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On behalf of the Joint Citizens and Legislative Committee on Children and its staff from the Children’s Law Center of the University of South Carolina School of Law, we are pleased to provide you with this 2023 Data Reference Book.

The Committee on Children publishes data on a number of child well-being indicators including safety, welfare, health, juvenile justice, and education. The 2023 edition of the Data Reference Book includes four years of state data as well as county and national data where available.

The data show improvement in a few areas. Department of Social Services data reflect a steady increase in the number of children being placed in kinship care – from 282 children in January 2019 to 886 children in December 2022. Child care centers continue to rebound from the COVID-19 pandemic, with a substantial drop in facility closures and an increase in the number of new facilities opening.

However, homicides soared over the last two years to their highest rates since 2009, with homicide being the top cause of death for children ages 15 to 17 for the second straight year, and the second most common cause of death for children ages 10 to 14 in 2022. Meanwhile, guns were the number one cause of death for South Carolina children ages 1 to 17 for 2020, 2021, and 2022; guns were involved in 52 child homicides and 14 suicides in 2022.

The Data Reference Book identifies issues South Carolina children face and the state should address. Maya Angelou once said, “Then when you know better, do better.” It will take all of us working together to do better for South Carolina’s children.

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

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R. Raye Felder, Chair

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Data Overview

South Carolina was ranked 39th in the nation on overall child well-being by the Annie E. Casey Foundation in its 2022 *KIDS COUNT Data Book*.¹ More than 1.1 million children under age 18 live in South Carolina, which is 22% of the total population.² The most recent available data show that in South Carolina:

- **647** children died in 2022, including **68** or **11%** deaths by gun.
- **76,337** child non-fatal injuries occurred, requiring a hospital or emergency room visit in 2022.
- **14,004** children/youth were victims of maltreatment in 2022.
- **6,509** children/youth were served in foster care in 2022.
- **2,266** child care facilities regulated by the South Carolina Department of Social Services' child care licensing division were open in 2022.
- **31,234** children received mental health services provided by the South Carolina Department of Mental Health in 2022.
- **3,300** children received treatment services provided by the South Carolina Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services in 2022.
- **750,564** or **67%** of children in the state were enrolled in Medicaid in 2022.
- **9,003** children received services provided by the South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs in 2022.
- **13,310** juvenile delinquency cases were referred to the South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice in 2022.
- **781,231** students were enrolled in South Carolina public school districts, and **37,311** students were enrolled in South Carolina private schools in the 2021-2022 school year.
- **11,751** students were identified as homeless in South Carolina public school districts in the 2021-2022 school year.
- **216,791** or **19.7%** of children under age 18 lived in poverty, higher than the national level (16.9%) in 2021.
- **322,085** COVID-19 cases were reported among children under age 18, which was **18%** of all reported cases in South Carolina from March 2020 to December 2022.
- **832** COVID-19 hospitalizations and **37** COVID-19 deaths were reported among children under age 18 in South Carolina from March 2020 to December 2022.

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

¹ The Annie E. Casey Foundation, 2022 KIDS COUNT Data Book, <https://assets.aecf.org/m/resourcedoc/aecf-2022kidscountdatabook-2022.pdf> (last visited, February 15, 2023).

² The Annie E. Casey Foundation, KIDS COUNT Data Center, children under 18 years of age by race/ethnicity in South Carolina: <https://datacenter.aecf.org/data/tables/6132-children-under-18-years-of-age-by-race-ethnicity?loc=42&loct=5#detailed/5/6308-6353>true/2048/66,67,4262,3,4267/12804,15653> Total population by race/ethnicity in South Carolina: <https://datacenter.aecf.org/data/tables/6129-total-population-by-race-ethnicity?loc=42&loct=5#detailed/5/6308-6353>true/2048/66,67,4262,3,2700/12801,15648> (last visited, May 5, 2023).

Demographics

Children under 18 Years of Age by Race / Ethnicity in South Carolina, 2021³

	Non-Hispanic White Alone		Non-Hispanic Black Alone		Non-Hispanic Other Race Alone		Hispanic		Total under 18 Years of Age	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
South Carolina	603,668	54.2%	325,282	29.2%	72,161	6.5%	113,146	10.2%	1,114,257	100.0%
Abbeville	3,154	65.5%	1,325	27.5%	199	4.1%	135	2.8%	4,813	100.0%
Aiken	20,108	55.3%	10,397	28.6%	2,234	6.1%	3,627	10.0%	36,366	100.0%
Allendale	184	11.8%	1,235	79.0%	55	3.5%	90	5.8%	1,564	100.0%
Anderson	32,407	69.7%	8,267	17.8%	2,718	5.8%	3,093	6.7%	46,485	100.0%
Bamberg	775	31.9%	1,490	61.3%	79	3.2%	87	3.6%	2,431	100.0%
Barnwell	2,125	43.2%	2,329	47.3%	239	4.9%	231	4.7%	4,924	100.0%
Beaufort	17,205	50.2%	7,572	22.1%	2,087	6.1%	7,383	21.6%	34,247	100.0%
Berkeley	30,739	55.5%	14,189	25.6%	4,435	8.0%	6,053	10.9%	55,416	100.0%
Calhoun	1,310	48.6%	1,089	40.4%	107	4.0%	187	6.9%	2,693	100.0%
Charleston	44,357	55.6%	23,875	29.9%	4,103	5.1%	7,497	9.4%	79,832	100.0%
Cherokee	8,324	64.6%	2,926	22.7%	614	4.8%	1,023	7.9%	12,887	100.0%
Chester	3,643	49.6%	2,988	40.7%	415	5.6%	301	4.1%	7,347	100.0%
Chesterfield	4,916	51.3%	3,389	35.4%	569	5.9%	701	7.3%	9,575	100.0%
Clarendon	2,375	40.8%	2,859	49.1%	219	3.8%	373	6.4%	5,826	100.0%
Colleton	4,316	49.1%	3,431	39.0%	402	4.6%	647	7.4%	8,796	100.0%
Darlington	6,418	46.0%	6,353	45.5%	609	4.4%	570	4.1%	13,950	100.0%
Dillon	2,671	37.1%	3,576	49.6%	575	8.0%	383	5.3%	7,205	100.0%
Dorchester	22,121	56.3%	10,336	26.3%	3,373	8.6%	3,487	8.9%	39,317	100.0%
Edgefield	2,439	54.1%	1,525	33.9%	181	4.0%	360	8.0%	4,505	100.0%
Fairfield	1,077	27.7%	2,436	62.6%	213	5.5%	166	4.3%	3,892	100.0%
Florence	13,802	42.6%	15,351	47.4%	1,666	5.1%	1,575	4.9%	32,394	100.0%
Georgetown	5,800	51.7%	4,362	38.9%	317	2.8%	730	6.5%	11,209	100.0%
Greenville	70,586	58.0%	23,893	19.6%	8,631	7.1%	18,504	15.2%	121,614	100.0%
Greenwood	7,568	47.7%	5,486	34.6%	804	5.1%	2,020	12.7%	15,878	100.0%
Hampton	1,509	36.9%	2,192	53.6%	162	4.0%	227	5.6%	4,090	100.0%
Horry	39,391	63.4%	10,516	16.9%	4,458	7.2%	7,772	12.5%	62,137	100.0%
Jasper	1,501	26.8%	2,328	41.6%	261	4.7%	1,504	26.9%	5,594	100.0%
Kershaw	9,517	62.6%	3,559	23.4%	821	5.4%	1,313	8.6%	15,210	100.0%
Lancaster	12,757	61.1%	4,752	22.7%	1,260	6.0%	2,123	10.2%	20,892	100.0%
Laurens	8,751	58.5%	3,978	26.6%	696	4.7%	1,525	10.2%	14,950	100.0%
Lee	822	25.6%	2,134	66.4%	98	3.0%	162	5.0%	3,216	100.0%
Lexington	44,031	64.6%	12,061	17.7%	4,731	6.9%	7,290	10.7%	68,113	100.0%
Marion	1,905	29.0%	4,062	61.8%	286	4.4%	316	4.8%	6,569	100.0%

³ The Annie E. Casey Foundation, KIDS COUNT Data Center, children under 18 years of age by race/ethnicity in South Carolina: <https://datacenter.aecf.org/data/tables/6132-children-under-18-years-of-age-by-race-ethnicity?loc=42&loct=5#detailed/5/6308-6353/true/2048/66,67,4262,3,4267/12804,15653> (last visited May 5, 2023).

Demographics

	Non-Hispanic White Alone		Non-Hispanic Black Alone		Non-Hispanic Other Race Alone		Hispanic		Total under 18 Years of Age	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Marlboro	1,823	33.9%	2,778	51.7%	621	11.6%	149	2.8%	5,371	100.0%
McCormick	353	33.0%	653	61.1%	44	4.1%	19	1.8%	1,069	100.0%
Newberry	3,910	48.0%	2,670	32.8%	307	3.8%	1,264	15.5%	8,151	100.0%
Oconee	11,695	75.3%	1,264	8.1%	900	5.8%	1,673	10.8%	15,532	100.0%
Orangeburg	4,942	26.7%	11,812	63.9%	802	4.3%	924	5.0%	18,480	100.0%
Pickens	19,678	79.2%	1,827	7.4%	1,485	6.0%	1,867	7.5%	24,857	100.0%
Richland	28,185	31.3%	47,846	53.2%	6,534	7.3%	7,407	8.2%	89,972	100.0%
Saluda	1,812	44.6%	954	23.5%	148	3.6%	1,151	28.3%	4,065	100.0%
Spartanburg	45,716	59.4%	16,750	21.8%	5,481	7.1%	8,988	11.7%	76,935	100.0%
Sumter	9,678	38.1%	12,486	49.1%	1,502	5.9%	1,767	6.9%	25,433	100.0%
Union	3,303	56.8%	1,908	32.8%	398	6.8%	205	3.5%	5,814	100.0%
Williamsburg	1,713	27.3%	4,168	66.5%	204	3.3%	187	3.0%	6,272	100.0%
York	42,256	61.8%	13,905	20.3%	6,118	8.9%	6,090	8.9%	68,369	100.0%

Data Definition and Source

Provider: Children’s Trust of South Carolina

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

Census data for 2021 forward will utilize Census Bureau’s proprietary Population Estimates and Projections with single year of age estimates provided to the South Carolina Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office (RFA) from their Vintage 2021 estimates series.* These data are not public and are published here by special permission granted by the Census Bureau. The Census Bureau limits release of estimates by single year of age at the county level to a “by request only” basis due to concerns about the reliability of these estimates, especially when crossed by additional demographic characteristics. Users of the single-year-of-age county-level population estimates should carefully consider the limited reliability of these estimates.

*These estimates represent a tabulation from the “blended base” for April 1, 2020 which integrates the results of the 2020 Census, the 2020 Demographic Analysis estimates, and the Vintage 2020 estimates series. Therefore, there may be differences between these April 1, 2020 estimates and the results released from the 2020 Census. The Vintage 2021 population estimates methodology statement is located at this URL: <https://www2.census.gov/programs-surveys/popest/technical-documentation/methodology/2020-2021/methods-statement-v2021.pdf>.

Data Source: South Carolina Census State Data Center | South Carolina Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office

Demographics

U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey⁴

2017-2021 Five-year Estimates

South Carolina	Total	In Married-couple Family Household	In Male Householder, No Spouse Present, Family Household	In Female Householder, No Spouse Present, Family Household
Children under 18 years in households	1,106,305	681,725	78,541	338, 573
AGE				
Under 6 years	30.9%	31.2%	32.6%	30.0%
6 to 11 years	34.4%	34.3%	31.0%	35.2%
12 to 17 years	34.7%	34.4%	36.5%	34.8%
RACE AND HISPANIC OR LATINO ORIGIN				
One race	92.0%	92.3%	90.5%	92.0%
White	57.8%	70.5%	56.3%	32.8%
Black or African American	28.7%	15.6%	26.5%	55.6%
American Indian and Alaska Native	0.3%	0.3%	1.0%	0.2%
Asian	1.6%	2.2%	1.2%	0.5%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	0.1%	0.2%	0.1%	0.1%
Some other race	3.4%	3.4%	5.3%	2.8%
Two or more races	8.0%	7.7%	9.5%	8.0%
Hispanic or Latino origin (of any race)	9.9%	10.6%	13.2%	7.7%
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino	53.8%	66.2%	51.6%	29.4%
RELATIONSHIP TO HOUSEHOLDER				
Own child (biological, step or adopted)	85.6%	90.3%	82.3%	78.8%
Grandchild	10.4%	7.6%	9.0%	16.7%
Other relatives	2.3%	1.3%	5.9%	3.7%
Foster child or other unrelated child	1.7%	0.9%	2.8%	0.8%
NATIVITY				
Native	98.2%	97.9%	97.8%	99.0%
Foreign born	1.8%	2.1%	2.2%	1.0%
PRESENCE OF OTHER ADULTS				
Unmarried partner of householder present	7.6%	N/A	43.3%	13.8%

⁴ U.S. Census Bureau, 2017-2021 American Community Survey Five-year Estimates. Data are based on a sample and are subject to sampling variability. The degree of uncertainty for an estimate arising from sampling variability is represented through the use of a margin of error. The value shown here is the 90 percent margin of error. "N/A" indicates the estimate is not applicable or not available. Due to rounding, percentages may not always appear to add up to 100%. <https://data.census.gov/table?q=children&g=040XX00US45&tid=ACSS15Y2021.S0901> (last visited March 28, 2023).

Demographics

U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey

2017-2021 Five-year Estimates

South Carolina	Total	In Married-couple Family Household	In Male Householder, No Spouse Present, Family Household	In Female Householder, No Spouse Present, Family Household
DISABILITY STATUS				
Civilian children under 18 years in households	1,106,305	681,725	78,541	338,573
With any disability	4.6%	4.0%	5.2%	5.8%
SCHOOL ENROLLMENT				
Children 3 to 17 years in households	940,060	578,634	64,931	289,894
Enrolled in school	839,025	521,107	57,380	254,987
Public	86.9%	82.4%	92.9%	94.5%
Private	13.1%	17.6%	7.1%	5.5%
Not enrolled in school	101,035	57,527	7,551	34,907
MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS (IN 2021 INFLATION-ADJUSTED DOLLARS) FOR FAMILIES WITH OWN CHILDREN				
Median income (dollars)	69,995	98,501	41,979	28,532
Children under 18 years in households	1,106,305	681,725	78,541	338,573
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS				
Children living in households with Supplemental Security Income (SSI), cash public assistance income, or Food Stamp/SNAP benefits	25.9%	13.3%	31.2%	50.1%
POVERTY STATUS IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS				
Children in households for whom poverty status is determined	1,091,452	676,956	76,654	336,334
Income in the past 12 months below poverty level	20.7%	7.6%	25.8%	45.8%
Income in the past 12 months at or above poverty level	79.3%	92.4%	74.2%	54.2%
HOUSING TENURE				
Children under 18 years in occupied housing units	1,106,305	681,725	78,541	338,573
In owner-occupied housing units	65.3%	80.0%	51.7%	38.9%
In renter-occupied housing units	34.7%	20.0%	48.3%	61.1%

Demographics

Child Poverty (2021)⁵

In South Carolina, **216,791** or **19.7%** of children under age 18 lived in poverty, higher than the national level (16.9%) in 2021.

County	Number of Children in Poverty	Percent of Children in Poverty	County	Number of Children in Poverty	Percent of Children in Poverty
Abbeville	1,006	21.2%	Greenwood	3,534	22.9%
Aiken	8,179	22.7%	Hampton	1,367	35.1%
Allendale	673	47.2%	Horry	11,969	19.2%
Anderson	10,004	21.7%	Jasper	1,537	28.0%
Bamberg	810	34.4%	Kershaw	2,958	19.7%
Barnwell	1,594	32.5%	Lancaster	3,664	17.3%
Beaufort	6,555	19.4%	Laurens	3,649	25.0%
Berkeley	7,846	14.2%	Lee	1,041	34.0%
Calhoun	698	26.3%	Lexington	9,656	14.3%
Charleston	14,607	18.5%	McCormick	356	35.7%
Cherokee	3,601	28.7%	Marion	2,513	39.5%
Chester	1,878	26.2%	Marlboro	1,718	32.8%
Chesterfield	2,525	27.0%	Newberry	1,878	23.4%
Clarendon	1,565	28.0%	Oconee	3,539	23.5%
Colleton	2,638	30.6%	Orangeburg	7,492	41.9%
Darlington	3,942	28.6%	Pickens	4,003	16.4%
Dillon	2,770	39.6%	Richland	17,339	19.6%
Dorchester	5,392	14.0%	Saluda	949	23.7%
Edgefield	1,016	22.8%	Spartanburg	13,170	17.1%
Fairfield	1,141	30.5%	Sumter	6,731	27.2%
Florence	7,430	23.3%	Union	1,624	29.3%
Georgetown	2,739	25.3%	Williamsburg	2,004	33.4%
Greenville	17,099	14.2%	York	8,391	12.4%
South Carolina	216,791	19.7%	United States	12,243,219	16.9%

⁵ U.S. Census, Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates (90% Confidence Interval), https://www.census.gov/data-tools/demo/saipe/#/?map_geoSelector=u18_c&s_measures=u18&s_state=45&s_county=&s_district=&s_geography=county (last visited, March 28, 2023).

Safety Indicators

Child Deaths

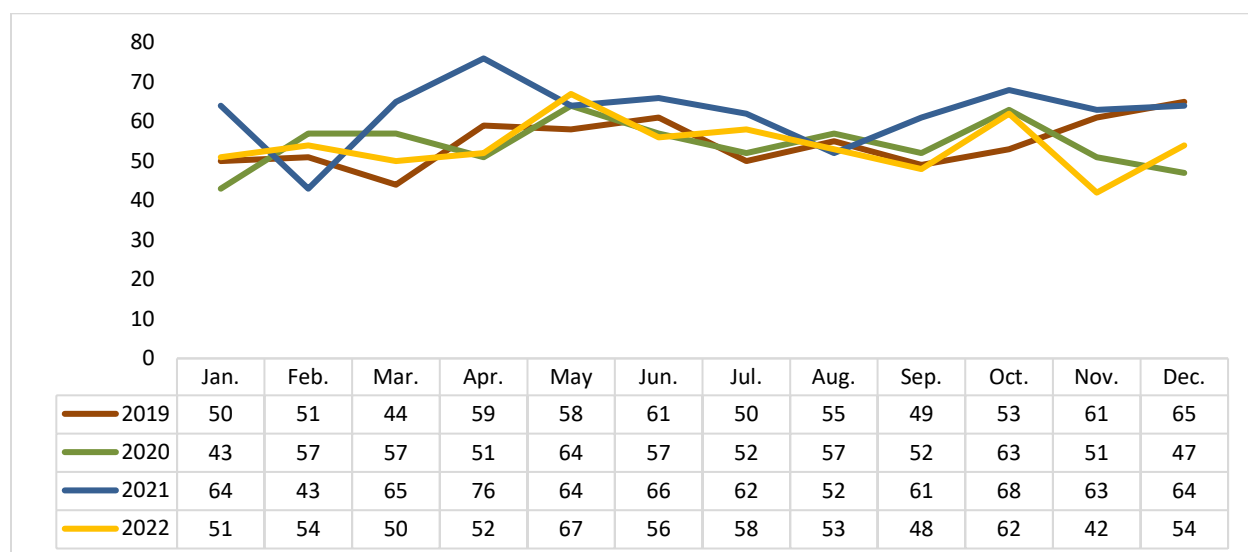
S.C. CHILD DEATHS



647 children died in 2022,
101 deaths or **14% decrease** from 2021 (n=748).

Note. 2022 data are provisional and subject to change. 2021 data are updated by the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control to reflect data revisions since last published in the Committee’s 2022 Data Reference Book.

S.C. CHILD DEATHS BY MONTH



Note. 2022 data are provisional and subject to change.

COMPARED TO NATIONAL DATA (2021)

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



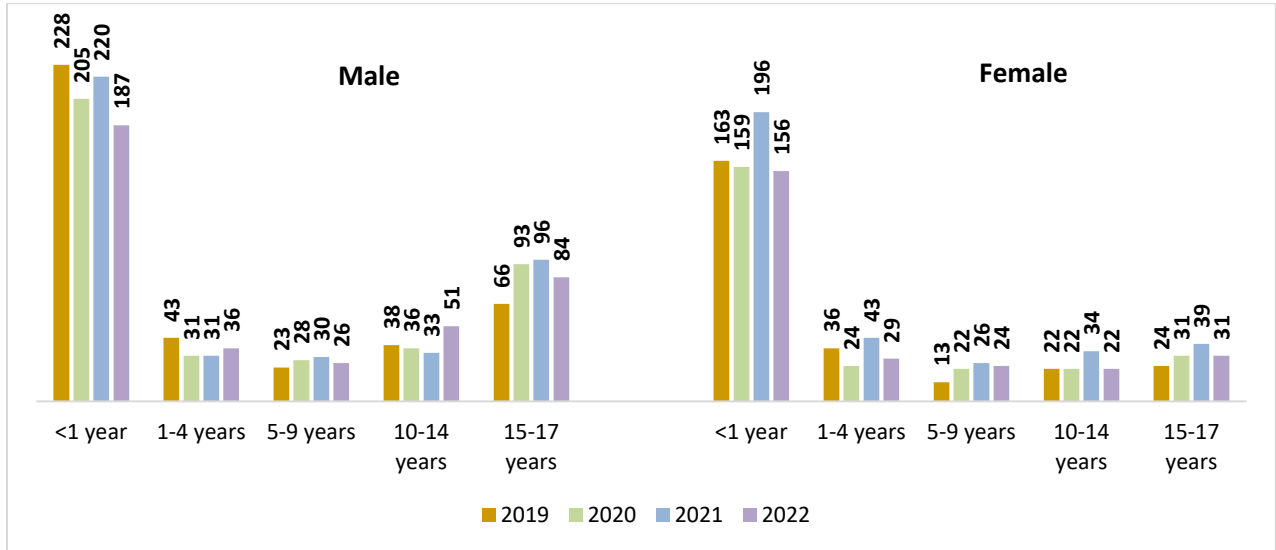
National rate:
48.5 per 100,000 children

S.C. CHILD DEATHS BY AGE GROUP: COMPARING 2022 TO 2021, 2020, AND 2019 DATA

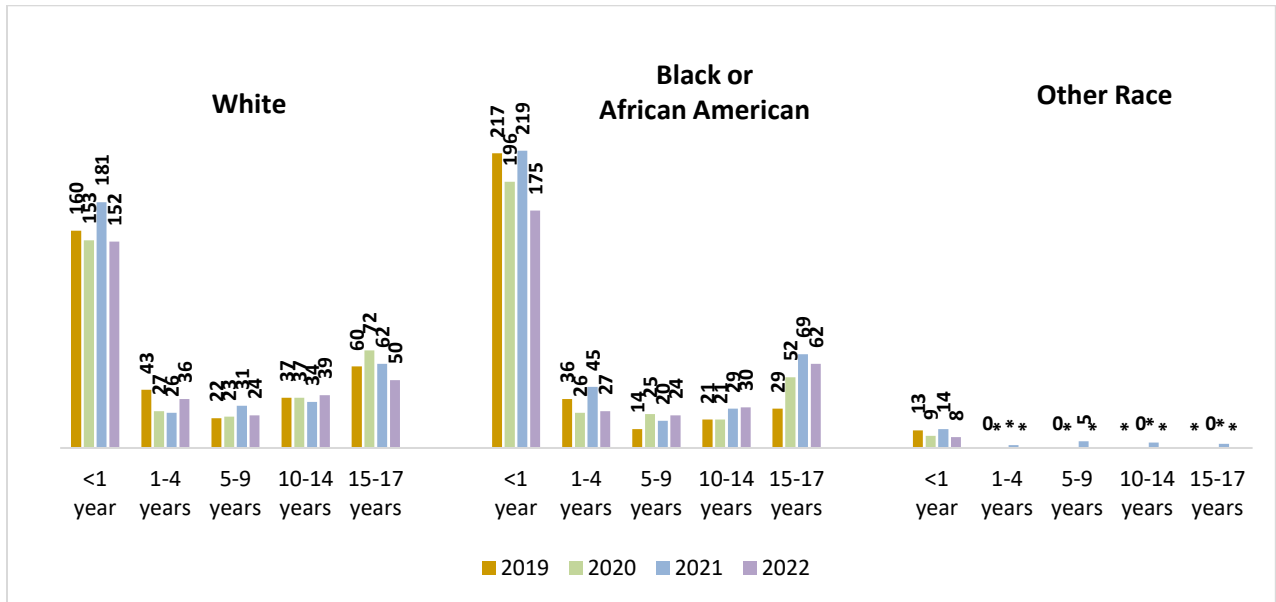
Age Groups	2019	2020	2021	2022	Compared 2022 to 2021	Compared 2022 to 2020	Compared 2022 to 2019
<1 year	391	364	416	344	-72 (-17%)	-20 (-5%)	-47 (-12%)
1-4 years	79	55	74	65	-9 (-12%)	+10 (+18%)	-14 (-18%)
5-9 years	36	50	56	50	-6 (-11%)	0 (0%)	+14 (+39%)
10-14 years	60	58	67	73	+6 (+9%)	+15 (+26%)	+13 (+22%)
15-17 years	90	124	135	115	-20 (-15%)	-9 (-7%)	+25 (+28%)
Total	656	651	748	647	-101 (-14%)	-4 (-1%)	-9 (-1%)

Safety Indicators

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



Note. 2022 data are provisional and subject to change.



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Safety Indicators

S.C. CHILD DEATH CAUSES BY AGE GROUP

	2019	2020	2021	2022
< 1 year	Conditions from 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 from perinatal period (n=190) Congenital malformations (n=63) Accidental suffocation (n=24) Causes above (n=277) accounted for 76% of deaths for this age group	Conditions from perinatal period (n=203) Congenital malformations (n=77) Accidental suffocation (n=26) Homicide (n=9) Disease of heart (n=5) Causes above (n=320) accounted for 77% of deaths for this age group	Conditions from perinatal period (n=143) Congenital malformations (n=60) Accidental suffocation (n=26) Causes above (n=229) accounted for 67% 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) Congenital malformations (n=8) Homicide (n=6) Causes above (n=22) accounted for 40% of deaths for this age group	Congenital malformations (n=7) Motor vehicle accidents (n=7) Homicide (n=6) Accidental suffocation (n=5) Causes above (n=25) accounted for 34% of deaths for this age group	Motor vehicle accidents (n=10) Accidental drowning (n=8) Congenital malformations (n=6) Causes above (n=24) accounted for 37% 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=13) Motor vehicle accidents (n=6) Homicide (n=6) Accidental drowning (n=5) Causes above (n=30) accounted for 60% of deaths for this age group	Motor vehicle accidents (n=17) COVID-19 (n=8) Homicide (n=6) Cancer (n=6) Causes above (n=37) accounted for 66% of deaths for this age group	Motor vehicle accidents (n=6) Causes above (n=6) accounted for 12% 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=8) Homicide (n=8) Motor vehicle accidents (n=8) Cancer (n=6) Causes above (n=30) accounted for 52% of deaths for this age group	Motor vehicle accidents (n=12) Suicide (n=10) Cancer (n=9) Homicide (n=7) Congenital malformations (n=6) Causes above (n=44) accounted for 66% of deaths for this age group	Motor vehicle accidents (n=14) Homicide (n=13) Suicide (n=10) Congenital malformations (n=6) Causes above (n=43) accounted for 59% 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=36) Homicide (n=27) Suicide (n=20) Accidental poisoning (n=6) Accidental drowning (n=5) Cancer (n=5) Causes above (n=99) accounted for 80% of deaths for this age group	Homicide (n=31) Motor vehicle accidents (n=28) Suicide (n=18) Cancer (n=12) Accidental Poisoning (n=8) COVID-19 (n=8) Disease of heart (n=5) Causes above (n=110) accounted for 81% of deaths for this age group	Homicide (n=39) Motor vehicle accidents (n=22) Accidental Poisoning (n=12) Suicide (n=10) Cancer (n=5) Causes above (n=88) accounted for 77% of deaths for this age group

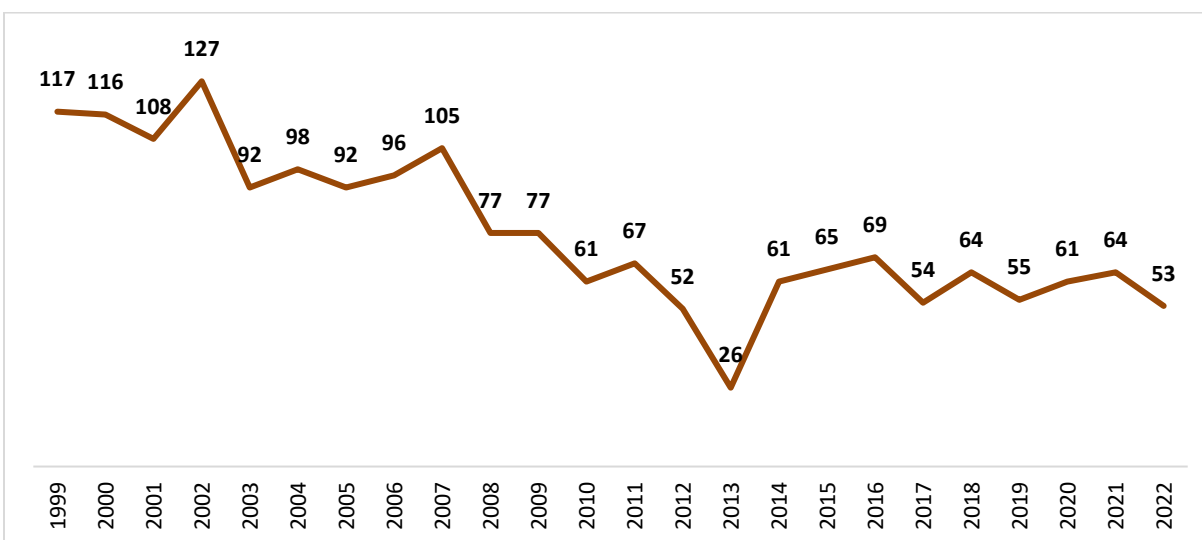
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	2019	2020	2021	2022
0-17 years	Conditions from perinatal period (n=207) Congenital malformations (n=82) Motor vehicle accidents (n=55) Homicide (n=40) Suicide (n=39) Cancer (n=17) Influenza and pneumonia (n=17) Accidental drowning (n=16) Diseases of heart (n=10)	Conditions from perinatal period (n=193) Congenital malformations (n=78) Motor vehicle accidents (n=61) Homicide (n=50) Suicide (n=28) Accidental suffocation (n=28) Cancer (n=25) Accidental drowning (n=15) Disease of heart (n=13) Benign neoplasms (n=7) Accidental poisoning (n=7) Cerebrovascular disease (n=6) Accidental firearms (n=6) Accidental fire/flame (n=5)	Conditions from perinatal period (n=206) Congenital malformations (n=96) Motor vehicle accidents (n=64) Homicide (n=59) Accidental suffocation (n=33) Cancer (n=31) Suicide (n=28) COVID-19 (n=22) Disease of heart (n=16) Cerebrovascular disease (n=9) Accidental poisoning (n=8) Accidental drowning (n=7) Accidental fire/flame (n=6)	Conditions from perinatal period (n=144) Congenital malformations (n=79) Homicide (n=60) Motor vehicle accidents (n=53) Accidental suffocation (n=30) Suicide (n=20) Accidental poisoning (n=15) Cancer (n=14) Accidental drowning (n=14) COVID-19 (n=9) Disease of heart (n=6) Chronic lower respiratory disease (n=5)
	Causes above (n=483) accounted for 74% of deaths for this age group	Causes above (n=522) accounted for 80% of deaths for this age group	Causes above (n=585) accounted for 78% of deaths for this age group	Causes above (n=449) accounted for 69% of deaths for this age group

Note. 2022 data are provisional and subject to change.

Deaths ≥5 are included.

S.C. MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT DEATHS AMONG CHILDREN BY YEAR (1999-2022)



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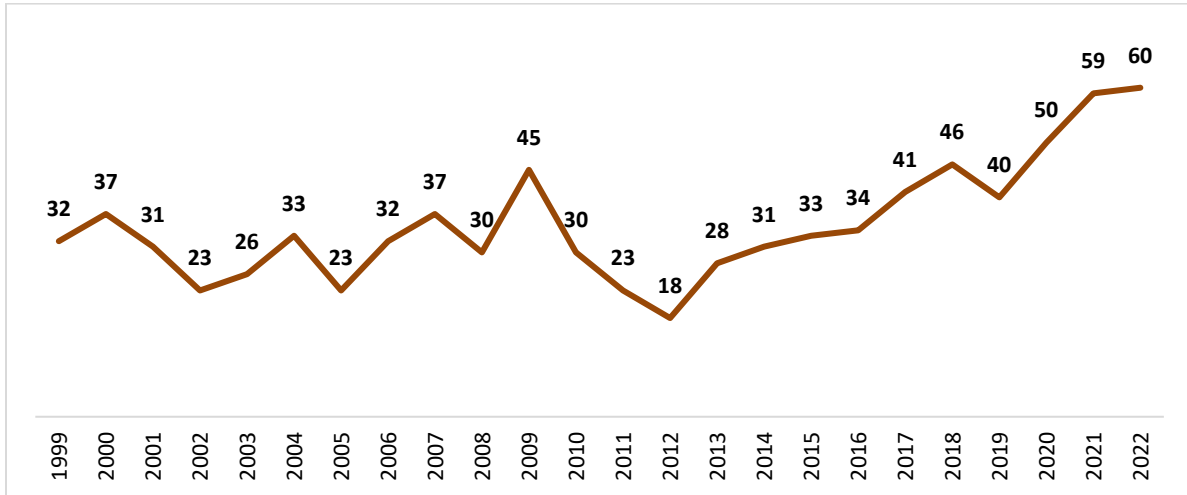
S.C. MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT DEATHS AMONG CHILDREN: COMPARED TO NATIONAL DATA (2021)

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



National rate:
3.3 per 100,000 children

S.C. HOMICIDE DEATHS AMONG CHILDREN BY YEAR (1999-2022)



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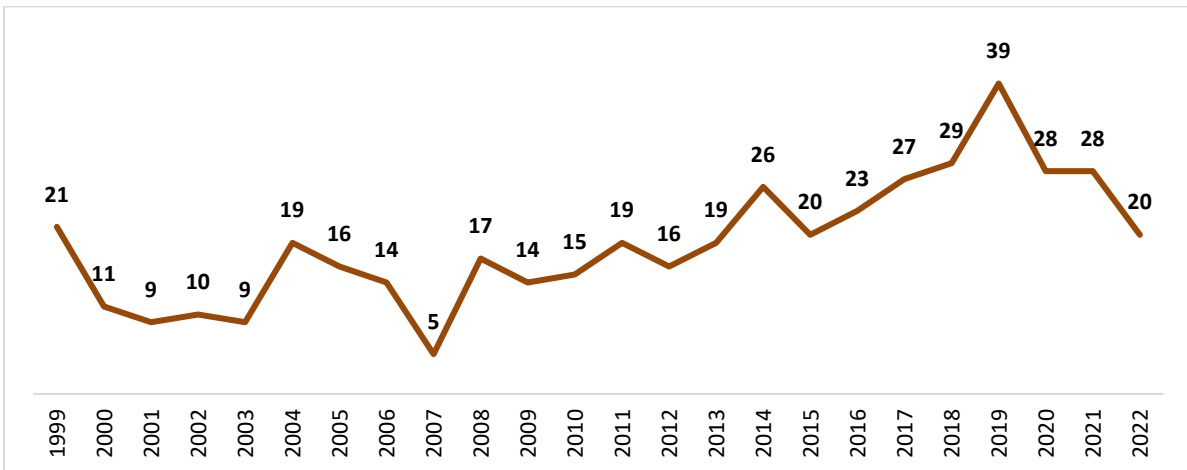
S.C. HOMICIDE DEATHS AMONG CHILDREN: COMPARED TO NATIONAL DATA (2021)

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



National rate:
3.0 per 100,000 children

S.C. SUICIDE DEATHS AMONG CHILDREN BY YEAR (1999-2022)



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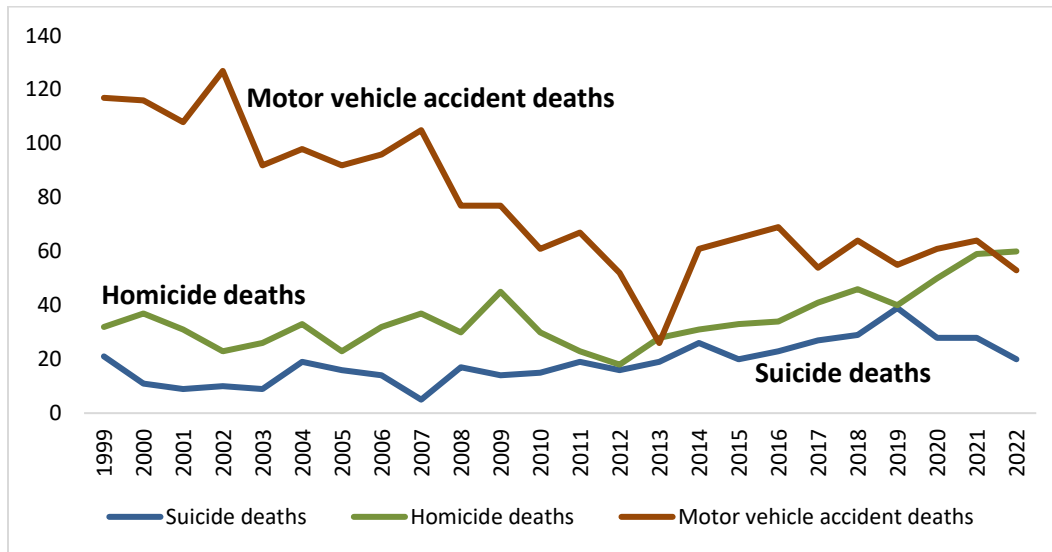
S.C. SUICIDE DEATHS AMONG CHILDREN: COMPARED TO NATIONAL DATA (2021)

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



National rate:
2.4 per 100,000 children

S.C. SUICIDE DEATHS, HOMICIDE DEATHS, AND MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT DEATHS AMONG CHILDREN BY YEAR (1999-2022)



S.C. CHILD DEATHS BY COUNTY

County	2019	2020	2021	2022
Abbeville	*	5	6	0
Aiken	24	19	24	12
Allendale	*	*	*	*
Anderson	21	23	29	24
Bamberg	*	*	*	*
Barnwell	*	5	*	*
Beaufort	18	19	23	12
Berkeley	25	25	25	39
Calhoun	*	*	*	*
Charleston	62	40	59	60
Cherokee	10	11	8	8
Chester	7	9	8	5
Chesterfield	7	8	7	11
Clarendon	5	5	8	6
Colleton	13	10	5	9
Darlington	12	7	12	10
Dillon	5	9	8	*

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County (Continued)	2019	2020	2021	2022
Dorchester	25	17	14	19
Edgefield	*	*	5	*
Fairfield	*	7	*	5
Florence	36	23	27	34
Georgetown	5	5	7	*
Greenville	53	55	70	57
Greenwood	8	5	11	7
Hampton	*	6	6	*
Horry	34	34	33	37
Jasper	*	5	5	5
Kershaw	*	10	10	8
Lancaster	13	14	10	7
Laurens	7	11	12	9
Lee	*	5	5	*
Lexington	30	27	41	37
McCormick	*	0	*	0
Marion	7	5	8	*
Marlboro	5	*	*	9
Newberry	8	8	12	12
Oconee	13	12	*	12
Orangeburg	17	16	30	17
Pickens	14	13	14	14
Richland	46	62	67	53
Saluda	7	*	6	*
Spartanburg	41	41	48	46
Sumter	15	19	20	24
Union	*	7	5	5
Williamsburg	5	*	*	5
York	20	31	37	10
Total	656	651	748	647

0<*<5

DATA SOURCES

1. S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control, unpublished reports generated in February 2022, March 2023, and May 2023. Data are by calendar years for children under age 18 unless otherwise specified. 2021 data are updated by the agency to reflect data revisions since last published in the Committee's 2022 Data Reference Book.
2. Deaths of motor vehicle accidents, homicide, and suicide among children by year (1999-2018): S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control, Death Certificate Data, https://apps.dhec.sc.gov/Health/SCAN_BDP/tables/death2table.aspx (last visited, April 4, 2023).
3. Overall child death rate, child motor vehicle accident death rate, child homicide death rate, and child suicide death rate: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics. Underlying Cause of Death, 2018-2021, Single Race on CDC WONDER Online Database, released in 2023. Data are from the Multiple Cause of Death Files, 2018-2021, as compiled from data provided by the 57 vital statistics jurisdictions through the Vital Statistics Cooperative Program, <https://wonder.cdc.gov/ucd-icd10-expanded.html> (last visited, May 21, 2023).

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Non-Fatal Injuries to Children

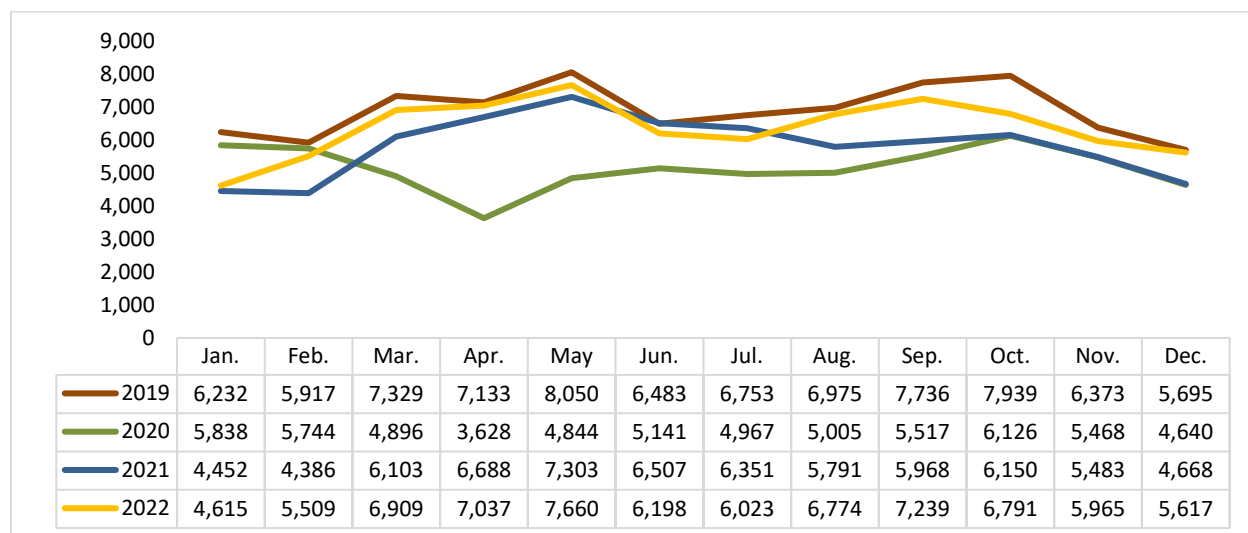
S.C. NON-FATAL INJURIES TO CHILDREN



76,337 non-fatal injuries to children in 2022, **6,487** injuries or **9% increase** from 2021.

Note. 2022 data are provisional and subject to change.

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



Note. 2022 data are provisional and subject to change.

COMPARED TO NATIONAL DATA (2020)

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



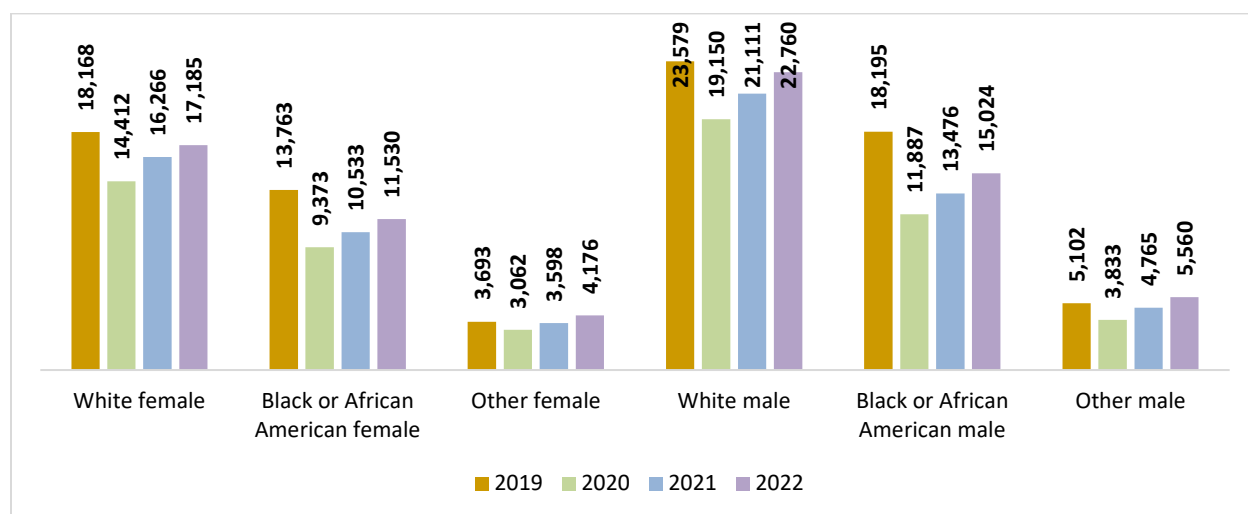
National rate:
5,217 per 100,000 children

S.C. NON-FATAL INJURIES TO CHILDREN BY AGE GROUP: COMPARING 2022 TO 2021, 2020, AND 2019 DATA

Age Groups	2019	2020	2021	2022	Compared 2022 to 2021	Compared 2022 to 2020	Compared 2022 to 2019
<1 year	2,873	2,232	2,550	2,660	+110 (+4%)	+428 (+19%)	-213 (-7%)
1-4 years	20,798	17,288	18,610	18,980	+370 (+2%)	+1,692 (+10%)	-1,818 (-9%)
5-11 years	28,600	20,373	23,167	25,296	+2,129 (+9%)	+4,923 (+24%)	-3,304 (-12%)
12-17 years	30,344	21,921	25,523	29,401	+3,878 (+15%)	+7,480 (+34%)	-943 (-3%)
Total	82,615	61,814	69,850	76,337	+6,487 (+9%)	+14,523(+23%)	-6,278 (-8%)

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



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

Calendar Year 2019	Calendar Year 2020	Federal Fiscal Year 2021	Federal Fiscal Year 2022
Unspecified injury of head (n=5,531)	Unspecified injury of head (n=3,457)	Unspecified injury of head (n=4,199)	Unspecified injury of head (n=5,275)
Laceration without foreign body of other part of head (n=3,454)	Laceration without foreign body of other part of head (n=3,205)	Laceration without foreign body of other part of head (n=3,228)	Laceration without foreign body of other part of head (n=3,346)
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=1,641)	Laceration without foreign body of scalp (n=1,763)
Laceration without foreign body of scalp (n=1,722)	Laceration without foreign body of lip (n=1,338)	Contusion of other part of head (n=1,473)	Contusion of other part of head (n=1,625)
Sprain of unspecified ligament of right ankle (n=1,658)	Contusion of other part of head (n=1,298)	Laceration without foreign body of lip (n=1,291)	Sprain of unspecified ligament of right ankle (n=1,451)

Note. S.C. pediatric emergency department visits (ages 0-17), including emergency department visits that resulted in an inpatient admission. Federal fiscal year 2022 data are provisional and subject to change.

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

Calendar Year 2019	Calendar Year 2020	Federal Fiscal Year 2021	Federal Fiscal Year 2022
Unspecified injury of head (\$13,147,001)	Unspecified injury of head (\$9,489,566)	Unspecified injury of head (\$11,907,920)	Unspecified injury of head (\$15,140,623)
Laceration without foreign body of other part of head (\$6,737,920)	Laceration without foreign body of other part of head (\$6,938,227)	Laceration without foreign body of other part of head (\$7,697,728)	Laceration without foreign body of other part of head (\$8,217,729)
Contusion of other part of head (\$4,337,751)	Laceration without foreign body of scalp (\$3,568,554)	Contusion of other part of head (\$3,800,174)	Laceration without foreign body of scalp (\$4,399,114)
Strain of muscle, fascia and tendon at neck level (\$3,715,676)	Contusion of other part of head (\$2,924,058)	Laceration without foreign body of scalp (\$3,781,484)	Contusion of other part of head (\$4,285,600)
Concussion without loss of consciousness (\$3,670,262)	Concussion without loss of consciousness (\$2,879,233)	Strain of muscle, fascia and tendon at neck level (\$3,519,614)	Concussion without loss of consciousness (\$4,064,951)

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

	Calendar Year 2019	Calendar Year 2020	Federal Fiscal Year 2021	Federal Fiscal Year 2022
< 1 year	Fall (n=1,495) Struck by/against (n=257) Natural/environmental category (e.g., bites and stings) (n=168) Fire/burn category (n=104) Motor vehicle traffic category (n=82) Causes above (n=2,106) accounted for 73% of non-fatal injury causes for this age group	Fall (n=1,131) Struck by/against (n=181) Natural/environmental category (e.g., bites and stings) (n=107) Fire/burn category (n=80) Cut/pierce (n=70) Causes above (n=1,569) accounted for 70% of non-fatal injury causes for this age group	Fall (n=1,345) Struck by/against (n=254) Natural/environmental category (e.g., bites and stings) (n=119) Fire/burn category (n=73) Cut/pierce (n=72) Causes above (n=1,863) accounted for 73% of non-fatal injury causes for this age group	Fall (n=1,429) Struck by/against (n=255) Natural/environmental category (e.g., bites and stings) (n=134) Cut/pierce (n=75) Fire/burn category (n=46) Motor vehicle traffic category (n=46) Causes above (n=1,985) accounted for 75% of non-fatal injury causes for this age group
1-4 years	Fall (n=7,839) Struck by/against (n=2,841) Natural/environmental category (e.g., bites and stings) (n=1,962) Cut/pierce (n=940) Motor vehicle traffic category (n=690) Causes above (n=14,272) accounted for 69% of non-fatal injury causes for this age group	Fall (n=6,596) Struck by/against (n=2,363) Natural/environmental category (e.g., bites and stings) (n=1,334) Cut/pierce (n=942) Poisoning category (n=557) Causes above (n=11,792) accounted for 68% of non-fatal injury causes for this age group	Fall (n=6,953) Struck by/against (n=2,652) Natural/environmental category (e.g., bites and stings) (n=1,415) Cut/pierce (n=969) Poisoning category (n=613) Causes above (n=12,602) accounted for 68% of non-fatal injury causes for this age group	Fall (n=7,138) Struck by/against (n=2,836) Natural/environmental category (e.g., bites and stings) (n=1,396) Cut/pierce (n=957) Fire/burn category (n=570) Causes above (n=12,897) accounted for 68% of non-fatal injury causes for this age group

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	Calendar Year 2019	Calendar Year 2020	Federal Fiscal Year 2021	Federal Fiscal Year 2022
5-11 years	Fall (n=9,153) Struck by/against (n=5,320) Motor vehicle traffic category (n=2,276) Natural/environmental category (e.g., bites and stings) (n=2,063) Cut/pierce (n=2,007)	Fall (n=6,418) Struck by/against (n=3,359) Cut/pierce (n=1,814) Motor vehicle traffic category (n=1,582) Natural/environmental category (e.g., bites and stings) (n=1,499)	Fall (n=7,514) Struck by/against (n=4,027) Cut/pierce (n=1,869) Motor vehicle traffic category (n=1,686) Natural/environmental category (e.g., bites and stings) (n=1,600)	Fall (n=8,243) Struck by/against (n=4,764) Cut/pierce (n=1,905) Motor vehicle traffic category (n=1,692) Natural/environmental category (e.g., bites and stings) (n=1,609)
	Causes above (n=20,819) accounted for 73% of non-fatal injury causes for this age group	Causes above (n=14,672) accounted for 72% of non-fatal injury causes for this age group	Causes above (n=16,696) accounted for 72% of non-fatal injury causes for this age group	Causes above (n=18,213) accounted for 72% of non-fatal injury causes for this age group
12-17 years	Struck by/against (n=6,723) Fall (n=5,568) Motor vehicle traffic category (n=3,944) Overexertion (n=2,734) Cut/pierce (n=2,174)	Fall (n=3,950) Struck by/against (n=3,879) Motor vehicle traffic category (n=3,100) Cut/pierce (n=2,124) Overexertion (n=1,771)	Struck by/against (n=4,773) Fall (n=4,433) Motor vehicle traffic category (n=3,497) Overexertion (n=2,326) Cut/pierce (n=2,203)	Struck by/against (n=6,091) Fall (n=5,314) Motor vehicle traffic category (n=3,631) Overexertion (n=2,741) Cut/pierce (n=2,248)
	Causes above (n=21,143) accounted for 70% of non-fatal injury causes for this age group	Causes above (n=14,824) accounted for 67% of non-fatal injury causes for this age group	Causes above (n=17,232) accounted for 68% of non-fatal injury causes for this age group	Causes above (n=20,025) accounted for 68% of non-fatal injury causes for this age group
0-17 years	Fall (n=24,055) Struck by/against (n=15,141) Motor vehicle traffic category (n=6,992) Natural/environmental category (e.g., bites and stings) (n=5,323) Cut/pierce (n=5,199)	Fall (n=18,095) Struck by/against (n=9,782) Motor vehicle traffic category (n=5,178) Cut/pierce (n=4,950) Natural/environmental category (e.g., bites and stings) (n=3,847)	Fall (n=20,245) Struck by/against (n=11,706) Motor vehicle traffic category (n=5,769) Cut/pierce (n=5,113) Natural/environmental category (e.g., bites and stings) (n=4,133)	Fall (n=22,124) Struck by/against (n=13,946) Motor vehicle traffic category (n=5,899) Cut/pierce (n=5,185) Overexertion (n=4,183)
	Causes above (n=56,710) accounted for 69% of non-fatal injury causes for this age group	Causes above (n= 41,852) accounted for 67% of non-fatal injury causes for this age group	Causes above (n=46,966) accounted for 67% of non-fatal injury causes for this age group	Causes above (n=51,337) accounted for 67% of non-fatal injury causes for this age group

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

County of Patient Residence	Calendar Year 2019 ED Visits	Calendar Year 2019 Hospital Charges	Calendar Year 2020 ED Visits	Calendar Year 2020 Hospital Charges	Federal Fiscal Year 2021 ED Visits	Federal Fiscal Year 2021 Hospital Charges	Federal Fiscal Year 2022 ED Visits	Federal Fiscal Year 2022 Hospital Charges
Abbeville	502	\$709,748	334	\$610,394	419	\$1,392,047	440	\$868,491
Aiken	1,509	\$2,961,318	1,128	\$2,799,493	1,149	\$4,685,749	1,279	\$4,616,488
Allendale	290	\$175,026	208	\$131,357	227	\$163,309	265	\$188,534
Anderson	1,828	\$6,273,378	1,702	\$7,514,783	1,993	\$9,796,285	2,035	\$9,597,648
Bamberg	366	\$906,463	263	\$847,015	292	\$859,422	295	\$1,285,574
Barnwell	491	\$843,221	400	\$828,943	410	\$920,198	407	\$802,346
Beaufort	2,800	\$9,023,071	2,107	\$7,029,011	2,335	\$8,597,389	2,571	\$10,409,702
Berkeley	5,025	\$16,456,439	4,112	\$15,692,160	4,750	\$18,055,370	5,379	\$20,874,166
Calhoun	180	\$619,430	137	\$445,749	137	\$424,404	127	\$495,862
Charleston	6,370	\$18,432,197	5,063	\$18,975,059	5,507	\$21,160,404	5,909	\$25,965,712
Cherokee	1,424	\$4,790,676	1,206	\$2,959,146	887	\$2,097,628	1,020	\$2,816,222
Chester	863	\$2,738,830	560	\$2,119,029	651	\$2,658,657	767	\$2,844,919
Chesterfield	599	\$1,523,897	176	\$1,307,866	646	\$2,213,598	684	\$2,524,467
Clarendon	841	\$2,042,881	477	\$2,925,423	549	\$3,458,300	477	\$1,701,978
Colleton	1,391	\$4,166,370	965	\$2,895,496	953	\$4,464,606	1,133	\$4,947,898
Darlington	1,318	\$3,851,553	834	\$3,272,489	903	\$4,252,629	1,000	\$4,978,864
Dillon	921	\$2,469,012	615	\$2,416,367	742	\$3,221,692	721	\$3,496,307
Dorchester	3,504	\$13,006,670	2,659	\$12,570,713	2,981	\$14,572,542	3,291	\$15,155,042
Edgefield	350	\$437,023	210	\$308,516	255	\$539,931	274	\$734,574
Fairfield	497	\$1,895,663	410	\$1,212,101	392	\$971,317	423	\$1,303,707
Florence	2,735	\$10,055,473	1,738	\$9,339,535	2,063	\$11,378,747	2,196	\$12,024,813
Georgetown	1,543	\$4,085,449	947	\$3,168,357	937	\$4,191,927	976	\$4,405,789
Greenville	6,506	\$18,658,172	5,287	\$20,111,114	6,673	\$26,361,994	7,250	\$27,415,474
Greenwood	1,397	\$3,266,916	921	\$2,936,198	1,078	\$3,717,292	1,042	\$2,764,230
Hampton	743	\$1,323,235	525	\$1,969,384	560	\$1,742,870	608	\$1,441,230
Horry	6,956	\$26,148,283	5,038	\$33,126,669	5,668	\$27,730,870	6,448	\$29,918,200
Jasper	670	\$2,993,475	460	\$1,754,679	496	\$2,210,803	566	\$2,360,192
Kershaw	1,402	\$3,891,189	1,056	\$4,986,741	1,150	\$8,585,312	1,270	\$5,313,517
Lancaster	1,176	\$5,973,922	753	\$4,512,854	865	\$4,420,045	1,004	\$5,421,814
Laurens	1,064	\$2,500,510	888	\$3,268,928	1,055	\$3,314,094	1,283	\$4,064,112
Lee	301	\$1,728,818	203	\$626,784	223	\$793,278	235	\$844,950
Lexington	2,896	\$12,933,978	2,306	\$11,460,992	2,744	\$18,833,323	3,022	\$16,376,621
McCormick	81	\$169,497	56	\$184,721	43	\$99,512	62	\$112,257
Marion	869	\$1,822,636	539	\$1,879,578	544	\$2,401,837	660	\$4,633,019
Marlboro	342	\$1,382,303	242	\$872,888	300	\$1,038,262	342	\$2,411,570
Newberry	947	\$1,838,065	663	\$1,312,278	738	\$1,495,005	809	\$2,668,027

Safety Indicators

County of Patient Residence (Continued)	Calendar Year 2019 ED Visits	Calendar Year 2019 Hospital Charges	Calendar Year 2020 ED Visits	Calendar Year 2020 Hospital Charges	Federal Fiscal Year 2021 ED Visits	Federal Fiscal Year 2021 Hospital Charges	Federal Fiscal Year 2022 ED Visits	Federal Fiscal Year 2022 Hospital Charges
Oconee	1,048	\$2,690,070	861	\$3,153,597	1,168	\$5,806,387	1,281	\$4,743,152
Orangeburg	1,800	\$5,239,157	1,260	\$6,930,261	1,212	\$4,863,951	1,355	\$7,245,346
Pickens	1,976	\$5,131,532	1,715	\$6,142,771	2,102	\$8,016,992	2,241	\$6,542,957
Richland	5,981	\$18,330,345	4,169	\$14,189,582	4,134	\$17,135,712	4,476	\$21,342,835
Saluda	210	\$599,512	156	\$580,684	152	\$335,852	166	\$939,165
Spartanburg	4,725	\$13,698,060	3,974	\$15,257,774	4,683	\$19,754,379	5,054	\$20,127,329
Sumter	2,222	\$5,704,108	1,572	\$5,579,099	1,735	\$8,746,264	1,894	\$8,004,681
Union	890	\$1,906,162	602	\$1,530,862	685	\$2,158,954	753	\$2,442,927
Williamsburg	890	\$1,915,177	521	\$1,056,535	512	\$1,245,598	542	\$1,211,498
York	2,176	\$7,823,373	1,796	\$7,016,596	2,152	\$8,668,255	2,305	\$10,566,821
Total	82,615	\$255,132,285	61,814	\$249,810,572	69,850	\$299,552,991	76,337	\$320,951,026

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DATA SOURCES

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2. S.C. non-fatal injury rate was calculated with the total number of child non-fatal injuries to children ages 0-17 in 2020, divided by the S.C. total child population for 2020 and multiplied by 100,000. Source of child population: S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control, Population Data, year of 2020, https://apps.dhec.sc.gov/Health/SCAN_BDP/tables/populationtable.aspx (last visited, April 3, 2022).
3. National non-fatal injury rate: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, WISQARS online, non-fatal injury reports, <https://wisqars.cdc.gov/nonfatal-reports> (last visited, May 18, 2023).

Safety Indicators

Gun Violence among Children

S.C. CHILD GUN DEATHS

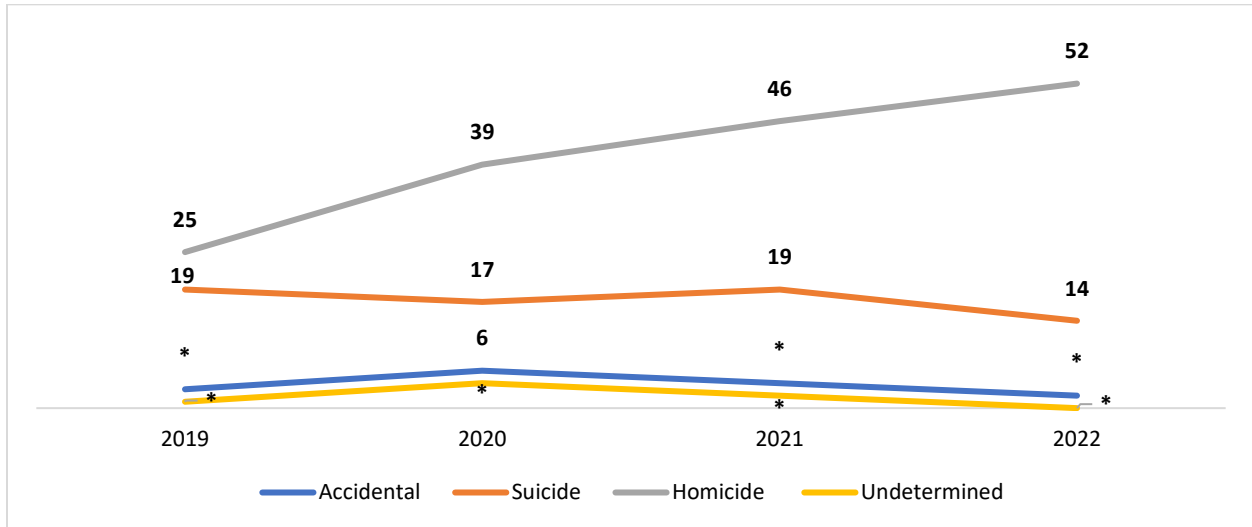


68 children died by guns in 2022, 3 deaths or 4% decrease from 2021.

- 52 or 76% were homicides.
- 14 or 21% were suicides.

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S.C. CHILD GUN DEATHS BY YEAR AND INTENT



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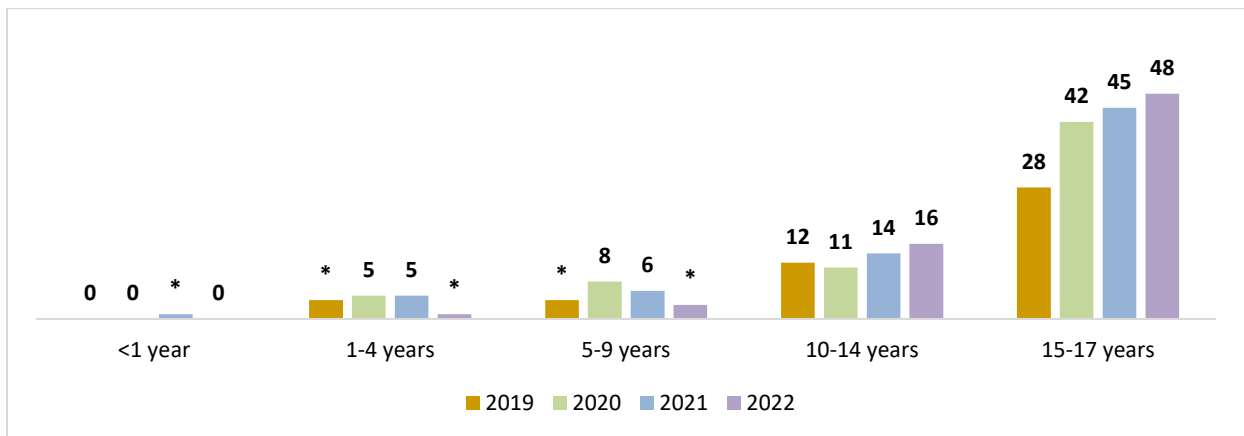
COMPARED TO NATIONAL DATA (2021)

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



National rate:
3.5 per 100,000 children

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



Safety Indicators

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

Rank	2019 (Total child deaths: n=265, ages 1-17)	2020 (Total child deaths: n=287, ages 1-17)	2021 (Total child deaths: n=332, ages 1-17)	2022 (Total child deaths: n=303, ages 1-17)
1	Motor vehicle accidents (n=52, accounted for 20% of deaths for this age group)	Guns (n=66, accounted for 23% of deaths for this age group)	Guns (n=70, accounted for 21% of deaths for this age group)	Guns (n=68, accounted for 22% of deaths for this age group)
2	Guns (n=48, accounted for 18% of deaths for this age group)	Motor vehicle accidents (n=58, accounted for 20% for this age group)	Motor vehicle accidents (n=64, accounted for 19% for this age group)	Motor vehicle accidents (n=52, accounted for 17% for this age group)
3	Suicide-not gun related/ other unspecified means (n=20, accounted for 8% of deaths for this age group)	Cancer (n=25, accounted for 9% of deaths for this age group)	Cancer (n=31, accounted for 9% of deaths for this age group)	Congenital malformations (n=19, accounted for 6% of deaths for this age group)
4	Congenital malformations (n=19, accounted for 7% of deaths for this age group)	Congenital malformations (n=15, accounted for 5% of deaths for this age group)	Congenital malformations (n=19, accounted for 6% of deaths for this age group) COVID-19 (n=19, accounted for 6% of deaths for this age group)	Accidental poisoning (n=14, accounted for 5% of deaths for this age group) Cancer (n=14, accounted for 5% of deaths for this age group)
5	Accidental drowning and submersion (n=14, accounted for 5% of deaths for this age group)	Accidental drowning (n=14, accounted for 5% of deaths for this age group)	Diseases of heart (n=11, accounted for 3% of deaths for this age group)	Accidental drowning (n=13, accounted for 4% of deaths for this age group)

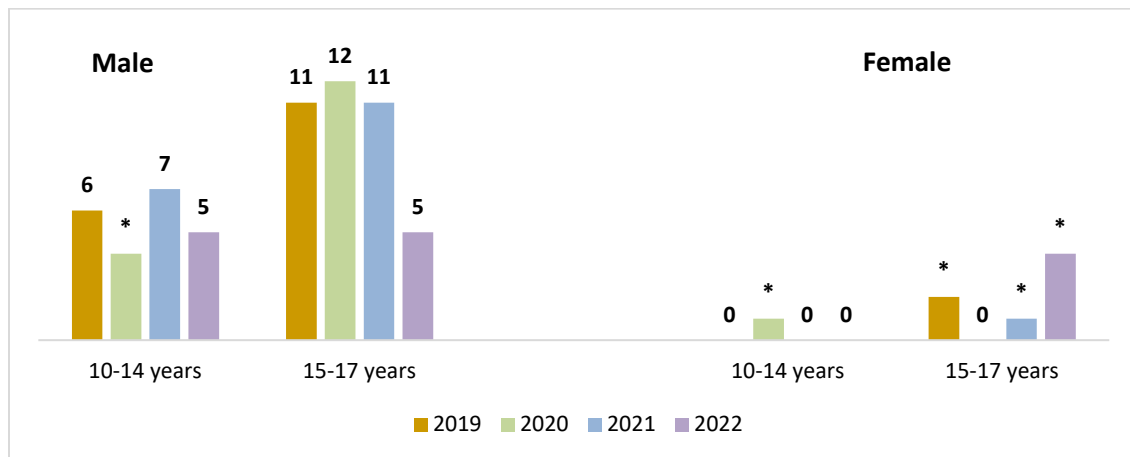
Safety Indicators

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

Age Groups	Intent	2019	2020	2021	2022
< 1 year	All intents	0	0	*	0
	Homicide	0	0	*	0
1-4 years	All intents	*	5	5	*
	Accidental	*	*	*	*
	Homicide	*	*	*	0
	Undetermined	0	0	*	0
5-9 years	All intents	*	8	6	*
	Accidental	*	*	0	*
	Homicide	*	*	6	*
	Undetermined	0	*	0	0
10-14 years	All intents	12	11	14	16
	Accidental	*	0	0	0
	Suicide	6	5	7	5
	Homicide	5	6	7	11
15-17 years	All intents	28	42	45	48
	Accidental	0	*	*	0
	Suicide	13	12	12	9
	Homicide	14	27	31	39
	Undetermined	*	*	*	0
0-17 years	All intents	48	66	71	68
	Accidental	*	6	*	*
	Suicide	19	17	19	14
	Homicide	25	39	46	52
	Undetermined	*	*	*	0

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

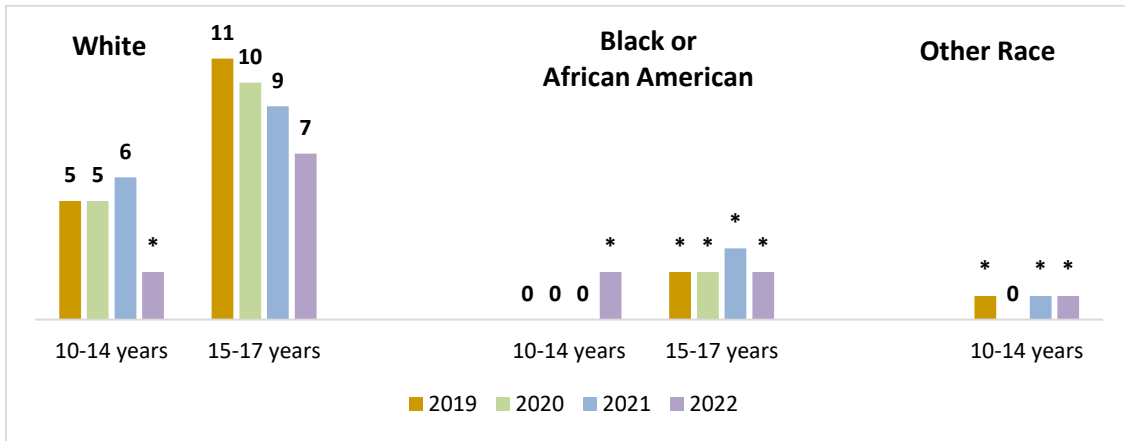


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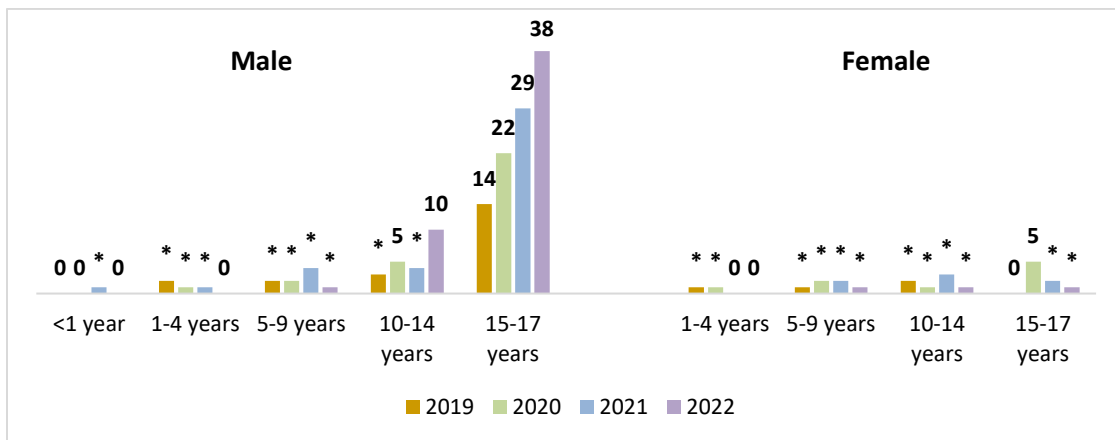
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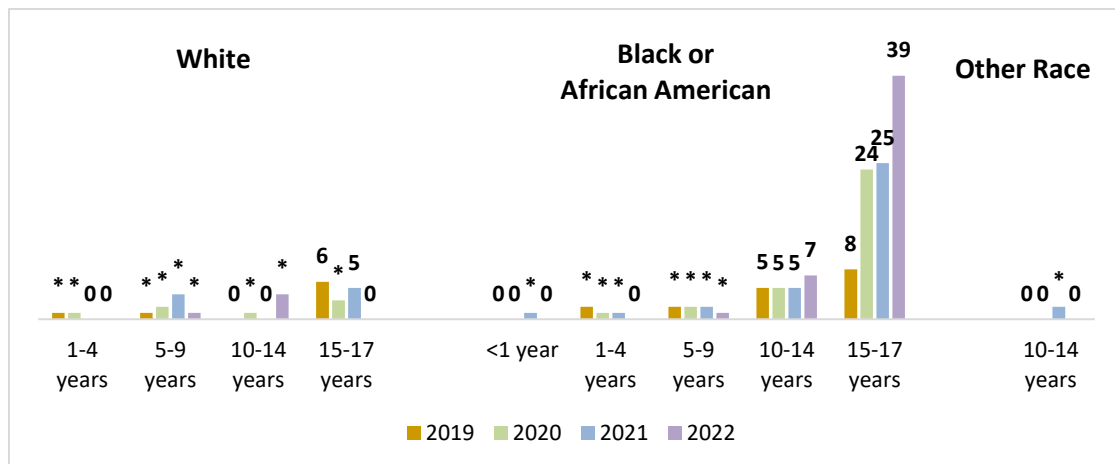
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S.C. CHILD HOMICIDE DEATHS BY GUNS: AGE GROUP, SEX, AND RACE



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Safety Indicators

S.C. CHILD GUN DEATHS BY COUNTY

County	2019	2020	2021	2022	2019-2022
Abbeville	0	0	*	0	*
Aiken	*	*	*	*	9
Allendale	*	*	0	0	*
Anderson	*	*	*	*	6
Bamberg	0	0	0	*	*
Barnwell	*	*	0	0	*
Beaufort	*	0	*	*	*
Berkeley	*	*	*	7	16
Calhoun	*	*	0	0	*
Charleston	8	7	*	*	23
Cherokee	*	*	*	*	*
Chester	0	*	*	*	5
Chesterfield	*	*	0	*	*
Clarendon	0	0	*	0	*
Colleton	0	*	0	0	*
Darlington	0	*	*	*	5
Dillon	0	*	0	*	*
Dorchester	*	*	*	*	7
Fairfield	0	*	*	0	*
Florence	0	0	*	6	8
Georgetown	*	*	*	*	5
Greenville	*	*	9	5	19
Greenwood	0	0	*	0	*
Horry	*	*	5	*	14
Jasper	0	*	*	0	*
Kershaw	0	0	*	*	*
Lancaster	*	0	0	*	*
Lee	*	0	*	0	*
Lexington	*	6	*	*	12
Marlboro	0	0	0	*	*
Newberry	*	0	0	*	*
Oconee	*	*	0	*	*
Orangeburg	*	*	*	*	11
Pickens	*	0	0	0	*
Richland	*	5	10	11	29
Spartanburg	*	*	*	0	8
Sumter	0	*	*	*	*
Union	0	*	0	0	*
Williamsburg	0	*	0	0	*
York	*	*	6	5	15
Total	48	66	71	68	253

Note. 2022 data are provisional and subject to change.

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Safety Indicators

S.C. NON-FATAL GUN INJURIES TO CHILDREN



356 non-fatal gun injuries to children in federal fiscal year 2022, 61 injuries or 21% increase from federal fiscal year 2021.

- 246 or 69% were unintentional.
- 88 or 25% were assaults.
- 8 or 2% were self-harm.
- 14 or 4% were undetermined (intents).

Note. Federal fiscal year 2022 data are provisional and subject to change.

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

Age Groups	Intent	Calendar Year 2019	Calendar Year 2020	Federal Fiscal Year 2021	Federal Fiscal Year 2022
<1 year	All intents	0	*	0	*
	Unintentional	0	*	0	*
	Assault	0	*	0	0
1-4 years	All intents	13	11	16	23
	Unintentional	10	7	13	23
	Assault	*	*	*	0
	Undetermined	0	*	*	0
5-11 years	All intents	23	29	30	32
	Unintentional	15	22	19	27
	Assault	8	6	10	5
	Undetermined	0	*	*	0
12-17 years	All intents	174	227	249	299
	Unintentional	108	153	173	194
	Self-harm	8	8	8	8
	Assault	52	59	63	83
	Legal/war	*	*	0	0
	Undetermined	*	6	5	14
0-17 years	All intents	210	269	295	356
	Unintentional	133	183	205	246
	Self-harm	8	8	8	8
	Assault	63	69	75	88
	Legal/war	*	*	0	0
	Undetermined	*	8	7	14

Note. Federal fiscal year 2022 data are provisional and subject to change. Data are not comparable between years 2021/2022 and 2019/2020 due to year difference on the data provided (i.e., calendar year vs. federal fiscal year).

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Safety Indicators

DATA SOURCES

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2. S.C. Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office. S.C. pediatric emergency department visits (ages 0-17), including emergency department visits that resulted in an inpatient admission, non-fatal injuries for South Carolina residents. Unpublished reports generated in February 2022 and March 2023.
3. Compared to national data: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics. Underlying Cause of Death, 2018-2021, Single Race on CDC WONDER Online Database, released in 2023. Data are from the Multiple Cause of Death Files, 2018-2021, as compiled from data provided by the 57 vital statistics jurisdictions through the Vital Statistics Cooperative Program, <https://wonder.cdc.gov/ucd-icd10-expanded.html> (last visited, May 11, 2023).

Safety Indicators

2021 High School Youth Risk Behavior Survey Results

Unintentional Injuries and Violence

	S.C.	Nationwide
Did not always wear a seat belt (when riding in a car driven by someone else)	42.6%	39.9%
Rode with a driver who had been drinking alcohol (in a car or other vehicle, one or more times during the 30 days before the survey)	14.0%	14.1%
Drove when they had been drinking alcohol (in a car or other vehicle, one or more times during the 30 days before the survey, among students who had driven a car or other vehicle during the 30 days before the survey)	3.5%	4.6%
Texted or e-mailed while driving a car or other vehicle (on at least 1 day during the 30 days before the survey, among students who had driven a car or other vehicle during the 30 days before the survey)	44.8%*	36.1%
Carried a weapon on school property (such as a gun, knife, or club, on at least 1 day during the 30 days before the survey)	2.9%	3.1%
Were threatened or injured with a weapon on school property (such as a gun, knife, or club, one or more times during the 12 months before the survey)	7.1%	6.6%
Were in a physical fight (one or more times during the 12 months before the survey)	19.4%	18.3%
Were in a physical fight on school property (one or more times during the 12 months before the survey)	6.4%	5.8%
Were electronically bullied (counting being bullied through texting, Instagram, Facebook, or other social media, ever during the 12 months before the survey)	14.0%	15.9%
Were bullied on school property (during the 12 months before the survey)	16.1%	15.0%
Did not go to school because they felt unsafe at school or on their way to or from school (on at least 1 day during the 30 days before the survey)	7.1%	8.6%
Experienced sexual dating violence (being forced to do sexual things [counting such things as kissing, touching, or being physically forced to have sexual intercourse] they did not want to do by someone they were dating or going out with, one or more times during the 12 months before the survey, among students who dated or went out with someone during the 12 months before the survey)	11.0%	9.7%

*Indicates behaviors were more likely (statistically significant) in S.C. than nationwide.

Safety Indicators

	S.C.	Nationwide
Experienced physical dating violence (being physically hurt on purpose [counting such things as being hit, slammed into something, or injured with an object or weapon] by someone they were dating or going out with, one or more times during the 12 months before the survey, among students who dated or went out with someone during the 12 months before the survey)	8.2%	8.5%
Felt sad or hopeless (almost every day for 2 or more weeks in a row so that they stopped doing some usual activities, during the 12 months before the survey)	41.1%	42.3%
Made a plan about how they would attempt suicide (during the 12 months before the survey)	19.1%	17.6%

DATA SOURCE

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, South Carolina 2021 and United States 2021 Results, High School Youth Risk Behavior Survey. South Carolina had representative data for the 2021 YRBS. With representative data, it is possible to say, for example, X% of high school students in our state smoked cigarettes during the past month.

<https://nccd.cdc.gov/Youthonline/App/Results.aspx?TT=G&OUT=0&SID=HS&QID=QQ&LID=SC&YID=2021&LID2=XX&YID2=2021&COL=T&ROW1=N&ROW2=N&HT=QQ&LCT=LL&FS=S1&FR=R1&FG=G1&FA=A1&FI=I1&FP=P1&FSL=S1&FRL=R1&FGL=G1&FAL=A1&FIL=I1&FPL=P1&PV=&TST=True&C1=SC2021&C2=XX2021&QP=G&DP=1&VA=CI&CS=Y&SYID=&EYID=&SC=DEFAULT&SO=ASC&PF=1> (last visited, May 11, 2023).

Child Welfare Indicators

Child/Youth Maltreatment

S.C. CHILD/YOUTH MALTREATMENT REPORTS



66,895 child/youth maltreatment reports were received by the South Carolina Department of Social Services (DSS) in 2022, **271** or **0.4% decrease** from 2021.

- **36,269** or **54%** accepted for investigation (safety issues alleged) in 2022, **348** or **1% decrease** from 2021.
- **8,749** or **24%** founded investigations in 2022, **779** or **8% decrease** from 2021.
- **14,004** victims of child/youth maltreatment in 2022, **1,227** or **8% decrease** from 2021.
 - 7,012** or **50%** were victims ages 0 to 6 in 2022, **527** or **7% decrease** from 2021.
 - 3,438** or **25%** were victims ages 7 to 12 in 2022, **431** or **11% decrease** from 2021.
 - 3,554** or **25%** were victims ages 13 to 17 in 2022, **269** or **7% decrease** from 2021.

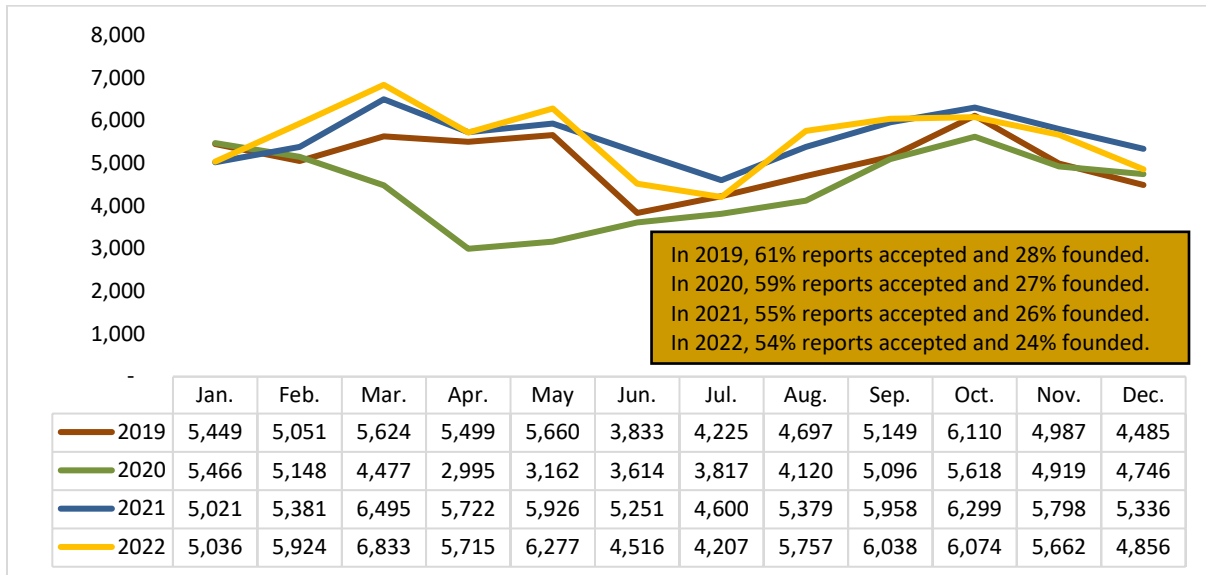
Note. Investigators have up to 45 days and, with approved extensions, have up to 60 days to complete an investigation. Therefore, data in December 2022 may be incomplete. Due to rounding, percentages may not always appear to add up to 100%.

S.C. CHILD/YOUTH MALTREATMENT REPORTS: COMPARING 2022 TO 2021, 2020, AND 2019 DATA

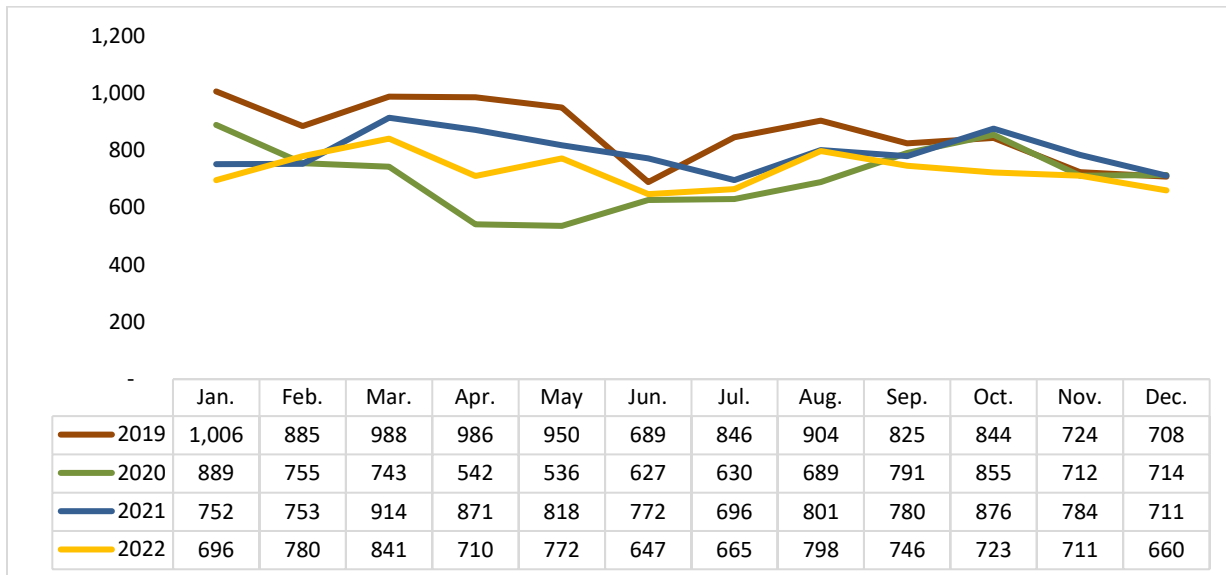
	2019	2020	2021	2022	Compared 2022 to 2021	Compared 2022 to 2020	Compared 2022 to 2019
Maltreatment reports received by DSS	60,769	53,178	67,166	66,895	-271 (-0.4%)	+13,717 (+26%)	+6,126 (+10%)
○ Accepted for investigation	37,158	31,596	36,617	36,269	-348 (-1%)	+4,673 (+15%)	-889 (-2%)
○ Founded investigations	10,355	8,483	9,528	8,749	-779 (-8%)	+266 (+3%)	-1,606 (-16%)
Maltreatment victims	17,774	13,973	15,231	14,004	-1,227 (-8%)	+31 (+0.2%)	-3,770 (-21%)
○ Ages 0 to 6	9,348	7,219	7,539	7,012	-527 (-7%)	-207 (-3%)	-2,336 (-25%)
○ Ages 7 to 12	4,600	3,425	3,869	3,438	-431 (-11%)	+13 (+0.4%)	-1,162 (-25%)
○ Ages 13 to 17	3,826	3,329	3,823	3,554	-269 (-7%)	+225 (+7%)	-272 (-7%)

Child Welfare Indicators

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



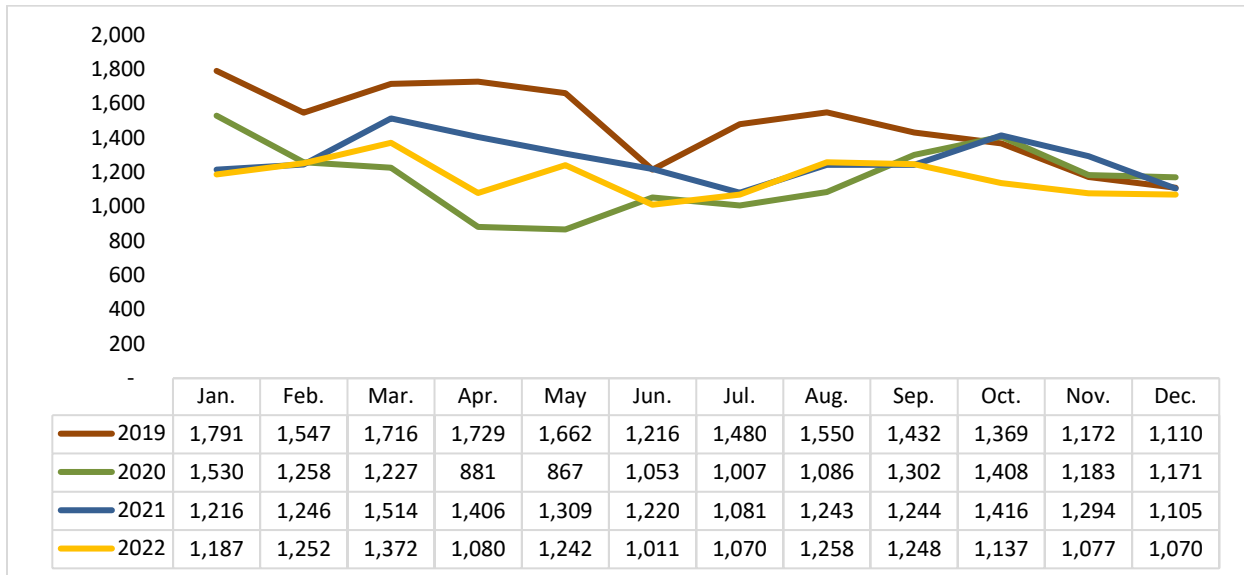
S.C. FOUNDED CHILD/YOUTH MALTREATMENT REPORTS BY MONTH



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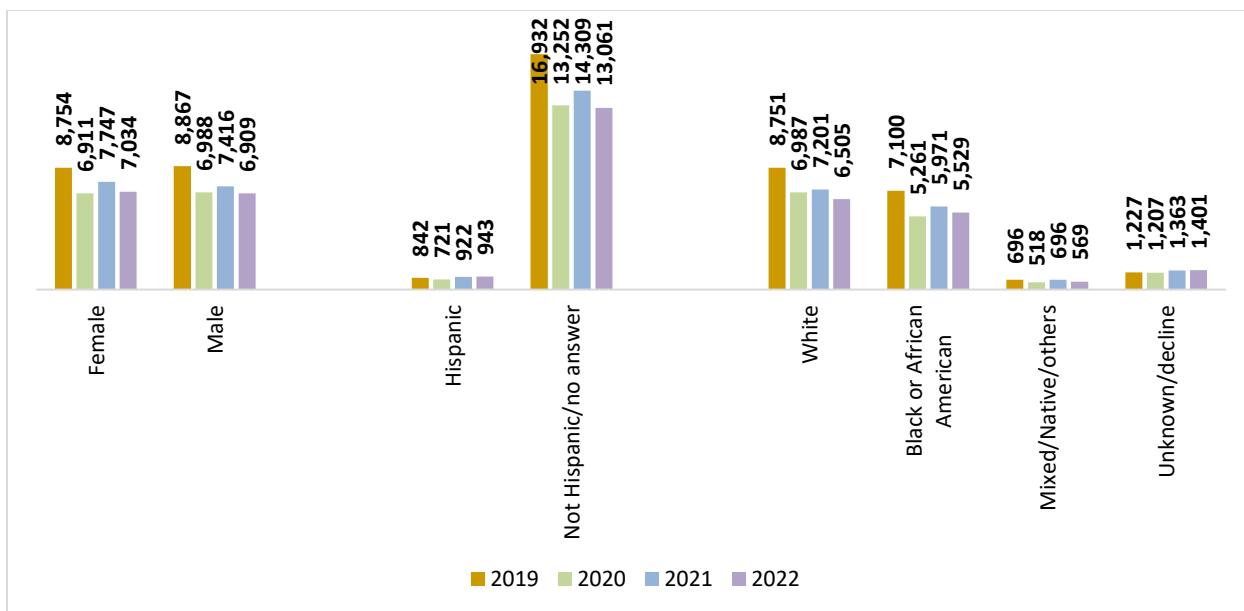
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S.C. CHILD/YOUTH MALTREATMENT VICTIMS BY MONTH



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



Child Welfare Indicators

S.C. CHILD/YOUTH MALTREATMENT VICTIMS: COMPARED TO NATIONAL DATA (OCTOBER 1, 2020-SEPTEMBER 30, 2021)

S.C. child/youth
maltreatment victim rate:
13.7 per 1,000 children



National rate:
8.1 per 1,000 children

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

Maltreatment Type	2019	2020	2021	2022
Abandonment	138	129	157	196
Contributing to the delinquency of a minor	37	57	54	71
Educational neglect	792	903	1,498	1,055
Excessive corporal punishment	14	298	454	447
Human trafficking	N/A	N/A	107	112
Medical abuse	*	N/A	N/A	N/A
Medical neglect	335	276	343	228
Mental injury	300	803	530	490
Neglect (formerly physical neglect)	6,910	N/A	N/A	N/A
Other (formerly threat of harm, other)	17	N/A	N/A	N/A
Physical abuse	3,709	1,990	2,273	2,247
Physical neglect	2,370	7,457	8,236	7,345
Sex trafficking	*	47	N/A	N/A
Sexual abuse	529	467	460	438
Substantial risk of abandonment	*	N/A	N/A	N/A
Substantial risk of contributing to the delinquency of a minor	*	N/A	N/A	N/A
Substantial risk of educational neglect	30	N/A	N/A	N/A
Substantial risk of medical neglect	52	N/A	N/A	N/A
Substantial risk of mental injury	35	N/A	N/A	N/A
Substantial risk of neglect (formerly physical neglect)	619	N/A	N/A	N/A
Substantial risk of physical or mental injury	93	4,915	5,116	5,059
Substantial risk of physical abuse	6,276	N/A	N/A	N/A
Substantial risk of sexual abuse	442	N/A	N/A	N/A
Suspicious death of a child	*	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total	22,708	17,342	19,228	17,688

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.

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

Child Welfare Indicators

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

Region/County	2019	2020	2021	2022
Lowcountry Total	3,816	2,593	3,171	3,137
Allendale	57	18	24	15
Beaufort	241	160	196	226
Berkeley	675	387	580	483
Calhoun	47	37	42	31
Charleston	1,620	1,090	1,384	1,429
Colleton	215	201	174	165
Dorchester	537	397	450	452
Hampton	70	71	64	60
Jasper	54	45	75	87
Orangeburg	299	187	182	189
Midlands Total	4,810	4,009	3,980	3,384
Aiken	681	452	407	284
Bamberg	65	60	42	30
Barnwell	86	36	43	16
Chester	241	136	209	169
Edgefield	66	52	61	33
Fairfield	83	65	72	47
Kershaw	170	166	265	152
Lancaster	492	306	339	217
Lexington	655	710	551	453
McCormick	14	16	8	22
Richland	1,458	1,354	1,473	1,428
Saluda	55	34	47	48
York	518	502	463	485
Pee Dee Total	3,330	2,799	3,165	2,629
Chesterfield	112	110	130	127
Clarendon	65	92	71	76
Darlington	452	370	409	396
Dillon	204	156	202	131
Florence	462	408	462	335
Georgetown	211	181	165	122
Horry	953	747	955	707
Lee	89	69	71	38
Marion	190	109	139	122
Marlboro	105	129	116	137
Sumter	412	368	357	338
Williamsburg	75	60	88	100

Child Welfare Indicators

Region/County (Continued)	2019	2020	2021	2022
Upstate Total	5,818	4,572	4,915	4,854
Abbeville	32	27	57	63
Anderson	955	719	755	715
Cherokee	381	340	343	267
Greenville	1,797	1,465	1,661	1,608
Greenwood	233	233	224	225
Laurens	282	269	278	337
Newberry	163	131	104	132
Oconee	395	232	250	238
Pickens	404	238	288	285
Spartanburg	1,176	918	881	891
Union	150	117	74	93
Grand Total	17,774	13,973	15,231	14,004

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

DATA SOURCES

1. S.C. Department of Social Services, unpublished reports generated in November 2021, February 2022, and March 2023. Data are by calendar years for children under age 18 unless otherwise specified.
2. Compared to national data: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Children’s Bureau. (2023). *Child Maltreatment 2021*. Table 3-3. A child is defined as a person who has not attained (a) the age of 18 or (b) the age specified by the child protection law of the state in which the child resides. For sex trafficking victims only, a state may define a child as a person who has not attained the age of 24. <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/cb/data-research/child-maltreatment> (last visited, April 19, 2023).

Child Welfare Indicators

Children/Youth in Foster Care

S.C. CHILDREN/YOUTH IN FOSTER CARE



2,904 children/youth entered foster care in 2022, **89** or **3% decrease** from 2021.

2,840 children/youth exited foster care in 2022, **155** or **6% increase** from 2021.

6,509 children/youth were served in foster care in 2022, **60** or **1% decrease** from 2021.

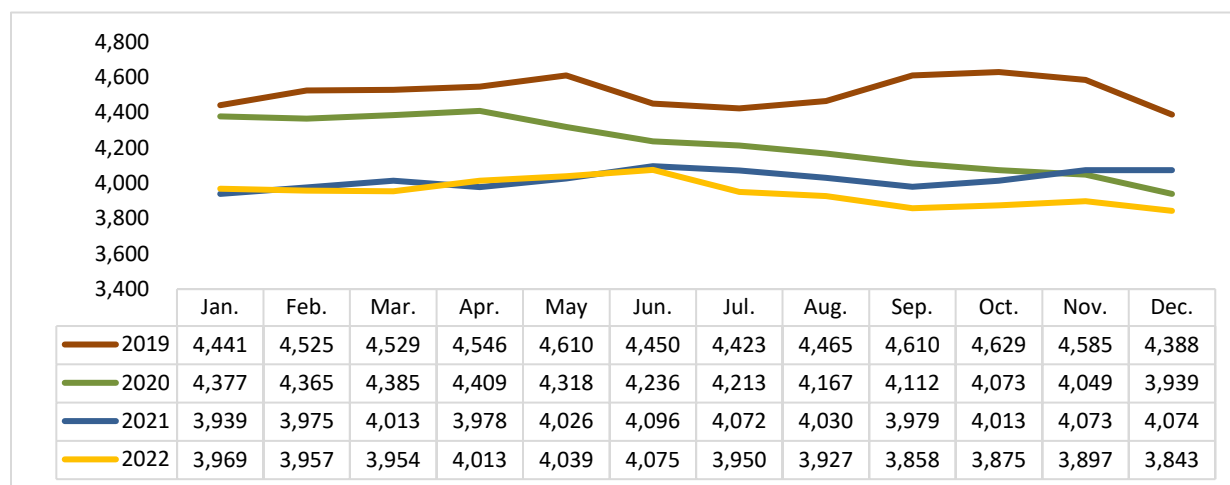
- **2,564** or **39%** were children/youth ages 0 to 6 in 2022, **39** or **1% decrease** from 2021.
- **1,763** or **27%** were children/youth ages 7 to 12 in 2022, **80** or **4% decrease** from 2021.
- **2,182** or **34%** were children/youth ages 13 to 17 in 2022, **59** or **3% increase** from 2021.

Note. Children are under age 18 as of 12/31/2022, or the close date of their service, whichever is earlier.

S.C. CHILDREN/YOUTH IN FOSTER CARE: COMPARING 2022 to 2021, 2020, AND 2019 DATA

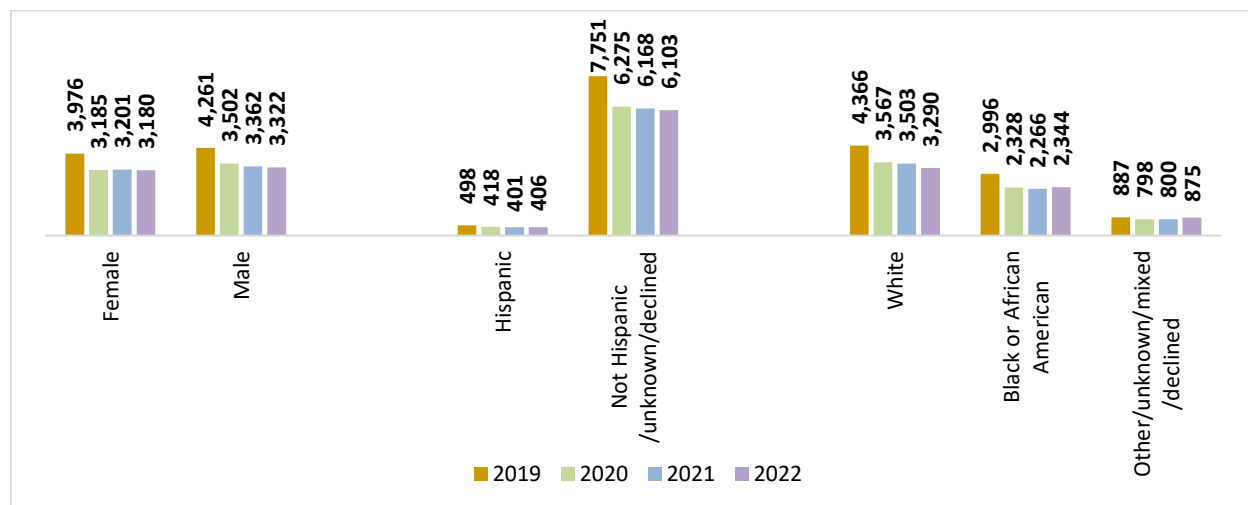
	2019	2020	2021	2022	Compared 2022 to 2021	Compared 2022 to 2020	Compared 2022 to 2019
Children/youth entered foster care	4,111	2,662	2,993	2,904	-89 (-3%)	+242 (+9%)	-1,207 (-29%)
Children/youth exited foster care	3,861	2,811	2,685	2,840	+155 (+6%)	+29 (+1%)	-1,021 (-26%)
Children/youth served in foster care	8,249	6,693	6,569	6,509	-60 (-1%)	-184 (-3%)	-1,740 (-21%)
○ Ages 0 to 6	3,491	2,766	2,603	2,564	-39 (-1%)	-202 (-7%)	-927 (-27%)
○ Ages 7 to 12	2,406	1,956	1,843	1,763	-80 (-4%)	-193 (-10%)	-643 (-27%)
○ Ages 13 to 17	2,352	1,971	2,123	2,182	+59 (+3%)	+211 (+11%)	-170 (-7%)

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



Child Welfare Indicators

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



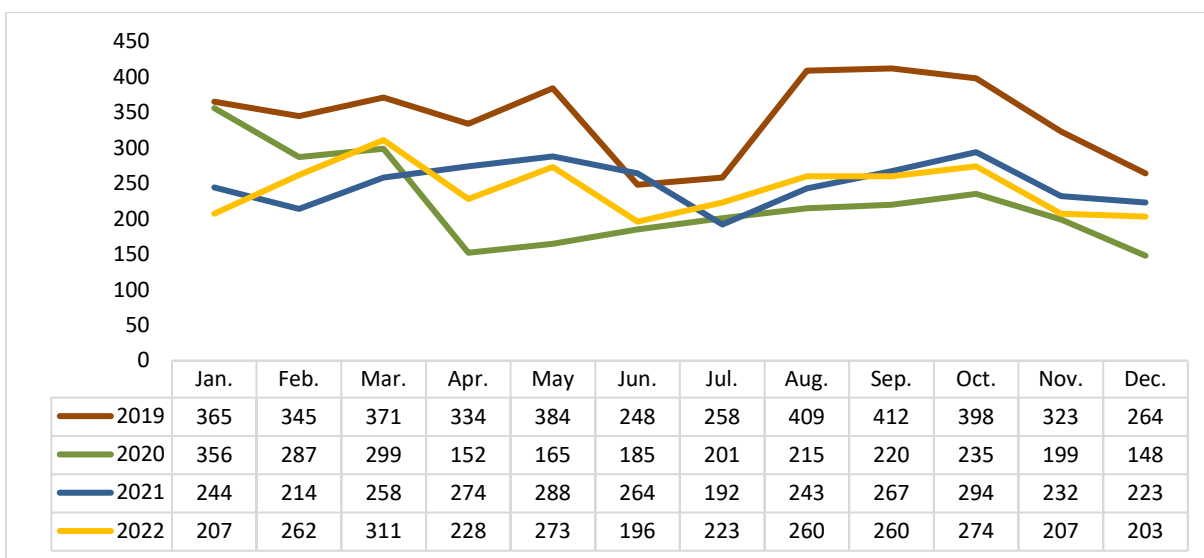
S.C. CHILDREN/YOUTH IN FOSTER CARE: COMPARED TO NATIONAL DATA

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



National rate:
4.5 per 1,000 children/youth

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



Child Welfare Indicators

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

Reason Entered Foster Care	2019	2020	2021	2022
Abandonment	94	84	118	132
Alcohol abuse (child)	7	17	8	13
Alcohol abuse (parent)	81	70	71	68
Caretaker disabling condition	44	24	13	22
Child born to foster child	N/A	N/A	*	*
Child's behavior problem	*	71	102	100
Child's disability	112	15	*	7
Death of parent(s)	14	18	10	20
Disruption or dissolution of adoption	5	*	*	*
Drug abuse (child)	29	35	29	26
Drug abuse (parent)	533	378	404	416
Exploitation (non-sexual)	*	*	*	*
Family instability	154	107	47	67
Hospitalization of parent	13	21	9	18
Inadequate housing	103	59	47	70
Incarceration of parent(s)	55	41	39	49
Lack of employment (parent)	12	7	*	9
Lack of housing (homeless)	61	38	26	56
Lost child	*	5	*	*
Neglect	2,963	1,970	2,154	2,153
Physical abuse	862	574	771	635
Pregnancy (of the child)	*	*	*	*
Relinquishment (at birth)	*	*	*	*
Relinquishment (other)	*	10	6	5
Runaway	29	34	60	48
Sexual abuse	270	216	261	206
Voluntary placement (non-Child Protective Services)	15	15	8	*
24-hour medical hold (child)	N/A	N/A	N/A	*
Total	5,468	3,816	4,204	4,138

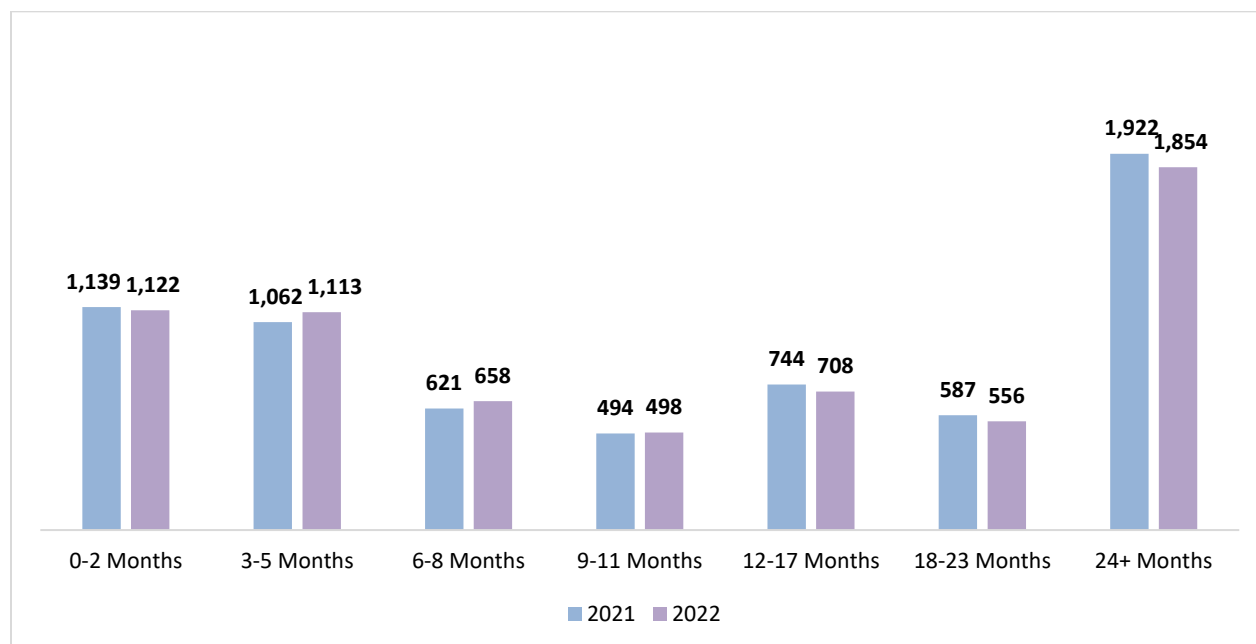
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Child Welfare Indicators

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

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

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



Note. Children are under 18 as of the close date of their service, or 12/31/2022, whichever is earlier. A child's time in care is rounded down to the nearest whole number. For example, a child in care 2.8 months is listed in the "0-2 months" category.

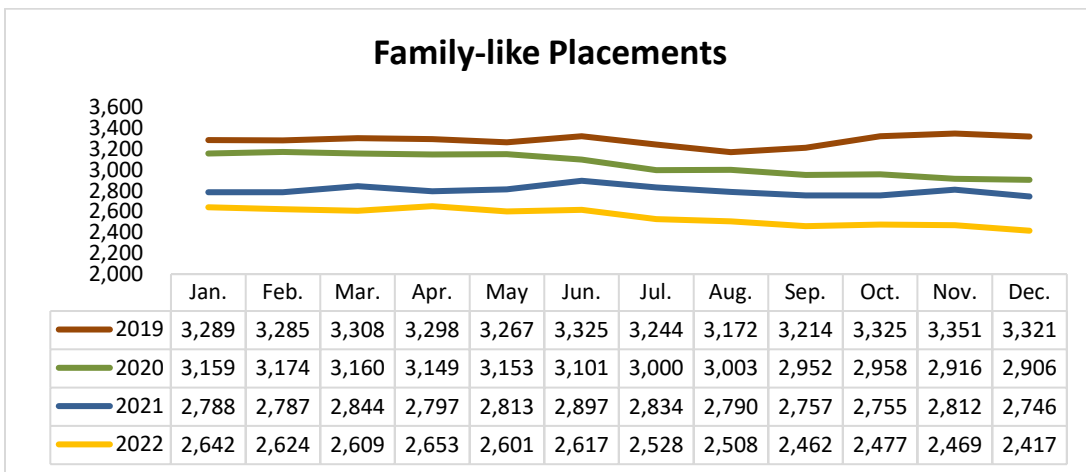
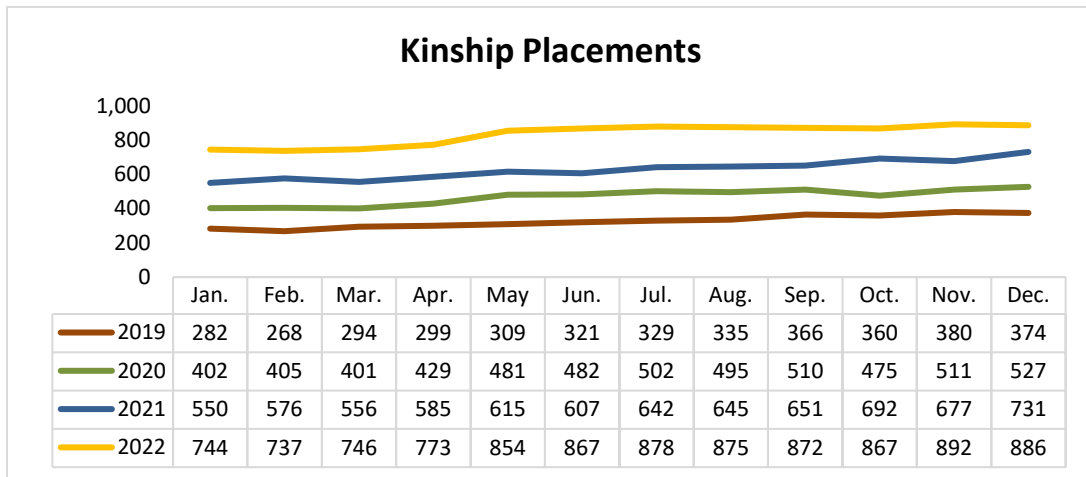
2021 data: A child's length of service is the length of time between their open date and either their service close date or 12/31/2021, whichever is earlier. Data as of February 1, 2022.

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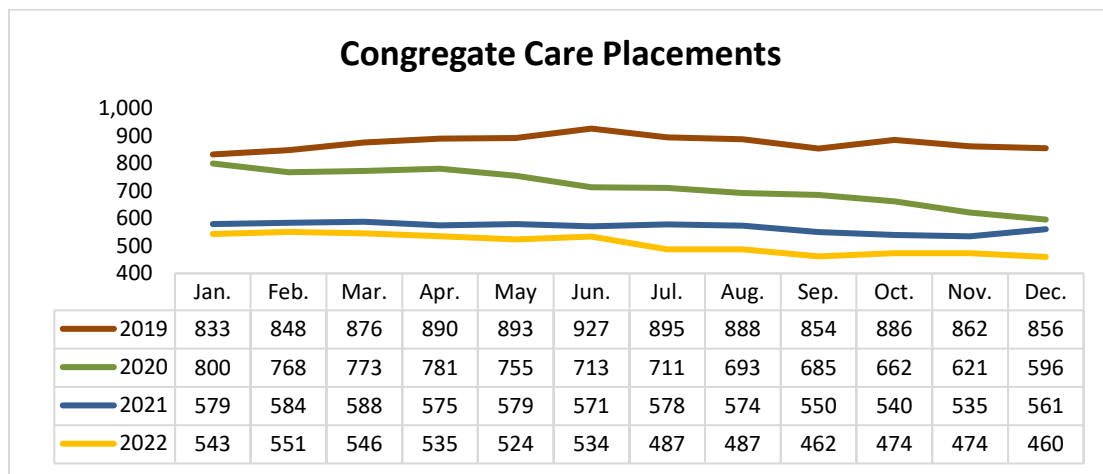
Data are not comparable between years 2019/2020 and 2021/2022 above due to the difference on the data provided (i.e., July 1 data vs. calendar year data).

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FOSTER CARE PLACEMENTS IN S.C.

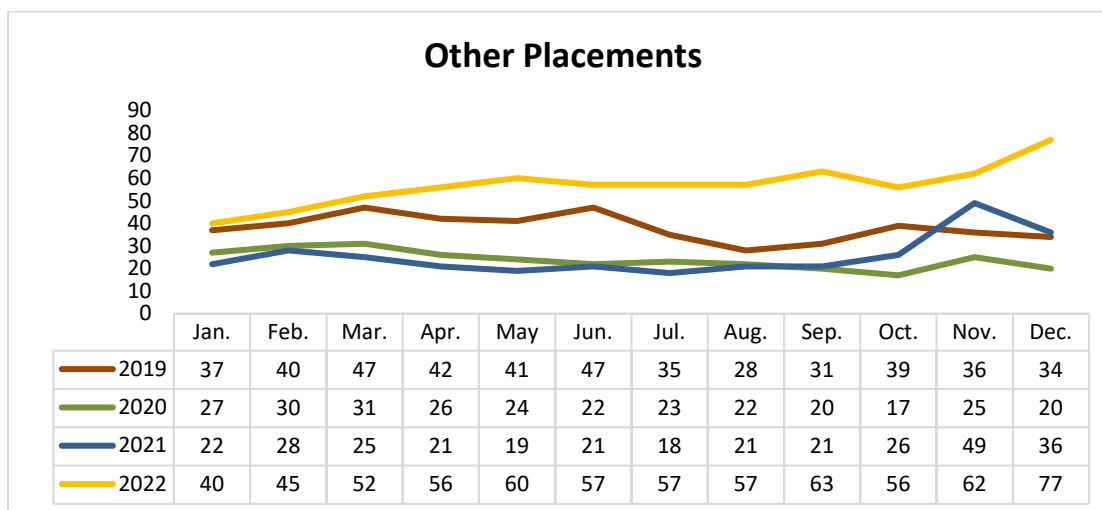


Note. Family-like placements include foster homes, pre-adoptive or adoptive placements, and therapeutic foster homes.



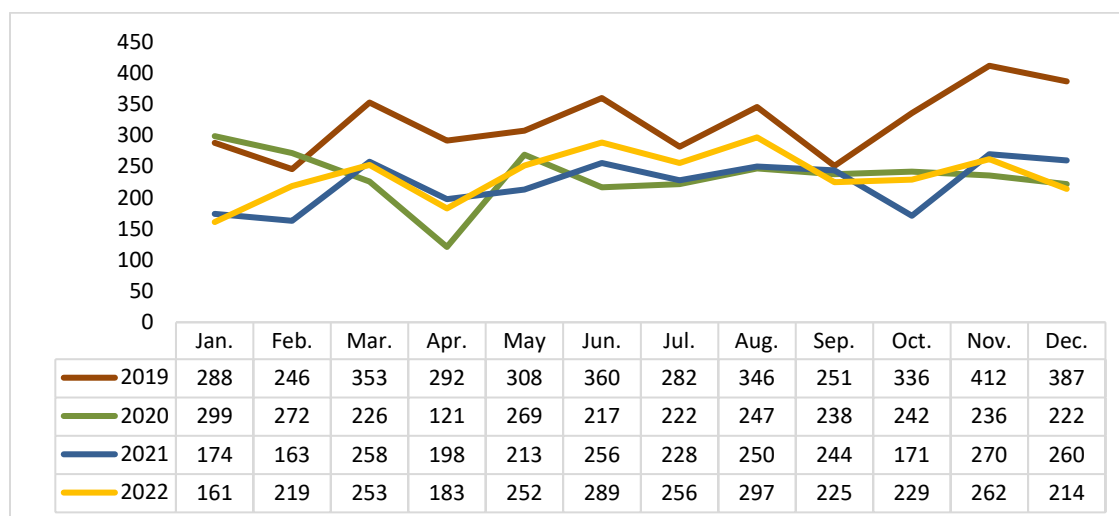
Note. Congregate care placements include congregated care, emergency shelters, and residential treatment facilities.

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

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



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

Reason Exited Foster Care	2019	2020	2021	2022
Adoption	572	466	480	559
Aged out	5	*	*	8
Guardianship	80	86	101	107
Living with other relatives	1,125	689	582	632
Returned to custody of parent/guardian	2,058	1,547	1,490	1,516
Other	22	21	31	18
Total	3,862	2,811	2,685	2,840

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

Region/County	2019	2020
Lowcountry Total	1,443	1,095
Adoptions-Lowcountry	165	111
Allendale	10	*
Beaufort	85	77
Berkeley	283	217
Calhoun	26	22
Charleston	430	385
Colleton	74	61
Dorchester	99	81
Hampton	13	16
Intensive Foster Care and Clinical Services (IFCCS)-Beaufort	6	0
IFCCS-Charleston	75	10
IFCCS-Orangeburg	9	0
Jasper	34	12
Orangeburg	134	100
Midlands Total	2,375	2,021
Adoptions-Midlands	322	251
Aiken	186	166
Bamberg	21	15
Barnwell	30	14
Chester	50	56
Edgefield	16	16
Fairfield	34	30
IFCCS-Aiken	26	*
IFCCS-Bamberg	8	0
IFCCS-Midlands	51	0
IFCCS-Rock Hill	17	0
Kershaw	120	109
Lancaster	144	106
Lexington	256	260
McCormick	0	*
Richland	839	750
Saluda	24	18
Union	31	11
York	200	217

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Child Welfare Indicators

Region/County (Continued)	2019	2020
Pee Dee Total	1,434	1,228
Adoptions-Pee Dee	303	192
Chesterfield	63	41
Clarendon	37	65
Darlington	136	148
Dillon	68	46
Florence	135	137
Georgetown	30	32
Horry	340	319
IFCCS-Bennettsville	14	0
IFCCS-Horry	34	0
IFCCS-Sumter	9	*
Lee	17	21
Marion	63	67
Marlboro	36	40
Sumter	130	95
Williamsburg	19	22
Upstate Total	2,997	2,349
Abbeville	33	15
Adoptions-Upstate	720	563
Anderson	308	274
Cherokee	137	122
Greenville	631	585
Greenwood	76	71
IFCCS-Anderson	35	*
IFCCS-Greenville	44	0
IFCCS-Greenwood	13	0
IFCCS-Spartanburg	37	0
Laurens	187	154
Newberry	52	22
Oconee	143	112
Pickens	171	87
Spartanburg	410	341
Grand Total	8,249	6,693

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Child Welfare Indicators

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

Region/Office	2021	2022
Lowcountry Total	1,144	1,128
Adoption Services Lowcountry Charleston	105	129
Allendale County DSS	*	7
Beaufort County DSS	78	57
Berkeley County DSS	228	239
Calhoun County DSS	36	19
Charleston County DSS	411	388
Colleton County DSS	64	56
Dorchester County DSS	93	93
Hampton County DSS	12	13
Jasper County DSS	19	27
Orangeburg County DSS	94	100
Midlands Total	1,999	2,186
Adoption Services Midlands Columbia	118	165
Adoption Services Midlands Orangeburg	48	81
Adoption Services Midlands Rock Hill	46	69
Aiken County DSS	155	161
Bamberg County DSS	13	18
Barnwell County DSS	11	13
Chester County DSS	53	50
Edgefield County DSS	7	12
Fairfield County DSS	19	37
Kershaw County DSS	129	132
Lancaster County DSS	97	99
Lexington County DSS	242	262
McCormick County DSS	*	*
Richland County DSS	771	815
Saluda County DSS	31	36
Union County DSS	26	N/A
York County DSS	232	232
Pee Dee Total	1,215	1,207
Adoption Services Pee Dee Florence	162	167
Chesterfield County DSS	49	50
Clarendon County DSS	94	66
Darlington County DSS	131	152
Dillon County DSS	57	45
Florence County DSS	149	127
Georgetown County DSS	40	43
Horry County DSS	316	351

Child Welfare Indicators

Region/Office (Continued)	2021	2022
Lee County DSS	23	14
Marion County DSS	57	91
Marlboro County DSS	25	18
Sumter County DSS	90	68
Williamsburg County DSS	22	15
Upstate Total	2,211	1,988
Abbeville County DSS	26	36
Adoption Services Upstate Greenville	490	484
Anderson County DSS	300	247
Cherokee County DSS	98	96
Greenville County DSS	512	359
Greenwood County DSS	87	87
Laurens County DSS	177	167
Newberry County DSS	20	23
Oconee County DSS	116	87
Pickens County DSS	74	56
Spartanburg County DSS	311	315
Union County DSS	N/A	31
Grand Total	6,569	6,509

Note. County data from calendar years of 2019/2020 and 2021/2022 are presented in two separate tables due to the difference in data labels received in November 2021 (calendar years 2019 and 2020 data), and February 2022 and March 2023 (calendar year 2021 and 2022 data). Union County was reclassified from the Midlands to the Upstate region in mid-2022.

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2. Compared to national data: Child Trends, State-level Data for Understanding Child Welfare in the United States. Author: Sarah Catherine Williams, Rachel Rosenberg, and Valerie Martinez. Publication Date: April 27, 2023. <https://www.childtrends.org/publications/state-level-data-for-understanding-child-welfare-in-the-united-states> (last visited, April 28, 2023). Children currently in care include children from birth to age 20 in foster care on the last day of the federal fiscal year. Rates are calculated using general child population data (birth to age 20) from the U. S. Census Bureau from 2021 which are publicly available on the U.S. Census Bureau website. The data were obtained from the National Data Archive on Child Abuse and Neglect and have been used in accordance with its Terms of Use Agreement license. The data represent the federal fiscal year 2021 reporting period (October 1, 2020 - September 30, 2021, respectively). Children who were missing data on the relevant indicator were excluded from analyses. The Administration on Children, Youth and Families, the Children’s Bureau, the original dataset collection personnel or funding source, NDACAN, Cornell University and their agents or employees bear no responsibility for the analysis presented here.

Child Welfare Indicators

Family Court Hearings and Continuances in Child Protection Cases

S.C. HEARINGS AND CONTINUANCES IN CHILD PROTECTION CASES



16,465 probable cause, merits, judicial review, and permanency planning hearings were scheduled in 2022, **731** or **5% increase** from 2021.

- **31%** of the scheduled probable cause, merits, judicial review, and permanency planning hearings were continued in 2022, **6%** (continuance rate) *decrease* from 2021.

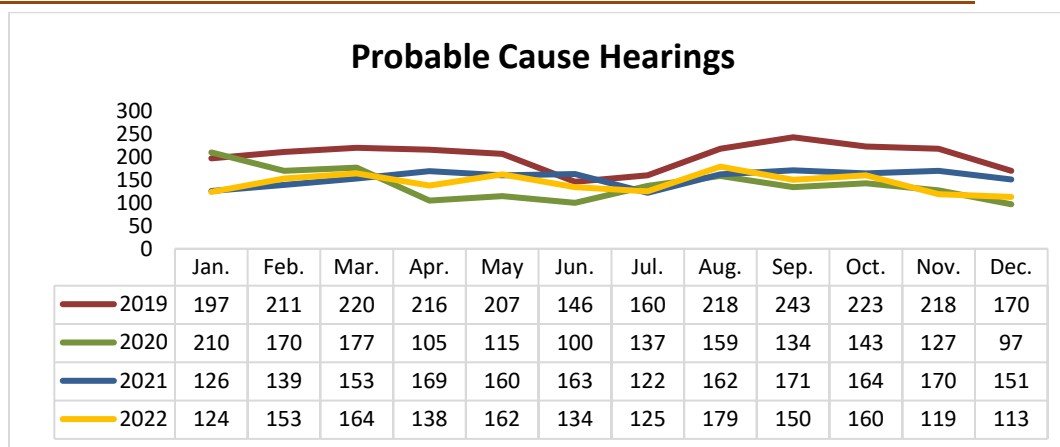
1,188 termination of parental rights (TPR) merits and pre-trial hearings were scheduled in 2022, **13** or **1% increase** from 2021.

- **38%** of the scheduled TPR merits and pre-trial hearings were continued in 2022, **1%** (continuance rate) *decrease* from 2021.

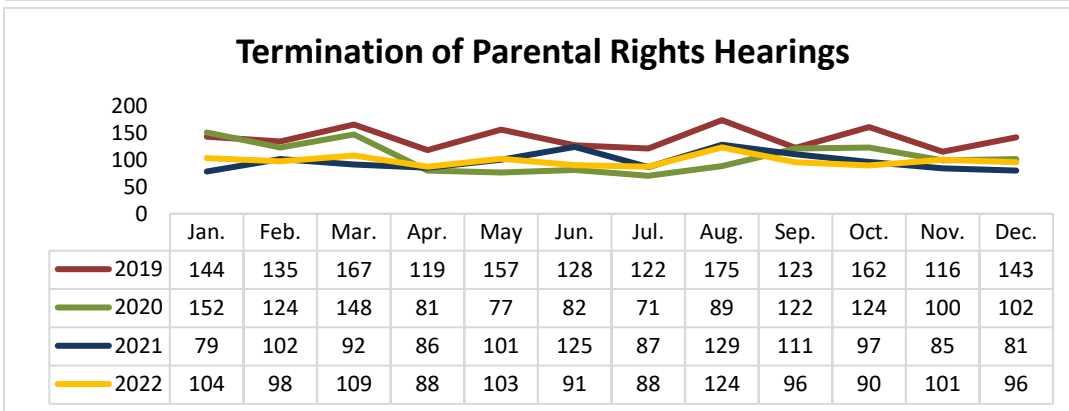
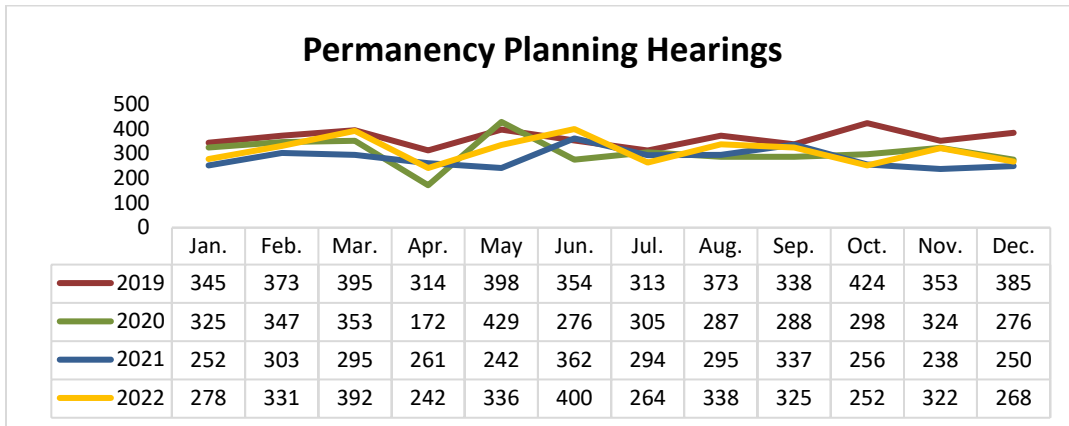
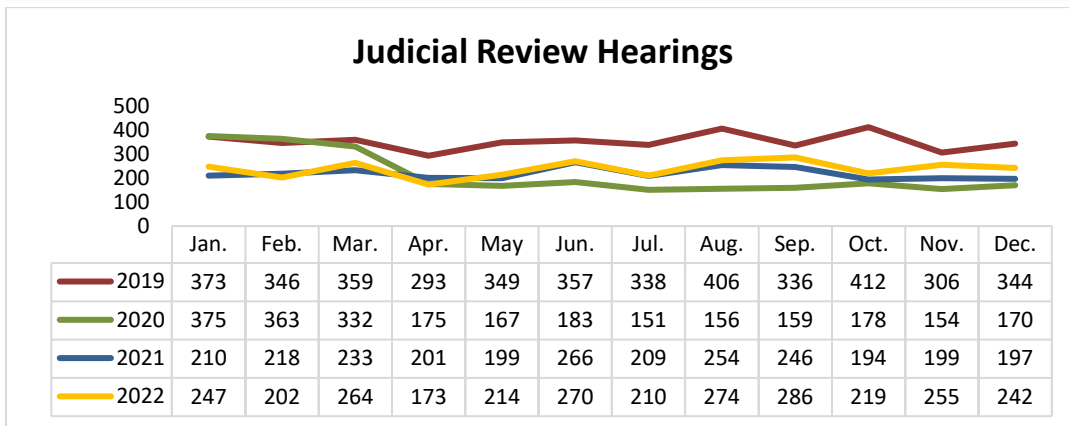
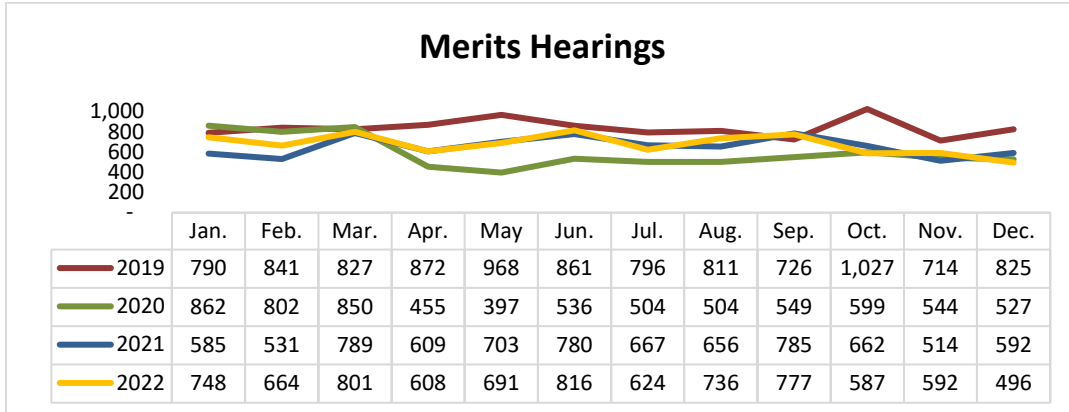
S.C. HEARINGS AND CONTINUANCES IN CHILD PROTECTION CASES: COMPARING 2022 TO 2021, 2020, AND 2019 DATA

	2019	2020	2021	2022	Compared 2022 to 2021	Compared 2022 to 2020	Compared 2022 to 2019
Number of probable cause, merits, judicial review, and permanency planning hearings scheduled	21,071	15,046	15,734	16,465	+731 (+5%)	+1,419 (+9%)	-4,606 (-22%)
Percent of the above scheduled hearings continued	34%	41%	37%	31%	-6%	-10%	-3%
Number of TPR merits and pre-trial hearings scheduled	1,691	1,272	1,175	1,188	+13 (+1%)	-84 (-7%)	-503 (-30%)
Percent of the above scheduled TPR merits and pre-trial hearings continued	46%	49%	39%	38%	-1%	-11%	-8%

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



Child Welfare Indicators



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

Probable Cause, Merits, Judicial Review, and Permanency Planning Hearings								
Region/County	2019		2020		2021		2022	
	Number of hearings scheduled	Number of the scheduled hearings continued	Number of hearings scheduled	Number of the scheduled hearings continued	Number of hearings scheduled	Number of the scheduled hearings continued	Number of hearings scheduled	Number of the scheduled hearings continued
Lowcountry Total	3,349	996	2,168	812	2,896	1,076	3,111	1,073
Allendale	32	12	14	*	6	N/A	13	5
Beaufort	225	65	183	84	178	55	177	72
Berkeley	667	260	370	142	468	199	600	215
Calhoun	61	14	47	17	82	29	63	28
Charleston	1,422	395	939	358	1,368	508	1,300	437
Colleton	171	42	130	51	124	41	157	55
Dorchester	412	116	236	84	355	141	370	107
Hampton	63	24	42	19	63	28	67	30
Jasper	85	19	33	5	50	15	78	33
Orangeburg	211	49	174	48	202	60	286	91
Midlands Total	6,584	2,615	4,780	2,399	4,622	2,059	5,383	2,109
Aiken	1,108	495	743	381	731	342	620	193
Bamberg	76	28	59	25	27	7	37	13
Barnwell	85	35	70	32	52	21	66	29
Chester	125	55	127	42	170	83	199	67
Edgefield	52	19	38	14	56	22	66	34
Fairfield	102	38	74	27	72	25	99	26
Kershaw	228	92	242	100	279	102	328	96
Lancaster	324	135	280	127	299	139	179	46
Lexington	1,041	469	919	593	792	429	840	365
McCormick	*	N/A	*	N/A	13	9	25	8
Richland	2,350	958	1,351	688	1,351	567	2,047	921
Saluda	91	37	74	40	71	30	63	22
Union	198	44	97	37	102	24	86	17
York	803	210	705	293	607	259	728	272
Pee Dee Total	3,349	942	3,066	1,038	3,018	985	2,901	803
Chesterfield	158	30	133	38	148	51	166	47
Clarendon	81	28	98	37	135	39	133	28
Darlington	405	117	362	119	365	119	383	68
Dillon	183	44	207	79	200	58	160	35
Florence	450	135	371	127	429	149	379	121
Georgetown	204	31	147	51	153	28	113	20

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Probable Cause, Merits, Judicial Review, and Permanency Planning Hearings (Continued)								
Region/County	2019		2020		2021		2022	
	Number of hearings scheduled	Number of the scheduled hearings continued	Number of hearings scheduled	Number of the scheduled hearings continued	Number of hearings scheduled	Number of the scheduled hearings continued	Number of hearings scheduled	Number of the scheduled hearings continued
Horry	1,115	328	1,078	349	958	303	896	246
Lee	55	18	65	25	60	27	68	29
Marion	178	59	238	100	202	83	221	73
Marlboro	106	24	94	35	93	35	76	29
Sumter	305	103	191	53	198	71	215	79
Williamsburg	109	25	82	25	77	22	91	28
Upstate Total	7,789	2,562	5,032	1,995	5,198	1,636	5,567	1,492
Abbeville	108	27	66	20	75	23	93	37
Anderson	793	177	478	124	530	138	783	130
Cherokee	566	174	406	197	350	96	370	104
Greenville	2,243	787	1,489	614	1,698	489	1,520	384
Greenwood	275	86	303	141	323	139	374	130
Laurens	579	226	409	132	443	125	486	149
Newberry	165	27	110	34	108	30	120	48
Oconee	772	337	324	106	225	44	239	56
Pickens	459	60	325	123	299	72	303	64
Spartanburg	1,829	661	1,122	504	1,147	480	1,279	390
Grand Total	21,071	7,115	15,046	6,244	15,734	5,756	16,962	5,477

Note. 2022 county data included numbers of motions for each county.

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TPR Merits and Pre-trial Hearings								
Region/County	2019		2020		2021		2022	
	Number of hearings scheduled	Number of the scheduled hearings continued	Number of hearings scheduled	Number of the scheduled hearings continued	Number of hearings scheduled	Number of the scheduled hearings continued	Number of hearings scheduled	Number of the scheduled hearings continued
Lowcountry Total	244	138	141	81	199	90	220	104
Allendale	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Beaufort	18	*	6	5	12	*	12	*
Berkeley	52	36	20	12	17	6	26	*
Calhoun	*	*	*	*	0	0	*	0
Charleston	139	79	80	46	111	62	123	73
Colleton	10	5	14	9	24	11	15	10
Dorchester	21	12	9	6	10	5	13	5
Hampton	0	0	*	*	*	0	*	*
Jasper	*	*	*	0	5	0	0	0
Orangeburg	*	0	5	0	16	*	26	8
Midlands Total	376	182	290	144	262	107	312	106
Aiken	66	30	46	25	52	12	43	14
Bamberg	*	*	*	0	*	0	*	0
Barnwell	6	*	*	*	6	*	5	*
Chester	0	0	*	0	*	*	8	0
Edgefield	5	*	5	*	*	*	0	0
Fairfield	12	6	17	6	*	0	5	0
Kershaw	8	*	*	*	10	5	21	9
Lancaster	22	9	25	10	30	17	40	14
Lexington	117	53	72	37	39	19	52	22
McCormick	0	0	0	0	0	0	*	*
Richland	106	56	39	18	81	34	97	35
Saluda	*	*	0	0	0	0	7	0
Union	*	0	*	*	10	*	6	*
York	27	15	71	37	22	11	24	8
Pee Dee Total	218	99	242	120	166	65	187	71
Chesterfield	16	6	6	*	*	*	7	*
Clarendon	18	12	10	7	*	0	20	6
Darlington	21	9	22	8	35	15	20	*
Dillon	*	*	5	*	6	*	11	*
Florence	24	10	41	22	39	11	21	*
Georgetown	8	*	5	*	*	0	5	0

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TPR Merits and Pre-trial Hearings (Continued)								
Region/County	2019		2020		2021		2022	
	Number of hearings scheduled	Number of the scheduled hearings continued	Number of hearings scheduled	Number of the scheduled hearings continued	Number of hearings scheduled	Number of the scheduled hearings continued	Number of hearings scheduled	Number of the scheduled hearings continued
Horry	65	29	108	55	44	20	71	39
Lee	0	0	*	*	*	0	7	*
Marion	*	0	*	*	*	0	7	*
Marlboro	*	*	*	*	6	*	8	5
Sumter	52	24	34	12	19	9	*	*
Williamsburg	8	*	*	*	*	*	6	0
Upstate Total	853	360	599	281	548	200	469	169
Abbeville	*	0	11	6	*	0	*	0
Anderson	86	24	50	19	51	11	55	12
Cherokee	66	29	51	25	31	10	32	5
Greenville	291	138	194	103	241	102	185	79
Greenwood	5	0	21	7	18	7	8	*
Laurens	63	26	74	45	65	24	44	15
Newberry	6	*	7	*	5	*	5	*
Oconee	59	22	60	13	34	10	12	*
Pickens	55	14	37	10	24	7	18	*
Spartanburg	221	106	94	50	78	27	108	49
Grand Total	1,691	779	1,272	626	1,175	462	1,188	450

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DATA SOURCE

Children's Law Center, University of South Carolina School of Law. Court Liaison Program, unpublished reports generated in February 2022 and March 2023.

Child Welfare Indicators

Child Care

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



2,266 open child care facilities were regulated by the South Carolina Department of Social Services' (DSS) child care licensing division in 2022, including **261** newly-opened facilities. The capacity, or the maximum number of children these open facilities were licensed to serve, was **190,311**.

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

Operational Status	2019	2020	2021	2022
Total open	2,419	2,408	2,185	2,266
○ Newly opened	157	156	213	261
Closed	258	171	450	26

Capacity (Number of Children Licensed to Served)	2019	2020	2021	2022
Total open	194,533	199,172	183,563	190,311
○ Newly opened	10,030	12,010	10,662	14,222
Closed	10,694	7,621	26,669	1,535

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

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

County	2019 Total Open		2020 Total Open		2021 Total Open		2022 Total Open	
	Facility Count	Capacity	Facility Count	Capacity	Facility Count	Capacity	Facility Count	Capacity
Abbeville	16	485	17	491	12	365	12	317
Aiken	76	6,023	68	5,364	55	5,439	57	5,810
Allendale	4	361	4	361	3	270	2	146
Anderson	88	7,508	86	7,278	72	5,936	77	6,402
Bamberg	9	648	9	648	7	568	7	568
Barnwell	12	601	12	533	12	596	12	633
Beaufort	71	6,307	70	6,877	72	6,526	72	6,514
Berkeley	111	7,993	118	8,609	101	7,315	111	7,807
Calhoun	4	290	3	188	1	48	2	99
Charleston	183	18,268	179	19,059	174	18,417	174	20,272
Cherokee	32	1,697	30	1,679	21	1,269	24	1,450
Chester	23	1,159	22	1,110	19	1,049	20	1,049

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County (Continued)	2019 Total Open		2020 Total Open		2021 Total Open		2022 Total Open	
	Facility Count	Capacity	Facility Count	Capacity	Facility Count	Capacity	Facility Count	Capacity
Chesterfield	28	1,503	30	1,589	23	1,280	21	1,156
Clarendon	21	992	19	980	16	760	16	836
Colleton	27	1,230	28	1,250	24	984	21	1,002
Darlington	42	2,713	39	2,837	34	2,273	37	2,537
Dillon	28	1,437	27	1,431	22	1,031	22	956
Dorchester	67	4,521	65	4,553	61	4,257	72	4,501
Edgefield	14	667	14	667	9	521	10	527
Fairfield	16	536	15	466	12	370	14	449
Florence	151	7,518	146	7,444	138	6,162	153	6,671
Georgetown	51	2,423	51	2,431	45	2,213	44	2,221
Greenville	196	23,560	203	24,646	202	24,380	213	25,172
Greenwood	27	2,872	28	2,878	28	2,528	24	2,424
Hampton	14	647	13	641	9	474	10	494
Horry	89	8,882	88	9,215	85	9,013	78	8,900
Jasper	26	1,001	24	803	21	657	28	905
Kershaw	24	2,314	24	2,277	25	2,397	27	2,413
Lancaster	22	2,249	24	3,045	24	3,045	27	3,463
Laurens	22	2,073	21	2,073	17	1,433	16	1,504
Lee	9	512	8	506	5	406	5	425
Lexington	121	11,311	119	11,022	110	9,950	110	9,842
Marion	33	1,828	30	1,798	32	1,541	34	1,608
Marlboro	19	702	17	690	11	456	13	493
McCormick	4	237	3	177	3	177	3	177
Newberry	18	1,168	17	1,162	9	982	9	1,102
Oconee	32	2,213	34	2,500	24	2,120	22	2,088
Orangeburg	63	4,066	64	4,097	48	3,195	50	3,272
Pickens	44	4,142	43	4,030	43	3,904	42	3,893
Richland	223	18,778	228	19,197	215	18,342	217	18,084
Saluda	7	606	7	606	5	526	6	556
Spartanburg	123	11,437	124	11,559	116	10,613	120	10,863
Sumter	70	5,617	68	5,844	58	5,063	64	5,540
Union	7	803	7	803	9	815	9	815
Williamsburg	39	1,153	41	1,217	41	1,104	41	1,091
York	113	11,482	121	12,541	112	12,793	118	13,264
Grand Total	2,419	194,533	2,408	199,172	2,185	183,563	2,266	190,311

Note. In 2021, the South Carolina General Assembly exempted CERDEP 4K programs operated by public schools from licensure by DSS. As a result of this change, 217 facilities were removed from the 2021 total because they are no longer regulated by the department. Thus, the actual number of child care facilities open (serving children) in 2021 was 2,402.

Child Welfare Indicators

COUNTS OF CHILDREN SERVED BY FIRST STEPS



South Carolina First Steps is the state’s only dedicated, comprehensive early childhood initiative focused on getting children ready for school and life success. As both a state agency and a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, First Steps works with families, early educators, and partners statewide to support children from birth through age five.

First Steps takes a holistic approach to offering services that improve children’s health, strengthen families, expand access to quality child care, increase participation in four-year-old kindergarten, and help transition rising kindergartners into school.

FIRST STEPS REACH

Counts of children served by First Steps	FY 18-19	FY 19-20	FY 20-21	FY 21-22
Total number of children directly served	28,131	30,576	37,163	57,435
○ By local partnerships	25,236	27,531	34,575	54,092
○ By First Steps 4K*	2,895	3,045	2,588	3,343
Total number of children directly served by a high-intensity program**	7,660	7,628	6,060	7,856
○ By local partnerships	4,765	4,583	3,472	4,513
○ By First Steps 4K*	2,895	3,045	2,588	3,343
Estimated number of children in centers where child care quality enhancement and training have occurred via local partnerships	41,000	40,000	60,000	50,000

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

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

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

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

Child Welfare Indicators

Proportion of children who were served by First Steps	FY 18-19	FY 19-20	FY 20-21	FY 21-22
Proportion of eligible children served directly	16.6%	18.6%	23.5%	37.1%
Proportion of eligible children served directly by a high-intensity program	4.5%	4.6%	3.8%	5.1%
Proportion of children under age 6 who benefit from local partnership child care quality enhancement and training	11.9%	11.7%	17.5%	14.6%

Note. Denominator data from 5-Year Estimates from the American Community Survey (Table B17024). Eligible children defined as children under age 6 <185% federal poverty level. (FY18-19: 2013-17 data; FY19-20: 2014-18 data; FY20-21: 2015-19 data; SY21-22: 2016-20 data); of note: during the COVID-19 pandemic, child care trainings certified by SC Endeavors (through the South Carolina Department of Social Services) were able to be offered virtually for the first time.

DATA SOURCES

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

Health Indicators

Mental Health Services

S.C. MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES PROVIDED TO CHILDREN



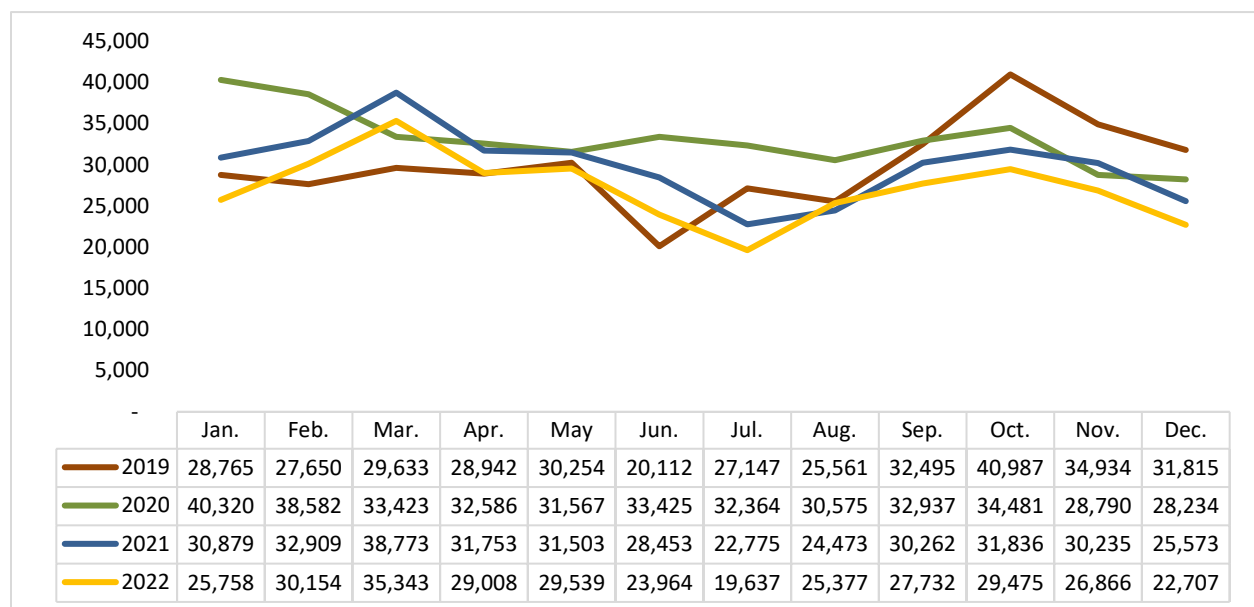
325,560 mental health services were provided to children by the South Carolina Department of Mental Health (DMH) in 2022, **33,864** or **9% decrease** from 2021. **31,234** children (unduplicated count) received the provided mental health services in 2022, **553** or **2% decrease** from 2021.

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

S.C. MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES PROVIDED BY DMH TO CHILDREN: COMPARING 2022 TO 2021, 2020, AND 2019 DATA

	2019	2020	2021	2022	Compared 2022 to 2021	Compared 2022 to 2020	Compared 2022 to 2019
Number of mental health services provided to children by DMH	358,295	397,284	359,424	325,560	-33,864 (-9%)	-71,724 (-18%)	-32,735 (-9%)
Number of children received mental health services provided by DMH	32,649	30,725	31,787	31,234	-553 (-2%)	+509 (+2%)	-1,415 (-4%)

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

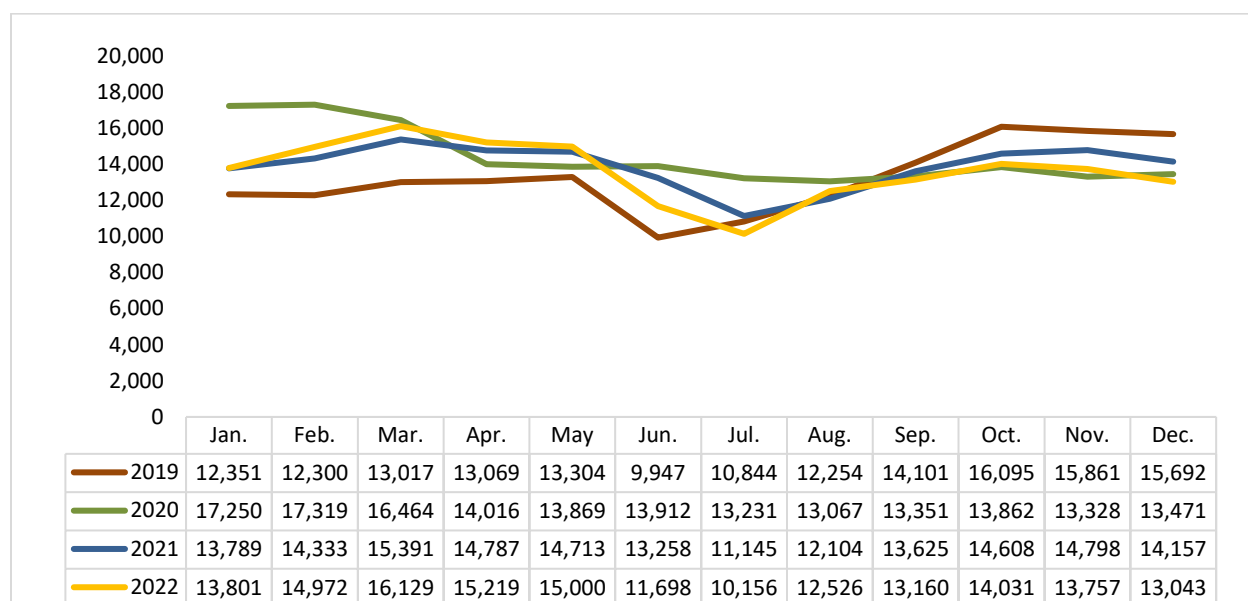


Health Indicators

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

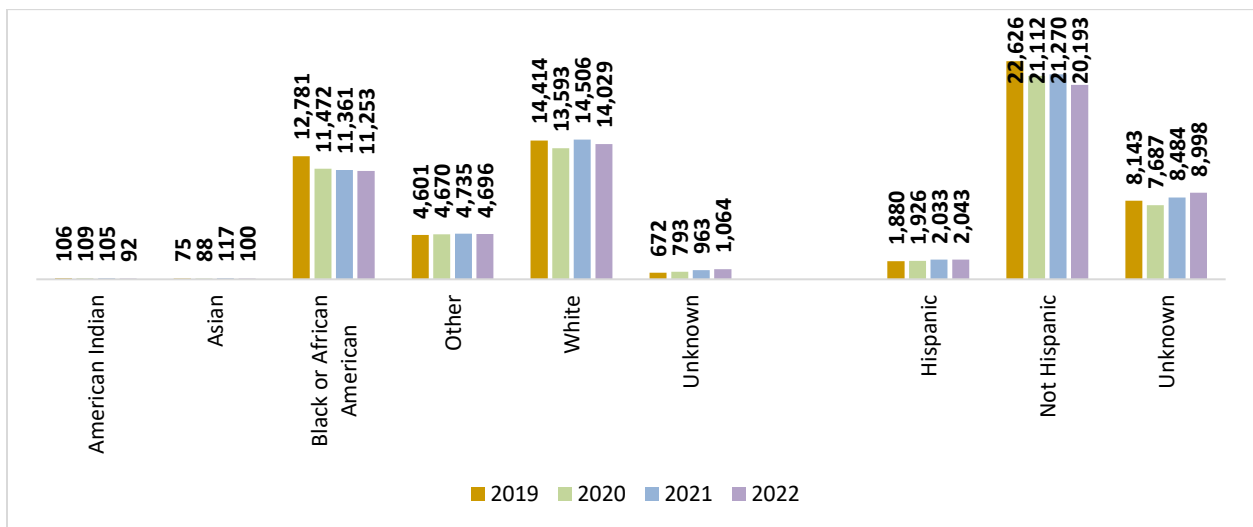
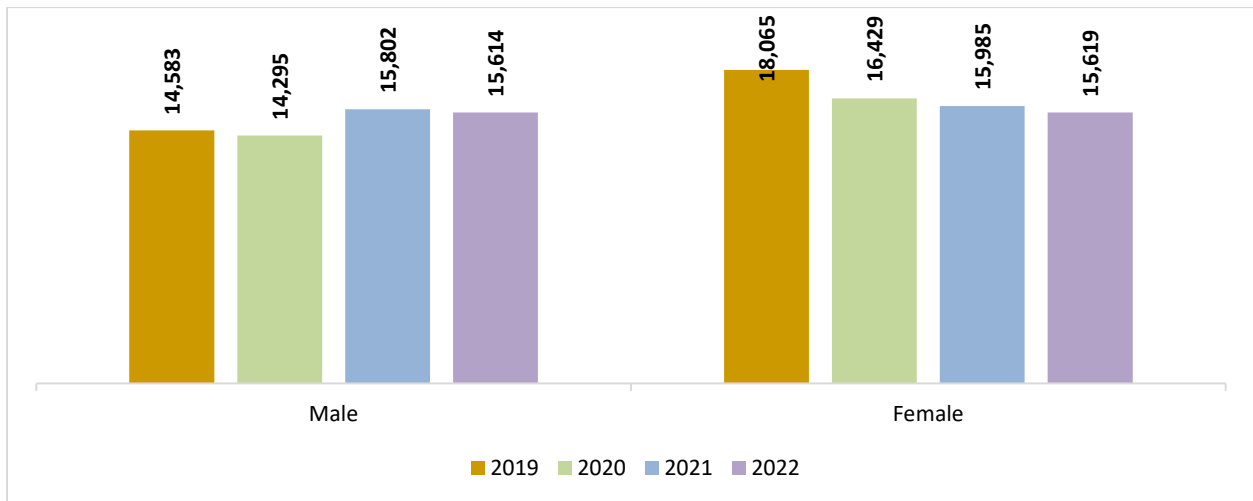
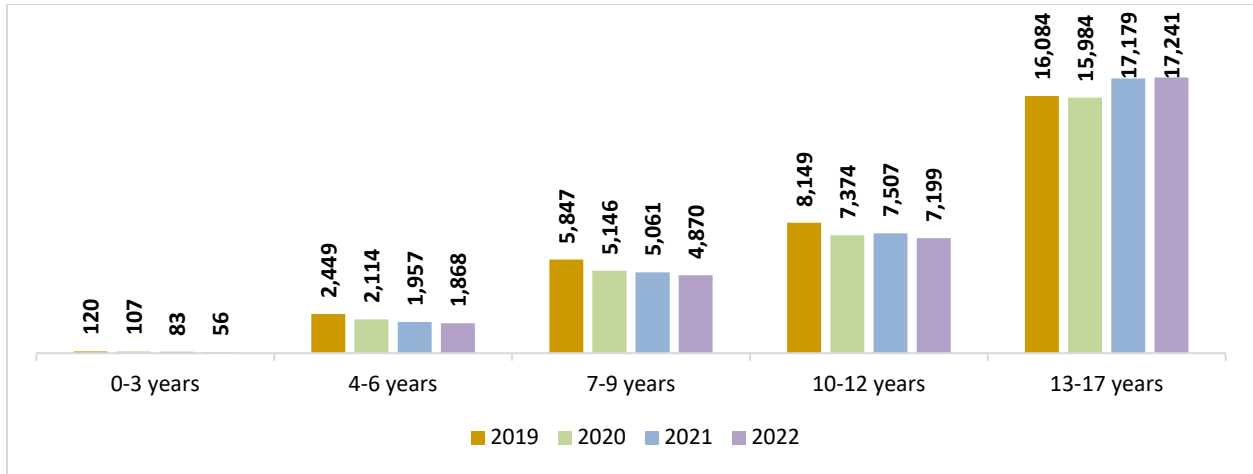
Place of Service Categories	2019	2020	2021	2022	Compared 2022 to 2021	Compared 2022 to 2020	Compared 2022 to 2019
Telehealth	10,158	224,442	100,817	49,522	-51,295 (-51%)	-174,920 (-78%)	+39,364 (+388%)
School	160,728	100,924	160,236	165,003	+4,767 (+3%)	+64,079 (+63%)	+4,275 (+3%)
Community mental health center clinic	136,261	53,477	82,306	97,691	+15,385 (+19%)	+44,214 (+83%)	-38,570 (-28%)
Patient's home	8,493	10,421	11,871	7,286	-4,585 (-39%)	-3,135 (-30%)	-1,207 (-14%)
Outpatient health care provider	5,383	3,342	192	31	-161 (-84%)	-3,311 (-99%)	-5,352 (-99%)
Hospital emergency department	85	73	85	76	-9 (-11%)	+3 (+4%)	-9 (-11%)
Jail	17	9	8	11	+3 (+38%)	+2 (+22%)	-6 (-35%)
Inpatient health care provider	10	5	6	5	-1 (-17%)	0 0%	-5 (-50%)
Other location	37,160	4,591	3,903	5,935	+2,032 (+52%)	+1,344 (+29%)	-31,225 (-84%)
Total	358,295	397,284	359,424	325,560	-33,864 (-9%)	-71,724 (-18%)	-32,735 (-9%)

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



Health Indicators

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



Health Indicators

TOP 10 MENTAL HEALTH DIAGNOSES AMONG S.C. CHILDREN

	2019	Number of Diagnoses	2020	Number of Diagnoses	2021	Number of Diagnoses	2022	Number of Diagnoses
1	Attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder, combined presentation	96,008	Attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder, combined presentation	102,119	Attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder, Combined presentation	83,481	Attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder, Combined presentation	72,059
2	Oppositional defiant disorder	24,048	Oppositional defiant disorder	23,236	Posttraumatic stress disorder	21,135	Posttraumatic stress disorder	23,282
3	Posttraumatic stress disorder	16,209	Posttraumatic stress disorder	21,143	Generalized anxiety disorder	18,445	Generalized anxiety disorder	19,107
4	Unspecified depressive disorder	15,060	Generalized anxiety disorder	17,168	Oppositional defiant disorder	17,740	Oppositional defiant disorder	14,374
5	Disruptive mood dysregulation disorder	13,701	Unspecified depressive disorder	16,573	Unspecified depressive disorder	14,789	Unspecified depressive disorder	12,710
6	Unspecified disruptive, impulse-control, and conduct disorder	13,461	Unspecified disruptive, impulse-control, and conduct disorder	14,715	Adjustment disorder, with mixed disturbance of emotions and conduct	13,548	Adjustment disorder, with mixed disturbance of emotions and conduct	12,551
7	Adjustment disorder, with mixed disturbance of emotions and conduct	13,140	Disruptive mood dysregulation disorder	14,632	Unspecified anxiety disorder	12,977	Unspecified anxiety disorder	11,772
8	Generalized anxiety disorder	12,886	Adjustment disorder, with mixed disturbance of emotions and conduct	14,282	Unspecified disruptive, impulse-control, and conduct disorder	12,698	Unspecified disruptive, impulse-control, and conduct disorder	11,204
9	Unspecified anxiety disorder	12,254	Attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder, predominantly inattentive presentation	13,671	Disruptive mood dysregulation Disorder	11,530	Attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder, predominantly inattentive presentation	10,477
10	Attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder, predominantly inattentive presentation	11,915	Unspecified anxiety disorder	12,894	Attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder, predominantly inattentive presentation	11,358	Major depressive disorder, single episode, moderate	10,056
Total	228,682 (64% out of total services provided by DMH to children in 2019, n=358,295)		250,433 (63% out of total services provided by DMH to children in 2020, n=397,284)		217,701 (61% out of total services provided by DMH to children in 2021, n=359,424)		197,592 (61% out of total services provided by DMH to children in 2022, n=325,560)	

Note. Patient and service counts limited to outpatient facilities.

Health Indicators

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

County	2019	2020	2021	2022
Abbeville	242	240	253	246
Aiken	1,129	852	1,037	1,189
Allendale	80	55	55	68
Anderson	1,261	1,188	1,425	1,420
Bamberg	137	106	100	115
Barnwell	232	193	177	165
Beaufort	803	615	511	467
Berkeley	1,283	1,273	1,455	1,532
Calhoun	103	97	124	141
Charleston	2,369	2,129	2,161	1,716
Cherokee	399	337	257	312
Chester	275	246	249	235
Chesterfield	287	245	249	208
Clarendon	402	349	367	325
Colleton	327	242	200	301
Darlington	531	406	377	418
Dillon	270	215	219	213
Dorchester	1,480	1,401	1,463	1,523
Edgefield	192	172	153	150
Fairfield	110	82	91	87
Florence	742	612	725	738
Georgetown	452	306	288	294
Greenville	4,178	4,934	4,992	5,098
Greenwood	674	665	704	622
Hampton	171	154	149	158
Horry	1,361	1,227	1,210	1,065
Jasper	181	123	96	109
Kershaw	376	301	359	241
Lancaster	395	355	348	268
Laurens	520	480	355	331
Lee	115	124	112	84
Lexington	2,333	2,238	2,521	2,500
Marion	263	234	205	223
Marlboro	252	228	206	216
McCormick	73	79	78	57
Newberry	316	311	335	360
Oconee	372	347	331	277

Health Indicators

County (Continued)	2019	2020	2021	2022
Orangeburg	674	628	606	703
Pickens	528	462	536	557
Richland	1,887	1,777	2,094	2,226
Saluda	55	50	54	33
Spartanburg	1,457	1,484	1,404	1,319
Sumter	869	893	890	877
Union	405	410	413	333
Williamsburg	310	283	287	271
York	1,688	1,482	1,432	1,258
Out-of-state	24	16	11	15
Missing data	10	11	19	14
Unknown	56	68	104	156
Total	32,649	30,725	31,787	31,234

Note. Patient and service counts limited to outpatient facilities.

DATA SOURCE

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

Health Indicators

Substance Use Disorder and Treatment Services

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



43,139 treatment services for a primary or secondary substance use disorder were provided to children by the South Carolina Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services (DAODAS) in 2022, **10,684** or **20% decrease** from 2021.

3,300 children (unduplicated count) received the provided treatment services in 2022, **825** or **33% increase** from 2021.

223,457 treatment services for a primary or secondary substance use disorder were provided to parents (who had children under age 18) by DAODAS in 2022, **16,242** or **7% decrease** from 2021.

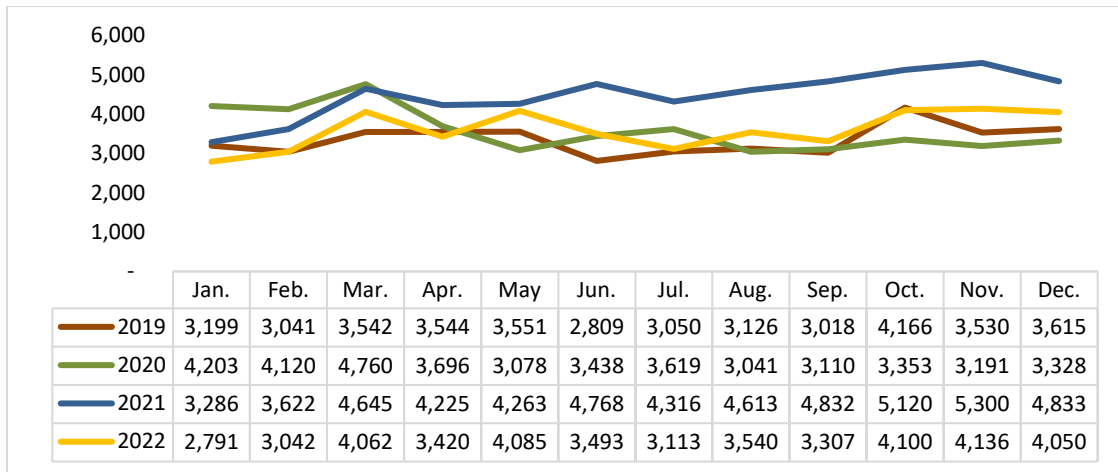
22,369 parents (unduplicated count) received the provided treatment services in 2022, **2,278** or **11% increase** from 2021.

SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER AND TREATMENT SERVICES: COMPARING 2022 TO 2021, 2020, AND 2019 DATA

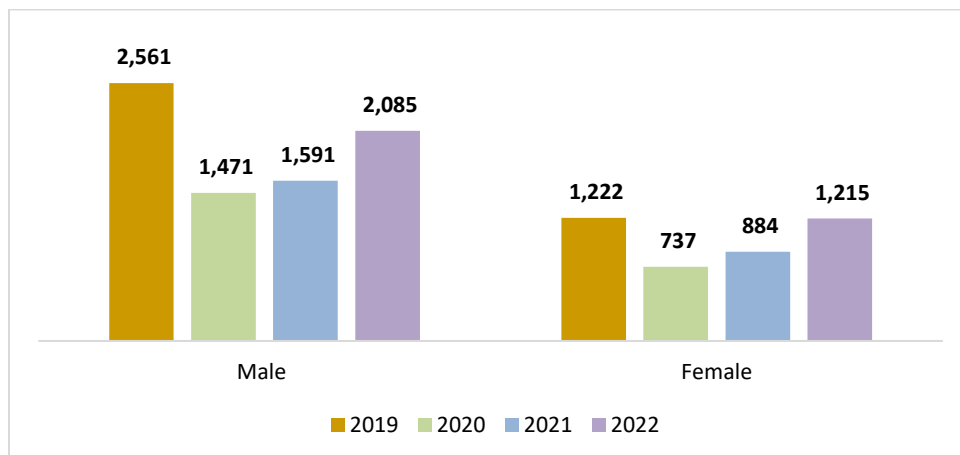
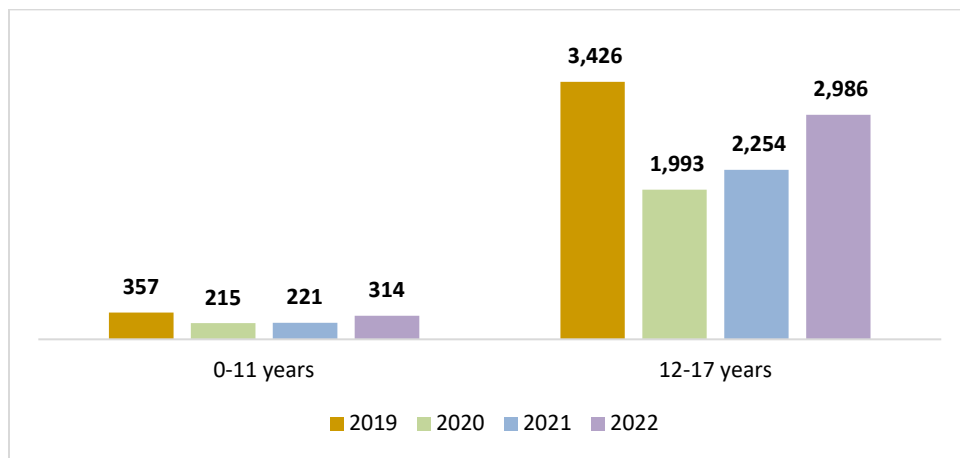
	2019	2020	2021	2022	Compared 2022 to 2021	Compared 2022 to 2020	Compared 2022 to 2019
Number of treatment services provided to children by DAODAS	40,191	42,937	53,823	43,139	-10,684 (-20%)	+202 (+0.5%)	+2,948 (+7%)
Number of children (unduplicated count) who received the provided treatment services by DAODAS	3,783	2,208	2,475	3,300	+825 (+33%)	+1,092 (+49%)	(-483) (-13%)
Number of treatment services provided to parents by DAODAS	281,027	250,117	239,699	223,457	-16,242 (-7%)	-26,660 (-11%)	-57,570 (-20%)
Number of parents (unduplicated count) who received the provided treatment services by DAODAS	29,176	20,032	20,091	22,369	+2,278 (+11%)	+2,337 (+12%)	-6,807 (-23%)

Health Indicators

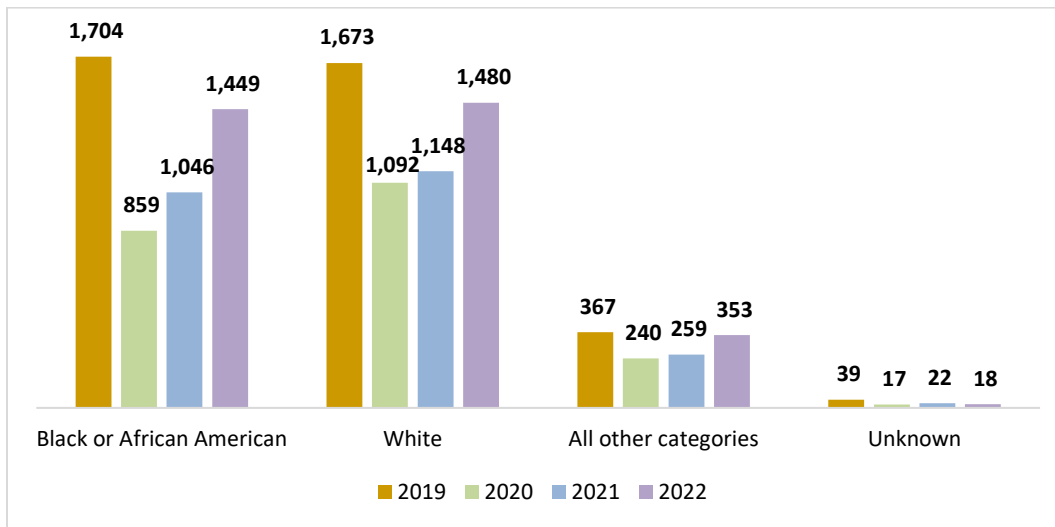
SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER TREATMENT SERVICES PROVIDED BY DAODAS TO S.C. CHILDREN BY MONTH



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



Health Indicators

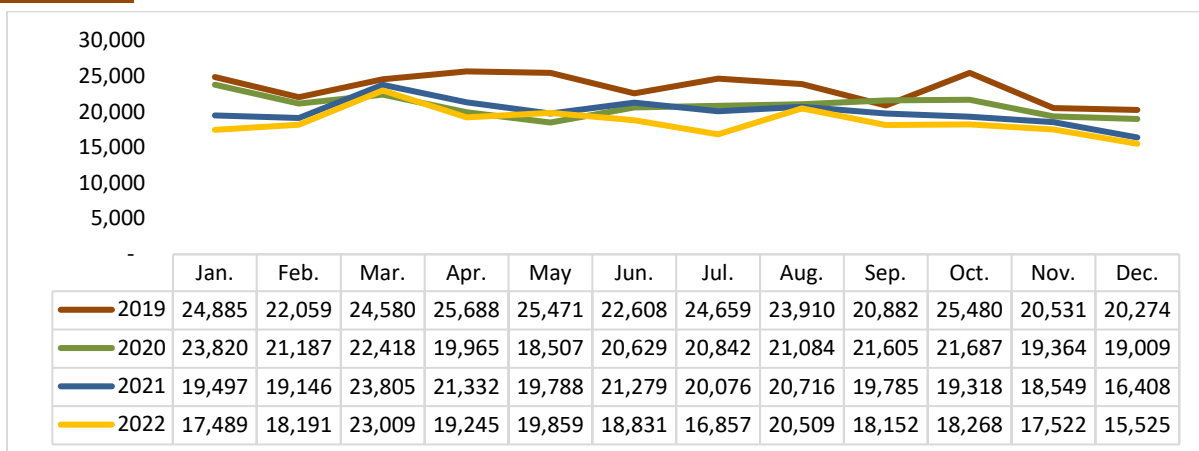


SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER DIAGNOSES AMONG S.C. CHILDREN

	2019 Number of Diagnoses	2020 Number of Diagnoses	2021 Number of Diagnoses	2022 Number of Diagnoses
Marijuana use disorder	2,527	1,473	1,576	2,239
Alcohol use disorder	934	609	608	800
Tobacco use disorder	871	565	685	1,100
Amphetamine use disorder	166	104	73	90
Opiate use disorder	151	85	104	132
Cocaine use disorder	83	34	38	57
Total diagnoses	4,732	2,870	3,084	4,418

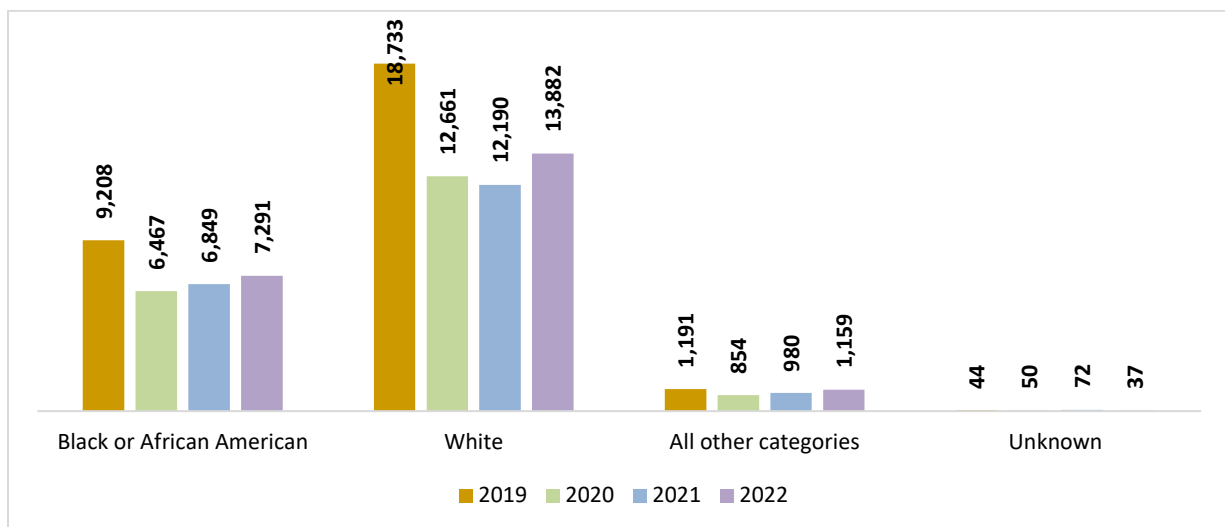
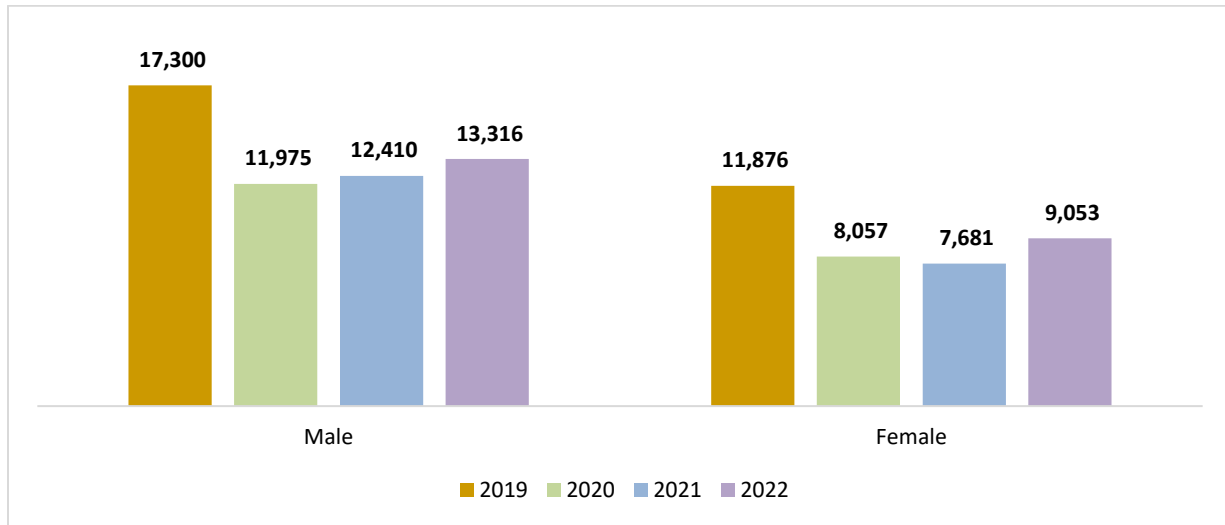
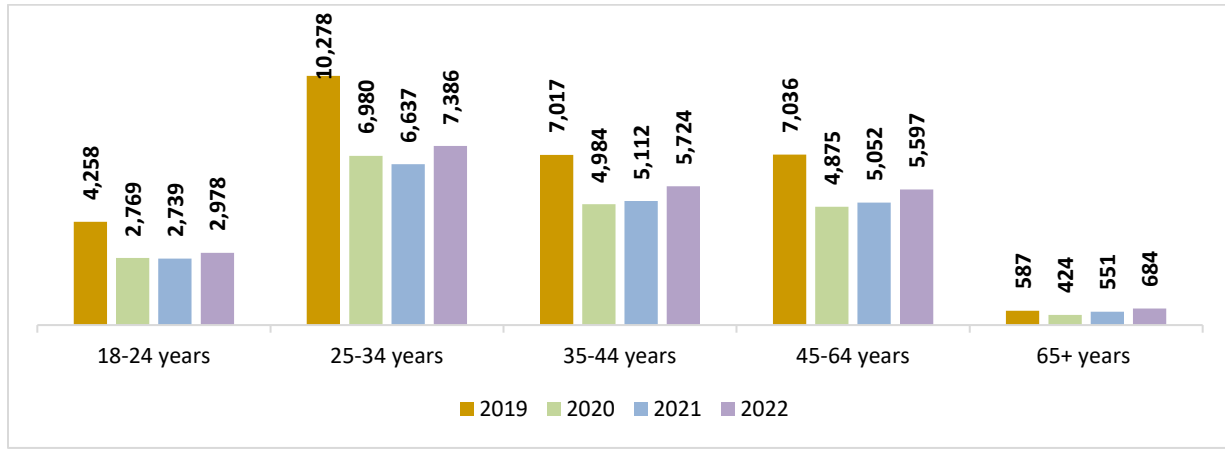
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SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER TREATMENT SERVICES PROVIDED BY DAODAS TO S.C. PARENTS BY MONTH



Health Indicators

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



Health Indicators

SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER DIAGNOSES AMONG S.C. PARENTS

	2019 Number of Diagnoses	2020 Number of Diagnoses	2021 Number of Diagnoses	2022 Number of Diagnoses
Alcohol use disorder	18,848	13,133	13,095	14,518
Marijuana use disorder	14,288	9,535	9,648	10,889
Tobacco use disorder	10,204	7,485	7,112	7,222
Opiate use disorder	7,483	5,022	4,362	5,295
Cocaine use disorder	6,011	3,567	3,161	3,742
Amphetamine use disorder	5,798	3,839	3,585	4,538
Total diagnoses	62,632	42,581	40,963	46,204

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

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

Agency	2019	2020	2021	2022
Aiken Center	93	60	64	110
Anderson-Oconee	133	58	81	122
Barnwell	20	5	7	10
Beaufort	124	55	71	118
Berkeley	220	142	163	193
Charleston	109	60	69	93
Cherokee	21	30	29	39
Chester	5	*	13	21
Clarendon	79	46	47	31
Colleton	21	7	9	29
Darlington	71	33	36	54
Dorchester	177	98	110	187
Fairfield	40	19	18	18
Florence	73	62	47	46
Georgetown	33	11	23	35
Greenville	571	257	229	172
Allendale-Hampton-Jasper	14	13	20	20
Horry	142	91	111	122
Lancaster	25	17	32	69
Laurens	64	35	28	59
Newberry-Saluda	87	53	47	60
Orangeburg-Bamberg-Calhoun	211	163	196	257

Health Indicators

Agency (Continued)	2019	2020	2021	2022
Pickens	284	177	163	231
LRADAC (Formerly referred to as the Lexington/Richland Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council)	382	177	244	383
Spartanburg	168	99	78	127
Sumter	53	53	48	81
Union	80	67	36	44
Williamsburg	21	5	*	N/A
York	90	69	82	129
Cornerstone-GEMA (Greenwood-Edgefield-McCormick-Abbeville)	54	46	53	81
Kershaw-Chesterfield-Lee	161	115	218	200
Marion-Dillon-Marlboro	157	81	99	159
Total	3,783	2,208	2,475	3,300

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

DATA SOURCE

1. S.C. Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services, unpublished report generated in February 2022 and March 2023. Data are by calendar years for children under age 18 unless otherwise specified.
2. In the Committee’s special edition data reference book released earlier in 2022-South Carolina Children during the COVID-19 Pandemic, DAODAS reported 54,121 treatment services were provided to children for calendar year 2020. This number was significantly larger than the number reported in this data book for the same year (i.e., 42,937) due to the inclusion of case management activities (case consultation activities) in the previous dataset. DAODAS usually excludes case consultation activities that are not face-to-face from the total services count.

Health Indicators

Medicaid Enrolled Children

S.C. MEDICAID ENROLLED CHILDREN

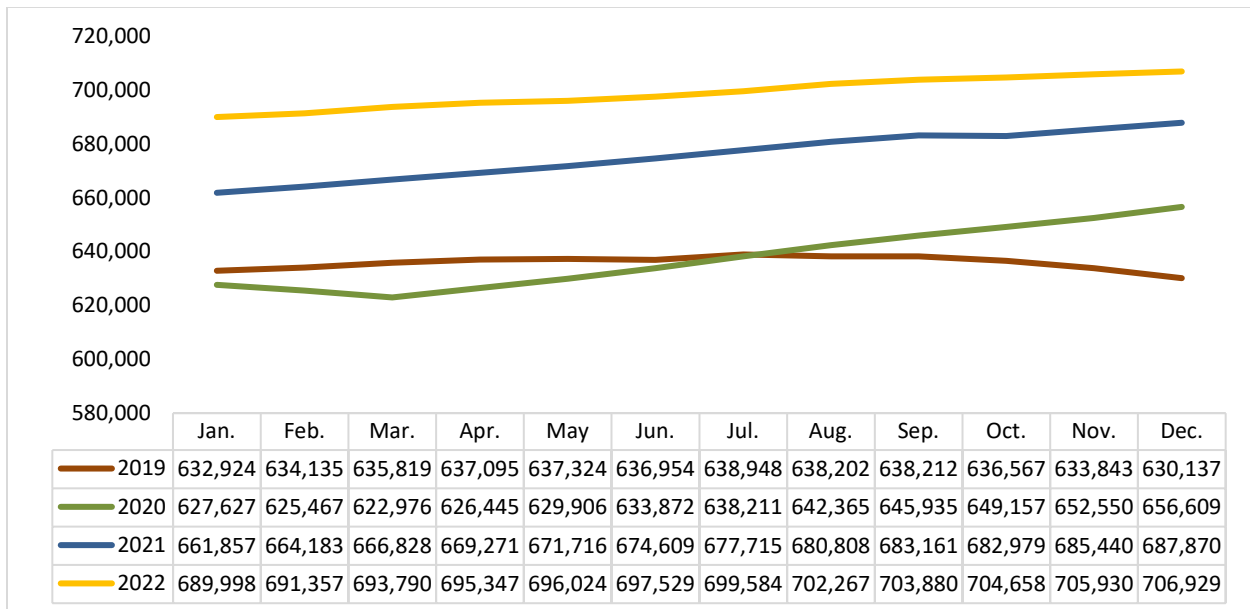


750,564 children enrolled in Medicaid in 2022, **20,873** or **3%** increase from 2021.

S.C. MEDICAID ENROLLED CHILDREN: COMPARING 2022 TO 2021, 2020, AND 2019 DATA

	2019	2020	2021	2022	Compared 2022 to 2021	Compared 2022 to 2020	Compared 2022 to 2019
Number of children enrolled in Medicaid	720,597	702,603	729,691	750,564	+20,873 (+3%)	+47,961 (+7%)	+29,967 (+4%)

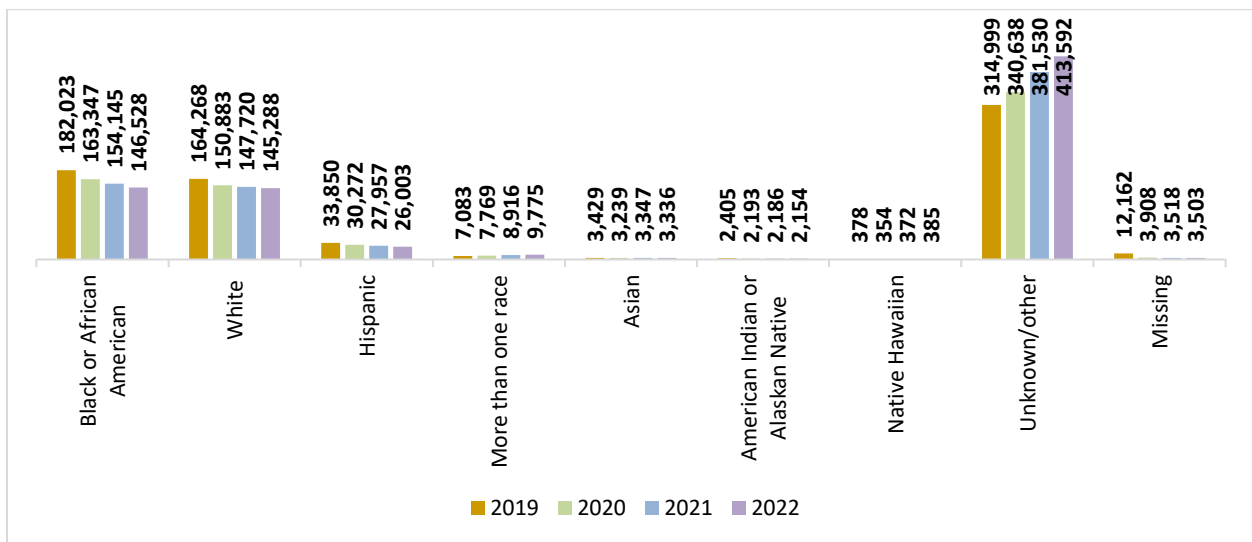
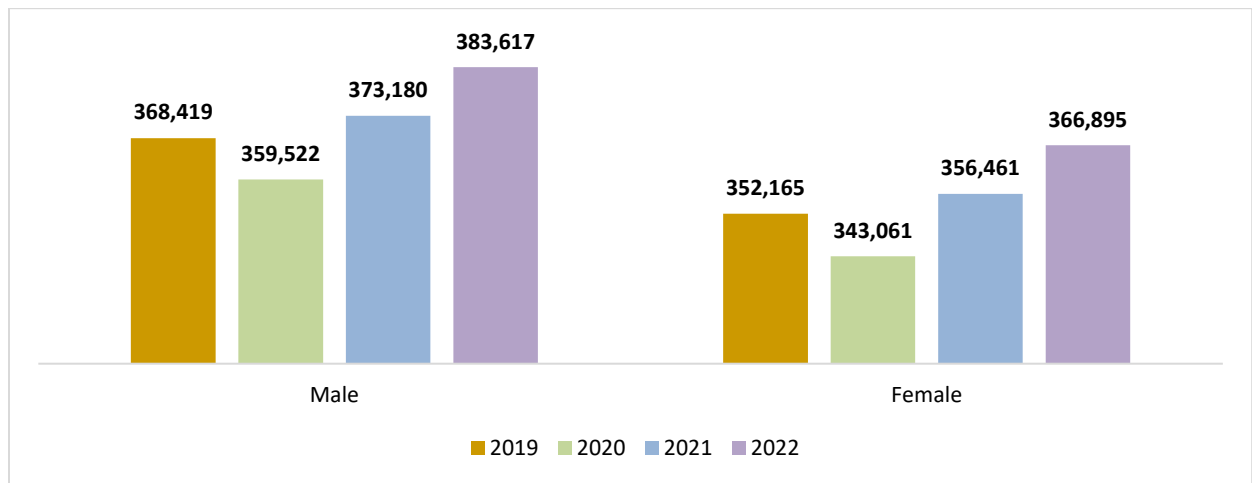
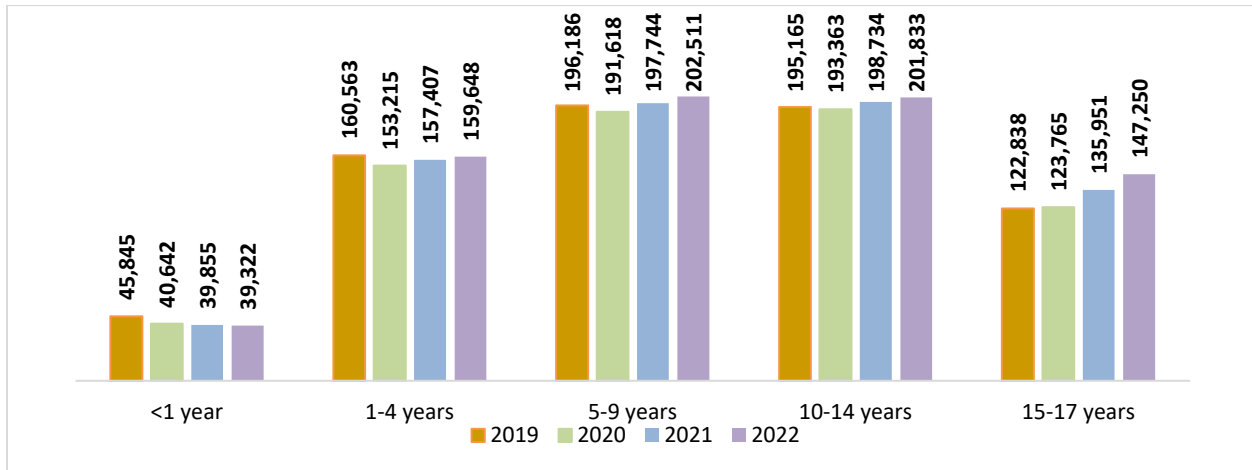
S.C. MEDICAID ENROLLED CHILDREN BY MONTH



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

Health Indicators

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



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

Health Indicators

S.C. MEDICAID ENROLLED CHILDREN BY COUNTY

County	2019	2020	2021	2022
Abbeville	3,401	3,314	3,394	3,445
Aiken	24,529	23,289	24,240	25,011
Allendale	1,660	1,586	1,574	1,549
Anderson	28,094	27,362	28,625	29,620
Bamberg	2,462	2,362	2,386	2,445
Barnwell	4,449	4,344	4,398	4,397
Beaufort	20,375	19,691	20,375	20,857
Berkeley	28,134	27,496	29,023	30,119
Calhoun	1,995	1,917	1,975	2,023
Charleston	46,027	45,193	46,290	47,318
Cherokee	9,992	9,696	9,936	10,164
Chester	6,412	6,195	6,281	6,280
Chesterfield	7,940	7,619	7,931	8,088
Clarendon	5,812	5,597	5,725	5,712
Colleton	7,594	7,311	7,458	7,541
Darlington	11,884	11,521	11,740	11,880
Dillon	7,226	7,001	7,020	7,109
Dorchester	20,532	20,056	21,026	21,840
Edgefield	3,253	3,115	3,196	3,280
Fairfield	3,636	3,530	3,558	3,577
Florence	24,816	24,041	24,677	25,108
Georgetown	8,772	8,511	8,605	8,620
Greenville	65,942	65,454	69,143	72,118
Greenwood	11,595	11,346	11,684	11,953
Hampton	3,697	3,521	3,565	3,565
Horry	47,285	46,512	48,847	50,583
Jasper	5,556	5,301	5,506	5,658
Kershaw	9,745	9,545	9,919	10,243
Lancaster	11,526	11,310	11,849	12,226
Laurens	11,032	10,789	11,138	11,383
Lee	3,390	3,163	3,157	3,176
Lexington	37,113	36,264	37,937	38,968
Marion	6,723	6,533	6,599	6,579
Marlboro	5,307	5,065	5,155	5,246
McCormick	1,109	1,069	1,066	1,061
Newberry	6,531	6,234	6,384	6,559
Oconee	10,400	10,064	10,296	10,497
Orangeburg	17,183	16,652	16,867	16,964

Health Indicators

County (Continued)	2019	2020	2021	2022
Pickens	14,746	14,389	14,887	15,395
Richland	59,249	57,509	60,072	61,611
Saluda	3,534	3,472	3,604	3,687
Spartanburg	48,259	47,841	50,979	54,199
Sumter	19,030	18,430	18,904	19,311
Union	4,845	4,718	4,763	4,802
Williamsburg	5,761	5,516	5,520	5,581
York	32,044	31,159	32,391	33,199
Total	720,597	702,603	729,691	750,564

Note. Total child count for 2021 (n=729,691) includes 26 data points with unknown county information. Total child count for 2022 (n=750,564) includes 17 data points with unknown county information.

DATA SOURCE

S.C. Department of Health and Human Services, unpublished reports generated in February 2022 and March 2023. Data are by calendar years for children under age 18 unless otherwise specified. Year 2021 data are updated by the agency to reflect data revisions since last published in the Committee's 2022 Data Reference Book.

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

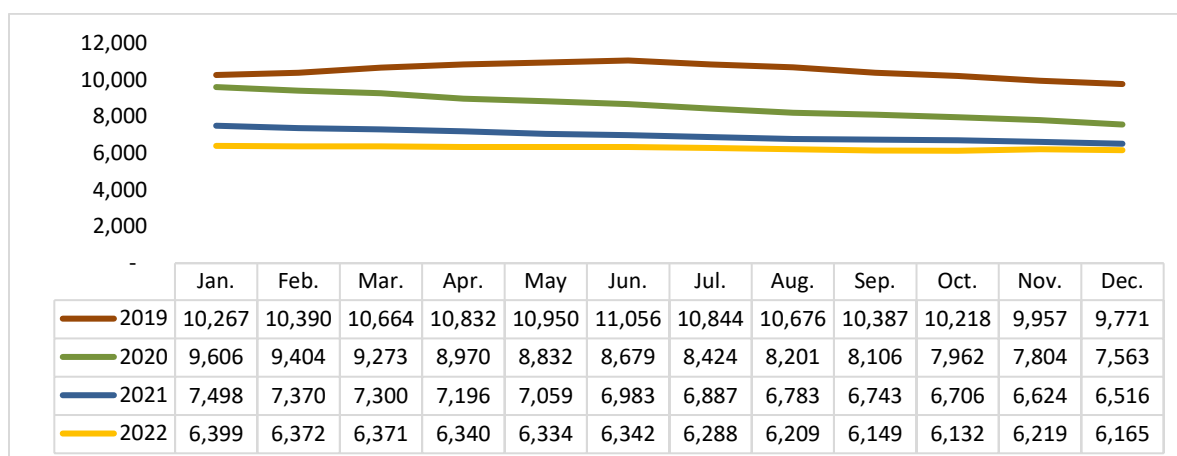
S.C. CHILDREN RECEIVING DDSN SERVICES



9,003 children (unduplicated count) received services provided by the South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs (DDSN) in 2022, **709** or **7%** decrease from 2021.

Note. The shift of fiscal responsibility of all new BabyNet clients ages 0 to 2 to the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) beginning July 1, 2019 accounts for the decrease in children served. DDSN continues to serve BabyNet legacy clients until they age out but adds no new clients to its database, which suggests DDSN’s services have decreased when they have not. DDSN’s Early Intervention program for children ages 3 to 5 has experienced continued significant growth for the past several years. DDSN’s Early Intervention program is a family-focused, in-home service for children from ages 0 to 6. The BabyNet program is South Carolina’s interagency early intervention system for infants and toddlers under age 3 with developmental delays, or who have conditions associated with developmental delays. The BabyNet program matches the special needs of infants and toddlers who have developmental delays with the professional resources available within the community.

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



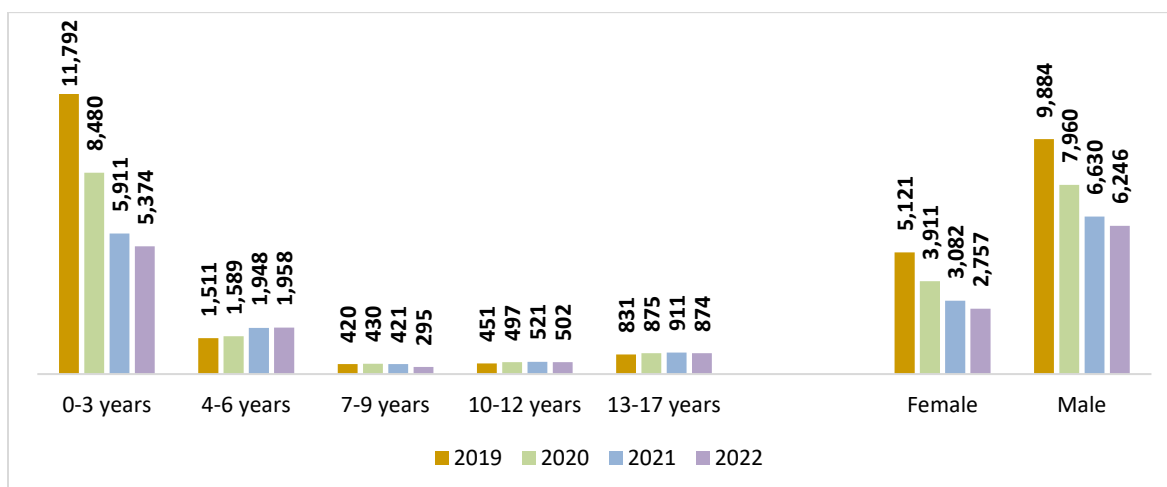
Note. The monthly data represent children under age 18 who are receiving one or more services by DDSN. It should be noted that Medicaid offers a robust package of services to children with disabilities in the state and children ages 3 to 18 have the right to be served by their local school district under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

S.C. CHILDREN AND ADULTS ON A DDSN WAIVER WAITLIST (ESTIMATES AS OF APRIL 30, 2023, DUPLICATED COUNT)

	Under Age 21 Estimates	Age 21 and Over Estimates	Total Estimates
Intellectual disability and related disabilities (ID/RD) waiver	11,203	5,918	17,121
Community Supports (CS) waiver	9,126	3,983	13,109
Head and spinal cord injury (HASCI) waiver	34	290	324
Total estimates (duplicated count)	20,363	10,191	30,554

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



Note. Age as of beginning of calendar year.

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

Primary Disability	2019	2020	2021	2022
Intellectual disability and related disabilities (ID/RD)	14,636	11,513	9,379	8,742
Autism	349	329	310	250
Head and spinal cord injury (HASCI)	20	29	23	11
Total	15,005	11,871	9,712	9,003

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

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

Service Program	2019	2020	2021	2022
Waiver and state Medicaid plan	1,878	1,912	1,911	1,689
100% state funded	11	19	18	11
BabyNet and Early Intervention	13,116	9,940	7,783	7,303
Total	15,005	11,871	9,712	9,003

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

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

Service Type	2019	2020	2021	2022
Adult audiology services	*	*	*	0
Adult day health care nursing	0	0	*	0
Adult day health care services	*	*	5	0
Adult day health care transportation	*	*	*	0
Adult dental services	990	874	959	998
Adult vision services	282	250	273	293
Assistive technology/specialized medical equipment, supplies	120	96	78	51
Attendant care/personal assistance-board billed	5	*	*	*
Attendant care/personal assistance-UAP (university affiliated program)	0	0	5	*
Audiology services	731	683	634	626
BabyNet and Early Intervention	13,116	9,940	7,783	7,303
Behavior support services	27	22	14	14
Career preparation	*	0	*	*
Case management	1,859	1,880	1,891	1,859
Children's personal care	631	609	588	593
Conditioning play audiometry/hearing	*	*	5	0
Day activity	*	*	*	0
Drugs	1,533	1,445	1,454	1,467
Employment services-individual	0	*	*	*
Environmental modifications	21	21	10	6
Greenwood genetics metabolic	874	678	718	792
Greenwood genetics testing	26	30	12	17
Group care intensive services ¹	9	10	15	11
Hearing and check monaural	9	8	7	0
Incontinence supplies	825	815	785	765
In-home support services/direct billed HASCI (head and spinal cord injury) attend care	492	520	518	496
Institutional respite	0	0	*	0
Nursing Services-LPN (licensed practical nurses)	14	10	*	8
Nursing Services-LPN (for clients under age 21)	187	145	146	173
Nursing Services-RN (registered nurses)	12	*	*	*
Nursing Services-RN (for clients under age 21)	68	52	47	49
Occupational therapy	202	253	267	282
Occupational therapy evaluations	47	35	35	104
Otorhinolaryngologic	0	0	267	0
Personal care	13	10	6	7
Personal emergency response systems	5	*	6	*
Pest control bed bugs	7	*	*	5

Health Indicators

Service Type (Continued)	2019	2020	2021	2022
Pest control treatment	62	116	130	183
Physical therapy	745	665	645	628
Physical therapy evaluations	*	0	*	157
Private vehicle modifications	14	7	*	*
Psychiatric residential treatment facility (comprehensive residential services) ²	*	9	*	0
Residential habilitation-daily R02-R05	27	14	16	10
Respite care	1,158	1,126	1,306	1,072
Specialized medical supplies, equipment and assistive technology	0	0	*	0
Speech and hearing services	470	382	382	380
Support center services	7	*	*	0
Other	1,775	1,754	1,739	1,691
Total (Duplicated Count)	26,381	22,493	20,781	20,060

Note. A child may receive multiple services during a year, which could result in duplicate counts of services for the same child. Please be cautious when interpreting the data. 0<*<5

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

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

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

County	2019	2020	2021	2022
Abbeville	54	39	30	16
Aiken	581	418	415	335
Allendale	23	17	22	16
Anderson	788	682	529	427
Bamberg	21	19	15	11
Barnwell	61	54	53	49
Beaufort	375	346	274	170
Berkeley	588	548	536	360
Calhoun	35	22	33	21

Health Indicators

County (Continued)	2019	2020	2021	2022
Charleston	836	747	648	468
Cherokee	293	198	294	239
Chester	73	62	44	24
Chesterfield	65	70	53	42
Clarendon	61	49	62	48
Colleton	92	75	36	21
Darlington	319	248	204	135
Dillon	74	44	53	41
Dorchester	428	306	331	233
Edgefield	55	26	43	35
Fairfield	33	53	51	33
Florence	629	389	383	233
Georgetown	102	66	59	51
Greenville	2,091	1,654	1,595	1,137
Greenwood	287	195	188	120
Hampton	32	15	35	23
Horry	773	605	595	445
Jasper	72	53	77	26
Kershaw	248	237	208	127
Lancaster	269	177	160	126
Laurens	228	213	195	112
Lee	19	14	18	12
Lexington	952	892	1,136	739
Marion	131	74	66	53
Marlboro	51	45	56	39
McCormick	9	5	14	7
Newberry	68	81	97	58
Oconee	233	208	171	135
Orangeburg	185	107	182	100
Pickens	324	275	245	179
Richland	1,397	1,422	1,796	1,116
Saluda	49	53	55	37
Spartanburg	1,494	1,214	1,054	888
Sumter	291	230	273	153
Union	142	80	58	44
Williamsburg	67	39	47	38
York	747	852	749	526
Total (Duplicated Count)	15,745	13,218	13,238	9,248

Note. Children were counted in each county in which they resided during a calendar year. A child may reside in multiple counties during the year, which could result in duplicate counts of the same child. Please be cautious when interpreting the data.

DATA SOURCE

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

Health Indicators

National Survey of Children's Health

Child and Family Health Measures	South Carolina			Nationwide		
	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021
Children in excellent or very good health, ages 0-17	92.3%	91.1%	90.4%	90.3%	90.4%	90.2%
Children ever breastfed or fed breast milk, ages 0-5	73.3%	76.1%	73.6%	80.6%	80.8%	81.6%
Child overweight or obese (85th percentile or above), ages 10-17	36.1%	35.6%	39.9%	31.0%	32.1%	33.5%
Child had one or more mental, emotional, developmental or behavioral problems, ages 3-17	22.9%	26.4%	26.6%	22.1%	22.6%	23.3%
Child was not covered by health insurance or health coverage plans at time of survey, ages 0-17	7.9%	7.7%	7.6%	6.6%	6.9%	7.1%
During the Past 12 Months:						
Children had oral health problems such as toothaches, bleeding gums or decayed teeth or cavities, ages 1-17	12.7%	12.9%	13.7%	14.0%	14.3%	14.5%
Children saw a dentist or other oral health care provider for dental or oral health care, ages 1-17	84.0%	83.0%	80.5%	82.3%	80.4%	78.6%
Children received vision screening, ages 0-17	59.3%	58.3%	N/A	64.5%	62.1%	N/A
Child received treatment or counseling from a mental health professional, ages 3-17	7.5%	9.8%	10.7%	10.4%	11.0%	11.0%
Family had problems paying for any of child's medical or health care bills, ages 0-17	12.7%	11.8%	8.9%	10.4%	10.0%	8.3%

Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)	South Carolina			Nationwide		
	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021
No adverse childhood experiences	58.6%	55.9%	59.2%	60.2%	60.2%	61.2%
One adverse childhood experience	20.7%	23.3%	21.4%	21.6%	21.7%	21.6%
Two or more adverse childhood experiences	20.7%	20.8%	19.4%	18.2%	18.1%	17.2%
Categories of ACEs:						
Somewhat often hard or very often hard to get by on family income	17.0%	15.7%	10.5%	15.4%	14.1%	12.4%
Parent or guardian who got divorced or separated	25.1%	27.2%	25.3%	23.4%	23.2%	22.7%
Parent or guardian died	4.0%	4.4%	4.6%	3.1%	2.9%	2.9%
Parent or guardian served time in jail	10.9%	10.9%	9.4%	7.5%	7.0%	6.5%
Witnessed domestic violence	5.0%	5.6%	6.3%	5.6%	5.4%	5.0%
Victim or witness of neighborhood violence	3.2%	3.6%	4.0%	4.1%	4.1%	3.8%
Lived with anyone who was mentally ill, suicidal, or severely depressed	6.8%	6.5%	7.6%	8.1%	8.5%	8.1%
Lived with anyone who had a problem with alcohol or drugs	7.8%	8.9%	9.2%	8.5%	8.6%	8.2%
Treated or judged unfairly because of their race or ethnic group	4.5%	5.3%	6.2%	4.3%	5.0%	5.1%
Treated or judged unfairly because of sexual orientation or gender identity, ages 6-17	N/A	N/A	1.3%	N/A	N/A	1.4%

N/A: Data not available

Health Indicators

DATA SOURCE

1. Data Resource Center for Child & Adolescent Health, 2018-2019 (two years combined), 2019-2020 (two years combined), and 2020-2021 (two years combined). National Survey of Children's Health, South Carolina vs. Nationwide, <http://childhealthdata.org/browse/survey#> (last visited, May 12, 2023).
2. Indicators included: Indicator 1.1: Health status; Indicator 1.3: Breastfed ever, age 0-5 years; Indicator 1.4a: Weight status (based on Body Mass Index [BMI]-for-age) in 3 categories, age 10-17 years; Indicator 2.10: Mental, emotional, developmental, or behavioral problems, age 3-17 years; Indicator 3.1: Current health insurance status; Indicator 1.2a: Oral health problems, age 1-17 years; Indicator 4.2: Dentist visit, age 1-17 years; Indicator 4.6: Vision test-Indicator specifies vision tests with “pictures,” “shapes” or “letters.” Due to changes in item(s) between survey years, this indicator is not available for 2020-2021 combined years; Indicator 4.4: Received mental health care, age 3-17 years; Indicator 4.19: Problems paying medical bills; Indicator 6.13: Children experienced one or more adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) from a list of 10 ACEs.
3. The National Survey of Children’s Health (NSCH) provides rich data on multiple, intersecting aspects of children’s lives—including physical and mental health, access to quality health care, and the child’s family, neighborhood, school, and social context. The National Survey of Children's Health is funded and directed by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB). A revised version of the survey was conducted as a mail and web-based survey by the Census Bureau in 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2021.

Juvenile Justice Indicators

Juvenile Justice

S.C. JUVENILE DELINQUENCY CASES



13,310 juvenile delinquency cases were referred to the South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) in 2022, **1,967** or **17% increase** from 2021.

2,075 cases were referred with a status offense as the most serious offense in 2022, **359** or **21% increase** from 2021.

1,635 cases were referred with a violent/serious offense in 2022, **284** or **21% increase** from 2021.

2,871 detentions occurred in 2022, **870** or **43% increase** from 2021.

2,607 youth (unduplicated count) were detained in 2022, **681** or **35% increase** from 2021.

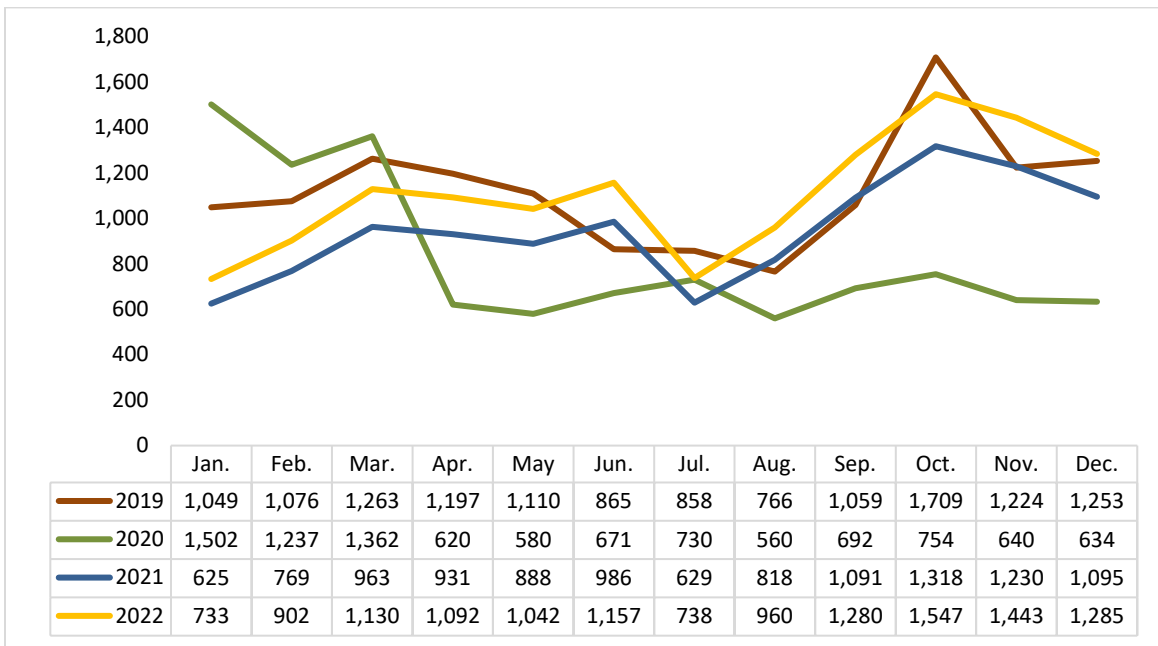
400 youth were committed (including suspended and final commitments) in 2022, **69** or **15% decrease** from 2021.

S.C. JUVENILE DELINQUENCY CASES: COMPARING 2022 TO 2021, 2020, AND 2019 DATA

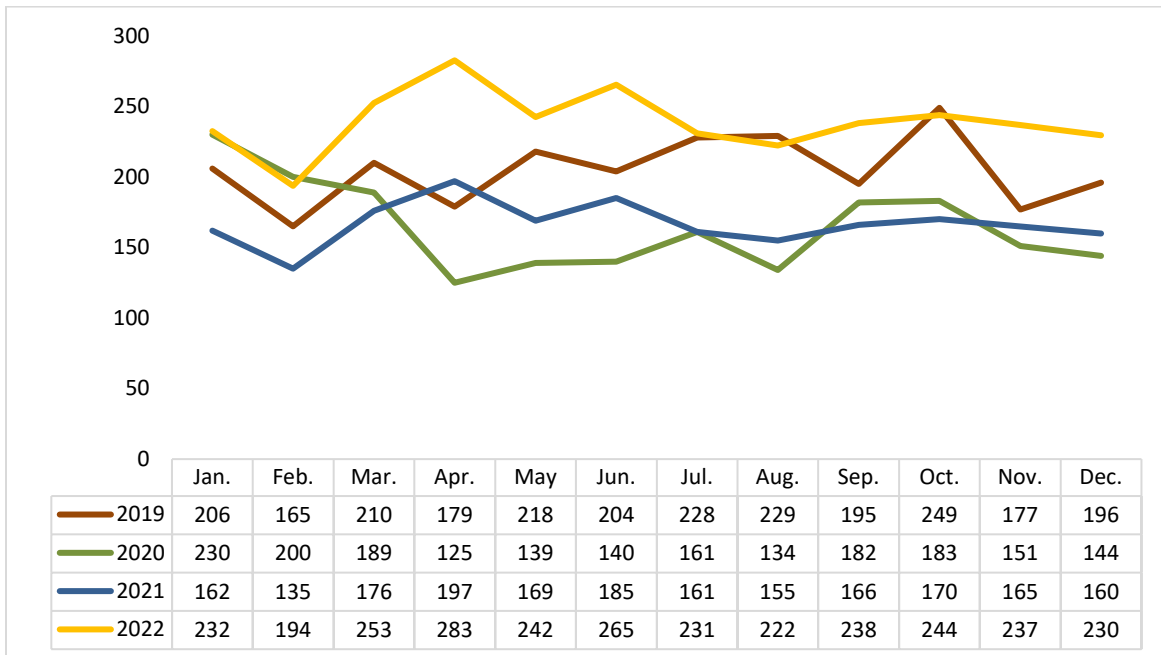
	2019	2020	2021	2022	Compared 2022 to 2021	Compared 2022 to 2020	Compared 2022 to 2019
Number of juvenile delinquency cases referred to DJJ	13,429	9,982	11,343	13,310	+1,967 (+17%)	+3,328 (+33%)	-119 (-1%)
Number of cases referred with a status offense as most serious offense	2,333	1,532	1,716	2,075	+359 (+21%)	+543 (+35%)	-258 (-11%)
Number of cases referred with a violent/serious offense	1,446	1,348	1,351	1,635	+284 (+21%)	+287 (+21%)	+189 (+13%)
Number of detentions	2,456	1,978	2,001	2,871	+870 (+43%)	+893 (+45%)	+415 (+17%)
Number of youth detained (unduplicated count)	2,372	1,927	1,926	2,607	+681 (+35%)	+680 (+35%)	+235 (+10%)
Number of youth committed (unduplicated count)	880	622	469	400	-69 (-15%)	-222 (-36%)	-480 (-55%)

Juvenile Justice Indicators

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

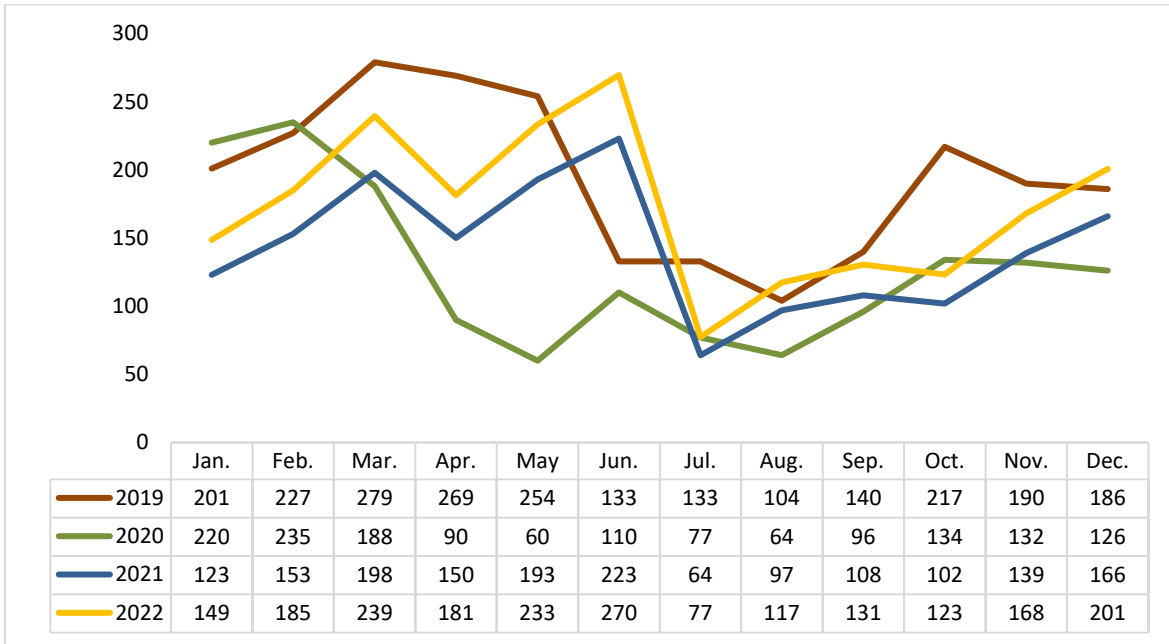


S.C. JUVENILE DETENTIONS BY MONTH

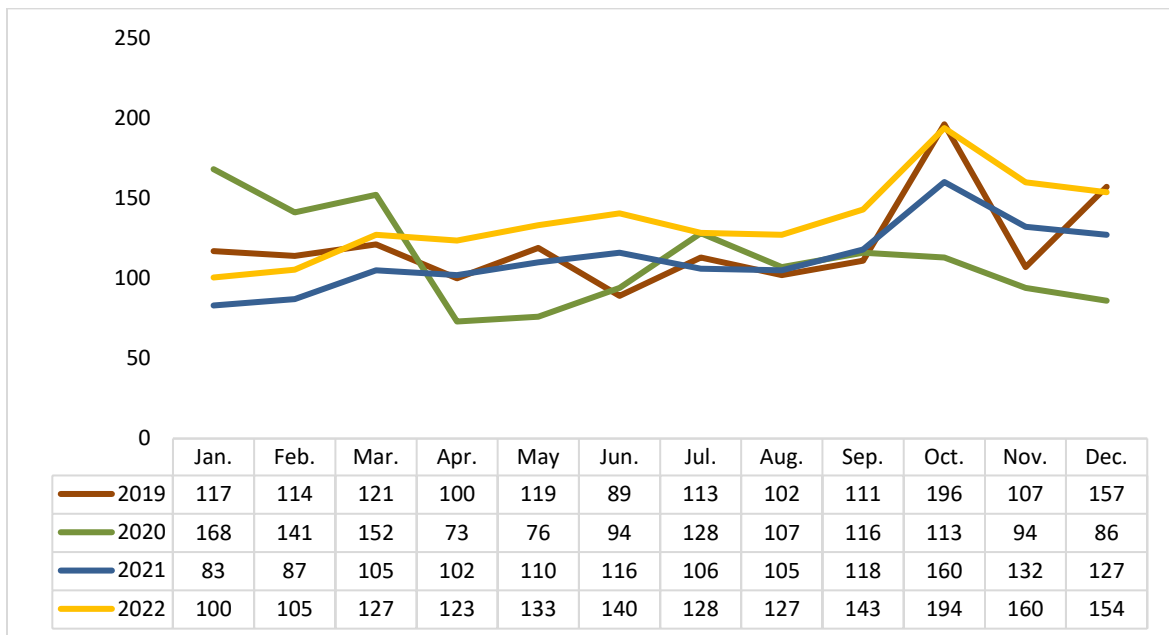


Juvenile Justice Indicators

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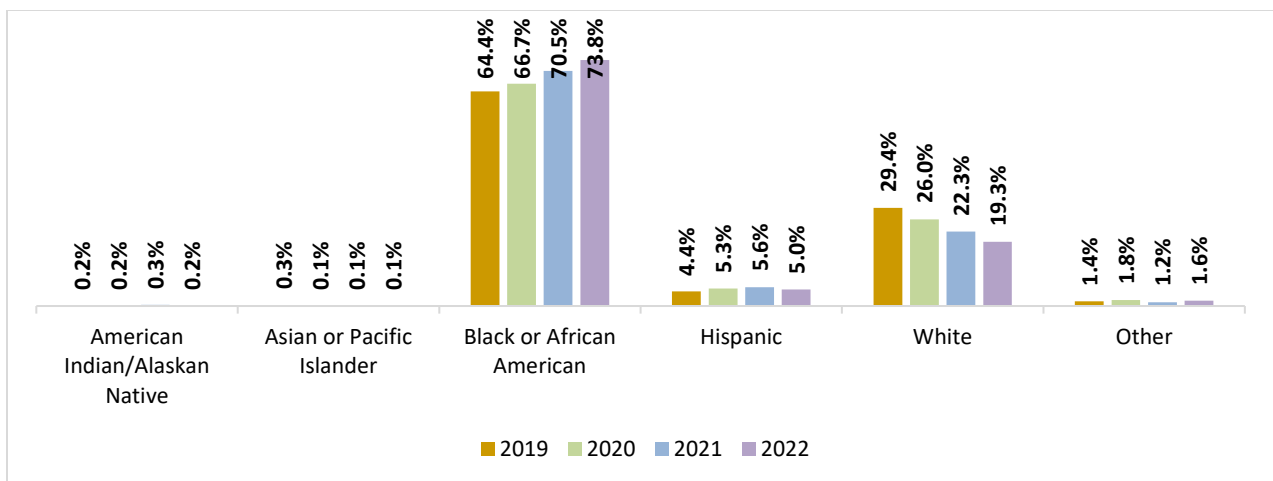
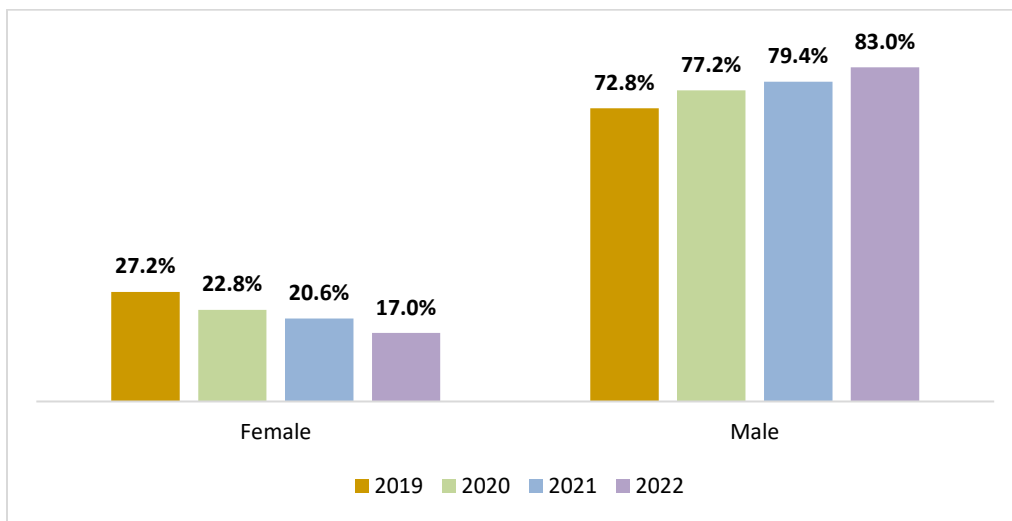
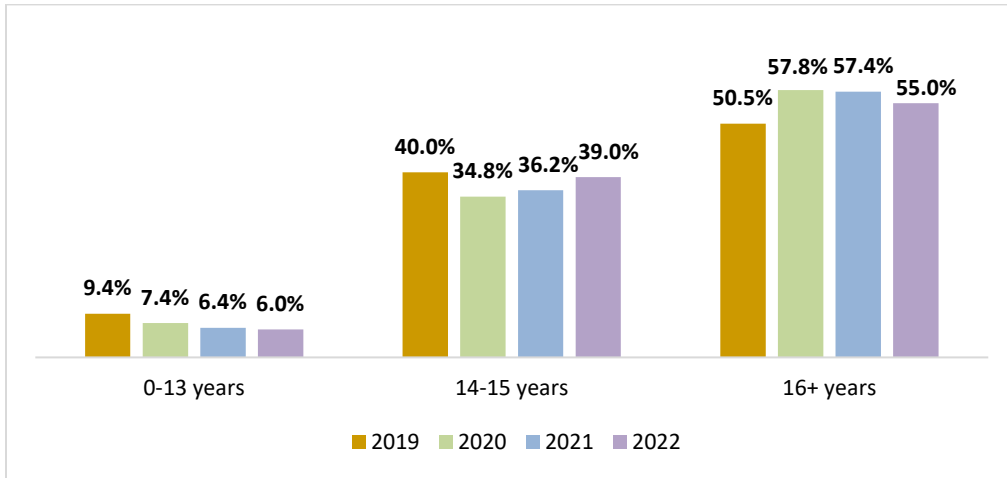


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Juvenile Justice Indicators

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



Juvenile Justice Indicators

S.C. TOP 10 JUVENILE DETENTION OFFENSES

2019 Offense or Order (Number of Detentions)	2020 Offense or Order (Number of Detentions)	2021 Offense or Order (Number of Detentions)	2022 Offense or Order (Number of Detentions)
Pickup order (n=707)	Pickup order (n=482)	Pickup order (n=359)	Pickup order (n=270)
Assault: assault and battery-third degree (n=205)	Assault: assault and battery-third degree (n=135)	Weapons: sale or delivery of pistol to, and possession by, certain persons unlawful; stolen pistol (n=166)	Weapons: sale or delivery of pistol to, and possession by, certain persons unlawful; stolen pistol (n=190)
Status: runaway (n=116)	Status: runaway (n=98)	Assault: assault and battery-third degree (n=135)	Assault: assault and battery-third degree (n=125)
Weapons: sale or delivery of pistol to, and possession by, certain persons unlawful; stolen pistol (n=74)	Weapons: sale or delivery of pistol to, and possession by, certain persons unlawful; stolen pistol (n=98)	Status: runaway (n=98)	Status: runaway (n=102)
Burglary: burglary (non-violent)-second degree (n=68)	Weapons: unlawful carrying of pistol (n=83)	Weapons: unlawful carrying of pistol (n=89)	Weapons: unlawful carrying of pistol (n=82)
Detention order (n=67)	Robbery: armed robbery, robbery while armed or allegedly armed with a deadly weapon (n=62)	Murder: attempted murder (n=67)	Murder: attempted murder (n=75)
Administrative hold (61)	Murder: attempted murder (n=53)	Robbery: armed robbery, robbery while armed or allegedly armed with a deadly weapon (n=63)	Robbery: armed robbery, robbery while armed or allegedly armed with a deadly weapon (n=52)
Larceny: breaking into motor vehicle or tanks, pumps, where fuel, lubricants stored (n=58)	Larceny: breaking into motor vehicle or tanks, pumps, where fuel, lubricants stored (n=50)	Contempt: contempt of court by child (criminal) (n=54)	Burglary: burglary-first degree (n=48)
Robbery: armed robbery, robbery while armed or allegedly armed with a deadly weapon (n=53)	Burglary: burglary (non-violent)-second degree (n=41)	Burglary: burglary-first degree (n=44)	Weapons: carrying a weapon on school grounds (n=40)
Weapons: unlawful carrying of pistol (n=50)	Burglary: burglary-first degree (n=35)	Larceny: breaking into motor vehicle or tanks, pumps, where fuel, lubricants stored (n=42)	Larceny: breaking into motor vehicle or tanks, pumps, where fuel, lubricants stored (n=39)

Juvenile Justice Indicators

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

County	2019 Total Youth Referred	2020 Total Youth Referred	2021 Total Youth Referred	2022 Total Youth Referred	2019 Youth Referred for Status Offenses	2020 Youth Referred for Status Offenses	2021 Youth Referred for Status Offenses	2022 Youth Referred for Status Offenses	2019 Youth Referred for Violent/Serious Offenses	2020 Youth Referred for Violent/Serious Offenses	2021 Youth Referred for Violent/Serious Offenses	2022 Youth Referred for Violent/Serious Offenses
Abbeville	30	14	21	31	*	*	*	0	7	*	5	12
Aiken	311	265	292	373	59	20	34	45	43	46	42	44
Allendale	30	15	9	7	*	N/A	*	*	12	*	*	*
Anderson	326	255	322	436	49	37	41	97	33	31	35	49
Bamberg	15	8	10	14	*	*	N/A	0	*	*	8	5
Barnwell	75	52	32	41	7	5	*	8	19	17	10	6
Beaufort	313	266	324	590	59	74	73	97	38	35	33	61
Berkeley	528	391	410	658	113	111	124	187	49	57	58	65
Calhoun	35	42	62	15	21	21	36	0	8	*	*	*
Charleston	733	717	640	885	98	84	75	86	74	91	109	89
Cherokee	168	114	117	153	64	47	40	50	12	15	10	7
Chester	105	34	57	79	5	*	*	0	13	8	5	9
Chesterfield	111	74	85	121	29	9	6	25	18	21	27	23
Clarendon	42	23	43	54	*	N/A	*	*	16	7	6	*
Colleton	81	43	108	148	*	*	*	*	6	12	19	18
Darlington	186	145	170	281	43	22	23	65	36	17	22	36
Dillon	114	68	90	162	47	36	27	51	*	15	24	28
Dorchester	433	251	325	552	104	32	33	106	51	30	38	51
Edgefield	54	44	43	54	7	10	*	*	6	*	7	6
Fairfield	51	33	31	47	N/A	*	5	*	13	11	8	14
Florence	377	251	377	529	17	15	13	19	46	59	73	91
Georgetown	96	76	173	286	17	5	33	45	12	9	19	26
Greenville	1,064	802	835	1,285	163	80	71	115	164	133	138	182

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Juvenile Justice Indicators

County (Continued)	2019 Total Youth Referred	2020 Total Youth Referred	2021 Total Youth Referred	2022 Total Youth Referred	2019 Youth Referred for Status Offenses	2020 Youth Referred for Status Offenses	2021 Youth Referred for Status Offenses	2022 Youth Referred for Status Offenses	2019 Youth Referred for Violent/Serious Offenses	2020 Youth Referred for Violent/Serious Offenses	2021 Youth Referred for Violent/Serious Offenses	2022 Youth Referred for Violent/Serious Offenses
Greenwood	269	186	310	517	35	28	35	53	31	17	42	55
Hampton	48	38	54	69	*	7	6	*	16	12	14	10
Horry	917	704	744	1,098	338	211	278	370	86	92	60	89
Jasper	71	41	66	112	13	12	8	14	8	6	11	12
Kershaw	101	66	57	73	19	10	14	21	19	8	6	5
Lancaster	168	90	158	217	*	*	*	7	26	26	15	27
Laurens	105	96	94	154	22	25	19	39	22	22	6	13
Lee	26	10	6	20	N/A	N/A	N/A	0	*	*	*	*
Lexington	516	393	402	488	60	33	19	41	44	51	33	47
Marion	174	75	85	114	29	16	10	8	53	6	11	23
Marlboro	101	65	73	173	53	25	21	72	11	12	18	27
McCormick	6	5	12	17	*	*	N/A	0	N/A	*	*	7
Newberry	104	76	67	70	17	*	*	*	7	5	5	5
Oconee	102	92	84	128	10	15	11	19	25	16	19	21
Orangeburg	219	174	190	245	80	73	53	22	21	33	20	37
Pickens	187	158	139	196	25	22	22	26	23	25	12	17
Richland	589	518	490	839	24	23	20	77	130	155	105	143
Saluda	46	25	17	10	8	7	*	*	*	*	*	*
Spartanburg	333	229	263	389	32	18	15	23	37	43	41	59
Sumter	296	215	209	320	52	43	36	74	35	46	49	80
Union	157	98	196	235	64	40	120	110	8	5	9	13
Williamsburg	64	33	75	112	*	N/A	5	11	13	12	35	34
York	577	456	608	912	60	46	47	75	63	62	61	86

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Juvenile Justice Indicators

County	2019 Youth Detained	2020 Youth Detained	2021 Youth Detained	2022 Youth Detained	2019 Youth Committed	2020 Youth Committed	2021 Youth Committed	2022 Youth Committed
Abbeville	7	*	7	12	*	*	*	*
Aiken	42	41	32	34	29	30	14	17
Allendale	19	*	6	5	*	N/A	N/A	0
Anderson	60	49	51	114	25	14	9	12
Bamberg	N/A	*	*	9	N/A	*	*	5
Barnwell	12	6	*	*	10	*	*	*
Beaufort	30	26	31	49	15	14	9	8
Berkeley	55	69	71	221	20	15	13	11
Calhoun	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Charleston	322	262	244	327	52	36	31	31
Cherokee	32	37	31	30	*	6	*	*
Chester	12	7	12	19	5	*	*	*
Chesterfield	18	31	35	37	*	5	9	*
Clarendon	7	*	*	6	*	*	*	*
Colleton	7	6	10	19	*	*	*	*
Darlington	38	22	26	37	28	15	11	18
Dillon	21	9	13	21	29	8	15	15
Dorchester	56	35	30	51	18	6	7	*
Edgefield	16	9	6	5	6	5	*	*
Fairfield	25	10	8	32	9	*	*	*
Florence	40	43	40	124	12	15	10	14
Georgetown	14	7	8	5	8	*	*	0
Greenville	312	210	151	204	76	67	24	19
Greenwood	19	17	24	46	11	9	9	12
Hampton	13	9	12	17	*	*	N/A	0

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Juvenile Justice Indicators

County (Continued)	2019 Youth Detained	2020 Youth Detained	2021 Youth Detained	2022 Youth Detained	2019 Youth Committed	2020 Youth Committed	2021 Youth Committed	2022 Youth Committed
Horry	170	109	93	162	95	51	51	59
Jasper	17	14	15	26	5	*	*	*
Kershaw	13	9	10	22	5	5	*	*
Lancaster	18	11	12	22	12	10	*	8
Laurens	37	32	23	37	10	9	5	8
Lee	*	*	*	9	N/A	*	*	0
Lexington	55	37	41	65	26	25	17	22
Marion	18	8	*	5	10	5	*	*
Marlboro	15	14	30	48	*	*	*	*
McCormick	*	*	5	6	N/A	*	*	*
Newberry	8	9	8	12	8	*	*	*
Oconee	19	12	20	21	9	7	7	*
Orangeburg	34	44	40	87	26	15	8	7
Pickens	25	26	17	30	19	9	*	*
Richland	105	131	167	240	72	39	41	48
Saluda	6	*	6	5	*	N/A	5	*
Spartanburg	100	94	101	137	40	19	10	13
Sumter	42	34	32	29	16	11	12	11
Union	23	21	32	53	11	8	5	9
Williamsburg	9	6	10	16	*	N/A	*	*
York	96	80	82	147	26	46	43	*

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DATA SOURCE

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

Education Indicators

Education

S.C. PUBLIC SCHOOL HEADCOUNTS



789,231 students were enrolled in South Carolina public school districts in the 2022-2023 school year (45-day headcount), **8,000** or **1% increase** from 2021-2022 (45-day headcount):

- **26,944** or **3.4%** of students enrolled in child development programs (PK) in 2022-2023.
- **54,526** or **6.9%** of students enrolled in kindergarten (5-year-old) in 2022-2023.
- **171,428** or **21.7%** of students enrolled in Grades 1-3 in 2022-2023.
- **295,870** or **37.5%** of students enrolled in Grades 4-8 in 2022-2023.
- **240,463** or **30.5%** of students enrolled in Grades 9-12 in 2022-2023.

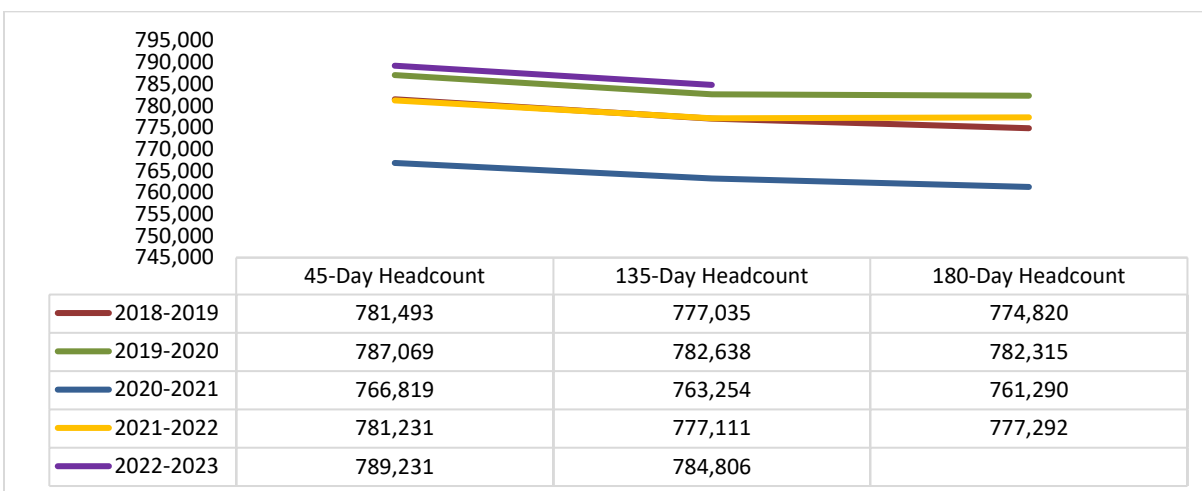
53,306 teachers were in South Carolina public school districts in the 2021-2022 school year, **383** or **1% decrease** from 2020-2021.

	2018-2019 School Year	2019-2020 School Year	2020-2021 School Year	2021-2022 School Year	2022-2023 School Year	Compared 2022-2023 to 2021-2022 School Year	Compared 2022-2023 to 2020-2021 School Year	Compared 2022-2023 to 2019-2020 School Year	Compared 2022-2023 to 2018-2019 School Year
Students enrolled in South Carolina public school districts (45-day headcount)	781,493	787,069	766,819	781,231	789,231	+8,000 (+1%)	+22,412 (+3%)	+2,162 (+0.3%)	+7,738 (+1%)
○ Students enrolled in PK	27,749	28,333	21,002	25,400	26,944	+1,544 (+6%)	+5,942 (+28%)	-1,389 (-5%)	-805 (-3%)
○ Students enrolled in kindergarten (5-year-old)	55,417	56,188	51,801	54,799	54,526	-273 (-0.5%)	+2,725 (+5%)	-1,662 (-3%)	-891 (-2%)
○ Students enrolled in Grades 1-3	172,189	172,556	165,986	168,339	171,428	+3,089 (+2%)	+5,442 (+3%)	-1,128 (-1%)	-761 (-0.4%)
○ Students enrolled in Grades 4-8	302,417	305,001	299,248	297,606	295,870	-1,736 (-1%)	-3,378 (-1%)	-9,131 (-3%)	-6,547 (-2%)
○ Students enrolled in Grades 9-12	223,721	224,991	228,782	235,087	240,463	+5,376 (+2%)	+11,681 (+5%)	+15,472 (+7%)	+16,742 (+7%)
Teachers in South Carolina public school districts	52,733	53,488	53,689	53,306	N/A	Compared 2021-2022 to 2020-2021 School Year -383 (-1%)	Compared 2021-2022 to 2019-2020 School Year -182 (-0.3%)	Compared 2021-2022 to 2018-2019 School Year +573 (+1%)	

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Education Indicators

S.C. PUBLIC SCHOOL HEADCOUNTS



Note. Student headcount is a "snap-shot" count of actively-enrolled students that is taken at different points during a year.

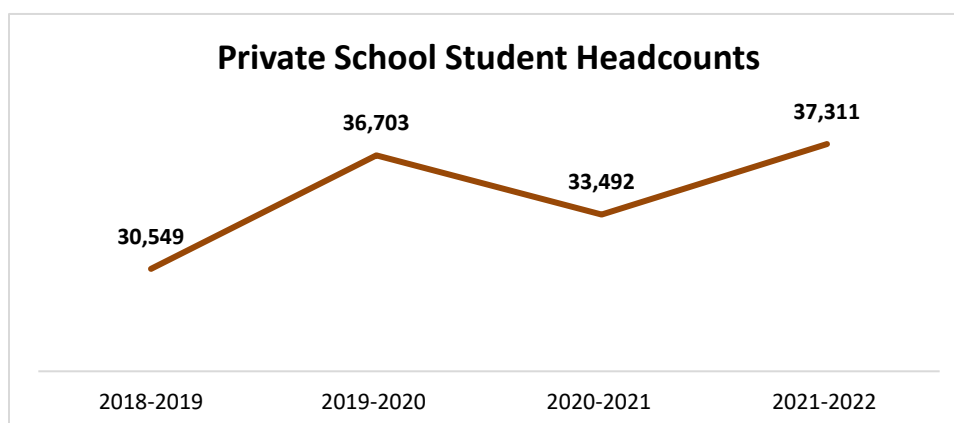
S.C. PRIVATE SCHOOL HEADCOUNTS



37,311 students were enrolled in South Carolina private schools in the 2021-2022 school year, **3,819** or **11% increase** from 2020-2021.

3,981 teachers were in South Carolina private schools in the 2021-2022 school year, **196** or **5% decrease** from 2020-2021.

	2018-2019 School Year	2019-2020 School Year	2020-2021 School Year	2021-2022 School Year	Compared to 2020-2021 School Year	Compared to 2019-2020 School Year	Compared to 2018-2019 School Year
Students enrolled in South Carolina private schools	30,549	36,703	33,492	37,311	+3,819 (+11%)	+608 (+2%)	+6,762 (+22%)
Teachers in South Carolina private schools	4,337	4,337	4,177	3,981	-196 (-5%)	-356 (-8%)	-356 (-8%)



Education Indicators

S.C. HOMELESS STUDENTS

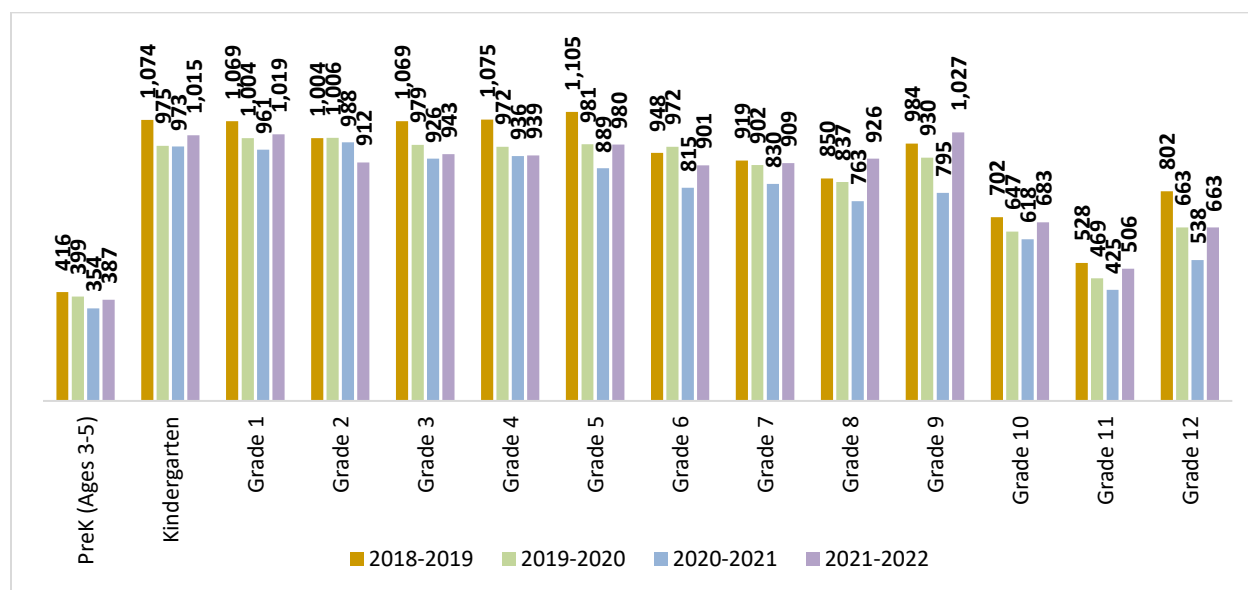


11,751 students enrolled in a South Carolina public school district during the 2021-2022 school year were identified as homeless, **940** or **9%** increase from 2020-2021.

	2018-2019 School Year	2019-2020 School Year	2020-2021 School Year	2021-2022 School Year	Compared to 2020-2021 School Year	Compared to 2019-2020 School Year	Compared to 2018-2019 School Year
Students identified as homeless	12,545	11,736	10,811	11,751	+940 (+9%)	+15 (+0.1%)	-794 (-6%)

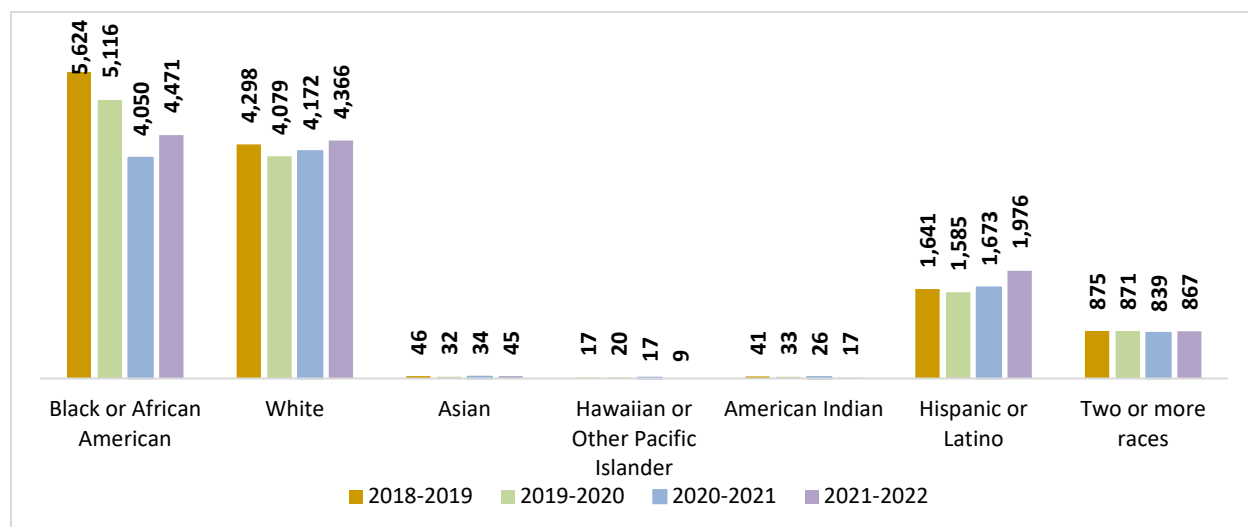
Note. The state educational agency (SEA) level McKinney-Vento student data are the unduplicated number of identified homeless students enrolled in public schools at any time during the school year. All students are counted only once. The Federal McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act defines students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

S.C. HOMELESS STUDENTS BY GRADE



Education Indicators

S.C. HOMELESS STUDENTS BY RACE



S.C. HOMELESS STUDENTS BY COUNTY

County	2020-2021	2021-2022	County	2020-2021	2021-2022
Abbeville	44	46	Greenwood	431	329
Aiken	188	216	Hampton	119	90
Allendale	11	5	Horry	547	261
Anderson	1,208	749	Jasper	63	6
Bamberg	*	*	Kershaw	*	12
Barnwell	25	22	Lancaster	34	35
Beaufort	315	277	Laurens	193	80
Berkeley	351	315	Lee	52	18
Calhoun	*	24	Lexington	470	794
Charleston	311	311	McCormick	21	28
Cherokee	57	78	Marion	13	14
Chester	25	25	Marlboro	9	13
Chesterfield	141	111	Newberry	22	52
Clarendon	31	12	Oconee	24	91
Colleton	71	123	Orangeburg	48	37
Darlington	118	150	Pickens	2,556	2,913
Dillon	0	*	Richland	662	918
Dorchester	65	104	Saluda	18	26
Edgefield	8	19	Spartanburg	975	1,001
Fairfield	128	190	Sumter	465	130
Florence	112	173	Union	21	35
Georgetown	11	10	Williamsburg	10	19
Greenville	952	1,417	York	404	363

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Education Indicators

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

	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022
English learners (EL) students	61,507	64,386	63,885	67,169
Percent of students served by gifted and talented program	20.9%	20.2%	19.9%	18.7%
Students ages 3 to 17 with disabilities in special education and related services	101,618	104,359	101,792	104,977
Percent of students retained	1.4%	1.4%	1.3%	1.9%
Dropout rate	1.5%	2.2%	1.7%	2.4%
Dropout recovery rate	5.7%	5.9%	6.1%	6.4%
Four-year graduation rate	81.1%	82.2%	83.3%	83.8%
Students in the graduation cohort who are college ready*	N/A	N/A	34.1%	32.0%
Students in the graduation cohort who are career ready*	N/A	61.1%	55.7%	62.8%
Students in the graduation cohort who are college AND career ready*	N/A	N/A	28.7%	29.0%
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%	N/A

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

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

Education Indicators

PREPARING FOR SUCCESS IN S.C.

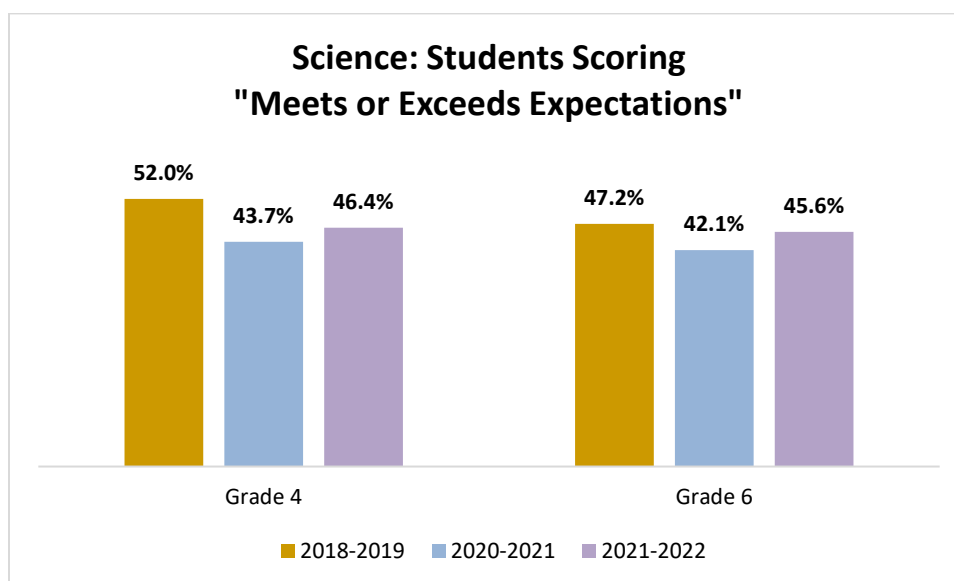
	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022
Overall Kindergarten Readiness	37.2%	39.2%	26.8%	36.0%
By domains:				
○ Social foundation	49.2%	53.3%	N/A	52.2%
○ Language and literacy	33.0%	33.6%	32.4%	29.8%
○ Mathematics	29.3%	29.4%	28.3%	28.1%
○ Physical well-being	52.1%	55.4%	N/A	51.5%
First and Second Grade Students on Track for Success in English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics				
○ First grade students who are on track for success in ELA at the second grade	50.8%	33.0%	55.8%	53.2%
○ First grade students who are on track for success in mathematics at the second grade	54.1%	38.7%	60.2%	58.8%
○ Second grade students who are on track for success in ELA at the third grade	48.0%	33.0%	51.9%	51.9%
○ Second grade students who are on track for success in mathematics at the third grade	48.0%	36.6%	54.2%	54.7%
High School Civics Test				
Percent of students enrolled in a U.S. Government course who score at or above the designated passing score on the civics test	N/A	60.3%	75.8%	87.2%

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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Education Indicators

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

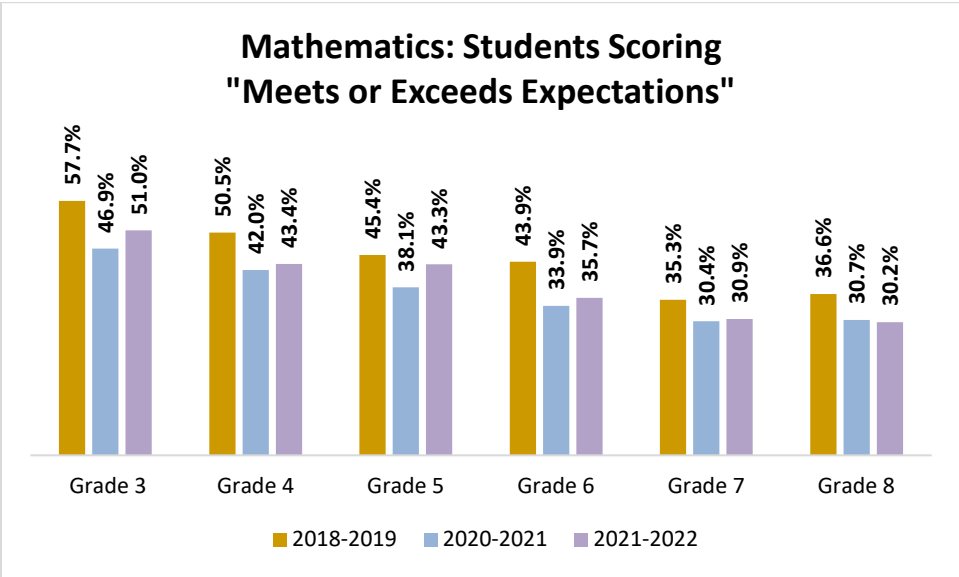
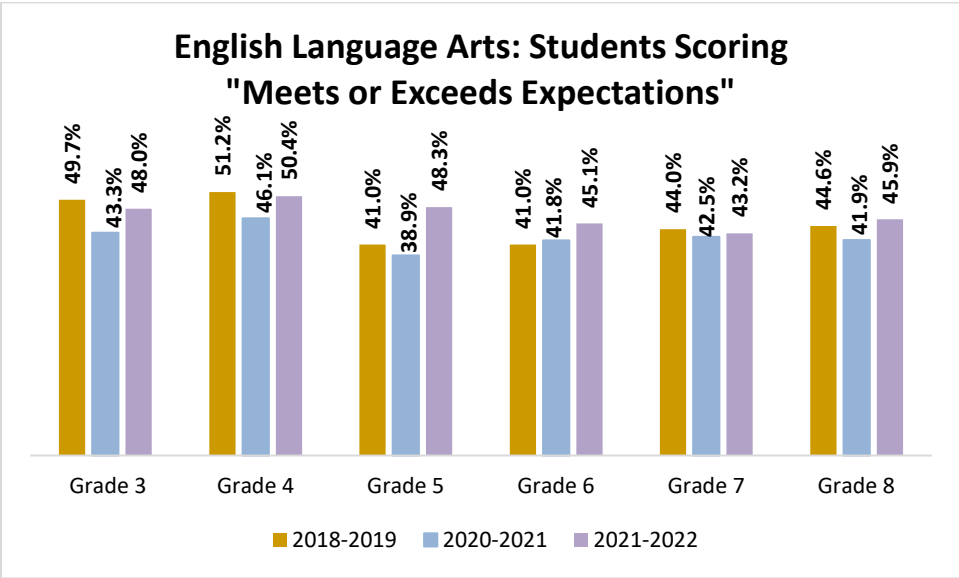


Note. The SCPASS program is one of the tests used in calculating absolute ratings, growth ratings, and federal accountability status. No test data are available for the 2019-2020 school year due to cancellation of testing in spring 2020. SCPASS Social Studies was not administered during 2020-2021 and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

Grade Level	School Year	Number of Test Takers	Percent of Test Takers Scoring "Meets or Exceeds Expectations"
SCPASS: Science			
Grade 4	2018-2019	60,254	52.0%
	2020-2021	50,917	43.7%
	2021-2022	56,361	46.4%
Grade 6	2018-2019	61,444	47.2%
	2020-2021	50,592	42.1%
	2021-2022	57,519	45.6%

Education Indicators

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



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

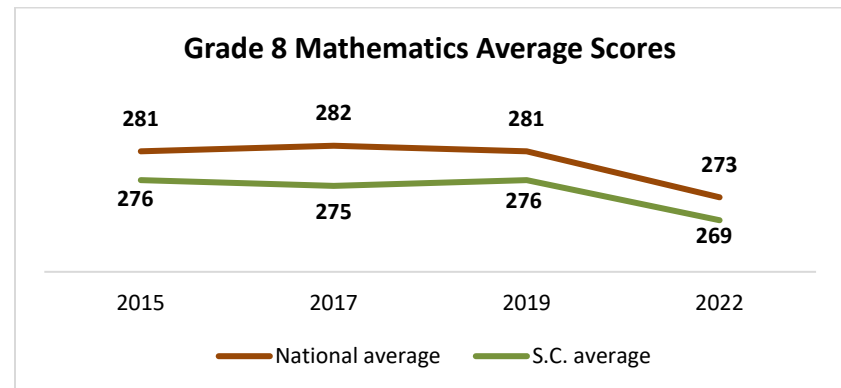
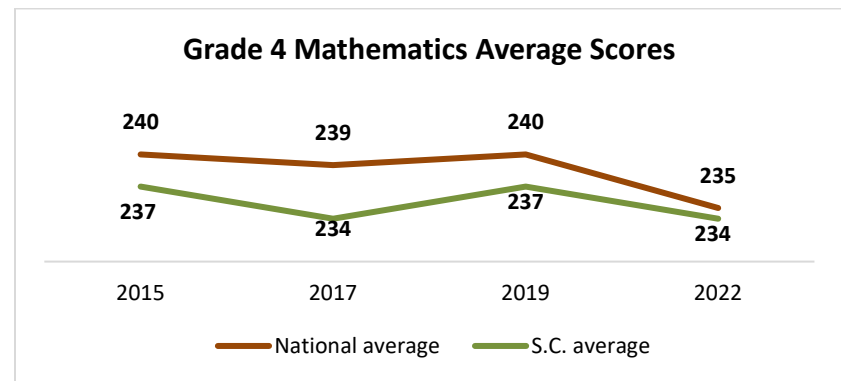
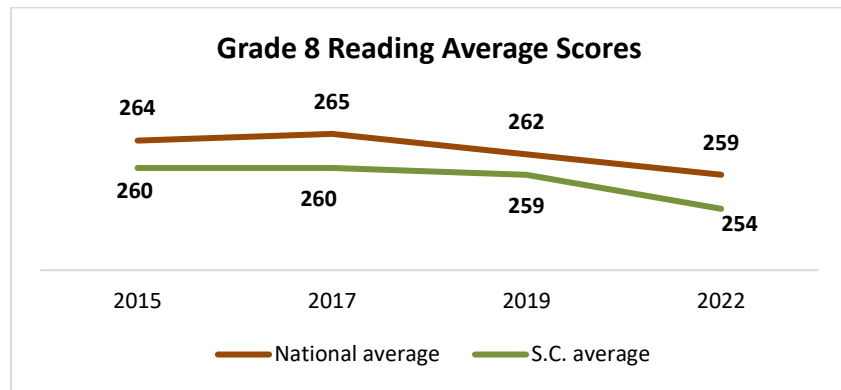
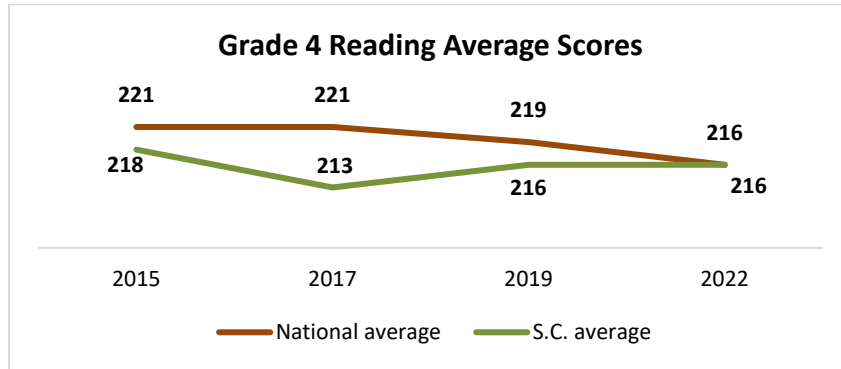
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Education Indicators

Grade Level	School Year	Number of Test Takers	Percent of Test Takers Scoring “Meets or Exceeds Expectations”
SCREADY: English Language Arts			
Grade 3	2018-2019	57,236	49.7%
	2020-2021	51,313	43.3%
	2021-2022	55,905	48.0%
Grade 4	2018-2019	60,227	51.2%
	2020-2021	51,060	46.1%
	2021-2022	56,397	50.4%
Grade 5	2018-2019	61,030	41.0%
	2020-2021	51,435	38.9%
	2021-2022	57,065	48.3%
Grade 6	2018-2019	61,413	41.0%
	2020-2021	50,681	41.8%
	2021-2022	57,566	45.1%
Grade 7	2018-2019	58,969	44.0%
	2020-2021	50,972	42.5%
	2021-2022	60,109	43.2%
Grade 8	2018-2019	57,055	44.6%
	2020-2021	50,359	41.9%
	2021-2022	60,920	45.9%
SCREADY: Mathematics			
Grade 3	2018-2019	57,238	57.7%
	2020-2021	51,268	46.9%
	2021-2022	55,896	51.0%
Grade 4	2018-2019	60,262	50.5%
	2020-2021	51,119	42.0%
	2021-2022	56,404	43.4%
Grade 5	2018-2019	61,039	45.4%
	2020-2021	51,489	38.1%
	2021-2022	57,066	43.3%
Grade 6	2018-2019	61,452	43.9%
	2020-2021	50,963	33.9%
	2021-2022	57,662	35.7%
Grade 7	2018-2019	59,009	35.3%
	2020-2021	51,230	30.4%
	2021-2022	60,155	30.9%
Grade 8	2018-2019	57,077	36.6%
	2020-2021	50,480	30.7%
	2021-2022	60,987	30.2%

Education Indicators

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



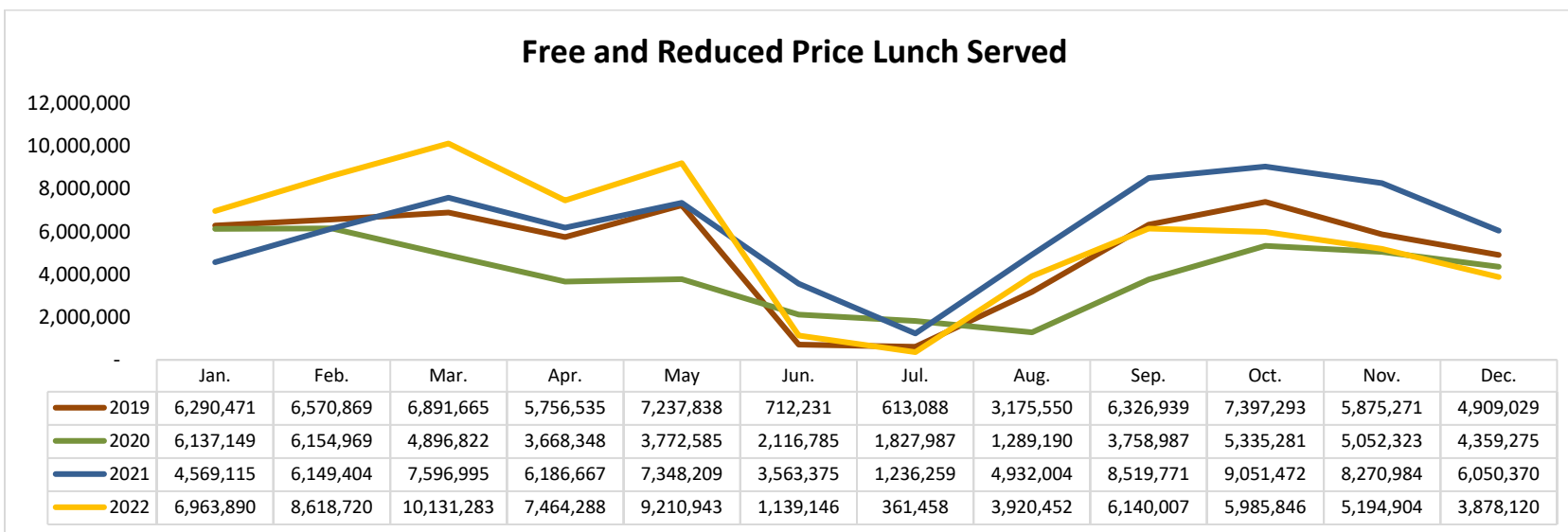
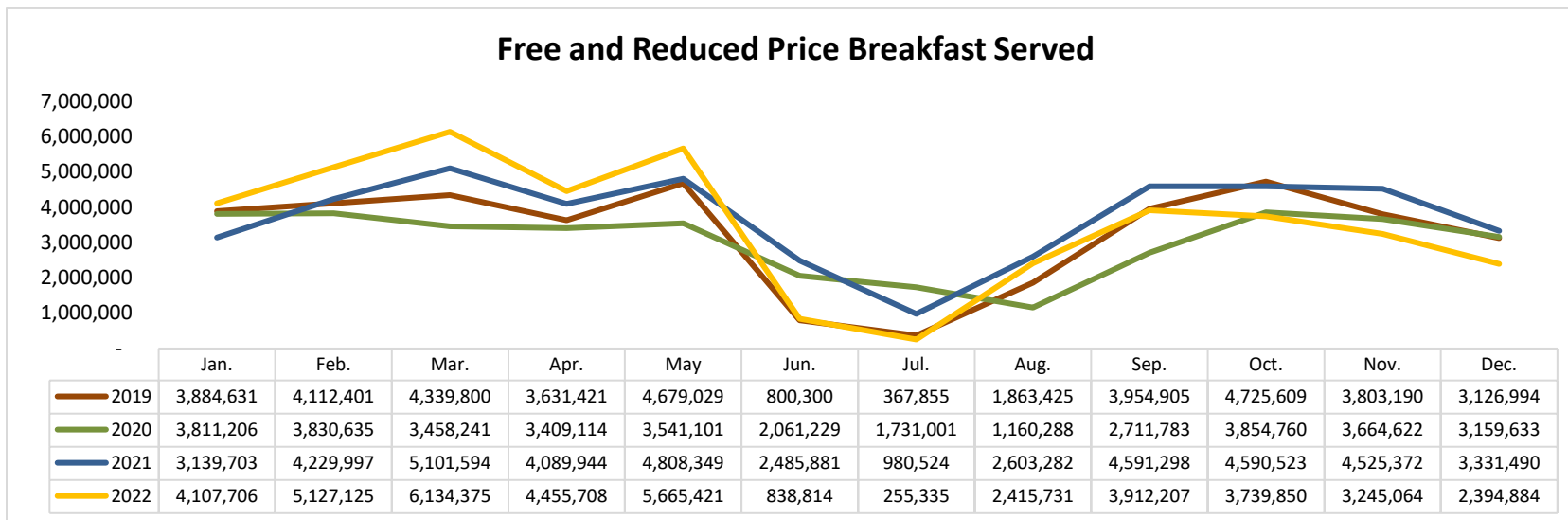
Education Indicators

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

Meals Served	2019	2020	2021	2022	Compared 2022 to 2021	Compared 2022 to 2020	Compared 2022 to 2019
Free Breakfast Served	37,662,174	35,962,821	44,477,168	41,698,004	-2,779,164 (-6%)	+5,735,183 (+16%)	+4,035,830 (+11%)
Reduced Price Breakfast Served	1,627,386	430,792	789	594,216	+593,427 (+75,213%)	+163,424 (+38%)	-1,033,170 (-63%)
Total Free and Reduced Price Breakfast Served	39,289,560	36,393,613	44,477,957	42,292,220	-2,185,737 (-5%)	+5,898,607 (+16%)	+3,002,660 (+8%)
Free Lunch Served	58,234,083	47,406,723	73,473,403	67,721,388	-5,752,015 (-8%)	+20,314,665 (+43%)	+9,487,305 (+16%)
Reduced Price Lunch Served	3,522,696	962,978	1,222	1,287,669	+1,286,447 (+105,274%)	+324,691 (+34%)	-2,235,027 (-63%)
Total Free and Reduced Price Lunch Served	61,756,779	48,369,701	73,474,625	69,009,057	-4,465,568 (-6%)	+20,639,356 (+43%)	+7,252,278 (+12%)
Total Free and Reduced Price Breakfast and Lunch Served	101,046,339	84,763,314	117,952,582	111,301,277	-6,651,305 (-6%)	+26,537,963 (+31%)	+10,254,938 (+10%)

Education Indicators

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



Education Indicators

DATA SOURCES

1. S.C. public school headcounts: S.C. Department of Education, student headcount is a "snap-shot" count of 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, May 17, 2023). Number of teachers in public school districts: S.C. Department of Education, S.C. School Report Card, State of S.C., 2018-2019: <https://screportcards.ed.sc.gov/overview/?q=eT0yMDE5JnQ9UyZzaWQ9MDAwMA> 2019-2020: <https://screportcards.ed.sc.gov/overview/?q=eT0yMDIwJnQ9UyZzaWQ9MDAwMA> 2020-2021: <https://screportcards.ed.sc.gov/overview/?q=eT0yMDIxJnQ9UyZzaWQ9MDAwMA> 2021-2022: <https://screportcards.com/overview/?q=eT0yMDIyJnQ9UyZzaWQ9MDAwMA> (last visited, May 17, 2023).
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The COVID-19 Pandemic and South Carolina Children

S.C. REPORTED COVID-19 CASES AMONG CHILDREN (MARCH 2020-DECEMBER 2022)



322,085 reported COVID-19 cases among children under age 18, **18.0%** of total reported cases in South Carolina from March 2020 to December 2022.

- **35,610** reported COVID-19 cases among children March 2020-December 2020, **10.8%** of total reported cases in South Carolina during the time period.
- **137,416** reported COVID-19 cases among children January 2021-December 2021, **20.5%** of total reported cases in South Carolina during the time period.
- **149,059** reported COVID-19 cases among children January 2022-December 2022, **19.0%** of total reported cases in South Carolina during the time period.

832 reported COVID-19 hospitalizations among children under age 18, **2.1%** of total reported hospitalizations in South Carolina from March 2020 to December 2022.

- **221** reported COVID-19 hospitalizations among children March 2020-December 2020, **1.4%** of total reported hospitalizations in South Carolina during the time period.
- **457** reported COVID-19 hospitalizations among children January 2021-December 2021, **2.6%** of total reported hospitalizations in South Carolina during the time period.
- **154** reported COVID-19 hospitalizations among children January 2022-December 2022, **2.8%** of total reported hospitalizations in South Carolina during the time period.

37 reported COVID-19 deaths among children under age 18, **0.2%** of total reported COVID-19 deaths in South Carolina from March 2020 to December 2022.

8,472 reported COVID-19 maternal morbidity cases in South Carolina from March 2020 to December 2022.

- **2,673** reported COVID-19 maternal morbidity cases in South Carolina March 2020-December 2020.
- **4,842** reported COVID-19 maternal morbidity cases in South Carolina January 2021-December 2021.
- **957** reported COVID-19 maternal morbidity cases in South Carolina January 2022-December 2022.

Note. Data are provisional and subject to change.

S.C. REPORTED COVID-19 CASES AMONG CHILDREN: COMPARING 2022 TO 2021, 2020, AND 2019 DATA

Children under Age 18	2020	2021	2022	Compared 2022 to 2021	Compared 2022 to 2020
Reported COVID-19 cases	35,610	137,416	149,059	+11,643 (+8%)	+113,449 (+319%)
Reported COVID-19 hospitalizations	221	457	154	-303 (-66%)	-67 (-30%)

The COVID-19 Pandemic

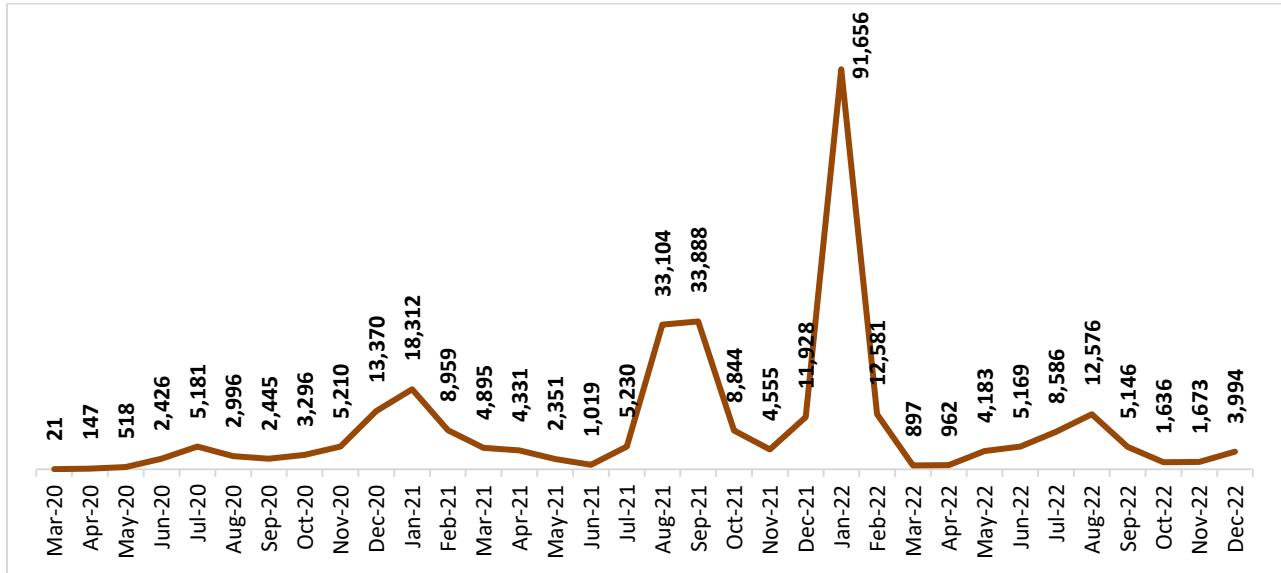
COMPARED TO NATIONAL DATA

S.C. reported COVID-19 cases per 100,000 children (cumulative child cases as of December 2022, Ages 0-17):
28,906 per 100,000 children



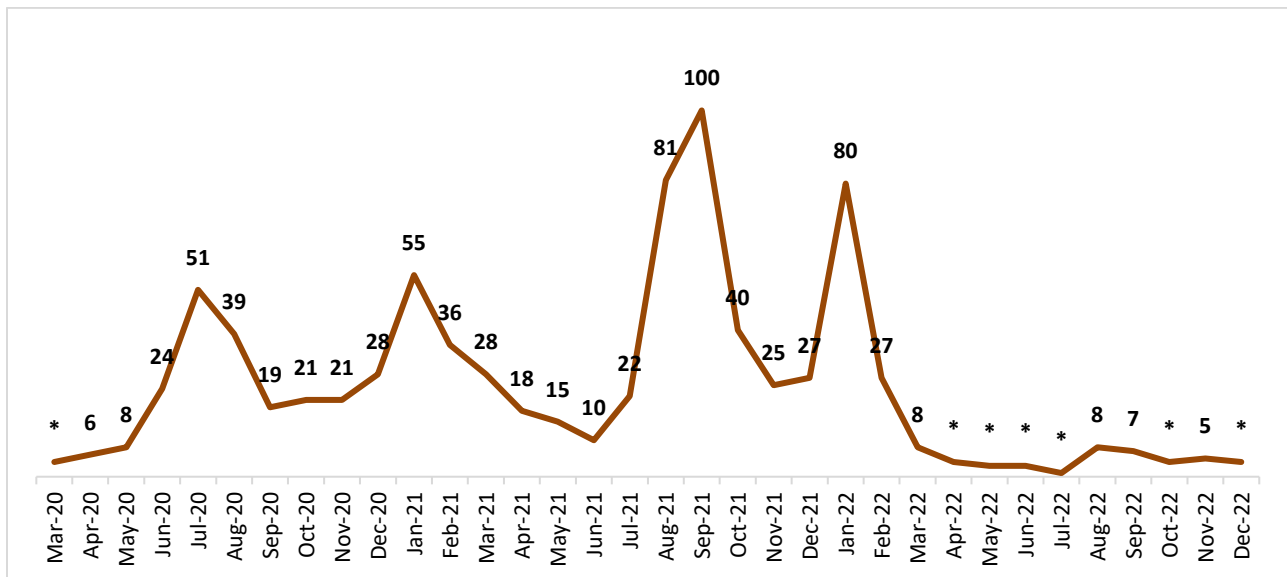
National rate:
20,247 per 100,000 children

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



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

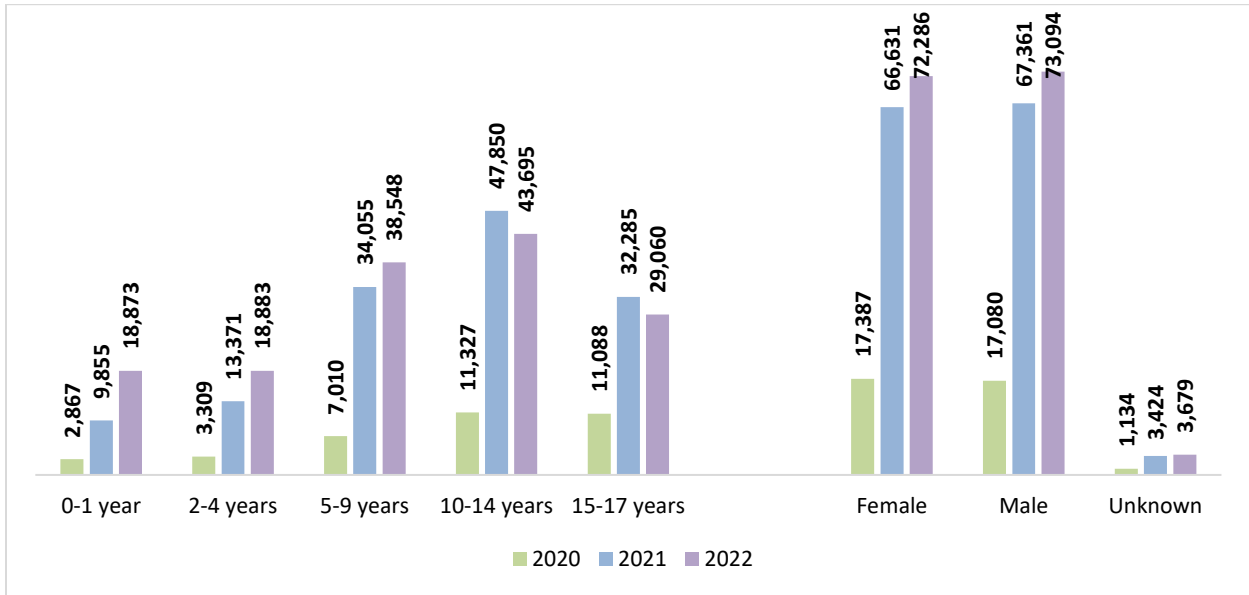


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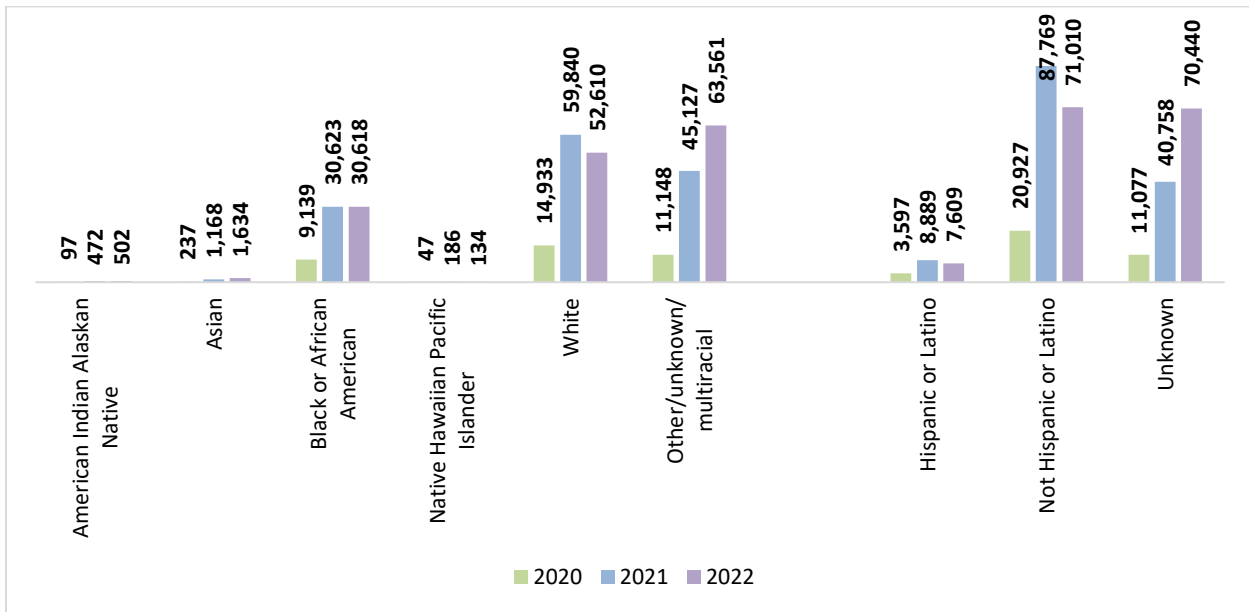
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S.C. REPORTED COVID-19 CASES AMONG CHILDREN BY AGE GROUP, SEX, RACE, AND ETHNICITY



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

County	2020 Case Counts	2020 Rate per 100,000 Children	2021 Case Counts	2021 Rate per 100,000 Children	2022 Case Counts	2022 Rate per 100,000 Children
Abbeville	152	3,155	508	10,544	605	12,557
Aiken	1,045	2,867	3,828	10,501	3,475	9,532
Allendale	63	3,950	219	13,730	220	13,793
Anderson	1,341	2,935	5,488	12,013	4,970	10,879
Bamberg	124	4,587	289	10,692	363	13,430
Barnwell	167	3,436	534	10,985	422	8,681
Beaufort	948	2,639	3,738	10,407	3,606	10,039
Berkeley	1,058	1,895	6,147	11,011	6,362	11,396
Calhoun	90	3,347	207	7,698	306	11,380
Charleston	2,148	2,625	8,880	10,851	10,791	13,186
Cherokee	387	2,965	1,569	12,019	1,428	10,939
Chester	311	4,339	1,004	14,009	1,116	15,571
Chesterfield	305	3,095	1,266	12,845	1,274	12,926
Clarendon	197	3,200	754	12,248	1,115	18,112
Colleton	218	2,607	730	8,730	867	10,368
Darlington	624	4,298	1,653	11,385	2,098	14,450
Dillon	369	4,889	1,164	15,421	972	12,878
Dorchester	983	2,515	6,652	17,017	6,416	16,413
Edgefield	159	3,397	603	12,885	456	9,744
Fairfield	143	3,576	416	10,403	653	16,329
Florence	1,240	3,903	4,004	12,602	4,253	13,386
Georgetown	458	4,218	1,330	12,249	1,497	13,787
Greenville	4,585	3,797	14,469	11,983	15,877	13,149
Greenwood	537	3,304	2,129	13,100	2,561	15,758
Hampton	136	3,458	497	12,637	505	12,840
Horry	1,875	2,953	8,227	12,957	7,530	11,859
Jasper	173	2,897	557	9,327	506	8,473
Kershaw	527	3,460	2,310	15,165	2,708	17,778
Lancaster	742	3,500	2,796	13,187	2,541	11,984
Laurens	462	3,113	1,889	12,730	1,864	12,561
Lee	133	4,165	317	9,928	399	12,496
Lexington	2,117	3,110	9,651	14,177	11,770	17,290
Marion	272	4,098	875	13,184	898	13,530
Marlboro	236	4,645	727	14,308	781	15,371
McCormick	31	3,033	119	11,644	152	14,873
Newberry	416	4,971	1,160	13,862	1,619	19,348
Oconee	569	3,717	2,057	13,437	1,948	12,725

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County (Continued)	2020 Case Counts	2020 Rate per 100,000 Children	2021 Case Counts	2021 Rate per 100,000 Children	2022 Case Counts	2022 Rate per 100,000 Children
Orangeburg	631	3,334	2,359	12,462	2,599	13,730
Pickens	1,018	3,832	3,464	13,038	3,698	13,918
Richland	2,495	2,662	9,593	10,234	13,899	14,827
Saluda	107	2,491	398	9,267	370	8,615
Spartanburg	2,593	3,445	9,152	12,159	9,170	12,183
Sumter	676	2,684	2,603	10,336	3,162	12,555
Union	206	3,678	745	13,301	811	14,480
Williamsburg	256	4,321	661	11,158	896	15,125
York	2,278	3,336	9,033	13,229	9,522	13,945
Total	35,601	3,171	137,416	12,241	149,059	13,278

Note. Total case counts for 2021 (i.e., 137,416) include 645 cases with unknown county information. Total case counts for 2022 (i.e., 149,059) include 8 cases with unknown county information. Data are provisional and subject to change.

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

	Reported Cases: School Students	Reported Cases: School Employees	Reported Cases: Associated with Schools
March 2020	8	17	25
April 2020	110	27	137
May 2020	405	28	433
June 2020	1,933	126	2,059
July 2020	4,111	301	4,412
August 2020	2,400	395	2,795
September 2020	2,022	497	2,519
October 2020	2,805	862	3,667
November 2020	4,386	1,385	5,771
December 2020	11,254	2,404	13,658
2020 Total	29,434	6,042	35,476
January 2021	9,637	2,926	12,563
February 2021	6,052	1,776	7,828
March 2021	3,434	963	4,397
April 2021	2,958	484	3,442
May 2021	1,540	259	1,799
June 2021	463	78	541
July 2021	1,628	354	1,982
August 2021	10,548	1,272	11,820
September 2021	10,538	1,063	11,601
October 2021	4,739	664	5,403
November 2021	2,578	522	3,100
December 2021	4,127	973	5,100
2021 Total	58,242	11,334	69,576

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	Reported Cases: School Students	Reported Cases: School Employees	Reported Cases: Associated with Schools
January 2022	10,484	1,898	12,382
February 2022	4,184	991	5,175
March 2022	320	76	396
April 2022	145	79	224
May 2022	130	15	145
June 2022	21	*	24
July 2022	*	*	7
August 2022	0	*	*
September 2022	*	*	5
October 2022	0	*	*
November 2022	0	0	0
December 2022	0	0	0
2022 Total	15,290	3,070	18,360

Note. Data are provisional and subject to change.

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

County	2020	2021	2022
Abbeville	158	234	52
Aiken	1,113	2,042	432
Allendale	63	130	41
Anderson	1,450	2,836	769
Bamberg	111	187	41
Barnwell	155	263	48
Beaufort	909	1,945	524
Berkeley	987	3,148	728
Calhoun	84	117	34
Charleston	1,952	4,914	1,539
Cherokee	412	697	141
Chester	293	467	138
Chesterfield	287	594	235
Clarendon	200	288	154
Colleton	210	401	138
Darlington	604	745	510
Dillon	350	612	178
Dorchester	989	3,513	717
Edgefield	166	278	51
Fairfield	139	251	57
Florence	1,281	1,860	846
Georgetown	459	568	258
Greenville	4,588	7,501	1,283

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County (Continued)	2020	2021	2022
Greenwood	516	924	173
Hampton	145	294	121
Horry	1,815	3,920	1,379
Jasper	159	265	65
Kershaw	529	1,179	265
Lancaster	720	1,375	225
Laurens	447	845	194
Lee	124	157	66
Lexington	2,159	5,248	1,216
Marion	266	380	151
Marlboro	217	354	162
McCormick	34	46	8
Newberry	405	640	164
Oconee	650	1,169	194
Orangeburg	577	1,346	466
Pickens	1,119	1,958	484
Richland	2,400	4,575	1,473
Saluda	102	196	31
Spartanburg	2,798	4,282	763
Sumter	608	1,090	545
Union	238	404	61
Williamsburg	242	331	161
York	2,246	4,575	1,079
Total	35,476	69,576	18,360

Note. Total case counts for 2021 (i.e., 69,576) include 432 cases with unknown county information. Data are provisional and subject to change.

DATA SOURCES

1. South Carolina data: S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC), unpublished reports generated in August 2021, February 2022, and March 2023. 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 put in place in 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.

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2. Compared to national data: 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 December 2022 divided by the 2021 S.C. child population (most recently available) and multiplied by 100,000. Source of child population: The Annie E. Casey Foundation, KIDS COUNT Data Center, children under 18 years of age by race/ethnicity in South Carolina: <https://datacenter.aecf.org/data/tables/6132-children-under-18-years-of-age-by-race-ethnicity?loc=42&loct=5#detailed/5/6308-6353/true/2048/66,67,4262,3,4267/12804,15653> (last visited May 5, 2023). National rate (as of January 5, 2023): 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: 4/20/2023 (see Appendix Table 2A of the State Data Report: Summary of Child Case Data from 4/16/20-4/20/23), <https://downloads.aap.org/AAP/PDF/AAP%20COVID-19%20State%20Data%20Report%204.20.23%20FINAL.pdf> (last visited, May 2, 2023). Definition of “child”: Age ranges reported for children varied by state (0-14, 0-17, 0-18, 0-19, and 0-20 years). 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 and winter of 2022, some states revised cases counts previously reported, began reporting less frequently, or dropped metrics previously reported. Readers should consider these factors. States may have additional information on their websites. Changes in testing, changes in how states report, periods when school is not in session, and holiday weeks affect week to week comparisons and might cause irregularities in reporting and trends. Shortages of COVID-19 tests during surges and COVID-19 home tests likely affect the undercounting of COVID-19 cases.

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