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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 2025 Data Reference Book.

The Committee collects data to support its legislative and policy work and annually publishes data on multiple child well-being indicators, including but not limited to child welfare, health, juvenile justice, education, and safety. The 2025 edition of the Data Reference Book includes four years of state data as well as county and national data where available.

The data show improvement in a few areas. The Department of Social Services' data reflect a steady decrease in the number of children being placed in foster care, with an eight percent decrease since 2023. Child care centers continue to rebound from a myriad of challenges with a 12 percent increase in the number of open child care facilities regulated by DSS and a 41 percent decrease in the number of facilities closed compared to 2023 data.

However, challenges remain across the board. While youth homicide rates continue to drop and suicide rates remain steady, suicide is the top reported cause of death for 10 to 14-year-olds in 2024. Homicide is the second highest cause of death for 10 to 14-year-olds and 15 to 17-year-olds. School districts reported 15,862 students as homeless during the 2023-2024 school year, an increase of 18 percent over 2023 data. Finally, over 25,000 children under age 21 remain waitlisted to receive services from waivers administered by the Department of Disabilities and Special Needs.

The data make clear that much work remains to ensure healthy and productive futures for South Carolina's children. We look forward to working on these issues with the Governor, the General Assembly, state agencies, and stakeholders.

Finally, we thank the many agencies and staff who contributed to this report. May it serve our children well.

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**Paula Calhoon**, Chair

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## Data Overview

South Carolina was ranked 40<sup>th</sup> in the nation on overall child well-being by the Annie E. Casey Foundation in its 2024 *KIDS COUNT Data Book*.<sup>1</sup> More than 1.1 million children under age 18 live in South Carolina, which is 22% of the total population.<sup>2</sup> The most recent available data show that in South Carolina:

- **738** children died in 2024, including **57** or **7.7%** deaths by gun.
- **85,099** child non-fatal injuries occurred, requiring a hospital or emergency room visit in 2024.
- **12,499** children/youth were victims of maltreatment in 2024.
- **5,910** children/youth were served in foster care in 2024.
- **2,395** child care facilities regulated by the South Carolina Department of Social Services' child care licensing division were open in 2024.
- **30,073** children received mental health services provided by the South Carolina Department of Mental Health in 2024.
- **4,866** children received treatment services provided by the South Carolina Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services in 2024.
- **753,992** children in the state were enrolled in Medicaid in 2024.
- **9,527** children received services provided by the South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs in 2024.
- **13,483** juvenile delinquency cases were referred to the South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice in 2024.
- **796,780** students were enrolled in South Carolina public school districts, and **48,933** students were enrolled in South Carolina private schools in the 2023-2024 school year.
- **15,862** students were identified as homeless in South Carolina public school districts in the 2023-2024 school year.
- **211,225** or **18.8%** of children under age 18 lived in poverty, higher than the national level (16.0%) in 2023.

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

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<sup>1</sup> The Annie E. Casey Foundation, 2024 KIDS COUNT Data Book, <https://assets.aecf.org/m/resourcedoc/aecf-2024kidscountdatabook-2024.pdf> (last visited, January 14, 2025).

<sup>2</sup> U.S. Census Bureau, by-request population estimates obtained in March 2025. Data are by calendar years unless otherwise specified.

# Demographics

## Children under 18 Years of Age by Race / Ethnicity in South Carolina, 2023

	Non-Hispanic White Alone		Non-Hispanic Black Alone		Non-Hispanic Other Race Alone		Hispanic		Total under 18 Years of Age	
	Estimate	Percent	Estimate	Percent	Estimate	Percent	Estimate	Percent	Estimate	Percent
<b>South Carolina</b>	605,375	53.4%	320,390	28.2%	75,730	6.7%	133,176	11.7%	1,134,671	100.0%
Abbeville	3,129	65.4%	1,270	26.6%	225	4.7%	159	3.3%	4,783	100.0%
Aiken	20,383	54.4%	10,437	27.9%	2,302	6.1%	4,331	11.6%	37,453	100.0%
Allendale	171	12.8%	1,030	77.2%	71	5.3%	63	4.7%	1,335	100.0%
Anderson	32,577	68.6%	8,158	17.2%	2,842	6.0%	3,900	8.2%	47,477	100.0%
Bamberg	801	33.4%	1,424	59.3%	110	4.6%	65	2.7%	2,400	100.0%
Barnwell	2,203	44.8%	2,260	45.9%	231	4.7%	228	4.6%	4,922	100.0%
Beaufort	17,002	49.7%	7,223	21.1%	2,178	6.4%	7,808	22.8%	34,211	100.0%
Berkeley	31,020	53.4%	14,673	25.3%	4,537	7.8%	7,861	13.5%	58,091	100.0%
Calhoun	1,320	49.9%	1,047	39.6%	103	3.9%	177	6.7%	2,647	100.0%
Charleston	45,328	55.6%	22,107	27.1%	4,329	5.3%	9,807	12.0%	81,571	100.0%
Cherokee	8,237	64.2%	2,839	22.1%	672	5.2%	1,091	8.5%	12,839	100.0%
Chester	3,576	50.1%	2,775	38.9%	433	6.1%	358	5.0%	7,142	100.0%
Chesterfield	4,842	49.9%	3,367	34.7%	607	6.3%	882	9.1%	9,698	100.0%
Clarendon	2,393	42.6%	2,663	47.4%	236	4.2%	323	5.8%	5,615	100.0%
Colleton	4,284	48.7%	3,286	37.4%	442	5.0%	780	8.9%	8,792	100.0%
Darlington	6,418	45.9%	6,334	45.3%	658	4.7%	574	4.1%	13,984	100.0%
Dillon	2,574	36.5%	3,455	49.0%	598	8.5%	423	6.0%	7,050	100.0%
Dorchester	21,744	54.5%	10,712	26.8%	3,309	8.3%	4,163	10.4%	39,928	100.0%
Edgefield	2,432	53.8%	1,519	33.6%	214	4.7%	357	7.9%	4,522	100.0%
Fairfield	1,092	29.6%	2,216	60.2%	218	5.9%	158	4.3%	3,684	100.0%
Florence	13,504	41.7%	15,467	47.7%	1,754	5.4%	1,692	5.2%	32,417	100.0%
Georgetown	5,737	52.7%	4,016	36.9%	365	3.4%	773	7.1%	10,891	100.0%
Greenville	71,279	56.6%	24,011	19.1%	8,998	7.1%	21,659	17.2%	125,947	100.0%
Greenwood	7,343	47.2%	5,321	34.2%	777	5.0%	2,102	13.5%	15,543	100.0%
Hampton	1,428	38.4%	1,959	52.7%	177	4.8%	152	4.1%	3,716	100.0%
Horry	40,518	62.1%	10,448	16.0%	4,796	7.3%	9,494	14.5%	65,256	100.0%
Jasper	1,528	25.9%	2,146	36.3%	253	4.3%	1,979	33.5%	5,906	100.0%
Kershaw	9,540	60.4%	3,814	24.1%	927	5.9%	1,519	9.6%	15,800	100.0%
Lancaster	13,510	60.0%	4,767	21.2%	1,680	7.5%	2,561	11.4%	22,518	100.0%
Laurens	8,712	58.4%	3,777	25.3%	720	4.8%	1,700	11.4%	14,909	100.0%
Lee	842	27.3%	1,984	64.4%	114	3.7%	139	4.5%	3,079	100.0%
Lexington	43,338	61.8%	12,872	18.4%	4,949	7.1%	8,936	12.7%	70,095	100.0%
Marion	1,885	29.9%	3,826	60.7%	319	5.1%	275	4.4%	6,305	100.0%
Marlboro	1,838	35.3%	2,604	50.0%	645	12.4%	122	2.3%	5,209	100.0%

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	Non-Hispanic White Alone		Non-Hispanic Black Alone		Non-Hispanic Other Race Alone		Hispanic		Total under 18 Years of Age	
	Estimate	Percent	Estimate	Percent	Estimate	Percent	Estimate	Percent	Estimate	Percent
McCormick	356	35.5%	575	57.3%	48	4.8%	24	2.4%	1,003	100.0%
Newberry	3,906	47.4%	2,578	31.3%	345	4.2%	1,411	17.1%	8,240	100.0%
Oconee	11,525	75.4%	1,202	7.9%	862	5.6%	1,699	11.1%	15,288	100.0%
Orangeburg	4,927	27.6%	11,100	62.3%	863	4.8%	934	5.2%	17,824	100.0%
Pickens	19,283	77.6%	1,828	7.4%	1,397	5.6%	2,333	9.4%	24,841	100.0%
Richland	27,615	30.3%	47,953	52.7%	6,640	7.3%	8,784	9.7%	90,992	100.0%
Saluda	1,880	45.0%	891	21.3%	154	3.7%	1,253	30.0%	4,178	100.0%
Spartanburg	47,112	58.2%	16,969	21.0%	5,910	7.3%	10,967	13.5%	80,958	100.0%
Sumter	9,259	37.6%	12,238	49.6%	1,449	5.9%	1,708	6.9%	24,654	100.0%
Union	3,270	58.4%	1,708	30.5%	426	7.6%	196	3.5%	5,600	100.0%
Williamsburg	1,759	30.2%	3,745	64.2%	189	3.2%	136	2.3%	5,829	100.0%
York	41,955	60.3%	13,796	19.8%	6,658	9.6%	7,120	10.2%	69,529	100.0%

## Data Definition and Source

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

Data Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Vintage 2023 Population Estimates

Census data for 2023 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.\* Data estimates were calculated for July 1, 2023. These data are not public and are published here by special permission granted by the U.S. Census Bureau in March 2025. 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.

\* The Vintage 2023 population estimates methodology statement is located at this URL:

<https://www2.census.gov/programs-surveys/popest/technical-documentation/methodology/2020-2023/methods-statement-v2023.pdf>

# Demographics

## U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey<sup>3</sup>

2019-2023 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	1,124,066 ±609	701,348 ±6,596	80,216 ±3,511	333,292 ±6,002
<b>AGE</b>				
Under 6 years	30.8% ±0.2%	31.1% ±0.4%	32.5% ±1.8%	30.0% ±0.7%
6 to 11 years	33.8% ±0.4%	34.0% ±0.5%	29.9% ±1.5%	34.0% ±0.8%
12 to 17 years	35.4% ±0.3%	34.9% ±0.5%	37.6% ±1.8%	36.0% ±0.8%
<b>RACE AND HISPANIC OR LATINO ORIGIN</b>				
One race	89.3% ±0.4%	89.3% ±0.4%	87.1% ±1.4%	90.0% ±0.6%
White	55.5% ±0.2%	67.4% ±0.5%	52.5% ±2.3%	31.2% ±0.8%
Black or African American	27.6% ±0.2%	15.1% ±0.4%	25.8% ±2.2%	54.4% ±0.90%
American Indian and Alaska Native	0.4% ±0.1%	0.4% ±0.1%	0.6% ±0.5%	0.3% ±0.1%
Asian	1.6% ±0.1%	2.1% ±0.1%	0.9% ±0.3%	0.6% ±0.1%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	0.1% ±0.1%	0.1% ±0.1%	0.0% ±0.1%	0.1% ±0.1%
Other	4.1% ±0.2%	4.1% ±0.3%	7.2% ±1.1%	3.5% ±0.5%
Two or more races	10.7% ±0.4%	10.7% ±0.4%	12.9% ±1.4%	10.0% ±0.6%
Hispanic or Latino origin (of any race)	11.5% ±0.1%	12.1% ±0.3%	16.1% ±1.7%	9.2% ±0.6%
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino	52.5% ±0.1%	64.3% ±0.4%	48.8% ±2.2%	28.6% ±0.7%

<sup>3</sup> U.S. Census Bureau, 2019-2023 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/ACSST5Y2023.S0901?q=children&g=040XX00US45> (last visited May 6, 2025)

# Demographics

## U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey

2019-2023 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
<b>RELATIONSHIP TO HOUSEHOLDER</b>				
Own child (biological, step or adopted)	85.7% ±0.4%	91.0% ±0.4%	80.8% ±1.5%	78.0% ±0.9%
Grandchild	10.2% ±0.4%	7.0% ±0.4%	10.8% ±1.1%	17.2% ±0.9%
Other relatives	2.4% ±0.2%	1.3% ±0.1%	6.0% ±1.0%	3.8% ±0.4%
Foster child or other unrelated child	1.7% ±0.2%	0.8% ±0.1%	2.5% ±0.7%	0.9% ±0.2%
<b>NATIVITY</b>				
Native	98.1% ±0.2%	97.9% ±0.2%	97.9% ±0.5%	98.8% ±0.2%
Foreign born	1.9% ±0.2%	2.1% ±0.2%	2.1% ±0.5%	1.2% ±0.2%
<b>PRESENCE OF OTHER ADULTS</b>				
Unmarried partner of householder present	8.0% ±0.3%	N/A N/A	44.1% ±2.2%	15.2% ±0.9%
<b>DISABILITY STATUS</b>				
Civilian children under 18 years in households	1,124,058 ±610	701,340 ±6,597	80,216 ±3,511	333,292 ±6,002
With any disability	4.9% ±0.2%	4.2% ±0.2%	5.6% ±0.8%	6.3% ±0.5%
<b>SCHOOL ENROLLMENT</b>				
Children 3 to 17 years in households	956,380 ±2,532	596,943 ±5,701	66,496 ±3,356	285,029 ±5,426
Enrolled in school	852,248 ±2,729	536,292 ±5,217	58,572 ±3,083	250,492 ±4,742
Public	85.4% ±0.4%	80.9% ±0.6%	91.5% ±1.5%	93.4% ±0.5%
Private	14.6% ±0.4%	19.1% ±0.6%	8.5% ±1.5%	6.6% ±0.5%
Not enrolled in school	104,132 ±2,777	60,651 ±2,297	7,924 ±955	34,537 ±1,934
<b>MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS (IN 2022 INFLATION-ADJUSTED DOLLARS) FOR FAMILIES WITH OWN CHILDREN</b>				
Median income (dollars)	80,880 ±1,197	111,757 ±1,338	49,687 ±2,378	33,956 ±931
Children under 18 years in households	1,124,066 ±609	701,348 ±6,596	80,216 ±3,511	333,292 ±6,002

# Demographics

## U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey

2019-2023 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
<b>PUBLIC ASSISTANCE IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS</b>				
Children living in households with Supplemental Security Income (SSI), cash public assistance income, or Food Stamp/SNAP benefits	24.9% ±0.6%	13.1% ±0.5%	30.3% ±2.0%	48.5% ±1.2%
<b>POVERTY STATUS IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS</b>				
Children in households for whom poverty status is determined	1,108,570 ±1,734	697,387 ±6,507	78,547 ±3,449	330,863 ±5,949
Income in the past 12 months below poverty level	19.7% ±0.7%	7.6% ±0.5%	24.8% ±2.3%	43.7% ±1.3%
Income in the past 12 months at or above poverty level	80.3% ±0.7%	92.4% ±0.5%	75.2% ±2.3%	56.3% ±1.3%
<b>HOUSING TENURE</b>				
Children under 18 years in occupied housing units	1,124,066 ±609	701,348 ±6,596	80,216 ±3,511	333,292 ±6,002
In owner-occupied housing units	68.4% ±0.6%	82.1% ±0.6%	57.1% ±2.5%	42.5% ±1.2%
In renter-occupied housing units	31.6% ±0.6%	17.9% ±0.6%	42.9% ±2.5%	57.5% ±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 1,124,066 ±609. This indicates 90% confidence that the true number of children under age 18 in households in South Carolina is between 1,123,457 and 1,124,675.

# Demographics

## Child Poverty (2023)<sup>4</sup>

±(90 Percent Margin of Error)

In South Carolina, **211,225** or **18.8%** of children under age 18 lived in poverty, higher than the national level (16.0%) in 2023.

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	1,033 ±306	22.0% ±6.5%	Chesterfield	2,873 ±563	30.0% ±5.9%	Hampton	1,158 ±340	32.1% ±9.4%	Oconee	2,999 ±760	20.1% ±5.1%
Aiken	6,616 ±1,884	17.7% ±5.0%	Clarendon	1,582 ±473	29.7% ±8.9%	Horry	12,886 ±2,340	19.8% ±3.6%	Orangeburg	5,024 ±1,339	29.1% ±7.8%
Allendale	582 ±186	44.6% ±14.3%	Colleton	2,936 ±621	33.6% ±7.1%	Jasper	1,722 ±515	29.2% ±8.7%	Pickens	4,298 ±960	17.6% ±3.9%
Anderson	8,642 ±1,752	18.4% ±3.7%	Darlington	4,117 ±951	30.1% ±7.0%	Kershaw	2,841 ±761	17.8% ±4.8%	Richland	17,758 ±3,468	19.9% ±3.9%
Bamberg	862 ±256	36.3% ±10.8%	Dillon	2,379 ±637	34.6% ±9.3%	Lancaster	3,140 ±851	13.7% ±3.7%	Saluda	1008 ±265	24.4% ±6.4%
Barnwell	2,193 ±398	45.8% ±8.3%	Dorchester	5,089 ±1,342	12.8% ±3.4%	Laurens	3,513 ±929	24.0% ±6.3%	Spartanburg	16,104 ±2,536	19.7% ±3.1%
Beaufort	4,674 ±1,385	14.0% ±4.2%	Edgefield	1,005 ±266	22.4% ±5.9%	Lee	1,004 ±311	33.8% ±10.5%	Sumter	5,777 ±1,468	23.9% ±6.1%
Berkeley	7,364 ±2,014	12.6% ±3.5%	Fairfield	1,191 ±319	33.1% ±8.9%	Lexington	10,034 ±2,168	14.4% ±3.1%	Union	1,863 ±339	34.8% ±6.3%
Calhoun	629 ±196	24.3% ±7.6%	Florence	8,909 ±1,530	28.0% ±4.8%	McCormick	324 ±96	32.6% ±9.6%	Williamsburg	1,760 ±562	31.6% ±10.1%
Charleston	11,376 ±3,075	14.2% ±3.8%	Georgetown	2,431 ±726	22.8% ±6.8%	Marion	2,209 ±615	35.9% ±10.0%	York	8,251 ±1,667	12.0% ±2.4%
Cherokee	2,976 ±730	23.5% ±5.8%	Greenville	18,233 ±3,212	14.6% ±2.6%	Marlboro	1,814 ±542	35.6% ±10.7%	<b>South Carolina</b>	<b>211,225</b> <b>±9,816</b>	<b>18.8%</b> <b>±0.9%</b>
Chester	2,149 ±437	30.8% ±6.3%	Greenwood	3,593 ±964	23.7% ±6.4%	Newberry	2,305 ±491	28.3% ±6.0%	<b>United States</b>	<b>11,445,264</b> <b>±134,999</b>	<b>16.0%</b> <b>±0.2%</b>

<sup>4</sup> 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](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, 2025).

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## Child Deaths

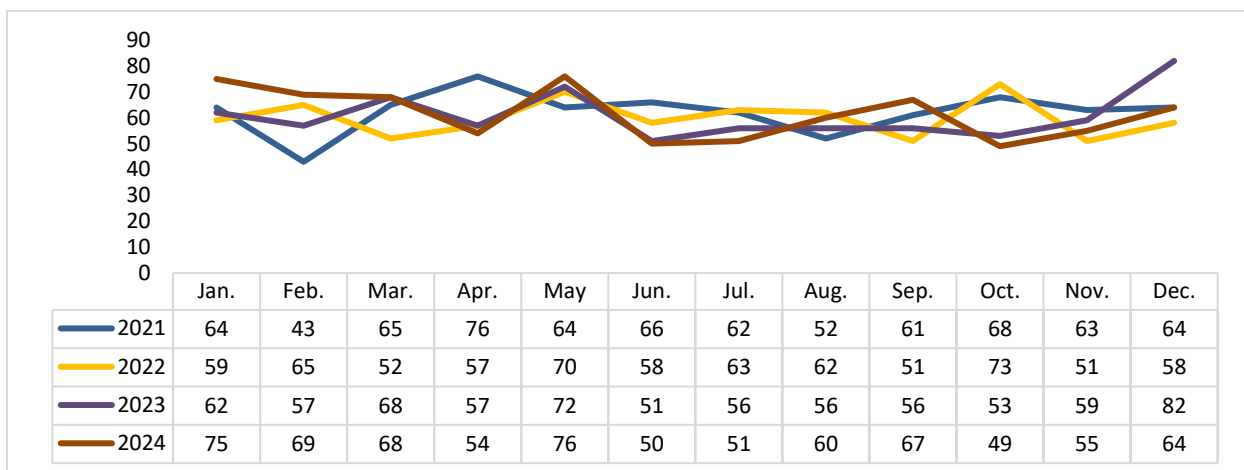
### S.C. CHILD DEATHS



**738** children died in 2024,  
**9** deaths or **1% increase** from 2023 (n=729).

*Note.* 2024 data are provisional and subject to change. 2023 data are updated by the South Carolina Department of Public Health to reflect data revisions since the data were published in the Committee’s 2024 Data Reference Book.

### S.C. CHILD DEATHS BY MONTH



*Note.* 2024 data are provisional and subject to change.

### COMPARED TO NATIONAL DATA (2023)

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



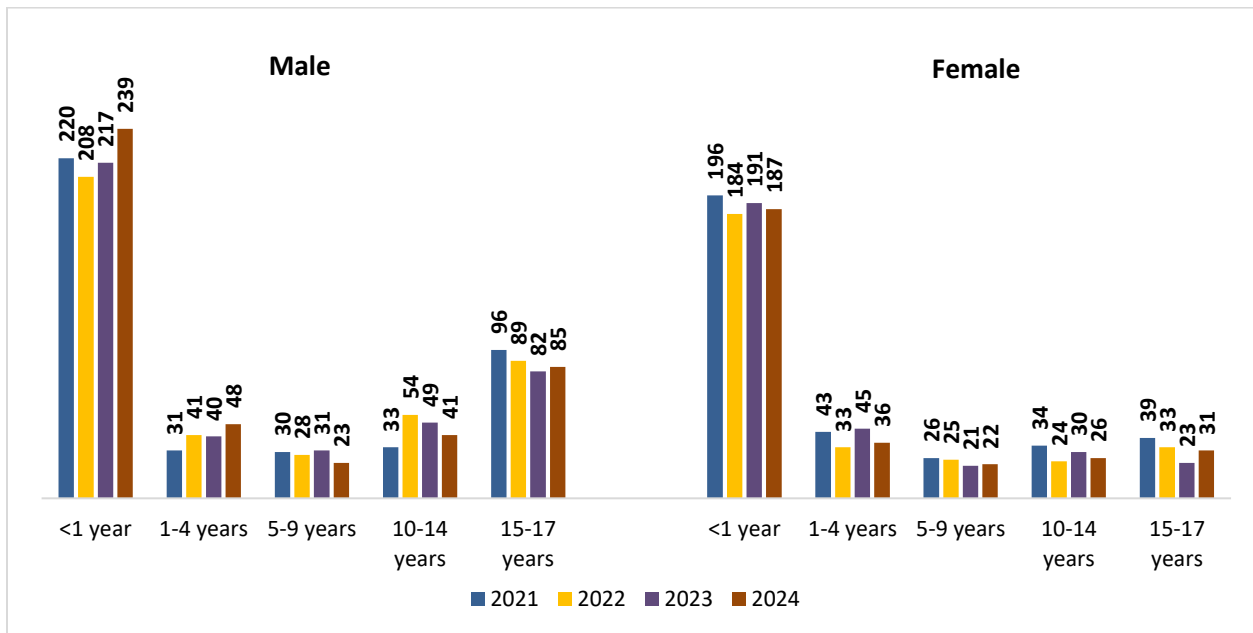
National rate:  
**49.8 per 100,000 children**

### S.C. CHILD DEATHS BY AGE GROUP: COMPARING 2024 TO 2023, 2022, AND 2021 DATA

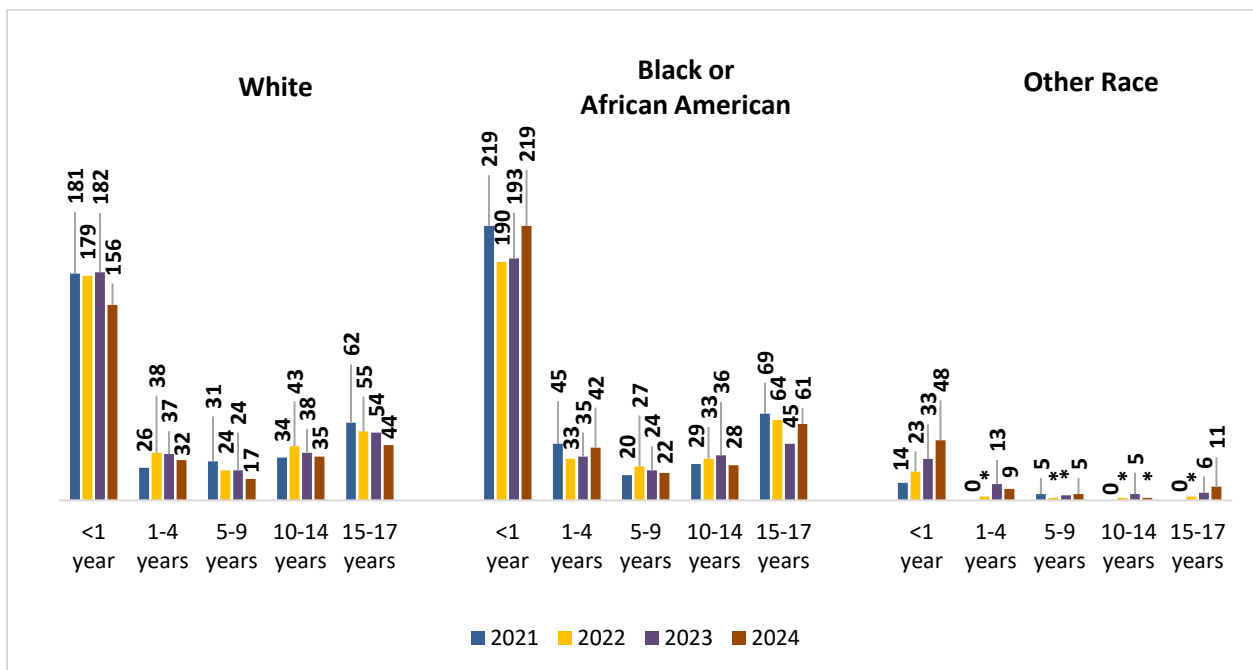
Age Groups	2021	2022	2023	2024	Compared 2024 to 2023	Compared 2024 to 2022	Compared 2024 to 2021
<1 year	416	392	408	426	+18 (+4%)	+34 (+9%)	+10 (+2%)
1-4 years	74	74	85	84	-1 (-1%)	+10 (+14%)	+10 (+14%)
5-9 years	56	53	52	45	-7 (-13%)	-8 (-15%)	-11 (-20%)
10-14 years	67	78	79	67	-12 (-15%)	-11 (-14%)	0 (0%)
15-17 years	135	122	105	116	+11 (+10%)	-6 (-5%)	-19 (-14%)
<b>Total</b>	<b>748</b>	<b>719</b>	<b>729</b>	<b>738</b>	<b>+9 (+1%)</b>	<b>+19 (+3%)</b>	<b>-10 (-1%)</b>

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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

	2021	2022	2023	2024
<b>&lt; 1 year</b>	Conditions from perinatal period (n=203) Congenital malformations (n=77) Accidental suffocation (n=26) Homicide (n=9) Disease of heart (n=5) <b>Causes above (n=320) accounted for 77% of deaths for this age group</b>	Conditions from perinatal period (n=188) Congenital malformations (n=71) Accidental suffocation (n=31) Homicide (n=6) <b>Causes above (n=296) accounted for 76% of deaths for this age group</b>	Conditions from perinatal period (n=209) Congenital malformations (n=58) Accidental suffocation (n=28) Homicide (n=10) Cerebrovascular disease (n=7) <b>Causes above (n=312) accounted for 76% of deaths for this age group</b>	Conditions from perinatal period (n=185) Congenital malformations (n=73) Accidental suffocation (n=33) Disease of heart (n=6) <b>Causes above (n=297) accounted for 70% of deaths for this age group</b>
<b>1-4 years</b>	Congenital malformations (n=7) Motor vehicle accidents (n=7) Homicide (n=6) Accidental suffocation (n=5) <b>Causes above (n=25) accounted for 34% of deaths for this age group</b>	Motor vehicle accidents (n=12) Accidental drowning (n=10) Congenital malformations (n=9) <b>Causes above (n=31) accounted for 42% of deaths for this age group</b>	Motor vehicle accidents (n=14) Accidental drowning (n=14) Congenital malformations (n=8) Homicide (n=6) Accidental suffocation (n=6) <b>Causes above (n=48) accounted for 56% of deaths for this age group</b>	Motor vehicle accidents (n=9) Accidental drowning (n=9) Accidental fire/flare (n=6) Congenital malformations (n=5) <b>Causes above (n=29) accounted for 35% of deaths for this age group</b>
<b>5-9 years</b>	Motor vehicle accidents (n=17) COVID-19 (n=8) Homicide (n=6) Cancer (n=6) <b>Causes above (n=37) accounted for 66% of deaths for this age group</b>	Motor vehicle accidents (n=8) <b>Causes above (n=8) accounted for 15% of deaths for this age group</b>	Motor vehicle accidents (n=8) Congenital malformations (n=5) Homicide (n=5) <b>Causes above (n=18) accounted for 35% of deaths for this age group</b>	Motor vehicle accidents (n=7) Cancer (n=7) <b>Causes above (n=14) accounted for 31% of deaths for this age group</b>
<b>10-14 years</b>	Motor vehicle accidents (n=12) Suicide (n=10) Cancer (n=9) Homicide (n=7) Congenital malformations (n=6) <b>Causes above (n=44) accounted for 66% of deaths for this age group</b>	Motor vehicle accidents (n=17) Homicide (n=15) Suicide (n=9) Congenital malformations (n=6) <b>Causes above (n=47) accounted for 60% of deaths for this age group</b>	Cancer (n=14) Motor vehicle accidents (n=13) Homicide (n=12) Suicide (n=8) Congenital malformations (n=5) Disease of heart (n=5) <b>Causes above (n=57) accounted for 72% of deaths for this age group</b>	Suicide (n=10) Homicide (n=9) Motor vehicle accidents (n=8) <b>Causes above (n=27) accounted for 40% of deaths for this age group</b>

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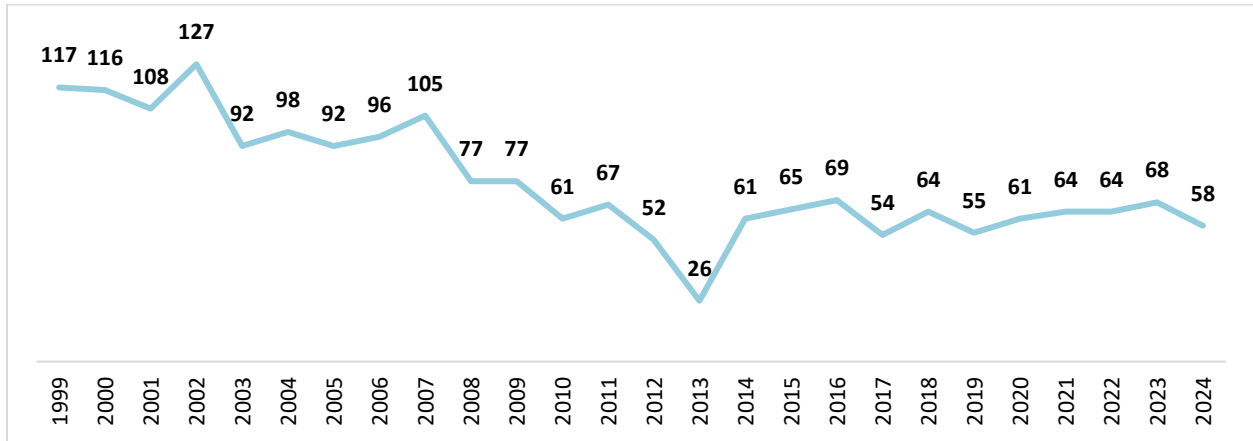
	2021	2022	2023	2024
<b>15-17 years</b>	Homicide (n=31) Motor vehicle accidents (n=28) Suicide (n=18) Cancer (n=12) Accidental Poisoning (n=8) COVID-19 (n=8) Disease of heart (n=5) <b>Causes above (n=110) accounted for 81% of deaths for this age group</b>	Homicide (n=42) Motor vehicle accidents (n=24) Accidental Poisoning (n=15) Suicide (n=10) Cancer (n=5) <b>Causes above (n=96) accounted for 79% of deaths for this age group</b>	Motor vehicle accidents (n=30) Homicide (n=26) Suicide (n=11) Cancer (n=6) Accidental poisoning (n=5) <b>Causes above (n=78) accounted for 74% of deaths for this age group</b>	Motor vehicle accidents (n=31) Homicide (n=26) Suicide (n=11) Disease of heart (n=5) <b>Causes above (n=73) accounted for 63% of deaths for this age group</b>
<b>0-17 years</b>	Conditions from perinatal period (n=206) Congenital malformations (n=96) Motor vehicle accidents (n=64) Homicide (n=59) Accidental suffocation (n=33) Cancer (n=31) Suicide (n=28) COVID-19 (n=22) Disease of heart (n=16) Cerebrovascular disease (n=9) Accidental poisoning (n= 8) Accidental drowning (n=7) Accidental fire/flame (n=6) <b>Causes above (n=585) accounted for 78% of deaths for this age group</b>	Conditions from perinatal period (n=189) Congenital malformations (n=94) Homicide (n=71) Motor vehicle accidents (n=64) Accidental suffocation (n=35) Suicide (n=19) Accidental poisoning (n=18) Cancer (n=17) Accidental drowning (n=16) COVID-19 (n=9) Pneumonia and Influenza (n=9) Disease of heart (n=8) Chronic lower respiratory disease (n=5) Diabetes Mellitus (n=5) <b>Causes above (n=559) accounted for 78% of deaths for this age group</b>	Conditions from perinatal period (n=212) Congenital malformations (n=76) Motor vehicle accidents (n=68) Homicide (n=59) Accidental suffocation (n=36) Cancer (n=28) Accidental drowning (n=19) Suicide (n=19) Disease of heart (n=13) Cerebrovascular Disease (n=12) Accidental poisoning (n=9) Pneumonia and Influenza (n=6) Accidental firearms death (n=6) Septicemia (n=6) <b>Causes above (n=569) accounted for 78% of deaths for this age group</b>	Conditions from perinatal period (n=187) Congenital malformations (n=83) Motor vehicle accidents (n=58) Homicide (n=44) Accidental suffocation (n=34) Suicide (n=21) Accidental drowning (n=20) Cancer (n=19) Disease of heart (n=15) Accidental firearms death (n=10) Pneumonia and Influenza (n=8) Accidental fire/flame (n=8) Accidental poisoning (n=7) Chronic lower respiratory disease (n=6) Septicemia (n=6) Cerebrovascular Disease (n=5) <b>Causes above (n=531) accounted for 72% of deaths for this age group</b>

Note. 2024 data are provisional and subject to change.

Deaths ≥5 are included.

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## S.C. MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT DEATHS AMONG CHILDREN BY YEAR (1999-2024)



Note. 2024 data are provisional and subject to change.

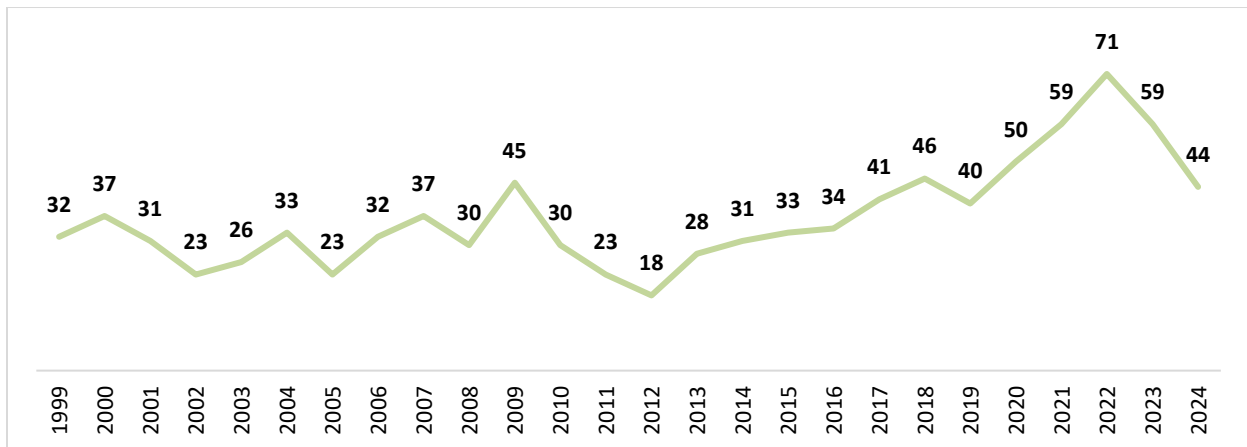
## S.C. MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT DEATHS AMONG CHILDREN: COMPARED TO NATIONAL DATA (2023)

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



National rate:  
**3.2 per 100,000 children**

## S.C. HOMICIDE DEATHS AMONG CHILDREN BY YEAR (1999-2024)



Note. 2024 data are provisional and subject to change.

## S.C. HOMICIDE DEATHS AMONG CHILDREN: COMPARED TO NATIONAL DATA (2023)

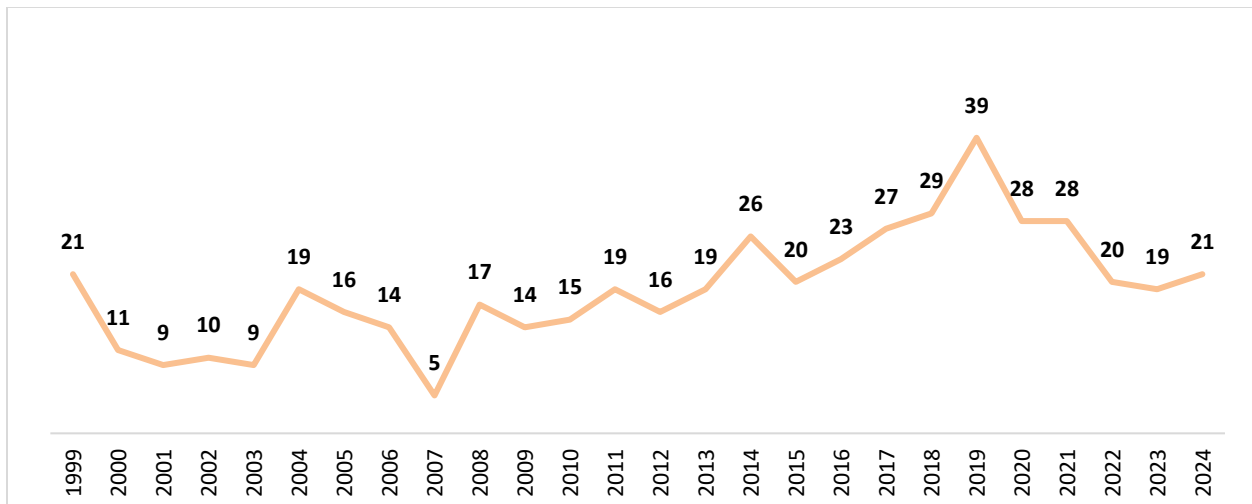
S.C. child homicide death rate (Ages 0-17):  
**5.2 per 100,000 children**



National rate:  
**1.9 per 100,000 children**

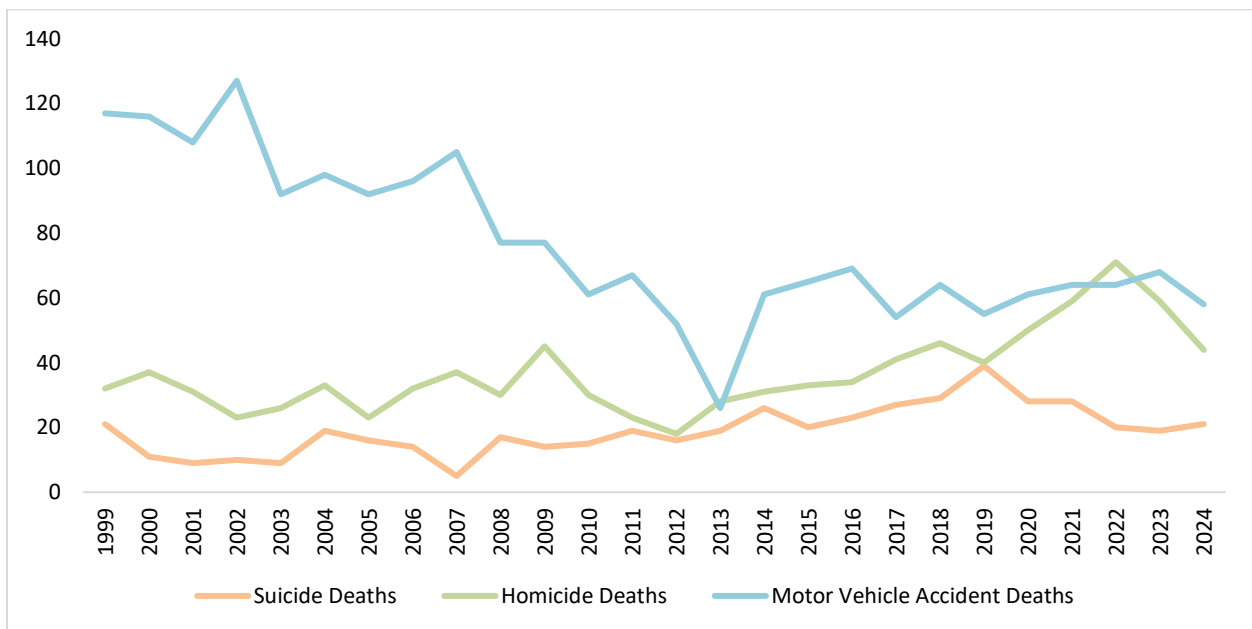
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## S.C. SUICIDE DEATHS AMONG CHILDREN BY YEAR (1999-2024)



*Note.* 2024 data are provisional and subject to change. The CDC WONDER Online Database has flagged the 2023 estimated suicide death rate for South Carolina as "unreliable," leading to an unreliable comparison between the 2023 South Carolina youth suicide death rate and the 2023 national youth suicide death rate. A death count is deemed "unreliable" when the death count is less than 20, which results in a relative standard error (RSE) of 23 percent or more.

## S.C. SUICIDE DEATHS, HOMICIDE DEATHS, AND MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT DEATHS AMONG CHILDREN BY YEAR (1999-2024)



# Safety Indicators

## S.C. CHILD DEATHS BY COUNTY

County	2021	2022	2023	2024
Abbeville	6	0	*	*
Aiken	24	23	23	16
Allendale	*	*	0	*
Anderson	29	25	30	32
Bamberg	*	*	*	0
Barnwell	*	*	*	*
Beaufort	23	14	21	20
Berkeley	25	41	34	39
Calhoun	*	*	*	*
Charleston	59	65	51	41
Cherokee	8	9	8	13
Chester	8	9	7	12
Chesterfield	7	14	*	7
Clarendon	8	6	*	8
Colleton	5	9	13	8
Darlington	12	10	16	11
Dillon	8	*	8	9
Dorchester	14	19	27	20
Edgefield	5	*	*	*
Fairfield	*	5	*	*
Florence	27	36	27	26
Georgetown	7	*	9	10
Greenville	70	60	58	70
Greenwood	11	7	12	13
Hampton	6	*	6	5
Horry	33	42	33	42
Jasper	5	7	7	7
Kershaw	10	8	12	15
Lancaster	10	11	14	6
Laurens	12	9	16	10
Lee	5	*	*	7
Lexington	41	37	34	41
McCormick	*	0	*	*
Marion	8	*	13	6
Marlboro	*	9	*	*
Newberry	12	12	*	6
Oconee	*	12	10	8
Orangeburg	30	17	22	20

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County (Continued)	2021	2022	2023	2024
Pickens	14	15	13	14
Richland	67	59	63	56
Saluda	6	5	*	*
Spartanburg	48	48	45	40
Sumter	20	24	19	26
Union	5	5	*	5
Williamsburg	*	5	*	9
York	37	24	39	37
<b>Total</b>	<b>748</b>	<b>719</b>	<b>729</b>	<b>738</b>

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## DATA SOURCES

1. S.C. Department of Public Health, unpublished reports generated in February 2022, March 2023, March 2024, and April 2025. Data are by calendar years for children under age 18 unless otherwise specified. 2023 data are updated by the agency to reflect data revisions since last published in the Committee’s 2024 Data Reference Book.
2. Deaths of motor vehicle accidents, homicide, and suicide among children by year (1999-2018): S.C. Department of Public Health, Death Certificate Data, [https://apps.dhec.sc.gov/Health/SCAN\\_BDP/tables/death2table.aspx](https://apps.dhec.sc.gov/Health/SCAN_BDP/tables/death2table.aspx) (last visited, March 13, 2025).
3. Overall child death rate, child motor vehicle accident death rate, and child homicide death rate: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics. Child suicide death rate was not reported for 2023 due to unreliable data. Underlying Cause of Death, 2018-2023, Single Race on CDC WONDER Online Database, released in 2025. Data are from the Multiple Cause of Death Files, 2018-2023, 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 4, 2025).

# Safety Indicators

## Non-Fatal Injuries to Children

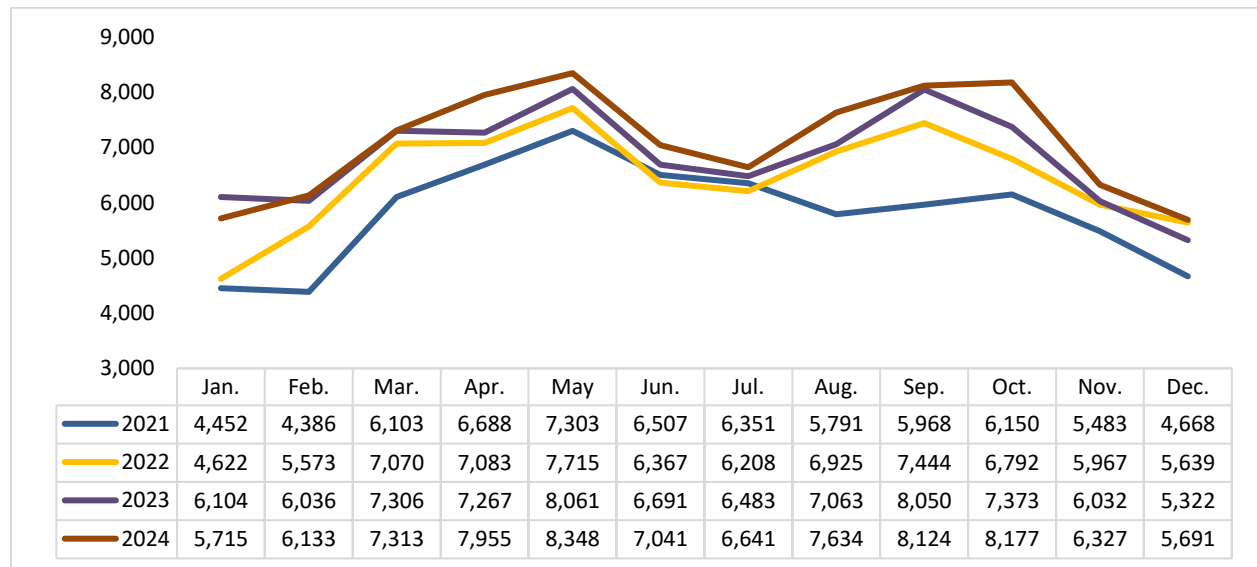
### S.C. CHILD NON-FATAL INJURY E.D. VISITS



**85,099** non-fatal injury emergency department (E.D.) visits to children for 2024, **3,311** injury visits or **4% increase** from 2023.

Note. 2024 data are provisional and subject to change.

### S.C. CHILD NON-FATAL INJURY E.D. VISITS BY MONTH



Note. 2024 data are provisional and subject to change.

### COMPARED TO NATIONAL DATA (2023)

S.C. non-fatal injury  
E.D. visit rate  
(Ages 0-17):  
**7,338 per 100,000 children**



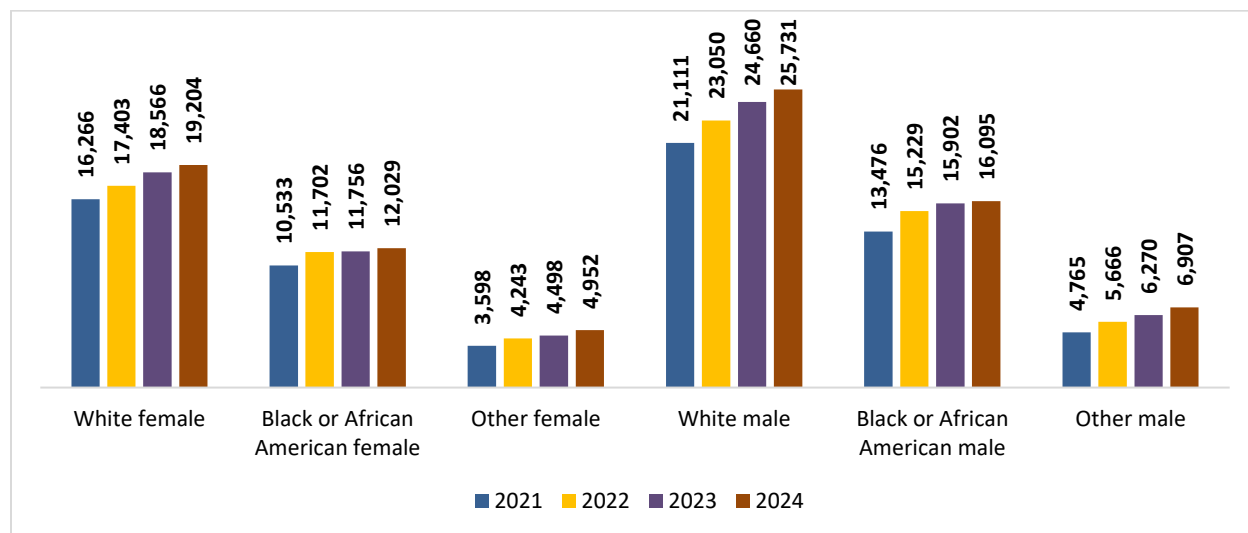
National non-fatal injury  
E.D. visit rate  
(Ages 0-17):  
**7,599 per 100,000 children**

### S.C. CHILD NON-FATAL INJURY E.D. VISITS BY AGE GROUP: COMPARING 2024 TO 2023, 2022, AND 2021 DATA

Age Groups	2021	2022	2023	2024	Compared 2024 to 2023	Compared 2024 to 2022	Compared 2024 to 2021
<1 year	2,550	2,694	2,886	3,134	+248 (+9%)	+440 (+16%)	+584 (+23%)
1-4 years	18,610	19,218	20,309	21,600	+1,291 (+6%)	+2,382 (+12%)	+2,990 (+16%)
5-11 years	23,167	25,677	27,454	28,857	+1,403 (+5%)	+3,180 (+12%)	+5,690 (+25%)
12-17 years	25,523	29,816	31,139	31,508	+369 (+1%)	+1,692 (+6%)	+5,985 (+23%)
<b>Total</b>	<b>69,850</b>	<b>77,405</b>	<b>81,788</b>	<b>85,099</b>	<b>+3,311 (+4%)</b>	<b>+7,694 (+10%)</b>	<b>+15,249 (+22%)</b>

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## S.C. CHILD NON-FATAL INJURY E.D. VISITS BY SEX AND RACE



## TOP FIVE CAUSES FOR S.C. CHILD NON-FATAL INJURY E.D. VISITS

Federal Fiscal Year 2021	Federal Fiscal Year 2022	Federal Fiscal Year 2023	Federal Fiscal Year 2024
Unspecified injury of head (n=4,199)	Unspecified injury of head (n=5,342)	Unspecified injury of head (n=6,403)	Unspecified injury of head (n=6,629)
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=3,704)	Laceration without foreign body of other part of head (n=3,755)
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=1,854)	Contusion of other part of head (n=1,986)
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=1,741)	Laceration without foreign body of scalp (n=1,930)
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=1,613)	Laceration without foreign body of lip (n=1,586)

Note. S.C. pediatric emergency department visits (ages 0-17), including emergency department visits that resulted in an in-patient admission. Federal fiscal year 2024 data are provisional and subject to change.

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## TOP FIVE HOSPITAL CHARGES FOR S.C. CHILD NON-FATAL INJURY E.D. VISITS

Federal Fiscal Year 2021	Federal Fiscal Year 2022	Federal Fiscal Year 2023	Federal Fiscal Year 2024
Unspecified injury of head (\$11,907,920)	Unspecified injury of head (\$15,351,541)	Unspecified injury of head (\$18,223,449)	Unspecified injury of head (\$19,604,255)
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 (\$9,710,038)	Laceration without foreign body of other part of head (\$10,400,059)
Contusion of other part of head (\$3,800,174)	Laceration without foreign body of scalp (\$4,439,812)	Laceration without foreign body of scalp (\$5,018,640)	Contusion of other part of head (\$5,868,918)
Laceration without foreign body of scalp (\$3,781,484)	Contusion of other part of head (\$4,357,091)	Concussion without loss of consciousness (\$4,989,581)	Concussion without loss of consciousness (\$5,505,419)
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 (\$4,773,549)	Laceration without foreign body of scalp (\$4,967,883)

## TOP FIVE CAUSES FOR S.C. CHILD NON-FATAL INJURY E.D. VISITS BY AGE GROUP

	Federal Fiscal Year 2021	Federal Fiscal Year 2022	Federal Fiscal Year 2023	Federal Fiscal Year 2024
<b>&lt; 1 year</b>	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)  <b>Causes above (n=1,863) accounted for 73% of non-fatal injury causes for this age group</b>	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)  <b>Causes above (n=1,966) accounted for 73% of non-fatal injury causes for this age group</b>	Fall (n=1,652) Struck by/against (n=259) Natural/environmental category (e.g., bites and stings) (n=146) Cut/pierce (n=85) Fire/burn category (n=66)  <b>Causes above (n=2,208) accounted for 77% of non-fatal injury causes for this age group</b>	Fall (n=1,797) Struck by/against (n=330) Natural/environmental category (e.g., bites and stings) (n=144) Cut/pierce (n=73) Poisoning category (n=73)  <b>Causes above (n=2,417) accounted for 77% of non-fatal injury causes for this age group</b>
<b>1-4 years</b>	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)  <b>Causes above (n=12,602) accounted for 68% of non-fatal injury causes for this age group</b>	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)  <b>Causes above (n=13,089) accounted for 68% of non-fatal injury causes for this age group</b>	Fall (n=8,051) Struck by/against (n=3,050) Natural/environmental category (e.g., bites and stings) (n=1,467) Cut/pierce (n=1,054) Motor vehicle traffic category (n=595)  <b>Causes above (n=14,217) accounted for 70% of non-fatal injury causes for this age group</b>	Fall (n=8,806) Struck by/against (n=3,060) Natural/environmental category (e.g., bites and stings) (n=1,725) Cut/pierce (n=1,128) Poisoning category (n=745)  <b>Causes above (n=15,464) accounted for 72% of non-fatal injury causes for this age group</b>

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	Federal Fiscal Year 2021	Federal Fiscal Year 2022	Federal Fiscal Year 2023	Federal Fiscal Year 2024
<b>5-11 years</b>	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)  <b>Causes above (n=16,696) accounted for 72% of non-fatal injury causes for this age group</b>	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)  <b>Causes above (n=18,549) accounted for 72% of non-fatal injury causes for this age group</b>	Fall (n=9,006) Struck by/against (n=5,586) Cut/pierce (n=2,079) Motor vehicle traffic category (n=1,857) Natural/environmental category (e.g., bites and stings) (n=1,687)  <b>Causes above (n=20,215) accounted for 74% of non-fatal injury causes for this age group</b>	Fall (n=9,626) Struck by/against (n=5,822) Cut/pierce (n=2,216) Motor vehicle traffic category (n=1,941) Natural/environmental category (e.g., bites and stings) (n=1,854)  <b>Causes above (n=21,459) accounted for 74% of non-fatal injury causes for this age group</b>
<b>12-17 years</b>	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)  <b>Causes above (n=17,232) accounted for 68% of non-fatal injury causes for this age group</b>	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)  <b>Causes above (n=20,413) accounted for 68% of non-fatal injury causes for this age group</b>	Struck by/against (n=6,972) Fall (n=5,775) Motor vehicle traffic category (n=3,722) Overexertion (n=3,228) Cut/pierce (n=2,341)  <b>Causes above (n=22,038) accounted for 71% of non-fatal injury causes for this age group</b>	Struck by/against (n=7,432) Fall (n=5,881) Motor vehicle traffic category (n=3,706) Overexertion (n=3,261) Cut/pierce (n=2,458)  <b>Causes above (n=22,738) accounted for 72% of non-fatal injury causes for this age group</b>
<b>0-17 years</b>	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)  <b>Causes above (n=46,966) accounted for 67% of non-fatal injury causes for this age group</b>	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)  <b>Causes above (n=52,250) accounted for 68% of non-fatal injury causes for this age group</b>	Fall (n=24,484) Struck by/against (n=15,867) Motor vehicle traffic category (n=6,227) Cut/pierce (n=5,559) Overexertion (n=5,029)  <b>Causes above (n=57,166) accounted for 70% of non-fatal injury causes for this age group</b>	Fall (n=26,110) Struck by/against (n=16,644) Motor vehicle traffic category (n=6,265) Cut/pierce (n=5,875) Overexertion (n=5,191)  <b>Causes above (n=60,085) accounted for 71% of non-fatal injury causes for this age group</b>

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## S.C. CHILD NON-FATAL INJURY E.D. VISITS BY COUNTY

County of Patient Residence	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	Federal Fiscal Year 2024 ED Visits	Federal Fiscal Year 2024 Hospital Charges
Abbeville	419	\$1,392,047	455	\$908,305	462	\$2,207,424	462	\$977,254
Aiken	1,149	\$4,685,749	1,277	\$4,545,887	1,979	\$7,013,174	2,169	\$8,659,313
Allendale	227	\$163,309	265	\$188,534	251	\$178,179	256	\$283,226
Anderson	1,993	\$9,796,285	2,053	\$9,632,912	2,423	\$12,629,987	2,723	\$11,660,941
Bamberg	292	\$859,422	313	\$1,317,098	247	\$1,179,865	311	\$818,901
Barnwell	410	\$920,198	438	\$868,569	346	\$930,108	344	\$979,546
Beaufort	2,335	\$8,597,389	2,601	\$10,447,248	2,741	\$11,491,999	2,603	\$11,650,182
Berkeley	4,750	\$18,055,370	5,382	\$20,932,767	5,721	\$24,654,195	6,111	\$31,455,695
Calhoun	137	\$424,404	132	\$516,251	133	\$660,821	220	\$866,470
Charleston	5,507	\$21,160,404	5,899	\$25,672,650	5,823	\$27,673,484	6,309	\$31,946,428
Cherokee	887	\$2,097,628	1,017	\$2,835,565	1,075	\$4,374,334	1,012	\$3,977,879
Chester	651	\$2,658,657	766	\$2,839,674	741	\$2,446,222	717	\$2,735,102
Chesterfield	646	\$2,213,598	690	\$2,624,987	602	\$2,735,684	757	\$2,458,298
Clarendon	549	\$3,458,300	546	\$1,854,590	521	\$1,642,351	579	\$2,685,879
Colleton	953	\$4,464,606	1,135	\$5,137,502	1,248	\$5,000,727	1,199	\$6,458,759
Darlington	903	\$4,252,629	1,002	\$4,975,730	980	\$5,312,303	1,199	\$7,419,286
Dillon	742	\$3,221,692	725	\$3,500,286	749	\$3,659,332	706	\$3,192,859
Dorchester	2,981	\$14,572,542	3,291	\$15,265,462	3,573	\$19,527,095	3,638	\$16,993,588
Edgefield	255	\$539,931	315	\$814,922	436	\$1,239,199	465	\$1,181,870
Fairfield	392	\$971,317	423	\$1,304,769	428	\$1,347,307	519	\$1,649,954
Florence	2,063	\$11,378,747	2,198	\$12,026,910	2,048	\$11,016,826	2,109	\$13,213,202
Georgetown	937	\$4,191,927	985	\$4,481,913	1,013	\$3,041,028	1,063	\$2,354,569
Greenville	6,673	\$26,361,994	7,484	\$27,929,339	8,278	\$33,024,509	8,818	\$32,531,349
Greenwood	1,078	\$3,717,292	1,229	\$3,139,380	1,101	\$3,239,436	1,123	\$3,340,532
Hampton	560	\$1,742,870	607	\$1,438,101	635	\$1,390,511	581	\$1,805,704
Horry	5,668	\$27,730,870	6,606	\$35,866,490	7,049	\$32,571,391	7,486	\$38,062,254
Jasper	496	\$2,210,803	567	\$2,364,994	604	\$2,839,593	572	\$2,819,951
Kershaw	1,150	\$8,585,312	1,278	\$5,333,634	1,213	\$5,445,456	1,218	\$4,747,439
Lancaster	865	\$4,420,045	1,007	\$5,489,293	1,047	\$5,115,978	964	\$4,497,246
Laurens	1,055	\$3,314,094	1,327	\$4,250,520	1,429	\$4,245,982	1,470	\$5,451,644
Lee	223	\$793,278	236	\$850,855	211	\$1,007,521	243	\$1,515,957
Lexington	2,744	\$18,833,323	3,024	\$16,406,560	2,956	\$17,158,430	3,027	\$16,164,057
McCormick	43	\$99,512	63	\$112,879	74	\$138,506	65	\$123,721
Marion	544	\$2,401,837	667	\$4,658,656	667	\$2,145,993	682	\$2,954,357
Marlboro	300	\$1,038,262	346	\$2,422,781	297	\$1,099,999	267	\$1,360,134

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County of Patient Residence (Continued)	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	Federal Fiscal Year 2024 ED Visits	Federal Fiscal Year 2024 Hospital Charges
Newberry	738	\$1,495,005	809	\$2,668,462	866	\$2,179,431	894	\$1,779,601
Oconee	1,168	\$5,806,387	1,282	\$4,744,016	1,479	\$4,599,649	1,679	\$5,129,120
Orangeburg	1,212	\$4,863,951	1,410	\$7,364,182	1,251	\$6,267,287	1,391	\$7,097,474
Pickens	2,102	\$8,016,992	2,245	\$6,553,563	2,262	\$7,294,767	2,455	\$8,378,721
Richland	4,134	\$17,135,712	4,483	\$21,313,940	4,859	\$26,368,983	4,937	\$20,140,443
Saluda	152	\$335,852	183	\$966,714	169	\$1,296,413	201	\$576,000
Spartanburg	4,683	\$19,754,379	5,080	\$20,324,991	5,542	\$20,385,333	5,680	\$27,819,125
Sumter	1,735	\$8,746,264	1,922	\$8,065,578	1,978	\$8,079,692	1,844	\$9,052,463
Union	685	\$2,158,954	757	\$2,465,623	824	\$3,258,086	651	\$2,727,410
Williamsburg	512	\$1,245,598	578	\$1,201,315	547	\$3,092,330	534	\$4,800,773
York	2,152	\$8,668,255	2,307	\$10,579,574	2,910	\$13,520,253	2,846	\$15,105,653
<b>South Carolina</b>	<b>69,850</b>	<b>\$299,552,991</b>	<b>77,405</b>	<b>\$329,203,971</b>	<b>81,788</b>	<b>\$355,727,174</b>	<b>85,099</b>	<b>\$381,600,329</b>

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## DATA SOURCES

1. S.C. Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office. S.C. pediatric emergency department visits, including emergency department visits that resulted in an in-patient admission, non-fatal injuries for South Carolina residents. Unpublished reports generated in February 2022, March 2023, February 2024, and February 2025. Data are by calendar years for children under age 18 unless otherwise specified.
2. S.C. non-fatal injury rate was calculated using 83,256 as the total number of child non-fatal injury E.D. visits in calendar year 2023 (calculated using data from quarters 2 through 4 for FFY 2023 and quarter 1 for FFY 2024), divided by 605,375 as the estimated S.C. total child population and then multiplied by 100,000. Source of child population: U.S. Census Bureau, by-request data reports obtained March 2025. Population data are July 1, 2023 estimates for children under age 18 unless otherwise specified.
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, May 21, 2025).

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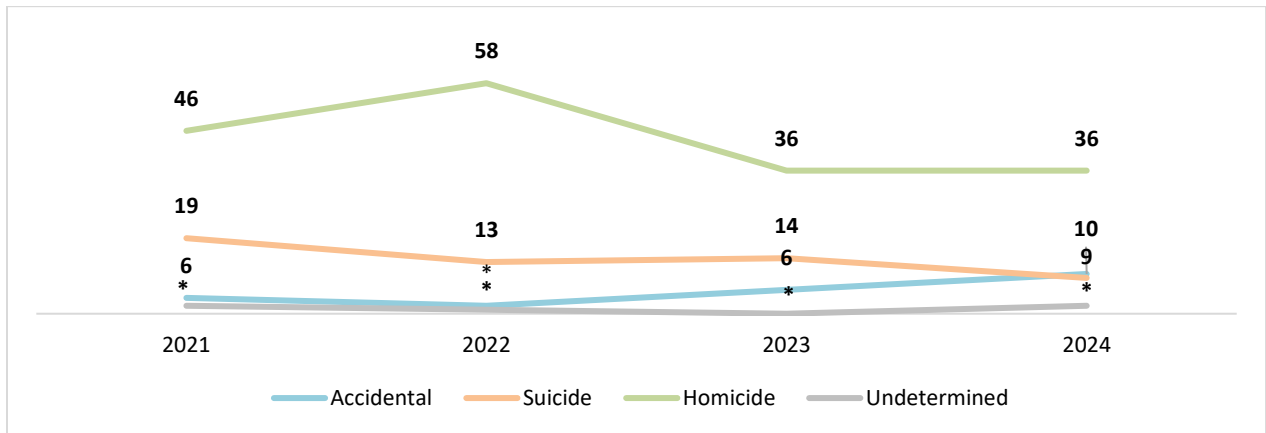
## Gun Violence among Children

### S.C. CHILD GUN DEATHS



**57** children died by guns in 2024, **1** death or **2%** increase from 2023.  
**36** or **63%** were homicides.  
**9** or **16%** were suicides.  
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### S.C. CHILD GUN DEATHS BY YEAR AND INTENT



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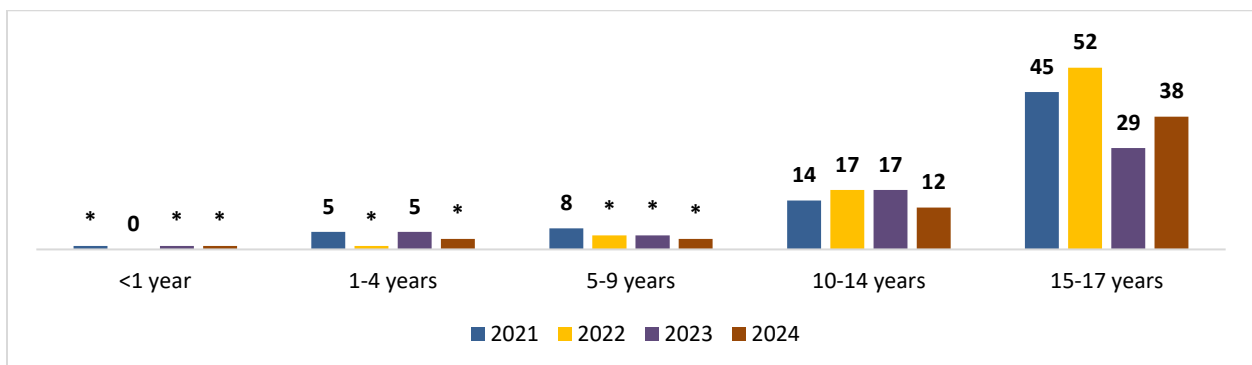
### COMPARED TO NATIONAL DATA (2023)

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



National rate:  
**3.5 per 100,000 children**

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



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# Safety Indicators

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

Rank	2021 (Total child deaths: n=332, ages 1-17)	2022 (Total child deaths: n=327, ages 1-17)	2023 (Total child deaths: n=321, ages 1-17)	2024 (Total child deaths: n=312, ages 1-17)
1	<b>Guns</b> (n=70, accounted for 21% of deaths for this age group)	<b>Guns</b> (n=73, accounted for 22% of deaths for this age group)	Motor vehicle accidents (n=65, accounted for 20% of deaths for this age group)	<b>Guns</b> (n=56, accounted for 17% of deaths for this age group)
2	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)	<b>Guns</b> (n=55, accounted for 17% of deaths for this age group)	Motor vehicle accidents (n=55, accounted for 18% of deaths for this age group)
3	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=28, accounted for 9% of deaths for this age group)	Accidental drowning (n=18, accounted for 6% of deaths for this age group)
4	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)	Accidental drowning and submersion (n=19, accounted for 6% of deaths for this age group)	Cancer (n=17, 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)		
5	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)	Congenital malformations (n=18, accounted for 6% of deaths for this age group)	Suicide unrelated to guns (n=12, accounted for 4% of deaths for this age group)

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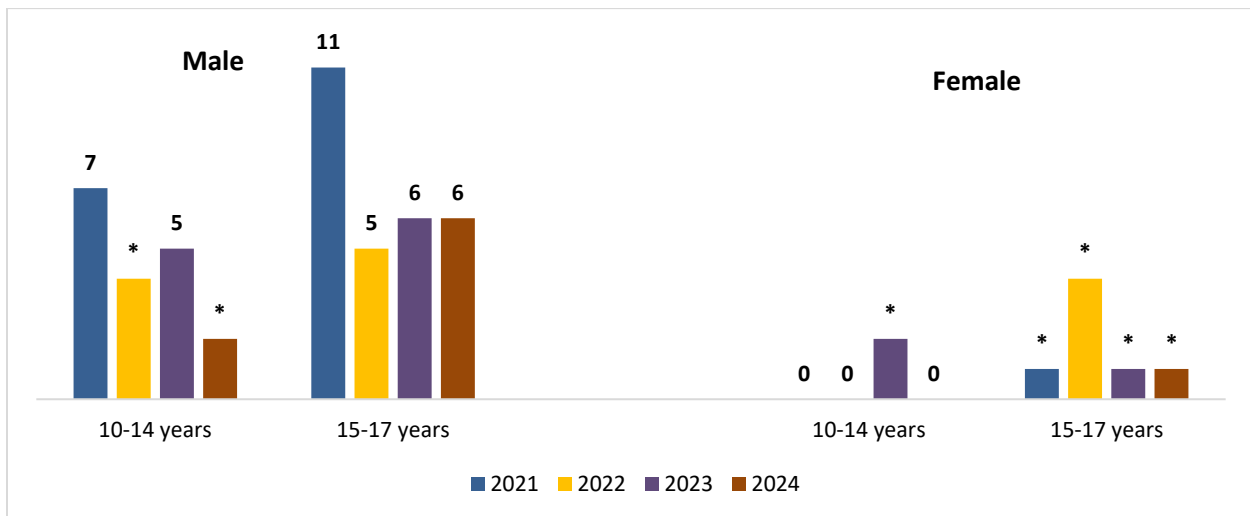
## S.C. CHILD GUN DEATHS BY AGE GROUP AND INTENT

Age Groups	Intent	2021	2022	2023	2024
< 1 year	Homicide	*	0	*	*
1-4 years	Accidental	*	*	*	*
	Homicide	*	0	*	*
	Undetermined	*	0	0	0
5-9 years	Accidental	0	*	*	*
	Homicide	6	*	*	*
10-14 years	Accidental	0	0	*	*
	Suicide	7	*	7	*
	Homicide	7	13	9	7
15-17 years	Accidental	*	0	0	*
	Suicide	12	9	7	7
	Homicide	31	42	22	25
	Undetermined	*	*	0	*
0-17 years	Accidental	*	*	6	10
	Suicide	19	13	14	9
	Homicide	46	58	36	36
	Undetermined	*	*	0	*

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## S.C. CHILD SUICIDE DEATHS BY GUNS: AGE GROUP AND SEX

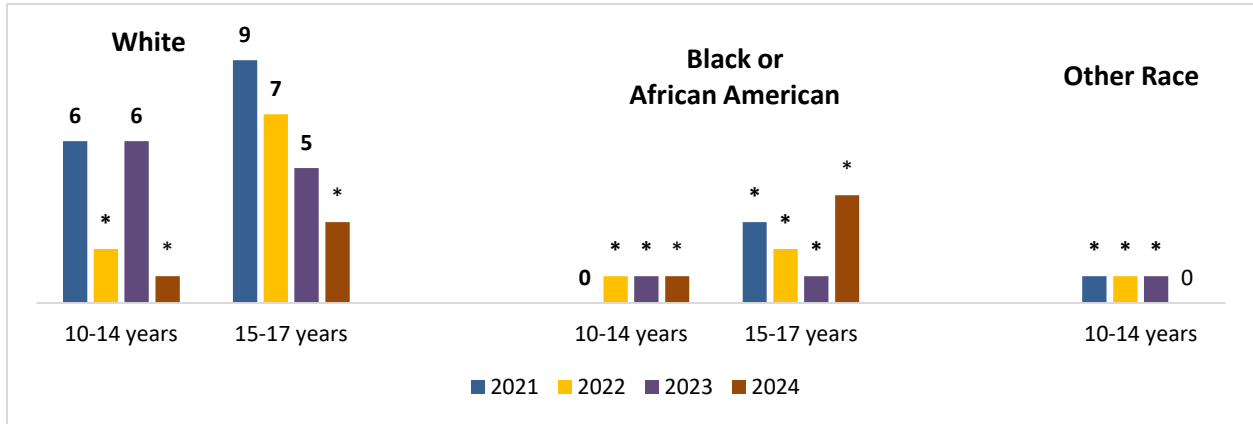


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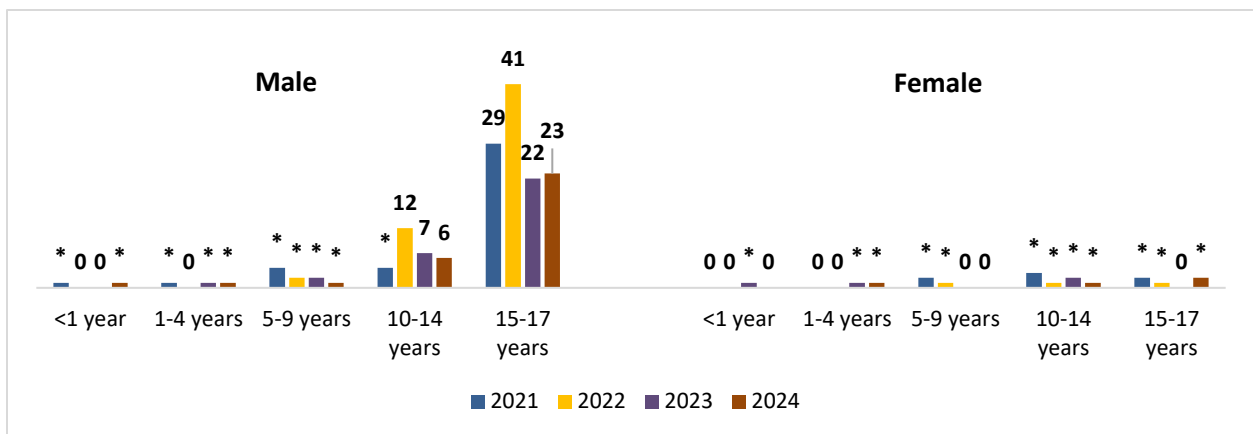
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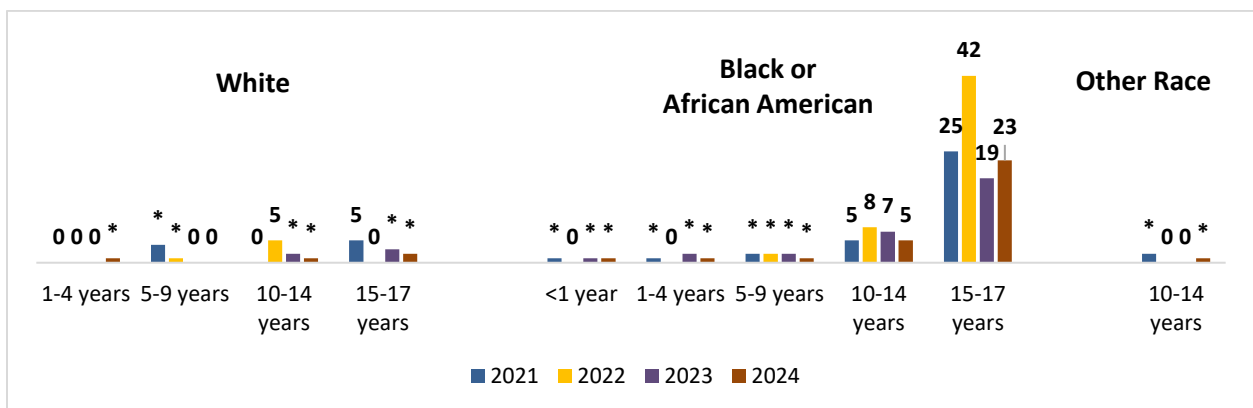
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# Safety Indicators

## S.C. CHILD GUN DEATHS BY COUNTY

County	2021	2022	2023	2024	2021 to 2024
Abbeville	*	0	0	0	*
Aiken	*	*	*	*	8
Allendale	0	0	0	*	*
Anderson	*	*	*	*	7
Bamberg	0	*	*	0	*
Barnwell	0	0	0	0	0
Beaufort	*	*	*	*	10
Berkeley	*	7	*	*	18
Calhoun	0	0	0	0	0
Charleston	*	*	0	7	12
Cherokee	*	*	*	*	*
Chester	*	*	0	*	6
Chesterfield	0	*	*	0	*
Clarendon	*	0	0	0	*
Colleton	0	*	*	*	*
Darlington	*	*	*	*	8
Dillon	0	*	*	*	*
Dorchester	*	*	*	*	6
Edgefield	0	0	0	0	0
Fairfield	*	0	0	0	*
Florence	*	6	*	*	11
Georgetown	*	*	*	*	5
Greenville	9	5	*	*	21
Greenwood	*	0	*	*	5
Hampton	0	0	0	*	*
Horry	5	*	*	*	11
Jasper	*	*	*	0	*
Kershaw	*	*	*	0	5
Lancaster	0	*	0	0	*
Laurens	0	0	*	*	*
Lee	*	0	0	*	*
Lexington	*	*	*	0	6
McCormick	0	0	0	0	0
Marion	0	0	*	0	*
Marlboro	0	*	0	0	*
Newberry	0	*	*	*	*
Oconee	0	*	0	0	*
Orangeburg	*	*	*	*	10
Pickens	0	0	0	*	*
Richland	10	12	7	8	37
Saluda	0	0	0	0	0

# Safety Indicators

County	2021	2022	2023	2024	2021 to 2024
Spartanburg	*	*	*	*	5
Sumter	*	*	6	*	12
Union	0	0	*	*	*
Williamsburg	0	0	0	*	*
York	6	5	*	*	14
<b>Total</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>258</b>

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## S.C. CHILD NON-FATAL GUN INJURY E.D. VISITS



**333** non-fatal gun injury emergency department (E.D.) visits for children in federal fiscal year 2024, **28** injury visits or **8%** decrease from federal fiscal year 2023.

- **256** or **77%** were unintentional.
- **65** or **20%** were assaults.
- **Less than 5** or less than **2%** were self-harm.
- **8** or **2%** were undetermined (intents).

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## S.C. CHILD NON-FATAL GUN INJURY E.D. VISITS BY AGE GROUP

Age Groups	Intent	Federal Fiscal Year 2021	Federal Fiscal Year 2022	Federal Fiscal Year 2023	Federal Fiscal Year 2024
<b>&lt;1 year</b>	Unintentional	0	*	0	0
<b>1-4 years</b>	Unintentional	13	23	13	11
	Assault	*	*	*	*
	Undetermined	*	0	0	*
<b>5-11 years</b>	Unintentional	19	27	25	27
	Assault	10	5	*	*
	Undetermined	*	0	*	*
<b>12-17 years</b>	Unintentional	173	199	230	218
	Self-harm	8	8	6	*
	Assault	63	85	72	59
	Undetermined	5	14	10	6
<b>0-17 years</b>	<b>All injury intentionalities</b>	<b>295</b>	<b>364</b>	<b>361</b>	<b>333</b>

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# Safety Indicators

## DATA SOURCES

1. S.C. Department of Public Health, unpublished reports generated in February 2022, March 2023, February 2024, and March 2025. Data are by calendar years for children under age 18 unless otherwise specified.
2. S.C. Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office. S.C. pediatric emergency department visits (ages 0-17), including emergency department visits that resulted in an in-patient admission, non-fatal injuries for South Carolina residents. Unpublished reports generated in February 2022, March 2023, February 2024, and February 2025.
3. Compared to national data: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics. Underlying Cause of Death, 2018-2023, Single Race on CDC WONDER Online Database, released in 2025. Data are from the Multiple Cause of Death Files, 2018-2023, 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 5, 2025).

# Child Welfare Indicators

## Child/Youth Maltreatment

### S.C. CHILD/YOUTH MALTREATMENT REPORTS



**68,719** child/youth maltreatment reports were received by the South Carolina Department of Social Services (DSS) in 2024, **308** or **0.5% increase** from 2023.

- **36,410** or **53%** accepted for investigation (safety issues alleged) in 2024, **1,356** or **4% decrease** from 2023.
- **7,450** or **20%** founded investigations in 2024, **572** or **7% decrease** from 2023.
- **12,499** victims of child/youth maltreatment in 2024, **1,513** or **11% decrease** from 2023.
  - 5,516** or **44%** were victims ages 0 to 6 in 2024, **715** or **12% decrease** from 2023.
  - 4,427** or **35%** were victims ages 7 to 12 in 2024, **498** or **10% decrease** from 2023.
  - 2,556** or **20%** were victims ages 13 to 17 in 2024, **300** or **11% decrease** from 2023.

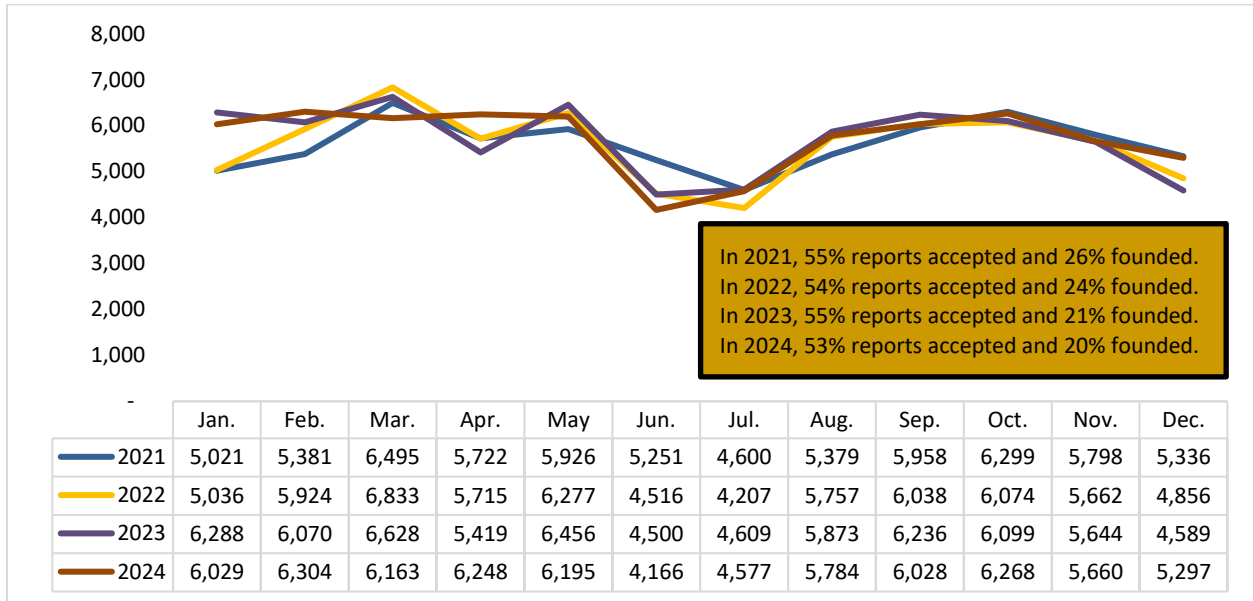
*Note.* Investigators have up to 45 days and, with approved extensions, have up to 60 days to complete an investigation. Therefore, data in December 2024 may be incomplete. Due to rounding, percentages may not always appear to add up to 100%.

### S.C. CHILD/YOUTH MALTREATMENT REPORTS: COMPARING 2024 TO 2023, 2022, AND 2021 DATA

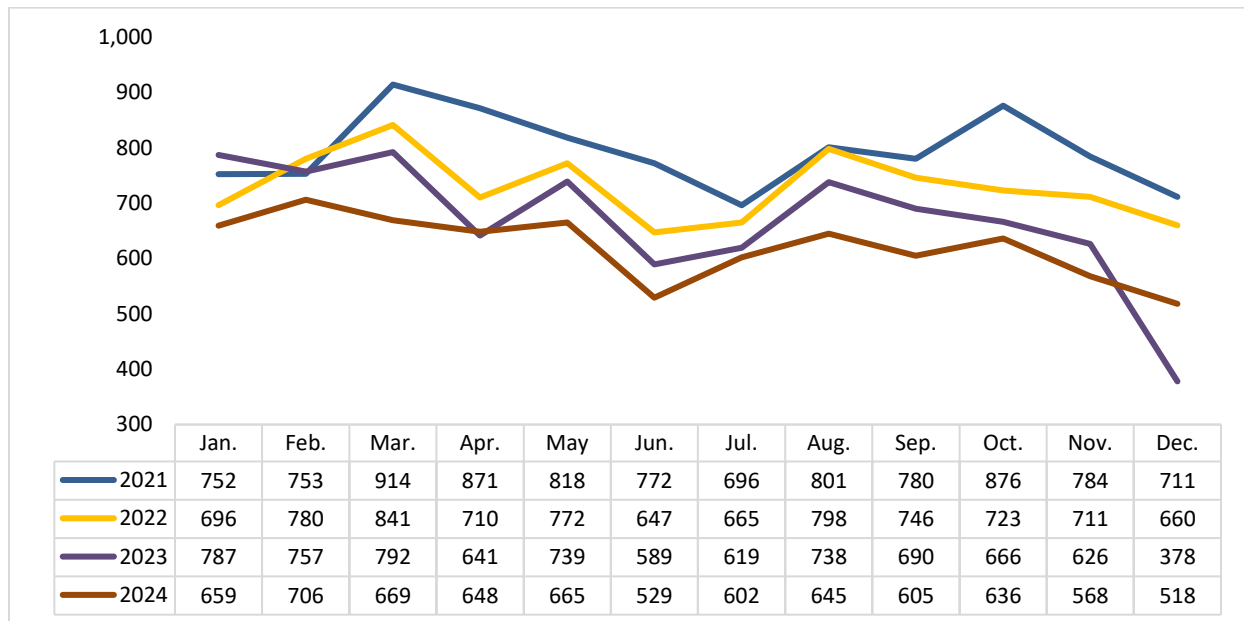
	2021	2022	2023	2024	Compared 2024 to 2023	Compared 2024 to 2022	Compared 2024 to 2021
<b>Maltreatment reports received by DSS</b>	67,166	66,895	68,411	68,719	+308 (+1%)	+1,824 (+3%)	+1,553 (+2%)
○ Accepted for investigation	36,617	36,269	37,766	36,410	-1,356 (-4%)	+141 (+0.4%)	-207 (-1%)
○ Founded investigations	9,528	8,749	8,022	7,450	-572 (-7%)	-1,299 (-15%)	-2,078 (-22%)
<b>Maltreatment victims</b>	15,231	14,004	14,012	12,499	-1,513 (-11%)	-1,505 (-11%)	-2,732 (-18%)
○ Ages 0 to 6	7,539	7,012	6,231	5,516	-715 (-12%)	-1,496 (-21%)	+2,023 (-27%)
○ Ages 7 to 12	3,869	3,438	4,925	4,427	-498 (-10%)	+989 (+29%)	+558 (+14%)
○ Ages 13 to 17	3,823	3,554	2,856	2,556	-300 (-11%)	-998 (-28%)	-1,267 (-33%)

# Child Welfare Indicators

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



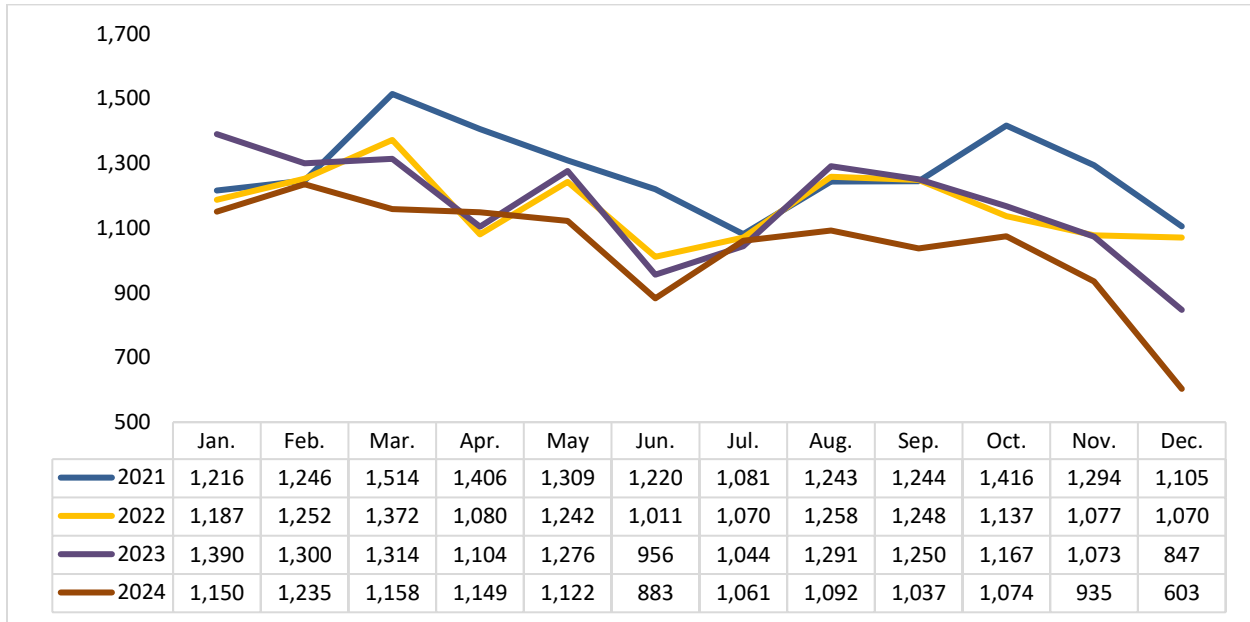
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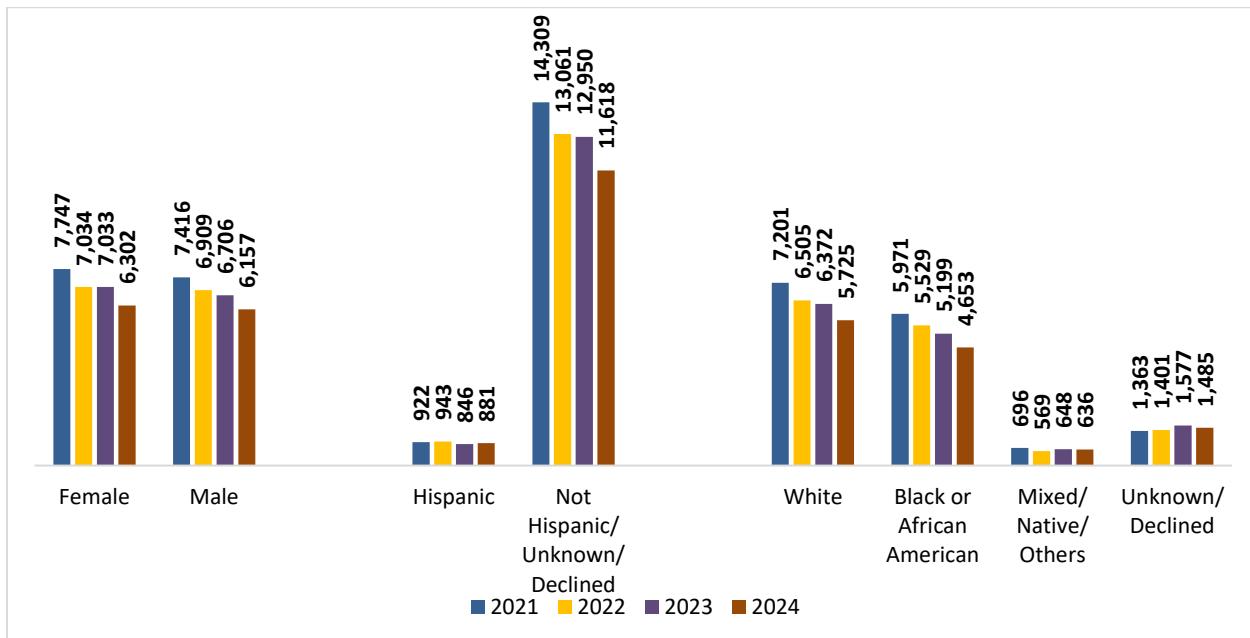
# Child Welfare Indicators

## 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, 2022-SEPTEMBER 30, 2023)

S.C. child/youth maltreatment victim rate: **11.9 per 1,000 children**  National rate: **7.4 per 1,000 children**

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

Maltreatment Type	2021	2022	2023	2024
Abandonment	157	196	192	169
Contributing to the delinquency of a minor	54	71	67	73
Educational neglect	1,498	1,055	1,057	930
Excessive corporal punishment	454	447	343	331
Human trafficking	107	112	101	86
Medical neglect	343	228	283	258
Mental injury	530	490	371	315
Physical abuse	2,273	2,247	2,028	1,790
Physical neglect	8,236	7,345	7,253	6,341
Sexual abuse	460	438	345	325
Substantial risk of physical or mental injury	5,116	5,059	4,631	4,468
<b>Total</b>	<b>19,228</b>	<b>17,688</b>	<b>16,671</b>	<b>15,086</b>

*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.

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

Region/County	2021	2022	2023	2024
<b>Lowcountry Total</b>	<b>3,171</b>	<b>3,137</b>	<b>3,196</b>	<b>2,799</b>
Allendale	24	15	5	7
Beaufort	196	226	234	199
Berkeley	580	483	621	592
Calhoun	42	31	25	31
Charleston	1,384	1,429	1,266	1,123
Colleton	174	165	106	154
Dorchester	450	452	485	364
Hampton	64	60	94	45
Jasper	75	87	96	81
Orangeburg	182	189	264	203
<b>Midlands Total</b>	<b>3,980</b>	<b>3,384</b>	<b>3,310</b>	<b>2,844</b>
Aiken	407	284	227	233
Bamberg	42	30	11	22

## Child Welfare Indicators

Region/County (Continued)	2021	2022	2023	2024
Barnwell	43	16	52	28
Chester	209	169	180	173
Edgefield	61	33	31	45
Fairfield	72	47	53	39
Kershaw	265	152	280	313
Lancaster	339	217	240	271
Lexington	551	453	421	429
McCormick	8	22	7	6
Richland	1,473	1,428	1,233	880
Saluda	47	48	40	44
York	463	485	535	361
<b>Pee Dee Total</b>	<b>3,165</b>	<b>2,629</b>	<b>2,755</b>	<b>2,596</b>
Chesterfield	130	127	130	123
Clarendon	71	76	75	102
Darlington	409	396	400	411
Dillon	202	131	122	175
Florence	462	335	366	266
Georgetown	165	122	136	147
Horry	955	707	822	843
Lee	71	38	58	41
Marion	139	122	136	78
Marlboro	116	137	121	114
Sumter	357	338	288	201
Williamsburg	88	100	101	95
<b>Upstate Total</b>	<b>4,915</b>	<b>4,854</b>	<b>4,751</b>	<b>4,260</b>
Abbeville	57	63	85	29
Anderson	755	715	620	493
Cherokee	343	267	255	225
Greenville	1,661	1,608	1,665	1,498
Greenwood	224	225	281	232
Laurens	278	337	297	367
Newberry	104	132	124	102
Oconee	250	238	319	295
Pickens	288	285	250	229
Spartanburg	881	891	744	674
Union	74	93	111	116
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>15,231</b>	<b>14,004</b>	<b>14,012</b>	<b>12,499</b>

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

# Child Welfare Indicators

## DATA SOURCES

1. S.C. Department of Social Services, unpublished reports generated in February 2022, March 2023, February 2024, and February 2025. Data are by calendar years for children under age 18 unless otherwise specified.
2. Compared to national data: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Children’s Bureau. (2025). *Child Maltreatment 2023*. 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, January 14, 2025).

# Child Welfare Indicators

## Children/Youth in Foster Care

### S.C. CHILDREN/YOUTH IN FOSTER CARE



**2,760** children/youth entered foster care in 2024, **180** or **6% decrease** from 2023.

**2,966** children/youth exited foster care in 2024, **189** or **6% decrease** from 2023.

**5,910** children/youth were served in foster care in 2024, **499** or **8% decrease** from 2023.

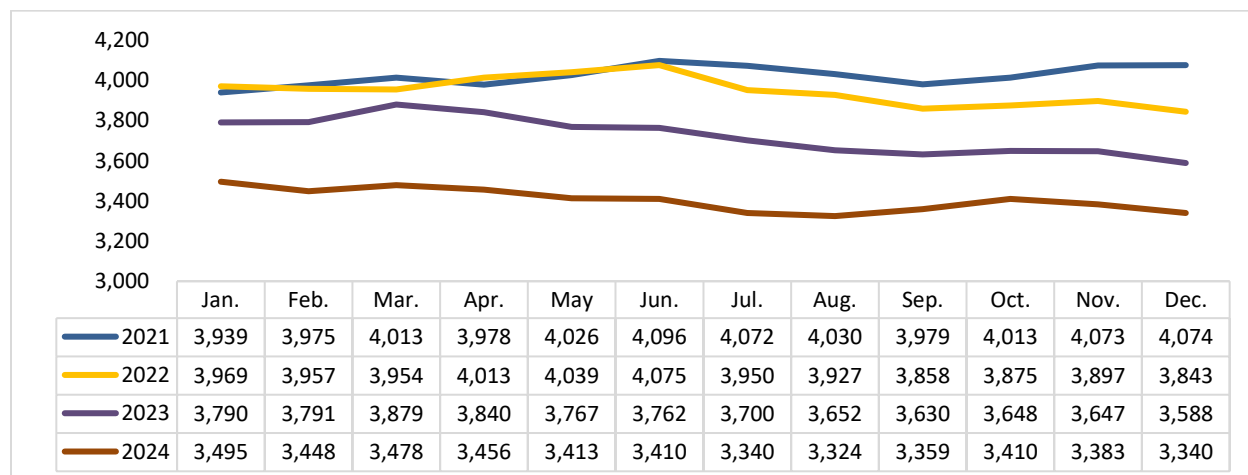
- **2,373** or **40%** were children/youth ages 0 to 6 in 2024, **311** or **12% decrease** from 2023.
- **1,645** or **28%** were children/youth ages 7 to 12 in 2024, **128** or **7% decrease** from 2023.
- **1,892** or **32%** were children/youth ages 13 to 17 in 2024, **60** or **3% decrease** from 2023.

*Note.* Children are under age 18 as of 12/31/2024, or the close date of their service, whichever is earlier.

### S.C. CHILDREN/YOUTH IN FOSTER CARE: COMPARING 2024 to 2023, 2022, AND 2021 DATA

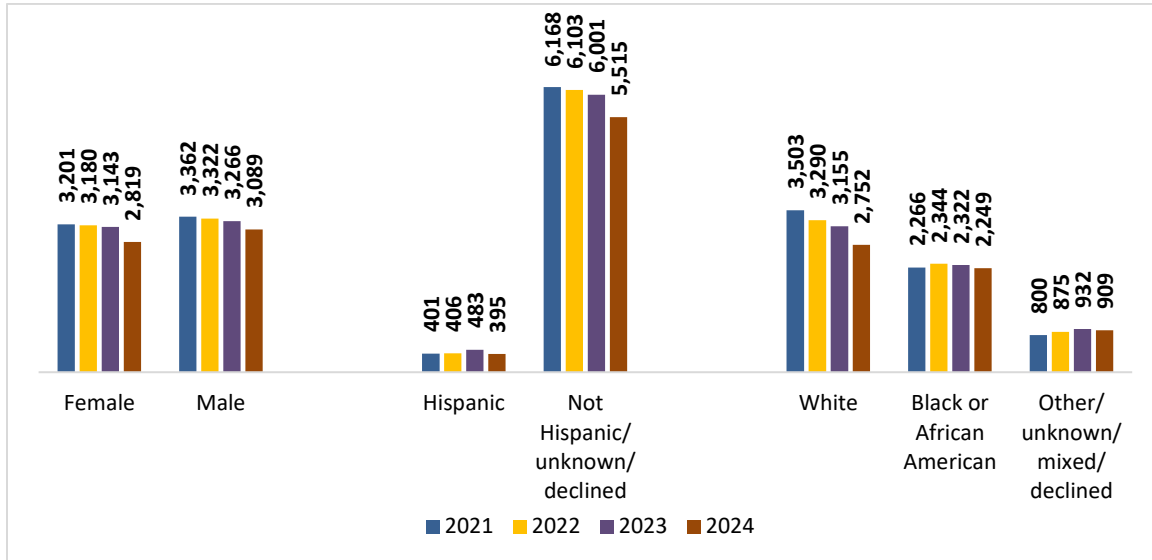
	2021	2022	2023	2024	Compared 2024 to 2023	Compared 2024 to 2022	Compared 2024 to 2021
Children/youth <b>entered</b> foster care	2,993	2,904	2,940	2,760	-180 (-6%)	-144 (-5%)	-233 (-8%)
Children/youth <b>exited</b> foster care	2,685	2,840	3,155	2,966	-189 (-6%)	+126 (+4%)	+281 (+10%)
Children/youth <b>served</b> in foster care	6,569	6,509	6,409	5,910	-499 (-8%)	-599 (-9%)	-659 (-10%)
○ Ages 0 to 6	2,603	2,564	2,684	2,373	-311 (-12%)	-191 (-7%)	-230 (-9%)
○ Ages 7 to 12	1,843	1,763	1,773	1,645	-128 (-7%)	-118 (-7%)	-198 (-11%)
○ Ages 13 to 17	2,123	2,182	1,952	1,892	-60 (-3%)	-290 (-13%)	-231 (-11%)

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



# Child Welfare Indicators

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



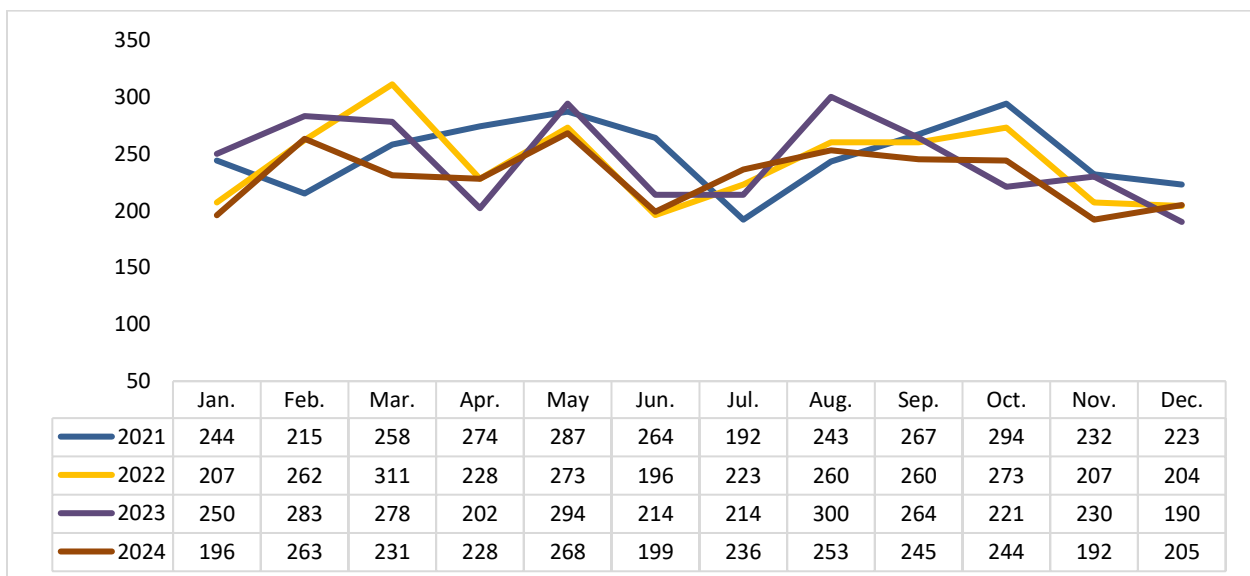
## S.C. CHILDREN/YOUTH IN FOSTER CARE: COMPARED TO NATIONAL DATA

S.C. children/youth in foster care on September 30, 2022:  
**3.5 per 1,000 children/youth**



National rate:  
**5.1 per 1,000 children/youth**

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



# Child Welfare Indicators

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

Reason Entered Foster Care	2021	2022	2023	2024
Abandonment	118	132	139	160
Alcohol abuse (child)	8	13	8	*
Alcohol abuse (parent)	71	68	57	79
Caretaker disabling condition	13	22	46	91
Child born to foster child	*	*	N/A	N/A
Child's behavior problem	102	100	102	103
Child's disability	*	7	11	7
Child requested placement	N/A	N/A	7	7
Death of parent(s)	10	20	30	26
Disruption or dissolution of adoption	*	*	N/A	N/A
Domestic Violence	N/A	N/A	89	159
Drug abuse (child)	29	26	28	15
Drug abuse (parent)	404	416	373	328
Educational neglect	N/A	N/A	41	155
Exploitation (non-sexual)	*	*	N/A	N/A
Family instability	47	67	N/A	N/A
Hospitalization of parent	9	18	N/A	N/A
Inadequate access to health services	N/A	N/A	11	33
Inadequate housing	47	70	93	144
Incarceration of parent(s)	39	49	64	93
Lack of employment (parent)	*	9	N/A	N/A
Lack of housing (homeless)	26	56	62	99
Lost child	*	*	N/A	N/A
Medical neglect	N/A	N/A	30	105
Neglect	2,154	2,153	2,065	1,863
Physical abuse	771	635	633	519
Pregnancy (of the child)	*	*	N/A	N/A
Prenatal alcohol/drug exposure	N/A	N/A	55	82
Prenatal immigration detainment	N/A	N/A	*	N/A
Relinquishment (at birth)	*	*	N/A	N/A
Relinquishment (other)	6	5	N/A	5
Runaway	60	48	33	45
Sexual abuse	261	206	152	128
Sex trafficking	N/A	N/A	20	21
Voluntary placement (non-Child Protective Services)	8	*	N/A	N/A
Whereabouts unknown	N/A	N/A	10	15
24-hour medical hold (child)	N/A	*	*	*
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,204</b>	<b>4,138</b>	<b>4,166</b>	<b>4,293</b>

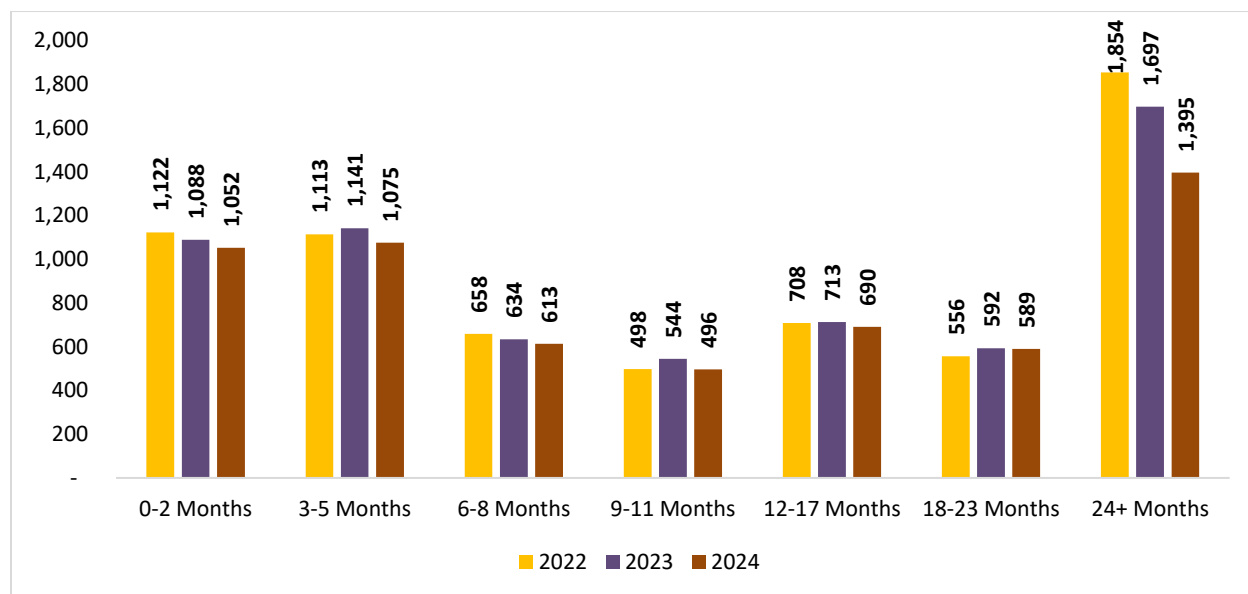
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# Child Welfare Indicators

## 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
<b>2022</b>	1,122 (17%)	1,113 (17%)	658 (10%)	498 (8%)	708 (11%)	556 (9%)	1,854 (28%)	6,509 (100%)
<b>2023</b>	1,088 (17%)	1,141 (18%)	634 (10%)	544 (8%)	713 (11%)	592 (9%)	1,697 (26%)	6,409 (100%)
<b>2024</b>	1,052 (18%)	1,075 (18%)	613 (10%)	496 (8%)	690 (12%)	589 (10%)	1,395 (24%)	5,910 (100%)

## LENGTH OF STAY FOR FOSTER CHILDREN/YOUTH DURING 2022, 2023, AND 2024 CALENDAR YEARS



*Note.* Children are under 18 as of the close date of their service, or 12/31/2024, 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.

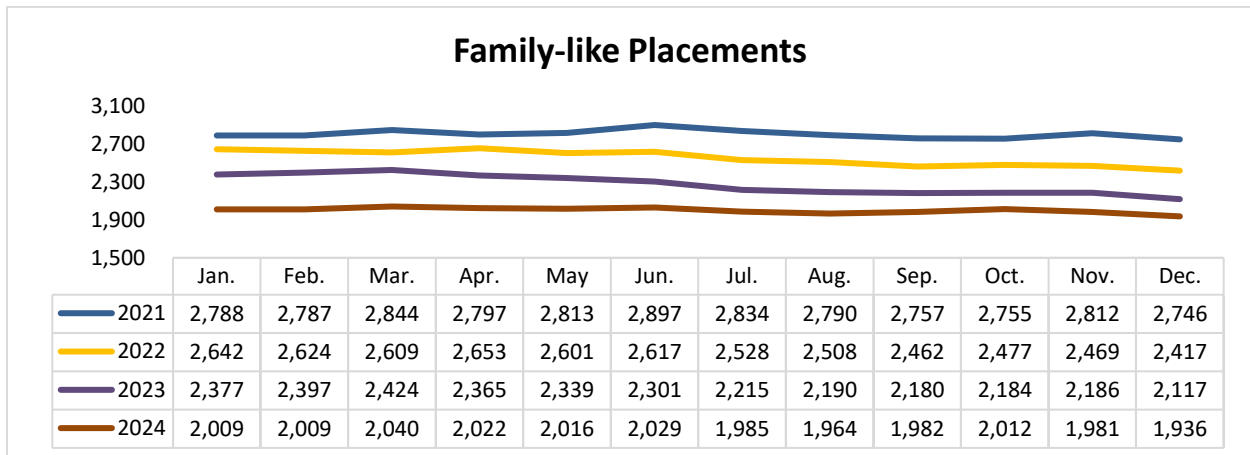
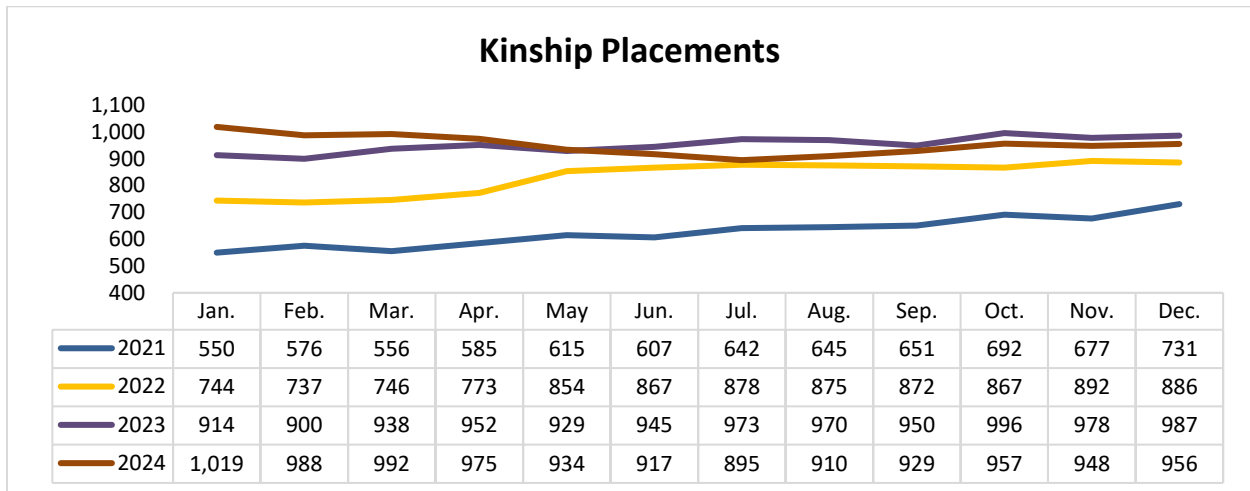
2022 data: A child's length of service is the length of time between their open date and either their service close date or 12/31/2022, whichever is earlier. Data as of March 1, 2023.

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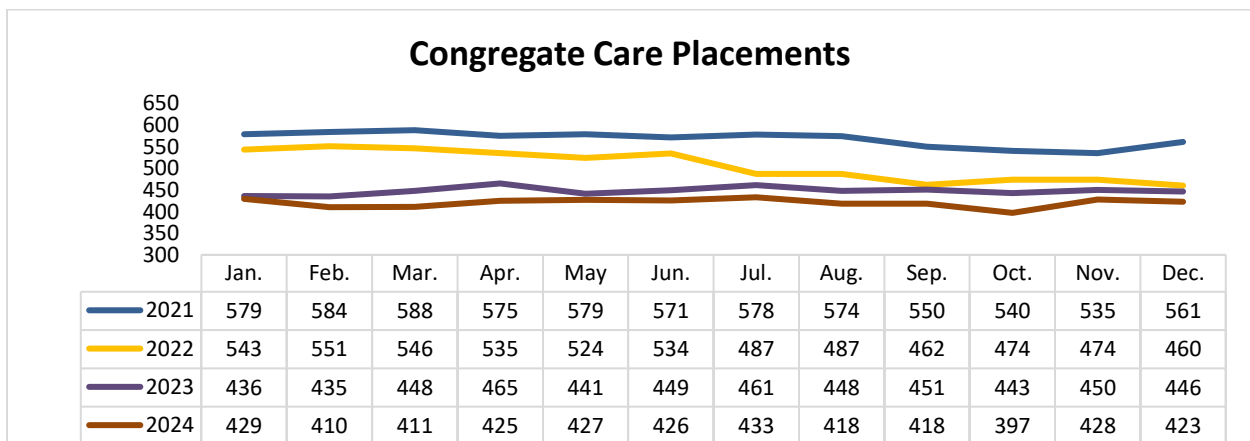
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# Child Welfare Indicators

## FOSTER CARE PLACEMENTS IN S.C.

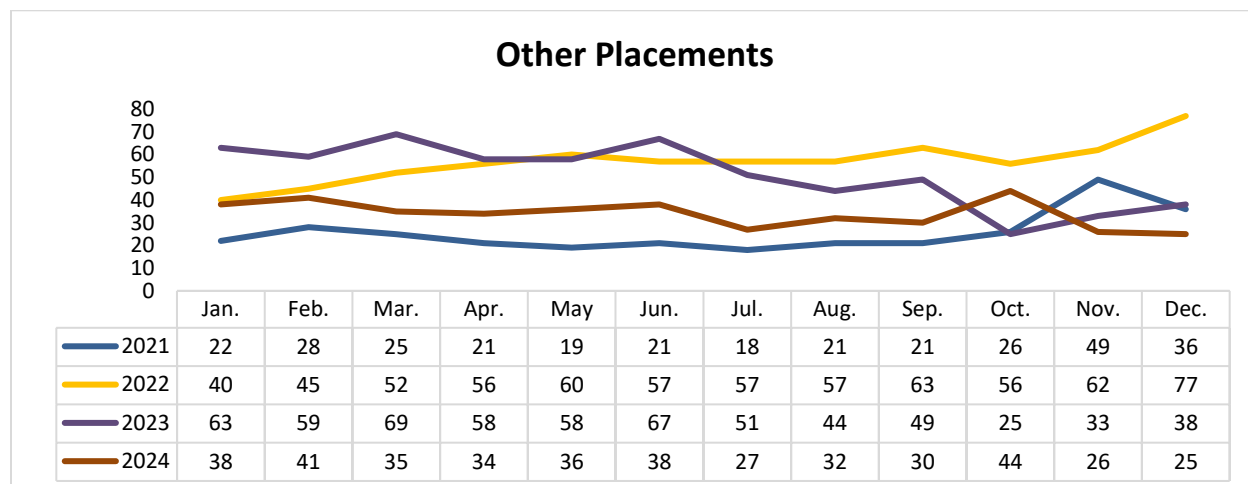


Note. Family-like placements include foster homes, pre-adoptive or adoptive placements, and therapeutic foster homes.



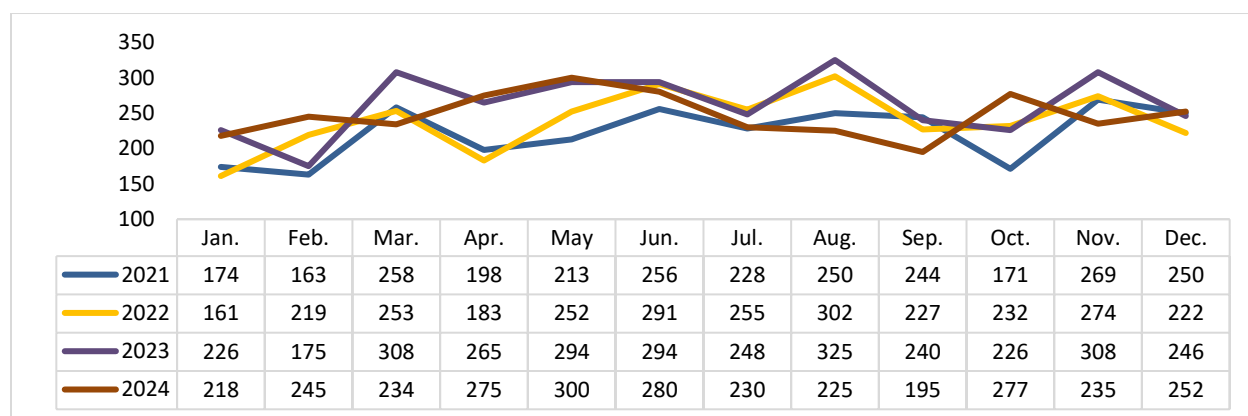
Note. Congregate care placements include congregate care, emergency shelters, and residential treatment facilities.

# Child Welfare Indicators



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	2021	2022	2023	2024
Adoption	480	559	640	544
Aged out	*	8	*	8
Guardianship	101	107	115	N/A
Subsidized Legal Guardianship	N/A	N/A	N/A	39
Unsubsidized Legal Guardianship	N/A	N/A	N/A	42
Living with other relatives	582	632	591	614
Returned to custody of parent/guardian	1,490	1,516	1,488	1,394
Other	31	18	39	38
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,684</b>	<b>2,840</b>	<b>2,876</b>	<b>2,679</b>

Note. The totals do not include masked values (\*) where there is only one masked value (\*) for a given year. 0<\*<5

# Child Welfare Indicators

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

Region/Office	2021	2022	2023	2024
<b>Lowcountry Total</b>	<b>1,140</b>	<b>1,128</b>	<b>1,205</b>	<b>1,196</b>
Adoption Services Lowcountry Charleston	105	129	143	110
Allendale County DSS	*	7	6	6
Beaufort County DSS	78	57	76	94
Berkeley County DSS	228	239	273	241
Calhoun County DSS	36	19	*	1
Charleston County DSS	411	388	342	319
Colleton County DSS	64	56	60	72
Dorchester County DSS	93	93	94	114
Hampton County DSS	12	13	26	27
Jasper County DSS	19	27	33	46
Orangeburg County DSS	94	100	148	166
<b>Midlands Total</b>	<b>1,998</b>	<b>2,182</b>	<b>2,203</b>	<b>1,943</b>
Adoption Services Midlands Columbia	118	165	167	164
Adoption Services Midlands Orangeburg	48	81	77	64
Adoption Services Midlands Rock Hill	46	69	107	143
Aiken County DSS	155	161	140	139
Bamberg County DSS	13	18	15	5
Barnwell County DSS	11	13	17	9
Chester County DSS	53	50	61	71
Edgefield County DSS	7	12	18	27
Fairfield County DSS	19	37	25	18
Kershaw County DSS	129	132	139	111
Lancaster County DSS	97	99	84	73
Lexington County DSS	242	262	220	197
McCormick County DSS	*	*	5	7
Richland County DSS	771	815	876	729
Saluda County DSS	31	36	22	13
Union County DSS	26	N/A	N/A	N/A
York County DSS	232	232	230	173
<b>Pee Dee Total</b>	<b>1,215</b>	<b>1,207</b>	<b>1,157</b>	<b>1,097</b>
Adoption Services Pee Dee Florence	162	167	195	210
Chesterfield County DSS	49	50	33	15
Clarendon County DSS	94	66	36	36
Darlington County DSS	131	152	126	106
Dillon County DSS	57	45	43	60
Florence County DSS	149	127	119	105
Georgetown County DSS	40	43	38	35
Horry County DSS	316	351	362	319

# Child Welfare Indicators

Region/Office (Continued)	2021	2022	2023	2024
Lee County DSS	23	14	12	23
Marion County DSS	57	91	85	80
Marlboro County DSS	25	18	37	19
Sumter County DSS	90	68	52	55
TTS Division – Pee Dee	N/A	N/A	N/A	*
Williamsburg County DSS	22	15	19	31
<b>Upstate Total</b>	<b>2,211</b>	<b>1,988</b>	<b>1,844</b>	<b>1,674</b>
Abbeville County DSS	26	36	36	21
Adoption Services Upstate Greenville	490	484	397	375
Anderson County DSS	300	247	186	155
Cherokee County DSS	98	96	51	48
Greenville County DSS	512	359	343	364
Greenwood County DSS	87	87	101	73
Laurens County DSS	177	167	172	131
Newberry County DSS	20	23	31	30
Oconee County DSS	116	87	78	79
Pickens County DSS	74	56	62	60
Spartanburg County DSS	311	315	360	305
TSS Division – Upstate	N/A	N/A	N/A	*
Union County DSS	N/A	31	27	31
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>6,564</b>	<b>6,505</b>	<b>6,409</b>	<b>5,910</b>

Note. The region total 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. 0<\*<5; N/A: Data not applicable

## DATA SOURCES

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2. Compared to national data: 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, 2018-2022 American Community Survey Five-year Estimates <https://data.census.gov/table/ACSST5Y2023.S0901?q=children&g=040XX00US45> (last visited May 6, 2025). The foster care data were obtained from the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) Report. This report is published publicly by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Administration on Children, Youth and Families, Children's Bureau, <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/cb>. The data represent the federal fiscal year 2022 reporting period (October 1, 2020 - September 30, 2021, respectively). Children who were missing data on the relevant indicator were excluded from analyses.

# Child Welfare Indicators

## Family Court Hearings and Continuances in Child Protection Cases

### S.C. HEARINGS AND CONTINUANCES IN CHILD PROTECTION CASES



**13,938** probable cause, merits, judicial review, and permanency planning hearings were scheduled in 2024, **1,669** or **11% decrease** from 2023.

- **32%** of the scheduled probable cause, merits, judicial review, and permanency planning hearings were continued in 2024, **1%** (continuance rate) *decrease* from 2023.

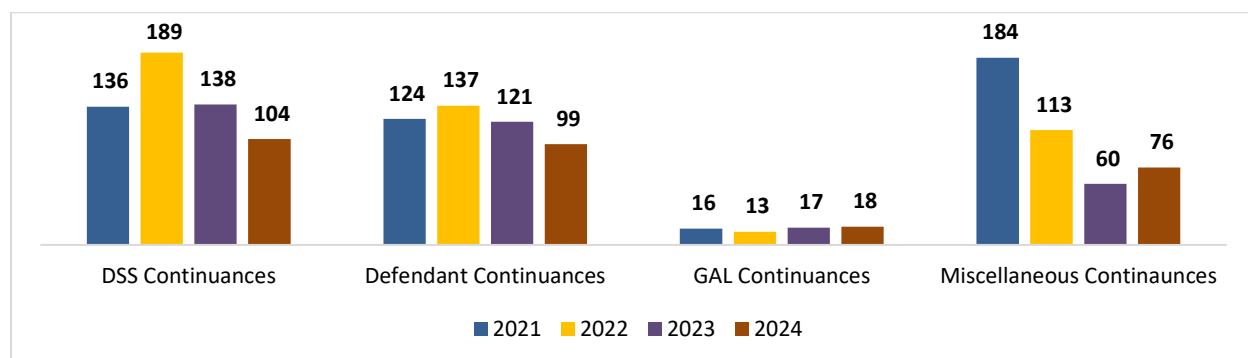
**901** termination of parental rights (TPR) merits and pre-trial hearings were scheduled in 2024, **165** or **15% decrease** from 2023.

- **33%** of the scheduled TPR merits and pre-trial hearings were continued in 2024, **1%** (continuance rate) *increase* from 2023.

### S.C. HEARINGS AND CONTINUANCES IN CHILD PROTECTION CASES: COMPARING 2024 TO 2023, 2022, AND 2021 DATA

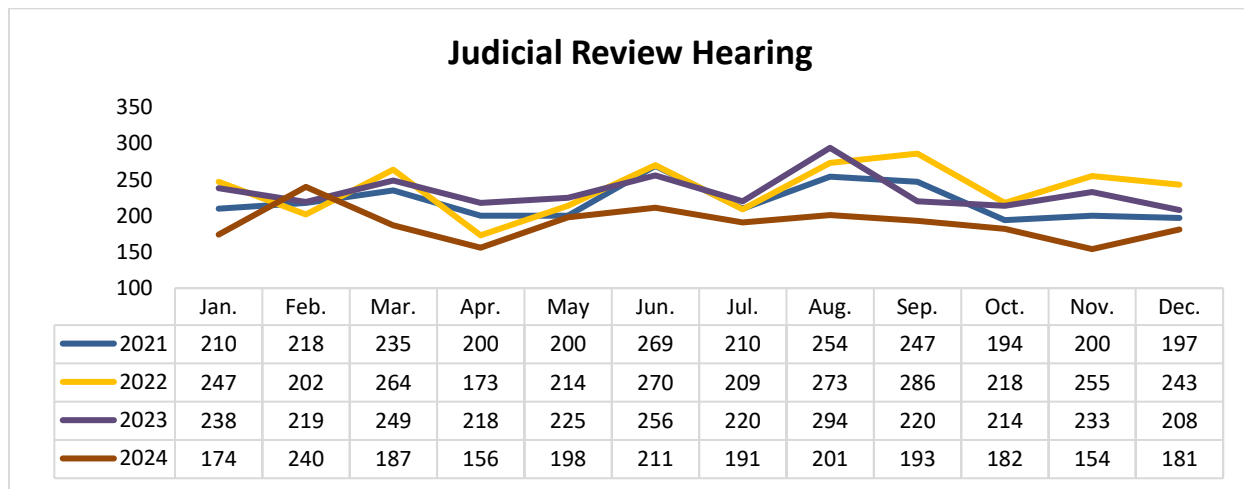
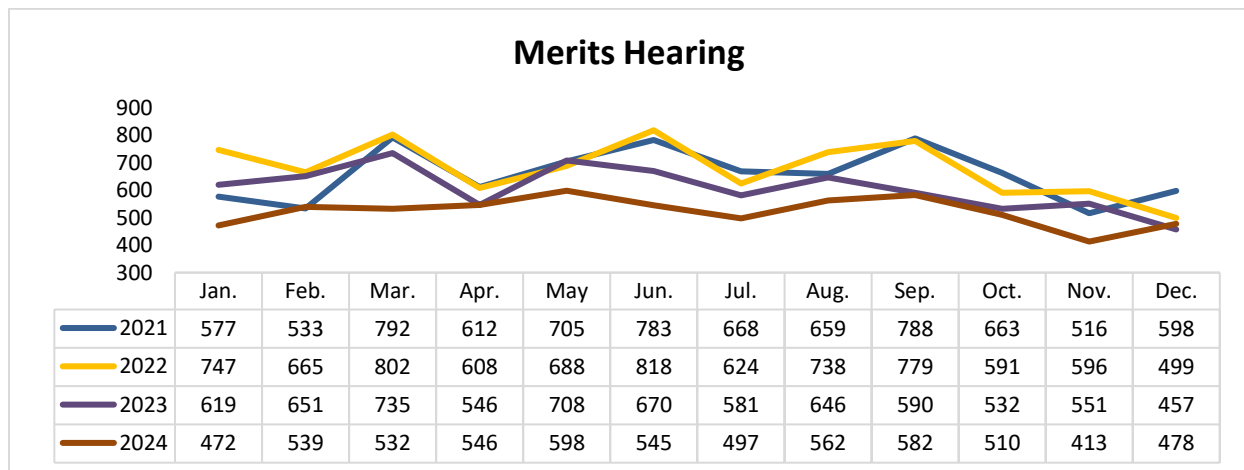
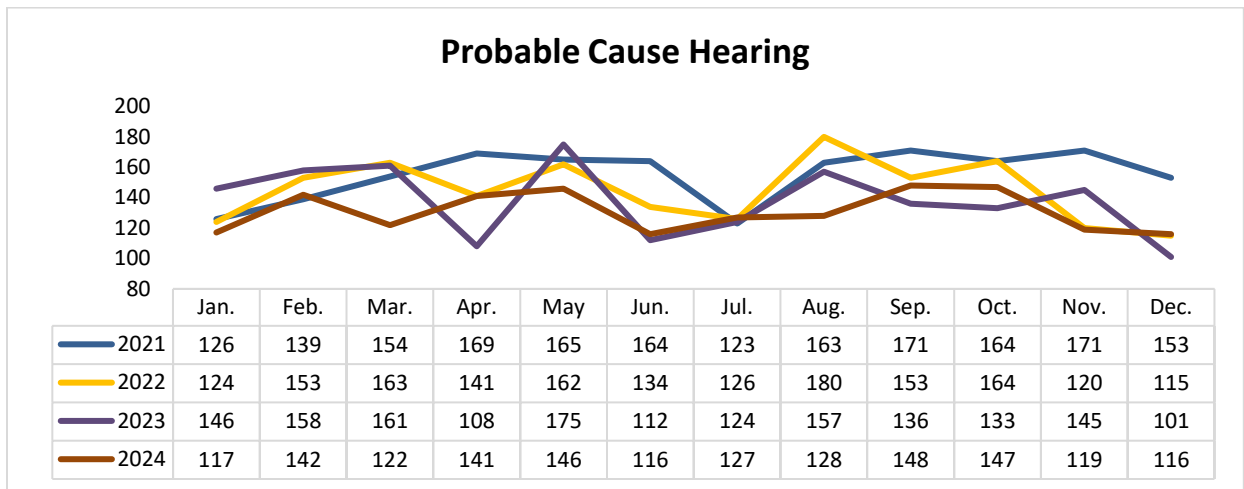
	2021	2022	2023	2024	Compared 2024 to 2023	Compared 2024 to 2022	Compared 2024 to 2021
<b>Number</b> of probable cause, merits, judicial review, and permanency planning hearings <b>scheduled</b>	15,791	16,501	15,607	13,938	-1,669 (-11%)	-2,563 (-16%)	-1,853 (-12%)
<b>Percent</b> of the above scheduled hearings <b>continued</b>	37%	33%	33%	32%	-1%	-1%	-5%
<b>Number</b> of TPR merits and pre-trial hearings <b>scheduled</b>	1,178	1,213	1,066	901	-165 (-15%)	-312 (-26%)	-277 (-24%)
<b>Percent</b> of the above scheduled TPR merits and pre-trial hearings <b>continued</b>	39%	37%	32%	33%	+1%	-4%	-6%

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

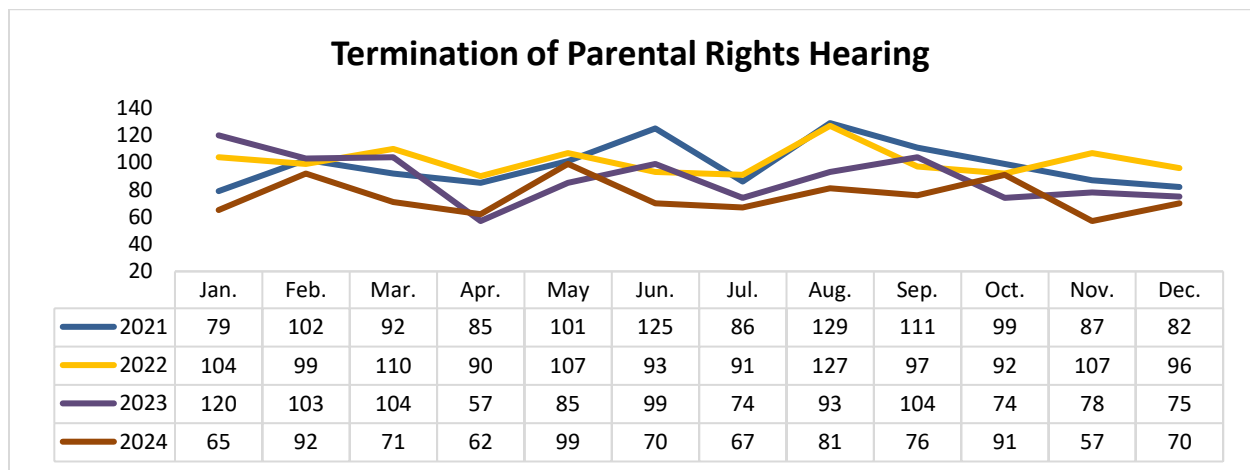
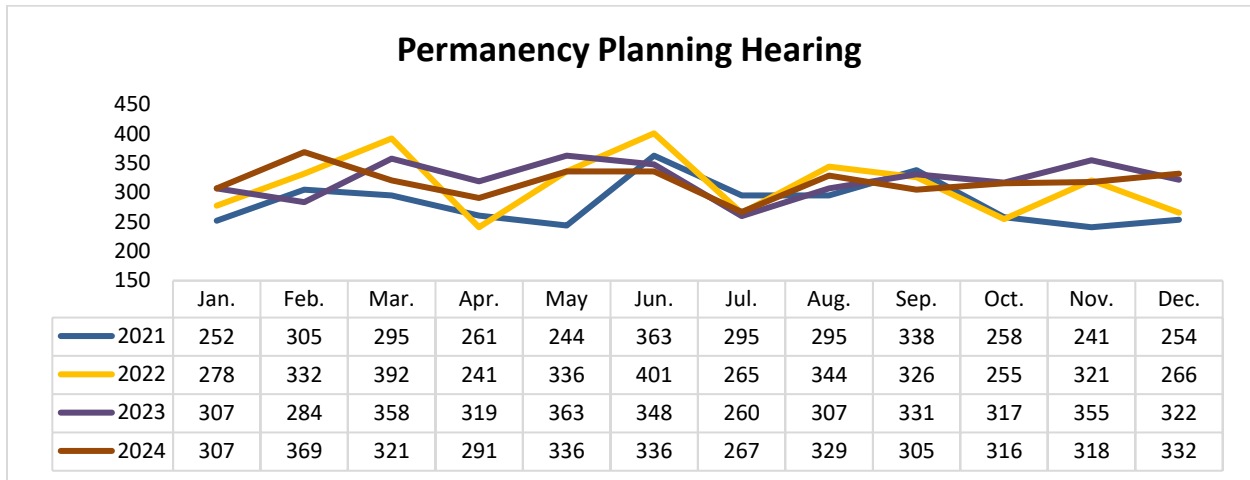


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## S.C. NUMBER OF HEARINGS IN CHILD PROTECTION CASES BY TYPE AND MONTH



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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	2021		2022		2023		2024	
	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
<b>Lowcountry Total</b>	<b>2,905</b>	<b>1,087</b>	<b>3,076</b>	<b>1,084</b>	<b>3,045</b>	<b>1,021</b>	<b>2,795</b>	<b>916</b>
Allendale	6	N/A	13	5	18	8	6	*
Beaufort	178	56	171	73	217	85	273	89
Berkeley	470	203	609	221	579	200	516	170
Calhoun	82	29	61	28	51	12	22	*
Charleston	1,368	509	1,274	439	1,184	405	959	337
Colleton	125	42	150	56	185	76	166	60
Dorchester	356	144	365	107	269	71	291	87
Hampton	63	28	67	30	71	20	57	20
Jasper	51	16	77	33	77	34	98	34
Orangeburg	206	60	289	92	394	110	407	114
<b>Midlands Total</b>	<b>4,682</b>	<b>2,096</b>	<b>5,302</b>	<b>2,141</b>	<b>4,809</b>	<b>1,863</b>	<b>4,318</b>	<b>1,578</b>
Aiken	733	344	612	190	437	88	385	102
Bamberg	27	7	36	13	44	13	26	12
Barnwell	52	21	64	29	53	24	53	25
Chester	180	88	198	67	223	73	181	51
Edgefield	56	22	67	34	50	14	47	16
Fairfield	70	23	99	26	82	19	55	10
Kershaw	276	100	320	92	292	93	318	103
Lancaster	305	140	178	46	190	39	215	59
Lexington	791	428	800	365	686	241	587	192
McCormick	13	9	24	8	16	8	15	5
Richland	1,352	574	1,958	930	2,087	1,037	1,786	746
Saluda	71	30	63	22	41	9	37	11
Union	607	259	717	272	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
York	149	51	166	47	608	205	613	246
<b>Pee Dee Total</b>	<b>2,954</b>	<b>965</b>	<b>2,776</b>	<b>792</b>	<b>2,769</b>	<b>777</b>	<b>2,372</b>	<b>625</b>
Chesterfield	139	43	130	28	141	33	109	28
Clarendon	365	119	380	68	111	26	124	35
Darlington	200	58	160	35	320	62	304	34

# Child Welfare Indicators

Probable Cause, Merits, Judicial Review, and Permanency Planning Hearings (Continued)								
Region/County	2021		2022		2023		2024	
	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
Dillon	428	149	375	121	138	25	136	40
Florence	153	29	112	20	418	133	295	85
Georgetown	957	301	875	244	117	27	114	28
Horry	60	28	67	30	860	253	742	197
Lee	203	85	218	73	54	16	76	33
Marion	93	35	74	29	238	76	133	43
Marlboro	200	72	209	79	90	31	81	21
Sumter	81	23	91	28	190	64	165	48
Williamsburg	75	23	85	37	92	31	93	33
<b>Upstate Total</b>	<b>5,250</b>	<b>1,643</b>	<b>5,347</b>	<b>1,473</b>	<b>4,984</b>	<b>1,432</b>	<b>4,453</b>	<b>1,297</b>
Abbeville	536	140	744	131	95	28	70	23
Anderson	350	96	363	104	628	143	480	109
Cherokee	1,705	490	1,462	384	234	68	283	83
Greenville	323	139	363	130	1,313	348	1,326	372
Greenwood	441	124	464	149	347	118	296	123
Laurens	108	30	110	48	554	182	414	84
Newberry	226	45	237	56	95	45	67	30
Oconee	298	72	297	64	260	64	244	55
Pickens	1,160	483	1,223	390	269	67	222	45
Spartanburg	103	24	84	17	1,089	345	914	343
Union	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	100	24	137	30
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>15,791</b>	<b>5,791</b>	<b>16,501</b>	<b>5,490</b>	<b>15,607</b>	<b>5,093</b>	<b>13,938</b>	<b>4,416</b>

Note. The region total 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

# Child Welfare Indicators

## TPR Merits and Pre-trial Hearings

Region/County	2021		2022		2023		2024	
	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
<b>Lowcountry Total</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>44</b>
Allendale	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Beaufort	12	*	12	*	*	*	14	*
Berkeley	17	6	26	*	27	8	35	7
Calhoun	0	0	*	0	0	0	0	0
Charleston	111	62	123	73	47	19	52	19
Colleton	24	11	15	10	17	6	9	*
Dorchester	10	5	13	5	9	*	13	6
Hampton	*	0	*	*	0	0	0	0
Jasper	5	0	0	0	0	0	8	*
Orangeburg	16	*	26	8	20	*	22	*
<b>Midlands Total</b>	<b>262</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>312</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>329</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>312</b>	<b>99</b>
Aiken	52	12	43	14	59	13	60	13
Bamberg	*	0	*	0	0	0	*	*
Barnwell	6	*	5	*	*	*	0	0
Chester	*	*	8	0	14	6	7	0
Edgefield	*	*	0	0	*	*	*	*
Fairfield	*	0	5	0	6	*	5	*
Kershaw	10	5	21	9	29	14	27	9
Lancaster	30	17	40	14	26	9	12	*
Lexington	39	19	52	22	57	14	22	5
McCormick	0	0	*	*	0	0	0	0
Richland	81	34	97	35	53	20	119	47
Saluda	0	0	7	0	5	0	7	*
Union	10	*	6	*	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
York	22	11	24	8	74	16	46	16
<b>Pee Dee Total</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>58</b>
Chesterfield	*	*	7	*	6	*	18	7
Clarendon	*	0	20	6	21	11	*	0
Darlington	35	15	20	*	32	13	27	7
Dillon	6	*	11	*	9	5	24	12
Florence	39	11	21	*	19	*	16	*

# Child Welfare Indicators

TPR Merits and Pre-trial Hearings (Continued)								
Region/County	2021		2022		2023		2024	
	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	*	0	5	0	7	*	*	0
Horry	44	20	71	39	75	36	35	16
Lee	*	0	7	*	*	*	5	*
Marion	*	0	7	*	5	*	*	*
Marlboro	6	*	8	5	*	0	7	*
Sumter	19	9	*	*	*	*	11	5
Williamsburg	*	*	6	0	*	0	*	*
<b>Upstate Total</b>	<b>547</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>467</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>388</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>281</b>	<b>93</b>
Abbeville	*	0	*	0	16	*	*	0
Anderson	51	11	55	12	49	7	44	12
Cherokee	31	10	32	5	21	5	24	9
Greenville	241	102	185	79	114	31	81	27
Greenwood	18	7	8	*	6	*	14	4
Laurens	65	24	44	15	48	19	40	13
Newberry	5	*	5	*	*	*	*	0
Oconee	34	10	12	*	24	*	15	*
Pickens	24	7	18	*	15	*	8	*
Spartanburg	78	27	108	49	86	34	46	24
Union	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	5	*	6	*
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1,170</b>	<b>460</b>	<b>1,186</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>1,025</b>	<b>332</b>	<b>901</b>	<b>294</b>

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.

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## 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, March 2024, and March 2025.

# Child Welfare Indicators

## Child Care

### S.C. DSS-REGULATED CHILD CARE FACILITIES



**2,395** open child care facilities were regulated by the South Carolina Department of Social Services' (DSS) child care licensing division in 2024, **250** or **12% increase** from 2023.

**294** newly-opened facilities, **57** or **24% increase** from 2023.

**205,938** capacity, or the maximum number of children these open facilities were licensed to serve, **12,703** or **7% increase** from 2023.

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

Operational Status	2021	2022	2023	2024	Compared 2024 to 2023	Compared 2024 to 2022	Compared 2024 to 2021
Total open	2,185	2,266	2,145	2,395	+250 (+12%)	+129 (+6%)	+210 (+10%)
○ Newly opened	213	261	237	294	+57 (+24%)	+33 (+13%)	+81 (+38%)
Closed	450	26	381	223	-158 (-41%)	+197 (+758%)	-227 (-50%)

Capacity (Number of Children Licensed to Served)	2021	2022	2023	2024	Compared 2024 to 2023	Compared 2024 to 2022	Compared 2024 to 2021
Total open	183,563	190,311	193,235	205,938	+12,703 (+7%)	+15,627 (+8%)	+22,375 (+12%)
○ Newly opened	10,662	14,222	17,399	15,062	-2,337 (-13%)	+840 (+6%)	+4,400 (+41%)
Closed	26,669	1,535	18,165	11,604	-6,561 (-36%)	+10,069 (+656%)	-15,065 (-56%)

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

County	2021 Total Open		2022 Total Open		2023 Total Open		2024 Total Open	
	Facility Count	Capacity	Facility Count	Capacity	Facility Count	Capacity	Facility Count	Capacity
Abbeville	12	365	12	317	9	207	11	261
Aiken	55	5,439	57	5,810	50	5,330	58	5,714
Allendale	3	270	2	146	2	147	2	147
Anderson	72	5,936	77	6,402	75	6,060	77	6,308
Bamberg	7	568	7	568	6	497	6	497
Barnwell	12	596	12	633	11	439	13	676
Beaufort	72	6,526	72	6,514	63	6,022	71	6,525
Berkeley	101	7,315	111	7,807	100	7,683	117	8,754
Calhoun	1	48	2	99	2	99	2	99
Charleston	174	18,417	174	20,272	192	24,650	202	24,969
Cherokee	30	1,679	21	1,269	23	1,418	28	1,669

# Child Welfare Indicators

County (Continued)	2021 Total Open		2022 Total Open		2023 Total Open		2024 Total Open	
	Facility Count	Capacity	Facility Count	Capacity	Facility Count	Capacity	Facility Count	Capacity
Chester	22	1,110	19	1,049	18	1,068	21	1,085
Chesterfield	23	1,280	21	1,156	21	1,204	19	1,116
Clarendon	16	760	16	836	15	861	18	948
Colleton	24	984	21	1,002	20	925	23	1,070
Darlington	34	2,273	37	2,537	34	2,499	41	2,613
Dillon	22	1,031	22	956	21	1,071	24	1,087
Dorchester	61	4,257	72	4,501	67	5,192	82	5,574
Edgefield	9	521	10	527	10	527	10	527
Fairfield	12	370	14	449	15	495	16	501
Florence	138	6,162	153	6,671	145	6,990	161	7,230
Georgetown	45	2,213	44	2,221	46	2,340	45	2,277
Greenville	202	24,380	213	25,172	198	23,935	218	25,940
Greenwood	28	2,528	24	2,424	21	2,113	24	2,331
Hampton	9	474	10	494	8	463	8	463
Horry	85	9,013	78	8,900	76	9,145	86	9,604
Jasper	21	657	28	905	28	928	30	940
Kershaw	25	2,397	27	2,413	28	2,657	33	2,920
Lancaster	24	3,045	27	3,463	25	3,598	27	3,648
Laurens	17	1,433	16	1,504	11	1,208	12	1,369
Lee	5	406	5	425	6	478	6	478
Lexington	110	9,950	110	9,842	99	9,998	115	10,909
Marion	32	1,541	34	1,608	31	1,554	36	1,582
Marlboro	11	456	13	493	12	478	15	540
McCormick	3	177	3	177	3	138	3	138
Newberry	9	982	9	1,102	9	1,091	16	1,628
Oconee	24	2,120	22	2,088	19	2,027	20	2,101
Orangeburg	48	3,195	50	3,272	44	3,191	49	3,362
Pickens	43	3,904	42	3,893	38	3,791	43	4,058
Richland	215	18,342	217	18,084	206	18,136	240	19,759
Saluda	5	526	6	556	5	619	7	733
Spartanburg	116	10,613	120	10,863	122	11,395	133	11,740
Sumter	58	5,063	64	5,540	66	5,459	70	5,857
Union	9	815	9	815	9	815	9	815
Williamsburg	41	1,104	41	1,091	34	1,009	35	1,014
York	112	12,793	118	13,264	102	13,285	113	14,362
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>2,185</b>	<b>183,563</b>	<b>2,266</b>	<b>190,311</b>	<b>2,145</b>	<b>193,235</b>	<b>2,395</b>	<b>205,938</b>

# 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 20-21	FY 21-22	FY 22-23	FY 23-24
<b>Total number of children directly served</b>	<b>37,163</b>	<b>57,435</b>	<b>54,241</b>	<b>64,678*</b>
○ By local partnerships	34,575	54,092	50,689	60,727
○ By First Steps 4K**	2,588	3,343	3,650	4,119
<b>Total number of children directly served by a high-intensity program***</b>	<b>6,060</b>	<b>7,856</b>	<b>11,548</b>	<b>11,412*</b>
○ By local partnerships	3,472	4,513	7,898*	7,461
○ By First Steps 4K**	2,588	3,343	3,650	4,119
<b>Estimated number of children in centers where child care quality enhancement and training have occurred via local partnerships</b>	<b>60,000</b>	<b>50,000</b>	<b>63,000</b>	<b>80,000</b>

\*168 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 a partnership with SC Voucher, First Steps 4K PLUS covers extended care for enrolled students, as well as full-day and afterschool care for all siblings, ages 0-12.

# Child Welfare Indicators

Proportion of children who were served by First Steps	FY 20-21	FY 21-22	FY 22-23	FY 23-24
Proportion of eligible children served directly	23.5%	37.1%	36.9%	45.5%
Proportion of eligible children served directly by a high-intensity program	3.8%	5.1%	7.9%	8.0%
Proportion of children under age 6 who benefit from local partnership child care quality enhancement and training	17.5%	14.6%	18.7%	23.9%

*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 (FY20-21: 2015-19 data; FY21-22: 2016-20 data; FY22-23: 2017-21 data; FY23-24: 2018-22 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, March 2024, February 2025.
2. First Steps data: S.C. First Steps, unpublished report generated in February 2025.

# Health Indicators

## Mental Health Services

### S.C. MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES PROVIDED TO CHILDREN



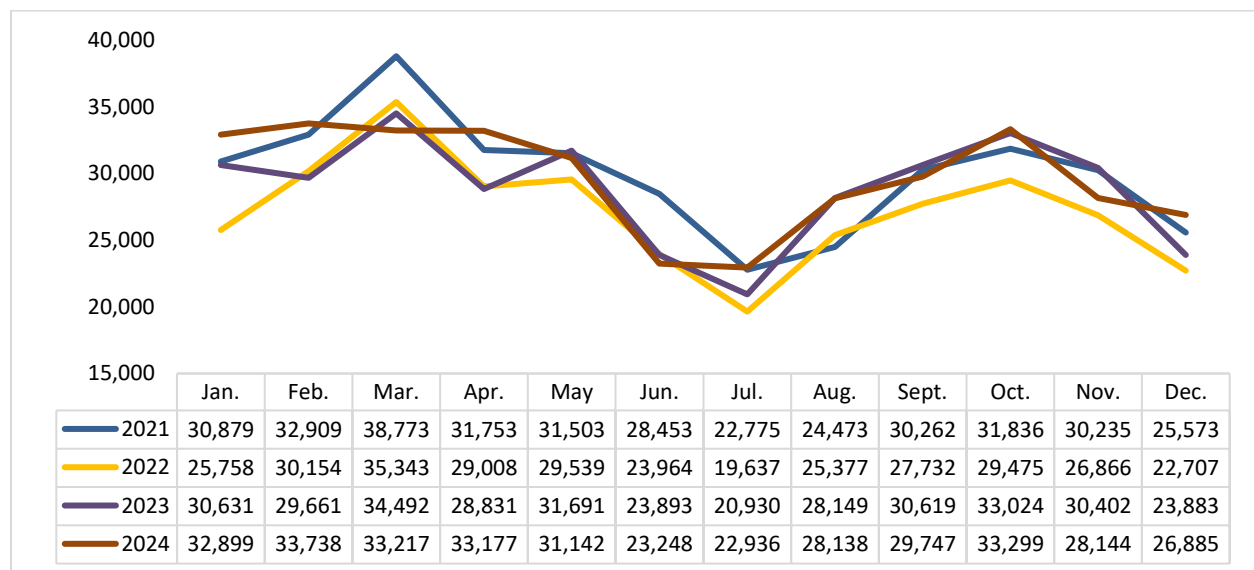
**356,570** mental health services were provided to children by the South Carolina Department of Mental Health (DMH) in 2024, **10,364** or **3% increase** from 2023. **30,073** children (unduplicated count) received the provided mental health services in 2024, **1,219** or **4% decrease** from 2023.

*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 2024 TO 2023, 2022, AND 2021 DATA

	2021	2022	2023	2024	Compared 2024 to 2023	Compared 2024 to 2022	Compared 2024 to 2021
Number of mental health services provided to children by DMH	359,424	325,560	346,206	356,570	+10,364 (+3%)	+31,010 (+10%)	-1731 (-0.5%)
Number of children received mental health services provided by DMH	31,787	31,234	31,292	30,073	-1,219 (-4%)	-1,161 (-4%)	-1714 (-5%)

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

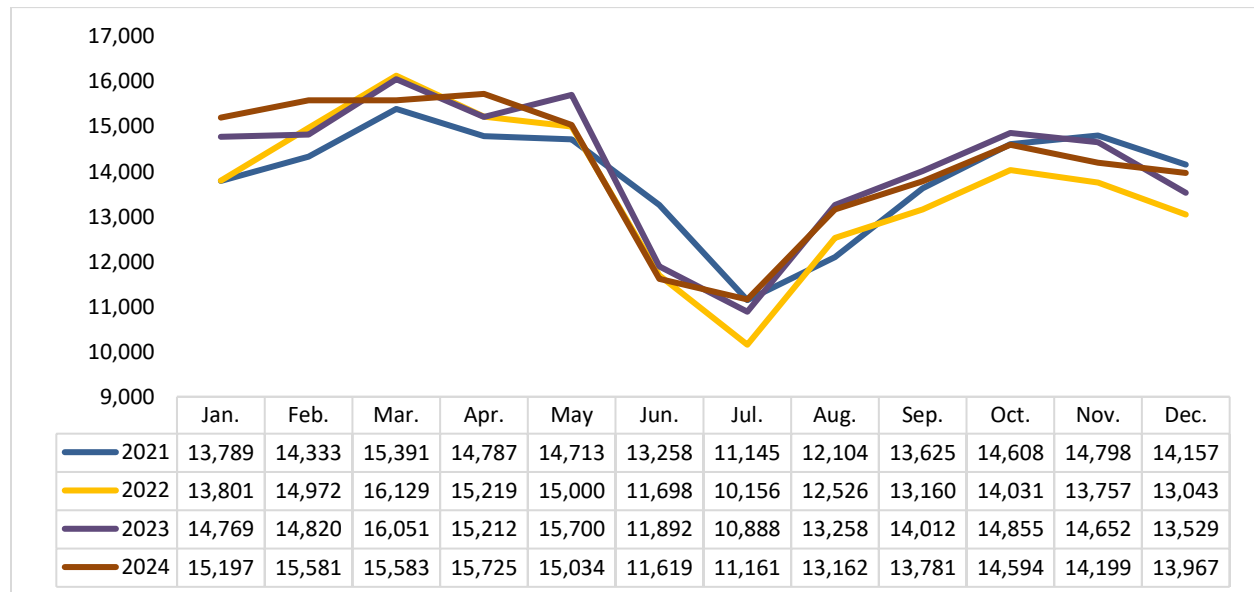


# Health Indicators

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

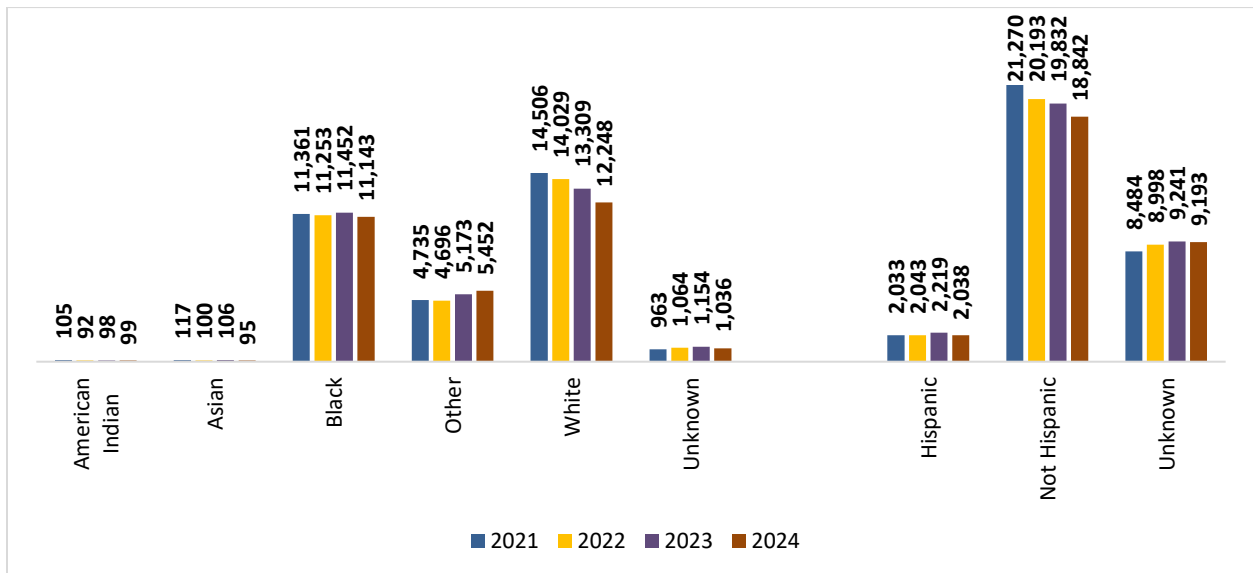
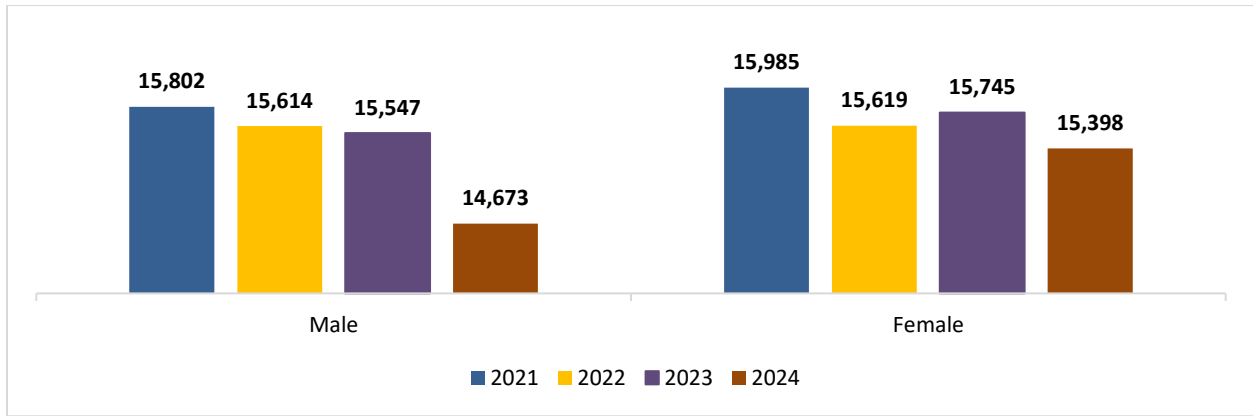
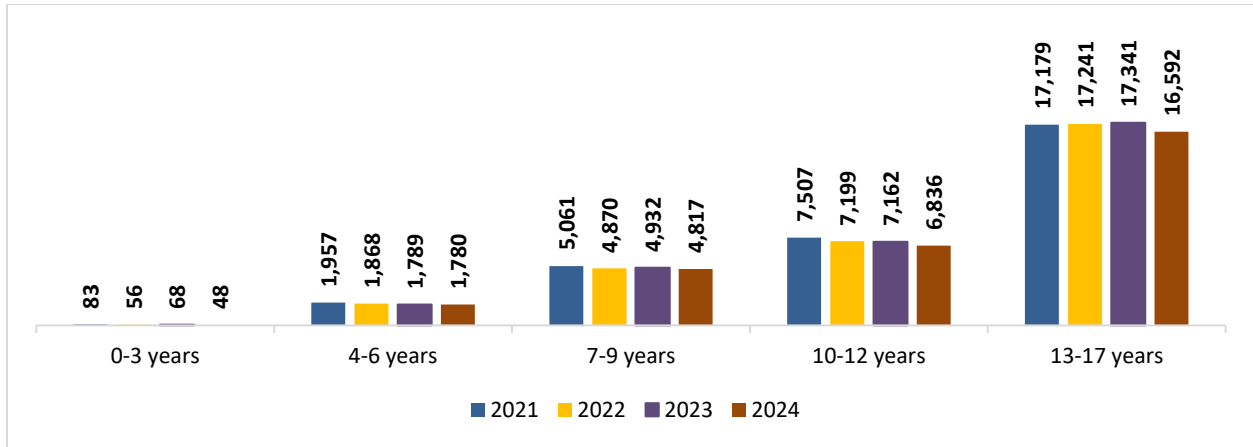
Place of Service Categories	2021	2022	2023	2024	Compared 2024 to 2023	Compared 2024 to 2022	Compared 2024 to 2021
Telehealth	100,817	49,522	41,495	39,756	-1,739 (-4%)	-9,766 (-20%)	-61,061 (-61%)
School	160,236	165,003	182,565	195,381	+12,816 (+7%)	+30,378 (+18%)	+35,145 (+22%)
Community mental health center clinic	82,306	97,691	111,054	111,576	+522 (+0.5%)	+13,885 (+14%)	+29,270 (+36%)
Patient's home	11,871	7,286	6,984	6,182	-802 (-11%)	-1,104 (-15%)	-1,104 (-15%)
Outpatient health care provider	192	31	147	68	-79 (-54%)	+37 (+119%)	-124 (-65%)
Hospital emergency department	85	76	35	14	-21 (-60%)	-62 (-82%)	-71 (-84%)
Other location	3,917	5,951	3,926	3,593	-330 (-8%)	-2,355 (-40%)	-321 (-8%)
<b>Total</b>	<b>359,424</b>	<b>325,560</b>	<b>346,206</b>	<b>356,570</b>	<b>+10,364 (+3%)</b>	<b>+31,010 (+10%)</b>	<b>+1,731 (+0.5%)</b>

## 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

	2021	Number of Diagnoses	2022	Number of Diagnoses	2023	Number of Diagnoses	2024	Number of Diagnoses
1	Attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder, combined presentation	83,481	Attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder, combined presentation	72,059	Attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder, combined presentation	76,509	Attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder, combined presentation	78,718
2	Posttraumatic stress disorder	21,135	Posttraumatic stress disorder	23,282	Posttraumatic stress disorder	26,207	Posttraumatic stress disorder	25,238
3	Generalized anxiety disorder	18,445	Generalized anxiety disorder	19,107	Generalized anxiety disorder	22,255	Generalized anxiety disorder	23,692
4	Oppositional defiant disorder	17,740	Oppositional defiant disorder	14,374	Oppositional defiant disorder	15,363	Oppositional defiant disorder	15,730
5	Unspecified depressive disorder	14,789	Unspecified depressive disorder	12,710	Adjustment disorder, with mixed disturbance of emotions and conduct	14,275	Unspecified anxiety disorder	15,066
6	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	Adjustment disorder, with mixed disturbance of emotions and conduct	14,473
7	Unspecified anxiety disorder	12,977	Unspecified anxiety disorder	11,772	Unspecified depressive disorder	12,362	Unspecified depressive disorder	13,646
8	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	Unspecified trauma and stressor related disorder	13,569
9	Disruptive mood dysregulation Disorder	11,530	Attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder, predominantly inattentive presentation	10,477	Attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder, predominantly inattentive presentation	11,156	Unspecified disruptive, impulse-control, and conduct disorder	11,500
10	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	Attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder, predominantly inattentive presentation	11,190
<b>Total</b>	<b>217,701 (61% out of total services provided by DMH to children in 2021, n=359,424)</b>		<b>197,592 (61% out of total services provided by DMH to children in 2022, n=325,560)</b>		<b>213,655 (62% out of total services provided by DMH to children in 2023, n=346,206)</b>		<b>222,822 (62% out of total services provided by DMH to children in 2024, n=56,570)</b>	

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	2021	2022	2023	2024
Abbeville	253	246	249	212
Aiken	1,037	1,189	1,184	1,070
Allendale	55	68	61	59
Anderson	1,425	1,420	1,412	1,259
Bamberg	100	115	112	114
Barnwell	177	165	175	237
Beaufort	511	467	579	603
Berkeley	1,455	1,532	1,699	1,859
Calhoun	124	141	146	150
Charleston	2,161	1,716	1,700	1,797
Cherokee	257	312	269	309
Chester	249	235	240	222
Chesterfield	249	208	183	182
Clarendon	367	325	331	317
Colleton	200	301	305	337
Darlington	377	418	427	423
Dillon	219	213	193	204
Dorchester	1,463	1,523	1,565	1,570
Edgefield	153	150	142	164
Fairfield	91	87	97	101
Florence	725	738	770	810
Georgetown	288	294	283	235
Greenville	4,992	5,098	5,163	4,293
Greenwood	704	622	636	576
Hampton	149	158	148	171
Horry	1,210	1,065	874	746
Jasper	96	109	127	135
Kershaw	359	241	194	181
Lancaster	348	268	258	207
Laurens	355	331	252	304
Lee	112	84	96	125
Lexington	2,521	2,500	2,577	2,500
Marion	205	223	250	252
Marlboro	206	216	217	211
McCormick	78	57	45	47
Newberry	335	360	356	324
Oconee	331	277	318	388

## Health Indicators

County (Continued)	2021	2022	2023	2024
Orangeburg	606	703	744	786
Pickens	536	557	566	566
Richland	2,094	2,226	2,230	2,154
Saluda	54	33	44	46
Spartanburg	1,404	1,319	1,459	1,493
Sumter	890	877	779	723
Union	413	333	275	243
Williamsburg	287	271	268	258
York	1,432	1,258	1,110	984
Out-of-state	11	15	6	14
Missing data	19	14	19	13
Unknown	104	156	159	99
<b>Total</b>	<b>31,787</b>	<b>31,234</b>	<b>31,292</b>	<b>30,073</b>

*Note.* Patient and service counts limited to outpatient facilities.

### DATA SOURCE

S.C. Department of Mental Health, unpublished reports generated in February 2022, March 2023, March 2024, and February 2025. 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



**65,544** treatment services for a primary or secondary substance use disorder were provided to South Carolina children in 2024, **2,479** or **4% decrease** from 2023.

**4,866** children (unduplicated count) received the provided treatment services in 2024, **428** or **8% decrease** from 2023.

**200,908** treatment services for a primary or secondary substance use disorder were provided to parents (who had children under age 18) in 2024, **7,299** or **4% decrease** from 2023.

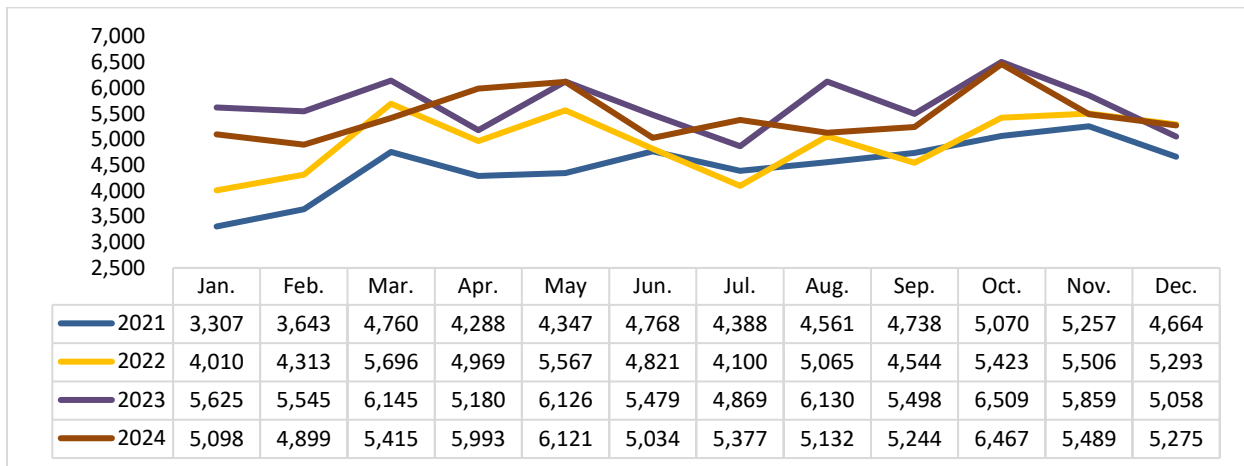
**9,216** parents (unduplicated count) received the provided treatment services in 2024, **271** or **3% decrease** from 2023.

### SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER AND TREATMENT SERVICES: COMPARING 2024 TO 2023, 2022, AND 2021 DATA

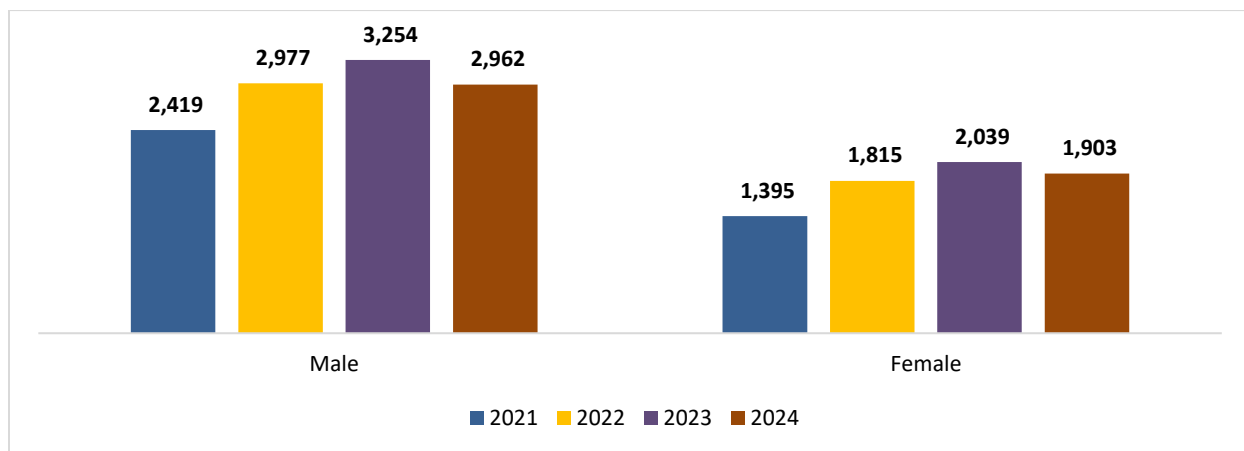
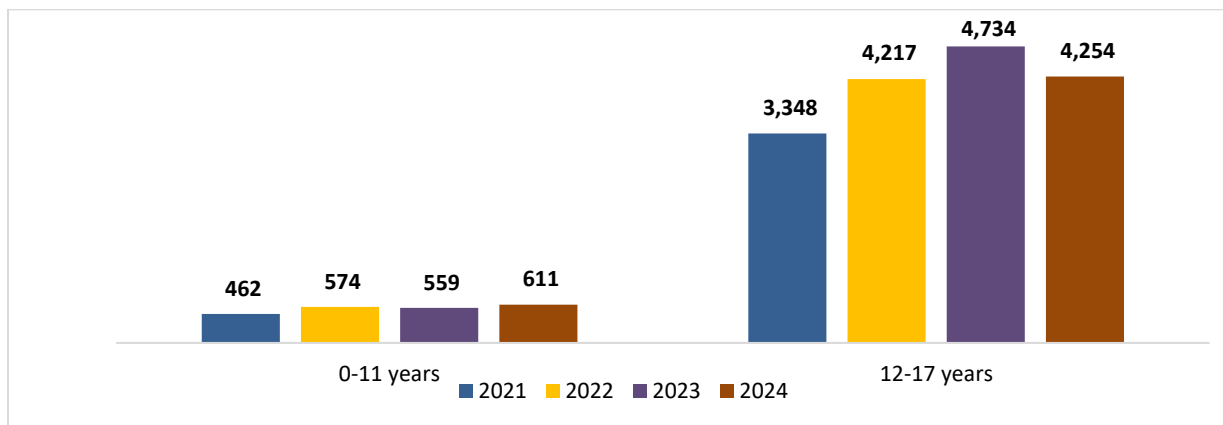
	2021	2022	2023	2024	Compared 2024 to 2023	Compared 2024 to 2022	Compared 2024 to 2021
Number of treatment services provided to children	53,791	59,307	68,023	65,544	-2,479 (-4%)	+6,237 (+11%)	+11,753 (+22%)
Number of children (unduplicated count) who received the provided treatment services	3,815	4,793	5,294	4,866	-428 (-8%)	+73 (+2%)	(+1,051) (+28%)
Number of treatment services provided to parents	35,279	220,129	08,207	200,908	-7,299 (-4%)	-19,221 (-9%)	-34,371 (-15%)
Number of parents (unduplicated count) who received the provided treatment services	10,775	10,290	9,487	9,216	-271 (-3%)	-1,074 (-10%)	-1,559 (-14%)

# Health Indicators

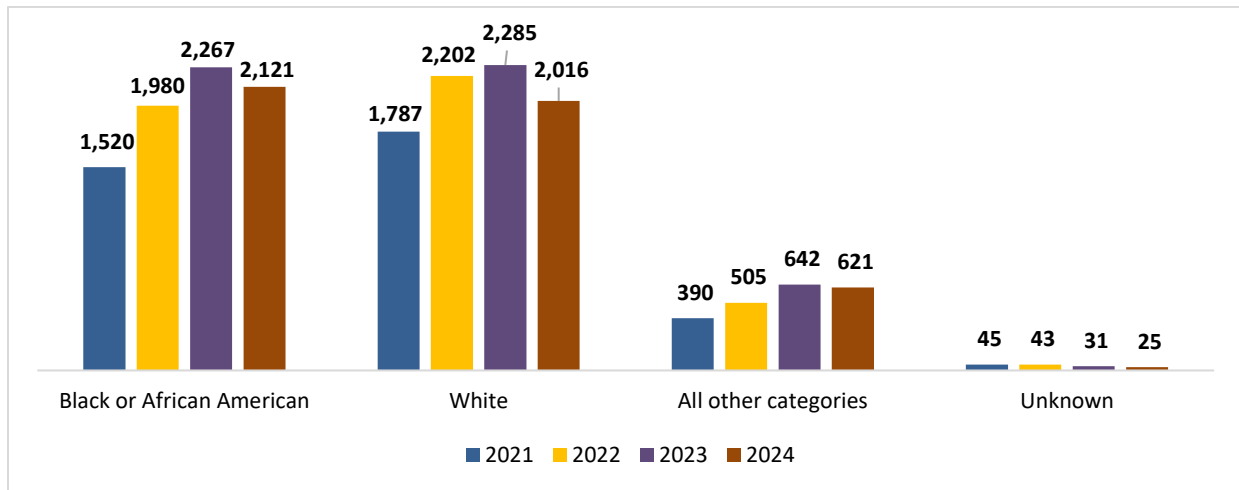
## SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER TREATMENT SERVICES TO S.C. CHILDREN BY MONTH



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



# Health Indicators

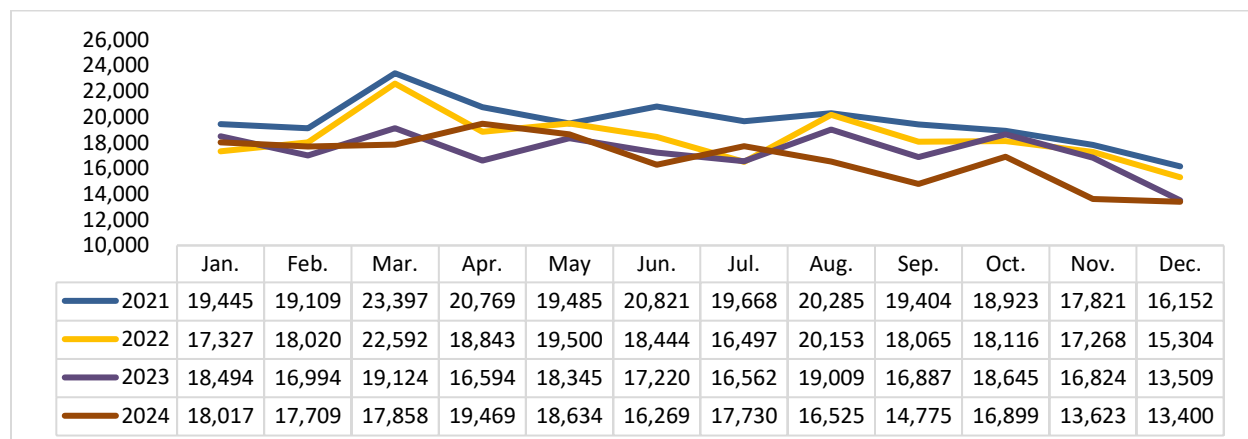


## SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER DIAGNOSES AMONG S.C. CHILDREN

	2021 Number of Diagnoses	2022 Number of Diagnoses	2023 Number of Diagnoses	2024 Number of Diagnoses
Marijuana use disorder	1,957	2,545	2,916	2,666
Alcohol use disorder	627	741	742	645
Tobacco use disorder	632	1,012	1,330	1,283
Amphetamine use disorder	77	77	63	54
Opiate use disorder	114	110	189	65
Cocaine use disorder	31	43	30	21
<b>Total diagnoses</b>	<b>3,815</b>	<b>4,793</b>	<b>5,294</b>	<b>4,866</b>

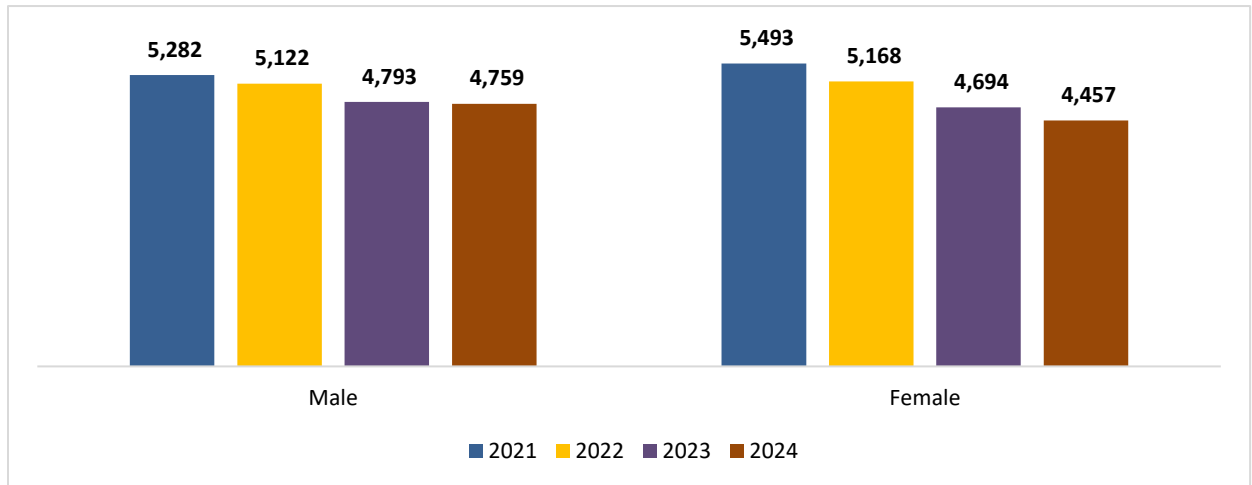
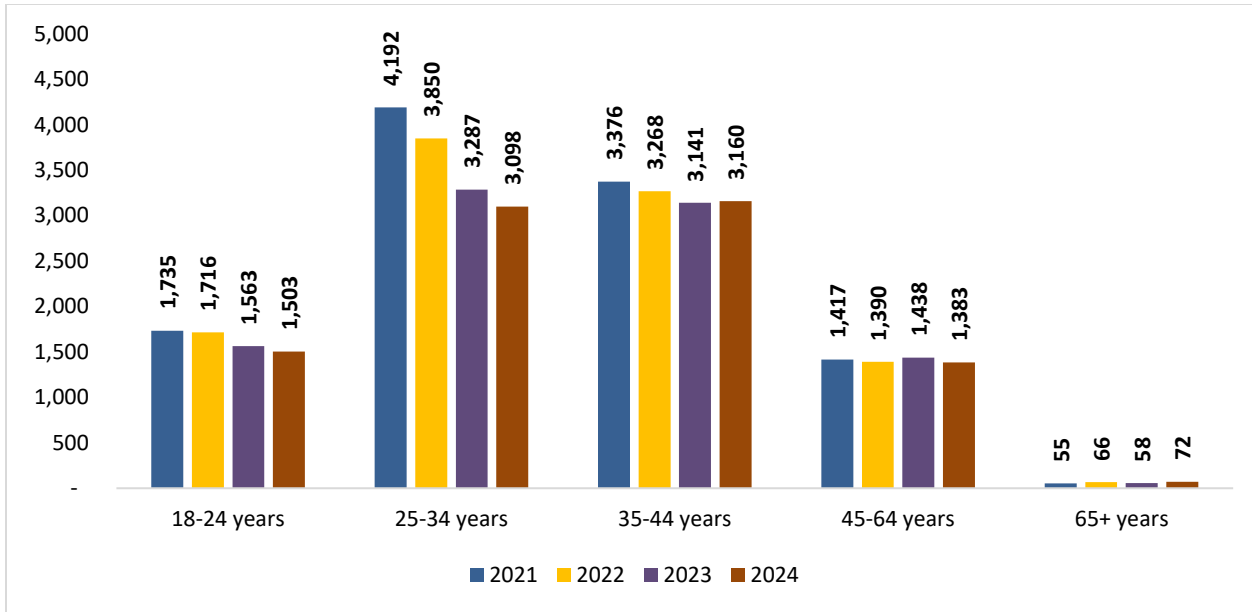
Note. Data in this table are numbers of diagnoses not patients. Data are for either a primary or secondary substance use disorder diagnosis as classified by the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders 5th Edition (DSM-5). A child may have been diagnosed for more than one substance disorder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

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

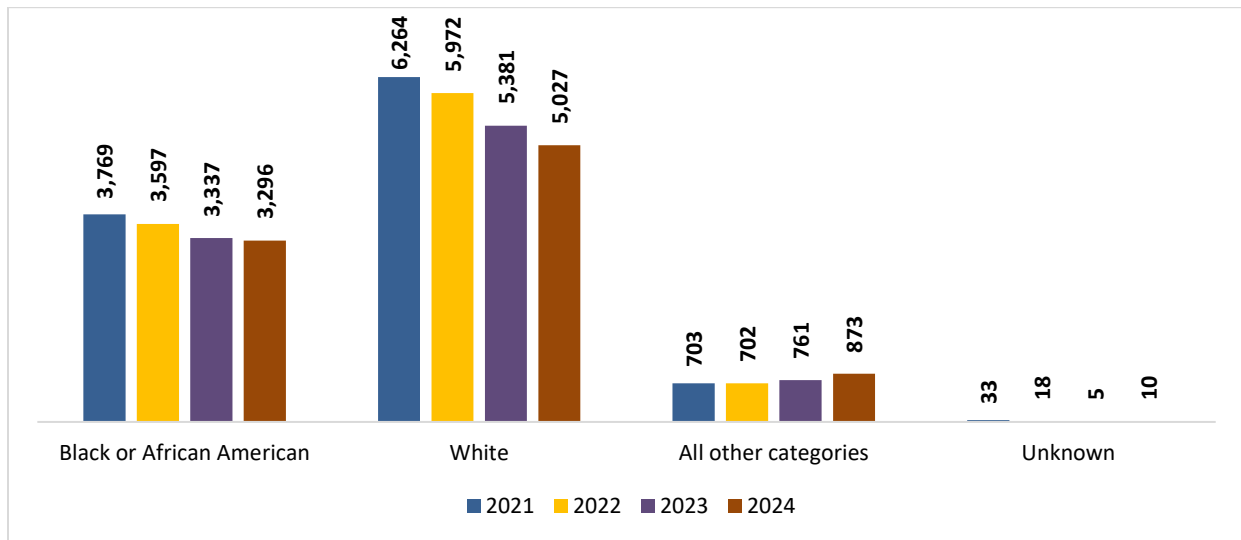


# Health Indicators

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



# Health Indicators



## SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER DIAGNOSES AMONG S.C. PARENTS

	2021 Number of Diagnoses	2022 Number of Diagnoses	2023 Number of Diagnoses	2024 Number of Diagnoses
Alcohol use disorder	5,582	5,431	5,181	4,996
Marijuana use disorder	4,842	4,754	4,390	4,210
Tobacco use disorder	1,824	1,625	1,432	1,446
Opiate use disorder	2,363	2,136	1,954	1,766
Cocaine use disorder	1,114	1,042	944	899
Amphetamine use disorder	1,583	1,501	1,324	1,286
<b>Total diagnoses</b>	<b>10,775</b>	<b>10,290</b>	<b>9,487</b>	<b>9,216</b>

*Note.* 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 ORGANIZATION

Agency	2021	2022	2023	2024
Aiken Center	71	119	164	75
ALPHA Center	354	370	288	253
Anderson/Oconee Behavioral Health Services	84	135	180	140
Axis 1 Center of Barnwell	14	12	23	19
Beaufort County Alcohol and Drug Abuse Department	80	125	142	136
Behavioral Health Services of Pickens County	323	339	322	365
Charleston Center	149	165	209	171
Cherokee County Commission on Alcohol & Drug Abuse	50	50	66	51
Circle Park Behavioral Health Services	73	81	100	134
Clarendon Behavioral Health Services	68	45	55	44
Colleton County Commission on Alcohol & Drug Abuse	15	34	32	27
Cornerstone	62	83	70	65
Counseling Services of Lancaster	31	68	73	55
Dorchester Alcohol and Drug Commission	142	216	210	218
Ernest E. Kennedy Center	196	238	261	308
Fairfield Behavioral Health Services	30	31	39	26
Gateway Counseling Center	40	65	81	135
Georgetown Alcohol & Drug Abuse Commission	25	41	53	47
Hazel Pittman Center	14	24	18	17
Keystone Substance Abuse Services	114	182	208	193
LRADAC	252	439	449	371
New Life Center	26	34	23	23
Phoenix Center	373	320	373	335
Rubicon Family Counseling Services	67	82	71	78
Shoreline Behavioral Health Services	265	388	550	533
Sumter Behavioral Health Services	90	163	232	210
The Forrester Center for Behavioral Health	98	132	129	115
Tri-County Commission on Alcohol & Drug Abuse	375	424	429	332
Trinity Behavioral Care	158	227	303	276
Union County Commission on Alcohol & Drug Abuse	96	107	83	62
Westview Behavioral Health Services	95	84	88	82
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,815</b>	<b>4,793</b>	<b>5,294</b>	<b>4,866</b>

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

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

### DATA SOURCE

S.C. Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services, unpublished report generated in February 2022, March 2023, April 2024, and May 2025. Data are by calendar years for children under age 18 unless otherwise specified. Please note that services are provided by subgrantees and contractors; DAODAS does not directly deliver services.

# Health Indicators

## Medicaid Enrolled Children

### S.C. MEDICAID ENROLLED CHILDREN

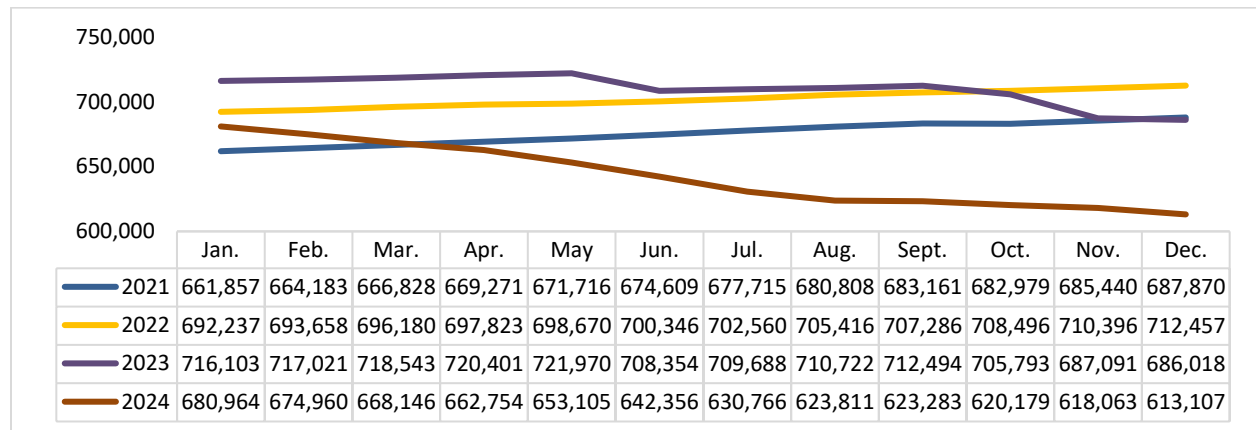


**753,992** children enrolled in Medicaid in 2024, **24,674** or **3%** decrease from 2023.

### S.C. MEDICAID ENROLLED CHILDREN: COMPARING 2024 TO 2023, 2022, AND 2021 DATA

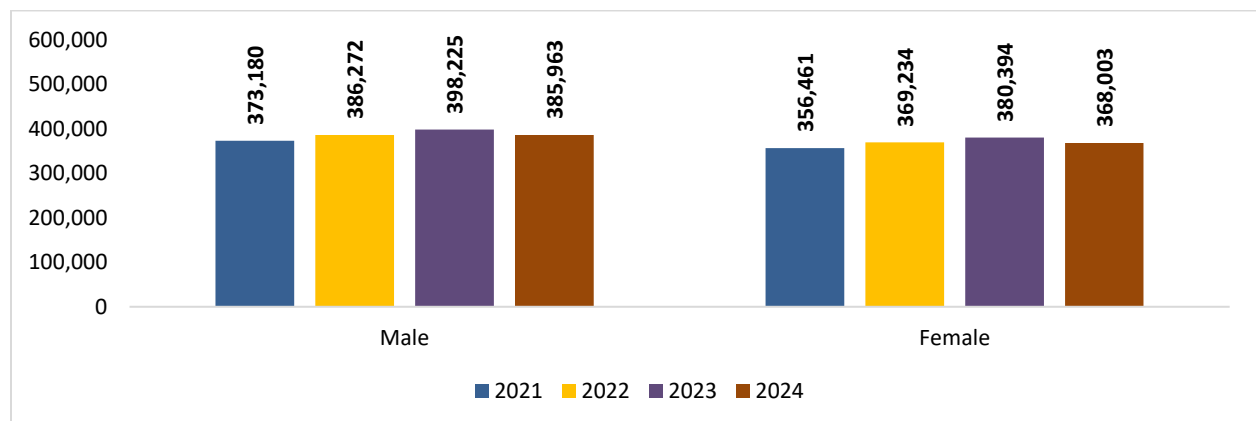
	2021	2022	2023	2024	Compared 2024 to 2023	Compared 2024 to 2022	Compared 2024 to 2021
Number of children enrolled in Medicaid	729,691	755,568	778,666	753,992	-24,674 (-3%)	-1,576 (-0.2%)	+24,301 (+3%)

### S.C. MEDICAID ENROLLED CHILDREN BY MONTH

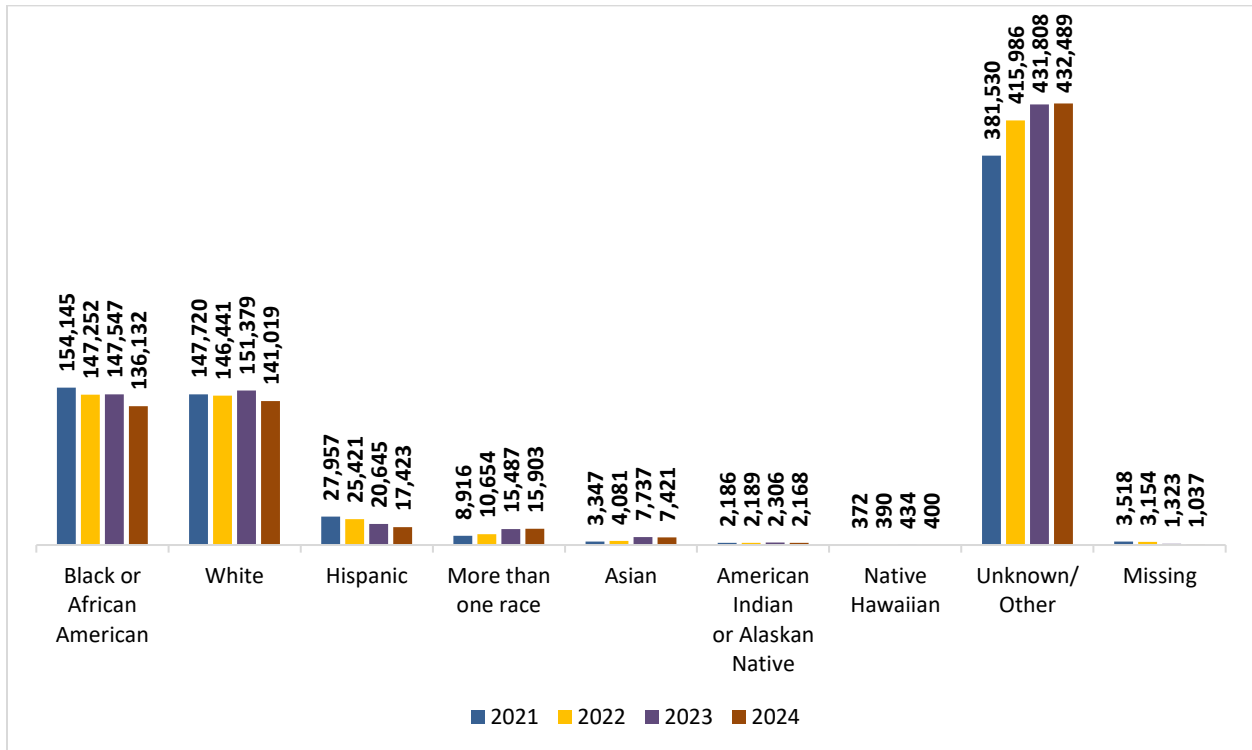
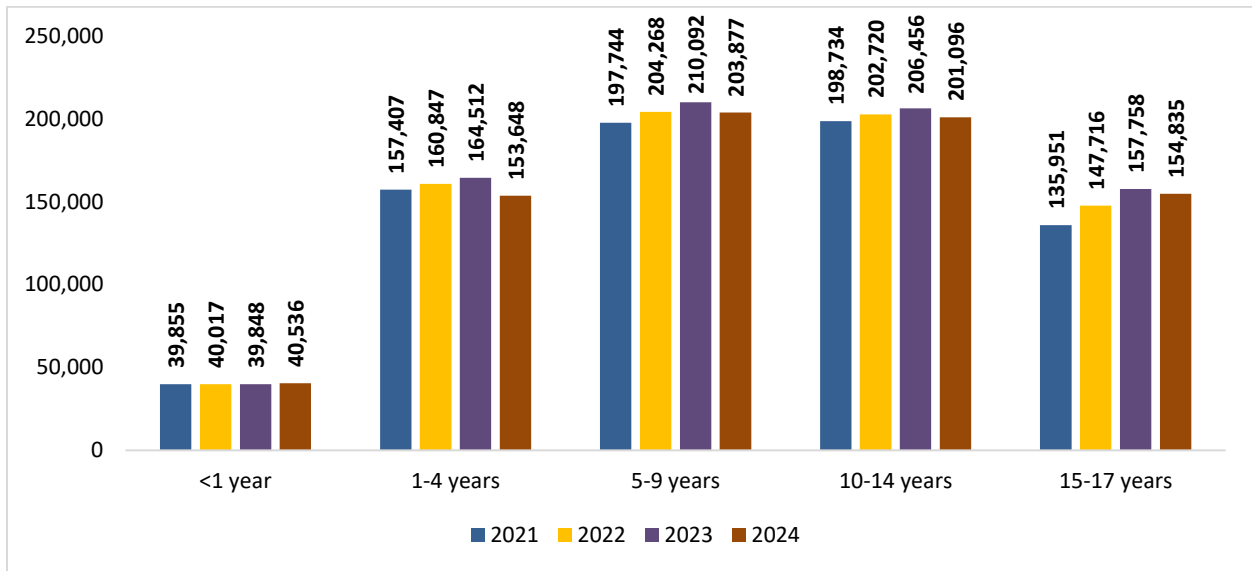


Note. Children under age 18 in the month of active eligibility. Age group is determined by the age in the latest month of eligibility in a year. Data exclude those with family planning benefits only, emergency benefits only, and BabyNet only.

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



# Health Indicators



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.

# Health Indicators

## S.C. MEDICAID ENROLLED CHILDREN BY COUNTY

<b>County</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>
Abbeville	3,394	3,469	3,527	3,349
Aiken	24,240	25,254	25,984	25,003
Allendale	1,574	1,557	1,575	1,540
Anderson	28,625	29,909	31,076	30,107
Bamberg	2,386	2,440	2,422	2,282
Barnwell	4,398	4,420	4,438	4,243
Beaufort	20,375	20,935	21,312	20,226
Berkeley	29,023	30,551	32,569	31,322
Calhoun	1,975	2,040	2,078	2,017
Charleston	46,290	47,143	47,266	45,718
Cherokee	9,936	10,216	10,455	10,176
Chester	6,281	6,292	6,386	6,174
Chesterfield	7,931	8,126	8,317	8,048
Clarendon	5,725	5,742	5,746	5,444
Colleton	7,458	7,558	7,668	7,379
Darlington	11,740	11,922	12,076	11,790
Dillon	7,020	7,155	7,232	7,057
Dorchester	21,026	22,094	23,304	22,396
Edgefield	3,196	3,303	3,395	3,276
Fairfield	3,558	3,593	3,611	3,501
Florence	24,677	25,322	25,981	25,026
Georgetown	8,605	8,668	8,719	8,365
Greenville	69,143	72,455	74,789	72,702
Greenwood	11,684	12,016	12,266	11,871
Hampton	3,565	3,585	3,587	3,411
Horry	48,847	50,837	52,681	51,340
Jasper	5,506	5,695	5,961	5,825
Kershaw	9,919	10,417	10,939	10,679
Lancaster	11,849	12,291	12,597	12,296
Laurens	11,138	11,508	11,950	11,588
Lee	3,157	3,163	3,112	2,994
Lexington	37,937	39,405	41,138	39,711
Marion	6,599	6,607	6,635	6,447
Marlboro	5,155	5,276	5,415	5,257
McCormick	1,066	1,051	1,021	990
Newberry	6,384	6,598	6,691	6,426
Oconee	10,296	10,572	10,927	10,607
Orangeburg	16,867	16,929	16,869	16,123
Pickens	14,887	15,501	16,171	15,563
Richland	60,072	62,141	64,209	62,584
Saluda	3,604	3,678	3,642	3,515
Spartanburg	50,979	54,827	58,454	57,594

## Health Indicators

County (Continued)	2021	2022	2023	2024
Sumter	18,904	19,476	19,928	19,311
Union	4,763	4,799	4,795	4,624
Williamsburg	5,520	5,594	5,548	5,400
York	32,391	33,409	34,175	32,693
<b>Total</b>	<b>729,691</b>	<b>755,568</b>	<b>778,666</b>	<b>753,992</b>

*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=778,666) includes 29 data points with unknown county information. Total child count for 2024 (n=753,992) includes 2 data points with unknown county information.

### DATA SOURCE

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# Health Indicators

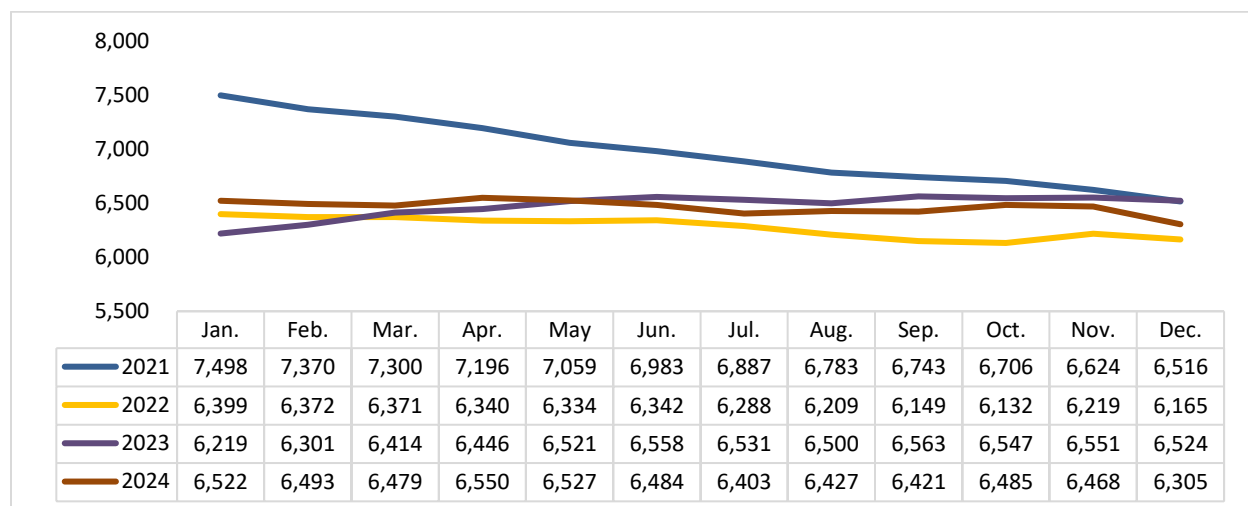
## Children Receiving Services Provided by the South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs

### S.C. CHILDREN RECEIVING DDSN SERVICES



9,527 children (unduplicated count) received services provided by the South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs (DDSN) in 2024, 85 or 1% increase from 2023.

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



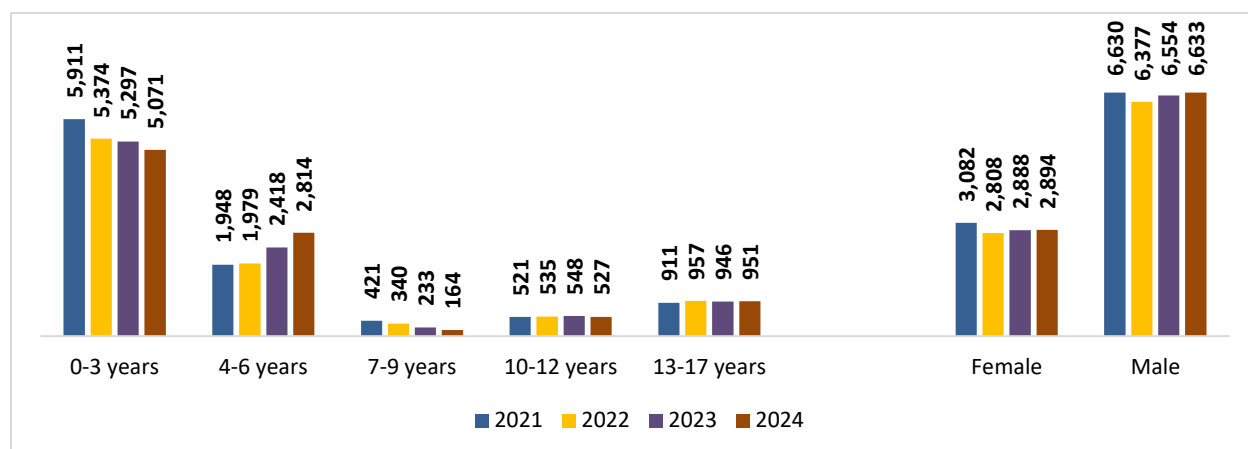
Note. The monthly data represent children under age 18 who are receiving one or more services from DDSN. It should be noted that Medicaid offers a robust package of services to children with disabilities in the state, and children ages 3 to 18 have the right to be served by their local school district 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, 2025, DUPLICATED COUNT)

	Under Age 21 Estimates	Age 21 and Over Estimates	Total Estimates
Intellectual disability and related disabilities (ID/RD) waiver	13,632	6,605	20,237
Community Supports (CS) waiver	11,885	4,702	16,587
Head and spinal cord injury (HASCI) waiver	39	276	315
<b>Total estimates (duplicated count)</b>	<b>25,556</b>	<b>11,583</b>	<b>37,139</b>

# Health Indicators

## 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	2021	2022	2023	2024
Intellectual disability and related disabilities (ID/RD)	9,379	8,889	9,173	9,276
Autism	310	277	250	235
Head and spinal cord injury (HASCI)	23	19	19	16
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,712</b>	<b>9,185</b>	<b>9,442</b>	<b>9,527</b>

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	2021	2022	2023	2024
Waiver and state Medicaid plan	1,911	1,871	1,728	1,640
100% state funded	18	11	22	18
BabyNet and Early Intervention	7,783	7,303	7,692	7,869
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,712</b>	<b>9,185</b>	<b>9,442</b>	<b>9,527</b>

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.

# Health Indicators

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

Service Type	2021	2022	2023	2024
Adult audiology services	*	0	0	N/A
Adult day health care nursing	*	0	0	N/A
Adult day health care services	5	0	*	*
Adult day health care transportation	*	0	0	N/A
Adult dental services	959	998	926	852
Adult vision services	273	293	238	228
Assistive technology/specialized medical equipment, supplies	78	51	N/A	N/A
Attendant care/personal assistance-board billed	*	*	*	N/A
Attendant care/personal assistance-UAP (university affiliated program)	5	*	*	N/A
Audiology services	634	626	540	470
BabyNet and Early Intervention	7,783	7,303	7,692	7,869
Behavior support services	14	14	15	12
Career preparation	*	*	*	*
Case management	1,891	1,859	1,706	1,613
Children's personal care	588	593	575	572
Conditioning play audiometry/hearing	5	0	0	N/A
Day activity	*	0	0	N/A
Drugs	1,454	1,467	1,333	1,262
Employment services-individual	*	*	0	N/A
Ear impression	N/A	N/A	*	*
Enhanced nursing services	N/A	N/A	109	135
Environmental modifications	10	6	6	5
Greenwood genetics metabolic	718	792	737	633
Greenwood genetics testing	12	17	14	10
Group care intensive services <sup>1</sup>	15	11	17	17
Hearing and check monaural	7	0	0	N/A
Homemaker service not otherwise specified per 15 minutes	N/A	N/A	7	*
In-home support services/direct billed HASCI (head and spinal cord injury) attend care	518	496	437	334
Incontinence supplies	785	765	704	679
Institutional respite	*	0	6	*
Nursing services	N/A	N/A	11	7
Nursing services-LPN (licensed practical nurses)	*	8	*	N/A
Nursing services-LPN (for clients under age 21)	146	173	92	N/A
Nursing services-RN (registered nurses)	*	*	6	N/A
Nursing services-RN (for clients under age 21)	47	49	30	N/A
Occupational therapy	267	282	228	172
Occupational therapy evaluations	35	104	94	70

# Health Indicators

Service Type (Continued)	2021	2022	2023	2024
Office or other outpatient services	0	0	831	787
Otorhinolaryngologic	267	0	344	N/A
Personal care	6	7	6	N/A
Personal emergency response systems	6	*	*	N/A
Pest control bed bugs	*	5	*	*
Pest control treatment	130	183	198	218
Physical therapy	645	628	567	471
Physical therapy evaluations	*	157	139	126
Private vehicle modifications	*	*	5	*
Psychiatric residential treatment facility (comprehensive residential services) <sup>2</sup>	*	0	5	*
Residential habilitation-daily R02-R05	16	10	11	N/A
Respite care	1,306	1,072	701	1,101
Registered nurse services, up to 15 minutes	N/A	N/A	412	272
Specialized medical supplies, equipment, and assistive technology	*	0	45	285
Speech and hearing services	382	380	346	293
Support center services	*	0	0	N/A
Other	1,739	1,691	1,553	1,452
<b>Total (Duplicated Count)</b>	<b>20,781</b>	<b>20,060</b>	<b>20,783</b>	<b>19,963</b>

*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.

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<sup>1</sup>Group 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.

<sup>2</sup>Psychiatric 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 Public Health. 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.

# Health Indicators

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

County	2021	2022	2023	2024
Abbeville	30	16	17	16
Aiken	415	335	358	395
Allendale	22	16	16	17
Anderson	529	427	433	410
Bamberg	15	11	26	25
Barnwell	53	49	52	49
Beaufort	274	170	157	170
Berkeley	536	360	373	405
Calhoun	33	21	21	17
Charleston	648	468	485	490
Cherokee	294	239	225	200
Chester	44	24	28	35
Chesterfield	53	42	32	43
Clarendon	62	48	39	32
Colleton	36	21	29	46
Darlington	204	135	134	134
Dillon	53	41	38	37
Dorchester	331	233	217	242
Edgefield	43	35	30	37
Fairfield	51	33	17	18
Florence	383	233	232	228
Georgetown	59	51	54	68
Greenville	1,595	1,137	1,132	1,099
Greenwood	188	120	123	101
Hampton	35	23	28	32
Horry	595	445	541	577
Jasper	77	26	38	36
`Kershaw	208	127	124	119
Lancaster	160	126	131	130
Laurens	195	112	106	116
Lee	18	12	13	13
Lexington	1,136	739	754	696
Marion	66	53	42	41
Marlboro	56	39	45	44
McCormick	14	7	*	*
Newberry	97	58	59	54
Oconee	171	135	149	152
Orangeburg	182	100	116	112
Pickens	245	179	198	183

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# Health Indicators

County (Continued)	2021	2022	2023	2024
Richland	1,796	1,116	1,183	1,147
Saluda	55	37	36	31
Spartanburg	1,054	888	906	952
Sumter	273	153	149	142
Union	58	44	58	63
Williamsburg	47	38	41	32
York	749	526	539	579
<b>Total (Duplicated Count)</b>	<b>13,238</b>	<b>9,248</b>	<b>9,524</b>	<b>9,565</b>

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 years 2023 and 2024 do 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, March 2024, and February 2025. 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		
	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023
Children in excellent or very good health, ages 0-17	90.4% ±2.2%	91.7% ±2.1%	91.9% ±2.2%	90.2% ±0.5%	89.9% ±0.5%	90.0% ±0.4%
Children ever breastfed or fed breast milk, ages 0-5	73.6% ±5.6%	73.5% ±5.3%	77.1% ±5.1%	81.6% ±1.1%	81.5% ±0.9%	82.0% ±0.8%
Child overweight or obese (85th percentile or above), ages 6-17	N/A	38.2% ±4.4%	34.2% ±4.4%	N/A	33.8% ±0.8%	32.2% ±0.8%
Child overweight or obese (85th percentile or above), ages 10-17	3.9% ±1.9%	N/A	N/A	6.6% ±0.6%	N/A	N/A
Child had one or more mental, emotional, developmental, or behavioral problems, ages 3-17	26.6% ±3.0%	25.8% ±3.1%	27.5% ±3.4%	23.3% ±0.7%	24.5% ±0.6%	25.8% ±0.6%
Child was not covered by health insurance or health coverage plans at time of survey, ages 0-17	7.6% ±2.4%	7.1% ±2.4%	5.2% ±1.9%	7.1% ±0.5%	6.9% ±0.4%	6.6% ±0.4%
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	51.0% ±3.4%	53.6% ±3.5%	N/A	53.7% ±0.7%	55.0% ±0.6%
<b>During the Past 12 Months:</b>						
Children had oral health problems such as toothaches, bleeding gums or decayed teeth or cavities, ages 1-17	13.7% ±2.5%	14.6% ±2.8%	14.5% ±2.8%	14.5% ±0.6%	14.3% ±0.5%	14.1% ±0.5%
Children saw a dentist or other oral health care provider for dental or oral health care, ages 1-17	80.5% ±2.8%	81.1% ±2.7%	82.3% ±2.8%	78.6% ±0.7%	80.4% ±0.6%	82.6% ±0.5%
Child received treatment or counseling from a mental health professional, ages 3-17	10.7% ±2.3%	9.2% ±2.0%	9.3% ±2.1%	11.0% ±0.5%	11.6% ±0.5%	12.2% ±0.4%
Family had problems paying for any of child's medical or health care bills, ages 0-17	8.9% ±1.8%	9.0% ±1.9%	11.2% ±2.3%	8.3% ±0.4%	8.3% ±0.4%	9.2% ±0.4%

Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)	South Carolina			Nationwide		
	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023
No adverse childhood experiences	64.5% ±3.3%	66.2% ±3.4%	59.0% ±3.5%	68.7% ±0.7%	69.4% ±0.6%	61.2% ±0.7%
One adverse childhood experience	21.2% ±3.0%	20.0% ±2.9%	24.0% ±3.2%	19.1% ±0.6%	18.6% ±0.6%	21.6% ±0.5%
Two or more adverse childhood experiences	14.3% ±2.4%	13.8% ±2.8%	17.0% ±3.0%	12.2% ±0.5%	12.0% ±0.4%	17.2% ±0.5%
<b>Categories of ACEs:</b>						
Somewhat often hard or very often hard to get by on family income	10.5% ±3.3%	12.2% ±4.2%	15.4% ±4.8%	12.4% ±0.8%	12.9% ±0.7%	14.1% ±0.7%
Parent or guardian who got divorced or separated	25.3% ±3.1%	24.9% ±3.2%	22.8% ±3.2%	22.7% ±0.7%	22.0% ±0.6%	21.6% ±0.5%
Parent or guardian died	4.6% ±1.7%	4.2% ±1.8%	3.9% ±1.7%	2.9% ±0.2%	3.0% ±0.2%	3.0% ±0.2%
Parent or guardian served time in jail	9.4% ±2.4%	8.8% ±2.5%	6.7% ±2.3%	6.5% ±0.4%	6.2% ±0.4%	6.0% ±0.3%

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Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) (Continued)	South Carolina			Nationwide		
	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023
Witnessed domestic violence	6.3% ±1.9%	6.7% ±2.1%	5.4% ±2.0%	5.0% ±0.4%	5.1% ±0.3%	5.2% ±0.3%
Victim or witness of neighborhood violence	4.0% ±1.6%	3.9% ±1.7%	3.5% ±2.0%	3.8% ±0.3%	3.6% ±0.3%	3.8% ±0.3%
Lived with anyone who was mentally ill, suicidal, or severely depressed	7.6% ±2.0%	7.9% ±2.2%	7.7% ±2.2%	8.1% ±0.4%	8.3% ±0.4%	8.6% ±0.4%
Lived with anyone who had a problem with alcohol or drugs	9.2% ±2.1%	8.1% ±2.0%	8.1% ±2.1%	8.2% ±0.5%	8.1% ±0.4%	8.2% ±0.3%
Treated or judged unfairly because of their race or ethnic group	6.2% ±1.8%	5.3% ±1.6%	4.9% ±1.6%	5.1% ±0.4%	4.4% ±0.3%	4.4% ±0.3%
Treated or judged unfairly because of their health condition or disability, ages 6-17	N/A	N/A	2.5% ±1.2%	N/A	N/A	2.8% ±0.2%

*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% ±0.2% 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. Some confidence intervals are asymmetrical; in these cases, the widest of the confidence interval bounds was used to estimate the margin of error.

## DATA SOURCE

Data Resource Center for Child & Adolescent Health, 2020-2021 (two years combined), 2021-2022 (two years combined), and 2022-2023 (two years combined). National Survey of Children's Health, South Carolina vs. Nationwide, <http://childhealthdata.org/browse/survey#> (last visited, January 30, 2025). 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, 2022, and 2023.

# Juvenile Justice Indicators

## Juvenile Justice

### S.C. JUVENILE DELINQUENCY CASES



**13,483** juvenile delinquency cases were referred to the South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) in 2024, **1,130** or **8% decrease** from 2023.

**1,645** cases were referred with a status offense as the most serious offense in 2024, **343** or **17% decrease** from 2023.

**1,794** cases were referred with a violent/serious offense in 2024, **75** or **4% decrease** from 2023.

**2,435** detentions occurred in 2024, **8** or **0.3% decrease** from 2023.

**2,366** youth (unduplicated count) were detained in 2024, **23** or **1% decrease** from 2023.

**609** youth were committed (including suspended and final commitments) in 2024, **100** or **20% increase** from 2023.

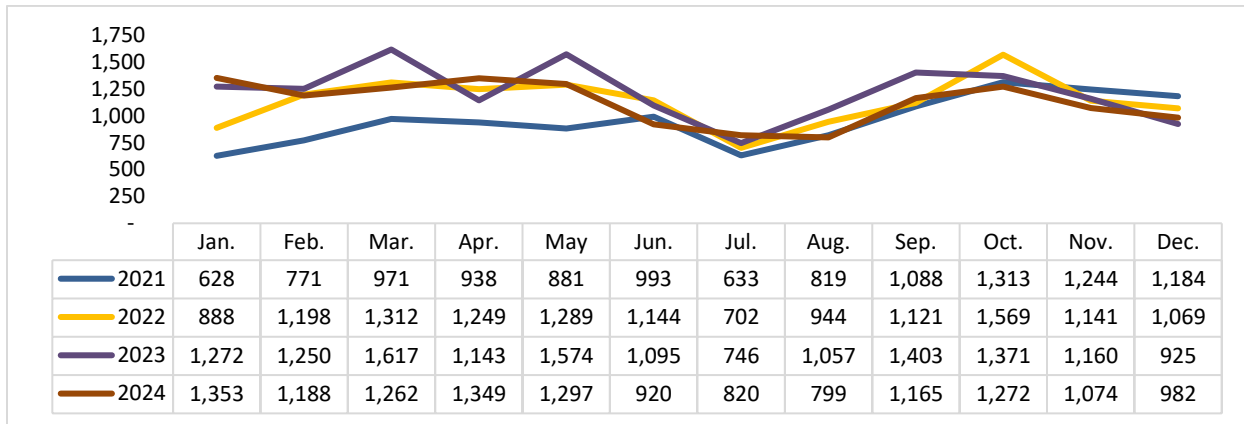
### S.C. JUVENILE DELINQUENCY CASES: COMPARING 2024 TO 2023, 2022, AND 2021 DATA

	2021	2022	2023	2024	Compared 2024 to 2023	Compared 2024 to 2022	Compared 2024 to 2021
Number of <b>juvenile delinquency cases</b> referred to DJJ	11,463	13,626	14,613	13,483	-1,130 (-8%)	-143 (-1%)	+2,020 (+18%)
Number of cases referred with a <b>status offense</b> as most serious offense	1,694	1,951	1,988	1,645	-343 (-17%)	-306 (-16%)	-49 (-3%)
Number of cases referred with a <b>violent/serious offense</b>	1,384	1,722	1,869	1,794	-75 (-4%)	+72 (+4%)	+410 (+30%)
Number of <b>detentions</b>	2,092	2,152	2,443	2,435	-8 (-0.3%)	+283 (+13%)	+343 (+16%)
Number of <b>youth detained</b> (unduplicated count)	2,015	2,092	2,389	2,366	-23 (-1%)	+274 (+13%)	+351 (+17%)
Number of <b>youth committed</b> (unduplicated count)	433	455	509	609	+100 (+20%)	+154 (+34%)	+176 (+41%)

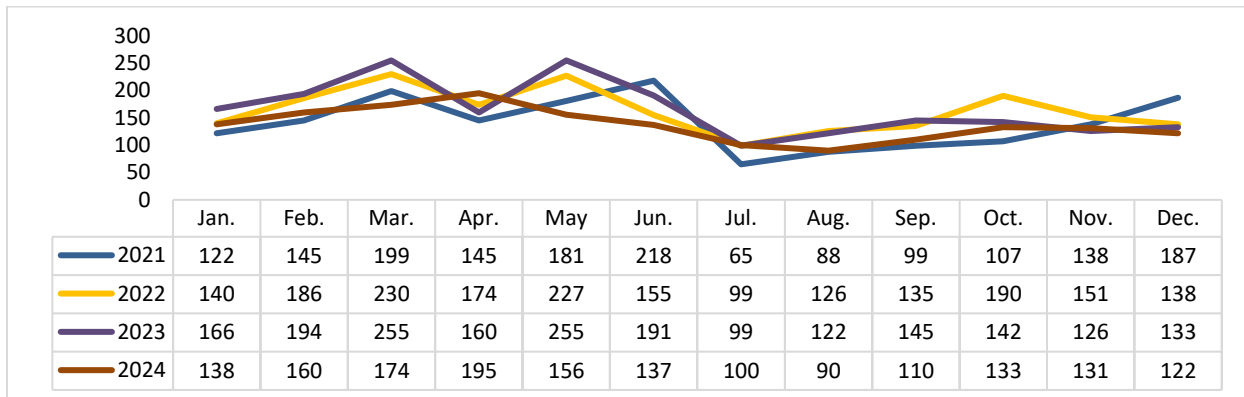
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# Juvenile Justice Indicators

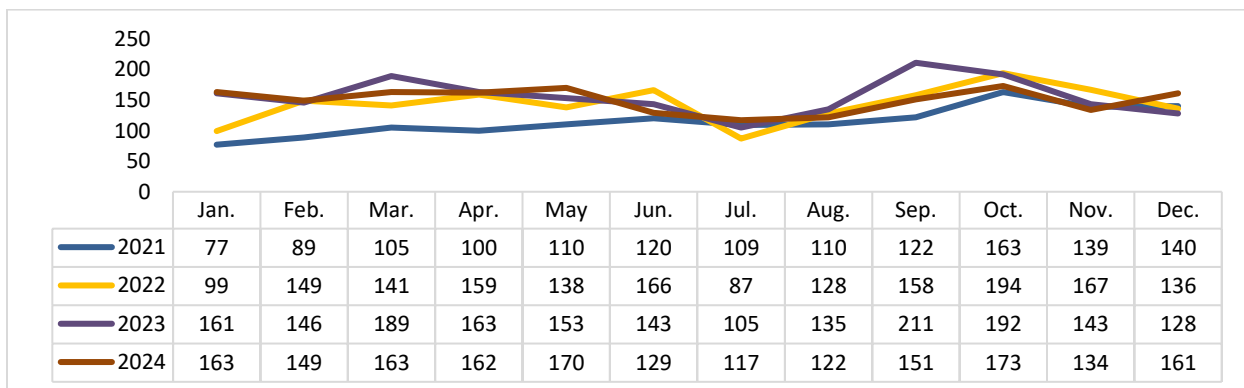
## S.C. JUVENILE DELINQUENCY CASES REFERRED TO DJJ BY MONTH



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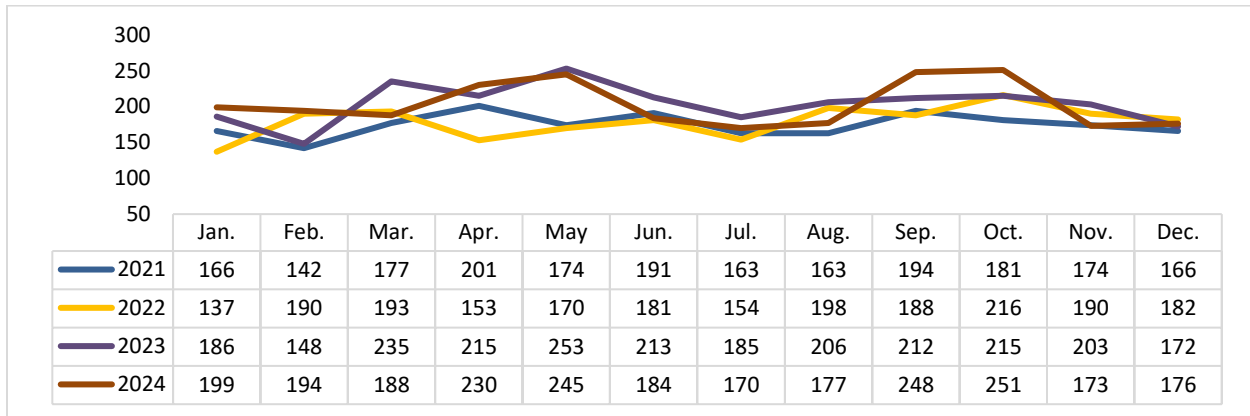


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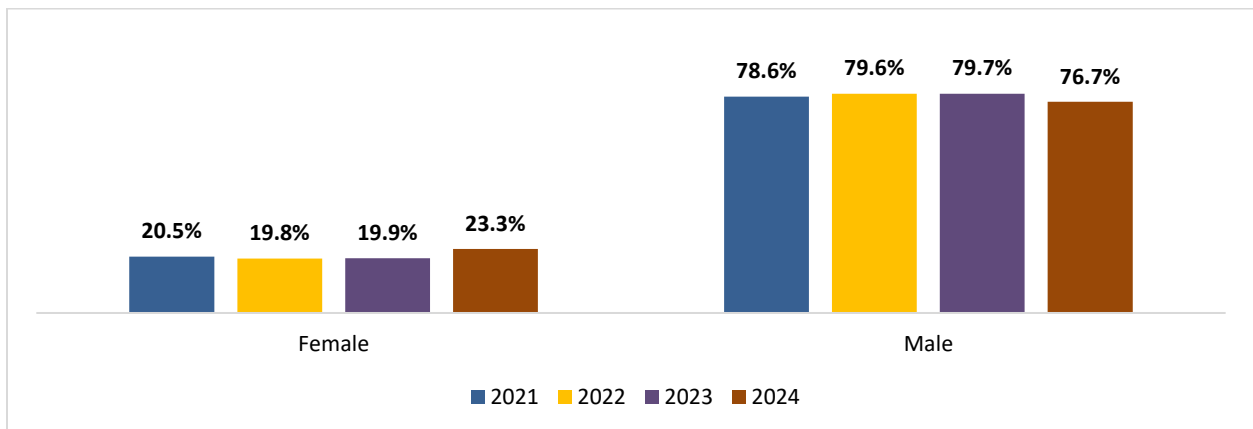
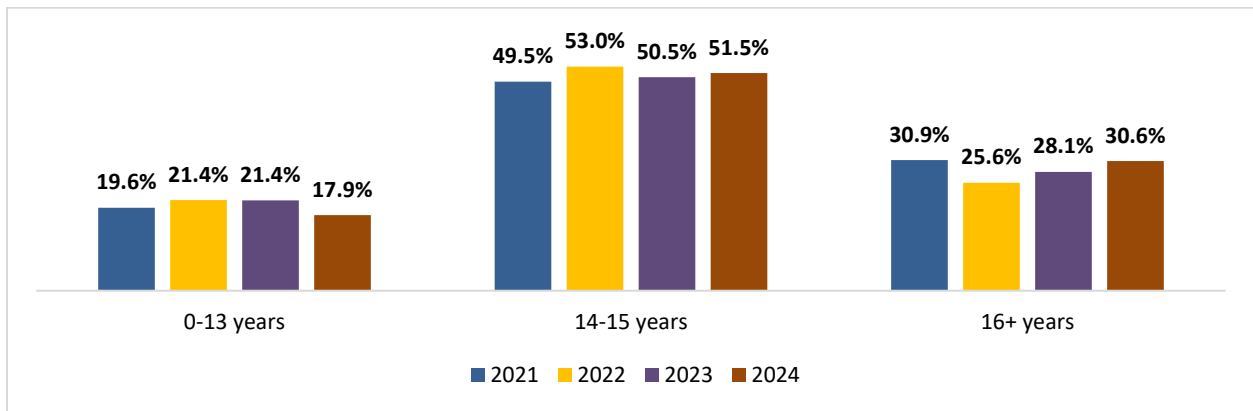


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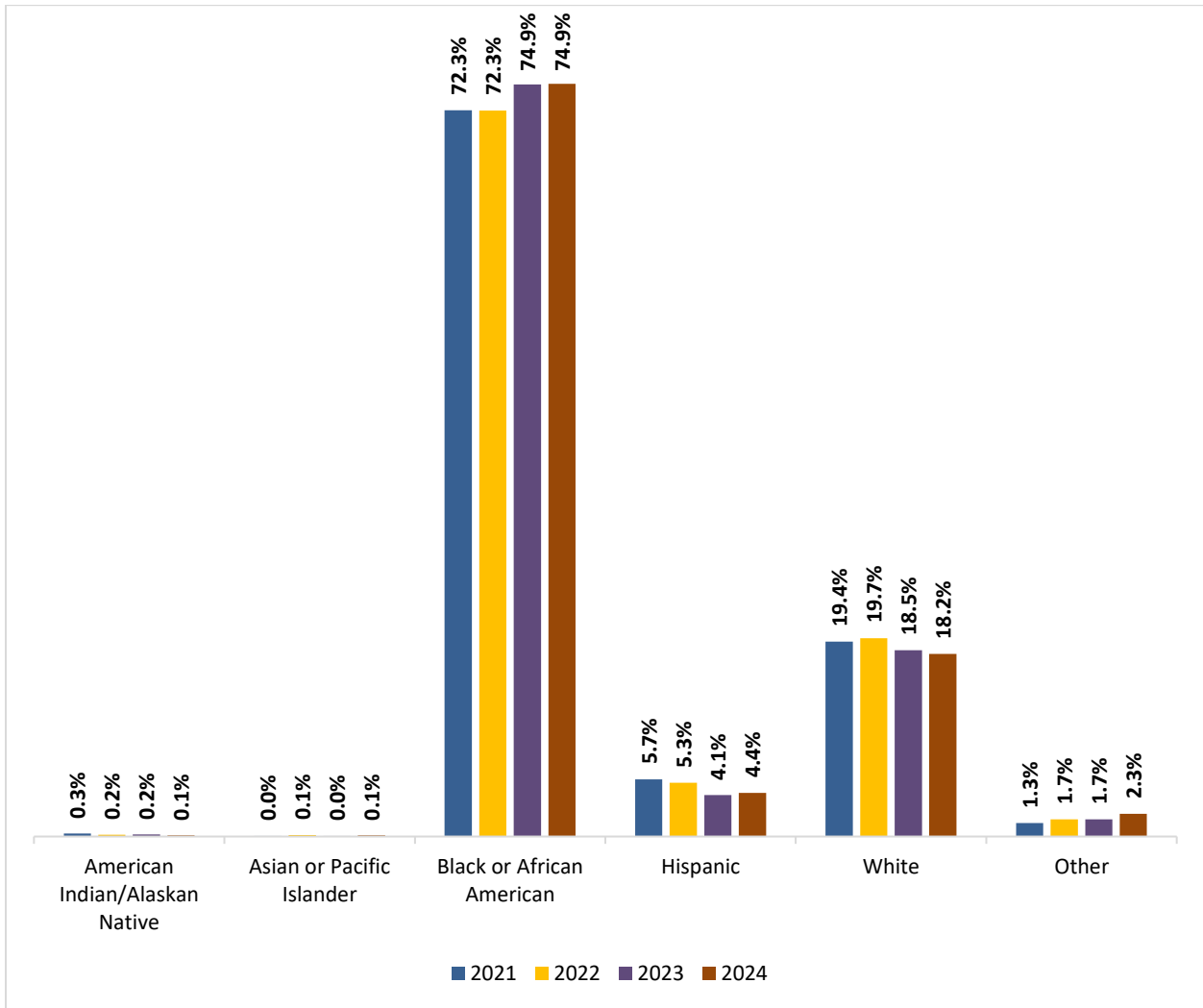
## S.C. JUVENILE DETENTIONS BY MONTH



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



# Juvenile Justice Indicators



# Juvenile Justice Indicators

## S.C. TOP 10 JUVENILE DETENTION OFFENSES

2021 Offense or Order (Number of Detentions)	2022 Offense or Order (Number of Detentions)	2023 Offense or Order (Number of Detentions)	2024 Offense or Order (Number of Detentions)
<p>Pickup order (n=359)</p> <p>Weapons: sale or delivery of pistol to, and possession by, certain persons unlawful; stolen pistol (n=166)</p> <p>Assault: assault and battery-third degree (n=135)</p> <p>Status: runaway (n=98)</p> <p>Weapons: unlawful carrying of pistol (n=89)</p> <p>Murder: attempted murder (n=67)</p> <p>Robbery: armed robbery, robbery while armed or allegedly armed with a deadly weapon (n=63)</p> <p>Contempt: contempt of court by child (criminal) (n=54)</p> <p>Burglary: burglary-first degree (n=44)</p> <p>Larceny: breaking into motor vehicle or tanks, pumps, where fuel, lubricants stored (42)</p>	<p>Pickup order (n=270)</p> <p>Weapons: sale or delivery of pistol to, and possession by, certain persons unlawful; stolen pistol (n=190)</p> <p>Assault: assault and battery-third degree (n=125)</p> <p>Status: runaway (n=102)</p> <p>Weapons: unlawful carrying of pistol (n=82)</p> <p>Murder: attempted murder (n=75)</p> <p>Robbery: armed robbery, robbery while armed or allegedly armed with a deadly weapon (n=52)</p> <p>Burglary: burglary-first degree (n=48)</p> <p>Weapons: carrying a weapon on school grounds (n=40)</p> <p>Larceny: breaking into motor vehicle or tanks, pumps, where fuel, lubricants stored (n=39)</p>	<p>Weapons: sale or delivery of pistol to, and possession by, certain persons unlawful; stolen pistol (n=262)</p> <p>Pickup order (n=246)</p> <p>Assault: assault and battery-third degree (n=169)</p> <p>Status: runaway (n=126)</p> <p>Weapons: unlawful carrying of pistol (n=114)</p> <p>Vehicle: possession, concealment, sale, or disposal of stolen vehicle, value \$10,000 or more (n=79)</p> <p>Murder: attempted murder (n=78)</p> <p>Robbery: armed robbery, robbery while armed or allegedly armed with a deadly weapon (n=63)</p> <p>Resisting: assault, beat, or wound police officer serving process or while resisting arrest (n=47)</p> <p>Burglary: burglary (non-violent)-second degree (n=40)</p>	<p>Pickup order (n=343)</p> <p>Weapons: sale or delivery of pistol to, and possession by, certain persons unlawful; stolen pistol (n=245)</p> <p>Assault: assault and battery-third degree (n=135)</p> <p>Status: runaway (n=110)</p> <p>Murder: attempted murder (n=78)</p> <p>Robbery: armed robbery, robbery while armed or allegedly armed with a deadly weapon (n=74)</p> <p>Vehicle: possession, concealment, sale, or disposal of stolen vehicle, value \$10,000 or more (n=67)</p> <p>Weapons: unlawful carrying of pistol (n=64)</p> <p>Larceny: grand larceny, value \$10,000 or more (n=62)</p> <p>Larceny: breaking into motor vehicle or tanks, pumps, where fuel, lubricants stored (n=60)</p>

# Juvenile Justice Indicators

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

County	2021 Total Youth Referred	2022 Total Youth Referred	2023 Total Youth Referred	2024 Total Youth Referred	2021 Youth Referred for Status Offenses	2022 Youth Referred for Status Offenses	2023 Youth Referred for Status Offenses	2024 Youth Referred for Status Offenses	2021 Youth Referred for Violent/ Serious Offenses	2022 Youth Referred for Violent/ Serious Offenses	2023 Youth Referred for Violent/ Serious Offenses	2024 Youth Referred for Violent/ Serious Offenses
Abbeville	30	39	44	32	*	0	*	*	9	13	6	*
Aiken	341	374	356	373	37	44	21	14	43	47	44	37
Allendale	9	19	25	49	3	2	*	*	*	*	0	10
Anderson	424	414	415	390	62	89	45	50	37	41	50	53
Bamberg	12	11	16	19	0	0	0	0	8	*	*	6
Barnwell	43	46	53	38	*	5	*	*	11	7	7	8
Beaufort	452	639	614	486	103	75	91	104	36	59	61	61
Berkeley	483	740	842	827	133	176	143	118	60	66	68	75
Calhoun	73	17	20	22	36	*	0	*	*	*	*	*
Charleston	897	839	1,030	969	90	90	107	68	115	76	106	128
Cherokee	160	110	118	99	47	19	5	11	10	12	33	13
Chester	64	86	70	50	*	0	*	*	5	19	24	22
Chesterfield	120	130	155	82	10	31	28	12	31	20	29	12
Clarendon	48	32	51	59	*	0	0	0	6	*	17	19
Colleton	127	95	129	126	*	*	*	*	21	18	31	26
Darlington	255	237	240	286	57	52	66	47	23	31	44	33
Dillon	115	160	233	142	31	55	100	67	24	30	25	13
Dorchester	395	560	588	585	39	126	117	143	42	41	50	66
Edgefield	51	28	21	26	*	*	*	5	6	*	*	0
Fairfield	36	48	54	27	5	0	0	*	9	12	16	*
Florence	453	475	553	457	16	32	44	17	76	102	97	104
Georgetown	195	326	259	241	35	36	29	9	19	52	26	28
Greenville	1,085	1,336	1,586	1,435	105	118	170	85	149	169	244	145

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# Juvenile Justice Indicators

County (Continued)	2021 Total Youth Referred	2022 Total Youth Referred	2023 Total Youth Referred	2024 Total Youth Referred	2021 Youth Referred for Status Offenses	2022 Youth Referred for Status Offenses	2023 Youth Referred for Status Offenses	2024 Youth Referred for Status Offenses	2021 Youth Referred for Violent/Serious Offenses	2022 Youth Referred for Violent/Serious Offenses	2023 Youth Referred for Violent/Serious Offenses	2024 Youth Referred for Violent/Serious Offenses
Greenwood	412	490	442	364	41	49	44	60	43	54	42	43
Hampton	81	56	35	43	6	8	*	0	14	9	8	7
Horry	1,014	1,213	1,269	1,435	330	361	350	345	78	107	128	119
Jasper	81	98	93	64	8	16	8	8	9	7	18	12
Kershaw	73	56	80	67	15	15	17	6	8	*	18	9
Lancaster	175	267	420	353	0	8	8	5	16	38	39	45
Laurens	123	153	196	173	21	25	33	15	6	25	21	34
Lee	9	19	8	6	0	0	*	0	*	*	*	0
Lexington	442	494	507	472	28	39	60	43	42	47	62	73
Marion	94	146	140	117	11	8	10	10	11	33	16	28
Marlboro	115	246	197	125	32	126	107	56	18	27	20	14
McCormick	13	6	8	18	0	0	0	*	5	*	5	0
Newberry	76	88	111	84	*	*	*	*	6	10	14	26
Oconee	110	178	185	145	20	27	35	23	18	26	20	22
Orangeburg	229	259	341	241	45	16	71	33	23	40	20	25
Pickens	158	236	250	310	21	28	20	23	12	21	23	39
Richland	612	1,009	971	978	18	57	57	53	114	191	194	206
Saluda	23	9	6	10	5	*	0	*	*	*	0	*
Spartanburg	349	341	450	340	27	24	26	20	48	50	46	59
Sumter	273	332	265	245	39	42	21	30	50	84	61	63
Union	262	279	285	257	145	90	82	51	9	14	15	27
Williamsburg	104	95	99	91	5	0	0	*	37	20	31	25
York	767	794	783	725	53	56	55	85	66	85	83	52

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# Juvenile Justice Indicators

County	2021 Youth Detained	2022 Youth Detained	2023 Youth Detained	2024 Youth Detained	2021 Youth Committed	2022 Youth Committed	2023 Youth Committed	2024 Youth Committed
Abbeville	9	16	12	*	*	*	*	*
Aiken	36	26	26	36	13	14	12	13
Allendale	6	*	12	14	0	0	0	*
Anderson	59	72	66	68	9	20	27	22
Bamberg	5	7	*	6	*	*	*	*
Barnwell	5	*	*	*	*	0	0	*
Beaufort	39	31	46	49	8	*	8	11
Berkeley	88	142	123	126	12	5	8	16
Calhoun	*	*	*	*	*	*	0	0
Charleston	372	286	344	372	30	27	19	38
Cherokee	43	16	49	38	*	*	*	6
Chester	13	16	26	27	*	*	*	*
Chesterfield	42	28	32	14	7	*	6	6
Clarendon	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Colleton	12	13	27	20	0	*	*	*
Darlington	32	40	41	39	9	25	22	10
Dillon	16	21	23	27	14	12	22	16
Dorchester	38	34	60	41	5	6	9	32
Edgefield	9	*	8	*	*	*	*	5
Fairfield	11	13	22	6	*	*	6	*
Florence	45	76	83	77	7	15	9	7
Georgetown	8	6	7	13	*	0	*	8
Greenville	218	178	236	234	21	12	16	40
Greenwood	29	46	56	30	8	8	23	47
Hampton	14	10	8	*	0	0	*	*

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# Juvenile Justice Indicators

County (Continued)	2021 Youth Detained	2022 Youth Detained	2023 Youth Detained	2024 Youth Detained	2021 Youth Committed	2022 Youth Committed	2023 Youth Committed	2024 Youth Committed
Horry	112	133	139	143	50	50	53	40
Jasper	17	11	14	17	*	0	*	*
Kershaw	14	14	17	11	*	*	*	*
Lancaster	13	19	20	24	*	7	6	13
Laurens	26	35	39	36	*	5	11	9
Lee	*	5	*	*	*	0	0	0
Lexington	47	51	65	50	16	25	31	16
Marion	6	9	13	10	*	*	5	6
Marlboro	34	35	26	16	*	*	*	*
McCormick	5	0	5	5	*	*	*	0
Newberry	8	15	14	13	*	*	*	*
Oconee	21	24	27	27	7	*	*	*
Orangeburg	44	54	53	49	6	10	8	9
Pickens	20	20	8	13	*	*	*	8
Richland	234	292	365	434	38	41	28	61
Saluda	8	*	0	0	5	*	0	0
Spartanburg	147	127	120	122	10	17	13	14
Sumter	33	36	39	73	10	9	13	7
Union	37	33	30	27	5	11	6	20
Williamsburg	13	12	20	22	0	*	*	5
York	95	135	111	88	42	46	59	76

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## DATA SOURCE

S.C. Department of Juvenile Justice, unpublished reports generated in August 2021, January 2022, March 2023, March 2024, and February 2025.

# Education Indicators

## Education

### S.C. PUBLIC SCHOOL HEADCOUNTS



**796,780** students were enrolled in South Carolina public school districts in the 2024-2025 school year (45-day headcount), **2,920** or **0.4% increase** from 2023-2024 (45-day headcount):

- **26,926** or **3.4%** of students enrolled in child development programs (PK) in 2024-2025.
- **54,278** or **6.8%** of students enrolled in kindergarten (5-year-old) in 2024-2025.
- **173,394** or **21.8%** of students enrolled in Grades 1-3 in 2024-2025.
- **296,578** or **37.2%** of students enrolled in Grades 4-8 in 2024-2025.
- **245,604** or **30.8%** of students enrolled in Grades 9-12 in 2024-2025.

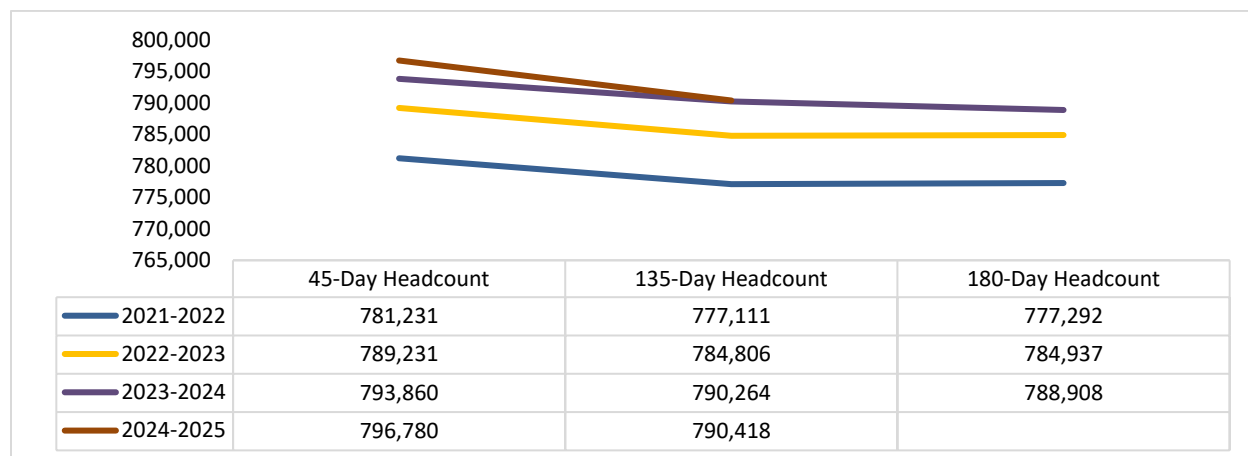
**46,686** teachers were in South Carolina public school districts in the 2023-2024 school year, **3,206** or **6% decrease** from 2022-2023.

	2020-2021 School Year	2021-2022 School Year	2022-2023 School Year	2023-2024 School Year	2024-2025 School Year	Compared 2024-2025 to 2023-2024 School Year	Compared 2024-2025 to 2022-2023 School Year	Compared 2024-2025 to 2021-2022 School Year	Compared 2024-2025 to 2020-2021 School Year
<b>Students enrolled in South Carolina public school districts (45-day headcount)</b>	766,819	781,231	789,231	793,860	796,780	+2,920 (+0.4%)	+7,549 (+1%)	+15,549 (+2%)	+29,961 (+4%)
Students enrolled in PK	21,002	25,400	26,944	27,463	26,926	-537 (-2%)	-18 (-0.1%)	+1,526 (+6%)	+5,924 (+28%)
Students enrolled in kindergarten (5-year-old)	51,801	54,799	54,526	54,402	54,278	-124 (-0.2%)	-248 (-0.5%)	-521 (-1%)	+2,477 (+5%)
Students enrolled in Grades 1-3	165,986	168,339	171,428	172,418	173,394	+976 (+0.6%)	+1,966 (+1%)	+5,055 (+3%)	+7,408 (+5%)
Students enrolled in Grades 4-8	299,248	297,606	295,870	294,942	296,578	+1,636 (+0.6%)	+708 (+0.2%)	-1,028 (-0.3%)	-2,670 (-1%)
Students enrolled in Grades 9-12	228,782	235,087	240,463	244,635	245,604	+969 (+0.4%)	+5,141 (+2%)	+10,517 (+5%)	+16,822 (+7%)

	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
<b>Teachers in South Carolina public school districts</b>	53,689	53,306	49,892	46,686	-3,206 (-6%)	-6,620 (-12%)	-7,003 (-13%)

# Education Indicators

## 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. The 180-day headcount for the 2024-2025 school year was not available during data collection phase of the publication.

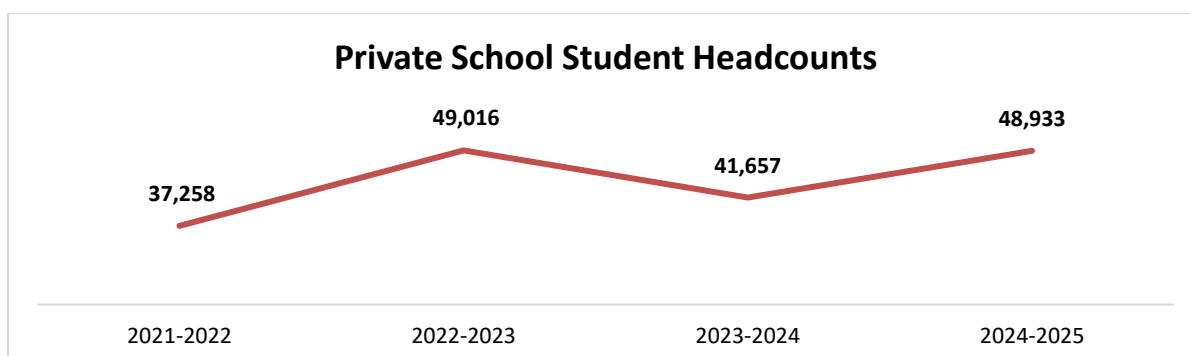
## S.C. PRIVATE SCHOOL HEADCOUNTS



**48,933** students were enrolled in South Carolina private schools in the 2024-2025 school year, **7,276** or **17% increase** from 2023-2024.

**5,424** teachers were in South Carolina private schools in the 2024-2025 school year, **683** or **14% increase** from 2023-2024.

	2021-2022 School Year	2022-2023 School Year	2023-2024 School Year	2024-2025 School Year	Compared to 2023-2024 School Year	Compared to 2022-2023 School Year	Compared to 2021-2022 School Year
Students enrolled in South Carolina private schools	37,311	49,016	41,657	48,933	+7,276 (+17%)	-83 (-0.2%)	+11,675 (+31%)
Teachers in South Carolina private schools	3,981	5,403	4,741	5,424	+683 (+14%)	+21 (+0.4%)	+1,443 (+36%)



# Education Indicators

## S.C. HOMELESS STUDENTS

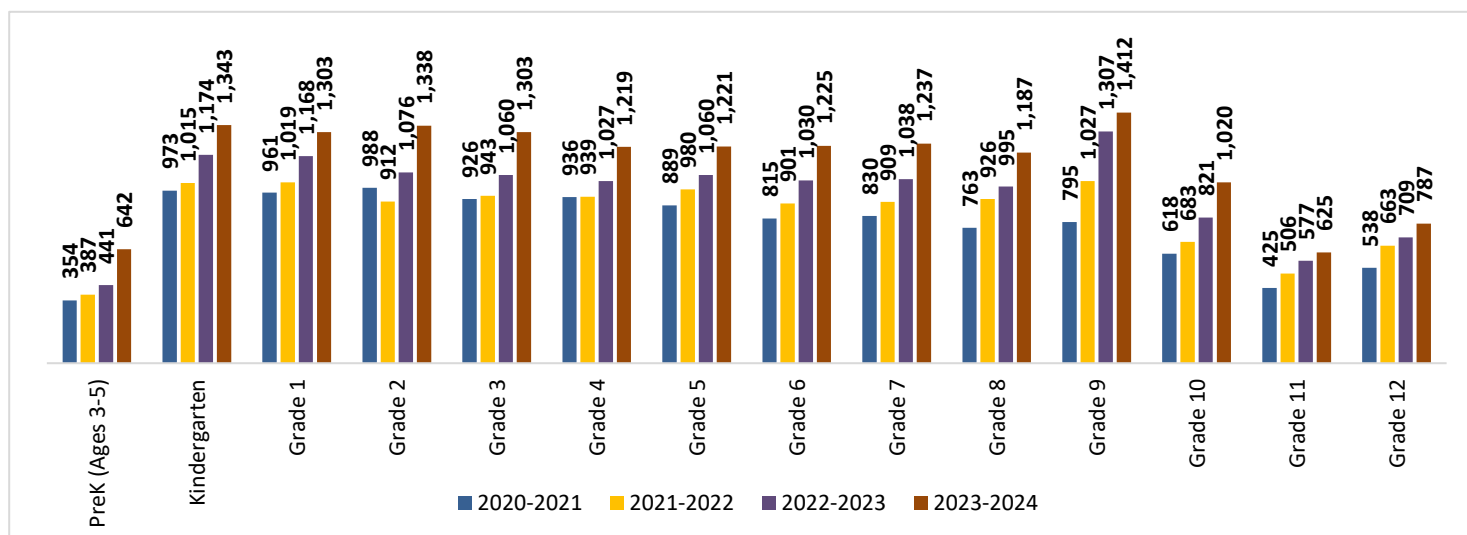


**15,862** students enrolled in a South Carolina public school district during the 2023-2024 school year were identified as homeless, **2,379** or **18% increase** from 2022-2023.

	2020-2021 School Year	2021-2022 School Year	2022-2023 School Year	2023-2024 School Year	Compared to 2022-2023 School Year	Compared to 2021-2022 School Year	Compared to 2020-2021 School Year
Students identified as homeless	10,811	11,751	13,483	15,862	+2,379 (+18%)	+4,111 (+35%)	+5,051 (+47%)

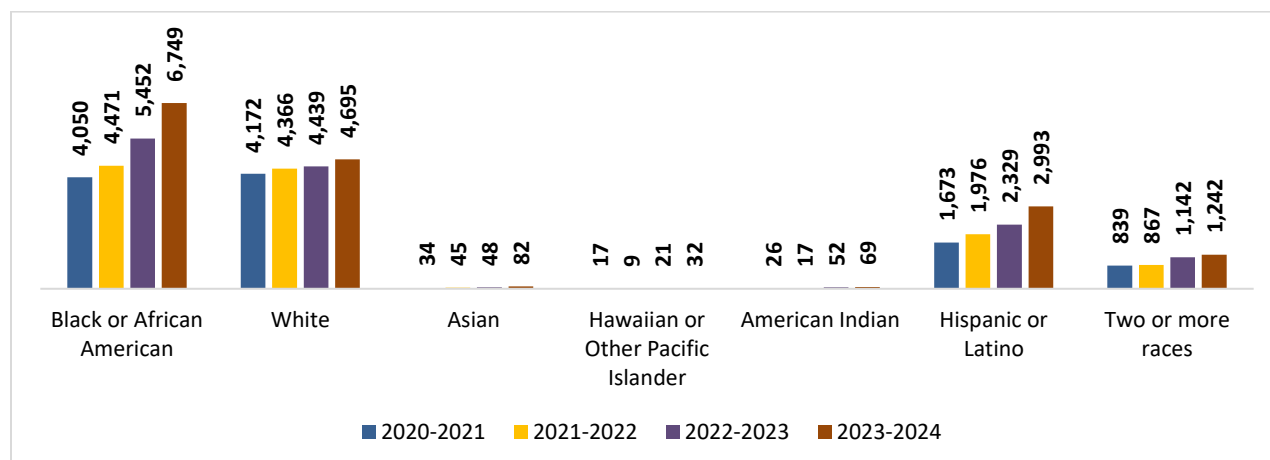
*Note.* The state educational agency (SEA) level McKinney-Vento student data are the unduplicated number of identified homeless students enrolled in public schools at any time during the school year. All students are counted only once. The Federal McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act defines students 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.

## S.C. HOMELESS STUDENTS BY GRADE



# Education Indicators

## S.C. HOMELESS STUDENTS BY RACE



## S.C. HOMELESS STUDENTS BY COUNTY

County	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	County	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024
Abbeville	44	46	58	76	Greenwood	431	329	278	247
Aiken	188	216	322	321	Hampton	119	90	144	136
Allendale	11	5	*	24	Horry	547	261	427	417
Anderson	1,208	749	791	855	Jasper	63	6	49	102
Bamberg	*	*	10	33	Kershaw	*	12	38	54
Barnwell	25	22	8	6	Lancaster	34	35	37	96
Beaufort	315	277	438	335	Laurens	193	80	89	115
Berkeley	351	315	461	551	Lee	52	18	26	8
Calhoun	*	24	26	59	Lexington	470	794	618	998
Charleston	311	311	414	547	McCormick	21	28	23	18
Cherokee	57	78	83	69	Marion	13	14	*	18
Chester	25	25	19	16	Marlboro	9	13	50	73
Chesterfield	141	111	112	127	Newberry	22	52	109	119
Clarendon	31	12	12	120	Oconee	24	91	142	170
Colleton	71	123	98	147	Orangeburg	48	37	56	271
Darlington	118	150	113	142	Pickens	2,556	2,913	2,679	2,631
Dillon	0	*	26	45	Richland	662	918	1,070	1,362
Dorchester	65	104	200	253	Saluda	18	26	41	29
Edgefield	8	19	31	54	Spartanburg	975	1,001	1,080	1,424
Fairfield	128	190	96	146	Sumter	465	130	156	165
Florence	112	173	371	408	Union	21	35	20	36
Georgetown	11	10	15	32	Williamsburg	10	19	*	26
Greenville	952	1,417	1,610	2,087	York	404	363	610	884

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# Education Indicators

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

	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024
English learners (EL) students	63,885	67,169	70,761	76,960
Percent of students served by gifted and talented program	19.9%	18.7%	19.4%	20.0%
Students ages 3 to 17 with disabilities in special education and related services	101,792	104,977	107,880	110,189
Percent of students retained	1.3%	1.9%	0.9%	0.8%
Dropout rate	1.7%	2.4%	2.4%	2.3%
Dropout recovery rate	6.1%	6.4%	6.0%	4.1%
Four-year graduation rate	83.3%	83.8%	83.8%	85.4
Students in the graduation cohort who are college ready	34.1%	32.0%	32.6%	32.5%
Students in the graduation cohort who are career ready	55.7%	62.8%	61.4%	69.6%
Students in the graduation cohort who are college AND career ready	28.7%	29.0%	29.4%	30.6%
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	64.3%	62.1%	62.7%	54.7%

*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.

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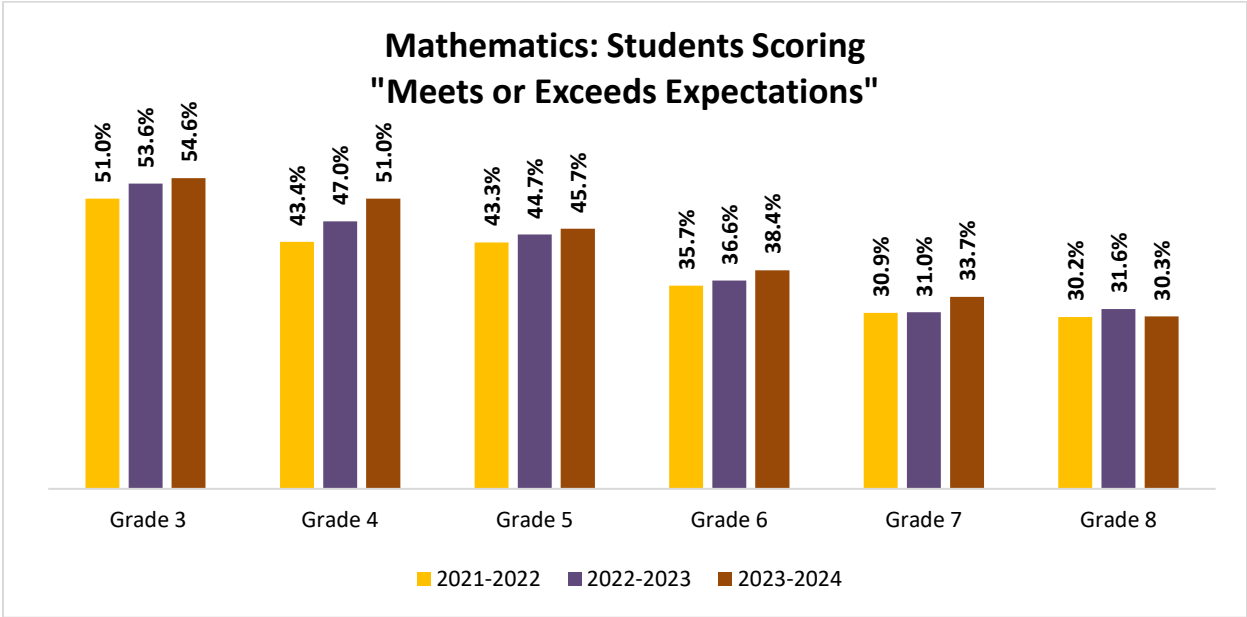
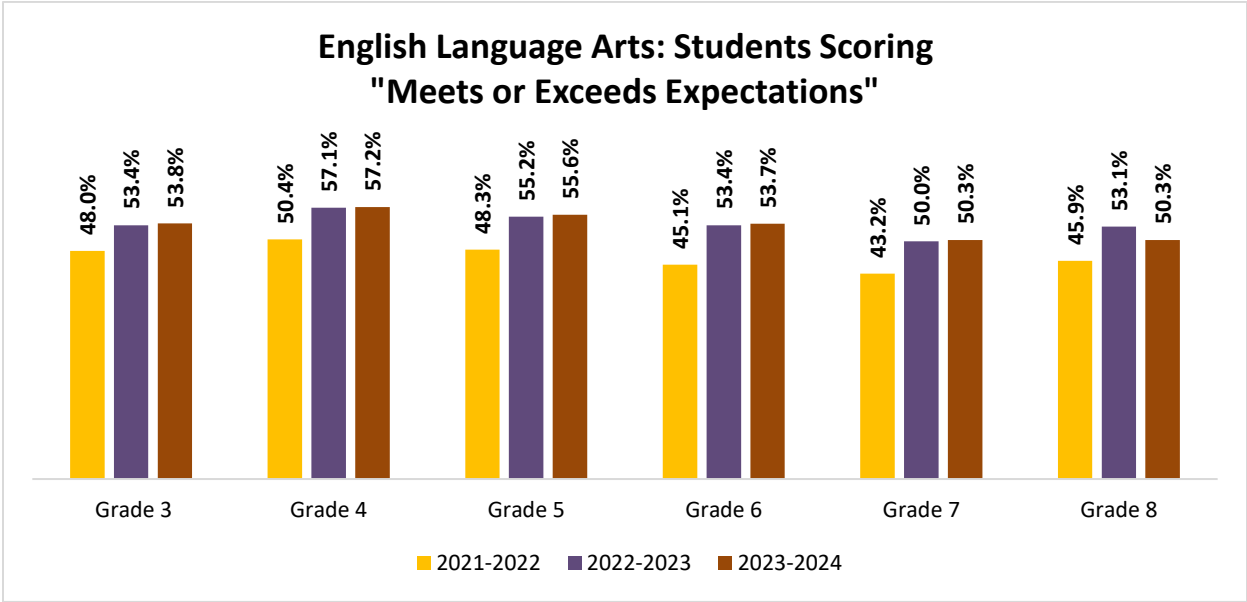
## PREPARING FOR SUCCESS IN S.C.

	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024
<b>Overall Kindergarten Readiness</b>	26.8%	36.0%	38.3%	40.8%
By domains:				
○ Social foundation	N/A	52.2%	49.4%	51.0%
○ Language and literacy	32.4%	29.8%	34.6%	37.1%
○ Mathematics	28.3%	28.1%	35.2%	37.0%
○ Physical well-being	N/A	51.5%	53.4%	55.4%
<b>First and Second Grade Students on Track for Success in English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics</b>				
○ First grade students who are on track for success in ELA at the second grade	55.8%	53.2%	53.0%	53.9%
○ First grade students who are on track for success in mathematics at the second grade	60.2%	58.8%	54.4%	54.5%
○ Second grade students who are on track for success in ELA at the third grade	51.9%	51.9%	51.2%	51.2%
○ Second grade students who are on track for success in mathematics at the third grade	54.2%	54.7%	50.3%	50.3%
<b>High School Civics Test</b>				
Percent of students enrolled in a U.S. Government course who score at or above the designated passing score on the civics test	75.8%	87.2%	85.7%	85.6%

*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.

# Education Indicators

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



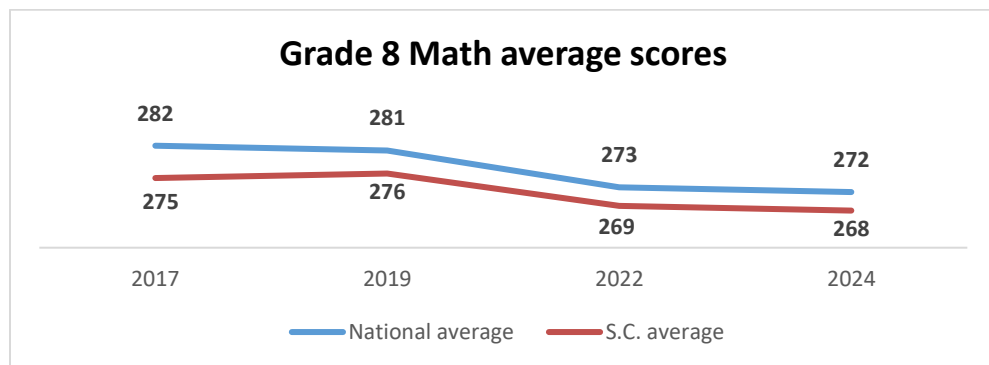
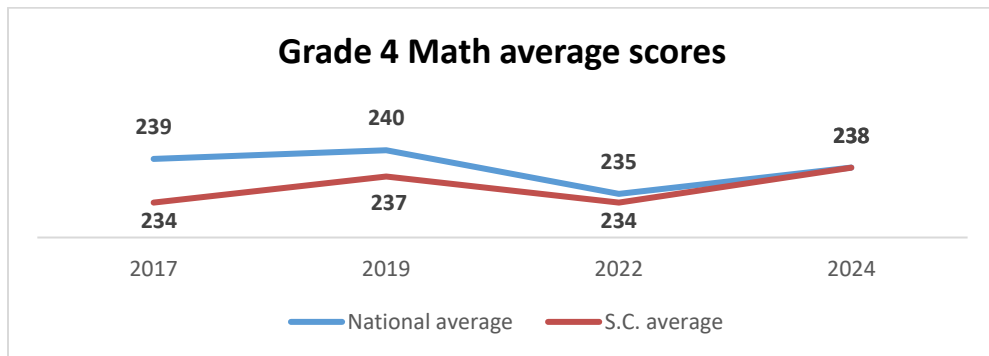
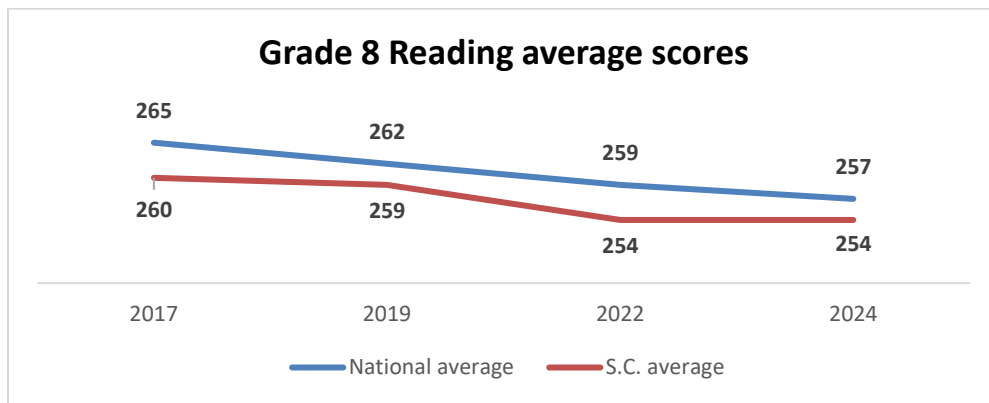
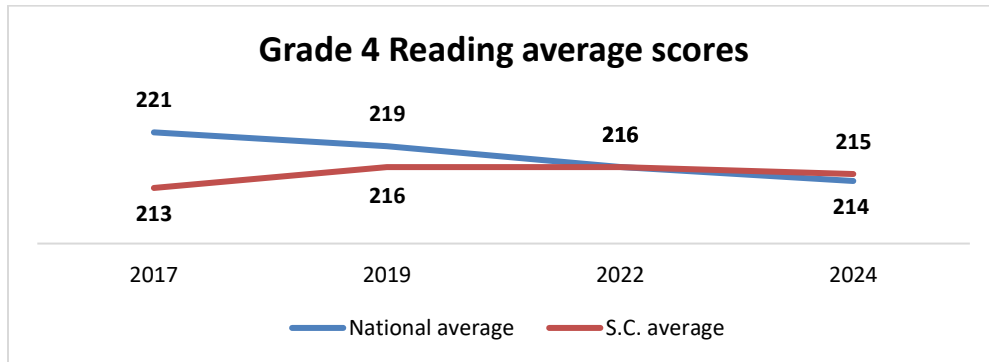
*Note.* SCREADY are statewide assessments in English language arts and mathematics that will meet all of the requirements of Acts 155 and 200, the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act, and the Assessments Peer Review guidance.

# Education Indicators

Grade Level	School Year	Number of Test Takers	Percent of Test Takers Scoring “Meets or Exceeds Expectations”
<b>SCREADY: English Language Arts</b>			
<b>Grade 3</b>	2021-2022	55,905	48.0%
	2022-2023	56,737	53.4%
	2023-2024	57,249	53.8%
<b>Grade 4</b>	2021-2022	56,397	50.4%
	2022-2023	56,534	57.1%
	2023-2024	57,554	57.2%
<b>Grade 5</b>	2021-2022	57,065	48.3%
	2022-2023	57,571	55.2%
	2023-2024	57,705	55.6%
<b>Grade 6</b>	2021-2022	57,566	45.1%
	2022-2023	57,864	53.4%
	2023-2024	58,400	53.7%
<b>Grade 7</b>	2021-2022	60,109	43.2%
	2022-2023	58,553	50.0%
	2023-2024	58,688	50.3%
<b>Grade 8</b>	2021-2022	60,920	45.9%
	2022-2023	60,738	53.1%
	2023-2024	59,142	50.3%
<b>SCREADY: Mathematics</b>			
<b>Grade 3</b>	2021-2022	55,896	51.0%
	2022-2023	56,739	53.6%
	2023-2024	57,249	54.6%
<b>Grade 4</b>	2021-2022	56,404	43.4%
	2022-2023	56,536	47.0%
	2023-2024	57,547	51.0%
<b>Grade 5</b>	2021-2022	57,066	43.3%
	2022-2023	57,553	44.7%
	2023-2024	57,696	45.7%
<b>Grade 6</b>	2021-2022	57,662	35.7%
	2022-2023	57,926	36.6%
	2023-2024	58,394	38.4%
<b>Grade 7</b>	2021-2022	60,155	30.9%
	2022-2023	58,566	31.0%
	2023-2024	58,747	33.7%
<b>Grade 8</b>	2021-2022	60,987	30.2%
	2022-2023	60,737	31.6%
	2023-2024	59,149	30.3%

# Education Indicators

## THE NATIONAL ASSESSMENT OF EDUCATIONAL PROGRESS (NAEP) RESULTS (SCALE 0-500)



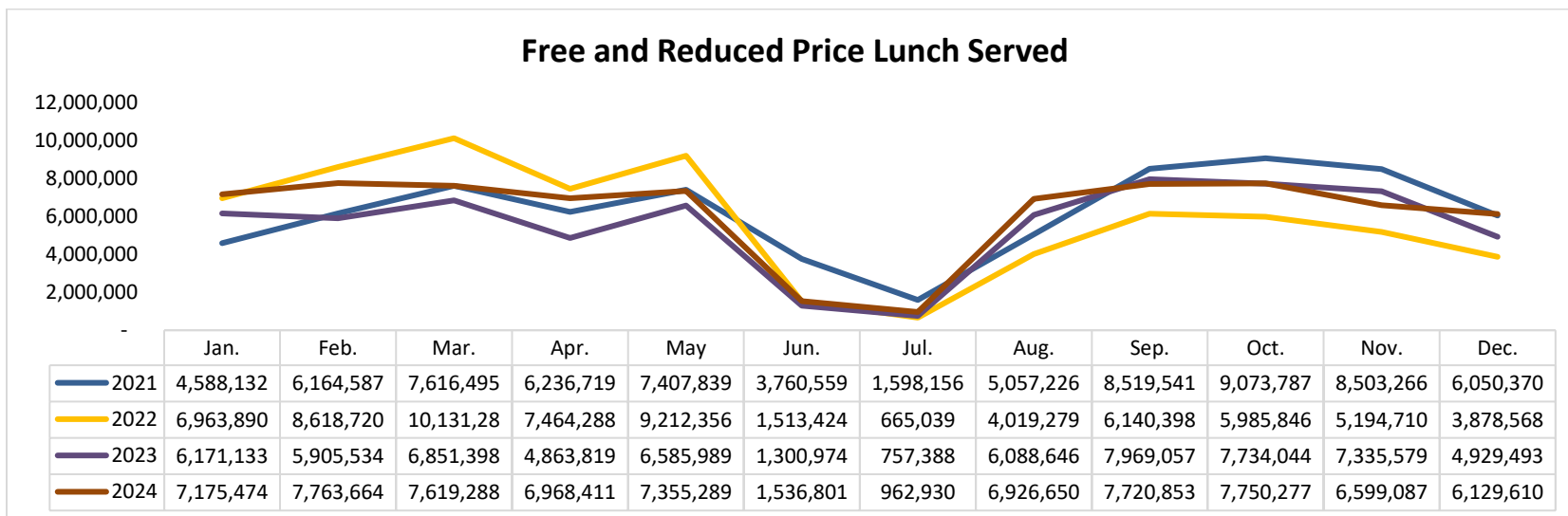
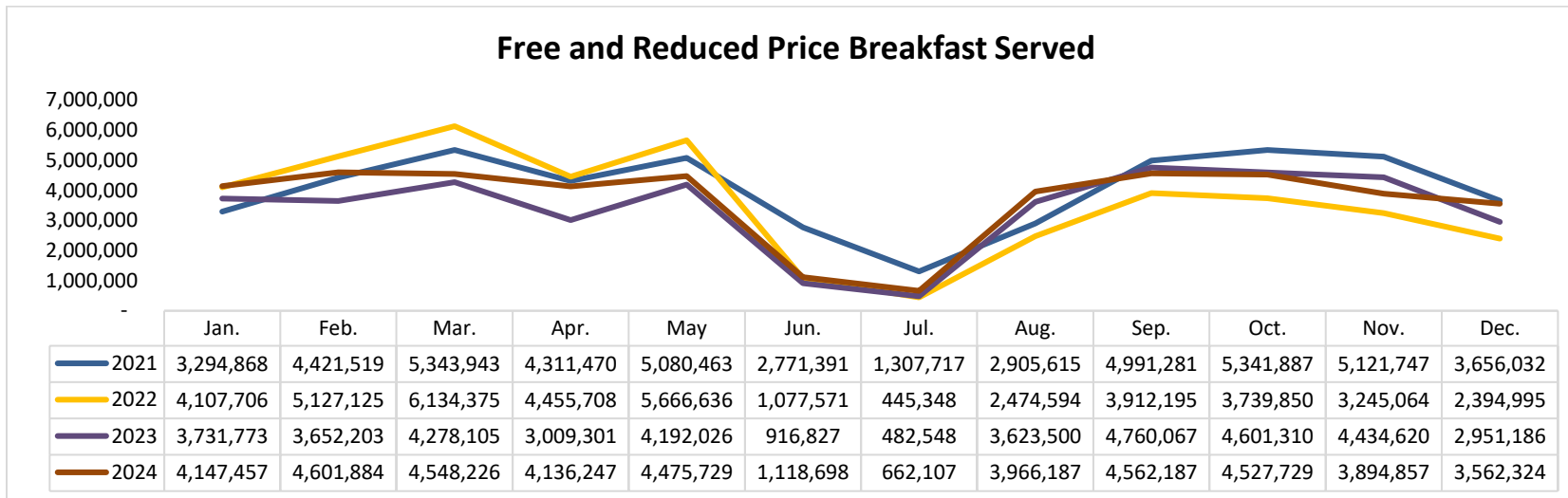
# Education Indicators

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

Meals Served	2021	2022	2023	2024	Compared 2024 to 2023	Compared 2024 to 2022	Compared 2024 to 2021
Free Breakfast Served	48,547,165	42,187,033	39,784,800	43,888,856	+4,104,056 (+10%)	+1,701,823 (+4%)	-4,658,309 (-10%)
Reduced Price Breakfast Served	768	594,134	848,666	314,776	-533,890 (-63%)	-279,358 (-47%)	+314,008 (+40,886%)
Total Free and Reduced Price Breakfast Served	48,547,933	42,781,167	40,633,466	44,203,632	+3,570,166 (+9%)	+1,422,465 (+3%)	-4,344,301 (-9%)
Free Lunch Served	74,575,455	68,500,365	64,589,325	73,752,459	+9,163,134 (+14%)	+5,252,094 (+8%)	-822,996 (-1%)
Reduced Price Lunch Served	1,222	1,287,436	1,903,729	755,875	-1,147,854 (-60%)	-531,561 (-41%)	+754,653 (+61,756%)
Total Free and Reduced Price Lunch Served	74,576,677	69,787,801	66,493,054	74,508,334	+8,015,280 (+12%)	+4,720,533 (+7%)	-68,343 (-0.1%)
<b>Total Free and Reduced Price Breakfast and Lunch Served</b>	<b>123,124,610</b>	<b>112,568,968</b>	<b>107,126,520</b>	<b>118,711,966</b>	<b>+11,585,446 (+11%)</b>	<b>+6,142,998 (+5%)</b>	<b>-4,412,644 (-4%)</b>

# Education Indicators

## FREE AND REDUCED PRICE MEALS SERVED TO S.C. STUDENTS BY MONTH



# Education Indicators

## DATA SOURCES

1. S.C. public school headcounts: S.C. Department of Education, student headcount is a "snap-shot" count of the actively-enrolled students taken at three points during the year: the 45th day, 135th day, and 180th day. These counts satisfy state and federal data reporting needs. <https://ed.sc.gov/data/other/student-counts/active-student-headcounts/> (last visited, April 30, 2025). Number of teachers in public school districts: S.C. Department of Education, S.C. School Report Card, State of S.C. 2020-2021: <https://screportcards.com/overview/school-environment/class-environment/?q=eT0yMDIxJnQ9UyZzaWQ9OTk5OTk5OQ>  
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2. S.C. private school headcounts: S.C. Department of Education, Private School Headcounts, <https://ed.sc.gov/data/other/student-counts/private-school-headcounts/> The Private School Report is sent out on a yearly basis for teacher and student count for K5 through 12th grade (last visited, April 30, 2025).
3. S.C. homeless students: S.C. Department of Education, unpublished report generated in February 2025. Definition of homeless students was cited from S.C. Department of Education website: <https://ed.sc.gov/policy/federal-education-programs/every-student-succeeds-act-essa-title-ix-part-a-mckinney-vento-homeless-assistance-act/> (last visited, May 19, 2025).
4. English learners students: S.C. Department of Education, S.C. School Report Card, State of S.C., English Learners' Progress, 2020-2021: <https://screportcards.ed.sc.gov/overview/academics/english-language-learners-progress/?q=eT0yMDIxJnQ9UyZzaWQ9MDAwMA>  
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5. Percent of students served by gifted and talented program, percent of students retained: S.C. Department of Education, S.C. School Report Card, State of S.C., Results of Teacher, Student, and Parent Opinion Surveys, 2020-2021: <https://screportcards.ed.sc.gov/overview/school-environment/school-quality/?q=eT0yMDIxJnQ9UyZzaWQ9MDAwMA>  
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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



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