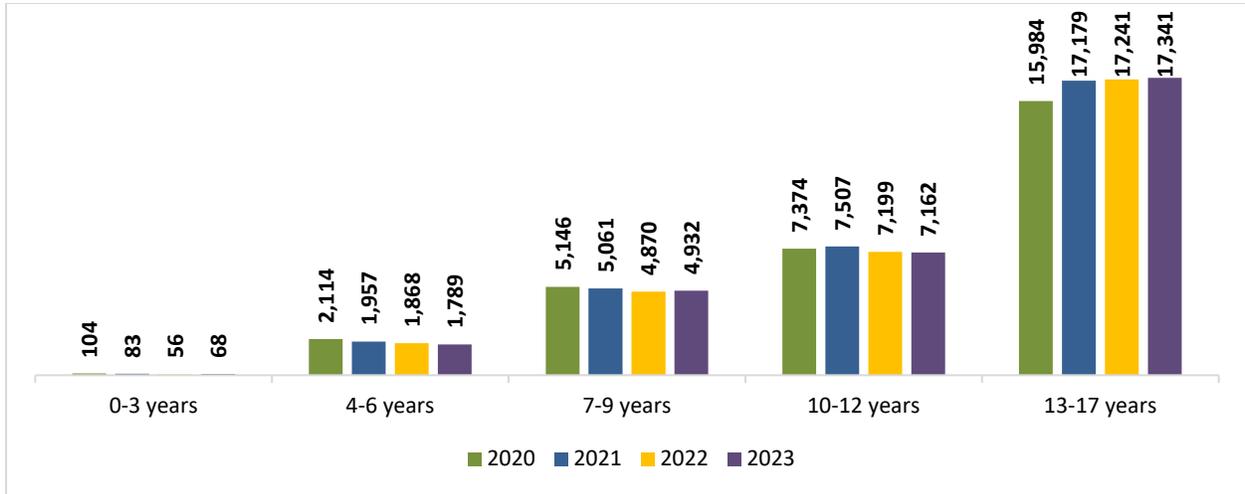
Place of Service Categories	2020	2021	2022	2023	Compared 2023 to 2022	Compared 2023 to 2021	Compared 2023 to 2020
Telehealth	224,442	100,817	49,522	41,495	-8,027 (-16%)	-59,322 (-59%)	-182,947 (-82%)
School	100,924	160,236	165,003	182,565	+17,562 (+11%)	+22,329 (+14%)	+81,641 (+81%)
Community mental health center clinic	53,477	82,306	97,691	111,054	+13,363 (+14%)	+28,748 (+35%)	+57,577 (+108%)
Patient's home	10,421	11,871	7,286	6,984	-302 (-4%)	-4,887 (-41%)	-3,437 (-33%)
Outpatient health care provider	3,342	192	31	147	+116 (+374%)	-45 (-23%)	-3,195 (-96%)
Hospital emergency department	73	85	76	35	-41 (-54%)	-50 (-59%)	-38 (-52%)
Inpatient health care provider	5	6	5	6	+1 (+20%)	0 0%	+1 (+20%)
Other location	4,600	3,911	5,946	3,920	-2,026 (-34%)	+9 (+0.2%)	-680 (-15%)
Total	397,284	359,424	325,560	346,206	+20,646 (+6%)	-13,218 (-4%)	-51,078 (-13%)

S.C. CHILDREN RECEIVING MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES PROVIDED BY DMH BY MONTH (UNDUPLICATED COUNT)



Health Indicators

S.C. CHILDREN RECEIVING MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES PROVIDED BY DMH BY AGE GROUP, SEX, RACE, AND ETHNICITY (UNDUPLICATED COUNT)



Health Indicators

TOP 10 MENTAL HEALTH DIAGNOSES AMONG S.C. CHILDREN

	2020	Number of Diagnoses	2021	Number of Diagnoses	2022	Number of Diagnoses	2023	Number of Diagnoses
1	Attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder, combined presentation	102,119	Attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder, combined presentation	83,481	Attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder, combined presentation	72,059	Attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder, combined presentation	76,509
2	Oppositional defiant disorder	23,236	Posttraumatic stress disorder	21,135	Posttraumatic stress disorder	23,282	Posttraumatic stress disorder	26,207
3	Posttraumatic stress disorder	21,143	Generalized anxiety disorder	18,445	Generalized anxiety disorder	19,107	Generalized anxiety disorder	22,255
4	Generalized anxiety disorder	17,168	Oppositional defiant disorder	17,740	Oppositional defiant disorder	14,374	Oppositional defiant disorder	15,363
5	Unspecified depressive disorder	16,573	Unspecified depressive disorder	14,789	Unspecified depressive disorder	12,710	Adjustment disorder, with mixed disturbance of emotions and conduct	14,275
6	Unspecified disruptive, impulse-control, and conduct disorder	14,715	Adjustment disorder, with mixed disturbance of emotions and conduct	13,548	Adjustment disorder, with mixed disturbance of emotions and conduct	12,551	Unspecified anxiety disorder	13,420
7	Disruptive mood dysregulation disorder	14,632	Unspecified anxiety disorder	12,977	Unspecified anxiety disorder	11,772	Unspecified depressive disorder	12,362
8	Adjustment disorder, with mixed disturbance of emotions and conduct	14,282	Unspecified disruptive, impulse-control, and conduct disorder	12,698	Unspecified disruptive, impulse-control, and conduct disorder	11,204	Unspecified trauma and stressor related disorder	11,158
9	Attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder, predominantly inattentive presentation	13,671	Disruptive mood dysregulation Disorder	11,530	Attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder, predominantly inattentive presentation	10,477	Attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder, predominantly inattentive presentation	11,156
10	Unspecified anxiety disorder	12,894	Attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder, predominantly inattentive presentation	11,358	Major depressive disorder, single episode, moderate	10,056	Unspecified disruptive, impulse-control, and conduct disorder	10,950
Total	250,433 (63% out of total services provided by DMH to children in 2020, n=397,284)		217,701 (61% out of total services provided by DMH to children in 2021, n=359,424)		197,592 (61% out of total services provided by DMH to children in 2022, n=325,560)		213,655 (62% out of total services provided by DMH to children in 2023, n=346,206)	

Note. Patient and service counts limited to outpatient facilities.

Health Indicators

S.C. CHILDREN RECEIVING MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES PROVIDED BY DMH BY COUNTY (UNDUPLICATED COUNT)

County	2020	2021	2022	2023
Abbeville	240	253	246	249
Aiken	852	1,037	1,189	1,184
Allendale	55	55	68	61
Anderson	1,188	1,425	1,420	1,412
Bamberg	106	100	115	112
Barnwell	193	177	165	175
Beaufort	615	511	467	579
Berkeley	1,273	1,455	1,532	1,699
Calhoun	97	124	141	146
Charleston	2,129	2,161	1,716	1,700
Cherokee	337	257	312	269
Chester	246	249	235	240
Chesterfield	245	249	208	183
Clarendon	349	367	325	331
Colleton	242	200	301	305
Darlington	406	377	418	427
Dillon	215	219	213	193
Dorchester	1,401	1,463	1,523	1,565
Edgefield	172	153	150	142
Fairfield	82	91	87	97
Florence	612	725	738	770
Georgetown	306	288	294	283
Greenville	4,934	4,992	5,098	5,163
Greenwood	665	704	622	636
Hampton	154	149	158	148
Horry	1,227	1,210	1,065	874
Jasper	123	96	109	127
Kershaw	301	359	241	194
Lancaster	355	348	268	258
Laurens	480	355	331	252
Lee	124	112	84	96
Lexington	2,238	2,521	2,500	2,577
Marion	234	205	223	250
Marlboro	228	206	216	217
McCormick	79	78	57	45
Newberry	311	335	360	356
Oconee	347	331	277	318

Health Indicators

County (Continued)	2020	2021	2022	2023
Orangeburg	628	606	703	744
Pickens	462	536	557	566
Richland	1,777	2,094	2,226	2,230
Saluda	50	54	33	44
Spartanburg	1,484	1,404	1,319	1,459
Sumter	893	890	877	779
Union	410	413	333	275
Williamsburg	283	287	271	268
York	1,482	1,432	1,258	1,110
Out-of-state	16	11	15	6
Missing data	11	19	14	19
Unknown	68	104	156	159
Total	30,725	31,787	31,234	31,292

Note. Patient and service counts limited to outpatient facilities.

DATA SOURCE

S.C. Department of Mental Health, unpublished reports generated in August 2021, February 2022, March 2023, and March 2024. Patient and service counts limited to outpatient facilities. Data are by calendar years for children under age 18 unless otherwise specified.

Health Indicators

Substance Use Disorder and Treatment Services

SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER AND TREATMENT SERVICES AMONG S.C. CHILDREN AND PARENTS



37,730 treatment services for a primary or secondary substance use disorder were provided to children by the South Carolina Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services (DAODAS) in 2023, **5,409** or **13% decrease** from 2022.

3,607 children (unduplicated count) received the provided treatment services in 2023, **307** or **9% increase** from 2022.

211,035 treatment services for a primary or secondary substance use disorder were provided to parents (who had children under age 18) by DAODAS in 2023, **12,422** or **6% decrease** from 2022.

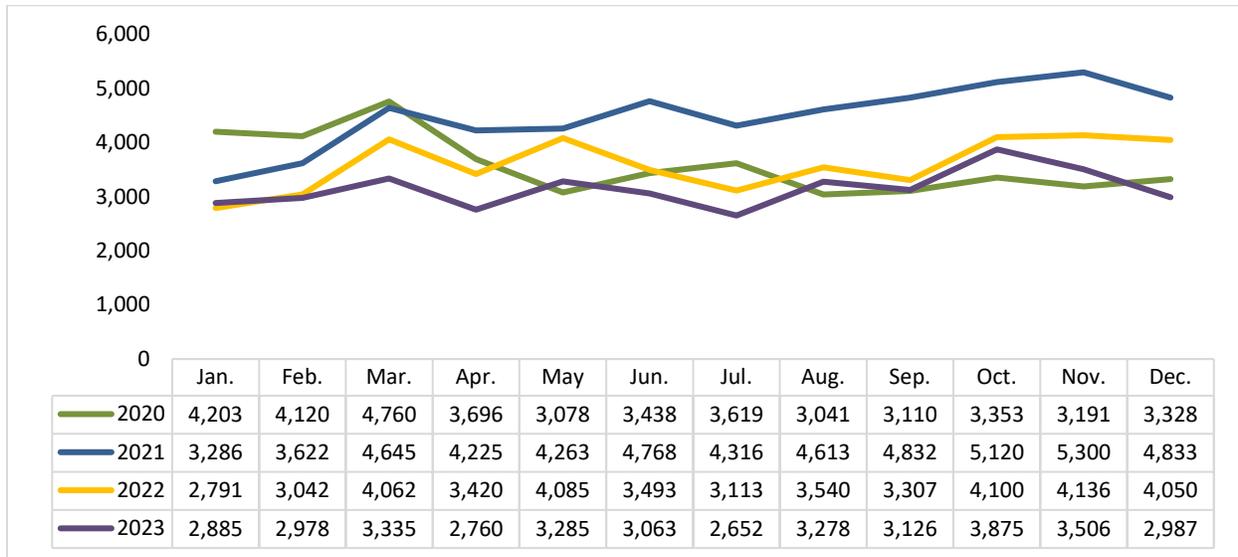
22,671 parents (unduplicated count) received the provided treatment services in 2023, **302** or **1% increase** from 2022.

SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER AND TREATMENT SERVICES: COMPARING 2023 TO 2022, 2021, AND 2020 DATA

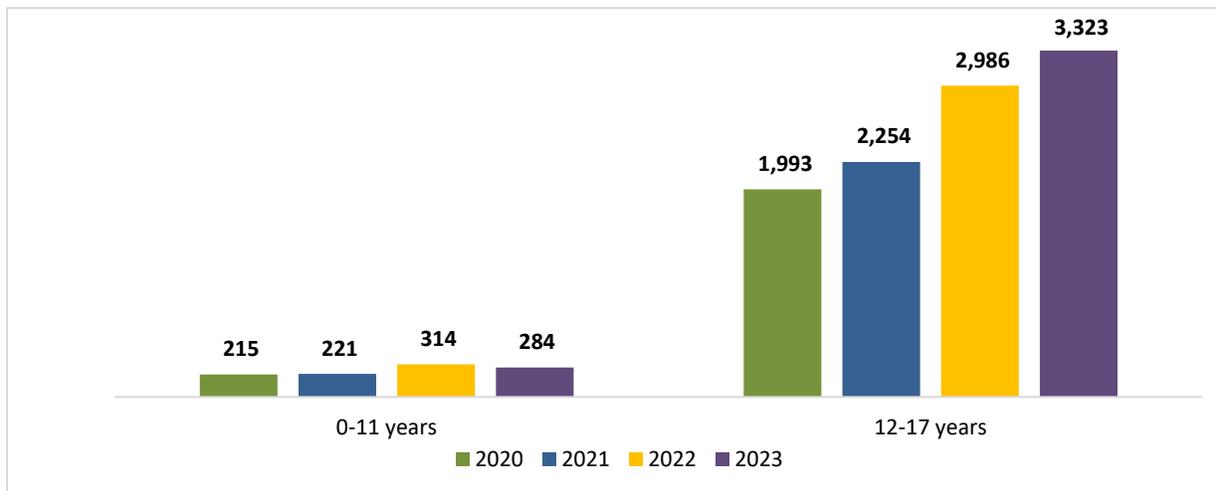
	2020	2021	2022	2023	Compared 2023 to 2022	Compared 2023 to 2021	Compared 2023 to 2020
Number of treatment services provided to children by DAODAS	42,937	53,823	43,139	37,730	-5,409 (-13%)	-16,093 (-30%)	-5,207 (-12%)
Number of children (unduplicated count) who received the provided treatment services by DAODAS	2,208	2,475	3,300	3,607	+307 (+9%)	+1,132 (+46%)	(+1,399) (+63%)
Number of treatment services provided to parents by DAODAS	250,117	239,699	223,457	211,035	-12,422 (-6%)	-28,664 (-12%)	-39,082 (-16%)
Number of parents (unduplicated count) who received the provided treatment services by DAODAS	20,032	20,091	22,369	22,671	+302 (+1%)	+2,580 (+13%)	+2,639 (+13%)

Health Indicators

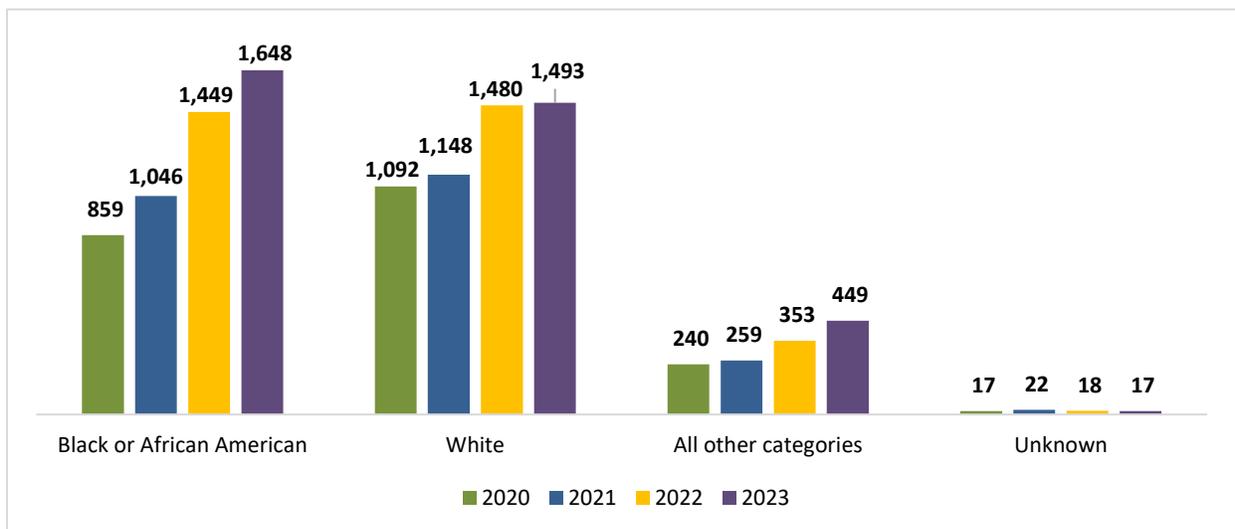
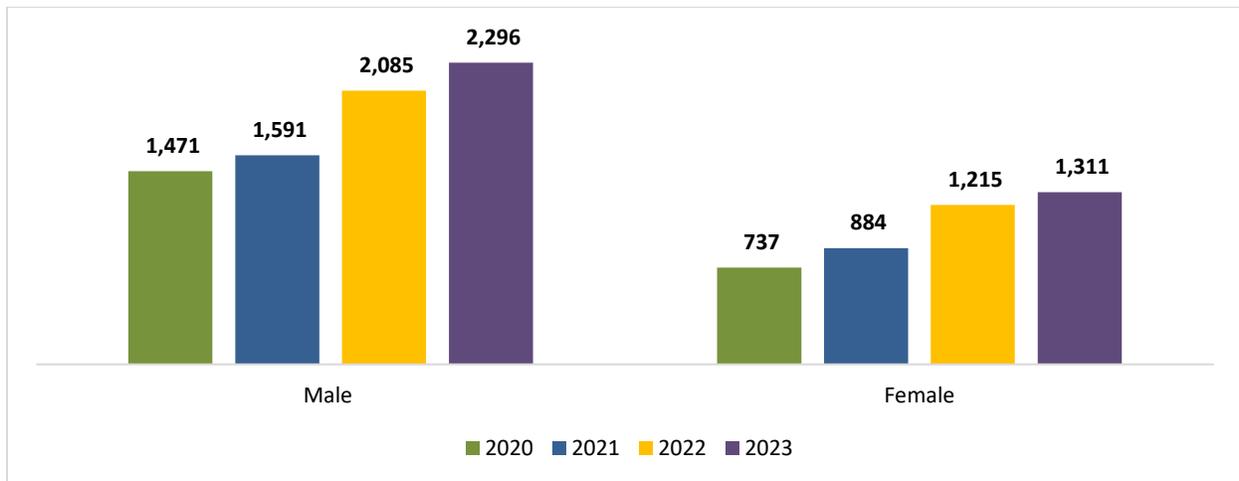
SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER TREATMENT SERVICES PROVIDED BY DAODAS TO S.C. CHILDREN BY MONTH



S.C. CHILDREN RECEIVING SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER TREATMENT SERVICES PROVIDED BY DAODAS BY AGE GROUP, SEX, AND RACE



Health Indicators



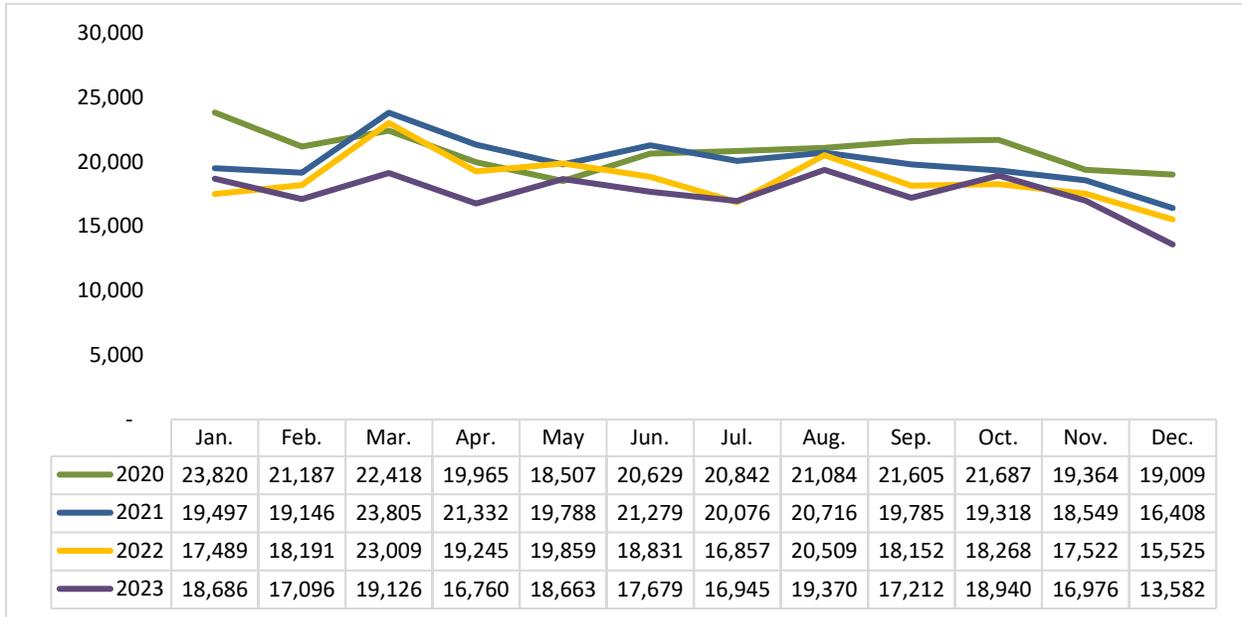
SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER DIAGNOSES AMONG S.C. CHILDREN

	2020 Number of Diagnoses	2021 Number of Diagnoses	2022 Number of Diagnoses	2023 Number of Diagnoses
Marijuana use disorder	1,473	1,576	2,239	2,579
Alcohol use disorder	609	608	800	856
Tobacco use disorder	565	685	1,100	1,412
Amphetamine use disorder	104	73	90	86
Opiate use disorder	85	104	132	133
Cocaine use disorder	34	38	57	48
Total diagnoses	2,870	3,084	4,418	3,607

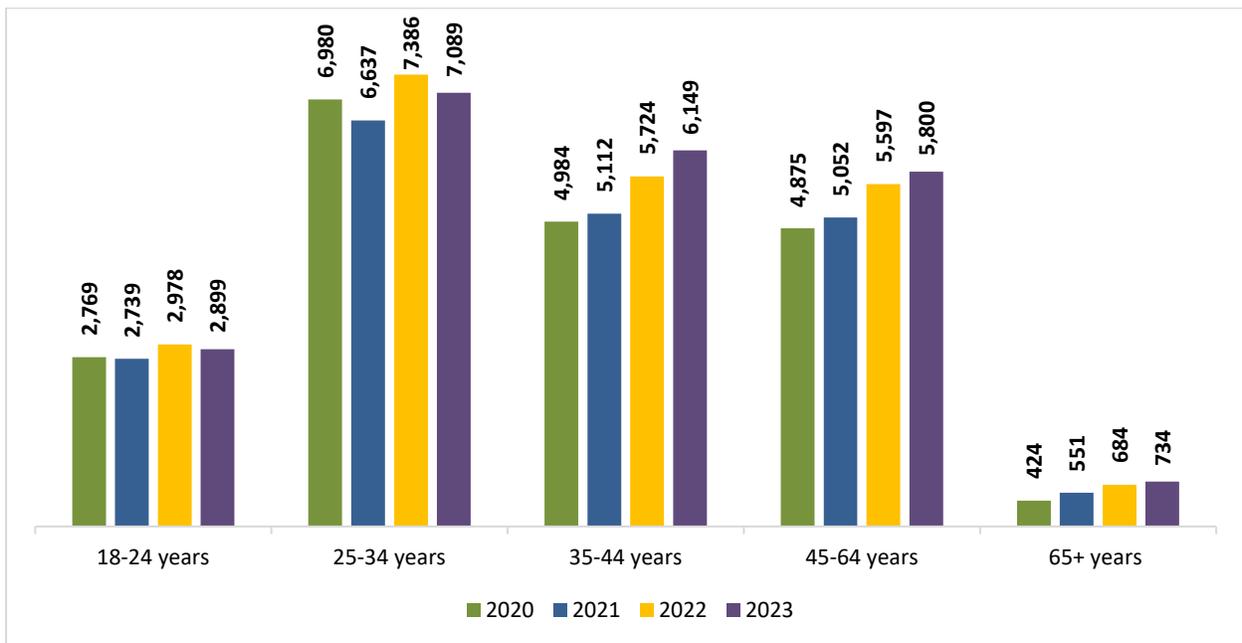
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Health Indicators

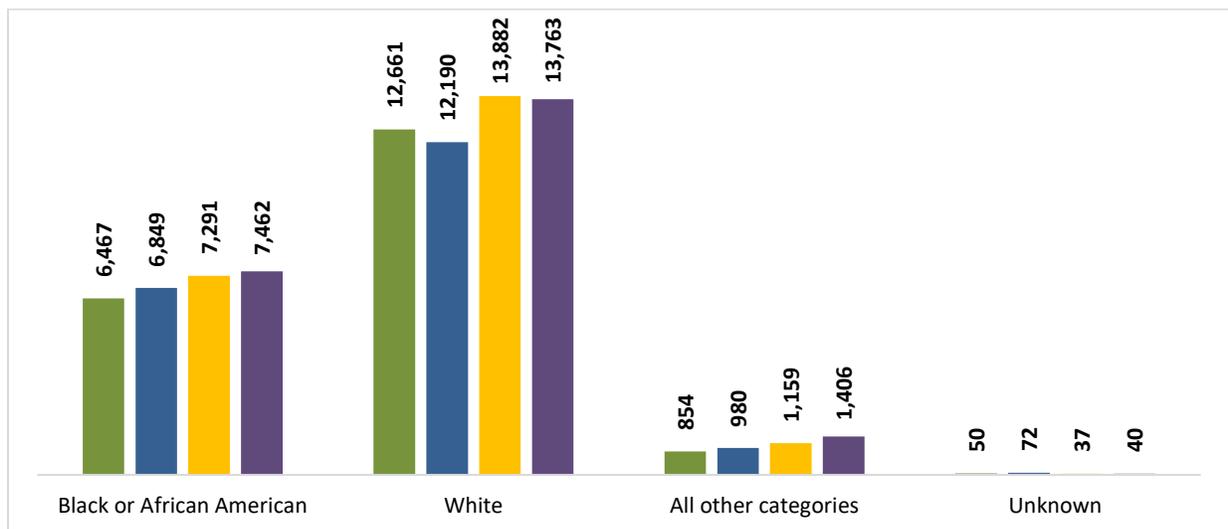
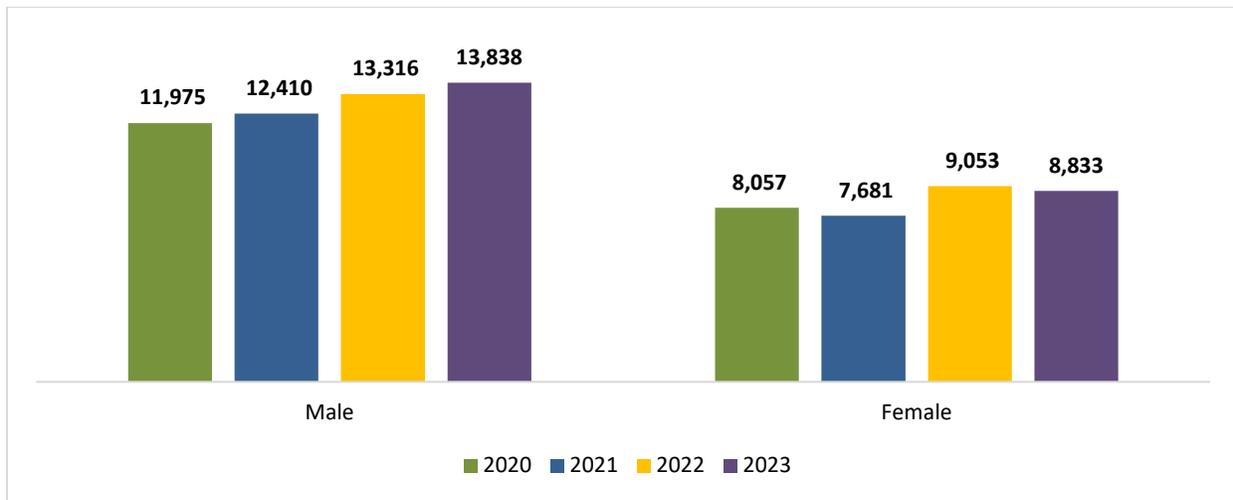
SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER TREATMENT SERVICES PROVIDED BY DAODAS TO S.C. PARENTS BY MONTH



S.C. PARENTS RECEIVING SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER TREATMENT SERVICES PROVIDED BY DAODAS BY AGE GROUP, SEX, AND RACE



Health Indicators



SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER DIAGNOSES AMONG S.C. PARENTS

	2020 Number of Diagnoses	2021 Number of Diagnoses	2022 Number of Diagnoses	2023 Number of Diagnoses
Alcohol use disorder	13,133	13,095	14,518	14,977
Marijuana use disorder	9,535	9,648	10,889	10,780
Tobacco use disorder	7,485	7,112	7,222	6,970
Opiate use disorder	5,022	4,362	5,295	5,058
Cocaine use disorder	3,567	3,161	3,742	3,604
Amphetamine use disorder	3,839	3,585	4,538	4,493
Total diagnoses	42,581	40,963	46,204	22,671

Note. Treatment services provided by DAODAS. Data in this table are numbers of diagnoses not patients. Data are for either a primary or secondary substance use disorder diagnosis as classified by the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders 5th Edition (DSM-5). A parent may have been diagnosed for more than one substance disorder (e.g., primary diagnosis of opioid use disorder and secondary diagnosis of alcohol use disorder).

Health Indicators

S.C. CHILDREN RECEIVING SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER TREATMENT SERVICES PROVIDED BY DAODAS BY ORGANIZATION

Agency	2020	2021	2022	2023
Aiken Center	60	64	110	153
Anderson-Oconee	58	81	122	151
Barnwell	5	7	10	13
Beaufort	55	71	118	117
Berkeley	142	163	193	228
Charleston	60	69	93	131
Cherokee	30	29	39	57
Chester	*	13	21	13
Clarendon	46	47	31	46
Colleton	7	9	29	30
Darlington	33	36	54	51
Dorchester	98	110	187	169
Fairfield	19	18	18	29
Florence	62	47	46	64
Georgetown	11	23	35	47
Greenville	257	229	172	202
Allendale-Hampton-Jasper	13	20	20	17
Horry	91	111	122	202
Lancaster	17	32	69	63
Laurens	35	28	59	69
Newberry-Saluda	53	47	60	46
Orangeburg-Bamberg-Calhoun	163	196	257	244
Pickens	177	163	231	132
LRADAC (Formerly referred to as the Lexington/Richland Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council)	177	244	383	356
Spartanburg	99	78	127	123
Sumter	53	48	81	156
Union	67	36	44	69
Williamsburg	5	*	N/A	N/A
York	69	82	129	185
Cornerstone-GEMA (Greenwood-Edgefield-McCormick-Abbeville)	46	53	81	61
Kershaw-Chesterfield-Lee	115	218	200	170
Marion-Dillon-Marlboro	81	99	159	213
Total	2,204	2,471	3,300	3,607

Note. The total value does not include the masked values (*).

0<*<5; N/A: Data not applicable/available

Health Indicators

DATA SOURCE

S.C. Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services, unpublished report generated in February 2022, March 2023, and April 2024. Data are by calendar years for children under age 18 unless otherwise specified.

In the Committee’s special edition data reference book released in 2022-South Carolina Children during the COVID-19 Pandemic, DAODAS reported 54,121 treatment services were provided to children for calendar year 2020. This number was significantly larger than the number reported in this data book for the same year (i.e., 42,937) due to the inclusion of case management activities (case consultation activities) in the previous data set. DAODAS usually excludes case consultation activities that are not face-to-face from the total services count.

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Medicaid Enrolled Children

S.C. MEDICAID ENROLLED CHILDREN

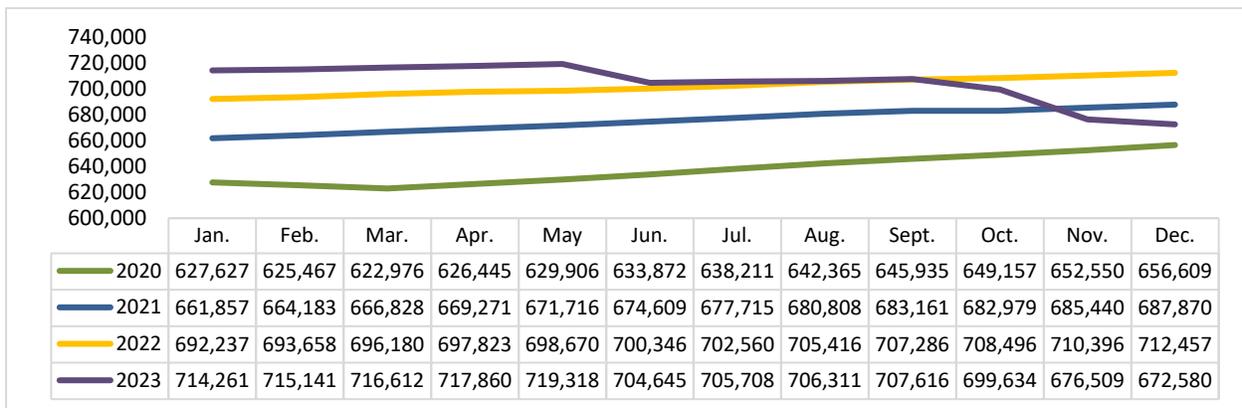


772,745 children enrolled in Medicaid in 2023, **17,177** or **2% increase** from 2022.

S.C. MEDICAID ENROLLED CHILDREN: COMPARING 2023 TO 2022, 2021, AND 2020 DATA

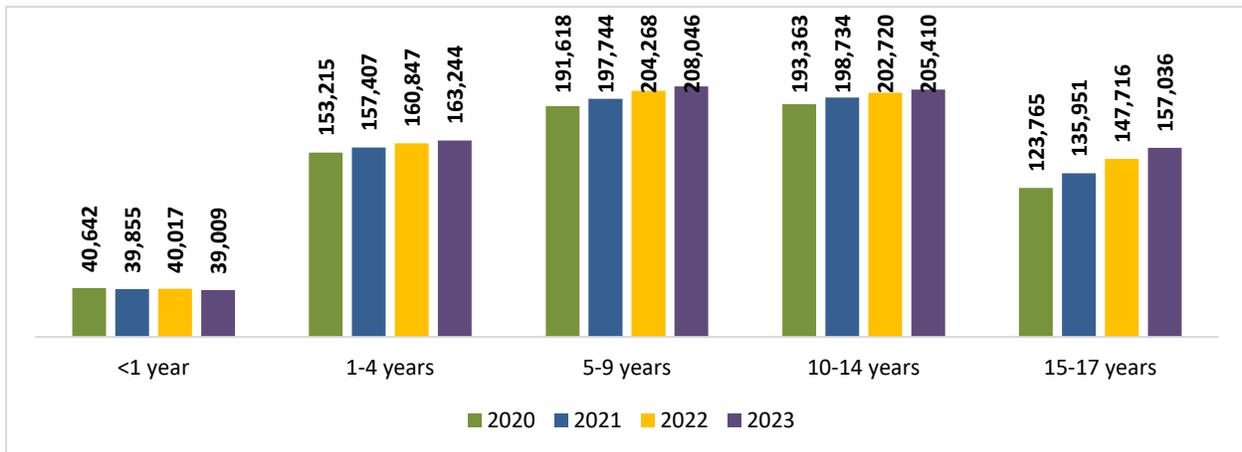
	2020	2021	2022	2023	Compared 2023 to 2022	Compared 2023 to 2021	Compared 2023 to 2020
Number of children enrolled in Medicaid	702,603	729,691	755,568	772,745	+17,177 (+2%)	+43,054 (+6%)	+70,142 (+10%)

S.C. MEDICAID ENROLLED CHILDREN BY MONTH

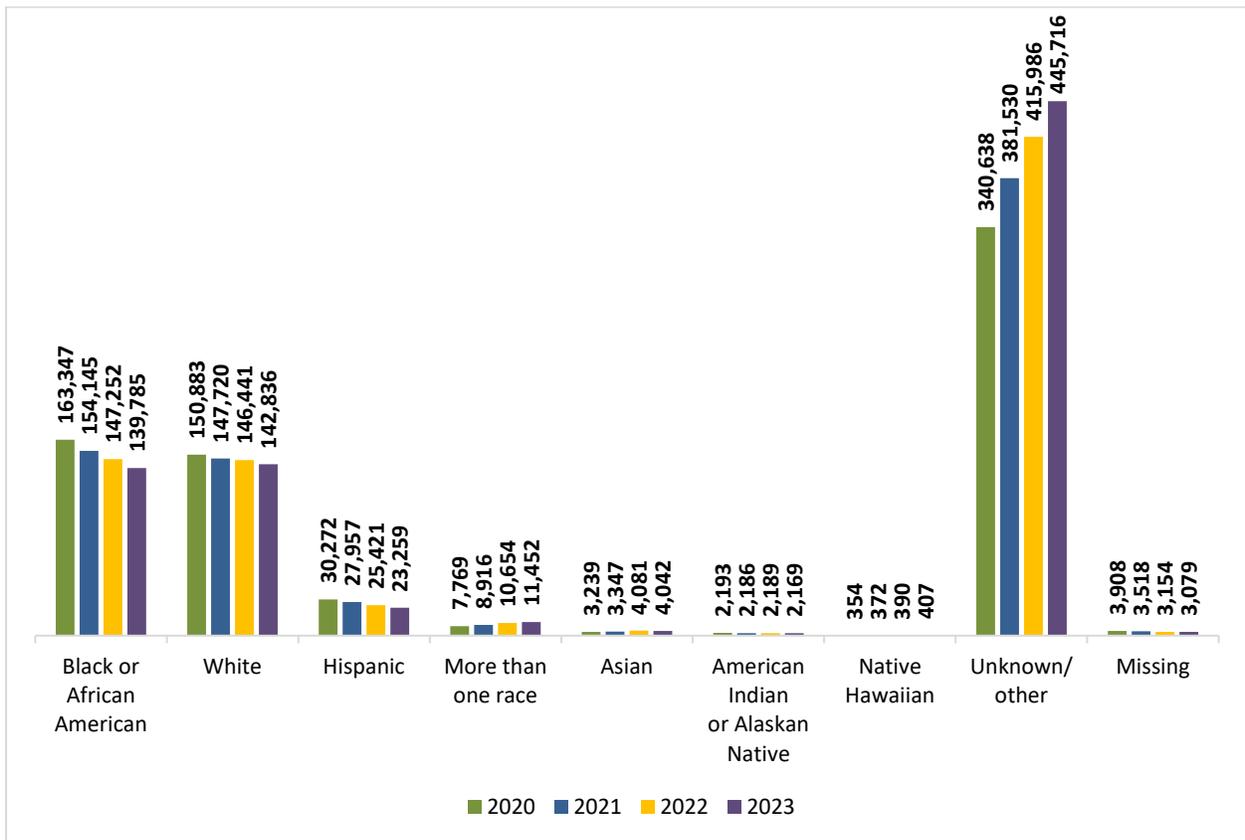
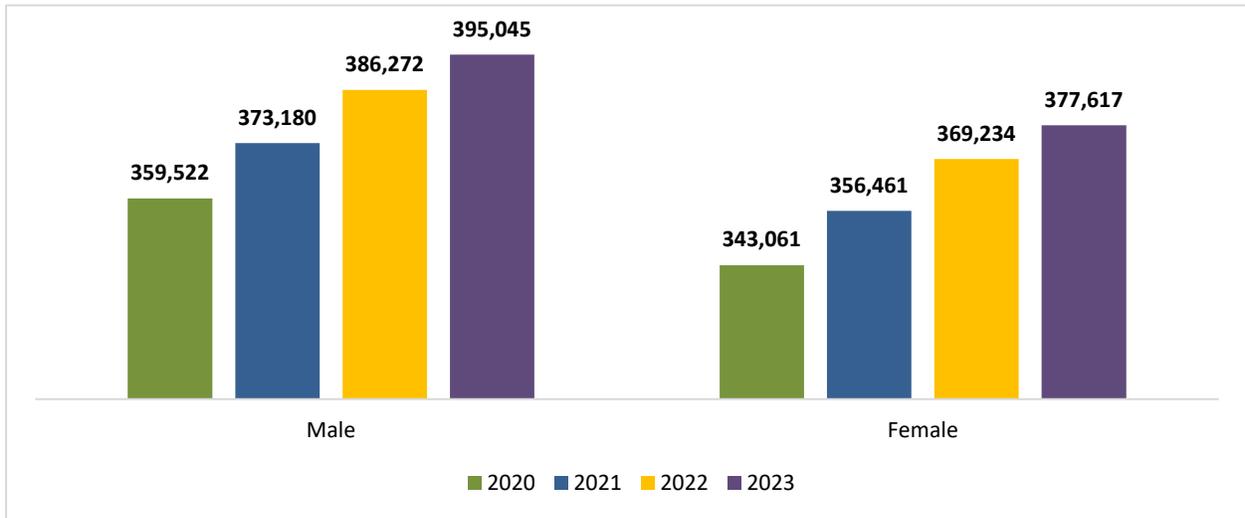


Note. Children under age 18 in the month of active eligibility. Age group is determined by the age in the latest month of eligibility in a year. Data exclude those with family planning benefits only, emergency benefits only, and BabyNet only.

S.C. MEDICAID ENROLLED CHILDREN BY AGE GROUP, SEX, AND RACE



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Note. Federal guidance from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) does not mandate collection of race and ethnicity data for a Medicaid application; as a result, such reporting is optional.

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S.C. MEDICAID ENROLLED CHILDREN BY COUNTY

County	2020	2021	2022	2023
Abbeville	3,314	3,394	3,469	3,530
Aiken	23,289	24,240	25,254	25,826
Allendale	1,586	1,574	1,557	1,562
Anderson	27,362	28,625	29,909	30,576
Bamberg	2,362	2,386	2,440	2,443
Barnwell	4,344	4,398	4,420	4,425
Beaufort	19,691	20,375	20,935	21,335
Berkeley	27,496	29,023	30,551	31,517
Calhoun	1,917	1,975	2,040	2,067
Charleston	45,193	46,290	47,143	48,246
Cherokee	9,696	9,936	10,216	10,425
Chester	6,195	6,281	6,292	6,364
Chesterfield	7,619	7,931	8,126	8,273
Clarendon	5,597	5,725	5,742	5,746
Colleton	7,311	7,458	7,558	7,666
Darlington	11,521	11,740	11,922	12,002
Dillon	7,001	7,020	7,155	7,239
Dorchester	20,056	21,026	22,094	22,705
Edgefield	3,115	3,196	3,303	3,364
Fairfield	3,530	3,558	3,593	3,616
Florence	24,041	24,677	25,322	25,660
Georgetown	8,511	8,605	8,668	8,685
Greenville	65,454	69,143	72,455	74,888
Greenwood	11,346	11,684	12,016	12,224
Hampton	3,521	3,565	3,585	3,609
Horry	46,512	48,847	50,837	52,378
Jasper	5,301	5,506	5,695	5,849
Kershaw	9,545	9,919	10,417	10,609
Lancaster	11,310	11,849	12,291	12,540
Laurens	10,789	11,138	11,508	11,728
Lee	3,163	3,157	3,163	3,170
Lexington	36,264	37,937	39,405	40,252
Marion	6,533	6,599	6,607	6,625
Marlboro	5,065	5,155	5,276	5,374
McCormick	1,069	1,066	1,051	1,052
Newberry	6,234	6,384	6,598	6,655
Oconee	10,064	10,296	10,572	10,810
Orangeburg	16,652	16,867	16,929	16,963

Health Indicators

County (Continued)	2020	2021	2022	2023
Pickens	14,389	14,887	15,501	15,782
Richland	57,509	60,072	62,141	63,688
Saluda	3,472	3,604	3,678	3,709
Spartanburg	47,841	50,979	54,827	57,455
Sumter	18,430	18,904	19,476	19,753
Union	4,718	4,763	4,799	4,799
Williamsburg	5,516	5,520	5,594	5,502
York	31,159	32,391	33,409	34,032
Total	702,603	729,691	755,568	772,745

Note. Total child count for 2021 (n=729,691) includes 26 data points with unknown county information. Total child count for 2022 (n=755,568) includes 29 data points with unknown county information. Total child count for 2023 (n=772,745) includes 27 data points with unknown county information.

DATA SOURCE

S.C. Department of Health and Human Services, unpublished reports generated in February 2022, March 2023, and March 2024. Data are by calendar years for children under age 18 unless otherwise specified. Year 2022 data are updated by the agency to reflect data revisions since last published in the Committee's 2023 Data Reference Book.

Health Indicators

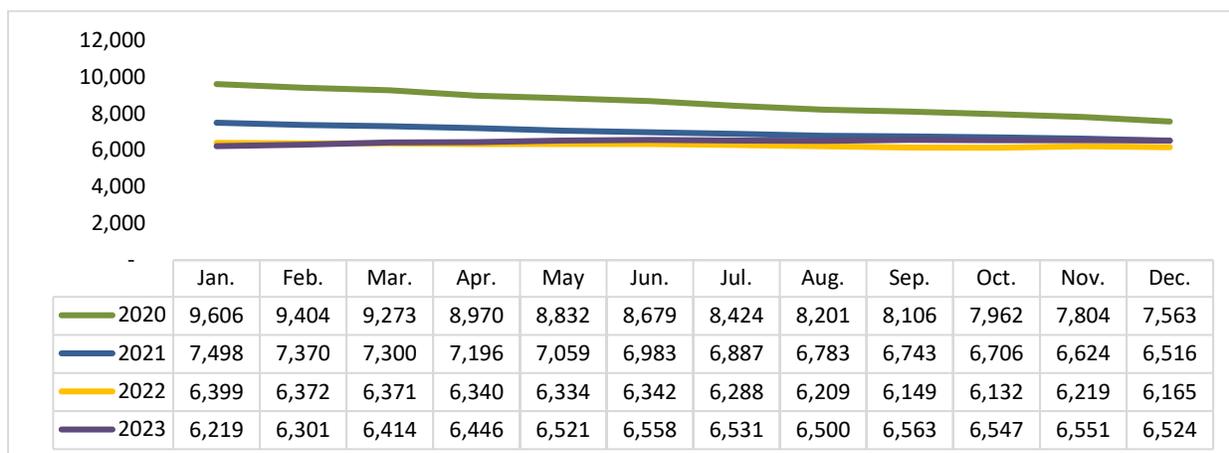
Children Receiving Services Provided by the South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs

S.C. CHILDREN RECEIVING DDSN SERVICES



9,442 children (unduplicated count) received services provided by the South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs (DDSN) in 2023, **257** or **3%** increase from 2022.

S.C. CHILDREN RECEIVING DDSN SERVICES BY MONTH (DUPLICATED COUNT)



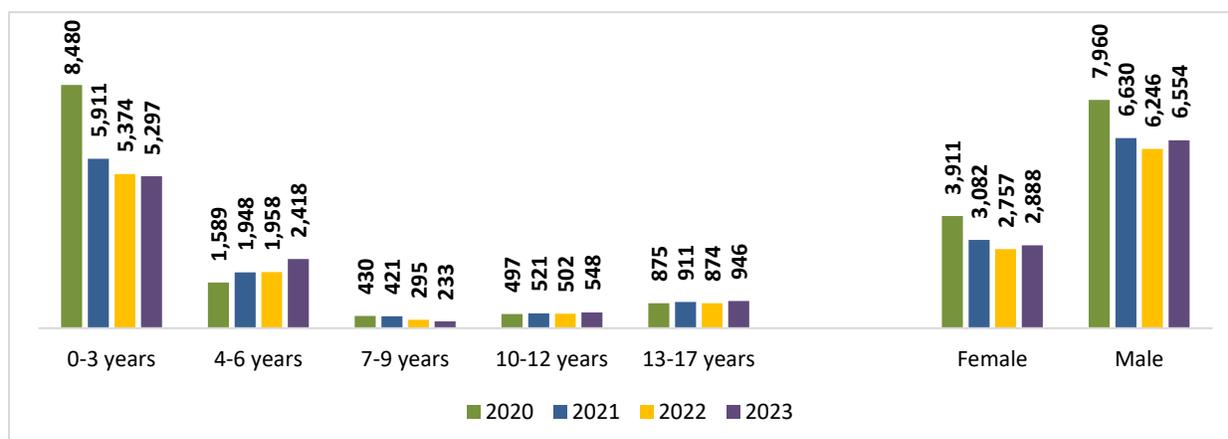
Note. The monthly data represent children under age 18 who are receiving one or more services by DDSN. It should be noted that Medicaid offers a robust package of services to children with disabilities in the state and children ages 3 to 18 have the right to be served by their local school district under funding provided by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Part C.

S.C. CHILDREN AND ADULTS ON A DDSN WAIVER WAITLIST (ESTIMATES AS OF MARCH 31, 2024, DUPLICATED COUNT)

	Under Age 21 Estimates	Age 21 and Over Estimates	Total Estimates
Intellectual disability and related disabilities (ID/RD) waiver	12,448	6,379	18,827
Community Supports (CS) waiver	10,564	4,470	15,034
Head and spinal cord injury (HASCI) waiver	36	293	329
Total estimates (duplicated count)	23,048	11,142	34,190

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S.C. CHILDREN RECEIVING DDSN SERVICES BY AGE GROUP AND SEX (UNDUPLICATED COUNT)



Note. Age as of beginning of calendar year.

S.C. CHILDREN RECEIVING DDSN SERVICES BY PRIMARY DISABILITY TYPE (UNDUPLICATED COUNT)

Primary Disability	2020	2021	2022	2023
Intellectual disability and related disabilities (ID/RD)	11,513	9,379	8,889	9,173
Autism	329	310	277	250
Head and spinal cord injury (HASCI)	29	23	19	19
Total	11,871	9,712	9,185	9,442

Note. Due to legacy decisions at DDSN, individuals have been historically categorized by disability type based on the type of case manager they had, what was considered a major disability, and other factors. These decisions were developed for fiscal and not policy reasons. It is recognized that some but not all individuals served may have more than one type of disability. These data points may be artificially inflated or deflated due to historical record keeping methods.

S.C. CHILDREN RECEIVING DDSN SERVICES BY SERVICE PROGRAM (UNDUPLICATED COUNT)

Service Program	2020	2021	2022	2023
Waiver and state Medicaid plan	1,912	1,911	1,871	1,728
100% state funded	19	18	11	22
BabyNet and Early Intervention	9,940	7,783	7,303	7,692
Total	11,871	9,712	9,185	9,442

Note. In South Carolina, Medicaid funds services for children ages 3 to 6 who are DDSN and Medicaid eligible. DDSN covers services with state funds for children ages 3 to 6 who are DDSN eligible but not Medicaid eligible. BabyNet is funded and regulated through the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), Part C, and managed through DHHS. Early Intervention is a family-focused, in-home service for children ages 0 to 6. Family Training and Service Coordination is provided in accordance with an Individualized Family Service Plan for children ages 0 to 3 or a Family Service Plan for children ages 3 to 6.

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S.C. CHILDREN RECEIVING DDSN SERVICES BY SERVICE TYPE (DUPLICATED COUNT)

Service Type	2020	2021	2022	2023
Adult audiology services	*	*	0	*
Adult day health care nursing	0	*	0	0
Adult day health care services	*	5	0	0
Adult day health care transportation	*	*	0	0
Adult dental services	874	959	998	926
Adult vision services	250	273	293	238
Assistive technology/specialized medical equipment, supplies	96	78	51	N/A
Attendant care/personal assistance-board billed	*	*	*	*
Attendant care/personal assistance-UAP (university affiliated program)	0	5	*	*
Audiology services	683	634	626	540
BabyNet and Early Intervention	9,940	7,783	7,303	7,770
Behavior support services	22	14	14	15
Career preparation	0	*	*	*
Case management	1,880	1,891	1,859	1,706
Children's personal care	609	588	593	575
Conditioning play audiometry/hearing	*	5	0	0
Day activity	*	*	0	0
Drugs	1,445	1,454	1,467	1,333
Employment services-individual	*	*	*	0
Ear impression	N/A	N/A	N/A	*
Enhanced nursing services	N/A	N/A	N/A	109
Environmental modifications	21	10	6	6
Greenwood genetics metabolic	678	718	792	737
Greenwood genetics testing	30	12	17	14
Group care intensive services ¹	10	15	11	17
Hearing and check monaural	8	7	0	0
Homemaker service not otherwise specified per 15 minutes	N/A	N/A	N/A	7
In-home support services/direct billed HASCI (head and spinal cord injury) attend care	520	518	496	437
Incontinence supplies	815	785	765	704
Institutional respite	0	*	0	6
Nursing services	N/A	N/A	N/A	11
Nursing services-LPN (licensed practical nurses)	10	*	8	*
Nursing services-LPN (for clients under age 21)	145	146	173	92
Nursing services-RN (registered nurses)	*	*	*	6
Nursing services-RN (for clients under age 21)	52	47	49	30
Occupational therapy	253	267	282	228
Occupational therapy evaluations	35	35	104	94

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Service Type (Continued)	2020	2021	2022	2023
Office or other outpatient services	0	0	0	831
Otorhinolaryngologic	0	267	0	344
Personal care	10	6	7	6
Personal emergency response systems	*	6	*	*
Pest control bed bugs	*	*	5	*
Pest control treatment	116	130	183	198
Physical therapy	665	645	628	567
Physical therapy evaluations	0	*	157	139
Private vehicle modifications	7	*	*	5
Psychiatric residential treatment facility (comprehensive residential services) ²	9	*	0	5
Residential habilitation-daily R02-R05	14	16	10	11
Respite care	1,126	1,306	1,072	701
Registered nurse services, up to 15 minutes	N/A	N/A	N/A	412
Specialized medical supplies, equipment, and assistive technology	0	*	0	45
Speech and hearing services	382	382	380	346
Support center services	*	*	0	0
Other	1,754	1,739	1,691	1,553
Total (Duplicated Count)	22,493	20,781	20,060	20,783

Note. A child may receive multiple services during a year, which could result in duplicate counts of services for the same child. Please be cautious when interpreting the data.

0<*<5; N/A: Data not available

¹Group care intensive services (GCIS) provides lodging, food, and the attentive and responsible care of children. GCIS are highly structured residential services with intensive staff supervision and programs for children who are experiencing relational or behavioral problems and are not able to function successfully in a less restrictive community environment. For DDSN clients, they are 100% state funded. The program must be operational 24 hours per day, seven days per week, 365 days per year. The goal of GCIS is to assist children and address their needs to the degree they may be safely stepped down to a less restrictive environment. Intensive management refers to the level of supervision and intensity of programming required to manage children who present severe behavior management problems. Programming is tailored to the needs of the children served.

²Psychiatric residential treatment facilities (PRTF) (comprehensive residential services) are licensed in-patient psychiatric treatment facilities available for those under age 21 who meet admissions criteria and are prior approved by the beneficiary's Medicaid Managed Care Organization (MCO) or DHHS for those who have fee for service Medicaid. Some PRTFs accept private payment and some private insurance plans. DDSN clients are 100% state funded. In order to access a PRTF, the individual must have a psychiatric diagnosis. A developmental diagnosis within itself is not sufficient. PRTFs are licensed and monitored by the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control. PRTFs are not considered a long-term placement and are designed to provide stabilization and facilitate discharge back to the community as soon as clinically feasible.

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S.C. CHILDREN RECEIVING DDSN SERVICES BY COUNTY (DUPLICATED COUNT)

County	2020	2021	2022	2023
Abbeville	39	30	16	17
Aiken	418	415	335	358
Allendale	17	22	16	16
Anderson	682	529	427	433
Bamberg	19	15	11	26
Barnwell	54	53	49	52
Beaufort	346	274	170	157
Berkeley	548	536	360	373
Calhoun	22	33	21	21
Charleston	747	648	468	485
Cherokee	198	294	239	225
Chester	62	44	24	28
Chesterfield	70	53	42	32
Clarendon	49	62	48	39
Colleton	75	36	21	29
Darlington	248	204	135	134
Dillon	44	53	41	38
Dorchester	306	331	233	217
Edgefield	26	43	35	30
Fairfield	53	51	33	17
Florence	389	383	233	232
Georgetown	66	59	51	54
Greenville	1,654	1,595	1,137	1,132
Greenwood	195	188	120	123
Hampton	15	35	23	28
Horry	605	595	445	541
Jasper	53	77	26	38
Kershaw	237	208	127	124
Lancaster	177	160	126	131
Laurens	213	195	112	106
Lee	14	18	12	13
Lexington	892	1,136	739	754
Marion	74	66	53	42
Marlboro	45	56	39	45
McCormick	5	14	7	*
Newberry	81	97	58	59
Oconee	208	171	135	149
Orangeburg	107	182	100	116

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Health Indicators

County (Continued)	2020	2021	2022	2023
Pickens	275	245	179	198
Richland	1,422	1,796	1,116	1,183
Saluda	53	55	37	36
Spartanburg	1,214	1,054	888	906
Sumter	230	273	153	149
Union	80	58	44	58
Williamsburg	39	47	38	41
York	852	749	526	539
Total (Duplicated Count)	13,218	13,238	9,248	9,524

Note. Children were counted in each county in which they resided during a calendar year. A child may reside in multiple counties during the year, which could result in duplicate counts of the same child. Please be cautious when interpreting the data. The total value for year 2023 does not include the masked value (*).

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DATA SOURCE

S.C. Department of Disabilities and Special Needs, unpublished report generated in February 2022, March 2023, and March 2024. Data are by calendar years for children under age 18 unless otherwise specified.

Health Indicators

National Survey of Children's Health

Child and Family Health Measures	South Carolina			Nationwide		
	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022
Children in excellent or very good health, ages 0-17	91% (89-93%)	90% (88-92%)	92% (90-94%)	90% (90-91%)	90% (90-91%)	90% (89-90%)
Children ever breastfed or fed breast milk, ages 0-5	76% (69%-82%)	74% (68%-79%)	74% (68%-78%)	81% (80%-82%)	82% (81%-83%)	82% (81%-82%)
Child overweight or obese (85th percentile or above), ages 6-17	N/A	N/A	38% (34% to 43%)	N/A	N/A	34% (33%-35%)
Child overweight or obese (85th percentile or above), ages 10-17	36% (31%-41%)	40% (35%-45%)	N/A	32% (31%-33%)	34% (32%-35%)	N/A
Child had one or more mental, emotional, developmental, or behavioral problems, ages 3-17	26.4% (23%-30%)	26.6% (24%-30%)	26% (23%-29%)	22.6% (22%-23%)	23.3% (23%-24%)	25% (24%-25%)
Child was not covered by health insurance or health coverage plans at time of survey, ages 0-17	8% (6%-10%)	8% (6%-10%)	7% (5%-10%)	7% (6%-7%)	7% (7%-8%)	7% (7%-7%)
Child received a vision screening from a provider other than an eye doctor ever (for children ages 0-5 years)/in the past 2 years (for children ages 6-17 years)	N/A	N/A	51% (48%-54%)	N/A	N/A	54% (53%-54%)
During the Past 12 Months:						
Children had oral health problems such as toothaches, bleeding gums or decayed teeth or cavities, ages 1-17	13% (11%-16%)	14% (12%-16%)	15% (12%-17%)	14% (14%-15%)	15% (14%-15%)	14% (14%-15%)
Children saw a dentist or other oral health care provider for dental or oral health care, ages 1-17	83% (79%-87%)	81% (78%-83%)	81% (77%-86%)	80% (79%-81%)	79% (78%-79%)	80% (79%-82%)
Children received vision screening, ages 0-17	58% (55%-62%)	N/A	N/A	62% (61%-63%)	N/A	N/A
Child received treatment or counseling from a mental health professional, ages 3-17	10% (8%-12%)	11% (9%-13%)	9% (8%-11%)	11% (11%-12%)	11% (11%-12%)	12% (11%-12%)
Family had problems paying for any of child's medical or health care bills, ages 0-17	12% (10%-14%)	9% (7%-11%)	9% (7%-11%)	10% (10%-11%)	8% (8%-9%)	8% (8%-9%)

Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)	South Carolina			Nationwide		
	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022
No adverse childhood experiences	56% (52%-60%)	59% (56%-62%)	59% (56%-62%)	60% (59%-61%)	61% (61%-62%)	61% (61%-62%)
One adverse childhood experience	23% (20%-27%)	21% (19%-24%)	22% (19%-25%)	22% (21%-22%)	22% (21%-22%)	21% (21%-22%)
Two or more adverse childhood experiences	21% (18%-24%)	19% (17%-22%)	19% (16%-22%)	18% (18%-19%)	17% (17%-17%)	17% (17%-18%)
Categories of ACEs:						
Somewhat often hard or very often hard to get by on family income	16% (12%-21%)	11% (8%-14%)	12% (9%-16%)	14% (13%-15%)	12% (12%-13%)	13% (12%-14%)
Parent or guardian who got divorced or separated	27% (24%-31%)	25% (22%-28%)	25% (22%-28%)	23% (23%-24%)	23% (22%-23%)	22% (22%-23%)
Parent or guardian died	4% (3%-6%)	5% (3%-6%)	4% (3%-6%)	3% (3%-3%)	3% (3%-3%)	3% (3%-3%)

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Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) (Continued)	South Carolina			Nationwide		
	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022
Parent or guardian served time in jail	11% (9%-14%)	9% (7%-12%)	9% (7%-11%)	7% (7%-8%)	7% (6%-7%)	6% (6%-7%)
Witnessed domestic violence	6% (4%-8%)	6% (5%-8%)	7% (5%-9%)	5% (5%-6%)	5% (5%-5%)	5% (5%-5%)
Victim or witness of neighborhood violence	4% (3%-5%)	4% (3%-6%)	4% (3%-6%)	4% (4%-5%)	4% (4%-4%)	4% (3%-4%)
Lived with anyone who was mentally ill, suicidal, or severely depressed	7% (5%-8%)	8% (6%-10%)	8% (6%-10%)	9% (8%-9%)	8% (8%-9%)	8% (8%-9%)
Lived with anyone who had a problem with alcohol or drugs	9% (7%-11%)	9% (7%-11%)	8% (6%-10%)	9% (8%-9%)	8% (8%-9%)	8% (8%-9%)
Treated or judged unfairly because of their race or ethnic group	5% (4%-7%)	6% (5%-8%)	5% (4%-7%)	5% (5%-6%)	5% (5%-6%)	4% (4%-5%)
Treated or judged unfairly because of sexual orientation or gender identity, ages 6-17	N/A	1% (1%-2%)	1% (1%-2%)	N/A	1% (1%-2%)	2% (2%-2%)

Note. Data are based on a sample and are subject to sampling variability. The degree of uncertainty for an estimate arising from sampling variability is represented using a margin of error. The value shown here is the 95 percent margin of error. For example, 91% (89%-93%) indicates 95 percent confidence that the true percentage of children under age 18 in South Carolina who have excellent or very good health is between 89% and 93%. “N/A” indicates the estimate is not applicable or not available. Due to rounding, percentages may not always appear to add up to 100%, and vary narrow margins of error may round to the same value as the estimate. For example, 2% (2%-2%).

DATA SOURCE

Data Resource Center for Child & Adolescent Health, 2019-2020 (two years combined), 2020-2021 (two years combined), and 2021-2022 (two years combined). National Survey of Children's Health, South Carolina vs. Nationwide, <http://childhealthdata.org/browse/survey#> (last visited, April 3, 2024).

Indicators included: Indicator 1.1: Health status; Indicator 1.3: Breastfed ever, age 0-5 years; Indicator 1.4a: Weight status (based on Body Mass Index [BMI]-for-age) in 3 categories, age 10-17 years; Indicator 2.10: Mental, emotional, developmental, or behavioral problems, age 3-17 years; Indicator 3.1: Current health insurance status; Indicator 1.2a: Oral health problems, age 1-17 years; Indicator 4.2: Dentist visit, age 1-17 years; Indicator 4.6: Vision test-Indicator specifies vision tests with “pictures,” “shapes” or “letters.” Due to changes in item(s) between survey years, this indicator is not available for 2020-2021 combined years; Indicator 4.4: Received mental health care, age 3-17 years; Indicator 4.19: Problems paying medical bills; Indicator 6.13: Children experienced one or more adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) from a list of 10 ACEs.

The National Survey of Children’s Health (NSCH) provides rich data on multiple, intersecting aspects of children’s lives—including physical and mental health, access to quality health care, and the child’s family, neighborhood, school, and social context. The National Survey of Children's Health is funded and directed by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB). A revised version of the survey was conducted as a mail and web-based survey by the Census Bureau in 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022.

Juvenile Justice Indicators

Juvenile Justice

S.C. JUVENILE DELINQUENCY CASES



14,589 juvenile delinquency cases were referred to the South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) in 2023, **1,279** or **10% increase** from 2022.

2,479 cases were referred with a status offense as the most serious offense in 2023, **404** or **19% increase** from 2022.

2,441 cases were referred with a violent/serious offense in 2023, **806** or **49% increase** from 2022.

3,440 detentions occurred in 2023, **569** or **20% increase** from 2022.

3,186 youth (unduplicated count) were detained in 2023, **579** or **22% increase** from 2022.

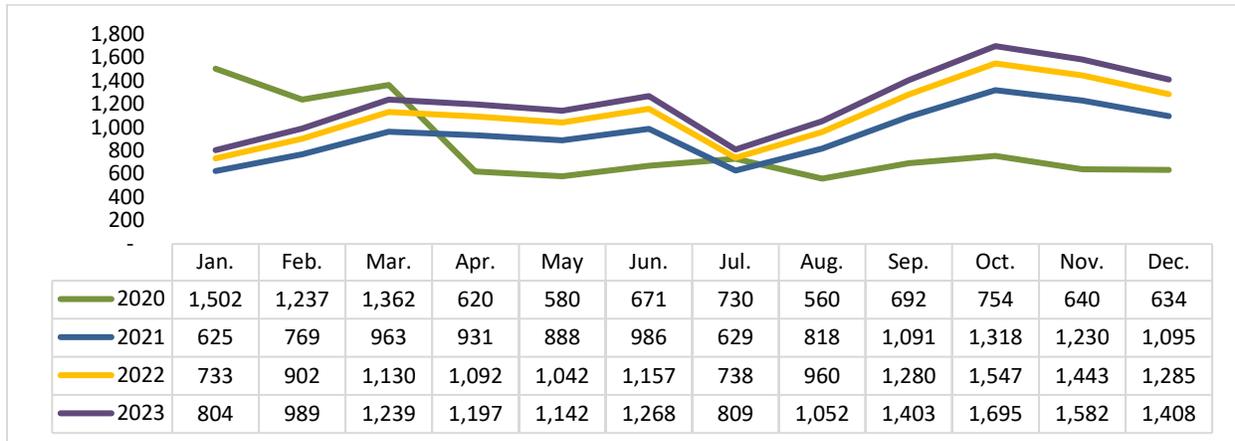
449 youth were committed (including suspended and final commitments) in 2023, **49** or **12% increase** from 2022.

S.C. JUVENILE DELINQUENCY CASES: COMPARING 2023 TO 2022, 2021, AND 2020 DATA

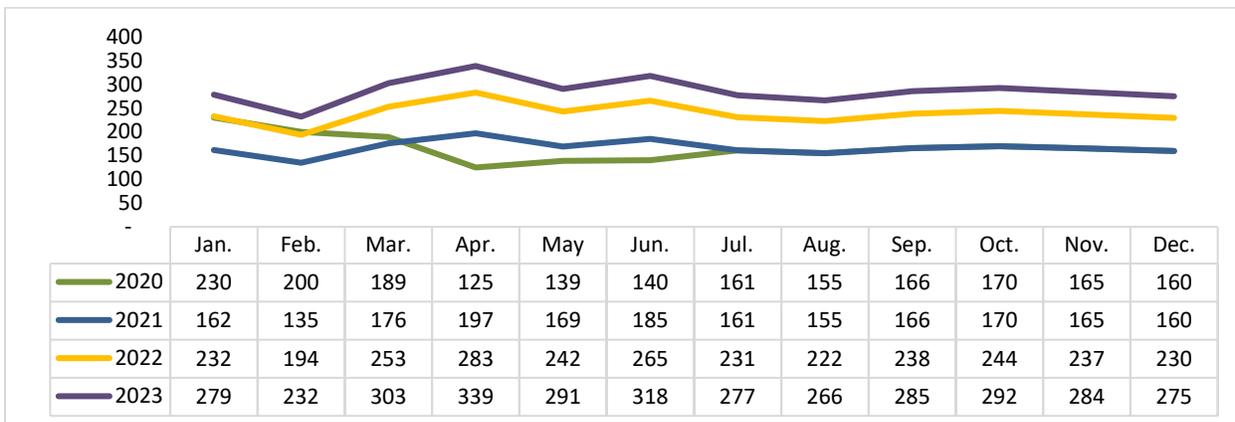
	2020	2021	2022	2023	Compared 2023 to 2022	Compared 2023 to 2021	Compared 2023 to 2020
Number of juvenile delinquency cases referred to DJJ	9,982	11,343	13,310	14,589	+1,279 (+10%)	+3,246 (+29%)	+4,607 (+46%)
Number of cases referred with a status offense as most serious offense	1,532	1,716	2,075	2,479	+404 (+19%)	+763 (+44%)	+947 (+62%)
Number of cases referred with a violent/serious offense	1,348	1,351	1,635	2,441	+806 (+49%)	+1,090 (+81%)	+1,093 (+81%)
Number of detentions	1,978	2,001	2,871	3,440	+569 (+20%)	+1,439 (+72%)	+1,462 (+74%)
Number of youth detained (unduplicated count)	1,927	1,926	2,607	3,186	+579 (+22%)	+1,260 (+65%)	+1,259 (+65%)
Number of youth committed (unduplicated count)	622	469	400	449	+49 (+12%)	-20 (-4%)	-173 (-28%)

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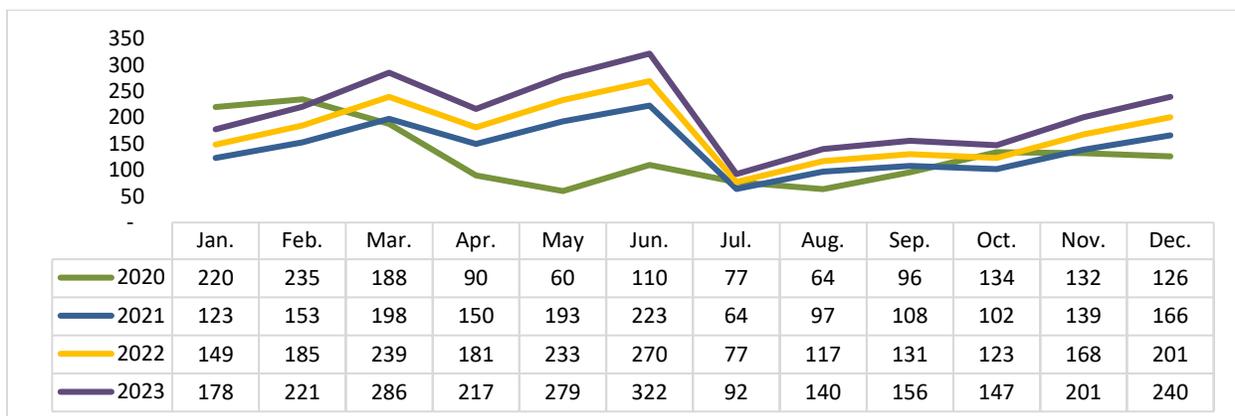
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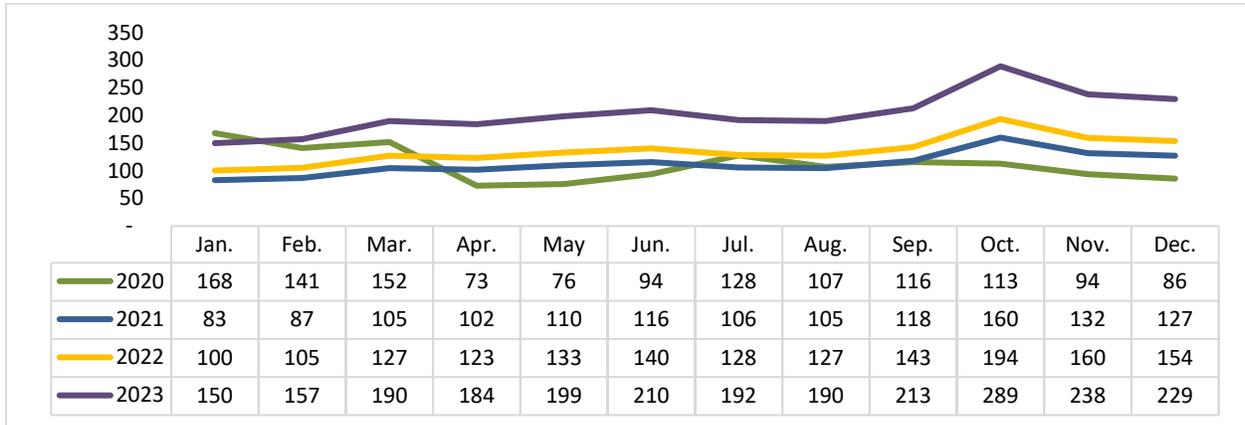


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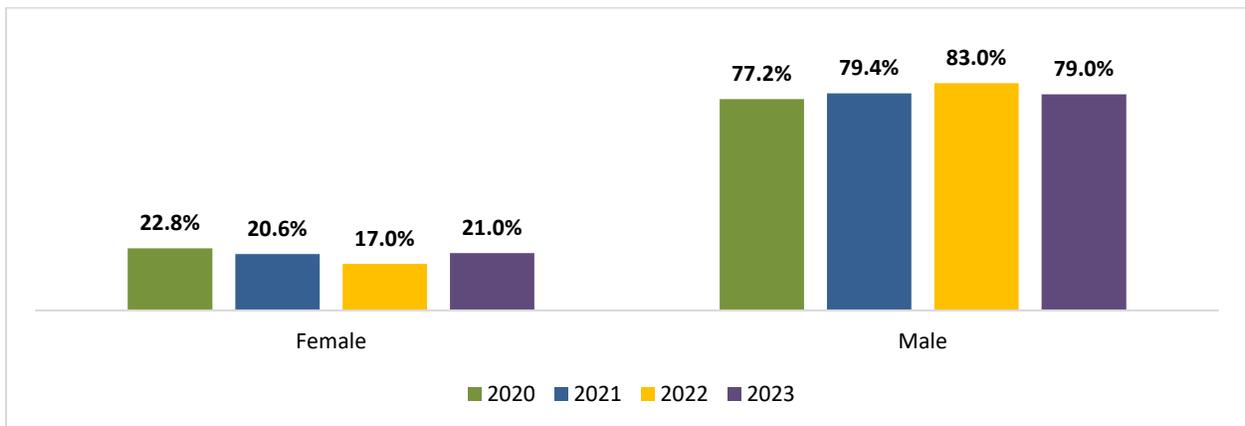
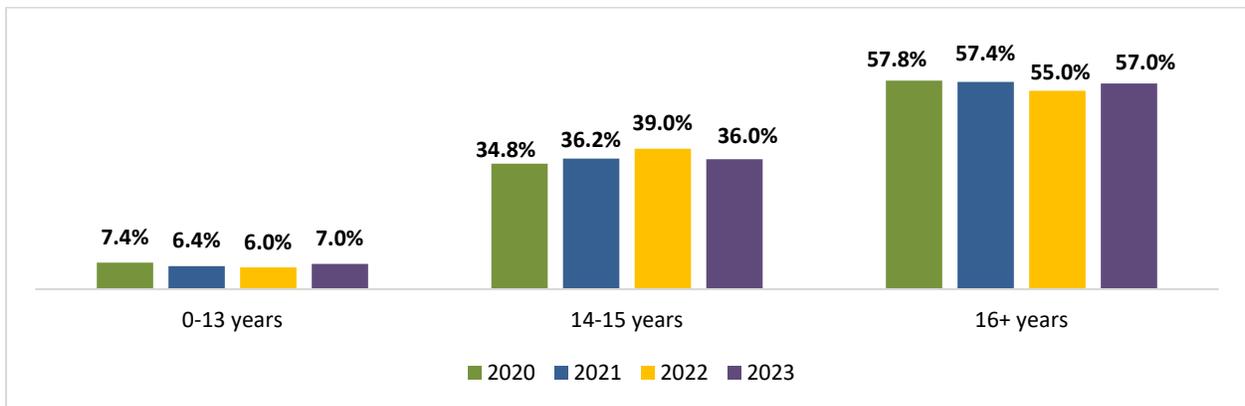


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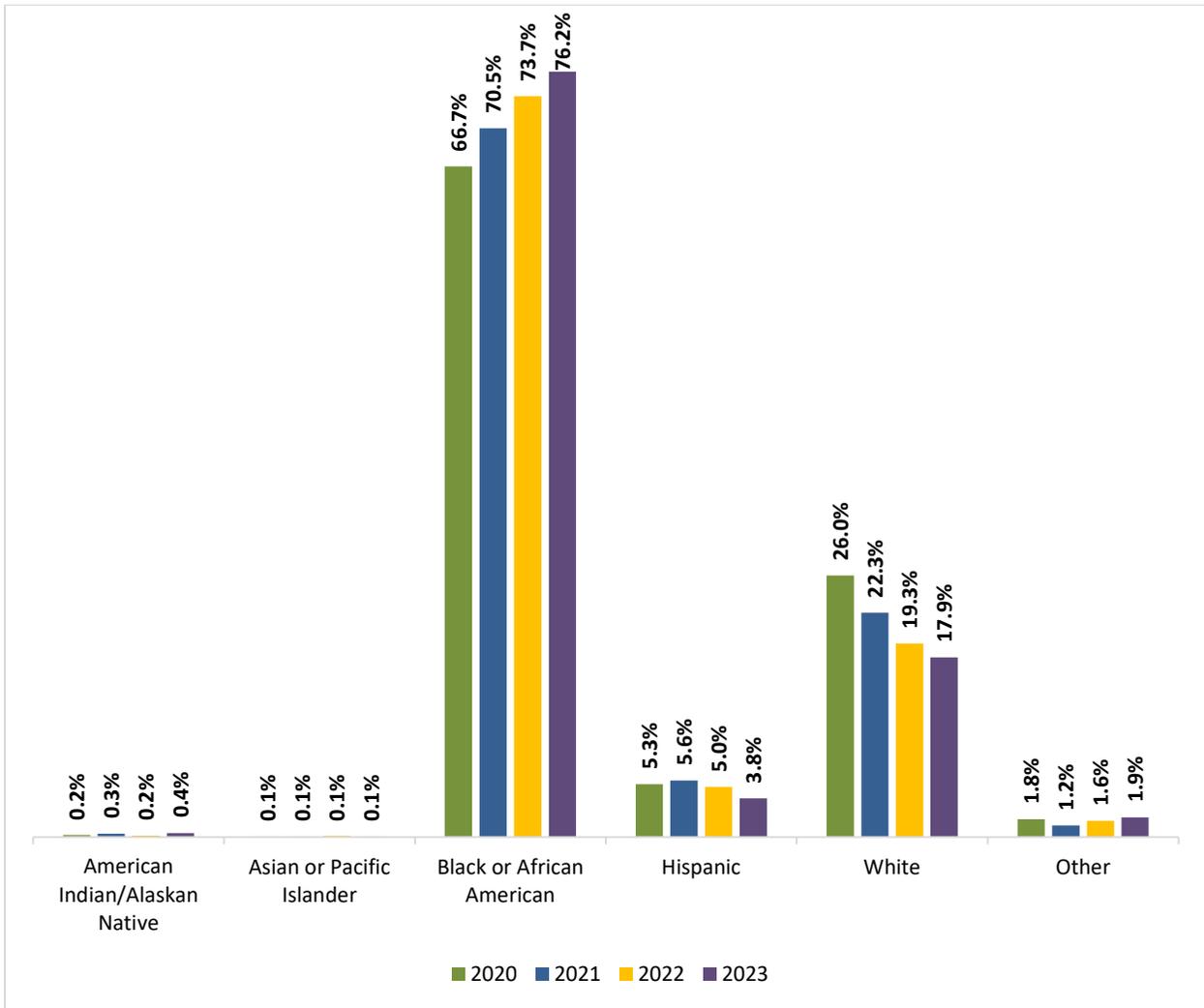
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S.C. YOUTH DETAINED BY AGE GROUP, SEX, AND RACE



Juvenile Justice Indicators



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S.C. TOP 10 JUVENILE DETENTION OFFENSES

2020 Offense or Order (Number of Detentions)	2021 Offense or Order (Number of Detentions)	2022 Offense or Order (Number of Detentions)	2023 Offense or Order (Number of Detentions)
Pickup order (n=482)	Pickup order (n=359)	Pickup order (n=270)	Weapons: sale or delivery of pistol to, and possession by, certain persons unlawful; stolen pistol (n=262)
Assault: assault and battery-third degree (n=135)	Weapons: sale or delivery of pistol to, and possession by, certain persons unlawful; stolen pistol (n=166)	Weapons: sale or delivery of pistol to, and possession by, certain persons unlawful; stolen pistol (n=190)	Pickup order (n=246)
Status: runaway (n=98)	Assault: assault and battery-third degree (n=135)	Assault: assault and battery-third degree (n=125)	Assault: assault and battery-third degree (n=169)
Weapons: sale or delivery of pistol to, and possession by, certain persons unlawful; stolen pistol (n=98)	Status: runaway (n=98)	Status: runaway (n=102)	Status: runaway (n=126)
Weapons: unlawful carrying of pistol (n=83)	Weapons: unlawful carrying of pistol (n=89)	Weapons: unlawful carrying of pistol (n=82)	Weapons: unlawful carrying of pistol (n=114)
Robbery: armed robbery, robbery while armed or allegedly armed with a deadly weapon (n=62)	Murder: attempted murder (n=67)	Murder: attempted murder (n=75)	Vehicle: possession, concealment, sale, or disposal of stolen vehicle, value \$10,000 or more (n=79)
Murder: attempted murder (n=53)	Robbery: armed robbery, robbery while armed or allegedly armed with a deadly weapon (n=63)	Robbery: armed robbery, robbery while armed or allegedly armed with a deadly weapon (n=52)	Murder: attempted murder (n=78)
Larceny: breaking into motor vehicle or tanks, pumps, where fuel, lubricants stored (n=50)	Contempt: contempt of court by child (criminal) (n=54)	Burglary: burglary-first degree (n=48)	Robbery: armed robbery, robbery while armed or allegedly armed with a deadly weapon (n=63)
Burglary: burglary (non-violent)-second degree (n=41)	Burglary: burglary-first degree (n=44)	Weapons: carrying a weapon on school grounds (n=40)	Resisting: assault, beat, or wound police officer serving process or while resisting arrest (n=47)
Burglary: burglary-first degree (n=35)	Larceny: breaking into motor vehicle or tanks, pumps, where fuel, lubricants stored (n=42)	Larceny: breaking into motor vehicle or tanks, pumps, where fuel, lubricants stored (n=39)	Burglary: burglary (non-violent)-second degree (n=40)

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S.C. YOUTH INVOLVED IN DELINQUENCY CASES REFERRED TO DJJ BY COUNTY

County	2020 Total Youth Referred	2021 Total Youth Referred	2022 Total Youth Referred	2023 Total Youth Referred	2020 Youth Referred for Status Offenses	2021 Youth Referred for Status Offenses	2022 Youth Referred for Status Offenses	2023 Youth Referred for Status Offenses	2020 Youth Referred for Violent/Serious Offenses	2021 Youth Referred for Violent/Serious Offenses	2022 Youth Referred for Violent/Serious Offenses	2023 Youth Referred for Violent/Serious Offenses
Abbeville	14	21	31	42	*	*	0	7	*	5	12	6
Aiken	265	292	373	361	20	34	45	23	46	42	44	46
Allendale	15	9	7	27	N/A	*	*	*	*	*	*	N/A
Anderson	255	322	436	425	37	41	97	68	31	35	49	76
Bamberg	8	10	14	18	*	N/A	0	N/A	*	8	5	5
Barnwell	52	32	41	52	5	*	8	*	17	10	6	12
Beaufort	266	324	590	618	74	73	97	138	35	33	61	82
Berkeley	391	410	658	840	111	124	187	162	57	58	65	76
Calhoun	42	62	15	19	21	36	0	N/A	*	*	*	*
Charleston	717	640	885	1014	84	75	86	118	91	109	89	154
Cherokee	114	117	153	121	47	40	50	8	15	10	7	51
Chester	34	57	79	67	*	*	0	*	8	5	9	24
Chesterfield	74	85	121	152	9	6	25	29	21	27	23	33
Clarendon	23	43	54	53	N/A	*	*	N/A	7	6	*	17
Colleton	43	108	148	124	*	*	*	*	12	19	18	36
Darlington	145	170	281	220	22	23	65	64	17	22	36	58
Dillon	68	90	162	234	36	27	51	118	15	24	28	30
Dorchester	251	325	552	624	32	33	106	125	30	38	51	66
Edgefield	44	43	54	24	10	*	*	7	*	7	6	*
Fairfield	33	31	47	56	*	5	*	*	11	8	14	21
Florence	251	377	529	566	15	13	19	49	59	73	91	159
Georgetown	76	173	286	256	5	33	45	32	9	19	26	26

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Juvenile Justice Indicators

County (Continued)	2020 Total Youth Referred	2021 Total Youth Referred	2022 Total Youth Referred	2023 Total Youth Referred	2020 Youth Referred for Status Offenses	2021 Youth Referred for Status Offenses	2022 Youth Referred for Status Offenses	2023 Youth Referred for Status Offenses	2020 Youth Referred for Violent/Serious Offenses	2021 Youth Referred for Violent/Serious Offenses	2022 Youth Referred for Violent/Serious Offenses	2023 Youth Referred for Violent/Serious Offenses
Greenville	802	835	1,285	1,536	80	71	115	164	133	138	182	284
Greenwood	186	310	517	442	28	35	53	64	17	42	55	66
Hampton	38	54	69	41	7	6	*	*	12	14	10	9
Horry	704	744	1,098	1,262	211	278	370	410	92	60	89	154
Jasper	41	66	112	86	12	8	14	9	6	11	12	26
Kershaw	66	57	73	79	10	14	21	27	8	6	5	20
Lancaster	90	158	217	421	*	*	7	15	26	15	27	57
Laurens	96	94	154	204	25	19	39	47	22	6	13	26
Lee	10	6	20	9	N/A	N/A	0	*	*	*	*	*
Lexington	393	402	488	489	33	19	41	99	51	33	47	73
Marion	75	85	114	144	16	10	8	22	6	11	23	22
Marlboro	65	73	173	197	25	21	72	127	12	18	27	26
McCormick	5	12	17	5	*	N/A	0	*	*	*	7	5
Newberry	76	67	70	106	*	*	*	*	5	5	5	20
Oconee	92	84	128	187	15	11	19	41	16	19	21	24
Orangeburg	174	190	245	346	73	53	22	83	33	20	37	27
Pickens	158	139	196	245	22	22	26	25	25	12	17	33
Richland	518	490	839	1,029	23	20	77	135	155	105	143	294
Saluda	25	17	10	7	7	*	*	N/A	*	*	*	N/A
Spartanburg	229	263	389	423	18	15	23	29	43	41	59	65
Sumter	215	209	320	256	43	36	74	46	46	49	80	76
Union	98	196	235	274	40	120	110	95	5	9	13	19
Williamsburg	33	75	112	97	N/A	5	11	*	12	35	34	39
York	456	608	912	791	46	47	75	70	62	61	86	95

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County	2020 Youth Detained	2021 Youth Detained	2022 Youth Detained	2023 Youth Detained	2020 Youth Committed	2021 Youth Committed	2022 Youth Committed	2023 Youth Committed
Abbeville	*	7	12	9	*	*	*	*
Aiken	41	32	34	42	30	14	17	16
Allendale	*	6	5	14	N/A	N/A	0	0
Anderson	49	51	114	102	14	9	12	22
Bamberg	*	*	9	5	*	*	5	*
Barnwell	6	*	*	*	*	*	*	0
Beaufort	26	31	49	71	14	9	8	5
Berkeley	69	71	221	189	15	13	11	6
Calhoun	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Charleston	262	244	327	340	36	31	31	28
Cherokee	37	31	30	90	6	*	*	*
Chester	7	12	19	33	*	*	*	*
Chesterfield	31	35	37	48	5	9	*	*
Clarendon	*	*	6	*	*	*	*	*
Colleton	6	10	19	29	*	*	*	*
Darlington	22	26	37	61	15	11	18	25
Dillon	9	13	21	27	8	15	15	13
Dorchester	35	30	51	129	6	7	*	7
Edgefield	9	6	5	23	5	*	*	*
Fairfield	10	8	32	41	*	*	*	*
Florence	43	40	124	177	15	10	14	21
Georgetown	7	8	5	14	*	*	0	0
Greenville	210	151	204	398	67	24	19	15
Greenwood	17	24	46	88	9	9	12	9
Hampton	9	12	17	17	*	N/A	0	*

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County (Continued)	2020 Youth Detained	2021 Youth Detained	2022 Youth Detained	2023 Youth Detained	2020 Youth Committed	2021 Youth Committed	2022 Youth Committed	2023 Youth Committed
Horry	109	93	162	161	51	51	59	50
Jasper	14	15	26	12	*	*	*	0
Kershaw	9	10	22	26	5	*	*	*
Lancaster	11	12	22	57	10	*	8	7
Laurens	32	23	37	51	9	5	8	5
Lee	*	*	9	*	*	*	0	N/A
Lexington	37	41	65	100	25	17	22	26
Marion	8	*	5	23	5	*	*	*
Marlboro	14	30	48	27	*	*	*	5
McCormick	*	5	6	*	*	*	*	*
Newberry	9	8	12	16	*	*	*	*
Oconee	12	20	21	33	7	7	*	*
Orangeburg	44	40	87	115	15	8	7	17
Pickens	26	17	30	11	9	*	*	*
Richland	131	167	240	372	39	41	48	46
Saluda	*	6	5	N/A	N/A	5	*	*
Spartanburg	94	101	137	200	19	10	13	18
Sumter	34	32	29	49	11	12	11	10
Union	21	32	53	37	8	5	9	11
Williamsburg	6	10	16	40	N/A	*	*	*
York	80	82	147	149	46	43	*	50

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DATA SOURCE

S.C. Department of Juvenile Justice, unpublished reports generated in August 2021, January 2022, March 2023, May 2023, and March 2024.

Education Indicators

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S.C. PUBLIC SCHOOL HEADCOUNTS



793,860 students were enrolled in South Carolina public school districts in the 2023-2024 school year (45-day headcount), **4,629** or **1% increase** from 2022-2023 (45-day headcount):

- **27,463** or **3.5%** of students enrolled in child development programs (PK) in 2023-2024.
- **54,402** or **6.9%** of students enrolled in kindergarten (5-year-old) in 2023-2024.
- **172,418** or **21.7%** of students enrolled in Grades 1-3 in 2023-2024.
- **294,942** or **37.2%** of students enrolled in Grades 4-8 in 2023-2024.
- **244,635** or **30.8%** of students enrolled in Grades 9-12 in 2023-2024.

49,892 teachers were in South Carolina public school districts in the 2022-2023 school year, **3,414** or **6% decrease** from 2021-2022.

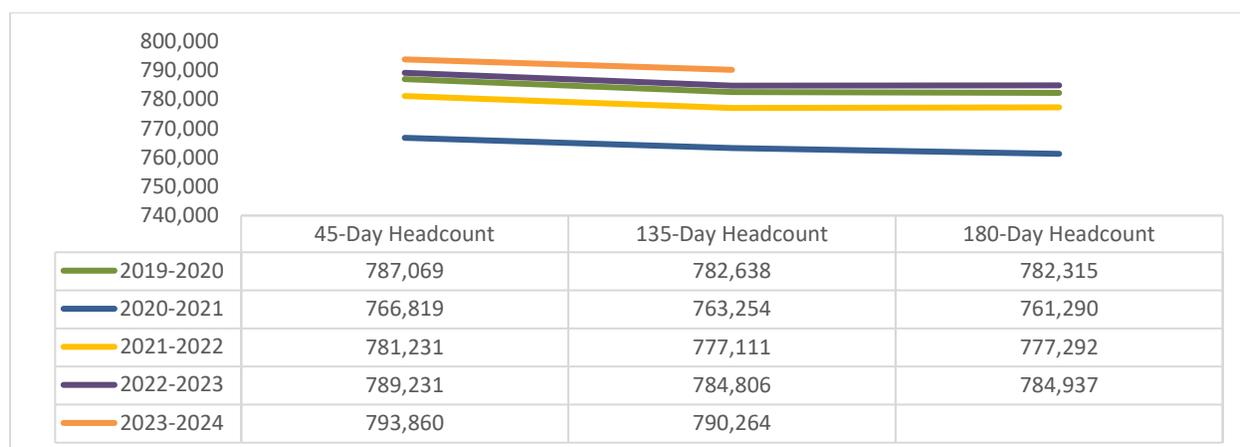
Note. 49,892 teachers were reported on the 2023 State Report Card, according to the modified definition of teachers working 180 days or more rather than 190 days. This modified definition was deemed essential by the Director of Office of Research and Data Analysis (ORDA), because of the reporting discrepancies made by the school districts. In the Number of Teachers by Race and Gender, 2022-23 Report, the count in full-time equivalents was 54,036 where a teacher is defined as “any person who is employed either full-time or part-time by any school district either to teach or supervise teaching. The position codes selected to determine the final numbers are 03 – special education-itinerant teacher, 05 – kindergarten teacher, 06- special education self-contained, 08 – classroom teacher, 09 – retired teacher, 17 – speech therapist, and 46 – purchased-services teachers.”

	2019-2020 School Year	2020-2021 School Year	2021-2022 School Year	2022-2023 School Year	2023-2024 School Year	Compared 2023-2024 to 2022-2023 School Year	Compared 2023-2024 to 2021-2022 School Year	Compared 2023-2024 to 2020-2021 School Year	Compared 2023-2024 to 2019-2020 School Year
Students enrolled in South Carolina public school districts (45-day headcount)	787,069	766,819	781,231	789,231	793,860	+4,629 (+1%)	+12,629 (+2%)	+27,041 (+4%)	+6,791 (+1%)
Students enrolled in PK	28,333	21,002	25,400	26,944	27,463	+519 (+2%)	+2,063 (+8%)	+6,461 (+31%)	-870 (-3%)
Students enrolled in kindergarten (5-year-old)	56,188	51,801	54,799	54,526	54,402	-124 (-0.2%)	-397 (-1%)	+2,601 (+5%)	-1,786 (-3%)
Students enrolled in Grades 1-3	172,556	165,986	168,339	171,428	172,418	+990 (+1%)	+4,079 (+2%)	+6,432 (+4%)	-138 (-0.1%)
Students enrolled in Grades 4-8	305,001	299,248	297,606	295,870	294,942	-928 (-0.3%)	-2,664 (-1%)	-4,306 (-1%)	-10,059 (-3%)
Students enrolled in Grades 9-12	224,991	228,782	235,087	240,463	244,635	+4,172 (+2%)	+9,548 (+4%)	+15,853 (+7%)	+19,644 (+9%)

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	2019-2020 School Year	2020-2021 School Year	2021-2022 School Year	2022-2023 School Year	Compared to 2021-2022 School Year	Compared to 2020-2021 School Year	Compared to 2019-2020 School Year
Teachers in South Carolina public school districts	53,488	53,689	53,306	49,892	-3,414 (-6%)	-3,797 (-7%)	-3,596 (-7%)

S.C. PUBLIC SCHOOL HEADCOUNTS



Note. Student headcount is a "snap-shot" count of actively-enrolled students that is taken at different points during a year. 180-Day Headcount for 2023-2024 not yet available as of publication.

S.C. PRIVATE SCHOOL HEADCOUNTS

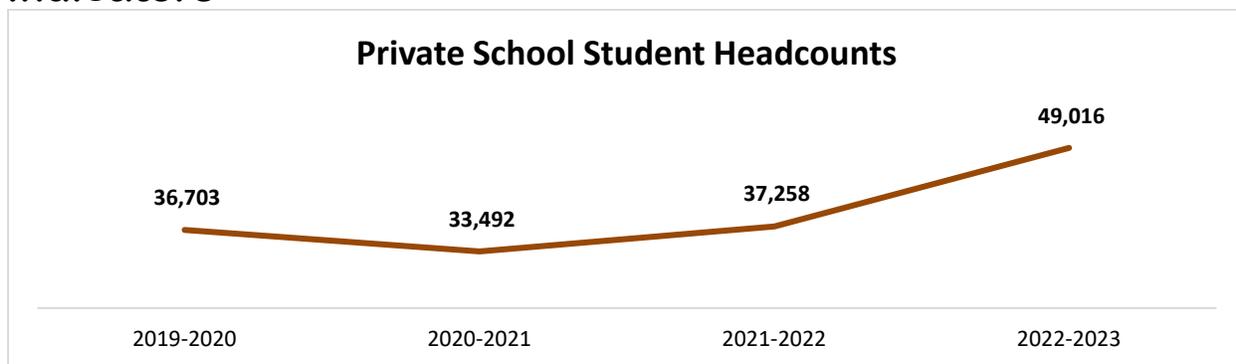


49,016 students were enrolled in South Carolina private schools in the 2022-2023 school year, **11,758** or **32%** increase from 2021-2022.

5,403 teachers were in South Carolina private schools in the 2022-2023 school year, **1,422** or **36%** increase from 2021-2022.

	2019-2020 School Year	2020-2021 School Year	2021-2022 School Year	2022-2023 School Year	Compared to 2021-2022 School Year	Compared to 2020-2021 School Year	Compared to 2019-2020 School Year
Students enrolled in South Carolina private schools	36,703	33,492	37,311	49,016	+11,758 (+32%)	+15,524 (+46%)	+12,313 (+34%)
Teachers in South Carolina private schools	4,337	4,177	3,981	5,403	+1,422 (+36%)	+1,226 (+29%)	+1,066 (+25%)

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S.C. HOMELESS STUDENTS



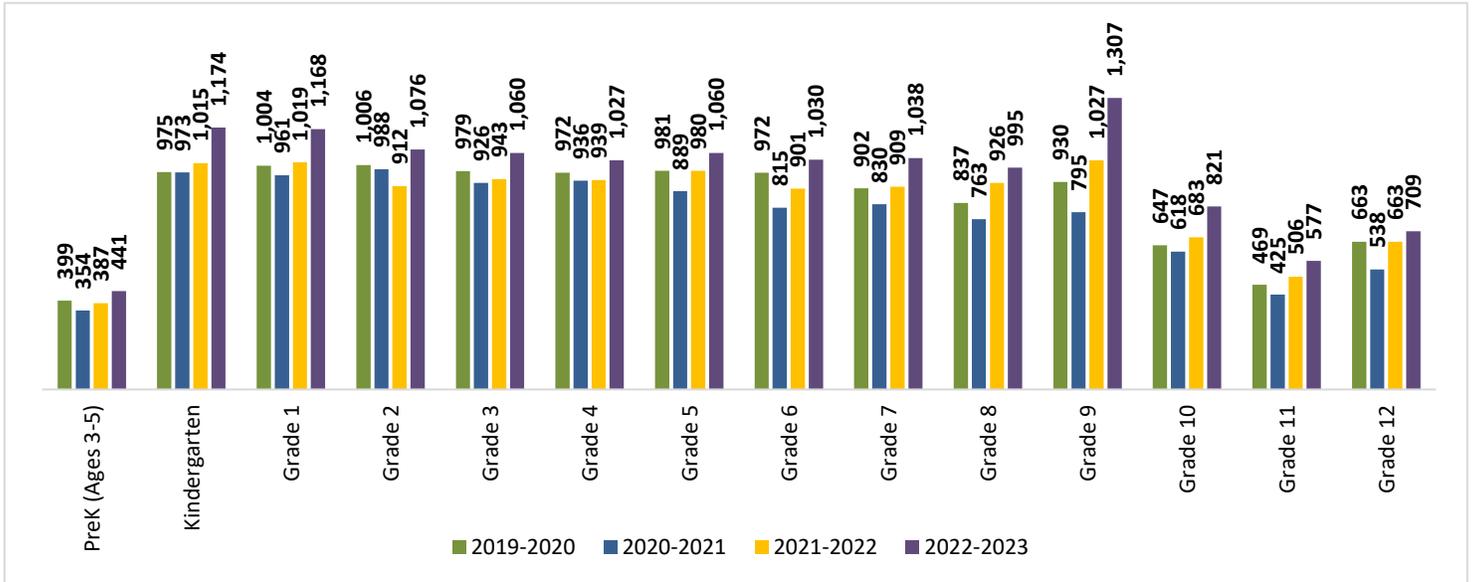
13,483 students enrolled in a South Carolina public school district during the 2022-2023 school year were identified as homeless, **1,732** or **15% increase** from 2021-2022.

	2019-2020 School Year	2020-2021 School Year	2021-2022 School Year	2022-2023 School Year	Compared to 2021-2022 School Year	Compared to 2020-2021 School Year	Compared to 2019-2020 School Year
Students identified as homeless	11,736	10,811	11,751	13,483	+1,732 (+15%)	+2,672 (+25%)	+1,747 (+15%)

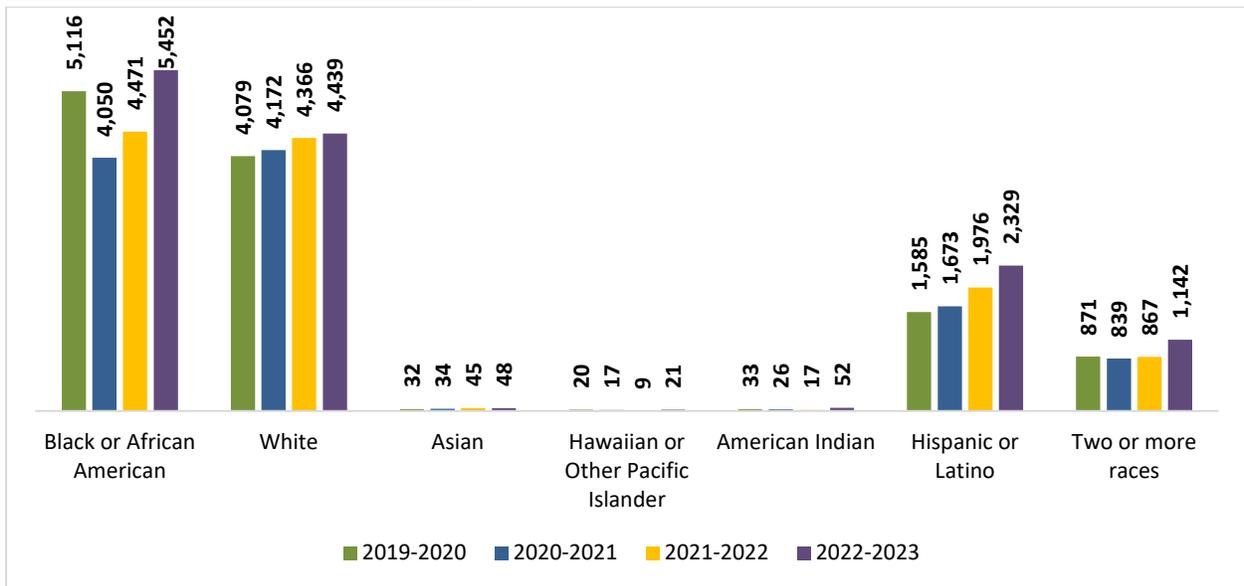
Note. The state educational agency (SEA) level McKinney-Vento student data are the unduplicated number of identified homeless students enrolled in public schools at any time during the school year. All students are counted only once. The Federal McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act defines students who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence as homeless. This includes students who: share the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason (sometimes referred to as “doubled-up”); live in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camping grounds due to lack of alternative adequate accommodations; live in emergency or transitional shelters; are abandoned in hospitals; have a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for, or ordinarily used as, a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings; live in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing (e.g., housing that lacks any one of the fundamental utilities, does not have a working kitchen or plumbing, is overcrowded, or infested), bus or train stations, or similar settings; migratory children who qualify as homeless because they are living in circumstances described above; and unaccompanied youth who qualify as homeless because they are living in circumstances described above. Students whose living situations meet this definition have educational rights and are eligible to receive services under the McKinney-Vento Act.

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S.C. HOMELESS STUDENTS BY GRADE



S.C. HOMELESS STUDENTS BY RACE



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S.C. HOMELESS STUDENTS BY COUNTY

County	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	County	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023
Abbeville	44	46	58	Greenwood	431	329	278
Aiken	188	216	322	Hampton	119	90	144
Allendale	11	5	*	Horry	547	261	427
Anderson	1,208	749	791	Jasper	63	6	49
Bamberg	*	*	10	Kershaw	*	12	38
Barnwell	25	22	8	Lancaster	34	35	37
Beaufort	315	277	438	Laurens	193	80	89
Berkeley	351	315	461	Lee	52	18	26
Calhoun	*	24	26	Lexington	470	794	618
Charleston	311	311	414	McCormick	21	28	23
Cherokee	57	78	83	Marion	13	14	*
Chester	25	25	19	Marlboro	9	13	50
Chesterfield	141	111	112	Newberry	22	52	109
Clarendon	31	12	12	Oconee	24	91	142
Colleton	71	123	98	Orangeburg	48	37	56
Darlington	118	150	113	Pickens	2,556	2,913	2,679
Dillon	0	*	26	Richland	662	918	1,070
Dorchester	65	104	200	Saluda	18	26	41
Edgefield	8	19	31	Spartanburg	975	1,001	1,080
Fairfield	128	190	96	Sumter	465	130	156
Florence	112	173	371	Union	21	35	20
Georgetown	11	10	15	Williamsburg	10	19	*
Greenville	952	1,417	1,610	York	404	363	610

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S.C. SCHOOL REPORT CARD DATA (PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS)

	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023
English learners (EL) students	64,386	63,885	67,169	70,761
Percent of students served by gifted and talented program	20.2%	19.9%	18.7%	19.4%
Students ages 3 to 17 with disabilities in special education and related services	104,359	101,792	104,977	107,880
Percent of students retained	1.4%	1.3%	1.9%	0.9%
Dropout rate	2.2%	1.7%	2.4%	2.4%
Dropout recovery rate	5.9%	6.1%	6.4%	6.0%
Four-year graduation rate	82.2%	83.3%	83.8%	83.8%
Students in the graduation cohort who are college ready*	N/A	34.1%	32.0%	32.6%
Students in the graduation cohort who are career ready*	61.1%	55.7%	62.8%	61.4%
Students in the graduation cohort who are college AND career ready*	N/A	28.7%	29.0%	29.4%
Percent of students from prior year graduating class enrolled in a two- or four-year college or technical college pursuing an associate's degree, certificate, or diploma in Fall following graduation	67.2%	64.3%	62.1%	62.7%

Note. Dropout rate measures annual rate of students in grades 7 through 12 who leave the school or district for any reason, other than death, prior to graduation without transferring to another school, district, or institution. Dropout recovery rate reflects the proportion of students in grades 9 through 12 from each school and district who, having dropped out during a particular academic year, reenrolled in a public school or reenrolled in an Adult Education high school diploma granting program within the first 135 days of the next academic year.

*The new CCR results (as of 2020) cannot be compared to that of previous years because the cohort of students measured has changed from graduates to all students in the four year on-time graduation cohort (graduates and non-graduates).

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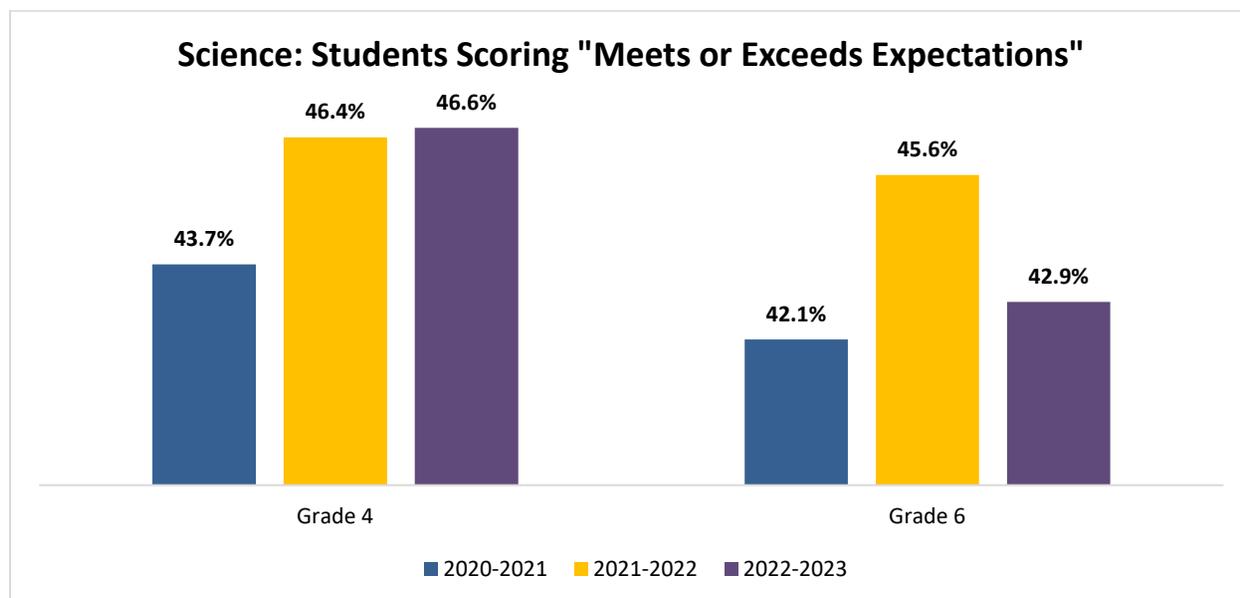
PREPARING FOR SUCCESS IN S.C.

	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023
Overall Kindergarten Readiness	39.2%	26.8%	36.0%	38.3%
By domains:				
○ Social foundation	53.3%	N/A	52.2%	49.4%
○ Language and literacy	33.6%	32.4%	29.8%	34.6%
○ Mathematics	29.4%	28.3%	28.1%	35.2%
○ Physical well-being	55.4%	N/A	51.5%	53.4%
First and Second Grade Students on Track for Success in English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics				
○ First grade students who are on track for success in ELA at the second grade	33.0%	55.8%	53.2%	53.0%
○ First grade students who are on track for success in mathematics at the second grade	38.7%	60.2%	58.8%	54.4%
○ Second grade students who are on track for success in ELA at the third grade	33.0%	51.9%	51.9%	51.1%
○ Second grade students who are on track for success in mathematics at the third grade	36.6%	54.2%	54.7%	51.3%
High School Civics Test				
Percent of students enrolled in a U.S. Government course who score at or above the designated passing score on the civics test	60.3%	75.8%	87.2%	85.7%

Note. The cut score for "Overall Kindergarten Readiness" was used across all domains in order to provide comparative information. It does not necessarily reflect domain level readiness. On March 26, 2021, the U.S. Department of Education waived federal accountability requirements and granted flexibility in administering assessments due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The results displayed for 2020-2021 should not be compared to those of other years due to the testing limitations as a result of the pandemic. In addition, these results may be incomplete and may not be representative of the make-up of the state, district, or school population.

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SOUTH CAROLINA PALMETTO ASSESSMENT OF STATE STANDARDS (SCPASS) TEST SCORES

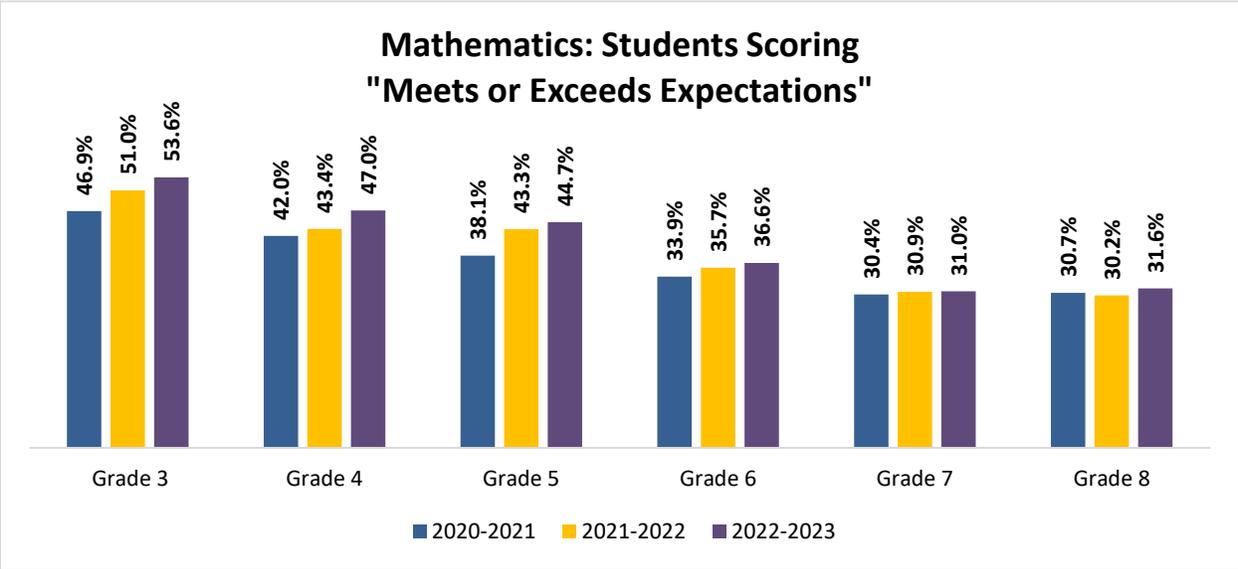
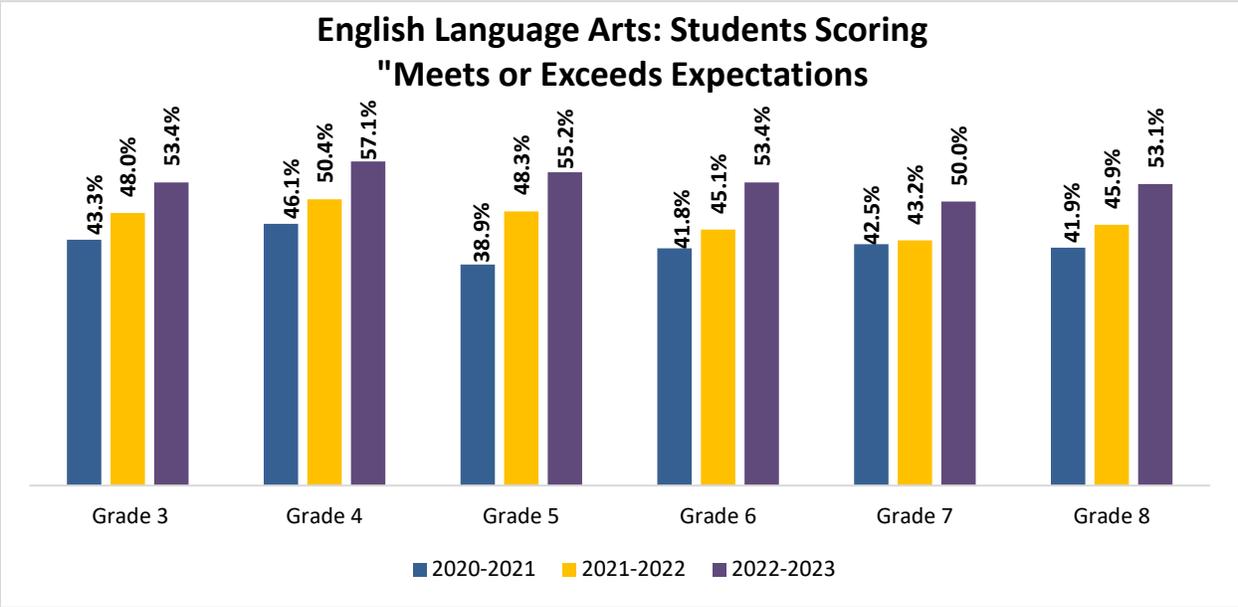


Note. The SCPASS program is one of the tests used in calculating absolute ratings, growth ratings, and federal accountability status. No test data are available for the 2019-2020 school year due to cancellation of testing in spring 2020. SCPASS Social Studies was not administered during 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 school years. On March 26, 2021, the U.S. Department of Education waived federal accountability requirements and granted flexibility in administering assessments due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The results displayed for 2020-2021 should not be compared to those of other years due to the testing limitations as a result of the pandemic. In addition, these results may be incomplete and may not be representative of the make-up of the state, district, or school population.

Grade Level	School Year	Number of Test Takers	Percent of Test Takers Scoring "Meets or Exceeds Expectations"
SCPASS: Science			
Grade 4	2020-2021	50,917	43.7%
	2021-2022	56,361	46.4%
	2022-2023	56,514	46.6%
Grade 6	2020-2021	50,592	42.1%
	2021-2022	57,519	45.6%
	2022-2023	57,862	42.9%

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SOUTH CAROLINA COLLEGE- AND CAREER- READY ASSESSMENTS (SCREADY) TEST SCORES



Note. SCREADY are statewide assessments in English language arts and mathematics that will meet all of the requirements of Acts 155 and 200, the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act, and the Assessments Peer Review guidance. No test data are available for the 2019-2020 school year due to cancellation of testing in spring 2020.

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Grade Level	School Year	Number of Test Takers	Percent of Test Takers Scoring “Meets or Exceeds Expectations”
SCREADY: English Language Arts			
Grade 3	2020-2021	51,313	43.3%
	2021-2022	55,905	48.0%
	2022-2023	56,737	53.4%
Grade 4	2020-2021	51,060	46.1%
	2021-2022	56,397	50.4%
	2022-2023	56,534	57.1%
Grade 5	2020-2021	51,435	38.9%
	2021-2022	57,065	48.3%
	2022-2023	57,571	55.2%
Grade 6	2020-2021	50,681	41.8%
	2021-2022	57,566	45.1%
	2022-2023	57,864	53.4%
Grade 7	2020-2021	50,972	42.5%
	2021-2022	60,109	43.2%
	2022-2023	58,553	50.0%
Grade 8	2020-2021	50,359	41.9%
	2021-2022	60,920	45.9%
	2022-2023	60,738	53.1%
SCREADY: Mathematics			
Grade 3	2020-2021	51,268	46.9%
	2021-2022	55,896	51.0%
	2022-2023	56,739	53.6%
Grade 4	2020-2021	51,119	42.0%
	2021-2022	56,404	43.4%
	2022-2023	56,536	47.0%
Grade 5	2020-2021	51,489	38.1%
	2021-2022	57,066	43.3%
	2022-2023	57,553	44.7%
Grade 6	2020-2021	50,963	33.9%
	2021-2022	57,662	35.7%
	2022-2023	57,926	36.6%
Grade 7	2020-2021	51,230	30.4%
	2021-2022	60,155	30.9%
	2022-2023	58,566	31.0%
Grade 8	2020-2021	50,480	30.7%
	2021-2022	60,987	30.2%
	2022-2023	60,737	31.6%

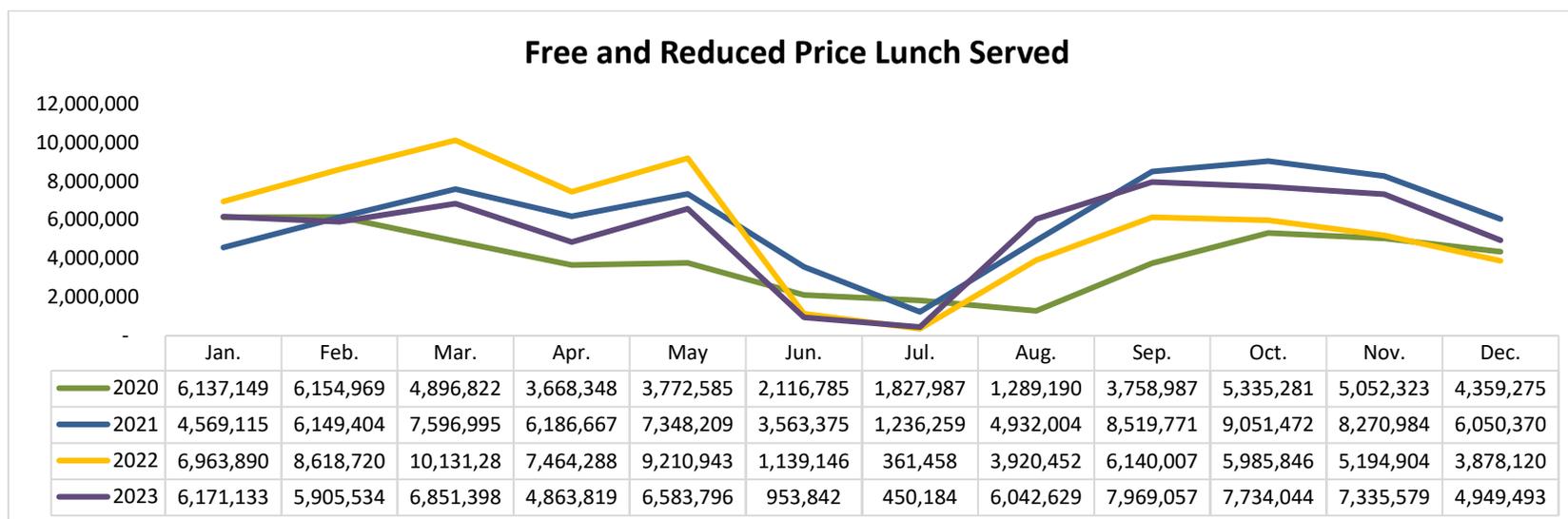
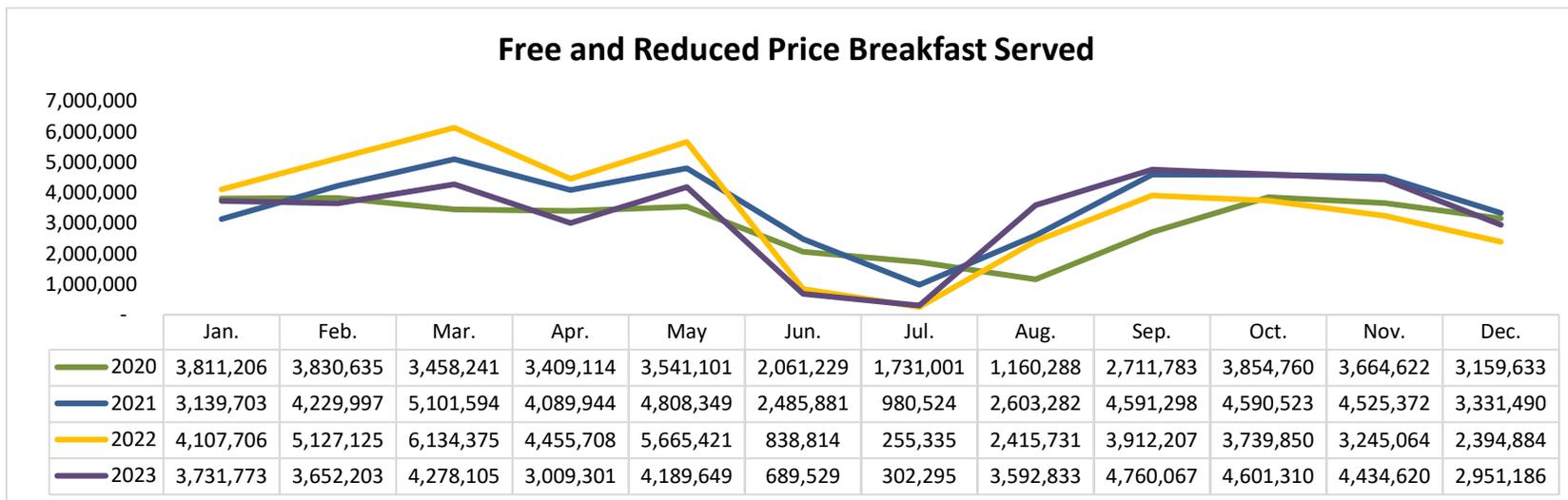
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FREE AND REDUCED PRICE MEALS SERVED TO S.C. STUDENTS BY CALENDAR YEAR

Meals Served	2020	2021	2022	2023	Compared 2023 to 2022	Compared 2023 to 2021	Compared 2023 to 2020
Free Breakfast Served	35,962,821	44,477,168	41,698,004	39,344,205	-2,353,799 (-6%)	-5,132,963 (-12%)	+3,381,384 (+9%)
Reduced Price Breakfast Served	430,792	789	594,216	848,666	+254,450 (+43%)	+847,877 (+107,462%)	+417,874 (+97%)
Total Free and Reduced Price Breakfast Served	36,393,613	44,477,957	42,292,220	40,192,871	-2,099,349 (-5%)	-4,285,086 (-10%)	+3,799,258 (+10%)
Free Lunch Served	47,406,723	73,473,403	67,721,388	63,906,779	-3,814,609 (-6%)	-9,566,624 (-13%)	+16,500,056 (+35%)
Reduced Price Lunch Served	962,978	1,222	1,287,669	1,903,729	+616,060 (+48%)	+1,902,507 (+155,688%)	+940,751 (+98%)
Total Free and Reduced Price Lunch Served	48,369,701	73,474,625	69,009,057	65,810,508	-3,198,549 (-5%)	-7,664,117 (-10%)	+17,440,807 (+36%)
Total Free and Reduced Price Breakfast and Lunch Served	84,763,314	117,952,582	111,301,277	106,003,379	-5,297,898 (-5%)	-11,949,203 (-10%)	+21,240,065 (+25%)

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DATA SOURCES

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2019-2020: <https://screportcards.ed.sc.gov/overview/?q=eT0yMDIwJnQ9UyZzaWQ9MDAwMA>
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6. Students' ages 3 to 17 with disabilities in special education and related services: S.C. Department of Education, IDEA Child Count Data. These data are reflective of students with disabilities in special education and related services through Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) under the coverage of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, 2004. These counts would not include children with disabilities who do not have IEPs. <https://ed.sc.gov/districts-schools/special-education-services/data-and-technology-d-t/data-collection-and-reporting/sc-data-collection-history/idea-child-count-data/> (last visited April 30, 2024).
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Beginning with the graduating class of 2020, all students of public or charter schools must take the United States Citizenship and Immigration Service test as part of the U.S. government required credit (no required minimum score).

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