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South Carolina Children during the COVID-19 Pandemic

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As South Carolina continues to grapple with the COVID-19 pandemic, more extensive data have become available to help measure the impact on some of the state's most vulnerable residents – children. While the Joint Citizens and Legislative Committee on Children produces an annual Data Reference Book, we are pleased to provide this special-edition Data Reference Book to reflect the well-being of South Carolina children during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Organized in the same manner as our traditional Data Reference Book, the COVID-19 edition contains data showing the extent to which the pandemic created new problems and exacerbated existing difficulties affecting children's well-being. Most of the data used to inform this report were collected through June 2021; we included more recent data when available and as noted in the report. While some data, such as those reflecting the surge of COVID-19 cases during the late summer and early fall of 2021, were not available during the data collection for this report, the Committee will address those numbers in a future publication.

The data contained herein indicates South Carolina children face challenges and barriers to becoming successful citizens of our state, and the global health pandemic has made many measures worse. We encourage you to consider the data in the larger context of the COVID-19 pandemic and its effects on multiple facets of life. This report serves only to compile and share the data; readers should exercise caution when considering the data's implications and contemplating policy recommendations for future study and action.

Our thanks to all those who contributed to compiling this report. May it serve our children well.

Beth Bernstein, Chair

Brad Hutto, Vice-Chair

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TIMELINE

March 7, 2020
S.C. confirms first COVID-19 cases

March 15, 2020
Governor McMaster announces the closure of all public schools in South Carolina until March 31st

March 13, 2020
Governor McMaster declares a state of emergency and orders the closure of all public schools in Kershaw and Lancaster counties for 14 days

April 22, 2020
Schools ordered to close for the remainder of the school year

June 19, 2020
DHEC warns of increased COVID-19 cases in youth and young adults

April 15, 2020
S.C. COVID deaths surpass 100

March 27, 2020
President Trump signs the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act*

July 12, 2020
S.C. identifies first case of MIS-C associated with COVID-19

September 11, 2020
DHEC begins tracking COVID-19 cases among school-aged children and employees in both public and private schools across the state

July 11, 2020
DHEC announces South Carolina's first pediatric death from COVID-19

June 26, 2020
S.C. COVID cases surpass 30,000

October 27, 2020
S.C.'s K-12 schools record 1,956 cases since school began in August

September 18, 2020
S.C. COVID deaths surpass 3,000

January 13, 2021
Vaccine rollout begins

February 11, 2021
S.C. COVID deaths surpass 7,000

March 31, 2021
COVID-19 vaccine eligibility expands to those over 16

March 11, 2021
President Biden signs the American Rescue Plan Act (ESSER III)***

December 27, 2020
President Trump signs the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSA)**

April 2021
S.C. receives $47 million in federal funds to enhance vaccination efforts

May 12, 2021
COVID-19 vaccine eligibility expands to those over 12

June 19, 2021
S.C. COVID cases start falling with nearly 40% of state vaccinated

June 7, 2021
State of Emergency expires in S.C.

May 2021
S.C. receives $3.7 million in federal funds to slow the spread of COVID variants

October 11, 2021
S.C. COVID deaths surpass 13,000

October 2021
S.C. DHEC prepares to administer COVID-19 vaccines to children ages 5-11

October 6, 2021
2,540 students and 10 staff members test positive for COVID-19 in one week. 21,869 students and 66 staff members quarantine due to close contact

August 2021
Schools reopen in person

*South Carolina received $216,311,138 in Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER I) funds from the CARES Act.
**South Carolina received $940,420,782 in ESSER II funds, of which 90 percent ($846,378,704) will flow through to school districts.
***South Carolina received $2,112,051,487 in education funding.

Source: South Carolina Institute of Medicine & Public Health, Timeline of COVID-19 Milestones and Policy Decisions in South Carolina, **https://imph.org/covid-19/** (last visited, October 29, 2021)

Data Overview
South Carolina Children during the COVID-19 Pandemic
Ages 0-17, March 2020–June 2021

	Mar. 2020	Apr. 2020	May 2020	Jun. 2020	Jul. 2020	Aug. 2020	Sep. 2020	Oct. 2020	Nov. 2020	Dec. 2020	Jan. 2021	Feb. 2021	Mar. 2021	Apr. 2021	May 2021	Jun. 2021
COVID-19 cases among children	22	147	518	2,420	5,174	2,990	2,430	3,286	5,178	13,349	18,190	8,956	4,883	4,321	2,336	1,007
Child deaths (all causes)	54	49	57	52	42	53	48	53	51	44	59	39	56	67	60	42
Non-fatal injuries	4,896	3,628	4,844	5,141	4,967	5,005	5,517	6,126	5,468	4,640	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maltreatment reports	4,477	2,995	3,162	3,614	3,817	4,120	5,096	5,618	4,919	4,746	5,021	5,381	6,495	5,722	5,925	5,251
Founded maltreatment	743	542	536	627	630	689	791	855	712	714	756	755	917	873	818	772
Children/youth in foster care	4,385	4,409	4,318	4,236	4,213	4,167	4,112	4,073	4,049	3,939	3,975	4,013	3,978	4,026	4,096	4,072
Children/youth entered foster care	299	152	165	185	201	215	220	235	199	148	244	215	258	275	287	239
Children/youth exited foster care	226	121	269	217	222	247	238	242	236	222	173	162	258	198	202	189
Mental health services provided by DMH to children	33,423	32,586	31,567	33,425	32,364	30,575	32,937	34,481	28,790	28,234	30,879	32,909	38,773	31,753	31,503	28,447
Substance use disorder treatment provided by DAODAS to children	5,739	4,674	3,938	4,334	4,510	3,943	3,987	4,300	3,925	4,111	4,119	4,454	5,801	5,141	5,185	5,517
Medicaid enrolled children	622,976	626,445	629,906	633,872	638,211	642,365	645,935	649,157	652,550	656,609	659,251	661,442	663,976	666,159	667,985	670,001
Juvenile delinquency cases	1,362	620	580	671	730	560	692	754	640	634	627	768	957	926	871	940
Juvenile detentions	189	125	139	140	161	134	182	183	151	144	163	135	176	197	168	184

Note. Monthly data partially presented. For more data and related sources, please see individual indicators of the Data Reference Book. "-" indicates data not available by the time of data collection for the Data Reference Book.

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Reported COVID-19 Cases in South Carolina
## As of September 30, 2021

COVID-19 IN SOUTH CAROLINA

- Tests: 10,988,976, percent positive: 10.2%
- Cases: 863,714
- Hospitalizations: 29,372
- Deaths: 12,856

REPORTED COVID-19 CASES IN SOUTH CAROLINA BY SEX, RACE AND ETHNICITY

Pie chart 1 (Sex):
- Unknown 3%
- Male 45%
- Female 52%

Pie chart 2 (Race):
- Under Investigation 13%
- Unknown 9%
- Other 11%
- Asian/Alaskan/Hawaiian 1%
- Black or African American 20%
- White 46%

Pie chart 3 (Ethnicity):
- Under Investigation 8%
- Hispanic or Latino 5%
- Unknown 25%
- Not Hispanic or Latino 62%
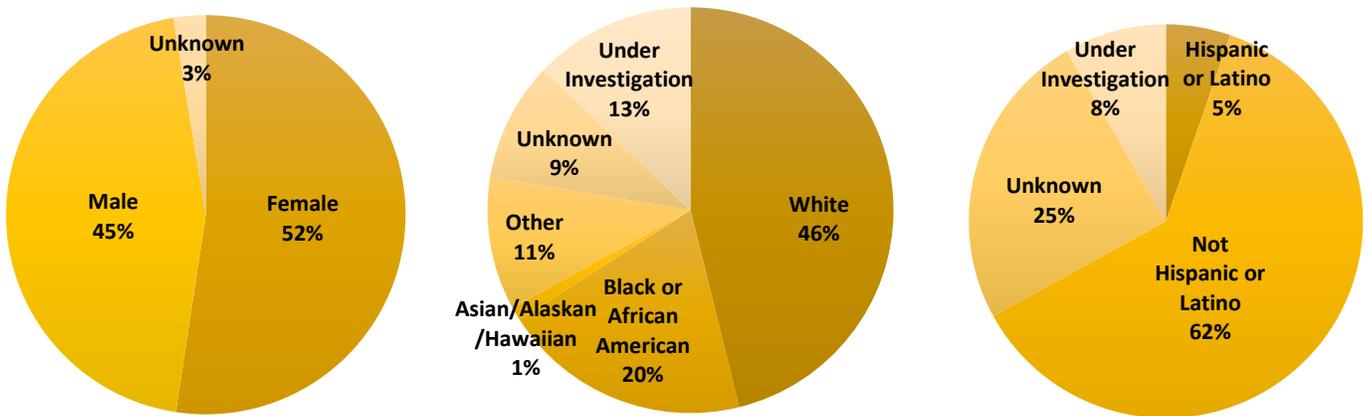
REPORTED COVID-19 CASES IN SOUTH CAROLINA BY AGE GROUP AND AGE-RELATED INFORMATION

Bar chart (by age group):
- Under 10: 7.7%
- 11-20 years: 15.4%
- 21-30 years: 16.8%
- 31-40 years: 15.3%
- 41-50 years: 14.1%
- 51-60 years: 13.0%
- 61-70 years: 9.5%
- 71-80 years: 5.6%
- 81+ years: 2.7%

Minimum Age = 0 year
Maximum Age = 110 years
Median Age = 38 years
Average Age = 39 years

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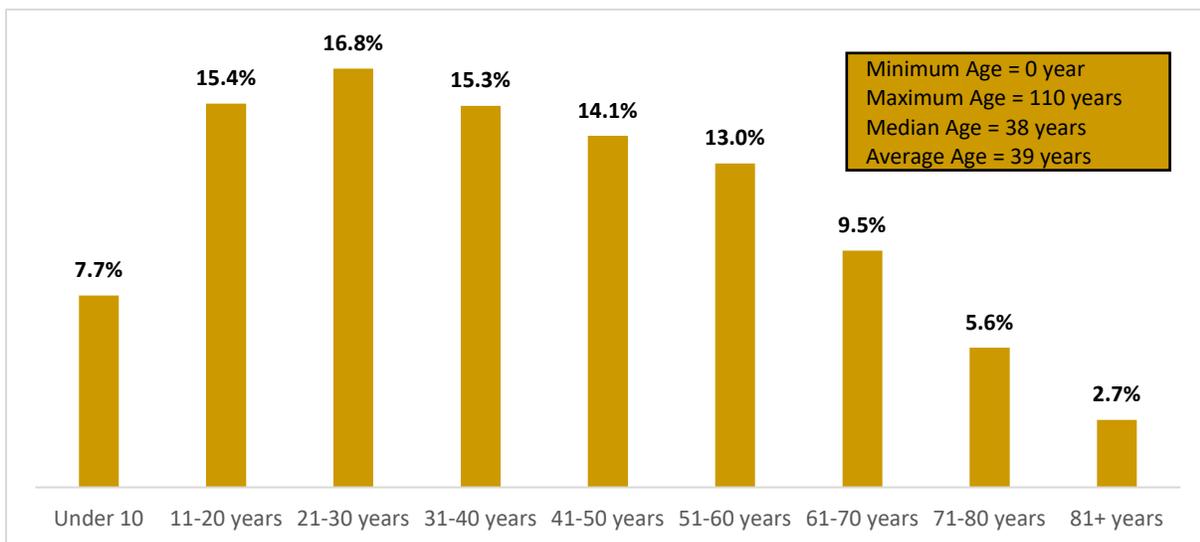
REPORTED COVID-19 CASES IN SOUTH CAROLINA BY WEEK OF REPORT (MARCH 4, 2020 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2021)

Week of Report	Cases
3/14/2020	29
	209
3/28/2020	587
	1,293
4/11/2020	1,297
	1,072
4/25/2020	1,118
	1,081
5/9/2020	1,026
	1,329
5/23/2020	1,438
	1,931
6/6/2020	2,603
	4,658
6/20/2020	5,944
	8,723
7/4/2020	12,073
	11,986
7/18/2020	13,548
	11,646
8/1/2020	10,700
	8,958
8/15/2020	6,678
	5,965
8/29/2020	7,026
	7,428
9/12/2020	5,519
	5,770
9/26/2020	5,546
	5,277
10/10/2020	6,320
	6,637
10/24/2020	7,073
	7,368
11/7/2020	7,648
	10,473
11/21/2020	10,828
	11,411
12/5/2020	17,839
	21,195
12/19/2020	22,664
	24,561
1/2/2021	31,723
	40,384
1/16/2021	34,372
	29,238
1/30/2021	24,903
	18,754
2/13/2021	16,762
	11,927
2/27/2021	10,059
	7,645
3/13/2021	6,396
	7,147
3/27/2021	6,693
	6,242
4/10/2021	5,732
	6,704
4/24/2021	5,258
	4,660
5/8/2021	4,005
	3,131
5/22/2021	2,423
	2,027
6/5/2021	1,436
	1,299
6/19/2021	1,073
	1,162
7/3/2021	1,369
	2,170
7/17/2021	3,630
	7,008
7/31/2021	13,323
	19,709
8/14/2021	24,129
	28,426
8/28/2021	35,551
	39,547
9/11/2021	31,429
	28,354
9/25/2021	19,794
	11,639

DATA SOURCE

S.C. Department of Health and Environment Control, Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), https://scdhec.gov/covid19 (data as of September 30, 2021, last visited October 7, 2021).

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Reported COVID-19 Cases among South Carolina Children
March 2020-June 2021

S.C. REPORTED COVID-19 CASES AMONG CHILDREN (MARCH 2020-JUNE 2021)

75,207 reported COVID-19 cases among children under age 18,
12.5% of total reported cases in South Carolina.
35,514 reported COVID-19 cases among children March 2020-December 2020.
39,693 reported COVID-19 cases among children January 2021-June 2021.
348 COVID-19 hospitalizations.
8 COVID-19 deaths.
3,863 maternal morbidity cases related to COVID-19.

S.C. REPORTED COVID-19 CASES AMONG CHILDREN BY MONTH
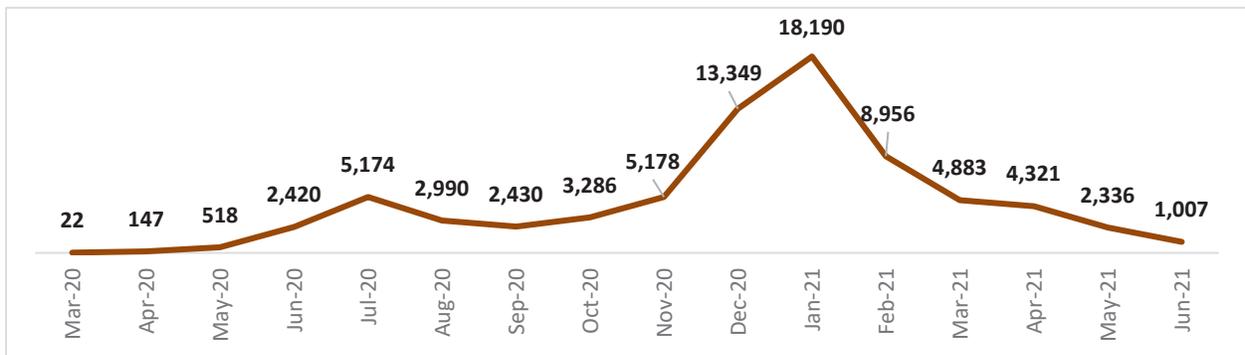
COMPARED TO NATIONAL DATA

S.C. reported COVID-19 cases per 100,000 children (cumulative child cases as of June 2021, 0-17 years):
6,727 per 100,000 children

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National estimated rate:
5,374 per 100,000 children

S.C. REPORTED COVID-19 CASES AMONG CHILDREN BY AGE GROUP, SEX, RACE AND ETHNICITY (MARCH 2020-JUNE 2021)

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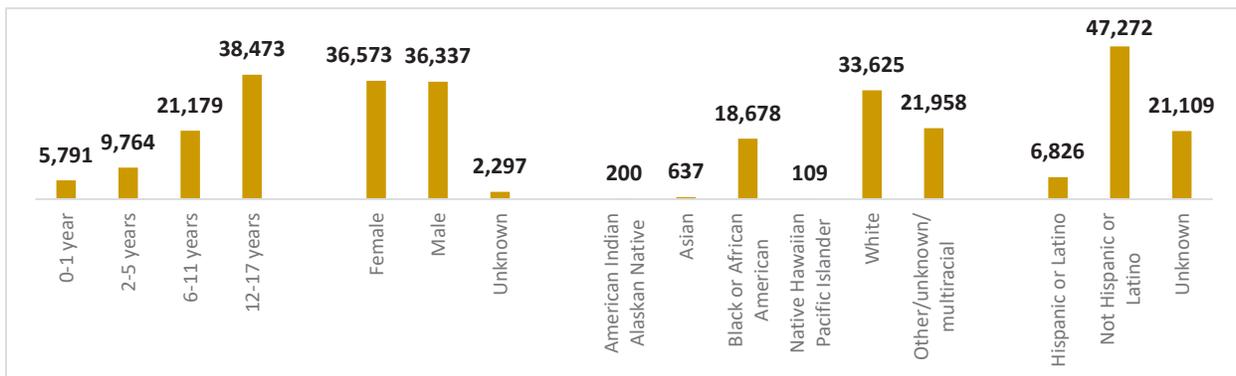
S.C. REPORTED COVID-19 CASES AMONG CHILDREN BY COUNTY

Ranked by **number** of reported COVID-19 cases among children ages 0-17 (as of June 2021)

County	Number
Greenville	9,678
Spartanburg	5,629
York	5,297
Richland	5,222
Charleston	4,855
Lexington	4,723
Horry	3,968
Anderson	2,671
Berkeley	2,489
Dorchester	2,450
Florence	2,213
Aiken	2,152
Pickens	2,034
Beaufort	1,951
Lancaster	1,530
Orangeburg	1,337
Sumter	1,316
Greenwood	1,158
Kershaw	1,118
Oconee	1,118
Darlington	1,102
Laurens	1,003
Georgetown	818
Cherokee	811
Dillon	802
Newberry	786
Chesterfield	722
Chester	606
Marion	521
Marlboro	490
Williamsburg	483
Clarendon	424
Colleton	408
Edgefield	379
Union	370
Abbeville	335
Barnwell	332
Jasper	310
Hampton	271
Fairfield	269
Saluda	264
Lee	224
Bamberg	218
Calhoun	159
Allendale	132
McCormick	59

Ranked by **rate** of reported COVID-19 cases per 100,000 children ages 0-17 (as of June 2021)

County	Rate
Dillon	10,576
Marlboro	9,491
Newberry	9,342
Chester	8,496
Allendale	8,088
Greenville	8,088
York	7,895
Edgefield	7,879
Williamsburg	7,843
Bamberg	7,709
Pickens	7,693
Marion	7,623
Spartanburg	7,617
Darlington	7,517
Kershaw	7,379
Georgetown	7,346
Lancaster	7,332
Chesterfield	7,291
Oconee	7,180
Greenwood	7,143
Lexington	6,971
Orangeburg	6,968
Florence	6,868
Barnwell	6,799
Abbeville	6,794
Laurens	6,745
Statewide	6,727
Lee	6,725
Hampton	6,708
Clarendon	6,641
Union	6,500
Fairfield	6,394
Horry	6,340
Dorchester	6,330
Cherokee	6,147
Saluda	6,098
Charleston	5,966
Aiken	5,913
Calhoun	5,893
Anderson	5,838
McCormick	5,603
Richland	5,590
Beaufort	5,426
Jasper	5,223
Sumter	5,196
Colleton	4,863
Berkeley	4,591

S.C. REPORTED COVID-19 HOSPITALIZATIONS AMONG CHILDREN BY MONTH

Month	Hospitalizations
Mar-20	*
Apr-20	6
May-20	8
Jun-20	17
Jul-20	48
Aug-20	36
Sep-20	17
Oct-20	16
Nov-20	19
Dec-20	25
Jan-21	53
Feb-21	34
Mar-21	29
Apr-21	15
May-21	12
Jun-21	9

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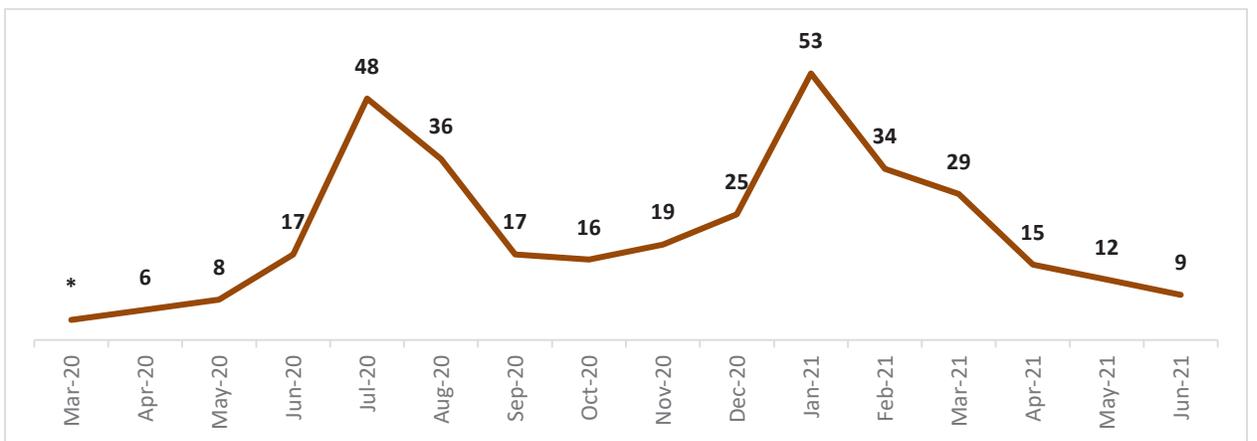
S.C. REPORTED COVID-19 CASES ASSOCIATED WITH SCHOOLS

	Reported COVID-19 Cases: School Students	Reported COVID-19 Cases: School Employees	Reported COVID-19 Cases: Associated with Schools
March 2020 - June 2021	**35,795**	**7,748**	**43,543**
March 2020	5	0	5
April 2020	24	*	26
May 2020	99	*	100
June 2020	260	14	274
July 2020	361	41	402
August 2020	562	120	682
September 2020	1,335	296	1,631
October 2020	2,027	575	2,602
November 2020	2,979	921	3,900
December 2020	6,073	1,676	7,749
2020 Total	**14,590**	**3,646**	**18,236**
January 2021	8,433	1,916	10,349
February 2021	5,419	1,084	6,503
March 2021	3,028	606	3,634
April 2021	2,583	284	2,867
May 2021	1,363	171	1,534
June 2021	379	41	420
January 2021- June 2021 Total	**21,205**	**4,102**	**25,307**

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S.C. REPORTED COVID-19 CASES ASSOCIATED WITH SCHOOLS BY COUNTY

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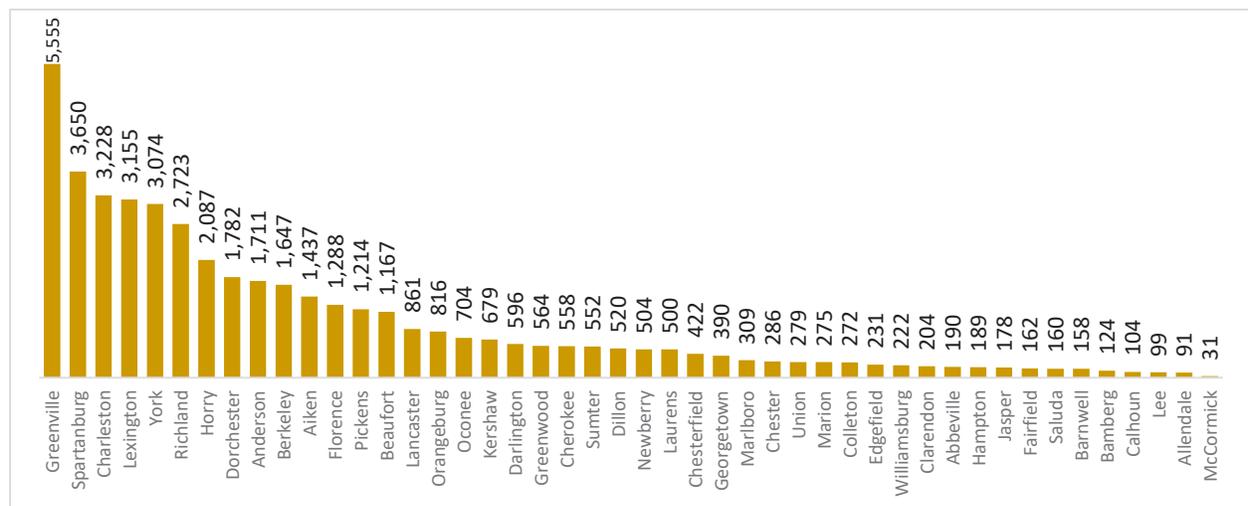
DATA SOURCES

1. South Carolina data: S.C. Department of Health and Environment Control (DHEC), unpublished report generated in August 2021.
   Note. Maternal COVID-19 morbidity is defined as a COVID-19 patient who was pregnant at the time that the case (confirmed or probable) was reported to DHEC. The maternal COVID-19 morbidity reported in this report included data from the enhanced surveillance of COVID-19 among pregnant women that DHEC has put in place since Spring 2021 in collaboration with the CDC. Data from the enhanced surveillance include pregnancies that may not have been identified during the initial report or case interview.
   Data about school association were collected from case investigations resulting from positive COVID-19 tests reported to DHEC. The tests may have been administered and/or reported by the schools or by healthcare providers, laboratories or other testing sites.

2. Compared to national data: The S.C. reported rate of COVID-19 cases per 100,000 children was calculated with the total number of reported COVID-19 cases among children ages 0-17 as of June 2021 divided by the 2019 S.C. child population and multiplied by 100,000. Source of child population: DHEC, Population Data, year of 2019, **http://scangis.dhec.sc.gov/scan/bdp/tables/populationtable.aspx** (last visited, August 18, 2021).
   National data: American Academy of Pediatrics and Children's Hospital Association, Children and COVID-19: State Data Report. Summary of publicly reported data from 49 states, NYC, DC, PR, and GU. Version: 8/12/2021. The national rate cited in this report (i.e., 5,374 per 100,000 children) was based on the reported data from July 1, 2021 (see Appendix Table 2A of the State Data Report: Summary of Child Case Data from 4/16/20-8/12/21), **https://downloads.aap.org/AAP/PDF/AAP%20and%20CHA%20-%20Children%20and%20COVID-19%20State%20Data%20Report%208.12%20FINAL.pdf** (last visited, August 18, 2021).
   Note. The numbers in this national report represent cumulative counts since states began reporting. The data are based on how public agencies collect, categorize and post information. All data reported by state/local health departments are preliminary and subject to change and reporting may change over time. Notably, in the summer of 2021, some states have revised cases counts previously reported, begun reporting less frequently, or dropped metrics previously reported. Readers should consider these factors. States may have additional information on their websites. Definition of "child": Age ranges reported for children varied by state (0-14, 0-17, 0-18, 0-19, and 0-20 years).

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COVID-19 Update
Thursday, September 30, 2021

South Carolina Children's Hospital Collaborative

All hospitalized children are unvaccinated.

Children hospitalized with a COVID-19 diagnosis

● = UNVACCINATED and > 12 years of age
● = UNVACCINATED and < 12 years of age

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COVID-positive children in critical care

● = UNVACCINATED and > 12 years of age
● = UNVACCINATED and < 12 years of age

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COVID-positive children on a ventilator

● = UNVACCINATED and > 12 years of age
● = UNVACCINATED and < 12 years of age

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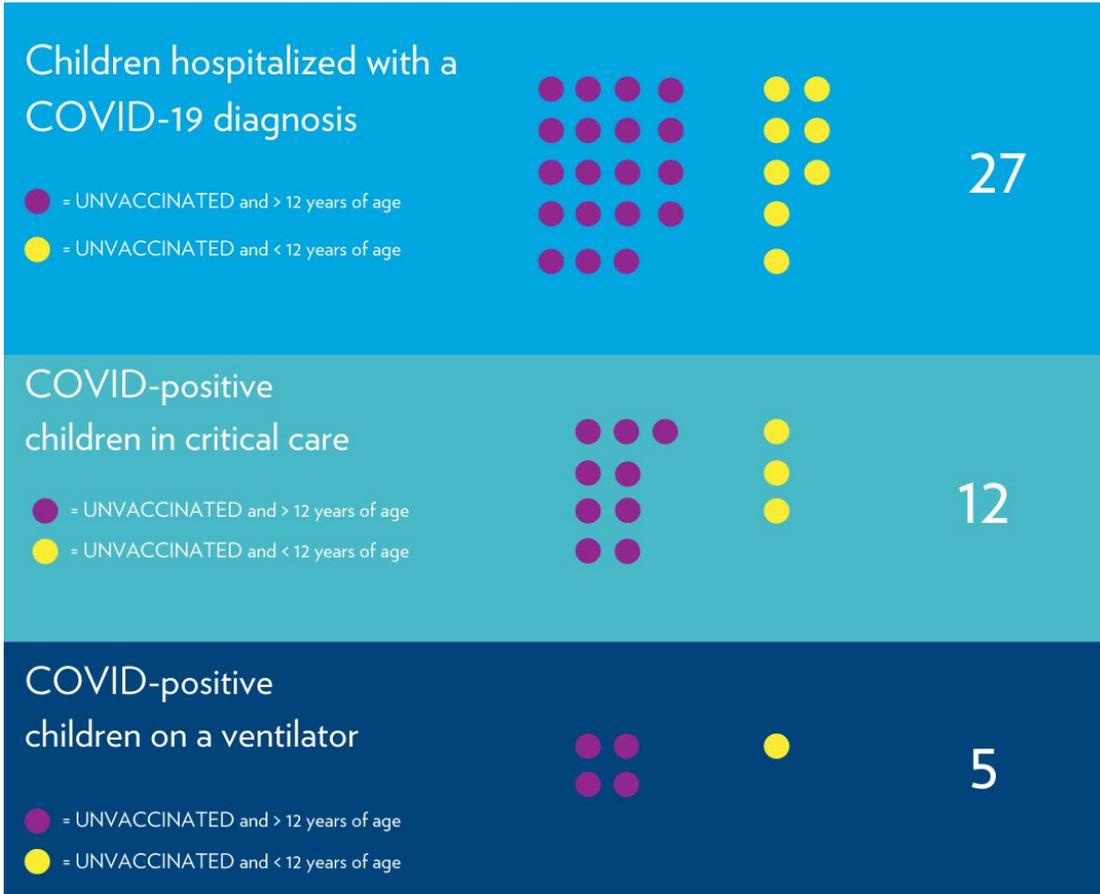
Children's Hospitals Occupancy Metrics September 30, 2021	All Four Children's Hospitals
Total # of Children on ECMO [Extracorporeal membrane oxygenation – heart/lung life support machine]	1
Total # of Children Holding in Emergency Department	8
% of Pediatric Intensive Care Unit Beds Occupied	17% - 93% full
% of Staffed Beds Occupied [Beds with nurses to staff, excludes emergency department]	87% - 100% full

The South Carolina Children's Hospital Collaborative provided COVID-19 daily reports from August 2021-October 2021. The South Carolina Children's Hospital Collaborative represents the four children's hospitals in South Carolina: McLeod Children's Hospital in Florence, MUSC Shawn Jenkins Children's Hospital in Charleston, Prisma Health Children's Hospital-Midlands in Columbia, and Prisma Health Children's Hospital-Upstate in Greenville. All four children's hospitals experienced an increase in the number of children requiring hospitalization from COVID-19. The data presented above were daily counts, not accumulative counts over time.

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Child Deaths

S.C. CHILD DEATHS

586 children died in 2020.
70 deaths or **11%** *decrease* from 2019.

S.C. CHILD DEATHS BY MONTH

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
2019	50	51	44	59	58	61	50	55	49	53	61	65
2020	36	47	54	49	57	52	42	53	48	53	51	44
2021	59	39	56	67	60	42						
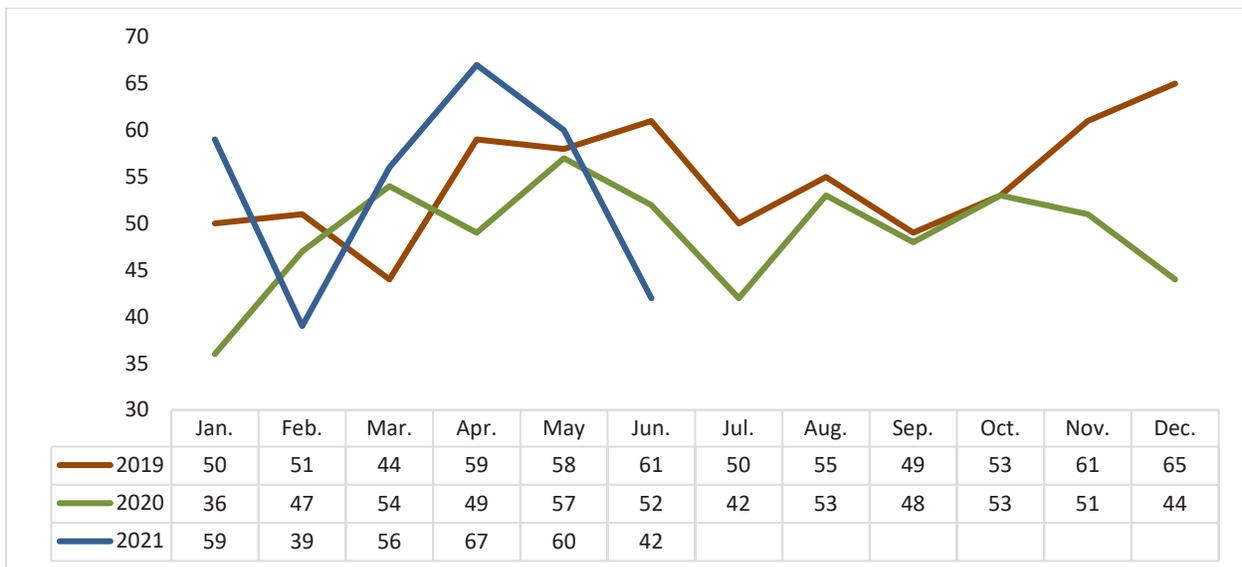
Note. Based on death certificates registered and assigned underlying cause of death codes by Centers for Disease Control and Prevention/National Center for Health Statistics as of 07/01/2021. 2020 data is provisional and is subject to change; 2021 data is incomplete and is subject to change.

S.C. CHILD DEATHS BY AGE GROUP

- **328** deaths or **56%** were among children ages <1 year in 2020, **63** death *decrease* from 2019.
- **50** deaths or **8.5%** were among children ages 1-4 years in 2020, **29** death *decrease* from 2019.
- **40** deaths or **6.8%** were among children ages 5-9 years in 2020, **4** death *increase* from 2019.
- **52** deaths or **8.9%** were among children ages 10-14 years in 2020, **8** death *decrease* from 2019.
- **116** deaths or **19.8%** were among children ages 15-17 years in 2020, **26** death *increase* from 2019.

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Safety Indicators

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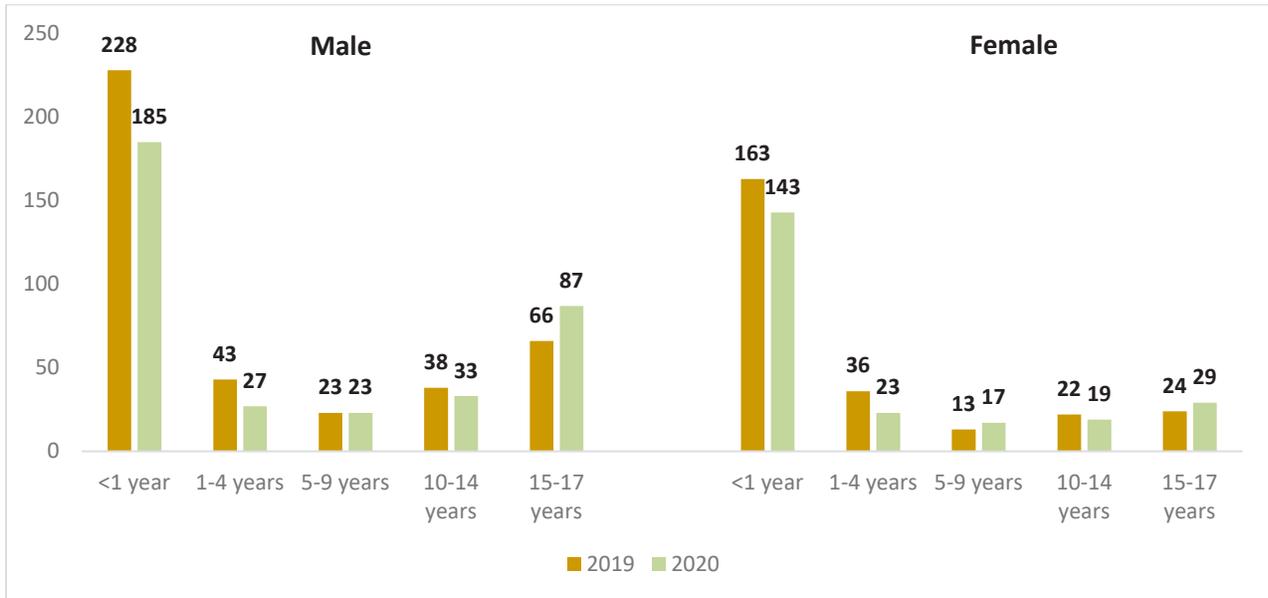
S.C. CHILD DEATHS BY AGE GROUP AND RACE

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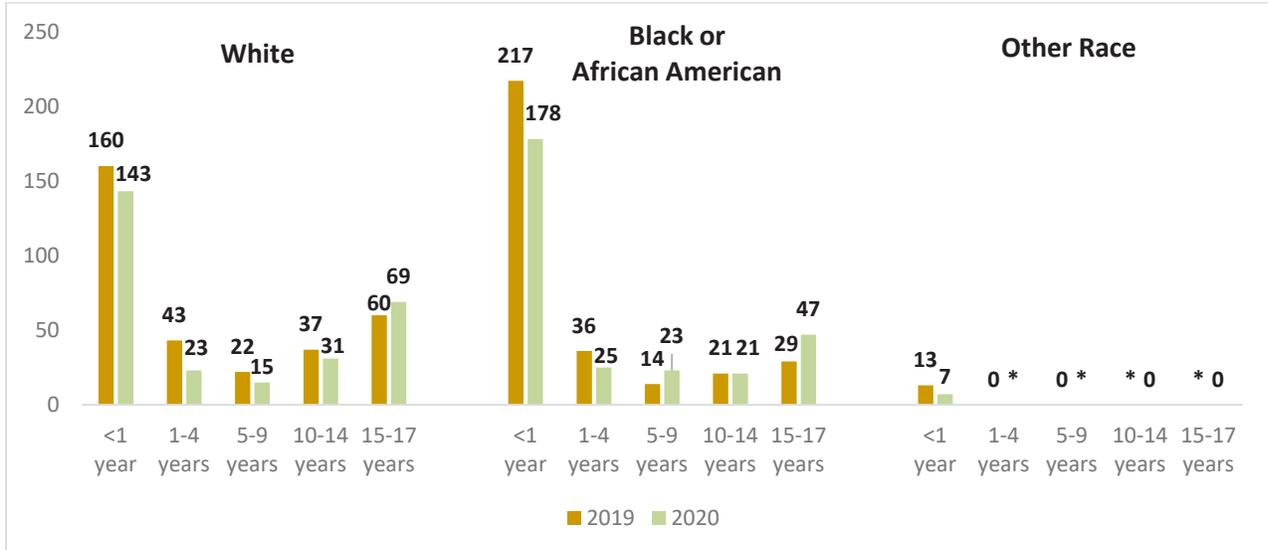
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S.C. CHILD DEATH CAUSES BY AGE GROUP

	2019	2020
< 1 year	Conditions originating in the perinatal period (n= 205) Congenital malformations (n=63) Accidental suffocation (n=27) Pneumonia and influenza (n=7) Homicide (n=5) **Causes above (n=307) accounted for 79% of deaths for this age group**	Conditions originating in the perinatal period (n= 167) Congenital malformations (n=59) Accidental suffocation (n=24) **Causes above (n=250) accounted for 76% of deaths for this age group**
1-4 years	Motor vehicle accidents (n=10) Homicide (n=10) Congenital malformations (n=8) Accidental drowning (n=7) Influenza and pneumonia (n=6) Cancer (n=5) **Causes above (n=46) accounted for 58% of deaths for this age group**	Motor vehicle accidents (n=8) Homicide (n=6) Congenital malformations (n=6) **Causes above (n=20) accounted for 40% of deaths for this age group**
5-9 years	Motor vehicle accidents (n=9) Congenital malformations (n=5) Homicide (n=5) **Causes above (n=19) accounted for 53% of deaths for this age group**	Cancer (n=9) Homicide (n=6) **Causes above (n=15) accounted for 38% of deaths for this age group**
10-14 years	Suicide (n=14) Motor vehicle accidents (n=10) Cancer (n=7) Homicide (n=5) **Causes above (n=36) accounted for 60% of deaths for this age group**	Suicide (n=7) Homicide (n=7) Motor vehicle accidents (n=6) Cancer (n=6) **Causes above (n=26) accounted for 50% of deaths for this age group**
15-17 years	Suicide (n=25) Motor vehicle accidents (n=23) Homicide (n=15) **Causes above (n=63) accounted for 70% of deaths for this age group**	Motor vehicle accidents (n=33) Homicide (n=25) Suicide (n=20) Accidental poisoning (n=5) **Causes above (n=83) accounted for 72% of deaths for this age group**

Note. Deaths ≥5 were included.

DATA SOURCE

S.C. Department of Health and Environment Control, unpublished report generated in August 2021.

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Non-Fatal Injuries to Children

S.C. NON-FATAL INJURIES TO CHILDREN

61,814 non-fatal injuries to children in 2020, **20,801** injuries or **25%** *decrease* from 2019.
$249,810,572 in hospital charges related to these injuries in 2020, **$5,321,713** or **2%** *decrease* from 2019.

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

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
2019	6,232	5,917	7,329	7,133	8,050	6,483	6,753	6,975	7,736	7,939	6,373	5,695
2020	5,838	5,744	4,896	3,628	4,844	5,141	4,967	5,005	5,517	6,126	5,468	4,640
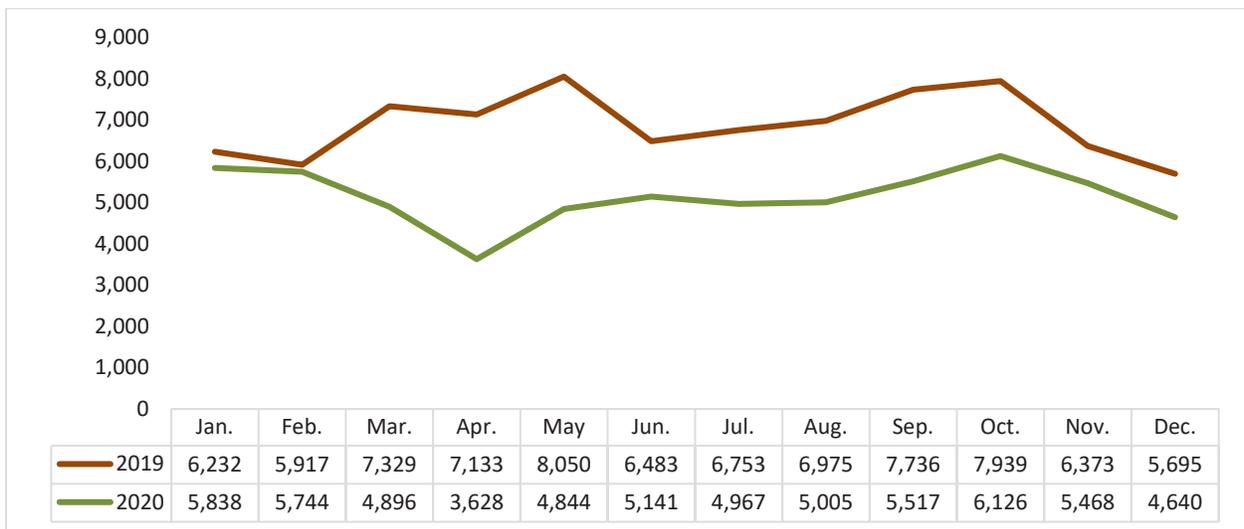
S.C. NON-FATAL INJURIES TO CHILDREN BY AGE GROUP

- **2,232** non-fatal injuries or **4%** were among children ages <1 year in 2020, **641** injury *decrease* from 2019.
- **17,288** non-fatal injuries or **28%** were among children ages 1-4 years in 2020, **3,510** injury *decrease* from 2019.
- **20,373** non-fatal injuries or **33%** were among children ages 5-11 years in 2020, **8,227** injury *decrease* from 2019.
- **21,921** non-fatal injuries or **35%** were among children ages 12-17 years in 2020, **8,423** injury *decrease* from 2019.

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Safety
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	2019	2020
White female	18,168	14,412
Black or African American female	13,763	9,373
Other female	3,693	3,062
White male	23,579	19,150
Black or African American male	18,195	11,887
Other male	5,102	3,833
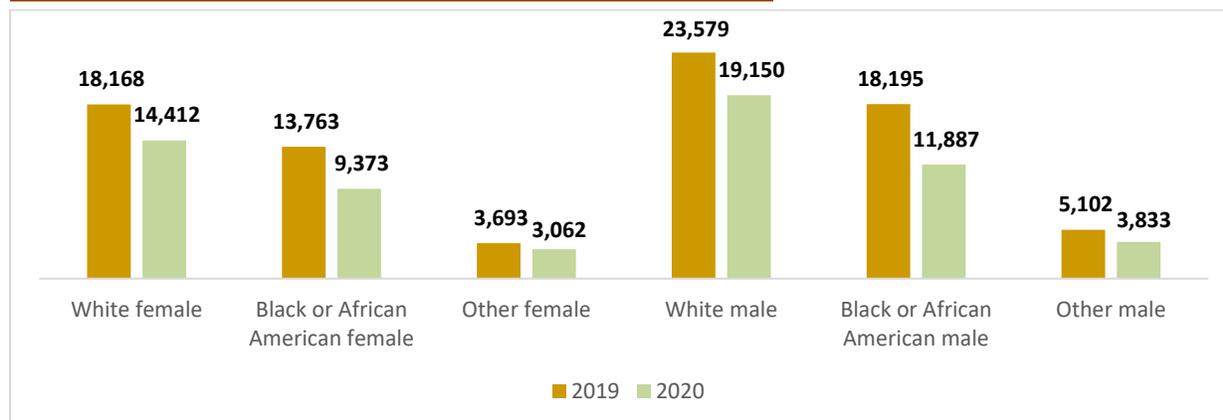
S.C. TOP NON-FATAL INJURIES

2019	2020
Top 5 Injuries by ED Visits	**Top 5 Injuries by ED Visits**
Unspecified injury of head (n=5,531)	Unspecified injury of head (n=3,457)
Laceration without foreign body of other part of head (n=3,454)	Laceration without foreign body of other part of head (n=3,205)
Contusion of other part of head (n=1,984)	Laceration without foreign body of scalp (n= 1,566)
Laceration without foreign body of scalp (n=1,722)	Laceration without foreign body of lip (n=1,338)
Sprain of unspecified ligament of right ankle (n=1,658)	Contusion of other part of head (n=1,298)
Top 5 Injuries by Hospital Charges	**Top 5 Injuries by Hospital Charges**
Unspecified injury of head ($13,147,001)	Unspecified injury of head ($9,489,566)
Laceration without foreign body of other part of head ($6,737,920)	Laceration without foreign body of other part of head ($6,938,227)
Contusion of other part of head ($4,337,751)	Laceration without foreign body of scalp ($3,568,554)
Strain of muscle, fascia and tendon at neck level ($3,715,676)	Contusion of other part of head ($2,924,058)
Concussion without loss of consciousness ($3,670,262)	Concussion without loss of consciousness ($2,879,233)

DATA SOURCE

S.C. Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office. S.C. pediatric emergency department visits (ages 0-17), includes emergency department visits that resulted in an inpatient admission, non-fatal injuries for South Carolina residents. Unpublished report generated in July 2021.

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Child Welfare Indicators

Children/Youth Maltreatment

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

53,178 children/youth maltreatment reports were received by DSS in 2020, **7,591** or **12%** *decrease* from 2019.
- **31,596** or **59%** accepted for investigation (safety issues alleged) in 2020, **5,562** or **15%** *decrease* from 2019.
- **8,483** or **27%** founded investigations in 2020, **1,872** or **18%** *decrease* from 2019.
- **13,973** victims of children/youth maltreatment in 2020, **3,801** or **21%** *decrease* from 2019.
  7,219 or **52%** were victims ages 0 to 6 in 2020, **2,129** or **23%** *decrease* from 2019.
  3,425 or **25%** were victims ages 7 to 12 in 2020, **1,175** or **26%** *decrease* from 2019.
  3,329 or **24%** were victims ages 13 to 17 in 2020, **497** or **13%** *decrease* from 2019.

S.C. CHILDREN/YOUTH MALTREATMENT REPORTS BY MONTH

In 2019, 61% intakes accepted and 28% founded.
In 2020, 59% intakes accepted and 27% founded.
In 2021 (as of June), 55% intakes accepted and 18% founded.

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
2019	5,449	5,051	5,624	5,499	5,660	3,833	4,225	4,697	5,149	6,110	4,987	4,485
2020	5,466	5,148	4,477	2,995	3,162	3,614	3,817	4,120	5,096	5,618	4,919	4,746
2021	5,021	5,381	6,495	5,722	5,925	5,251						
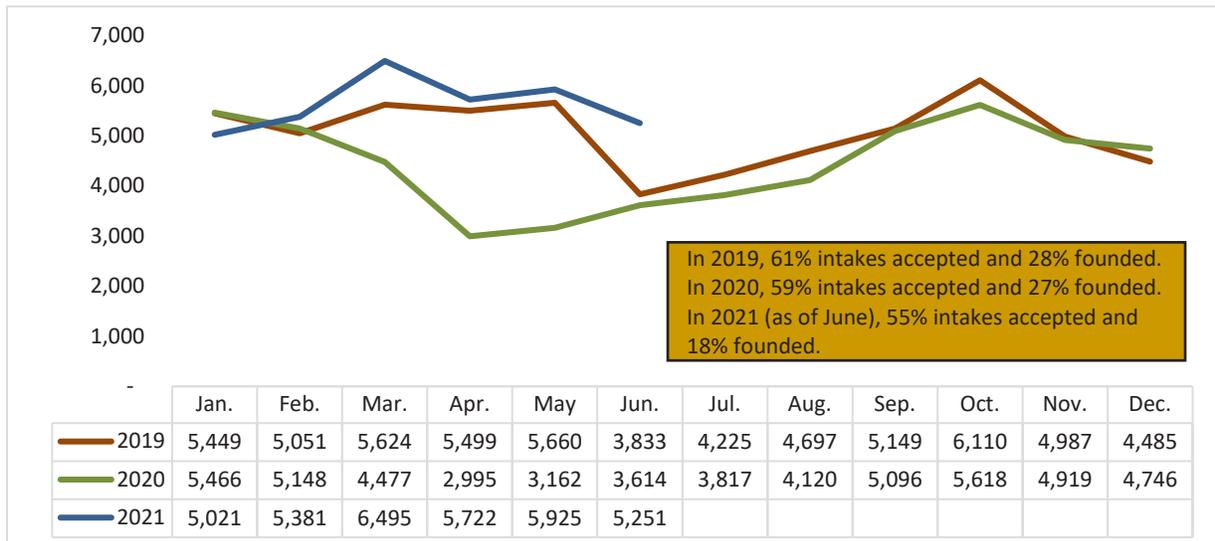
S.C. CHILDREN/YOUTH MALTREATMENT VICTIMS BY SEX, ETHNICITY AND RACE

	Female	Male	Hispanic	Not Hispanic /no answer	White	Black or African American	Mixed/Native /others	Unknown /decline
2019	8,754	8,867	842	16,932	8,751	7,100	696	1,227
2020	6,911	6,988	721	13,252	6,987	5,261	518	1,207

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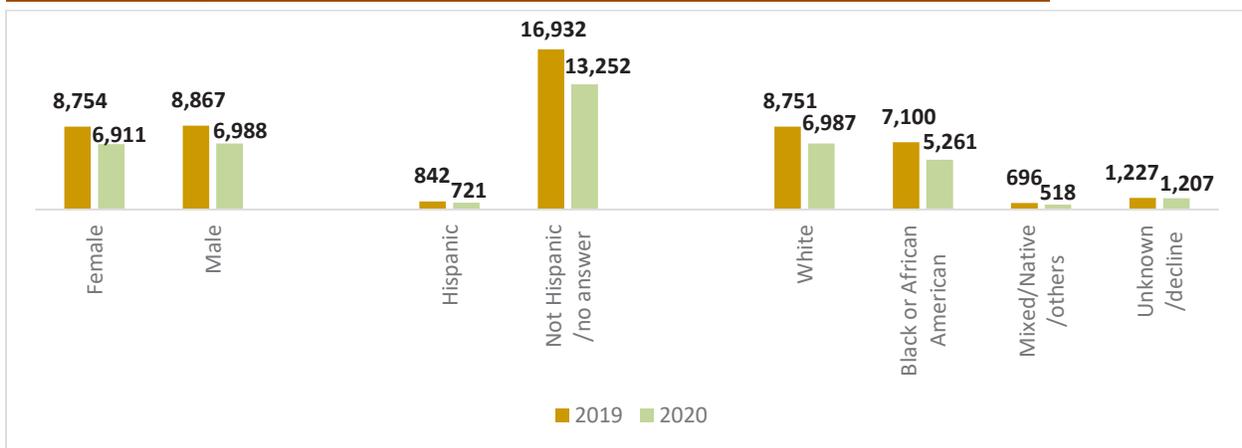
Child Welfare Indicators

S.C. FOUNDED MALTREATMENT REPORTS

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
2019	1,006	885	988	986	950	689	846	904	825	844	724	708
2020	889	755	743	542	536	627	630	689	791	855	712	714
2021	756	755	917	873	818	772						
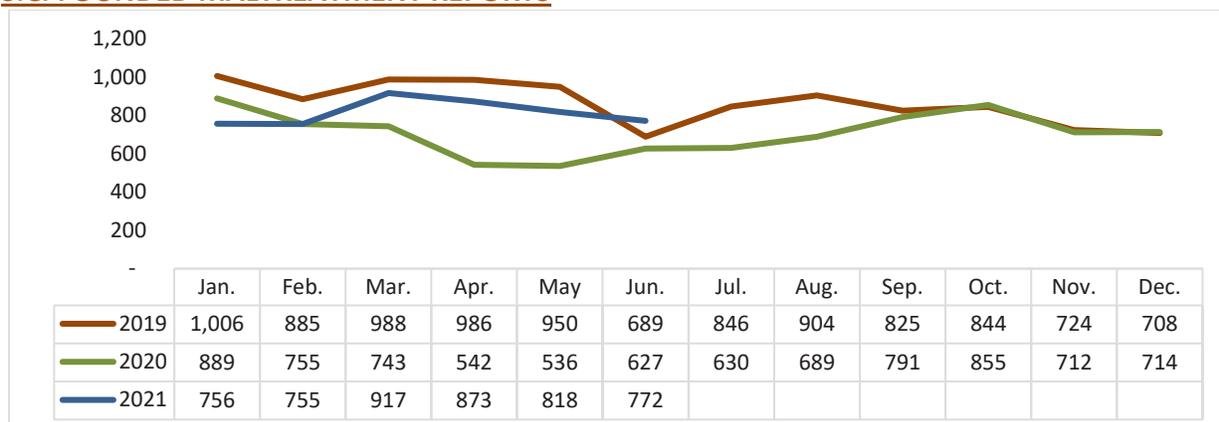
S.C. FOUNDED MALTREATMENT REPORTS BY TYPE

Maltreatment Type	2019	2020	January 2021- June 2021
Abandonment	138	129	70
Contributing to the delinquency of a minor	37	57	25
Educational neglect	792	903	952
Excessive corporal punishment	14	298	207
Medical abuse	*	0	0
Medical neglect	335	276	191
Mental injury	300	803	258
Neglect (formerly physical neglect)	6,910	0	0
Other (formerly threat of harm, other)	17	0	0
Physical abuse	3,709	1,990	1,190
Physical neglect	2,370	7,457	4,199
Sex trafficking	*	47	45
Sexual abuse	529	467	239
Substantial risk abandonment	*	0	0
Substantial risk contributing to the delinquency of a minor	*	0	0
Substantial risk education neglect	30	0	0
Substantial risk medical neglect	52	0	0
Substantial risk mental injury	35	0	0
Substantial risk neglect (formerly physical neglect)	619	0	0
Substantial risk of physical or mental injury	93	4,915	2,505
Substantial risk physical abuse	6,276	0	0
Substantial risk sexual abuse	442	0	0
Suspicious death of a child	*	0	0
Total	**22,708**	**17,342**	**9,881**

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.

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DATA SOURCE

S.C. Department of Social Services, unpublished reports generated in August 2021 and November 2021.

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Children/Youth in Foster Care

S.C. CHILDREN/YOUTH IN FOSTER CARE

2,662 children/youth entered foster care in 2020, **1,449** or **35%** *decrease* from 2019.
**2,811** children/youth exited foster care in 2020, **1,050** or **27%** *decrease* from 2019.
6,693 children/youth served in foster care in 2020, **1,556** or **19%** *decrease* from 2019.
- **2,766** or **41.3%** were children/youth ages 0 to 6 in 2020, **725** or **21%** *decrease* from 2019.
- **1,956** or **29.2%** were children/youth ages 7 to 12 in 2020, **450** or **19%** *decrease* from 2019.
- **1,971** or **29.4%** were children/youth ages 13 to 17 in 2020, **381** or **16%** *decrease* from 2019.

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

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
2019	4,441	4,525	4,529	4,546	4,610	4,450	4,423	4,465	4,610	4,629	4,585	4,388
2020	4,377	4,365	4,385	4,409	4,318	4,236	4,213	4,167	4,112	4,073	4,049	3,939
2021	3,975	4,013	3,978	4,026	4,096	4,072						
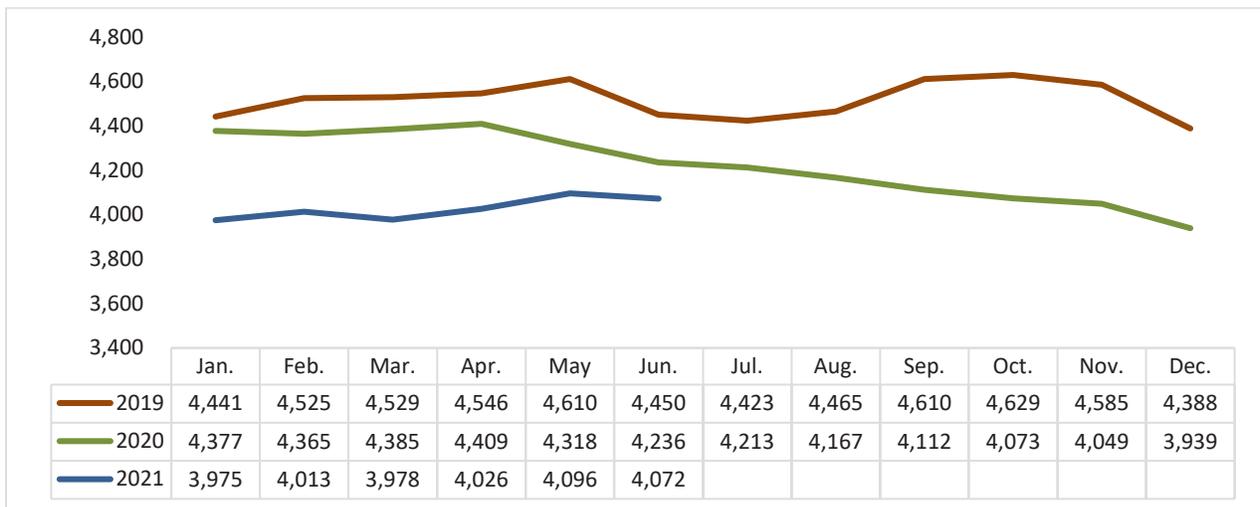
S.C. CHILDREN/YOUTH IN FOSTER CARE BY SEX, ETHNICITY AND RACE

	2019	2020
Female	3,976	3,185
Male	4,261	3,502
Hispanic	498	418
Not Hispanic/no answer	7,751	6,275
White	4,366	3,567
Black or African American	2,996	2,328
Unknown/mixed/decline	887	798

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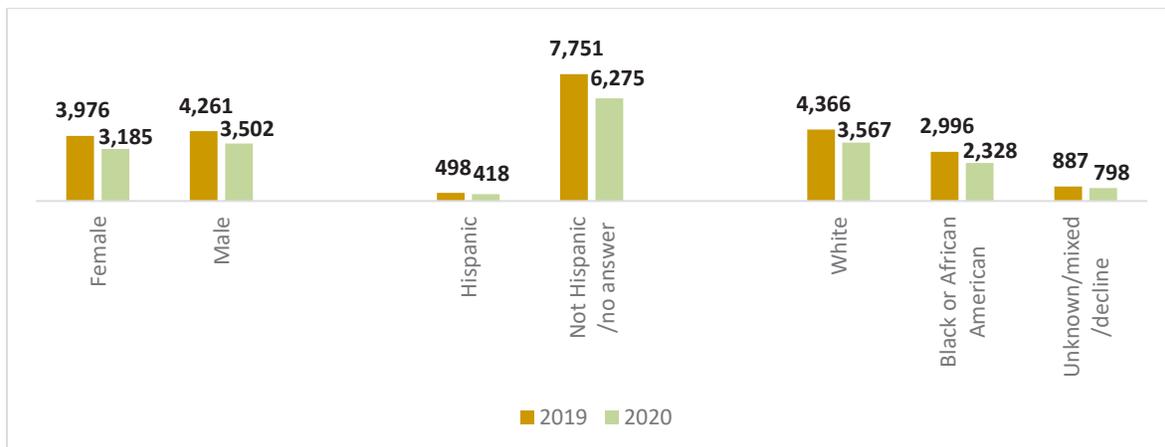
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S.C. CHILDREN/YOUTH ENTERED FOSTER CARE BY MONTH

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
2019	365	345	371	334	384	248	258	409	412	398	323	264
2020	356	287	299	152	165	185	201	215	220	235	199	148
2021	244	215	258	275	287	239						
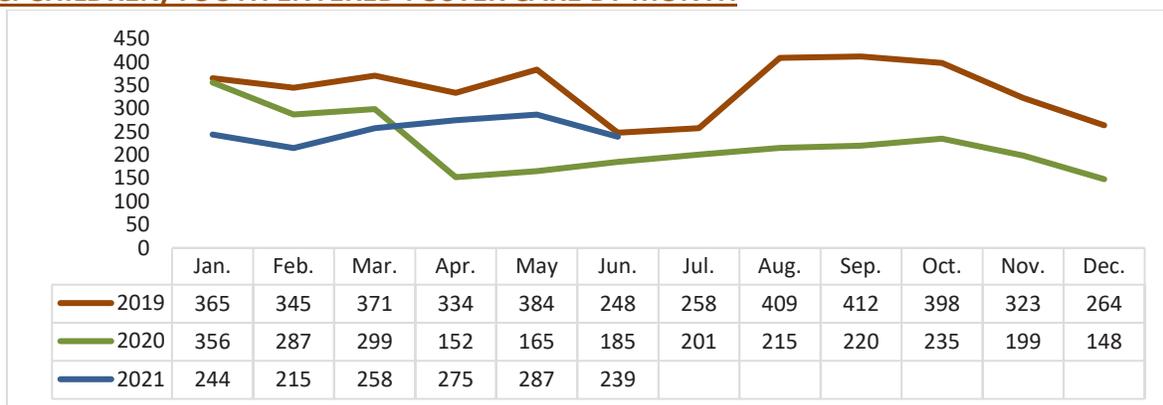
REASON ENTERED FOSTER CARE IN S.C.

Reason Enter Foster Care	2019	2020	January 2021-June 2021
Abandonment	94	84	67
Alcohol abuse (child)	7	17	*
Alcohol abuse (parent)	81	70	39
Caretaker disabling condition	44	24	8
Child's behavior problem	*	71	51
Child's disability	112	15	*
Death of parent(s)	14	18	*
Disruption or dissolution of adoption	5	*	*
Drug abuse (child)	29	35	17
Drug abuse (parent)	533	378	224
Exploitation (non-sexual)	*	*	0
Family instability	154	107	27
Hospitalization of parent	13	21	6
Inadequate housing	103	59	17
Incarceration of parent(s)	55	41	16
Lack of employment (parent)	12	7	*
Lack of housing (homeless)	61	38	12
Lost child	*	5	*
Neglect	2,963	1,970	1,095
Physical abuse	862	574	390
Pregnancy (of the child)	*	*	*
Relinquishment (at birth)	*	*	*
Relinquishment (other)	*	10	*
Runaway	29	34	28
Sexual abuse	270	216	140
Voluntary placement (non-CPS)	15	15	*
Total	**5,468**	**3,816**	**2,160**

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Child Welfare Indicators

FOSTER CARE PLACEMENTS IN S.C.

Kinship Placements

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
2019	282	268	294	299	309	321	329	335	366	360	380	374
2020	402	405	401	429	481	482	502	495	510	475	511	527
2021	550	576	556	585	615	607	642					

Family-like Placements

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
2019	3,289	3,285	3,308	3,298	3,267	3,325	3,244	3,172	3,214	3,325	3,351	3,321
2020	3,159	3,174	3,160	3,149	3,153	3,101	3,000	3,003	2,952	2,958	2,916	2,906
2021	2,788	2,787	2,844	2,797	2,813	2,897	2,834					

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

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Congregate Care Placements

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
2019	833	848	876	890	893	927	895	888	854	886	862	856
2020	800	768	773	781	755	713	711	693	685	662	621	596
2021	579	584	588	575	579	571	578					
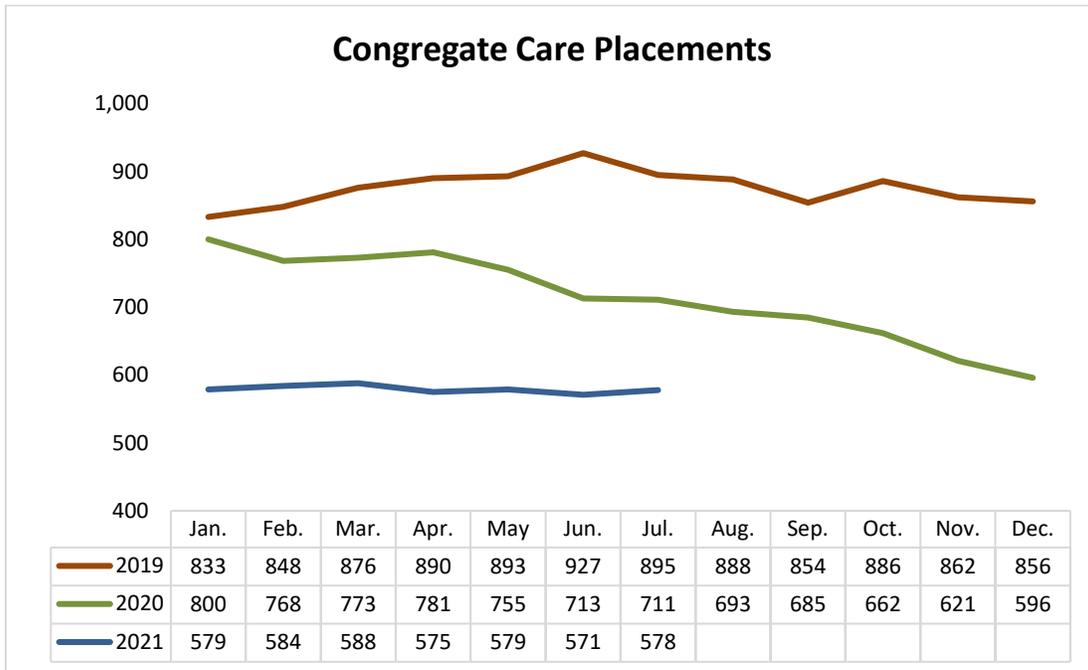
Note. Congregate care placements include congregate care, emergency shelters, and residential treatment facilities.

Other Placements

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
2019	37	40	47	42	41	47	35	28	31	39	36	34
2020	27	30	31	26	24	22	23	22	20	17	25	20
2021	22	28	25	21	19	21	18					
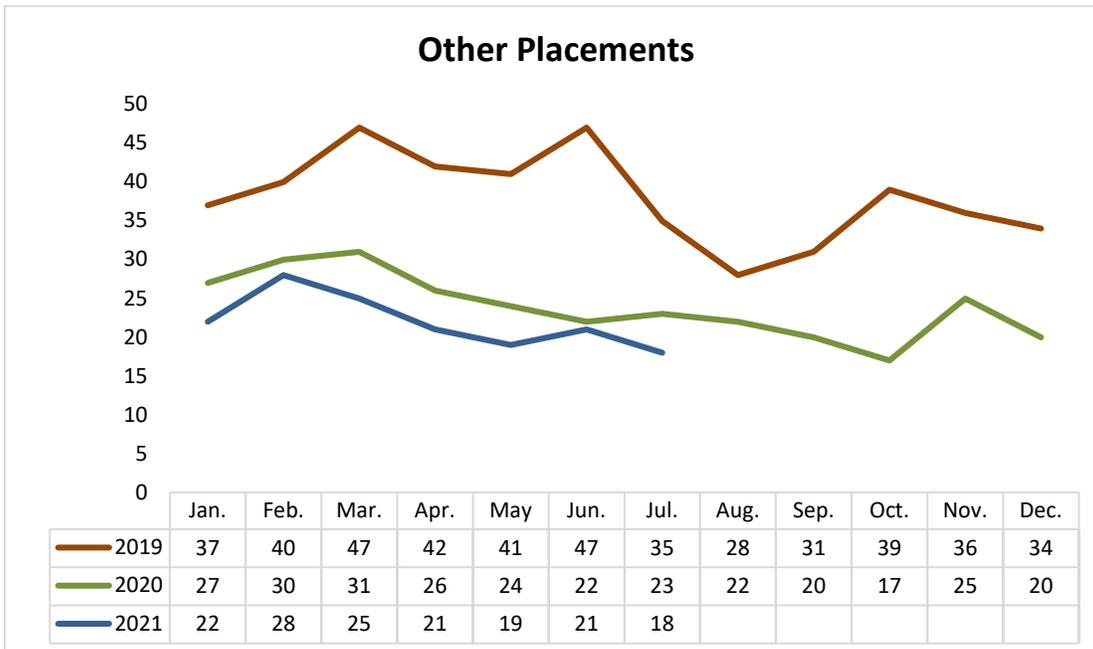
Note. Other placements include correctional facilities, DJJ, hospitals, and schools/colleges.

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Child Welfare Indicators

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

	0-2 Months	3-5 Months	6-8 Months	9-11 Months	12-17 Months	18-23 Months	24+ Months	All Children/Youth
July 1, 2019	697 (15%)	664 (15%)	427 (9%)	433 (10%)	640 (14%)	457 (10%)	1,185 (26%)	4,503 (100%)
July 1, 2020	390 (9%)	615 (15%)	479 (11%)	427 (10%)	625 (15%)	435 (10%)	1,265 (30%)	4,236 (100%)
July 1, 2021	618 (15%)	483 (12%)	309 (8%)	296 (7%)	513 (13%)	484 (12%)	1,369 (34%)	4,072 (100%)

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

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
2019	288	246	353	292	308	360	282	346	251	336	412	387
2020	299	272	226	121	269	217	222	247	238	242	236	222
2021	173	162	258	198	202	189						
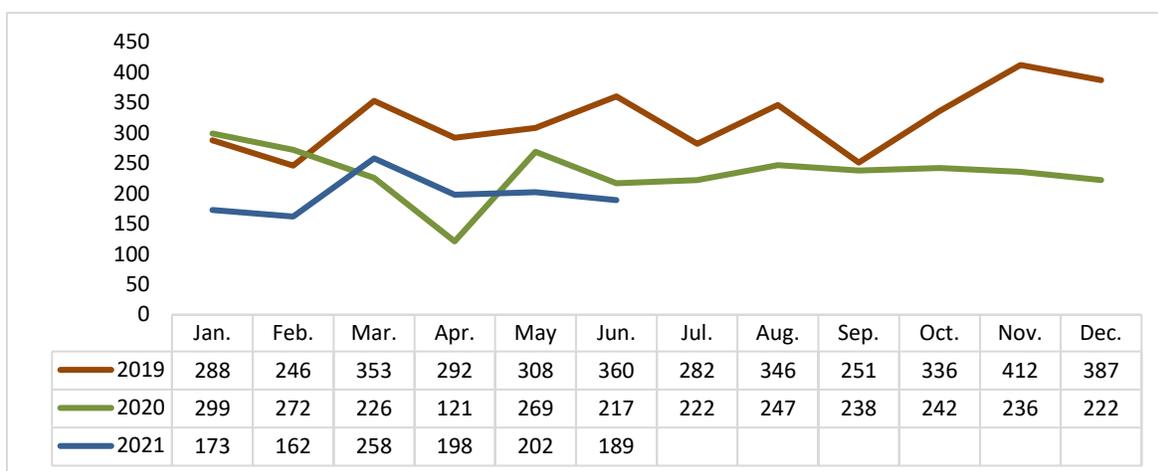
REASON EXITED FOSTER CARE IN S.C.

Reason Exited Foster Care	2019	2020	January 2021- June 2021
Adoption	572	466	172
Aged out	5	*	0
Guardianship	80	86	57
Living with other relatives	1,125	689	229
Returned to custody of parent/guardian	2,058	1,547	709
Other	22	21	15
Total	**3,862**	**2,811**	**1,182**

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DATA SOURCE

S.C. Department of Social Services, unpublished reports generated in August 2021 and November 2021.

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Family Court Hearings and Continuances on Child Protection Cases

S.C. HEARINGS AND CONTINUANCES ON CHILD PROTECTION CASES

15,029 probable cause, merits, judicial review, and permanency planning hearings were scheduled in 2020, **6,037** or **29%** *decrease* from 2019.
  o **42%** of the scheduled probable cause, merits, judicial review, and permanency planning hearings were continued in 2020, **8%** (continuance rate) *increase* from 2019.

1,272 termination of parental rights (TPR) merits and status hearings were scheduled in 2020, **416** or **25%** *decrease* from 2019.
  o **49%** of the scheduled TPR merits and status hearings were continued in 2020, **3%** (continuance rate) *increase* from 2019.

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

Probable Cause Hearings

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
2019	197	211	220	216	207	146	160	218	243	223	217	170
2020	210	170	177	104	113	100	137	159	134	143	127	97
2021	126	138	153	166	160	158						

Merits Hearings

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
2019	790	841	827	872	968	861	796	811	726	1,027	714	825
2020	863	803	850	454	398	534	502	504	548	599	543	526
2021	577	529	787	608	701	778						

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Child Welfare Indicators

Judicial Review Hearings

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
2019	373	346	359	293	349	357	338	406	332	412	306	344
2020	375	363	332	175	167	183	150	156	159	178	154	169
2021	210	216	233	201	196	262						

Permanency Planning Hearings

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
2019	345	373	395	314	398	354	313	373	338	424	353	385
2020	325	347	353	171	429	276	304	287	288	297	320	276
2021	251	304	294	261	241	361						

Termination of Parental Rights Hearings

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
2019	144	133	167	119	157	128	122	175	123	161	116	143
2020	152	124	148	81	77	82	71	89	122	124	100	102
2021	80	102	92	86	99	124						

DATA SOURCE

1. Children's Law Center, University of South Carolina School of Law. Court Liaisons Program, unpublished report generated in August 2021.

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Child Welfare
Indicators

2. For the South Carolina family court and child welfare systems, the pandemic started at some point in mid-March 2020 and continues today although several measures, policies, and procedures have been put into place to mitigate the challenges caused by the pandemic. The child welfare system adapted to the pandemic by incorporating virtual platforms to continue much needed meetings with local, state and federal stakeholders. The family court system adapted as well by using virtual platforms to conduct both state and federally required child protection proceedings, albeit at a much slower pace. These changes were not without challenges. The family court system quickly realized that internet access varied in the state, with rural and less populated areas having the most limited services and opportunities. These technological challenges limited some defendant parents' ability to participate fully in court hearings. To ensure technology worked well before starting a hearing, judges often required that cases be scheduled in much longer time blocks than pre-pandemic scheduling to ensure technological capabilities were sufficient to successfully conduct a court hearing. In small counties where caseload demands were not as great, this was not as much of a problem. However, in medium to large counties with high caseloads, fewer cases were docketed because of the additional time it took to conduct a hearing, and, as a result, backlogs and overdue hearings began to pile up, increasing the time it takes for children to achieve permanency. The South Carolina family court and child welfare systems experienced a significant reduction in the number of cases filed and heard in virtually every hearing type, from probable cause hearings or initial merits hearings to termination of parental rights hearings. Probable cause hearings are not affected by court time availability as they are emergency hearings and receive priority. However, the decrease in the number of probable cause hearings is mostly attributed to school and day care closures. Administrators and teachers at educational settings are often the top reporters of alleged child abuse and neglect. Professionals working in schools and day care facilities are required to report child abuse and neglect. Due to those closures during the pandemic, fewer professionals could observe children and youth and make those reports, which corresponds to the significant decrease in the number of emergency probable cause hearings held.

3. The South Carolina courts reduced the available number of court hours in a few ways: (1) court closure during the second half of March 2020 and the entire month of April 2020, except for emergency hearings; (2) there were a significant number of county court closures due to local COVID-19 breakouts, which continue to this day, 16 months since the beginning of the pandemic; (3) increased time needed for cases to ensure technology was sufficient to conduct a court hearing, which reduced the number of cases that could be docketed, creating a backlog effect particularly in medium to large counties with moderate to heavy caseloads; (4) South Carolina Chief Justice Beatty ordered that court room space be cleaned and sanitized between hearings to reduce the spread of germs or harmful airborne substances.

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Child Care

S.C. CHILD CARE FACILITIES BY OPERATIONAL STATUS

On January 4, 2021, **2,394** child care facilities regulated by the South Carolina Department of Social Services' child care licensing were open and active. In 2020, **2,107** or **88%** of the facilities were also open and active, **140** or **6%** were closed, and **147** or **6%** new facilities were opened. The table below shows a net retention of **94%** of the child care facilities (i.e., active and new facilities) in 2020 since COVID-19.

Operational Status	Number of Child Care Facilities	Percent
Active in 2020	2,107	88%
Closed in 2020	140	6%
Newly opened in 2020	147	6%
Total	**2,394**	**100%**

S.C. CHILD CARE FACILITIES BY TYPE

Facility Type	Operational Status	Number of Child Care Facilities
Child care center	Active in 2020	1,478
	Closed in 2020	88
	Newly opened in 2020	95
Family child care home	Active in 2020	563
	Closed in 2020	45
	Newly opened in 2020	52
Group child care home	Active in 2020	66
	Closed in 2020	7
Total		**2,394**

S.C. CHILD CARE FACILITIES BY CAPACITY

Operational Status	Capacity
Active in 2020	173,579
Closed in 2020	9,877
Newly opened in 2020	10,608
Total	**194,064**

*Note*. Due to COVID-19, a significant number of child care facilities operating in 2020 reported being under enrolled compared to the months before the pandemic. The difference in child care capacity is a net gain of 731 children.

[Please consider the data in the larger context of the COVID-19 pandemic and interpret the data with caution.]

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S.C. CHILD CARE FACILITIES BY TYPE AND CAPACITY

Operational Status	Capacity
Active in 2020	**173,579**
Child care center	169,462
Family child care home	3,319
Group child care home	798
Closed in 2020	**9,877**
Child care center	9,530
Family child care home	263
Group child care home	84
Newly opened in 2020	**10,608**
Child care center	10,313
Family child care home	295
Total	**194,064**

DATA SOURCE

1. Yvonne & Schuyler Moore Child Development Research Center, University of South Carolina College of Education, unpublished report generated in August 2021.
2. The tables presented in this section only use two data points – January 2020 and January 2021. The analysis was conducted based on all facilities listed on the scchildcare.org website on January 4, 2021 in comparison to child care facilities on the same website on January 4, 2020. These include all the programs regulated by the South Carolina Department of Social Services' child care licensing, including child care centers, family child care homes, and group child care homes. The website data on January 4, 2021 displays the operational status of facilities as Open, Closed or Unknown.
3. Child care capacity: The changes in the child care facility market have impacted overall child care capacity as displayed in the tables above. The capacity is the maximum number of children that a child care facility is licensed to serve and <u>does not</u> reflect actual child care slots offered in the facilities, which in most cases is less than the licensed capacity. COVID-19 further widened this gap, as a significant portion of child care facilities operating in 2020 reported being under enrolled compared to the months before the pandemic.

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Mental Health Services

S.C. MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES PROVIDED TO CHILDREN

397,284 mental health services were provided to children in 2020 by the South Carolina Department of Mental Health (DMH), **38,989** or **11%** *increase* from 2019. **30,725** children (unduplicated count) received the provided mental health services in 2020, **1,924** or **6%** *decrease* from 2019.

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

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
2019	28,765	27,650	29,633	28,942	30,254	20,112	27,147	25,561	32,495	40,987	34,934	31,815
2020	40,320	38,582	33,423	32,586	31,567	33,425	32,364	30,575	32,937	34,481	28,790	28,234
2021	30,879	32,909	38,773	31,753	31,503	28,447						
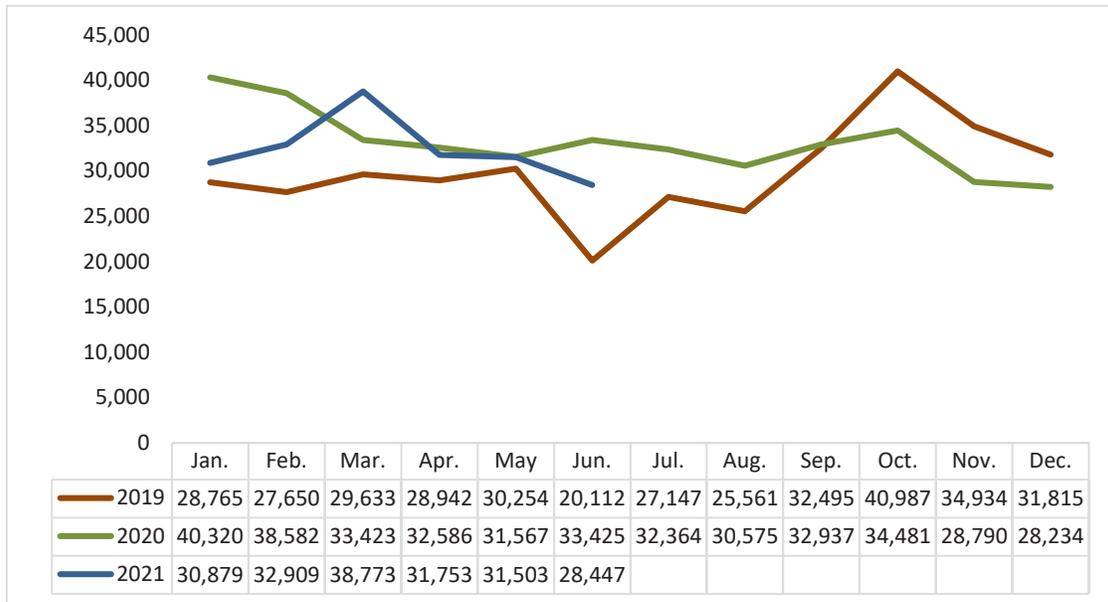
S.C. MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES PROVIDED BY DMH TO CHILDREN BY PLACE OF SERVICE

Place of Service Categories	2019	2020	Difference
Telehealth	10,158	224,442	+2,110%
School	160,728	100,924	-37%
Community mental health center clinic	136,261	53,477	-61%
Patient's home	8,493	10,421	+23%
Outpatient health care provider	5,383	3,342	-38%
Hospital emergency department	85	73	-14%
Jail	17	9	-47%
Inpatient health care provider	10	5	-50%
Other location	37,160	4,591	-88%
Total	**358,295**	**397,284**	**+11%**

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

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
2019	12,351	12,300	13,017	13,069	13,304	9,947	10,844	12,254	14,101	16,095	15,861	15,692
2020	17,250	17,319	16,464	14,016	13,869	13,912	13,231	13,067	13,351	13,862	13,328	13,471
2021	13,789	14,333	15,391	14,788	14,713	13,258	10,534					
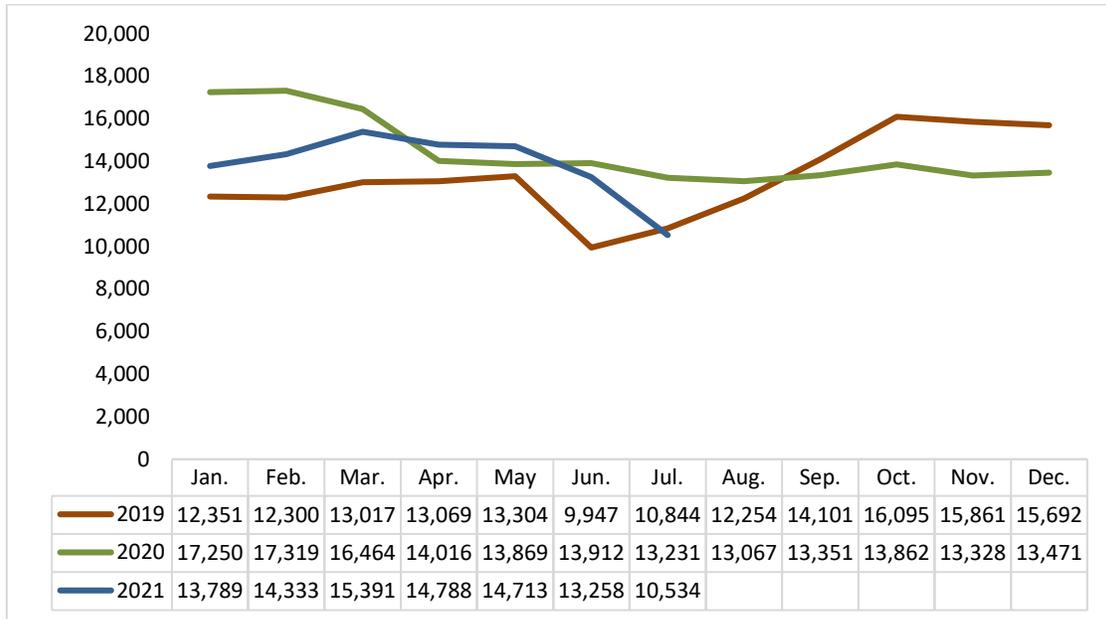
S.C. CHILDREN RECEIVING MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES PROVIDED BY DMH BY AGE GROUP, SEX, RACE AND ETHNICITY

Bar chart comparing 2019 and 2020 values:

Category	2019	2020
0-3 years	120	107
4-6 years	2,449	2,114
7-9 years	5,847	5,146
10-12 years	8,149	7,374
13-17 years	16,084	15,984
Male	14,583	14,295
Female	18,065	16,429
American Indian	106	109
Asian	75	88
Black or African American	12,781	11,472
Other	4,601	4,670
White	14,414	13,593
Unknown	672	793
Hispanic	1,880	1,926
Not Hispanic	22,626	21,112
Unknown	8,143	7,687

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TOP 10 MENTAL HEALTH DIAGNOSES PROVIDED BY DMH AMONG S.C. CHILDREN

	2019	Number of Diagnoses	2020	Number of Diagnoses
1	Attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder, combined presentation	96,008	Attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder, combined presentation	102,119
2	Oppositional defiant disorder	24,048	Oppositional defiant disorder	23,236
3	Posttraumatic stress disorder	16,209	Posttraumatic stress disorder	21,143
4	Unspecified depressive disorder	15,060	Generalized anxiety disorder	17,168
5	Disruptive mood dysregulation disorder	13,701	Unspecified depressive disorder	16,573
6	Unspecified disruptive, impulse-control, and conduct disorder	13,461	Unspecified disruptive, impulse-control, and conduct disorder	14,715
7	Adjustment disorder, with mixed disturbance of emotions and conduct	13,140	Disruptive mood dysregulation disorder	14,632
8	Generalized anxiety disorder	12,886	Adjustment disorder, with mixed disturbance of emotions and conduct	14,282
9	Unspecified anxiety disorder	12,254	Attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder, predominantly inattentive presentation	13,671
10	Attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder, predominantly inattentive presentation	11,915	Unspecified anxiety disorder	12,894
Total	228,682 (64% out of total services provided to children in 2019, n=358,295)		250,433 (63% out of total services provided to children in 2020, n=397,284)	

DATA SOURCE

S.C. Department of Mental Health, unpublished report generated in August 2021. Patient and service counts limited to outpatient facilities.

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Substance Use Disorder and Treatment Services

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

54,121 treatment services for a primary or secondary substance use disorder were provided to children by the S.C. Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services (DAODAS) in 2020, **2,344** or **5%** *increase* from 2019.

2,208 children (unduplicated count) received the provided treatment services in 2020, **1,579** or **42%** *decrease* from 2019.

242,060 treatment services for a primary or secondary substance use disorder were provided to parents (who had children under age 18) by DAODAS in 2020, **32,510** or **12%** *decrease* from 2019.

20,035 parents (unduplicated count) received the provided treatment services in 2020, **9,166** or **31%** *decrease* from 2019.

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

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
2019	4,234	3,982	4,619	4,574	4,498	3,637	4,062	4,087	3,983	5,218	4,406	4,477
2020	5,418	5,242	5,739	4,674	3,938	4,334	4,510	3,943	3,987	4,300	3,925	4,111
2021	4,119	4,454	5,801	5,141	5,185	5,517	2,377					
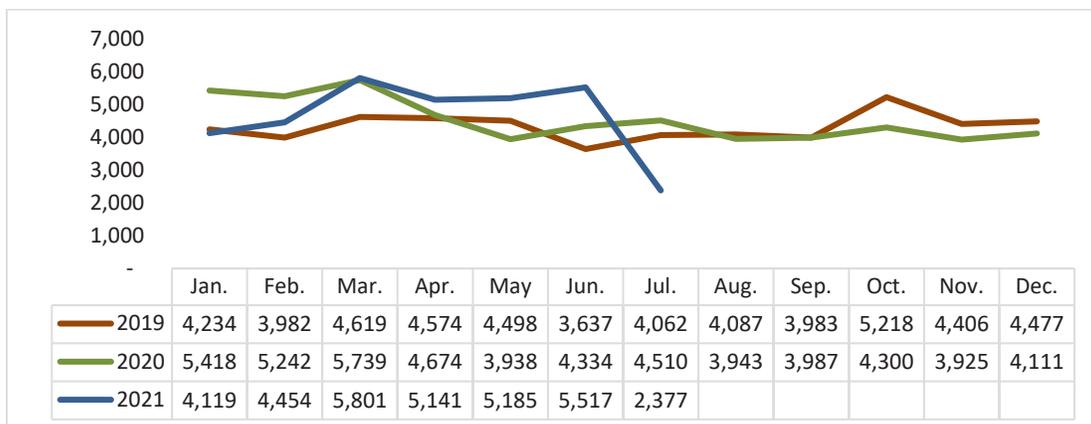
S.C. CHILDREN RECEIVING SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER TREATMENT SERVICES PROVIDED BY DAODAS BY AGE GROUP, SEX AND RACE

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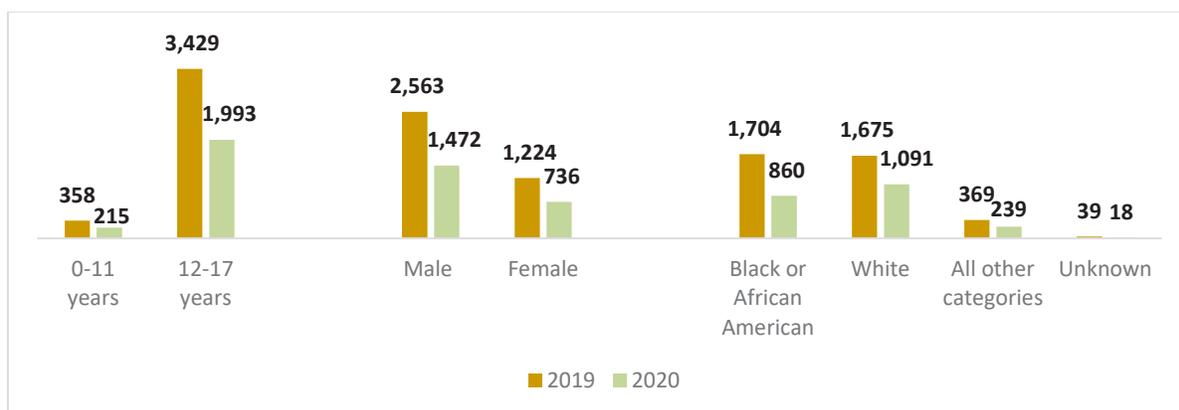
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SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER DIAGNOSES PROVIDED BY DAODAS AMONG S.C. CHILDREN

		2019 Number of Diagnoses	2020 Number of Diagnoses
1	Marijuana use disorder	2,497	1,470
2	Alcohol use disorder	913	601
3	Tobacco use disorder	851	561
4	Amphetamine use disorder	159	102
5	Opiate use disorder	147	88
6	Cocaine use disorder	78	33
	Total	**4,645**	**2,855**

Note. Data in this table 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 BY DAODAS TO S.C. PARENTS BY MONTH

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
2019	24,599	21,744	24,185	25,166	24,932	22,127	24,025	23,209	20,246	24,880	19,896	19,561
2020	23,080	20,547	21,663	19,125	17,763	19,709	20,111	20,391	21,043	21,128	18,896	18,604
2021	18,956	18,616	23,076	20,618	19,155	20,707	8,994					
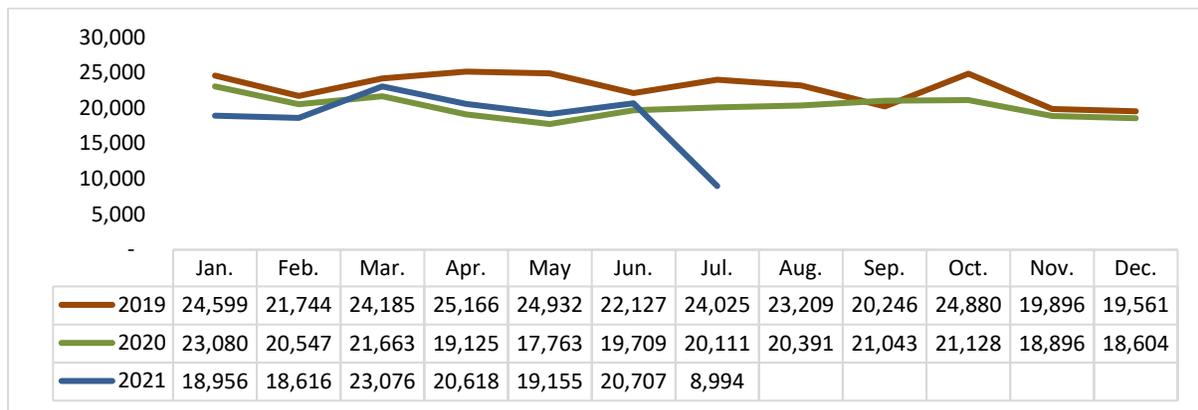
S.C. PARENTS RECEIVING SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER TREATMENT SERVICES PROVIDED BY DAODAS BY AGE GROUP, SEX AND RACE

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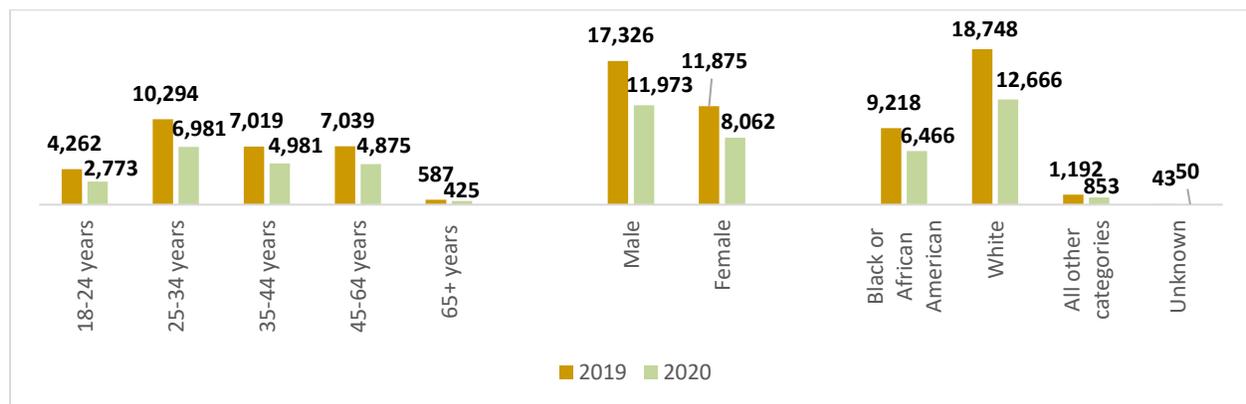
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SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER DIAGNOSES PROVIDED BY DAODAS AMONG S.C. PARENTS

		2019 Number of Diagnoses	2020 Number of Diagnoses
1	Alcohol use disorder	18,831	13,094
2	Marijuana use disorder	14,302	9,516
3	Tobacco use disorder	10,192	7,465
4	Opiate use disorder	7,500	5,027
5	Cocaine use disorder	6,030	3,572
6	Amphetamine use disorder	5,791	3,835
	Total	**62,646**	**42,509**

Note. Data in this table 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).

DATA SOURCE

S.C. Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services, unpublished report generated in August 2021.

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Medicaid Enrolled Children

S.C. MEDICAID ENROLLED CHILDREN

702,603 children enrolled in Medicaid in 2020,
17,994 or **2%** *decrease* from 2019.

S.C. MEDICAID ENROLLED CHILDREN BY MONTH

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
2019	632,924	634,135	635,819	637,095	637,324	636,954	638,948	638,202	638,212	636,567	633,843	630,137
2020	627,627	625,467	622,976	626,445	629,906	633,872	638,211	642,365	645,935	649,157	652,550	656,609
2021	659,251	661,442	663,976	666,159	667,985	670,001	670,694					
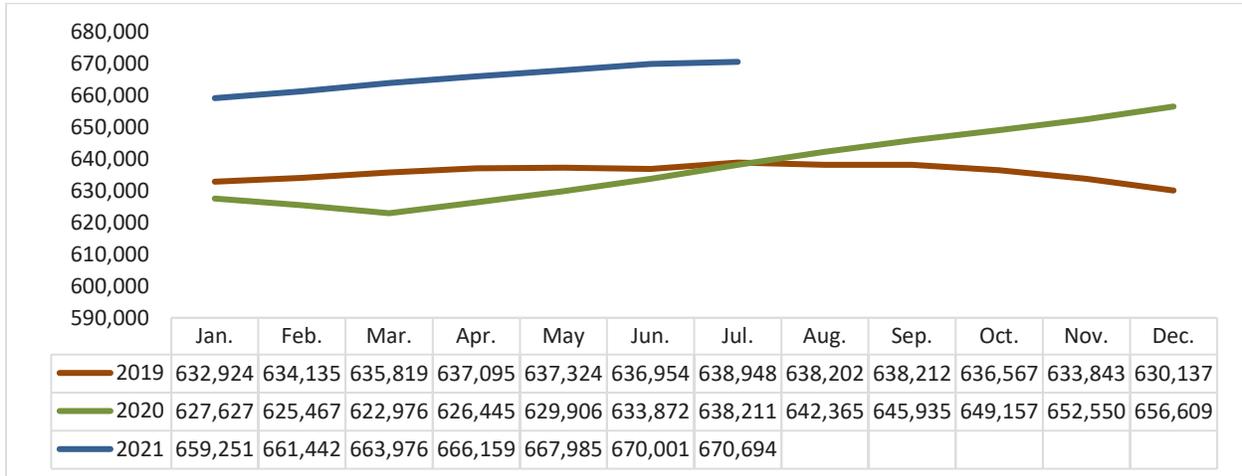
Note. Children ages 17 and under in the month of active eligibility. Age group is determined by the age in the latest month of eligibility in a year. Data exclude those with family planning benefits only, emergency benefits only, and BabyNet only.

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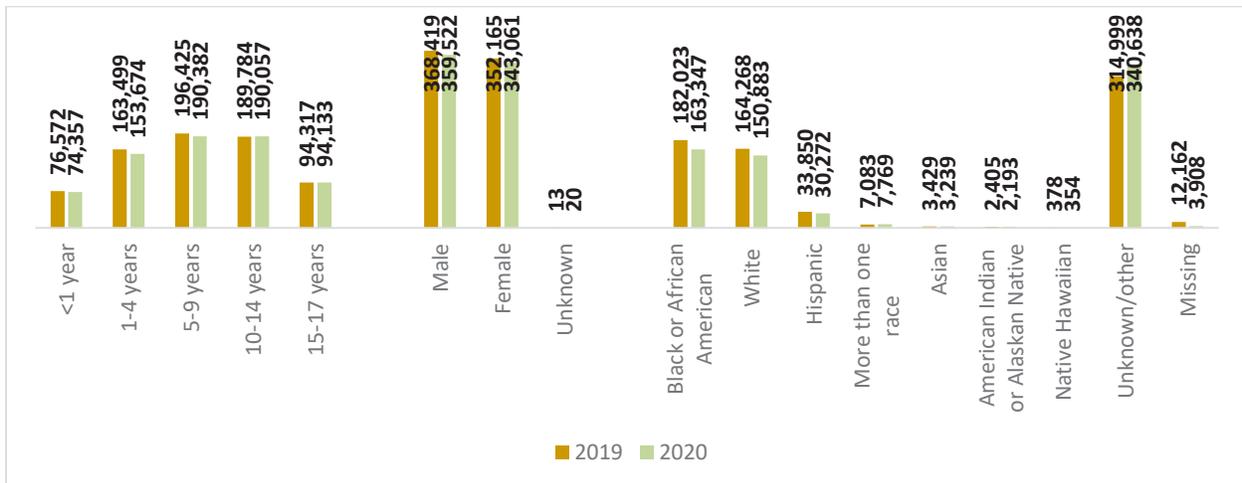
DATA SOURCE

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Juvenile Justice

S.C. JUVENILE DELINQUENCY CASES

9,982 juvenile delinquency cases were referred to the S.C. Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) in 2020, **3,447** or **26%** *decrease* from 2019.

1,532 cases were referred with a status offense as most serious charge in 2020, **801** or **34%** *decrease* from 2019.

1,348 cases were referred with a violent/serious offense in 2020, **98** or **7%** *decrease* from 2019.

1,978 detentions in 2020, **478** or **19%** *decrease* from 2019.

1,927 youth (unduplicated count) were detained in 2020, **445** or **19%** *decrease* from 2019.

622 youth were committed (including suspended and final commitments) in 2020, **258** or **29%** *decrease* from 2019.

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

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
2019	1,049	1,076	1,263	1,197	1,110	865	858	766	1,059	1,709	1,224	1,253
2020	1,502	1,237	1,362	620	580	671	730	560	692	754	640	634
2021	627	768	957	926	871	940						

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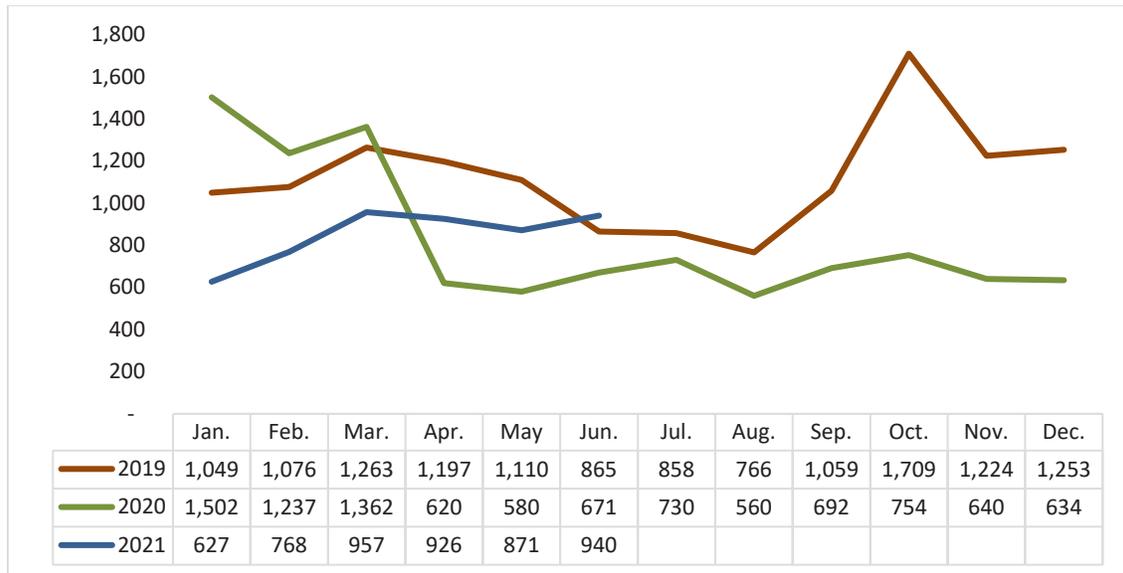
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S.C. JUVENILE DELINQUENCY CASES REFERRED TO DJJ WITH A STATUS OFFENSE AS MOST SERIOUS CHARGE BY MONTH

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
2019	201	227	279	269	254	133	133	104	140	217	190	186
2020	220	235	188	90	60	110	77	64	96	134	132	126
2021	124	153	194	145	189	213						
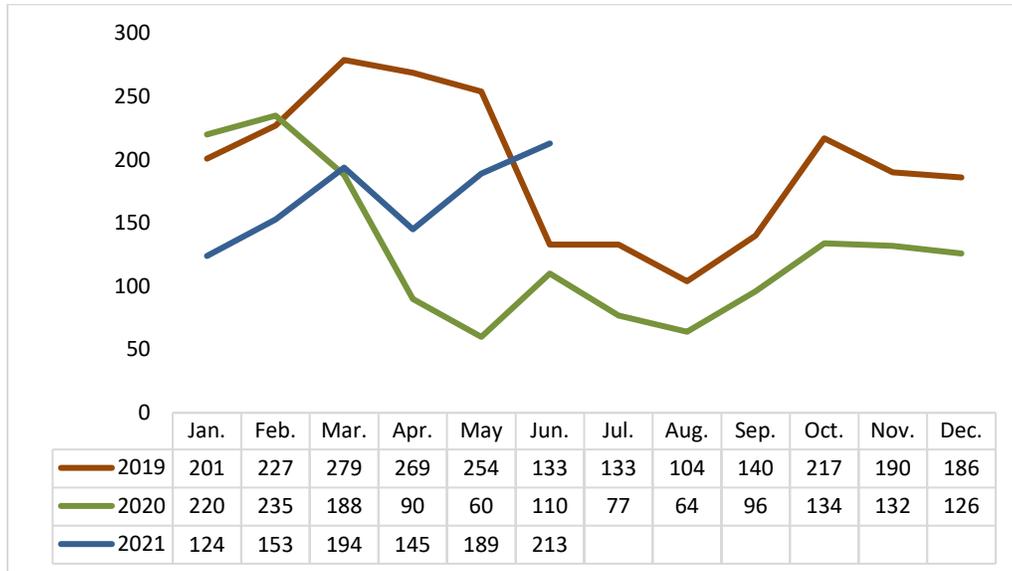
S.C. JUVENILE DELINQUENCY CASES REFERRED TO DJJ WITH A VIOLENT/SERIOUS OFFENSE BY MONTH

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
2019	117	114	121	100	119	89	113	102	111	196	107	157
2020	168	141	152	73	76	94	128	107	116	113	94	86
2021	83	87	105	104	108	109						

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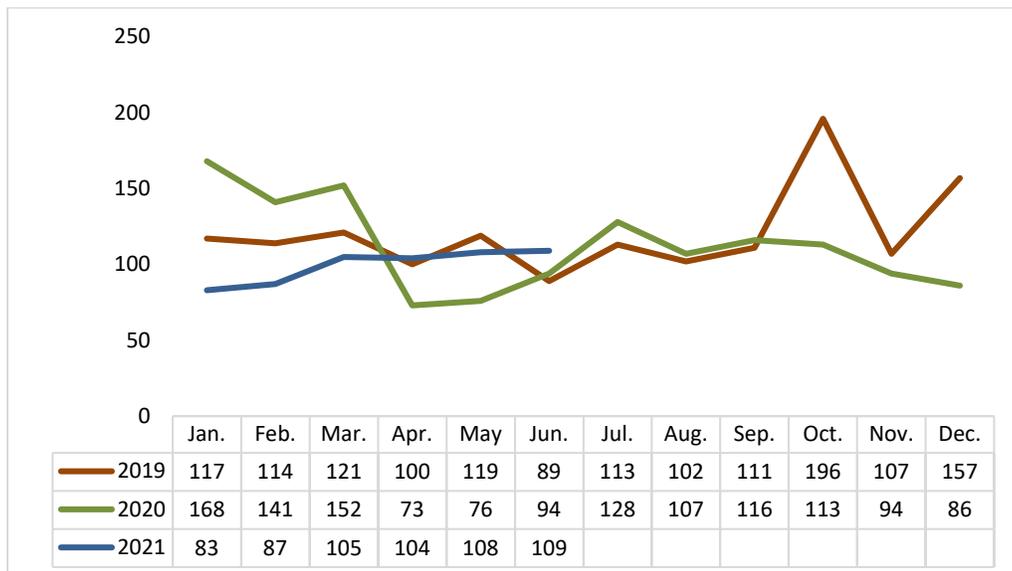
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S.C. JUVENILE DETENTIONS BY MONTH

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
2019	206	165	210	179	218	204	228	229	195	249	177	196
2020	230	200	189	125	139	140	161	134	182	183	151	144
2021	163	135	176	197	168	184						
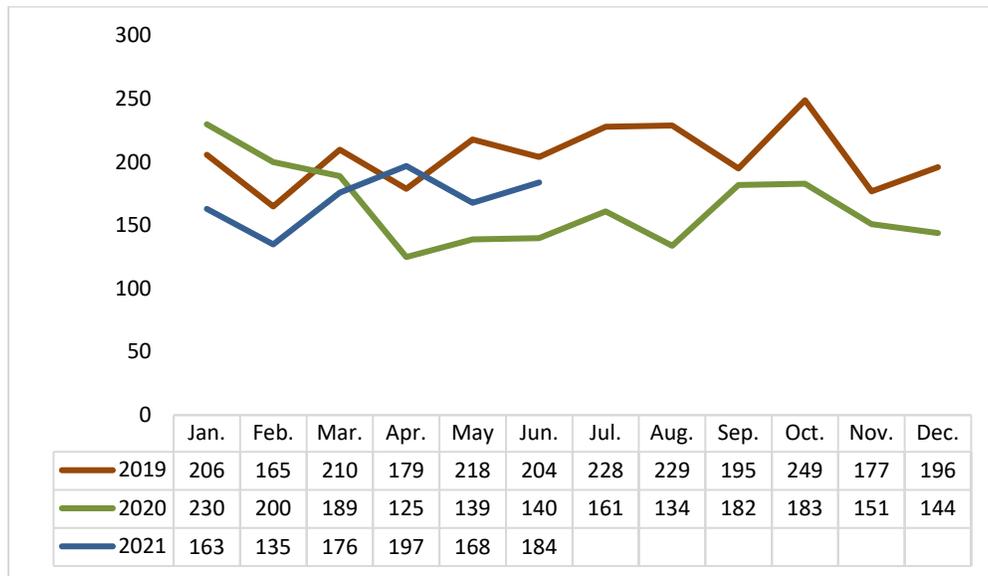
S.C. YOUTH DETAINED BY AGE GROUP, SEX AND RACE

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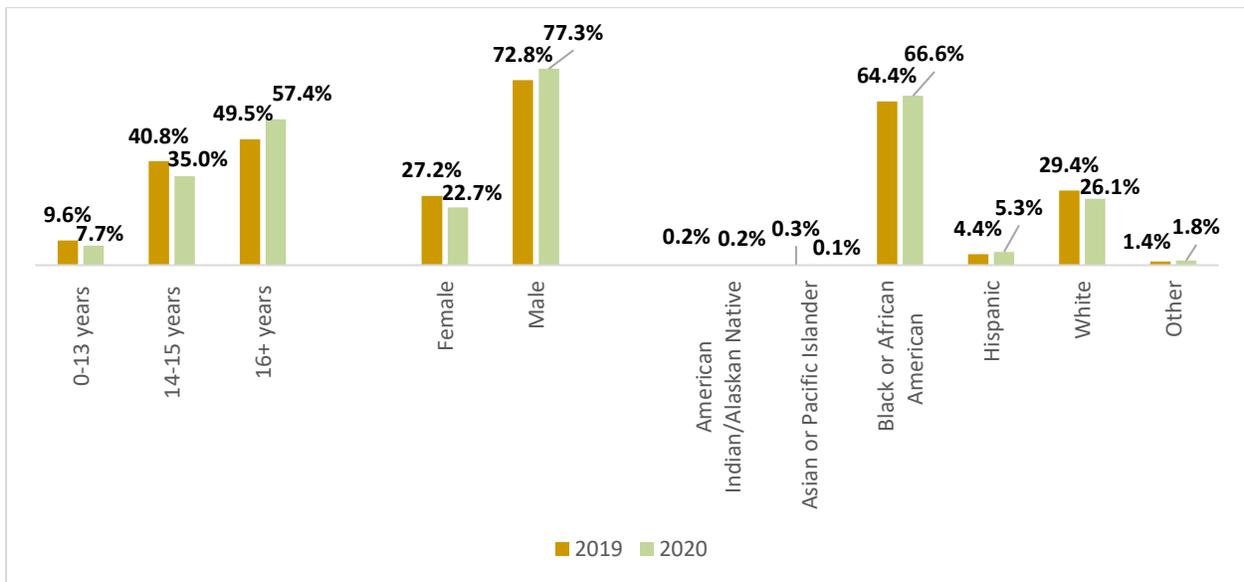
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S.C. TOP 10 JUVENILE DETENTION OFFENSES

	2019 Offense or Order	Number of Detentions	2020 Offense or Order	Number of Detentions
1	Pickup order	707	Pickup order	482
2	Assault: assault & battery-third degree	205	Assault: assault & battery-third degree	135
3	Status: runaway	116	Status: runaway	98
4	Weapons: sale or delivery of pistol to, and possession by, certain persons unlawful; stolen pistol	74	Weapons: sale or delivery of pistol to, and possession by, certain persons unlawful; stolen pistol	98
5	Burglary: burglary (non-violent)-second degree	68	Weapons: unlawful carrying of pistol	83
6	Detention order	67	Robbery: armed robbery, robbery while armed or allegedly armed with a deadly weapon	62
7	Administrative hold	61	Murder: attempted murder	53
8	Larceny: breaking into motor vehicle or tanks, pumps, where fuel, lubricants stored	58	Larceny: breaking into motor vehicle or tanks, pumps, where fuel, lubricants stored	50
9	Robbery: armed robbery, robbery while armed or allegedly armed with a deadly weapon	53	Burglary: burglary (non-violent)-second degree	41
10	Weapons: unlawful carrying of pistol	50	Burglary: burglary-first degree	35

DATA SOURCE

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Education

S.C. PUBLIC SCHOOL HEADCOUNTS

761,290 actively enrolled students in South Carolina public school districts in 2020-2021 school year (180-day headcount), **13,530** or **2%** *decrease* from 2018-2019 (180-day headcount):

- o **22,434** or **3%** of students enrolled in child development programs (PK) in 2020-2021, **6,022** or **21%** *decrease* from 2018-2019.
- o **52,444** or **7%** of students enrolled in kindergarten (5-year-old) in 2020-2021, **3,309** or **6%** *decrease* from 2018-2019.
- o **166,634** or **22%** of students enrolled in Grades 1-3 in 2020-2021, **6,180** or **4%** *decrease* from 2018-2019.
- o **299,262** or **39 %** of students enrolled in Grades 4-8 in 2020-2021, **2,882** or **1%** *decrease* from 2018-2019.
- o **220,516** or **29%** of students enrolled in Grades 9-12 in 2020-2021, **4,863** or **2%** *increase* from 2018-2019.

53,689 teachers in S.C. public school districts in 2020-2021 school year, **956** or **2%** *increase* from 2018-2019.

	45-Day Headcount	90-Day Headcount	135-Day Headcount	180-Day Headcount
2018-2019	781,493	779,050	777,035	774,820
2019-2020	787,069	784,439	782,638	782,315
2020-2021	766,819	764,639	763,254	761,290
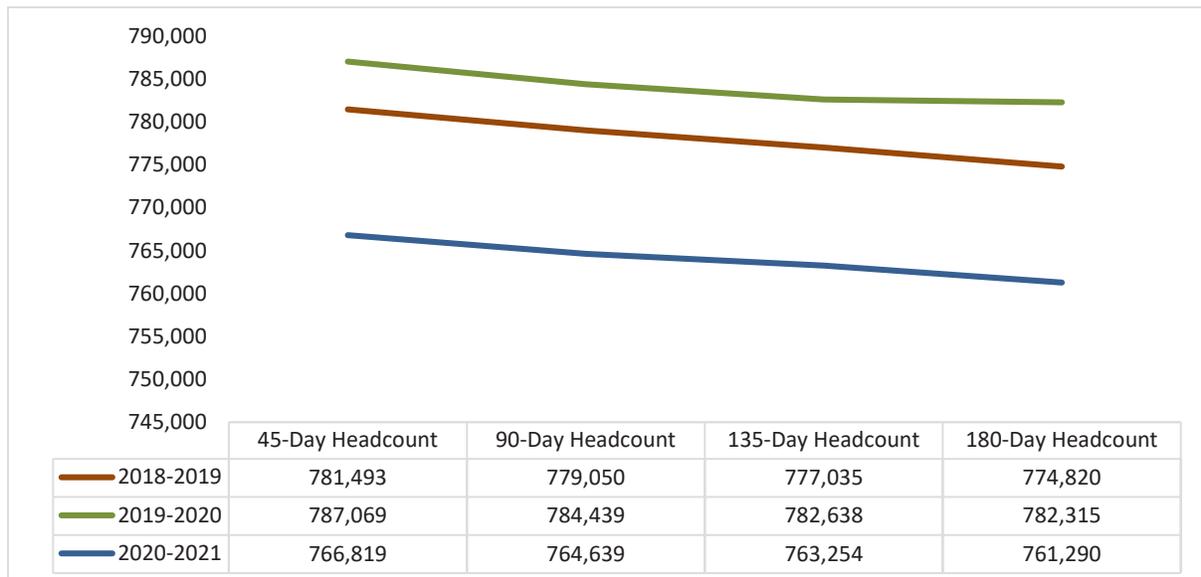
Note. Student headcount is a "snap-shot" count of actively enrolled students that is taken at different points during a year.

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S.C. PRIVATE SCHOOL HEADCOUNTS

33,492 students in South Carolina private schools in 2020-2021 school year, **2,943** or **10%** *increase* from 2018-2019.

4,177 teachers in South Carolina private schools in 2020-2021 school year, **160** or **4%** *decrease* from 2018-2019.

Private School Students

	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021
Students	30,549	36,703	33,492
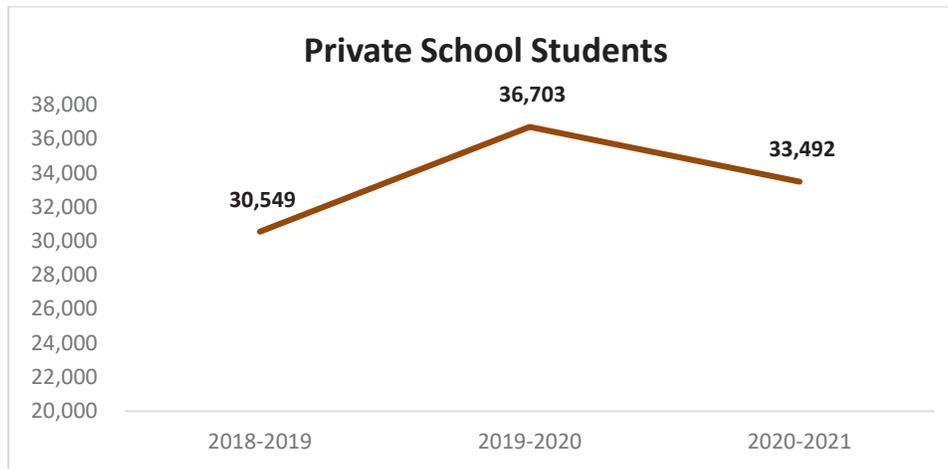
S.C. HOMELESS STUDENTS

11,736 students enrolled in a South Carolina public school district during the 2019-2020 school year were identified as homeless students, **809** or **6%** *decrease* from 2018-2019.

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

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

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Homeless Students by Grade

Grade	2018-2019	2019-2020
Ages 3 to 5 (Not in Kindergarten)	416	399
Kindergarten	1,074	975
Grade 1	1,069	1,004
Grade 2	1,004	1,006
Grade 3	1,069	979
Grade 4	1,075	972
Grade 5	1,105	981
Grade 6	948	972
Grade 7	919	902
Grade 8	850	837
Grade 9	984	930
Grade 10	702	647
Grade 11	528	469
Grade 12	802	663

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Homeless Students by Race

Race	2018-2019	2019-2020
Black or African American	5,624	5,116
White	4,298	4,079
Asian	46	32
Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	17	20
American Indian	41	33
Hispanic or Latino	1,641	1,585
Two or more races	875	871
Missing	*	0

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	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021
English learners (EL) students	61,507	64,386	63,885
Percent of students served by gifted and talented program	20.9	20.2	19.9
Students ages 3 to 17 with disabilities in special education and related services	101,618	104,359	101,792
Percent of students retained	1.4	1.4	1.3
Dropout rate	1.5	2.2	1.7
Dropout recovery rate	5.7	5.9	6.1
Four-year graduation rate	81.1	82.2	83.3
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	69.5	67.2	64.3

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.
Note on missing data: On March 26, 2021, the U.S. Department of Education waived federal accountability requirements and granted flexibility in administering assessments due to COVID-19. The results displayed for 2020-2021 should not be compared to those of other years due to the testing limitations as a result of the pandemic. In addition, these results may be incomplete and may not be representative of the make-up of the state, district, or school population.

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	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021
Overall Kindergarten Readiness	37.2%	39.2%	26.8%
By domains:			
o Social foundation	49.2%	53.3%	N/A
o Language and literacy	33.0%	33.6%	32.4%
o Mathematics	29.3%	29.4%	28.3%
o Physical well-being	52.1%	55.4%	N/A
First and Second Grade Students on Track for Success in English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics			
o First grade students who are on track for success in ELA at the second grade	50.8%	33.0%	55.8%
o First grade students who are on track for success in mathematics at the second grade	54.1%	38.7%	60.2%
o Second grade students who are on track for success in ELA at the third grade	48.0%	33.0%	51.9%
o Second grade students who are on track for success in mathematics at the third grade	48.0%	36.6%	54.2%
High School Civics Test			
Percent of students enrolled in a US Government course who score at or above the designated passing score on the civics test	N/A	60.3%	75.8%

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.

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	FY 2018-2019	FY 2019-2020	FY 2020-2021
Number of children directly served by First Steps 4K and Local Partnerships	28,427	30,579	37,163
o Number of children directly served by First Steps 4K	3,191	3,048	2,588
o Number of children directly served by First Steps Local Partnership high-intensity programs	4,725	1,535	3,472
Estimated number of children indirectly served by First Steps Local Partnerships	41,000+	40,000+	60,000+

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Education Indicators

SOUTH CAROLINA PALMETTO ASSESSMENT OF STATE STANDARDS (S.C. PASS) TEST SCORES

Science: Students Scoring "Meets or Exceeds Expectations"

Grade 4: 52.0% (2018-2019), 43.7% (2020-2021)
Grade 6: 47.2% (2018-2019), 42.1% (2020-2021)

■ 2018-2019   ■ 2020-2021
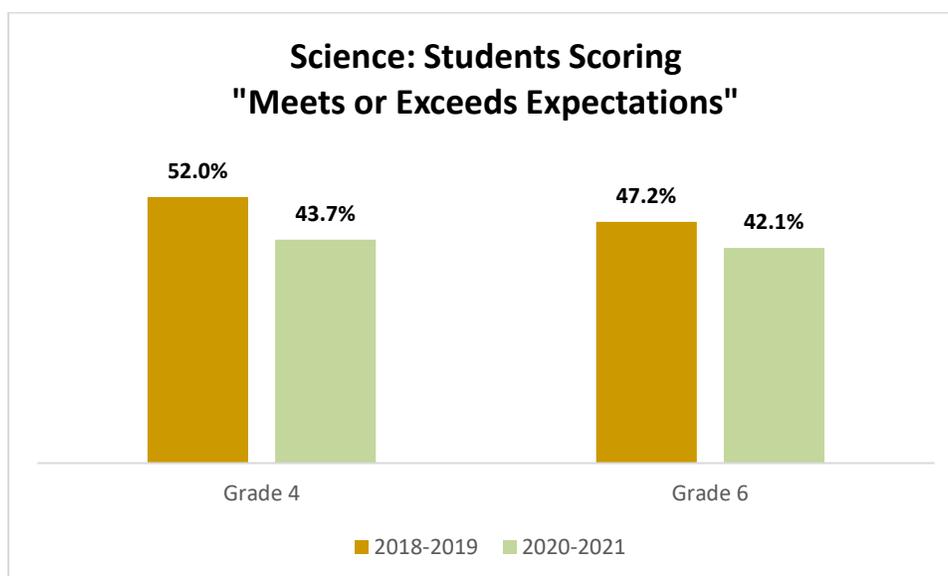
Note. The South Carolina Palmetto Assessment of State Standards is one of the tests used in calculating absolute ratings, growth ratings, and federal accountability status.

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Grade Level	School Year	Percent of Test Takers Scoring "Meets or Exceeds Expectations"	Number of Test Takers	Number of Grade Level Students	Percent of Test Takers Out of Grade Level Students	Percent of Test Takers Out of Grade Level Students: 2020-2021 vs. 2018-2019
S.C. PASS: Science						
Grade 4	2018-2019	52.0%	60,254	60,846	99.0%	
	2020-2021	43.7%	50,917	56,693	89.8%	-9.2%
Grade 6	2018-2019	47.2%	61,444	62,078	99.0%	
	2020-2021	42.1%	50,592	60,666	83.4%	-15.6%
					Average difference:	**-12.4%**

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Education Indicators

SOUTH CAROLINA COLLEGE- AND CAREER- READY ASSESSMENTS (S.C. READY) TEST SCORES

English Language Arts: Students Scoring "Meets or Exceeds Expectations"

Grade	2018-2019	2020-2021
Grade 3	49.7%	43.3%
Grade 4	51.2%	46.1%
Grade 5	41.0%	38.9%
Grade 6	41.0%	41.8%
Grade 7	44.0%	42.5%
Grade 8	44.6%	41.9%

■ 2018-2019 ■ 2020-2021

Mathematics: Students Scoring "Meets or Exceeds Expectations"

Grade	2018-2019	2020-2021
Grade 3	57.7%	46.9%
Grade 4	50.5%	42.0%
Grade 5	45.4%	38.1%
Grade 6	43.9%	33.9%
Grade 7	35.3%	30.4%
Grade 8	36.6%	30.7%

■ 2018-2019 ■ 2020-2021
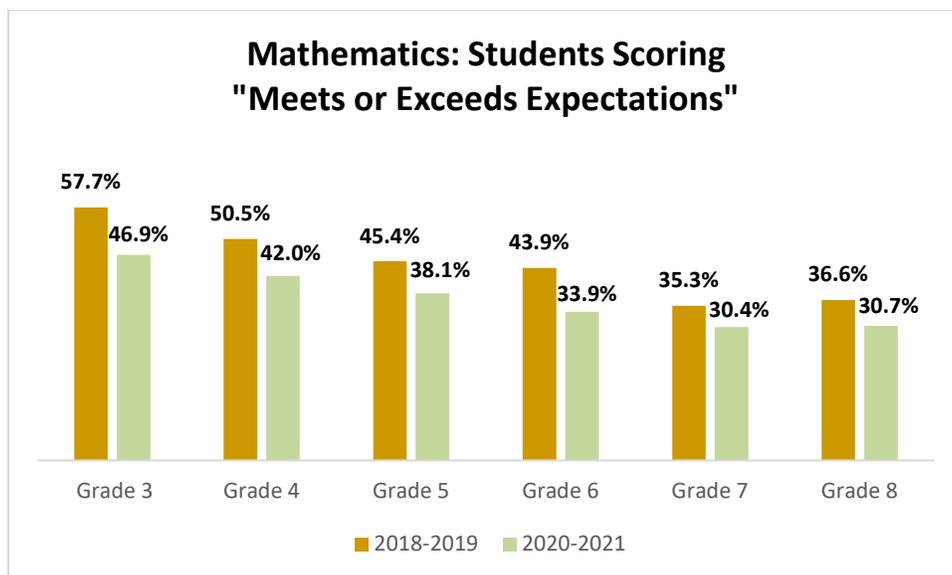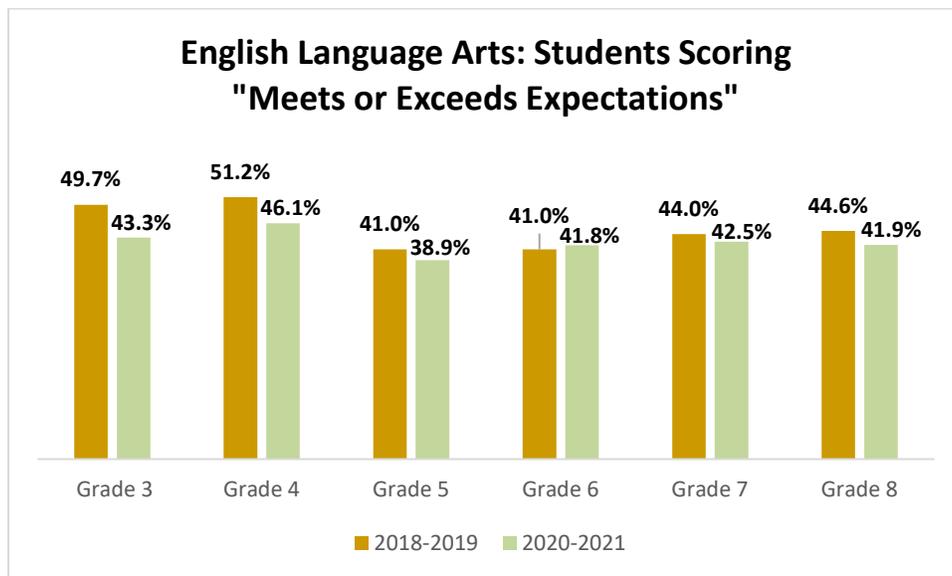
Note. The South Carolina College-and Career-Ready Assessments are statewide assessments in English language arts and mathematics that will meet all of the requirements of Acts 155 and 200, the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act, and the Assessments Peer Review guidance.

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Education Indicators

Grade Level	School Year	Percent of Test Takers Scoring "Meets or Exceeds Expectations"	Number of Test Takers	Number of Grade Level Students	Percent of Test Takers Out of Grade Level Students	Percent of Test Takers Out of Grade Level Students: 2020-2021 vs. 2018-2019
S.C. READY: English Language Arts						
Grade 3	2018-2019	49.7%	57,236	57,762	99.1%	
	2020-2021	43.3%	51,313	56,123	91.4%	-7.7%
Grade 4	2018-2019	51.2%	60,227	60,846	99.0%	
	2020-2021	46.1%	51,060	56,693	90.1%	-8.9%
Grade 5	2018-2019	41.0%	61,030	61,766	98.8%	
	2020-2021	38.9%	51,435	57,332	89.7%	-9.1%
Grade 6	2018-2019	41.0%	61,413	62,078	98.9%	
	2020-2021	41.8%	50,681	60,666	83.5%	-15.4%
Grade 7	2018-2019	44.0%	58,969	59,627	98.9%	
	2020-2021	42.5%	50,972	61,977	82.2%	-16.7%
Grade 8	2018-2019	44.6%	57,055	57,827	98.7%	
	2020-2021	41.9%	50,359	62,594	80.5%	-18.2%
					Average difference:	**-12.7%**
S.C. READY: Mathematics						
Grade 3	2018-2019	57.7%	57,238	57,762	99.1%	
	2020-2021	46.9%	51,268	56,123	91.3%	-7.7%
Grade 4	2018-2019	50.5%	60,262	60,846	99.0%	
	2020-2021	42.0%	51,119	56,693	90.2%	-8.9%
Grade 5	2018-2019	45.4%	61,039	61,766	98.8%	
	2020-2021	38.1%	51,489	57,332	89.8%	-9.0%
Grade 6	2018-2019	43.9%	61,452	62,078	99.0%	
	2020-2021	33.9%	50,963	60,666	84.0%	-15.0%
Grade 7	2018-2019	35.3%	59,009	59,627	99.0%	
	2020-2021	30.4%	51,230	61,977	82.7%	-16.3%
Grade 8	2018-2019	36.6%	57,077	57,827	98.7%	
	2020-2021	30.7%	50,480	62,594	80.6%	-18.1%
					Average difference:	**-12.5%**

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Education Indicators

MEALS SERVED BY PROGRAMS FOR S.C. STUDENTS

Free and Reduced Meals Served	2019	2020	2021 (Data as of June)	2019 vs. 2020
National School Breakfast Program	38,543,077	10,207,029	161,018	-74%
Breakfast served by Seamless Summer Option (SSO) Program	511,813	19,453,750	15,919,721	+3,701%
National School Lunch Program	60,963,970	16,142,734	302,940	-74%
Lunch served by SSO Program	839,749	24,625,474	24,674,685	+2,832%
Summer Food Service Program	2,566,786	19,218,988	17,990,950	+649%
Total Meals Served	103,425,395	89,647,975	59,049,314	-13%

Note. The Seamless Summer Option (SSO) program combines features of the National School Lunch Program, the School Breakfast Program, and the Summer Food Service Program. The program is designed to encourage more school food authorities (SFAs) to provide meals during summer and other school vacation periods. The SSO program reduces paperwork and makes it easier for SFAs to provide meals to children in low-income areas during the summer. Based on the data received, all meals were served free of charge by the program during the timeframe.

The Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) is a federally-funded, state-administered program. SFSP reimburses program operators who serve free healthy meals and snacks to children in low-income areas. Based on the data received, all meals were served free of charge by the program during the timeframe.

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Breakfast Served by the National School Breakfast Program Free or at a Reduced Price

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
2019	3,884,631	4,112,401	4,339,800	3,631,421	4,678,987	411,312	42,983	1,830,844	3,954,905	4,725,609	3,803,190	3,126,994
2020	3,811,206	3,830,635	2,059,316	22,324	22,491	21,131	20,145	262,921	58,226	40,624	29,660	28,350
2021	30,679	27,058	29,170	28,231	29,967	15,913						
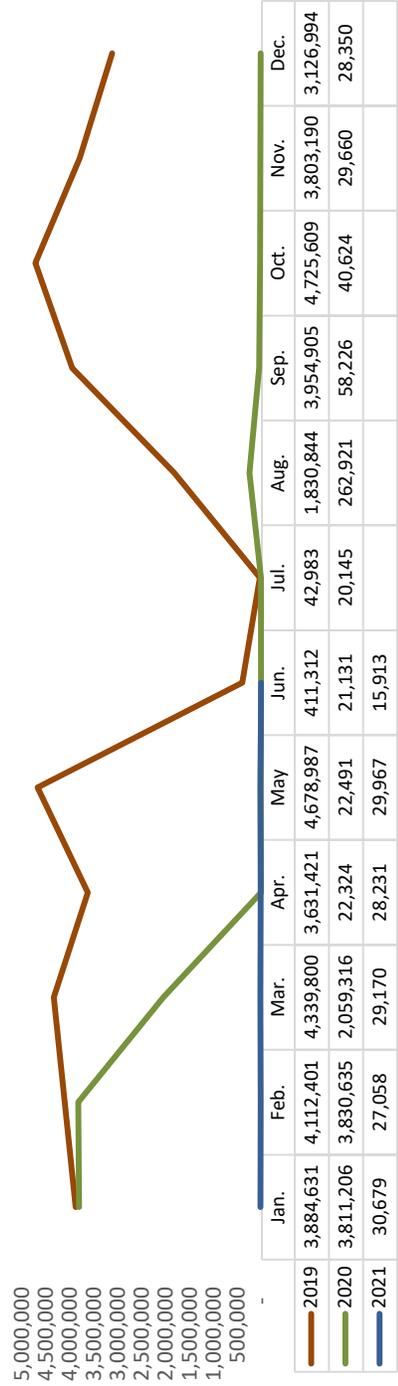
Free Breakfast Served by the Seamless Summer Option Program

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
2019						262,255	228,476	21,082				
2020			1,033,189	2,555,475	2,626,355	1,359,461	1,166,163	577,097	2,118,755	3,018,023	2,706,772	2,292,460
2021	2,408,484	3,043,274	3,689,871	2,929,094	3,432,927	416,071						
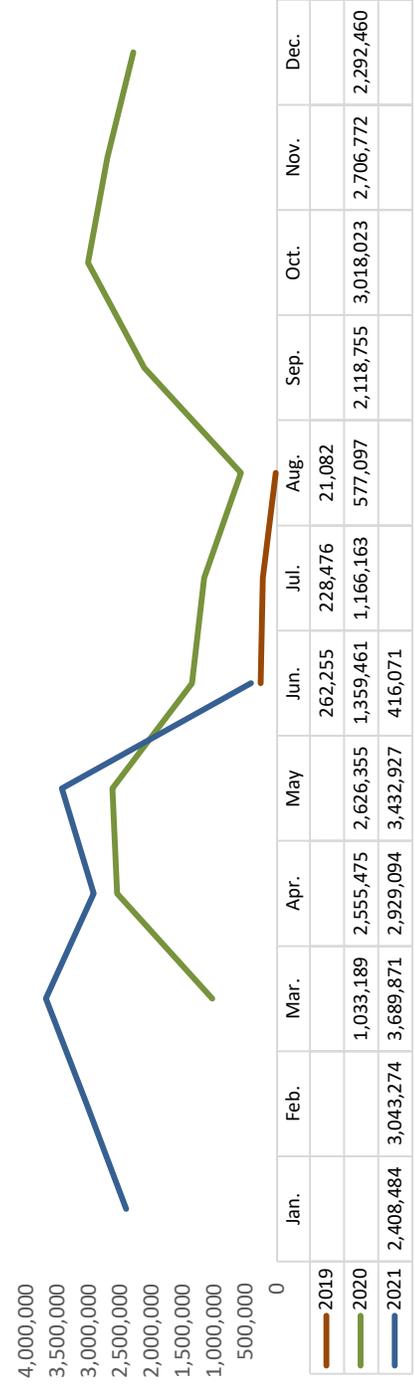
Note. Based on the data received, all breakfast meals were served free of charge by the program during the timeframe.

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Lunch Served by the National School Lunch Program Free or at a Reduced Price

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
2019	6,290,471	6,570,869	6,891,665	5,756,535	7,237,561	539,039	48,879	3,120,419	6,326,939	7,397,293	5,875,271	4,909,029
2020	6,137,149	6,154,969	3,280,107	21,614	22,575	20,948	0	337,604	64,702	42,367	31,339	29,360
2021	167,903	27,108	29,889	28,616	30,306	19,118						
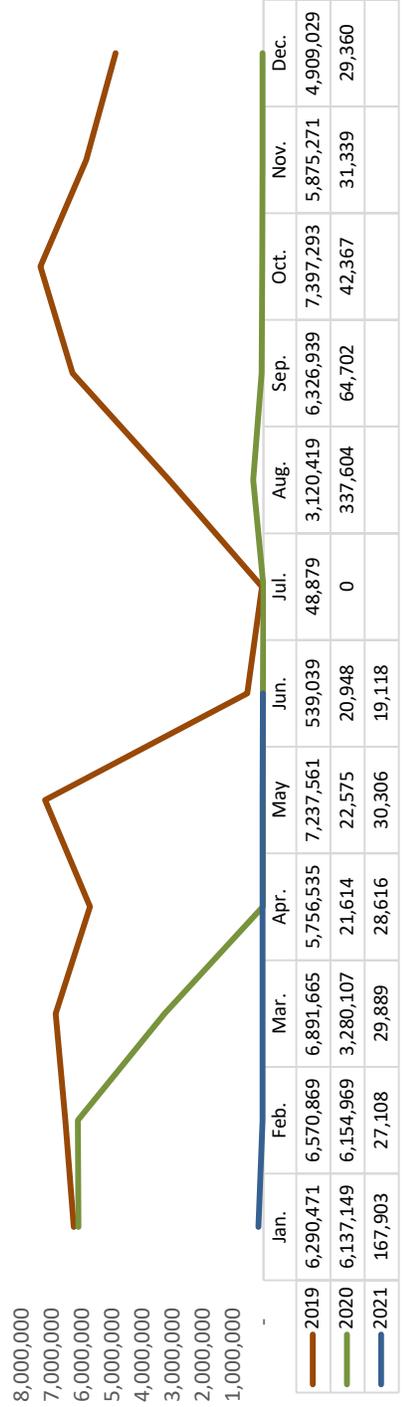
Free Lunch Served by the Seamless Summer Option Program

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
2019						419,325	384,605	35,819				
2020			1,194,820	2,703,671	2,790,439	2,557,785	1,188,516	629,179	2,849,561	3,995,773	3,617,909	3,097,821
2021	3,437,318	4,332,644	5,290,158	4,239,893	5,028,571	2,346,101						
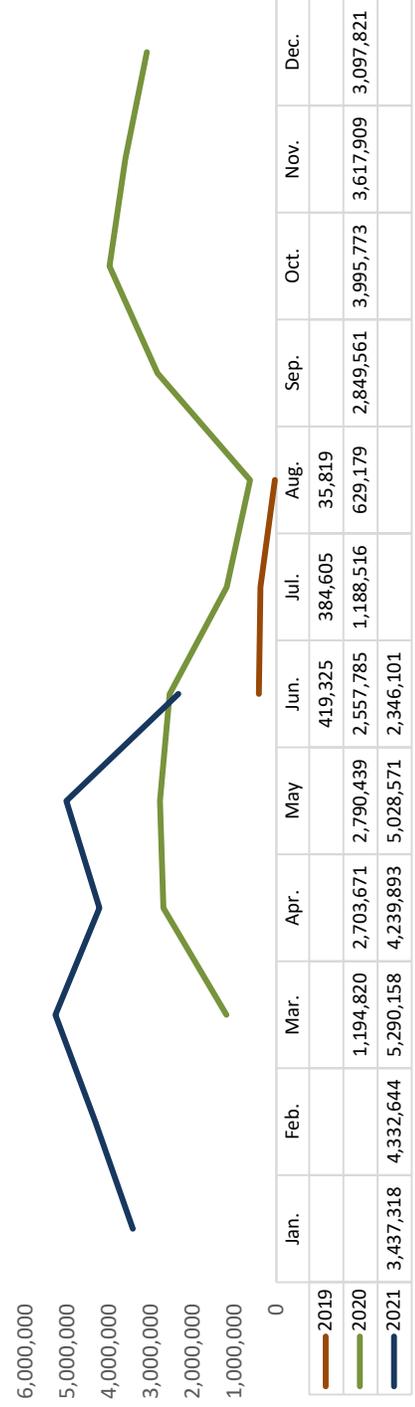
Note. Based on the data received, all lunch meals were served free of charge by the program during the timeframe.

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Free Meals Served by the Summer Food Service Program

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
2019					319	1,086,156	1,132,009	348,302				
2020			821,870	1,928,326	2,009,595	1,912,082	2,135,272	1,328,649	1,562,458	2,457,520	2,680,989	2,382,227
2021	2,019,131	3,200,559	3,969,217	3,329,781	3,959,120	1,513,142						

Note. Based on the data received, all meals were served free of charge by the program during the timeframe.

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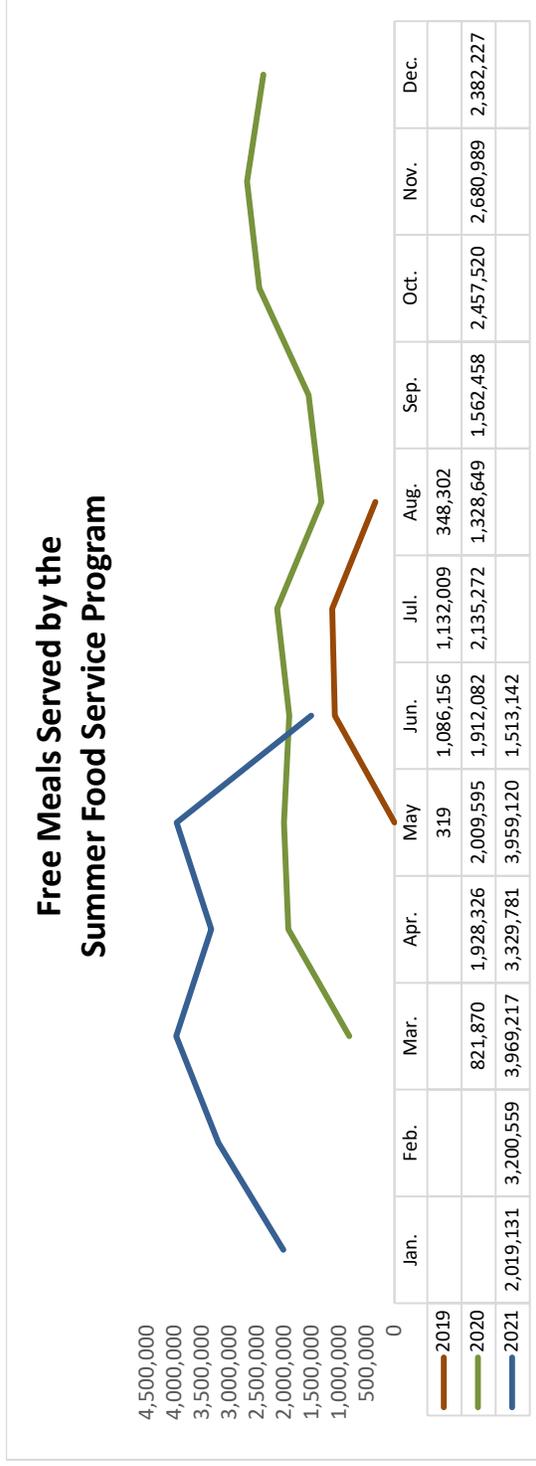
Education
Indicators

1. S.C. public school headcounts: S.C. Department of Education, student headcount is a "snap-shot" count of 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, October 5, 2021). Headcounts for 90th day were collected from S.C. Department of Education, unpublished report generated in August 2021.
Number of teachers: S.C. Department of Education, SC School Report Card, State of SC, 2018-2019: **https://screportcards.ed.sc.gov/overview/?q=eT0yMDE5JnQ9UyZzaWQ9MDAwMA**
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2020-2021: **https://screportcards.ed.sc.gov/overview/?q=eT0yMDIxJnQ9UyZzaWQ9MDAwMA**
(last visited, October 8, 2021).

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, October 5, 2021).

3. S.C. homeless students: S.C. Department of Education, unpublished report generated in August 2021. Definition of homeless students was cited from S.C. Department of Education website: **https://ed.sc.gov/policy/federal-education-programs/essa-title-ix-part-a-mckinney-vento-homeless-assistance-act/** (last visited, December 6, 2021).

4. English learners students: S.C. Department of Education, SC School Report Card, State of SC, English Learners' Progress, 2018-2019: **https://screportcards.ed.sc.gov/overview/academics/english-language-learners-progress/?q=eT0yMDE5JnQ9UyZzaWQ9MDAwMA**
2019-2020: **https://screportcards.ed.sc.gov/overview/academics/english-language-learners-progress/?q=eT0yMDIwJnQ9UyZzaWQ9MDAwMA**
2020-2021: **https://screportcards.ed.sc.gov/overview/academics/english-language-learners-progress/?q=eT0yMDIxJnQ9UyZzaWQ9MDAwMA** (last visited, October 5, 2021).

5. Percent of students served by gifted and talented program, percent of students retained: S.C. Department of Education, SC School Report Card, State of SC, Results of Teacher, Student, and Parent Opinion Surveys, 2018-2019: **https://screportcards.ed.sc.gov/overview/school-environment/school-quality/?q=eT0yMDE5JnQ9UyZzaWQ9MDAwMA**
2019-2020: **https://screportcards.ed.sc.gov/overview/school-environment/school-quality/?q=eT0yMDIwJnQ9UyZzaWQ9MDAwMA**
2020-2021: **https://screportcards.ed.sc.gov/overview/school-environment/school-quality/?q=eT0yMDIxJnQ9UyZzaWQ9MDAwMA** (last visited, October 5, 2021).

6. Students ages 3 to 17 with disabilities in special education and related services: S.C. Department of Education, IDEA Child Count Data. These data are reflective of students with disabilities in special education and related services through Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) under the coverage of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, 2004. These counts would not include children with disabilities who do not have IEPs. **https://ed.sc.gov/districts-schools/special-education-services/data-and-technology-d-t/data-collection-and-reporting/sc-data-collection-history/idea-child-count-data/** (last visited, October 5, 2021).

7. Dropout rate and dropout recovery rate: S.C. Department of Education, SC School Report Card, State of SC, Graduation Rate, 2018-2019:

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https://screportcards.ed.sc.gov/overview/academics/graduation-rate/?q=eT0yMDE5JnQ9UyZzaWQ9MDAwMA
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8. Four-year graduation rate: S.C. Department of Education, SC School Report Card, State of SC, Graduation Rate, 2018-2019: **https://screportcards.ed.sc.gov/overview/academics/graduation-rate/?q=eT0yMDE5JnQ9UyZzaWQ9MDAwMA**
2019-2020: **https://screportcards.ed.sc.gov/overview/academics/graduation-rate/?q=eT0yMDIwJnQ9UyZzaWQ9MDAwMA#**
2020-2021: **https://screportcards.ed.sc.gov/overview/academics/graduation-rate/?q=eT0yMDIxJnQ9UyZzaWQ9MDAwMA#**

9. 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: S.C. Department of Education, SC School Report Card, State of SC, College and Career Readiness, 2018-2019: **https://screportcards.ed.sc.gov/overview/academics/college-career-readiness/?q=eT0yMDE5JnQ9UyZzaWQ9MDAwMA**
2019-2020: **https://screportcards.ed.sc.gov/overview/academics/college-career-readiness/?q=eT0yMDIwJnQ9UyZzaWQ9MDAwMA**
2020-2021: **https://screportcards.ed.sc.gov/overview/academics/college-career-readiness/?q=eT0yMDIxJnQ9UyZzaWQ9MDAwMA** (last visited, October 8, 2021).

10. Preparing for success: S.C. Department of Education, SC School Report Card, State of SC, Preparing for Success. Percent of students enrolling in kindergarten and demonstrating readiness to learn refers to percent of students demonstrating foundational skills and behaviors that prepare them for instruction based on kindergarten standards.
Beginning with the graduating class of 2020, all students of public or charter schools must take the United States Citizenship and Immigration Service test as part of the US government required credit (no required minimum score).
2018-2019: **https://screportcards.ed.sc.gov/overview/academics/preparing-for-success/?q=eT0yMDE5JnQ9UyZzaWQ9MDAwMA**
2019-2020: **https://screportcards.ed.sc.gov/overview/academics/preparing-for-success/?q=eT0yMDIwJnQ9UyZzaWQ9MDAwMA**
2020-2021: **https://screportcards.ed.sc.gov/overview/academics/preparing-for-success/?q=eT0yMDIxJnQ9UyZzaWQ9MDAwMA** (last visited, November 8, 2021)

11. Children served by First Steps: South Carolina First Steps, unpublished report generated in September 2021.

12. South Carolina Palmetto Assessment of State Standards test scores: S.C. Department of Education, South Carolina Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (SCPASS), **https://ed.sc.gov/data/test-scores/state-assessments/scpalmetto-assessment-of-state-standards-pass/** (last visited, October 5, 2021).

13. South Carolina College-and Career-Ready Assessments test scores: S.C. Department of Education, SC READY, **https://ed.sc.gov/data/test-scores/state-assessments/sc-ready/** (last visited, October 5, 2021).

14. Meals served by programs for S.C. students: S.C. Department of Education, unpublished report generated in August 2021.

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Household Pulse Survey

Household Pulse Survey
- South Carolina and National Data Comparison

The U.S. Census Bureau, in collaboration with multiple federal agencies, is in a unique position to produce data on the social and economic effects of coronavirus on American households. The Household Pulse Survey is designed to deploy quickly and efficiently, collecting data to measure household experiences during the coronavirus pandemic. Data is disseminated in near real-time to inform federal and state response and recovery planning. Phase 1 of the survey ran from April 23, 2020 through July 21, 2020; Phase 2 from August 19, 2020 through October 26, 2020; and Phase 3 from October 28, 2020 through March 29, 2021. Phase 3.1 of the Household Pulse Survey began April 14, 2021 and ended on July 5, 2021. Data collection for Phase 3.2 of the Household Pulse survey ran from July 21, 2021 to October 11, 2021. Data collection for Phase 3.3 of the survey is scheduled to begin in December 2021, with the first data product release expected later in the month.

DATA SOURCES

1. Data selected and presented in this report were based on the analyzed data published by the National KIDS COUNT on the Household Pulse Survey, **https://datacenter.kidscount.org/data#USA/1/0/char/0/271** (last visited, October 7, 2021).
2. Household Pulse Survey (COVID-19), U.S. Census Bureau, **https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/household-pulse-survey.html** (last visited, October 7, 2021).

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	Households with children that lost employment income		Households with children where there was little or no confidence in ability to pay their next rent or mortgage payment on time		Households with children that had difficulty paying for usual household expenses in the past week		Households with children that sometimes or often did not have enough food to eat in the past week	
	S.C.	National	S.C.	National	S.C.	National	S.C.	National
Apr 23-May 12, 2020	48.0%	51.0%	25%	23%	N/A	N/A	15%	13%
May 7-May 19, 2020	51.0%	52.0%	33%	24%	N/A	N/A	15%	14%
May 14-May 26, 2020	52.0%	53.0%	31%	24%	N/A	N/A	16%	14%
May 21-Jun 2, 2020	50.0%	53.0%	25%	23%	N/A	N/A	17%	15%
May 28-Jun 9, 2020	52.0%	53.0%	28%	23%	N/A	N/A	14%	15%
Jun 4-Jun 16, 2020	50.0%	52.0%	25%	23%	N/A	N/A	10%	13%
Jun 11-Jun 23, 2020	44.0%	53.0%	22%	24%	N/A	N/A	9%	13%
Jun 18-Jun 30, 2020	50.0%	54.0%	22%	25%	N/A	N/A	14%	13%
Jun 25-Jul 7, 2020	56.0%	55.0%	21%	25%	N/A	N/A	18%	14%
Jul 2-Jul 14, 2020	51.0%	55.0%	19%	25%	N/A	N/A	19%	14%
Jul 9-Jul 21, 2020	48.0%	56.0%	22%	25%	N/A	N/A	16%	14%
Aug 19-Sep 14, 2020	46.0%	49.0%	18%	19%	40%	40%	12%	14%
Sep 2-Sep 28, 2020	45.0%	50.0%	15%	19%	42%	40%	10%	14%
Sep 16-Oct 12, 2020	42.0%	50.0%	16%	18%	43%	40%	10%	14%
Sep 30-Oct 26, 2020	44.0%	49.0%	18%	19%	45%	40%	13%	15%
Oct 14-Nov 9, 2020	49.0%	50.0%	20%	20%	45%	41%	19%	15%
Oct 28-Nov 23, 2020	52.0%	52.0%	25%	21%	46%	42%	24%	16%
Nov 11-Dec 7, 2020	55.0%	53.0%	27%	21%	47%	43%	20%	16%
Nov 25-Dec 21, 2020	53.0%	53.0%	23%	22%	47%	45%	18%	17%
Jan 6-Feb 1, 2021	46.0%	52.0%	24%	21%	44%	42%	14%	15%
Jan 20-Feb 15, 2021	50.0%	52.0%	24%	20%	46%	41%	14%	14%
Feb 3-Mar 1, 2021	44.0%	51.0%	22%	20%	43%	41%	18%	14%
Feb 17-Mar 15, 2021	41.0%	51.0%	18%	20%	39%	41%	18%	14%
Mar 3-Mar 29, 2021	49.0%	49.0%	16%	18%	36%	37%	14%	13%
Apr 14-May 10, 2021	22.0%	23.0%	12%	16%	34%	33%	12%	11%
Apr 28-May 24, 2021	22.0%	23.0%	15%	17%	34%	33%	14%	12%
May 12-Jun 07, 2021	26.0%	22.0%	18%	17%	37%	34%	14%	12%
May 26-Jun 21, 2021	26.0%	22.0%	20%	18%	40%	35%	17%	13%
Jun 09-Jul 05, 2021	24.0%	22.0%	18%	18%	40%	35%	21%	13%
Jul 21-Aug 16, 2021	19.0%	20.0%	15%	17%	37%	33%	15%	10%

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	Adults living in households with children who delayed getting medical care because of the coronavirus pandemic		Adults living in households with children who did not get needed medical care because of the coronavirus pandemic		Adults living in households with children who lack health insurance	
	S.C.	National	S.C.	National	S.C.	National
Apr 23-May 12, 2020	39%	40%	36%	34%	13%	13%
May 7-May 19, 2020	40%	42%	35%	35%	13%	12%
May 14-May 26, 2020	35%	42%	31%	34%	17%	13%
May 21-Jun 2, 2020	34%	42%	27%	34%	17%	13%
May 28-Jun 9, 2020	40%	42%	34%	35%	18%	12%
Jun 4-Jun 16, 2020	37%	42%	34%	34%	18%	13%
Jun 11-Jun 23, 2020	34%	42%	28%	34%	14%	13%
Jun 18-Jun 30, 2020	37%	43%	30%	34%	16%	13%
Jun 25-Jul 7, 2020	38%	43%	35%	35%	22%	14%
Jul 2-Jul 14, 2020	37%	42%	33%	35%	19%	13%
Jul 9-Jul 21, 2020	40%	42%	33%	34%	12%	13%
Aug 19-Sep 14, 2020	32%	36%	24%	28%	11%	12%
Sep 2-Sep 28, 2020	35%	35%	27%	26%	12%	12%
Sep 16-Oct 12, 2020	32%	34%	25%	25%	14%	12%
Sep 30-Oct 26, 2020	32%	33%	27%	25%	13%	12%
Oct 14-Nov 9, 2020	34%	33%	34%	26%	17%	12%
Oct 28-Nov 23, 2020	40%	35%	38%	27%	18%	11%
Nov 11-Dec 7, 2020	34%	36%	30%	27%	18%	12%
Nov 25-Dec 21, 2020	27%	36%	25%	28%	19%	12%
Jan 6-Feb 1, 2021	30%	33%	25%	25%	11%	12%
Jan 20-Feb 15, 2021	32%	32%	25%	25%	14%	11%
Feb 3-Mar 1, 2021	29%	30%	24%	23%	17%	11%
Feb 17-Mar 15, 2021	23%	29%	20%	22%	11%	11%
Mar 3-Mar 29, 2021	24%	27%	18%	21%	6%	11%
Apr 14-May 10, 2021	14%	21%	13%	17%	12%	12%
Apr 28-May 24, 2021	15%	20%	12%	16%	12%	12%
May 12-Jun 07, 2021	15%	19%	14%	16%	16%	12%
May 26-Jun 21, 2021	20%	19%	18%	15%	17%	11%
Jun 09-Jul 05, 2021	16%	18%	17%	15%	11%	11%

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	Households in which a computer or digital device is usually or always available to children for educational purposes		Households in which internet is usually or always available to children for educational purposes		Households in which internet and a computer or digital device are usually or always available to children for educational purposes	
	S.C.	National	S.C.	National	S.C.	National
Apr 23-May 12, 2020	78%	87%	82%	91%	74%	83%
May 7-May 19, 2020	81%	87%	82%	91%	78%	84%
May 14-May 26, 2020	86%	87%	87%	91%	83%	84%
May 21-Jun 2, 2020	87%	86%	90%	90%	85%	83%
May 28-Jun 9, 2020	91%	86%	93%	90%	88%	83%
Jun 4-Jun 16, 2020	88%	86%	88%	89%	84%	82%
Jun 11-Jun 23, 2020	84%	85%	82%	89%	78%	81%
Jun 18-Jun 30, 2020	82%	84%	82%	88%	75%	79%
Jun 25-Jul 7, 2020	78%	83%	82%	88%	73%	79%
Jul 2-Jul 14, 2020	80%	83%	83%	88%	75%	79%
Jul 9-Jul 21, 2020	86%	83%	86%	88%	81%	78%
Aug 19-Sep 14, 2020	92%	90%	94%	92%	87%	85%
Sep 2-Sep 28, 2020	93%	92%	94%	93%	87%	87%
Sep 16-Oct 12, 2020	95%	93%	95%	94%	90%	88%
Sep 30-Oct 26, 2020	97%	93%	96%	94%	93%	88%
Oct 14-Nov 9, 2020	88%	92%	92%	93%	84%	88%
Oct 28-Nov 23, 2020	85%	93%	90%	93%	80%	87%
Nov 11-Dec 7, 2020	93%	93%	93%	93%	86%	87%
Nov 25-Dec 21, 2020	89%	93%	90%	93%	82%	88%
Jan 6-Feb 1, 2021	91%	93%	94%	94%	87%	88%
Jan 20-Feb 15, 2021	91%	94%	93%	94%	87%	89%
Feb 3-Mar 1, 2021	93%	94%	95%	94%	88%	89%
Feb 17-Mar 15, 2021	94%	93%	95%	94%	86%	88%
Mar 3-Mar 29, 2021	94%	93%	93%	94%	86%	88%
Apr 14-May 10, 2021	98%	96%	95%	95%	91%	91%
Apr 28-May 24, 2021	96%	96%	92%	95%	88%	91%
May 12-Jun 07, 2021	96%	94%	92%	94%	89%	90%
May 26-Jun 21, 2021	96%	94%	94%	94%	92%	89%
Jun 09-Jul 05, 2021	93%	93%	92%	94%	85%	88%

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Households with children who were unable to attend daycare or another childcare arrangement because of the coronavirus pandemic		
	S.C.	National
Apr 14-May 10, 2021	15%	20%
Apr 28-May 24, 2021	18%	20%
May 12-Jun 07, 2021	19%	19%
May 26-Jun 21, 2021	19%	18%
Jun 09-Jul 05, 2021	13%	18%

How households with children received education in the past week			
		S.C.	National
Apr 14-May 10, 2021	In-person instruction from a teacher at their school	66%	63%
	Virtual/online instruction from a teacher in real time	51%	53%
	On their own using paper materials provided by school	6%	7%
	On their own using on-line materials provided by school	14%	18%
Apr 28-May 24, 2021	In-person instruction from a teacher at their school	75%	65%
	Virtual/online instruction from a teacher in real time	41%	50%
	On their own using paper materials provided by school	S	6%
	On their own using on-line materials provided by school	11%	18%
May 12-Jun 07, 2021	In-person instruction from a teacher at their school	74%	65%
	Virtual/online instruction from a teacher in real time	36%	48%
	On their own using paper materials provided by school	S	6%
	On their own using on-line materials provided by school	10%	16%
May 26-Jun 21, 2021	In-person instruction from a teacher at their school	69%	59%
	Virtual/online instruction from a teacher in real time	33%	45%
	On their own using paper materials provided by school	6%	5%
	On their own using on-line materials provided by school	12%	14%
Jun 09-Jul 05, 2021	In-person instruction from a teacher at their school	54%	48%
	Virtual/online instruction from a teacher in real time	32%	41%
	On their own using paper materials provided by school	S	4%
	On their own using on-line materials provided by school	8%	12%

Note. S indicates estimates suppressed when the effective sample size is less than 30 or the 90% confidence interval is greater than 30 percentage points or 1.3 times the estimate.

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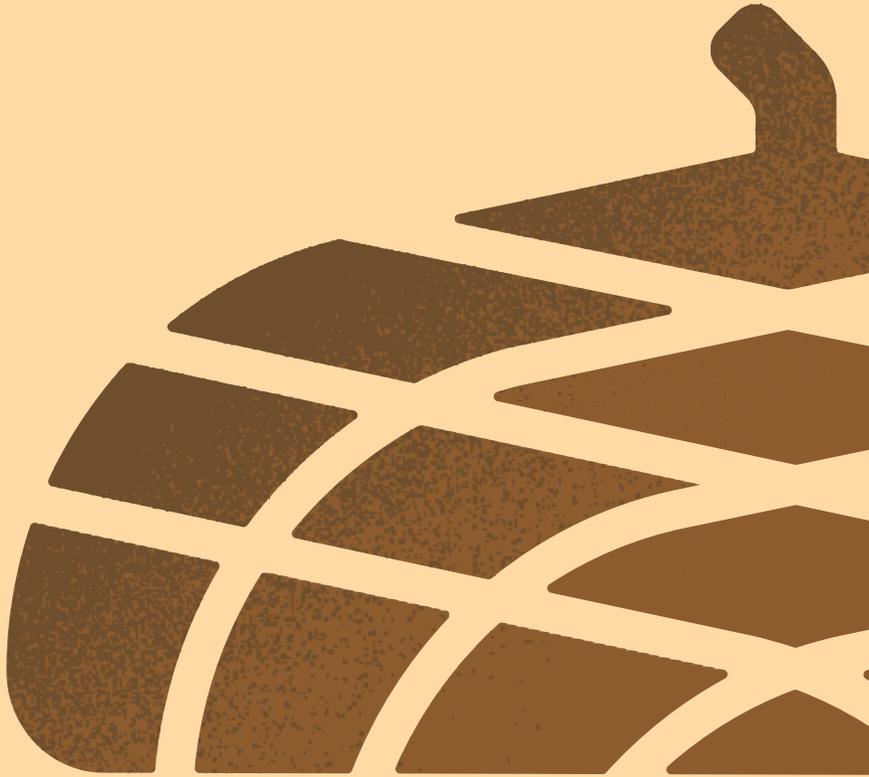
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