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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 2022 Data Reference Book, which contains data on a variety of issues impacting the well-being of South Carolina's children.

The Committee on Children studies issues and makes legislative and policy recommendations designed to improve the well-being of children in South Carolina. Annually, the Committee on Children conducts public hearings and collects data to support its legislative and policy work. This publication reports these data and a number of indicators to enhance understanding of the well-being of children in the categories of safety, welfare, health, juvenile justice, and education. Each year the Data Reference Book evolves to inform child-serving professionals in their efforts to keep children safe, healthy, educated, responsible, and supported.

The COVID-19 pandemic's effect on children continues to be studied. This report is the Committee's most recent effort to collect comprehensive data and includes available data of selected well-being indicators from 2019 through 2021. The historical data and trends include the Delta and Omicron strains' impact on these data points. These data also show, to some extent, different rates of recovery as agencies, providers, employers, and schools adapted to new challenges and ebbing infection rates.

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

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

Brad Hutto, Chair

Neal A. Collins, Vice-Chair

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Data Overview

South Carolina was ranked 41st in the nation on overall child well-being by the Annie E. Casey Foundation in its 2021 *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 shows that in South Carolina:

- **670** children died in 2021.
- **61,814** child non-fatal injuries occurred, requiring a hospital or emergency room visit, incurring total hospital charges of **$249,810,572** in 2020.
- **14,809** children/youth were victims of maltreatment in 2021.
- **6,569** children/youth were served in foster care in 2021.
- **2,185** child care facilities regulated by the South Carolina Department of Social Services' child care licensing were open in 2021.
- **31,787** children received mental health services provided by the South Carolina Department of Mental Health in 2021.
- **2,475** children received treatment services provided by the South Carolina Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services in 2021.
- **722,864** or **64%** children in the state were enrolled in Medicaid in 2021.
- **9,712** children received services provided by the South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs in 2021.
- **11,343** juvenile delinquency cases were referred to the South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice in 2021.
- **761,290** students were enrolled in South Carolina public school districts, and **33,492** students were enrolled in South Carolina private schools in the 2020-2021 school year.
- **11,736** students were identified as homeless in South Carolina public school districts in the 2019-2020 school year.
- **173,026** COVID-19 cases were reported among children under age 18, which was **17%** of total reported cases in South Carolina from March 2020 to December 2021.
- **678** COVID-19 hospitalizations and **23** COVID-19 deaths were reported among children under age 18 in South Carolina from March 2020 to December 2021.

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

[1] The Annie E. Casey Foundation, 2021 KIDS COUNT Data Book, **https://assets.aecf.org/m/resourcedoc/aecf-2021kidscountdatabook-2021.pdf** (last visited, January 18, 2022).
[2] S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control, Population Data, **https://apps.dhec.sc.gov/Health/SCAN_BDP/tables/populationtable.aspx** (last visited, January 18, 2022).

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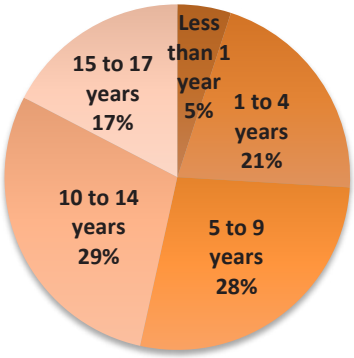
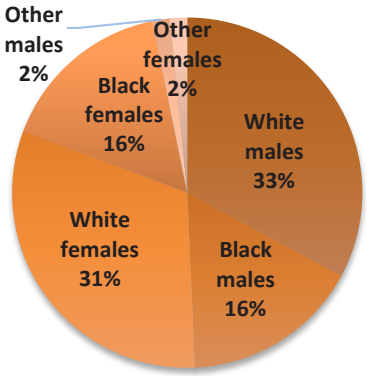
Demographics

Child Population (2020)[3]

AGE, SEX, RACE AND ETHNICITY

In 2020, there were 5,218,040 residents in South Carolina, and **1,122,598** or **22%** of the population were children under 18. **113,247** or **10%** of the children were Hispanic. **55,713** children were born in 2020, and **784** or **1%** of the children were born to females under age 18.





COUNTY CHILD POPULATION

County	Number of Children	County	Number of Children
Abbeville	4,818	Greenwood	16,252
Aiken	36,455	Hampton	3,933
Allendale	1,595	Horry	63,495
Anderson	45,683	Jasper	5,972
Bamberg	2,703	Kershaw	15,232
Barnwell	4,861	Lancaster	21,202
Beaufort	35,918	Laurens	14,839
Berkeley	55,827	Lee	3,193
Calhoun	2,689	Lexington	68,073
Charleston	81,836	McCormick	1,022
Cherokee	13,055	Marion	6,637
Chester	7,167	Marlboro	5,082
Chesterfield	9,856	Newberry	8,368
Clarendon	6,156	Oconee	15,308
Colleton	8,362	Orangeburg	18,930
Darlington	14,519	Pickens	26,569
Dillon	7,548	Richland	93,738
Dorchester	39,091	Saluda	4,295
Edgefield	4,681	Spartanburg	75,269
Fairfield	3,999	Sumter	25,185
Florence	31,773	Union	5,601
Georgetown	10,857	Williamsburg	5,924
Greenville	120,748	York	68,282

[3] S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control, Population Data, **https://apps.dhec.sc.gov/Health/SCAN_BDP/tables/populationtable.aspx** (last visited, January 18, 2022). For more specific demographics information on children (e.g., racial and ethnic composition) and related household characteristics, please see data on page 4 of the report.

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

Demographics

Child Poverty (2020)[4]

In South Carolina, **205,775** or **18.7%** of children under age 18 lived in poverty, which was higher than the national level (15.7%) in 2020.

County	Number of Children in Poverty	Percent of Children in Poverty	County	Number of Children in Poverty	Percent of Children in Poverty
Abbeville	967	20.6%	Greenwood	3,756	23.8%
Aiken	6,600	18.2%	Hampton	1,165	29.7%
Allendale	714	45.1%	Horry	12,160	19.5%
Anderson	8,474	18.7%	Jasper	1,884	31.9%
Bamberg	848	34.2%	Kershaw	2,947	19.4%
Barnwell	1,629	33.7%	Lancaster	3,017	14.2%
Beaufort	5,113	14.8%	Laurens	3,475	24.0%
Berkeley	8,512	15.5%	Lee	998	31.6%
Calhoun	604	22.3%	Lexington	7,959	11.7%
Charleston	11,930	15.0%	McCormick	315	32.3%
Cherokee	2,659	20.9%	Marion	2,159	32.5%
Chester	1,970	27.5%	Marlboro	1,712	33.9%
Chesterfield	2,416	24.7%	Newberry	1,913	23.7%
Clarendon	1,622	27.0%	Oconee	2,814	18.5%
Colleton	2,426	29.1%	Orangeburg	5,422	29.7%
Darlington	3,949	27.5%	Pickens	3,385	14.5%
Dillon	2,397	31.8%	Richland	18,821	21.4%
Dorchester	6,994	17.9%	Saluda	1,073	25.2%
Edgefield	1,002	21.6%	Spartanburg	13,167	17.8%
Fairfield	1,039	26.0%	Sumter	6,875	27.6%
Florence	6,598	20.8%	Union	1,330	24.3%
Georgetown	2,906	26.8%	Williamsburg	2,034	34.5%
Greenville	18,887	15.8%	York	7,140	10.5%
South Carolina	**205,775**	**18.7%**	**United States**	**11,204,423**	**15.7%**

[4] 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_snc** (last visited, January 18, 2022).

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Demographics

U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey[5]

2016-2020 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	1,104,975	684,319	75,013	337,962
AGE				
Under 6 years	31.5%	32.1%	31.8%	30.3%
6 to 11 years	34.4%	34.0%	32.9%	35.3%
12 to 17 years	34.1%	33.9%	35.2%	34.4%
RACE AND HISPANIC OR LATINO ORIGIN				
One race	93.6%	94.2%	93.1%	92.7%
White	59.1%	71.8%	58.4%	33.4%
Black or African American	29.1%	15.8%	28.1%	56.2%
American Indian and Alaska Native	0.3%	0.3%	0.8%	0.3%
Asian	1.6%	2.3%	1.3%	0.4%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
Some other race	3.4%	3.9%	4.4%	2.4%
Two or more races	6.4%	5.8%	6.9%	7.3%
Hispanic or Latino origin (of any race)	9.6%	10.3%	11.0%	7.9%
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino	54.1%	66.5%	53.1%	29.3%
RELATIONSHIP TO HOUSEHOLDER				
Own child (biological, step or adopted)	85.1%	90.0%	82.0%	78.0%
Grandchild	10.6%	7.7%	9.0%	17.1%
Other relatives	2.5%	1.4%	6.1%	3.9%
Foster child or other unrelated child	1.8%	0.9%	3.0%	1.0%
NATIVITY				
Native	98.1%	97.7%	98.1%	99.1%
Foreign born	1.9%	2.3%	1.9%	0.9%
PRESENCE OF OTHER ADULTS				
Unmarried partner of householder present	7.2%	N/A	42.7%	12.7%

[5] U.S. Census Bureau, 2016-2020 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. **https://data.census.gov/cedsci/table?q=under%2018%20years%20by%20sex&g=0400000US45&y=2020&tid=ACSST5Y2020.S0901** (last visited April 25, 2022)

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Demographics

U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey

2016-2020 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	1,104,975	684,319	75,013	337,962
With any disability	4.7%	3.9%	5.6%	6.1%
SCHOOL ENROLLMENT				
Children 3 to 17 years in households	929,389	574,152	62,042	286,273
Enrolled in school	834,194	519,131	55,019	254,117
Public	87.3%	83.0%	93.3%	94.5%
Private	12.7%	17.0%	6.7%	5.5%
Not enrolled in school	95,195	55,021	7,023	32,156
MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME[6] IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS FOR FAMILIES WITH OWN CHILDREN				
Median income (dollars)	64,942	92,229	39,475	26,608
Children under 18 years in households	1,104,975	684,319	75,013	337,962
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	26.8%	14.3%	29.9%	51.5%
POVERTY STATUS IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS				
Children in households for whom poverty status is determined	1,089,371	679,334	73,103	335,325
Income in the past 12 months below poverty level	21.2%	8.3%	24.8%	46.0%
Income in the past 12 months at or above poverty level	78.8%	91.7%	75.2%	54.0%
HOUSING TENURE				
Children under 18 years in occupied housing units	1,104,975	684,319	75,013	337,962
In owner-occupied housing units	63.8%	77.8%	50.9%	38.4%
In renter-occupied housing units	36.2%	22.2%	49.1%	61.6%

[6] Income in 2020 inflation-adjusted dollars.

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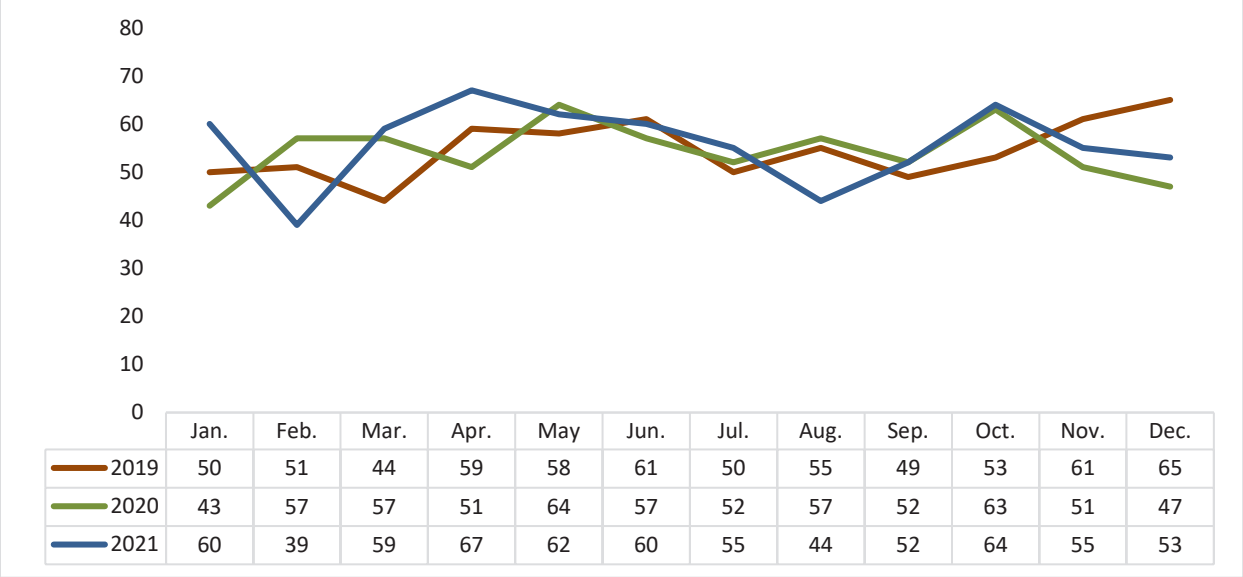
Safety Indicators

Child Deaths

S.C. CHILD DEATHS

670 children died in 2021.
19 deaths or **3%** *increase* from 2020.

S.C. CHILD DEATHS BY MONTH



	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
2019	50	51	44	59	58	61	50	55	49	53	61	65
2020	43	57	57	51	64	57	52	57	52	63	51	47
2021	60	39	59	67	62	60	55	44	52	64	55	53

Note. 2021 data are provisional and subject to change.

COMPARED TO NATIONAL DATA (2020)

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

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National rate:
46.8 per 100,000 children

S.C. CHILD DEATHS BY AGE GROUP

Age Groups	2019	2020	2021	Compared 2020 to 2019	Compared 2021 to 2019	Compared 2021 to 2020
<1 year	391	364	360	-27 (-7%)	-31 (-8%)	-4 (-1%)
1-4 years	79	55	67	-24 (-30%)	-12 (-15%)	+12 (+22%)
5-9 years	36	50	48	+14 (+39%)	+12 (+33%)	-2 (-4%)
10-14 years	60	58	64	-2 (-3%)	+4 (+7%)	+6 (+10%)
15-17 years	90	124	131	+34 (+38%)	+41 (+46%)	+7 (+6%)
Total	**656**	**651**	**670**	**-5 (-1%)**	**+14 (+2%)**	**+19 (+3%)**

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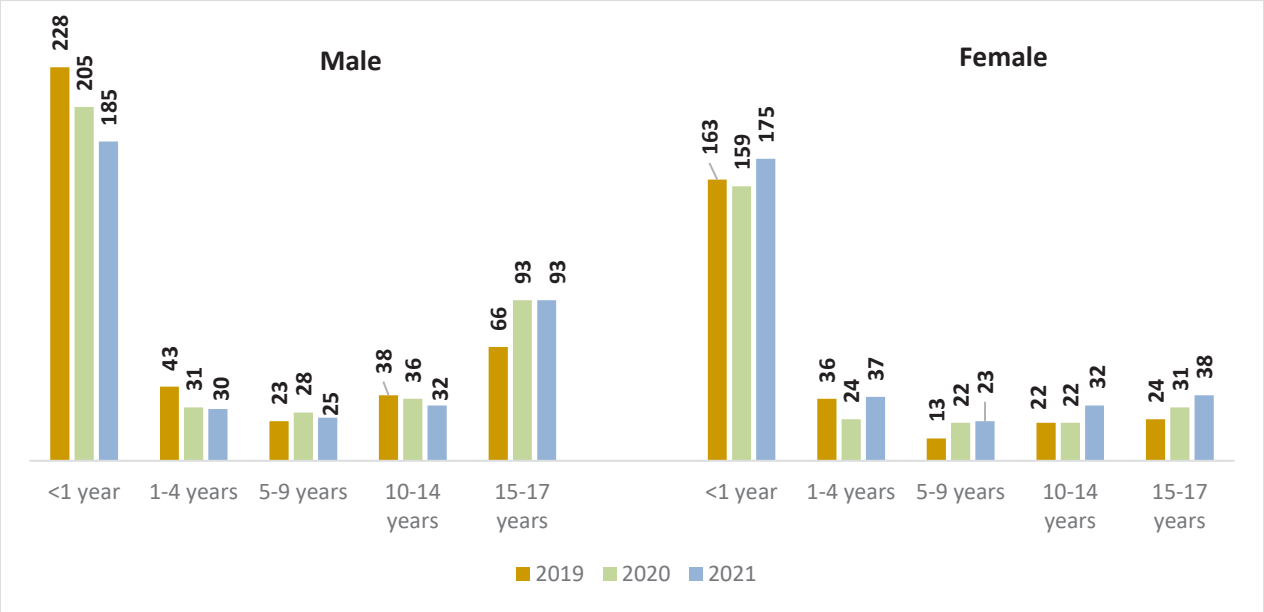
Safety Indicators

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



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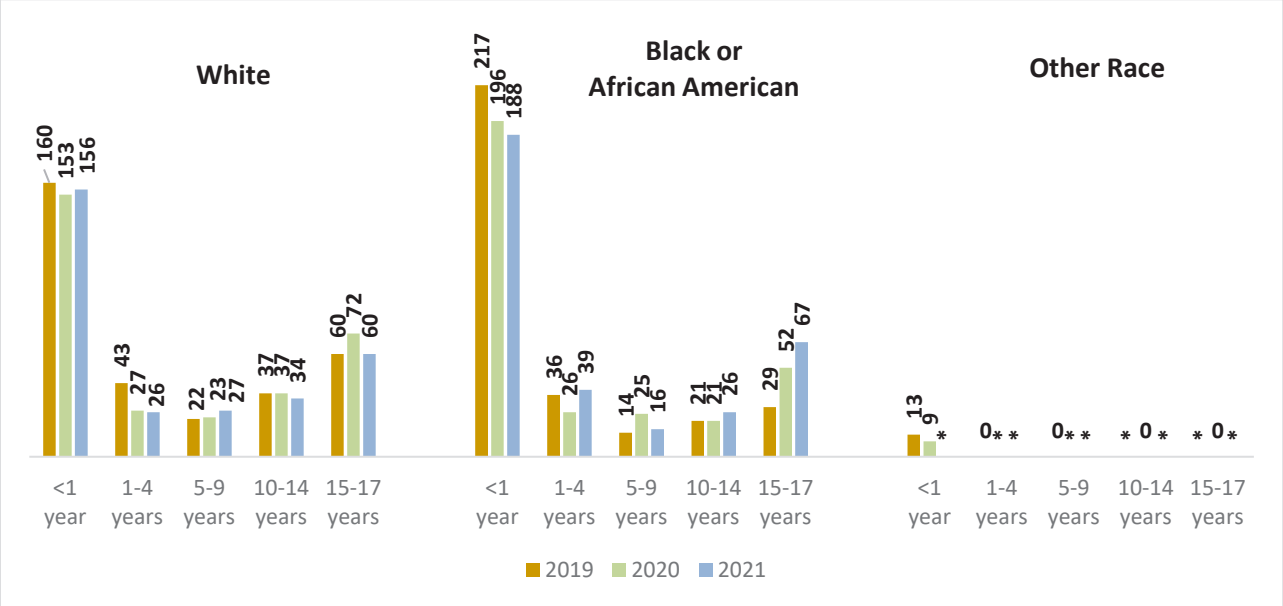

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Safety Indicators

S.C. CHILD DEATH CAUSES BY AGE GROUP

	2019	2020	2021
< 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=138) Congenital malformations (n=62) Accidental suffocation (n=22) Septicemia (n=5) **Causes above (n=227) accounted for 63% 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=5) Accidental drowning (n=5) **Causes above (n=17) accounted for 25% 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=14) Cancer (n=6) **Causes above (n=20) accounted for 42% 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=11) Suicide (n=9) Cancer (n=7) Homicide (n=5) **Causes above (n=32) accounted for 50% of deaths for this age group**
15-17 years	Suicide (n=25) Motor vehicle accidents (n=23) Homicide (n=15) **Causes above (n=63) accounted for 70% of deaths for this age group**	Motor vehicle accidents (n=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=28) Motor vehicle accidents (n=24) Suicide (n=14) Cancer (n=12) Accidental Poisoning (n=5) COVID-19 (n=5) **Causes above (n=88) accounted for 67% of deaths for this age group**

Note. 2021 data are provisional and subject to change. Deaths ≥5 are included.

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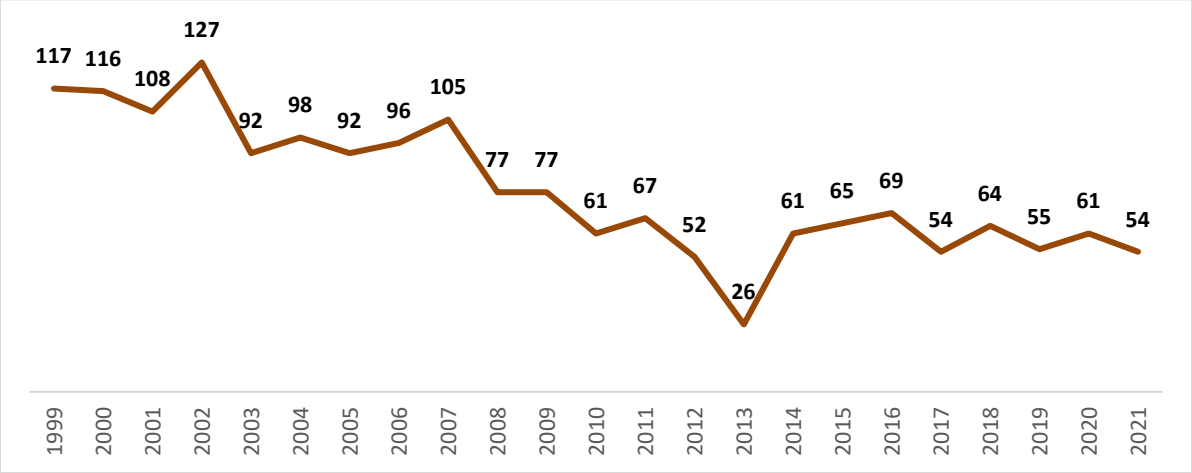
Safety Indicators

S.C. MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT DEATHS AMONG CHILDREN BY YEAR (1999-2021)



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S.C. MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT DEATHS AMONG CHILDREN: COMPARED TO NATIONAL DATA (2020)

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

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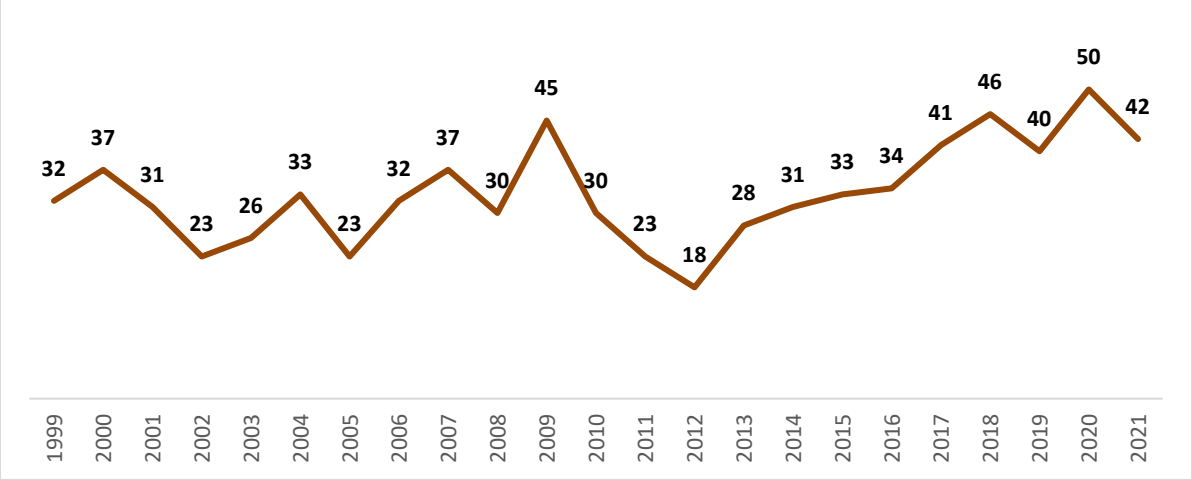
National rate:
3.1 per 100,000 children

S.C. HOMICIDE DEATHS AMONG CHILDREN BY YEAR (1999-2021)



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S.C. HOMICIDE DEATHS AMONG CHILDREN: COMPARED TO NATIONAL DATA (2020)

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

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National rate:
2.8 per 100,000 children

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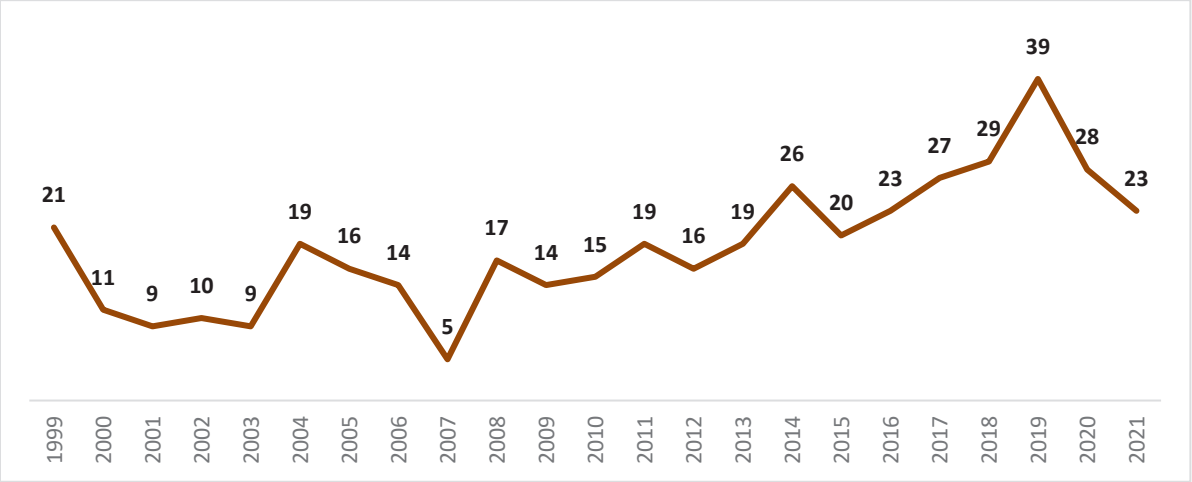
S.C. SUICIDE DEATHS AMONG CHILDREN BY YEAR (1999-2021)



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S.C. SUICIDE DEATHS AMONG CHILDREN: COMPARED TO NATIONAL DATA (2020)

S.C. child suicide death rate (Ages 0-17): **2.5 per 100,000 children** > National rate: **2.3 per 100,000 children**

S.C. CHILD DEATHS BY COUNTY

County	2019	2020	2021
Abbeville	*	5	5
Aiken	24	19	12
Allendale	*	*	*
Anderson	21	23	30
Bamberg	*	*	*
Barnwell	*	5	*
Beaufort	18	19	20
Berkeley	25	25	22
Calhoun	*	*	*
Charleston	62	40	57
Cherokee	10	11	7
Chester	7	9	6
Chesterfield	7	8	*
Clarendon	5	5	8
Colleton	13	10	*
Darlington	12	7	12
Dillon	5	9	8

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County (Continued)	2019	2020	2021
Dorchester	25	17	14
Edgefield	*	*	*
Fairfield	*	7	*
Florence	36	23	25
Georgetown	5	5	7
Greenville	53	55	67
Greenwood	8	5	10
Hampton	*	6	6
Horry	34	34	28
Jasper	*	5	*
Kershaw	*	10	10
Lancaster	13	14	9
Laurens	7	11	11
Lee	*	5	5
Lexington	30	27	38
McCormick	*	0	*
Marion	7	5	7
Marlboro	5	*	*
Newberry	8	8	12
Oconee	13	12	*
Orangeburg	17	16	28
Pickens	14	13	14
Richland	46	62	58
Saluda	7	*	6
Spartanburg	41	41	47
Sumter	15	19	19
Union	*	7	*
Williamsburg	5	*	*
York	20	31	26
Total	**656**	**651**	**670**

Note. 2021 data are provisional and subject to change. 0<*<5

DATA SOURCES

1. S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control, unpublished reports generated in August 2021 and February 2022. Data are by calendar years for children under age 18 unless otherwise specified.
2. Deaths from 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 25, 2022).
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 1999-2020 on CDC WONDER Online Database, released in 2021. Data are from the Multiple Cause of Death Files, 1999-2020, as compiled from data provided by the 57 vital statistics jurisdictions through the Vital Statistics Cooperative Program, **http://wonder.cdc.gov/ucd-icd10.html** (last visited March 20, 2022).

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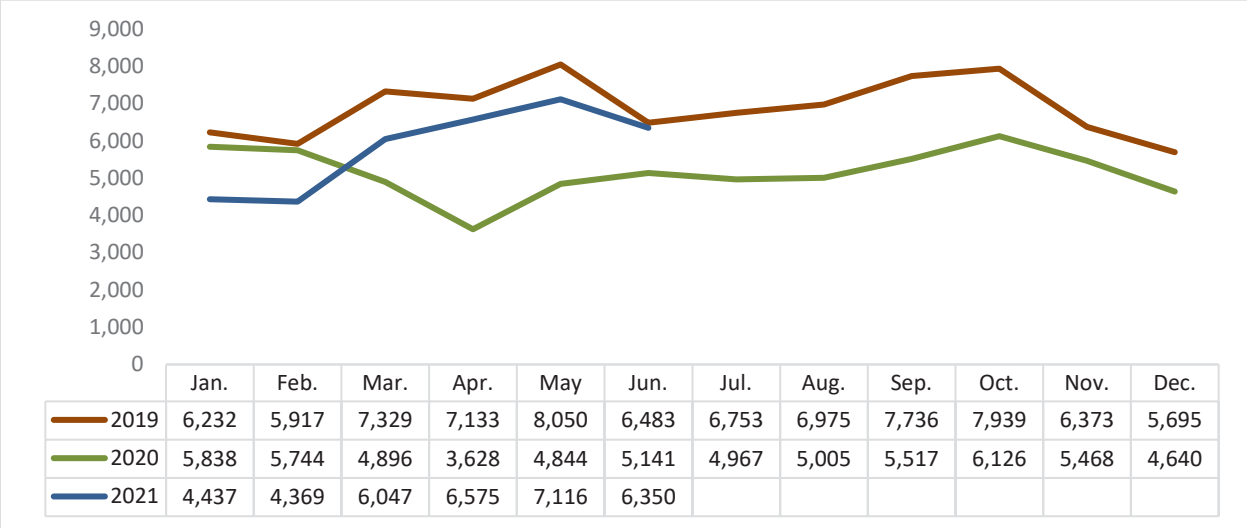
Non-Fatal Injuries to Children

S.C. NON-FATAL INJURIES TO CHILDREN

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

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



	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
2019	6,232	5,917	7,329	7,133	8,050	6,483	6,753	6,975	7,736	7,939	6,373	5,695
2020	5,838	5,744	4,896	3,628	4,844	5,141	4,967	5,005	5,517	6,126	5,468	4,640
2021	4,437	4,369	6,047	6,575	7,116	6,350						

Note. 2021 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

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National rate:
5,217 per 100,000 children

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

Age Groups	2019	2020	Compared 2020 to 2019
<1 year	2,873	2,232	-641 (-4%)
1-4 years	20,798	17,288	-3,510 (-28%)
5-11 years	28,600	20,373	-8,227 (-33%)
12-17 years	30,344	21,921	-8,423 (-35%)
Total	**82,615**	**61,814**	**-20,801 (-25%)**

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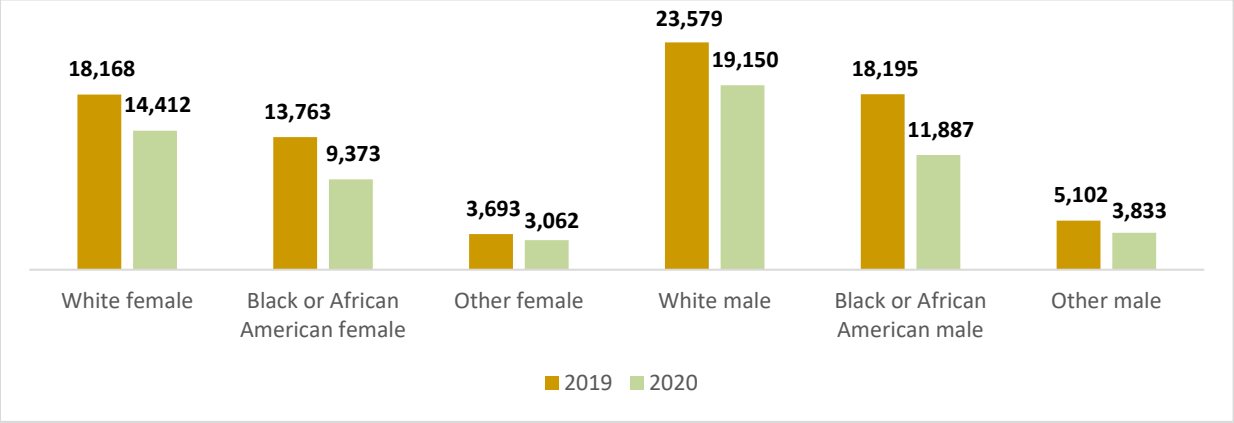
Safety Indicators

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



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

2019	2020	January 2021-June 2021
Top 5 Injuries by ED Visits	**Top 5 Injuries by ED Visits**	**Top 5 Injuries by ED Visits**
Unspecified injury of head (n=5,531)	Unspecified injury of head (n=3,457)	Unspecified injury of head (n= 2,196)
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= 1,576)
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= 802)
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= 748)
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= 648)
Top 5 Injuries by Hospital Charges	**Top 5 Injuries by Hospital Charges**	**Top 5 Injuries by Hospital Charges**
Unspecified injury of head ($13,147,001)	Unspecified injury of head ($9,489,566)	Unspecified injury of head ($6,300,979)
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 ($3,819,233)
Contusion of other part of head ($4,337,751)	Laceration without foreign body of scalp ($3,568,554)	Contusion of other part of head ($1,965,840)
Strain of muscle, fascia and tendon at neck level ($3,715,676)	Contusion of other part of head ($2,924,058)	Concussion without loss of consciousness ($1,932,782)
Concussion without loss of consciousness ($3,670,262)	Concussion without loss of consciousness ($2,879,233)	Laceration without foreign body of scalp ($1,852,232)

Note. S.C. pediatric emergency department visits (ages 0-17), including emergency department visits, that resulted in an inpatient admission. 2021 data are provisional and subject to change.

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Safety Indicators

S.C. TOP FIVE NON-FATAL INJURY CAUSES BY AGE GROUP (ALL INJURY INTENTIONALITIES)

	2019	2020	January 2021-June 2021
< 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=674) Struck by/against (n=136) Natural/environmental category (e.g., bites and stings) (n=44) Poisoning category (n=38) Fire/burn category (n=33) **Causes above (n=925) accounted for 72% 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=3,466) Struck by/against (n=1,395) Natural/environmental category (e.g., bites and stings) (n=615) Cut/pierce (n=509) Poisoning category (n=328) **Causes above (n=6,313) accounted for 68% of non-fatal injury causes for this age group**
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) **Causes above (n=20,819) accounted for 73% of non-fatal injury causes for this age group**	Fall (n=6,418) Struck by/against (n=3,359) Cut/pierce (n=1,814) Motor vehicle traffic category (n=1,582) Natural/environmental category (e.g., bites and stings) (n=1,499) **Causes above (n=14,672) accounted for 72% of non-fatal injury causes for this age group**	Fall (n=3,864) Struck by/against (n= 2,065) Cut/pierce (n=903) Motor vehicle traffic category (n=856) Natural/environmental category (e.g., bites and stings) (n=714) **Causes above (n=8,402) 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) **Causes above (n=21,143) accounted for 70% of non-fatal injury causes for this age group**	Fall (n=3,950) Struck by/against (n=3,879) Motor vehicle traffic category (n=3,100) Cut/pierce (n=2,124) Overexertion (n=1,771) **Causes above (n=14,824) accounted for 67% of non-fatal injury causes for this age group**	Struck by/against (n=2,391) Fall (n=2,202) Motor vehicle traffic category (n=1,669) Overexertion (n=1,185) Cut/pierce (n=1,126) **Causes above (n=8,573) accounted for 68% of non-fatal injury causes for this age group**

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Safety Indicators

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

County of Patient Residence	2019 ED Visits	2019 Hospital Charges	2020 ED Visits	2020 Hospital Charges
Abbeville	502	$709,748	334	$610,394
Aiken	1,509	$2,961,318	1,128	$2,799,493
Allendale	290	$175,026	208	$131,357
Anderson	1,828	$6,273,378	1,702	$7,514,783
Bamberg	366	$906,463	263	$847,015
Barnwell	491	$843,221	400	$828,943
Beaufort	2,800	$9,023,071	2,107	$7,029,011
Berkeley	5,025	$16,456,439	4,112	$15,692,160
Calhoun	180	$619,430	137	$445,749
Charleston	6,370	$18,432,197	5,063	$18,975,059
Cherokee	1,424	$4,790,676	1,206	$2,959,146
Chester	863	$2,738,830	560	$2,119,029
Chesterfield	599	$1,523,897	176	$1,307,866
Clarendon	841	$2,042,881	477	$2,925,423
Colleton	1,391	$4,166,370	965	$2,895,496
Darlington	1,318	$3,851,553	834	$3,272,489
Dillon	921	$2,469,012	615	$2,416,367
Dorchester	3,504	$13,006,670	2,659	$12,570,713
Edgefield	350	$437,023	210	$308,516
Fairfield	497	$1,895,663	410	$1,212,101
Florence	2,735	$10,055,473	1,738	$9,339,535
Georgetown	1,543	$4,085,449	947	$3,168,357
Greenville	6,506	$18,658,172	5,287	$20,111,114
Greenwood	1,397	$3,266,916	921	$2,936,198
Hampton	743	$1,323,235	525	$1,969,384
Horry	6,956	$26,148,283	5,038	$33,126,669
Jasper	670	$2,993,475	460	$1,754,679
Kershaw	1,402	$3,891,189	1,056	$4,986,741
Lancaster	1,176	$5,973,922	753	$4,512,854
Laurens	1,064	$2,500,510	888	$3,268,928
Lee	301	$1,728,818	203	$626,784
Lexington	2,896	$12,933,978	2,306	$11,460,992
McCormick	81	$169,497	56	$184,721
Marion	869	$1,822,636	539	$1,879,578
Marlboro	342	$1,382,303	242	$872,888
Newberry	947	$1,838,065	663	$1,312,278

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County of Patient Residence (Continued)	2019 ED Visits	2019 Hospital Charges	2020 ED Visits	2020 Hospital Charges
Oconee	1,048	$2,690,070	861	$3,153,597
Orangeburg	1,800	$5,239,157	1,260	$6,930,261
Pickens	1,976	$5,131,532	1,715	$6,142,771
Richland	5,981	$18,330,345	4,169	$14,189,582
Saluda	210	$599,512	156	$580,684
Spartanburg	4,725	$13,698,060	3,974	$15,257,774
Sumter	2,222	$5,704,108	1,572	$5,579,099
Union	890	$1,906,162	602	$1,530,862
Williamsburg	890	$1,915,177	521	$1,056,535
York	2,176	$7,823,373	1,796	$7,016,596
Total	**82,615**	**$255,132,285**	**61,814**	**$249,810,572**

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DATA SOURCES

1. 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 July 2021 and February 2022. Data are by calendar years for children under age 18 unless otherwise specified.
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, March 7, 2022).

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Children/Youth Maltreatment

S.C. CHILDREN/YOUTH MALTREATMENT REPORTS

67,164 children/youth maltreatment reports were received by the South Carolina Department of Social Services (DSS) in 2021, **13,986** or **26%** *increase* from 2020.

- **36,616** or **55%** accepted for investigation (safety issues alleged) in 2021, **5,020** or **16%** *increase* from 2020.
- **8,873** or **24%** founded investigations in 2021, **390** or **5%** *increase* from 2020.
- **14,809** victims of children/youth maltreatment in 2021, **836** or **6%** *increase* from 2020.
  6,427 or **43%** were victims ages 0 to 6 in 2021, **792** or **11%** *decrease* from 2020.
  5,392 or **36%** were victims ages 7 to 12 in 2021, **1,967** or **57%** *increase* from 2020.
  2,990 or **20%** were victims ages 13 to 17 in 2021, **339** or **10%** *decrease* from 2020.

Note. Data submitted to the Committee on Children in February 2022. The number of founded investigations in 2021 may change as of February 2022. Investigators have up to 45 days and with approved extensions have up to 60 days to complete an investigation. Therefore, data in December 2021 are incomplete and may be incomplete in November 2021. Due to rounding, percentages may not always appear to add up to 100%.

S.C. CHILDREN/YOUTH MALTREATMENT REPORTS: COMPARING 2019, 2020, AND 2021 DATA

	2019	2020	2021	Compared 2020 to 2019	Compared 2021 to 2019	Compared 2021 to 2020
Maltreatment reports received by DSS	60,769	53,178	67,164	-7,591 (-12%)	+6,395 (+11%)	+13,986 (+26%)
○ Accepted for investigation	37,158	31,596	36,616	-5,562 (-15%)	-542 (-1%)	+5,020 (+16%)
○ Founded investigations	10,355	8,483	8,873	-1,872 (-18%)	-1,482 (-14%)	+390 (+5%)
Maltreatment victims	17,774	13,973	14,809	-3,801 (-21%)	-2,965 (-17%)	+836 (+6%)
○ Ages 0 to 6	9,348	7,219	6,427	-2,129 (-23%)	-2,921 (-31%)	-792 (-11%)
○ Ages 7 to 12	4,600	3,425	5,392	-1,175 (-26%)	+792 (+17%)	+1,967 (+57%)
○ Ages 13 to 17	3,826	3,329	2,990	-497 (-13%)	-836 (-22%)	-339 (-10%)

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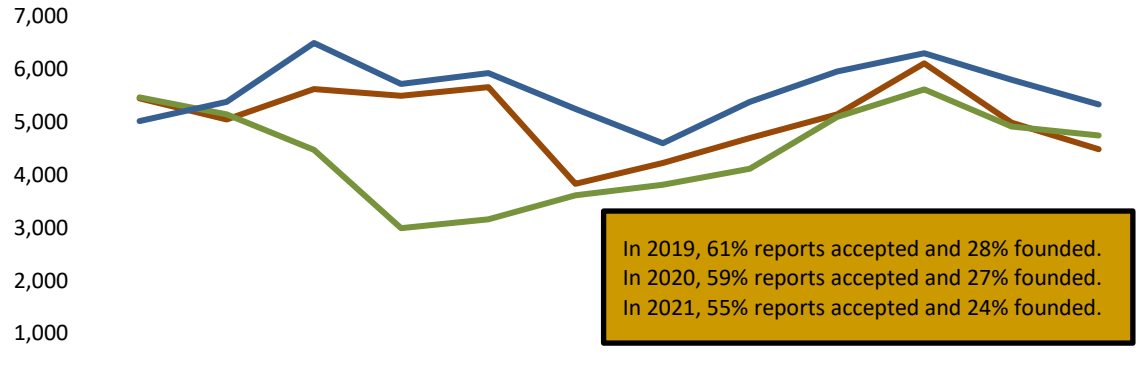
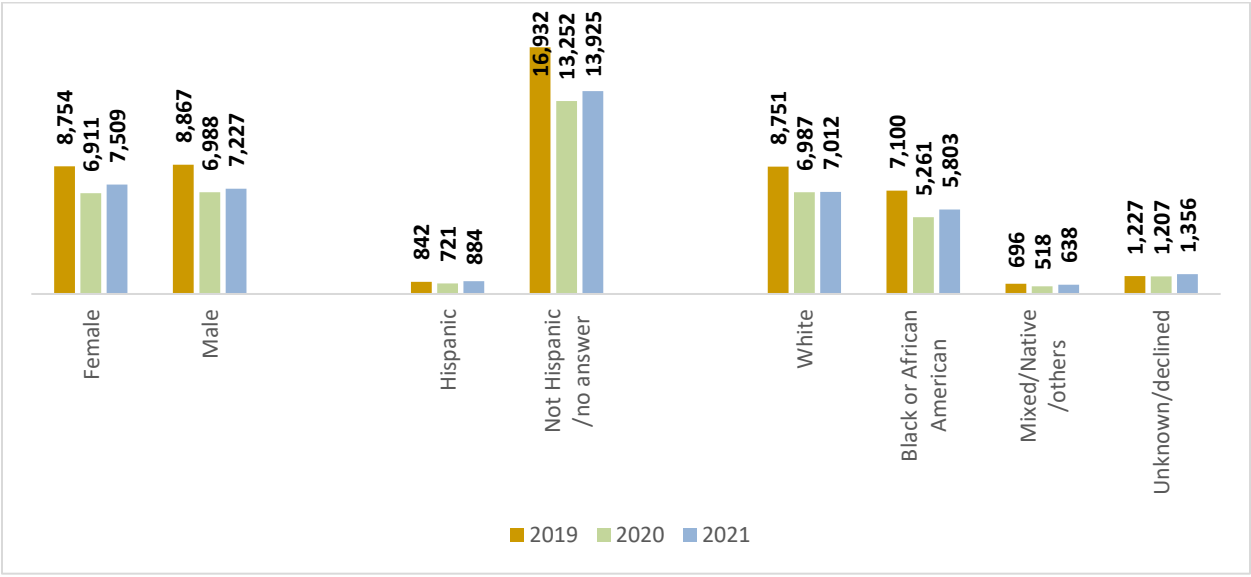
Child Welfare Indicators

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



	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
2019	5,449	5,051	5,624	5,499	5,660	3,833	4,225	4,697	5,149	6,110	4,987	4,485
2020	5,466	5,148	4,477	2,995	3,162	3,614	3,817	4,120	5,096	5,618	4,919	4,746
2021	5,021	5,381	6,495	5,722	5,926	5,251	4,600	5,379	5,958	6,299	5,798	5,334

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



S.C. CHILDREN/YOUTH MALTREATMENT VICTIMS: COMPARED TO NATIONAL DATA (OCTOBER 1, 2019-SEPTEMBER 30, 2020)

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

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National rate:
8.4 per 1,000 children

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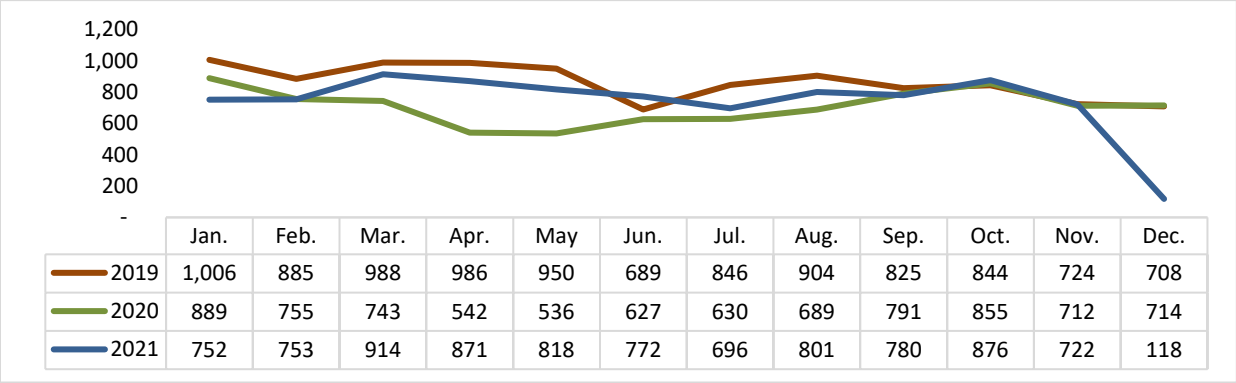
Child Welfare Indicators

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



	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
2019	1,006	885	988	986	950	689	846	904	825	844	724	708
2020	889	755	743	542	536	627	630	689	791	855	712	714
2021	752	753	914	871	818	772	696	801	780	876	722	118

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

Maltreatment Type	2019	2020	2021
Abandonment	138	129	152
Contributing to the delinquency of a minor	37	57	53
Educational neglect	792	903	1,480
Excessive corporal punishment	14	298	449
Human trafficking	N/A	N/A	102
Medical abuse	*	N/A	N/A
Medical neglect	335	276	335
Mental injury	300	803	511
Neglect (formerly physical neglect)	6,910	N/A	N/A
Other (formerly threat of harm, other)	17	N/A	N/A
Physical abuse	3,709	1,990	2,220
Physical neglect	2,370	7,457	7,971
Sex trafficking	*	47	N/A
Sexual abuse	529	467	460
Substantial risk of abandonment	*	N/A	N/A
Substantial risk of contributing to the delinquency of a minor	*	N/A	N/A
Substantial risk of education neglect	30	N/A	N/A
Substantial risk of medical neglect	52	N/A	N/A
Substantial risk of mental injury	35	N/A	N/A
Substantial risk of neglect (formerly physical neglect)	619	N/A	N/A
Substantial risk of physical or mental injury	93	4,915	4,924
Substantial risk of physical abuse	6,276	N/A	N/A
Substantial risk of sexual abuse	442	N/A	N/A
Suspicious death of a child	*	N/A	N/A
Total	**22,708**	**17,342**	**18,657**

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.

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Child Welfare Indicators

S.C. CHILDREN/YOUTH WITH FOUNDED MALTREATMENT BY COUNTY

Region/County	2019	2020	2021
Lowcountry Total	**3,816**	**2,593**	**3,084**
Allendale	57	18	23
Beaufort	241	160	196
Berkeley	675	387	561
Calhoun	47	37	40
Charleston	1,620	1,090	1,363
Colleton	215	201	168
Dorchester	537	397	428
Hampton	70	71	60
Jasper	54	45	70
Orangeburg	299	187	175
Midlands Total	**4,810**	**4,009**	**3,922**
Aiken	681	452	389
Bamberg	65	60	40
Barnwell	86	36	40
Chester	241	136	203
Edgefield	66	52	60
Fairfield	83	65	71
Kershaw	170	166	250
Lancaster	492	306	325
Lexington	655	710	534
McCormick	14	16	8
Richland	1,458	1,354	1,437
Saluda	55	34	43
Union	150	117	73
York	518	502	449
Pee Dee Total	**3,330**	**2,799**	**3,103**
Chesterfield	112	110	129
Clarendon	65	92	70
Darlington	452	370	404
Dillon	204	156	192
Florence	462	408	474
Georgetown	211	181	160
Horry	953	747	919
Lee	89	69	68
Marion	190	109	136
Marlboro	105	129	118
Sumter	412	368	350
Williamsburg	75	60	83

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Region/County (Continued)	2019	2020	2021
Upstate Total	**5,818**	**4,572**	**4,700**
Abbeville	32	27	55
Anderson	955	719	735
Cherokee	381	340	337
Greenville	1,797	1,465	1,598
Greenwood	233	233	215
Laurens	282	269	267
Newberry	163	131	102
Oconee	395	232	243
Pickens	404	238	288
Spartanburg	1,176	918	860
Grand Total	**17,774**	**13,973**	**14,809**

Note. Total may not match due to unknown or missing information. County data is based on office of the case management.

DATA SOURCES

1. S.C. Department of Social Services, unpublished reports generated in November 2021 and February 2022. 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. (2022). *Child Maltreatment 2020.* 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 3, 2022).

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Child Welfare Indicators

Children/Youth in Foster Care

S.C. CHILDREN/YOUTH IN FOSTER CARE

2,993 children/youth entered foster care in 2021, **331** or **12%** *increase* from 2020.
2,674 children/youth exited foster care in 2021, **137** or **5%** *decrease* from 2020.
6,569 children/youth served in foster care in 2021, **124** or **2%** *decrease* from 2020.

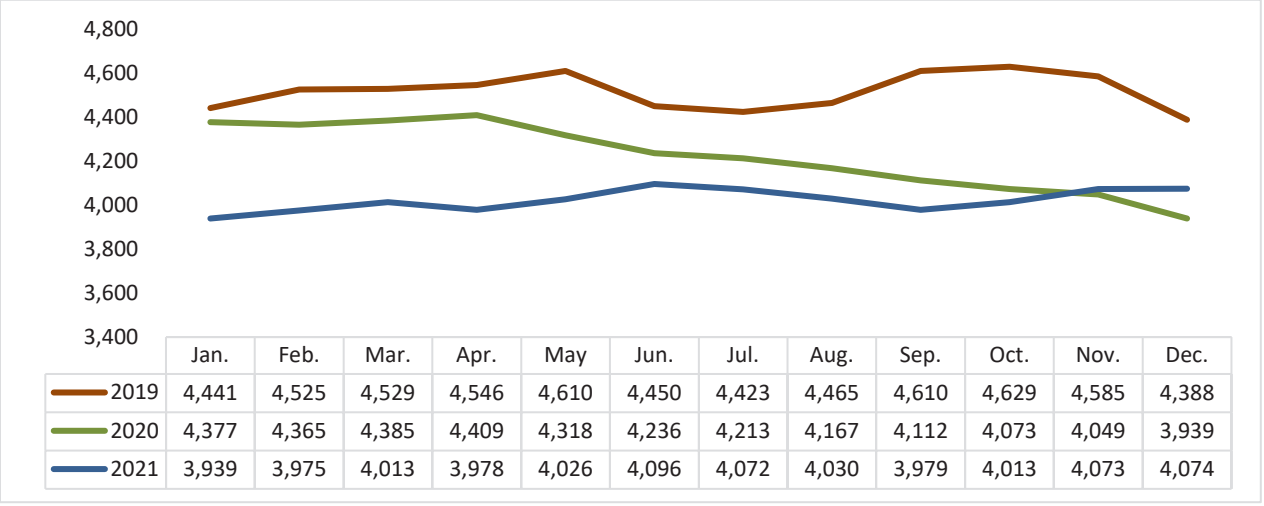
- **2,603** or **40%** were children/youth ages 0 to 6 in 2021, **163** or **6%** *decrease* from 2020.
- **1,843** or **28%** were children/youth ages 7 to 12 in 2021, **113** or **6%** *decrease* from 2020.
- **2,123** or **32%** were children/youth ages 13 to 17 in 2021, **152** or **8%** *increase* from 2020.

Note. Children are under age 18 as of 12/31/2021, or the close date of their service, whichever is earlier.

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

	2019	2020	2021	Compared 2020 to 2019	Compared 2021 to 2019	Compared 2021 to 2020
Children/youth **entered** foster care	4,111	2,662	2,993	-1,449 (-35%)	-1,118 (-27%)	+331 (+12%)
Children/youth **exited** foster care	3,861	2,811	2,674	-1,050 (-27%)	-1,187 (-31%)	-137 (-5%)
Children/youth **served** in foster care	8,249	6,693	6,569	-1,556 (-19%)	-1,680 (-20%)	-124 (-2%)
○ Ages 0 to 6	3,491	2,766	2,603	-725 (-21%)	-888 (-25%)	-163 (-6%)
○ Ages 7 to 12	2,406	1,956	1,843	-450 (-19%)	-563 (-23%)	-113 (-6%)
○ Ages 13 to 17	2,352	1,971	2,123	-381 (-16%)	-229 (-10%)	+152 (+8%)

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



	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
2019	4,441	4,525	4,529	4,546	4,610	4,450	4,423	4,465	4,610	4,629	4,585	4,388
2020	4,377	4,365	4,385	4,409	4,318	4,236	4,213	4,167	4,112	4,073	4,049	3,939
2021	3,939	3,975	4,013	3,978	4,026	4,096	4,072	4,030	3,979	4,013	4,073	4,074

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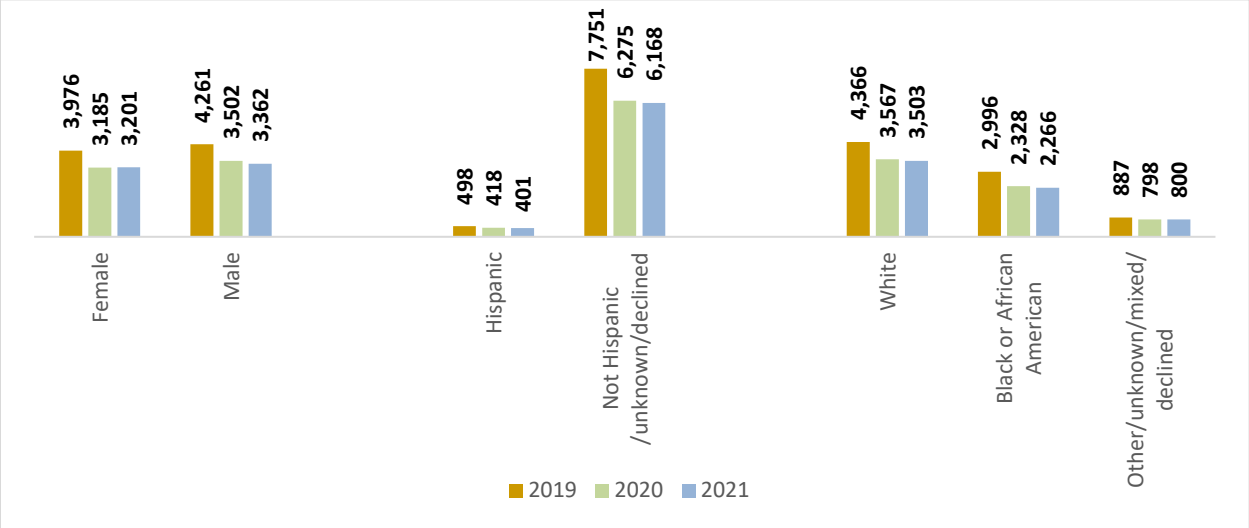
S.C. CHILDREN/YOUTH IN FOSTER CARE BY SEX, ETHNICITY AND RACE



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

S.C. children/youth in foster care on September 30, 2020:
1.5 per 1,000 children

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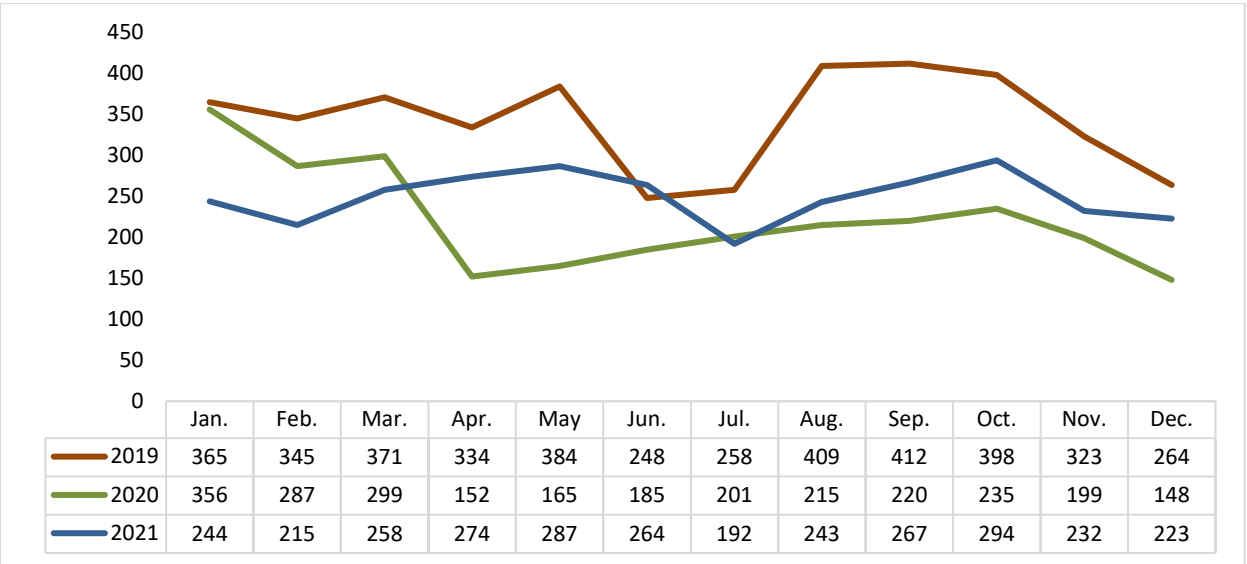
National rate:
5.6 per 1,000 children

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



	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
2019	365	345	371	334	384	248	258	409	412	398	323	264
2020	356	287	299	152	165	185	201	215	220	235	199	148
2021	244	215	258	274	287	264	192	243	267	294	232	223

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Child Welfare Indicators

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

Reason Entered Foster Care	2019	2020	2021
Abandonment	94	84	118
Alcohol abuse (child)	7	17	8
Alcohol abuse (parent)	81	70	71
Caretaker disabling condition	44	24	13
Child born to foster child	N/A	N/A	*
Child's behavior problem	*	71	102
Child's disability	112	15	*
Death of parent(s)	14	18	10
Disruption or dissolution of adoption	5	*	*
Drug abuse (child)	29	35	29
Drug abuse (parent)	533	378	404
Exploitation (non-sexual)	*	*	*
Family instability	154	107	47
Hospitalization of parent	13	21	9
Inadequate housing	103	59	47
Incarceration of parent(s)	55	41	39
Lack of employment (parent)	12	7	*
Lack of housing (homeless)	61	38	26
Lost child	*	5	*
Neglect	2,963	1,970	2,151
Physical abuse	862	574	772
Pregnancy (of the child)	*	*	*
Relinquishment (at birth)	*	*	*
Relinquishment (other)	*	10	5
Runaway	29	34	60
Sexual abuse	270	216	261
Voluntary placement (non-Child Protective Services)	15	15	6
Total	**5,468**	**3,816**	**4,198**

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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%)
July 1, 2021	618 (15%)	483 (12%)	309 (8%)	296 (7%)	513 (13%)	484 (12%)	1,369 (34%)	4,072 (100%)

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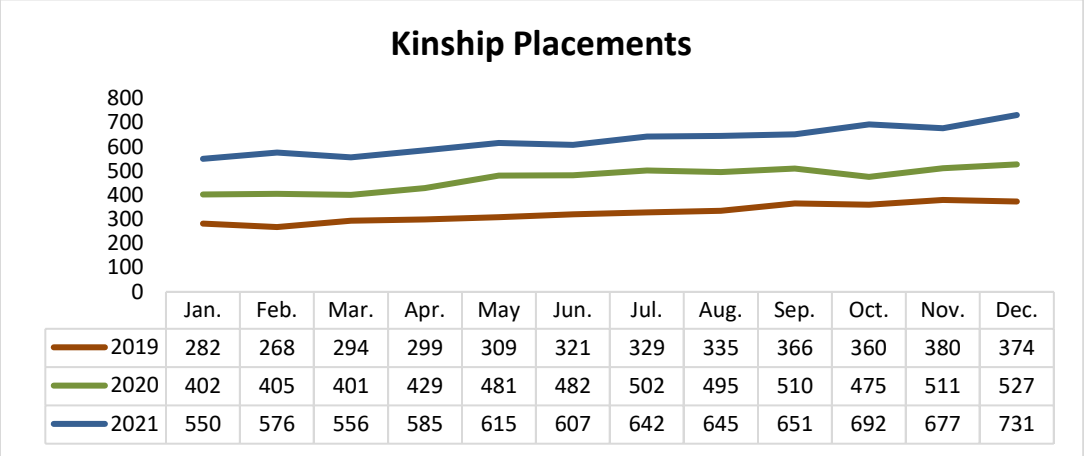
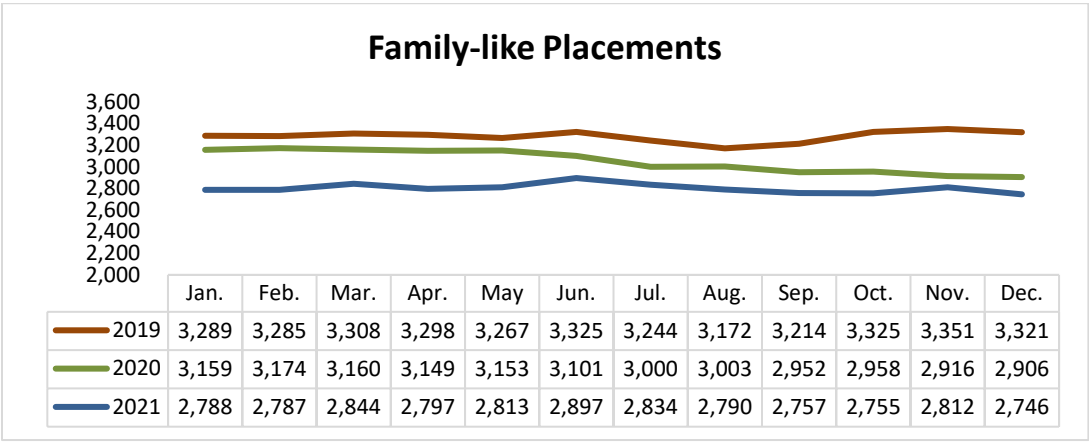
Child Welfare Indicators

FOSTER CARE PLACEMENTS IN S.C.

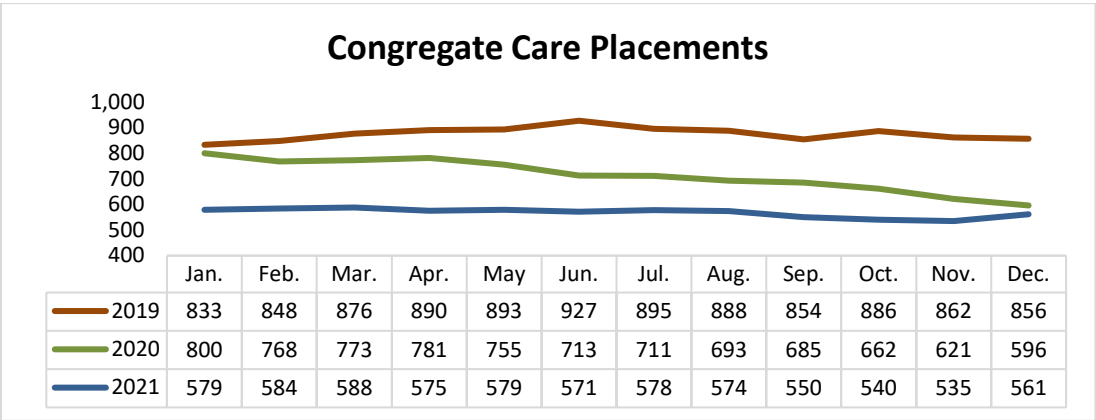


	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
2019	282	268	294	299	309	321	329	335	366	360	380	374
2020	402	405	401	429	481	482	502	495	510	475	511	527
2021	550	576	556	585	615	607	642	645	651	692	677	731



	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
2019	3,289	3,285	3,308	3,298	3,267	3,325	3,244	3,172	3,214	3,325	3,351	3,321
2020	3,159	3,174	3,160	3,149	3,153	3,101	3,000	3,003	2,952	2,958	2,916	2,906
2021	2,788	2,787	2,844	2,797	2,813	2,897	2,834	2,790	2,757	2,755	2,812	2,746

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



	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
2019	833	848	876	890	893	927	895	888	854	886	862	856
2020	800	768	773	781	755	713	711	693	685	662	621	596
2021	579	584	588	575	579	571	578	574	550	540	535	561

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

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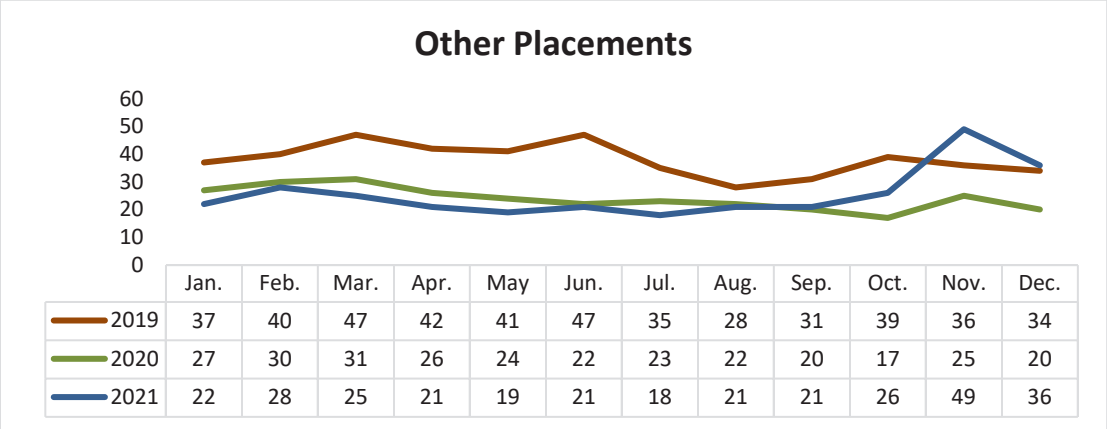
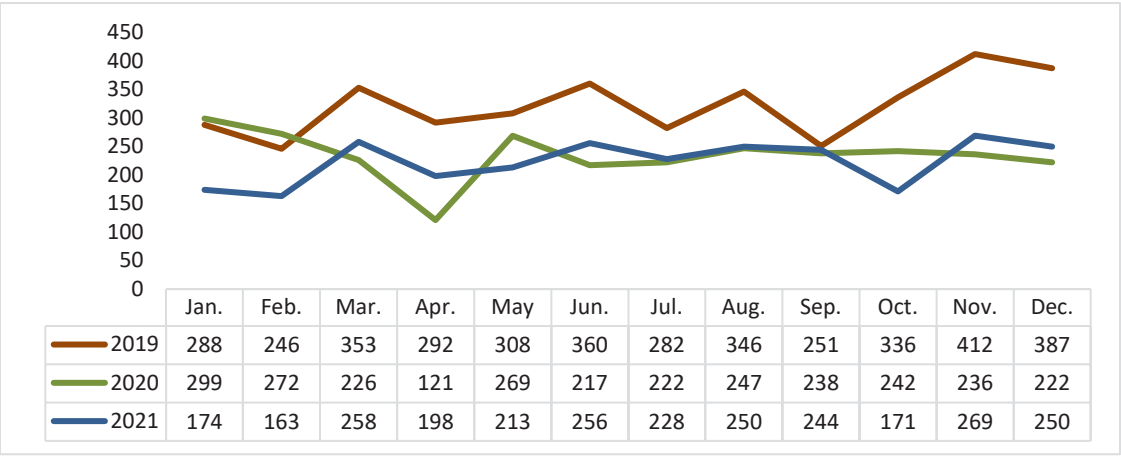
Child Welfare Indicators



	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
2019	37	40	47	42	41	47	35	28	31	39	36	34
2020	27	30	31	26	24	22	23	22	20	17	25	20
2021	22	28	25	21	19	21	18	21	21	26	49	36

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

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



	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
2019	288	246	353	292	308	360	282	346	251	336	412	387
2020	299	272	226	121	269	217	222	247	238	242	236	222
2021	174	163	258	198	213	256	228	250	244	171	269	250

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

Reason Exited Foster Care	2019	2020	2021
Adoption	572	466	478
Aged out	5	*	*
Guardianship	80	86	100
Living with other relatives	1,125	689	579
Returned to custody of parent/guardian	2,058	1,547	1,484
Other	22	21	31
Total	**3,862**	**2,811**	**2,674**

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Child Welfare Indicators

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

Region/Office	2021
Lowcountry Total	**1,144**
Adoption Services Lowcountry Charleston	105
Allendale County DSS	*
Beaufort County DSS	78
Berkeley County DSS	228
Calhoun County DSS	36
Charleston County DSS	411
Colleton County DSS	64
Dorchester County DSS	93
Hampton County DSS	12
Jasper County DSS	19
Orangeburg County DSS	94
Midlands Total	**1,999**
Adoption Services Midlands Columbia	118
Adoption Services Midlands Orangeburg	48
Adoption Services Midlands Rock Hill	46
Aiken County DSS	155
Bamberg County DSS	13
Barnwell County DSS	11
Chester County DSS	53
Edgefield County DSS	7
Fairfield County DSS	19
Kershaw County DSS	129
Lancaster County DSS	97
Lexington County DSS	242
McCormick County DSS	*
Richland County DSS	771
Saluda County DSS	31
Union County DSS	26
York County DSS	232
Pee Dee Total	**1,215**
Adoption Services Pee Dee Florence	162
Chesterfield County DSS	49
Clarendon County DSS	94
Darlington County DSS	131
Dillon County DSS	57
Florence County DSS	149
Georgetown County DSS	40
Horry County DSS	316

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Region/Office (Continued)	2021
Lee County DSS	23
Marion County DSS	57
Marlboro County DSS	25
Sumter County DSS	90
Williamsburg County DSS	22
Upstate Total	**2,211**
Abbeville County DSS	26
Adoption Services Upstate Greenville	490
Anderson County DSS	300
Cherokee County DSS	98
Greenville County DSS	512
Greenwood County DSS	87
Laurens County DSS	177
Newberry County DSS	20
Oconee County DSS	116
Pickens County DSS	74
Spartanburg County DSS	311
Grand Total	**6,569**

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DATA SOURCES

1. S.C. Department of Social Services, unpublished reports generated in November 2021 and February 2022. Data are by calendar years for children under age 18 unless otherwise specified.
2. County data from calendar years of 2019, 2020, and 2021 were 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 (calendar year 2021 data).
3. Compared to national data: Child Trends, State-level Data for Understanding Child Welfare in the United States. Author: Sarah Catherine Williams. Publication Date: February 28, 2022. Number of children of all ages currently in foster care on September 30, 2020. Foster care rate is calculated using general child population data from the U. S. Census Bureau from 2020. The data used in this publication, [Dataset #255, AFCARS Foster Care FY2020], were originally obtained from the National Data Archive on Child Abuse and Neglect and have been used in accordance with its Terms of Use Agreement license by Child Trends. **https://www.childtrends.org/publications/state-level-data-for-understanding-child-welfare-in-the-united-states** (last visited, April 3, 2022).

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Family Court Hearings and Continuances on Child Protection Cases

S.C. HEARINGS AND CONTINUANCES ON CHILD PROTECTION CASES

15,734 probable cause, merits, judicial review, and permanency planning hearings were scheduled in 2021, **688** or **5%** *increase* from 2020.

- **37%** of the scheduled probable cause, merits, judicial review, and permanency planning hearings were continued in 2021, **4%** (continuance rate) *decrease* from 2020.

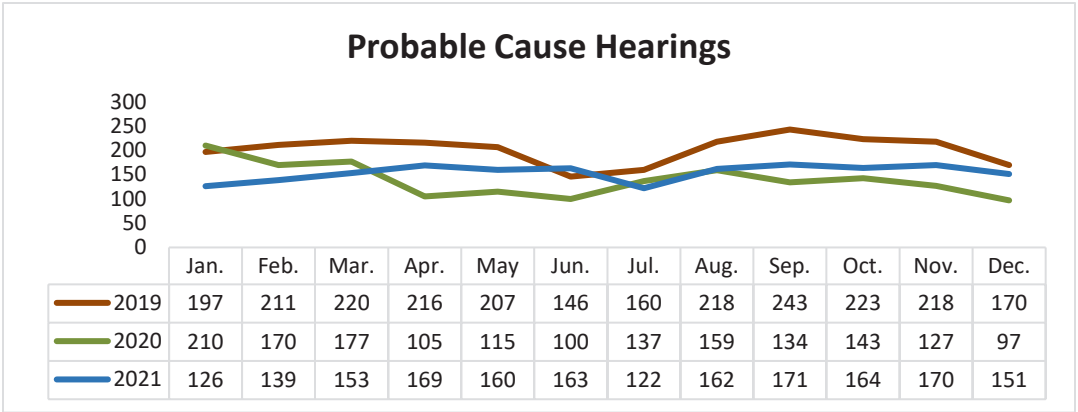
1,175 termination of parental rights (TPR), merits, and pre-trial hearings were scheduled in 2021, **97** or **8%** *decrease* from 2020.

- **39%** of the scheduled TPR, merits, and pre-trial hearings were continued in 2021, **10%** (continuance rate) *decrease* from 2020.

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

	2019	2020	2021	Compared 2020 to 2019	Compared 2021 to 2019	Compared 2021 to 2020
Number of probable cause, merits, judicial review, and permanency planning hearings **scheduled**	21,071	15,046	15,734	-6,025 (-29%)	-5,337 (-25%)	+688 (+5%)
Percent of the above scheduled hearings **continued**	34%	41%	37%	+7%	+3%	-4%
Number of TPR, merits, and pre-trial hearings scheduled	1,691	1,272	1,175	-419 (-25%)	-516 (-31%)	-97 (-8%)
Percent of the above scheduled TPR, merits, and pre-trial hearings **continued**	46%	49%	39%	+3%	-7%	-10%

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



	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
2019	197	211	220	216	207	146	160	218	243	223	218	170
2020	210	170	177	105	115	100	137	159	134	143	127	97
2021	126	139	153	169	160	163	122	162	171	164	170	151

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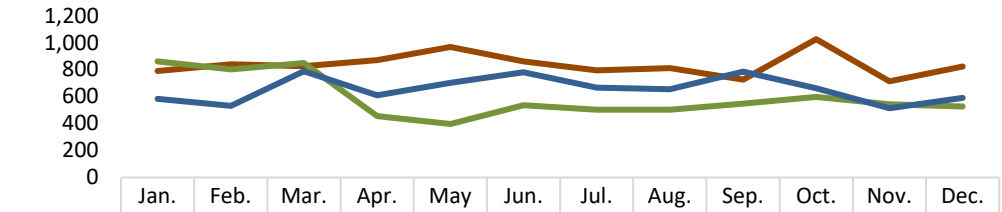
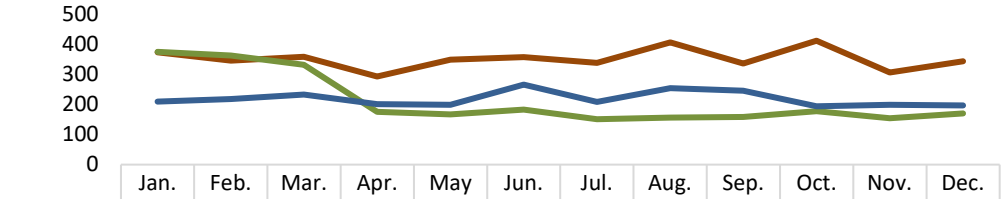
Merits Hearings



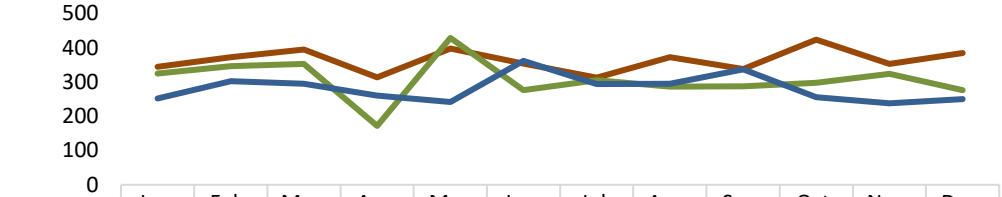
	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
2019	790	841	827	872	968	861	796	811	726	1,027	714	825
2020	862	802	850	455	397	536	504	504	549	599	544	527
2021	585	531	789	609	703	780	667	656	785	662	514	592

Judicial Review Hearings



	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
2019	373	346	359	293	349	357	338	406	336	412	306	344
2020	375	363	332	175	167	183	151	156	159	178	154	170
2021	210	218	233	201	199	266	209	254	246	194	199	197

Permanency Planning Hearings



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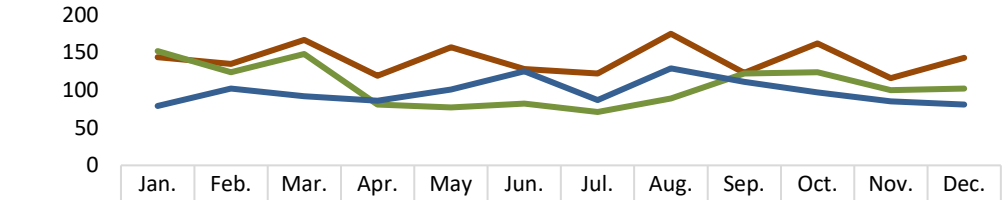
2019	345	373	395	314	398	354	313	373	338	424	353	385
2020	325	347	353	172	429	276	305	287	288	298	324	276
2021	252	303	295	261	242	362	294	295	337	256	238	250

Termination of Parental Rights Hearings



	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
2019	144	135	167	119	157	128	122	175	123	162	116	143
2020	152	124	148	81	77	82	71	89	122	124	100	102
2021	79	102	92	86	101	125	87	129	111	97	85	81

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S.C. HEARINGS AND CONTINUANCES ON CHILD PROTECTION CASES BY COUNTY

Probable Cause, Merits, Judicial Review, and Permanency Planning Hearings						
	2019		2020		2021	
Region/County	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**
Allendale	32	12	14	*	6	N/A
Beaufort	225	65	183	84	178	55
Berkeley	667	260	370	142	468	199
Calhoun	61	14	47	17	82	29
Charleston	1,422	395	939	358	1,368	508
Colleton	171	42	130	51	124	41
Dorchester	412	116	236	84	355	141
Hampton	63	24	42	19	63	28
Jasper	85	19	33	5	50	15
Orangeburg	211	49	174	48	202	60
Midlands Total	**6,584**	**2,615**	**4,780**	**2,399**	**4,622**	**2,059**
Aiken	1,108	495	743	381	731	342
Bamberg	76	28	59	25	27	7
Barnwell	85	35	70	32	52	21
Chester	125	55	127	42	170	83
Edgefield	52	19	38	14	56	22
Fairfield	102	38	74	27	72	25
Kershaw	228	92	242	100	279	102
Lancaster	324	135	280	127	299	139
Lexington	1,041	469	919	593	792	429
McCormick	*	N/A	*	N/A	13	9
Richland	2,350	958	1,351	688	1,351	567
Saluda	91	37	74	40	71	30
Union	198	44	97	37	102	24
York	803	210	705	293	607	259
Pee Dee Total	**3,349**	**942**	**3,066**	**1,038**	**3,018**	**985**
Chesterfield	158	30	133	38	148	51
Clarendon	81	28	98	37	135	39
Darlington	405	117	362	119	365	119
Dillon	183	44	207	79	200	58
Florence	450	135	371	127	429	149
Georgetown	204	31	147	51	153	28

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Probable Cause, Merits, Judicial Review, and Permanency Planning Hearings (Continued)						
	2019		2020		2021	
Region/County	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
Lee	55	18	65	25	60	27
Marion	178	59	238	100	202	83
Marlboro	106	24	94	35	93	35
Sumter	305	103	191	53	198	71
Williamsburg	109	25	82	25	77	22
Upstate Total	**7,789**	**2,562**	**5,032**	**1,995**	**5,198**	**1,636**
Abbeville	108	27	66	20	75	23
Anderson	793	177	478	124	530	138
Cherokee	566	174	406	197	350	96
Greenville	2,243	787	1,489	614	1,698	489
Greenwood	275	86	303	141	323	139
Laurens	579	226	409	132	443	125
Newberry	165	27	110	34	108	30
Oconee	772	337	324	106	225	44
Pickens	459	60	325	123	299	72
Spartanburg	1,829	661	1,122	504	1,147	480
Grand Total	**21,071**	**7,115**	**15,046**	**6,244**	**15,734**	**5,756**

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Child Welfare Indicators

S.C. HEARINGS AND CONTINUANCES ON CHILD PROTECTION CASES BY COUNTY

TPR Merits and Pre-trial Hearings						
	2019		2020		2021	
Region/County	**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	**220**	**136**	**116**	**70**	**167**	**81**
Allendale	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Beaufort	14	*	6	5	8	*
Berkeley	52	36	18	12	14	5
Calhoun	*	*	*	*	N/A	N/A
Charleston	126	78	72	43	106	59
Colleton	5	4	4	*	19	9
Dorchester	21	12	8	6	10	5
Hampton	N/A	N/A	*	N/A	*	N/A
Jasper	*	*	*	N/A	*	N/A
Orangeburg	N/A	N/A	*	N/A	*	*
Midlands Total	**255**	**148**	**180**	**104**	**158**	**86**
Aiken	33	19	10	5	18	7
Bamberg	N/A	N/A	*	N/A	*	N/A
Barnwell	*	*	*	N/A	*	*
Chester	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	*	*
Edgefield	5	*	*	*	*	*
Fairfield	9	6	9	*	*	N/A
Kershaw	5	*	*	*	6	*
Lancaster	15	7	16	9	19	14
Lexington	76	42	55	34	25	15
McCormick	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Richland	84	51	30	13	59	30
Saluda	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Union	*	N/A	*	*	7	*
York	23	15	49	31	16	10
Pee Dee Total	**186**	**94**	**193**	**109**	**130**	**61**
Chesterfield	16	6	5	*	*	*
Clarendon	18	12	5	5	3	N/A
Darlington	21	9	13	8	29	15
Dillon	*	*	5	*	6	*
Florence	16	10	28	19	23	11
Georgetown	7	*	5	*	*	N/A

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TPR Merits and Pre-trial Hearings (Continued)						
	2019		2020		2021	
Region/County	**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	63	29	106	54	43	20
Lee	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	*	N/A
Marion	*	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Marlboro	*	*	*	*	*	*
Sumter	31	19	20	10	14	7
Williamsburg	8	*	*	*	*	*
Upstate Total	**549**	**319**	**375**	**220**	**387**	**187**
Abbeville	N/A	N/A	*	*	*	N/A
Anderson	49	18	25	9	28	9
Cherokee	42	27	29	16	17	9
Greenville	202	130	136	85	185	101
Greenwood	*	N/A	12	6	11	5
Laurens	37	23	55	43	50	23
Newberry	*	*	*	*	5	*
Oconee	39	20	27	8	26	9
Pickens	32	13	20	7	16	6
Spartanburg	141	87	64	41	48	23
Grand Total	**1,210**	**697**	**864**	**503**	**842**	**415**

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DATA SOURCE

Children's Law Center, University of South Carolina School of Law. Court Liaison Program, unpublished reports generated in August 2021 and February 2022.

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Child Care Facilities Regulated by the South Carolina Department of Social Services

S.C. CHILD CARE FACILITIES BY OPERATIONAL STATUS AND CAPACITY

2,185 open and active child care facilities were regulated by the South Carolina Department of Social Services' (DSS) child care licensing in 2021, including **213** newly opened facilities. The capacity, or the maximum number of children the total open and active facilities were licensed to serve was **183,563**.

New 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 accounts for **217** fewer child care programs regulated by the department.

S.C. CHILD CARE FACILITIES BY OPERATIONAL STATUS AND CAPACITY: COMPARING 2019 AND 2020 DATA

Operational Status	2019	2020	Compared 2020 to 2019
Total open and active	2,419	2,408	-11 (-0.5%)
○ Newly opened	157	156	-1 (-0.6%)
Closed	258	171	-87 (-34%)

Note. 2021 data were not included in this table for comparison due to the impact of the new legislation on the data.

S.C. CHILD CARE FACILITIES BY CAPACITY: COMPARING 2019 AND 2020 DATA

Capacity (Number of Children Licensed to Served)	2019	2020	Compared 2020 to 2019
Total open and active	194,533	199,172	+4,639 (+2%)
○ Newly opened	10,030	12,010	+1,980 (+20%)
Closed	10,694	7,621	-3,073 (-29%)

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Child Welfare Indicators

S.C. OPEN AND ACTIVE CHILD CARE FACILITIES BY COUNTY (INCLUDING NEWLY OPENED FACILITIES)

County	2019 Total Open and Active		2020 Total Open and Active		2021 Total Open and Active	
	Facility Count	Capacity	Facility Count	Capacity	Facility Count	Capacity
Abbeville	16	485	17	491	12	365
Aiken	76	6,023	68	5,364	55	5,439
Allendale	4	361	4	361	3	270
Anderson	88	7,508	86	7,278	72	5,936
Bamberg	9	648	9	648	7	568
Barnwell	12	601	12	533	12	596
Beaufort	71	6,307	70	6,877	72	6,526
Berkeley	111	7,993	118	8,609	101	7,315
Calhoun	4	290	3	188	1	48
Charleston	183	18,268	179	19,059	174	18,417
Cherokee	32	1,697	30	1,679	21	1,269
Chester	23	1,159	22	1,110	19	1,049
Chesterfield	28	1,503	30	1,589	23	1,280
Clarendon	21	992	19	980	16	760
Colleton	27	1,230	28	1,250	24	984
Darlington	42	2,713	39	2,837	34	2,273
Dillon	28	1,437	27	1,431	22	1,031
Dorchester	67	4,521	65	4,553	61	4,257
Edgefield	14	667	14	667	9	521
Fairfield	16	536	15	466	12	370
Florence	151	7,518	146	7,444	138	6,162
Georgetown	51	2,423	51	2,431	45	2,213
Greenville	196	23,560	203	24,646	202	24,380
Greenwood	27	2,872	28	2,878	28	2,528
Hampton	14	647	13	641	9	474
Horry	89	8,882	88	9,215	85	9,013
Jasper	26	1,001	24	803	21	657
Kershaw	24	2,314	24	2,277	25	2,397
Lancaster	22	2,249	24	3,045	24	3,045
Laurens	22	2,073	21	2,073	17	1,433
Lee	9	512	8	506	5	406
Lexington	121	11,311	119	11,022	110	9,950
Marion	33	1,828	30	1,798	32	1,541
Marlboro	19	702	17	690	11	456
McCormick	4	237	3	177	3	177

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Child Welfare Indicators

County (Continued)	2019 Total Open and Active		2020 Total Open and Active		2021 Total Open and Active	
	Facility Count	Capacity	Facility Count	Capacity	Facility Count	Capacity
Newberry	18	1,168	17	1,162	9	982
Oconee	32	2,213	34	2,500	24	2,120
Orangeburg	63	4,066	64	4,097	48	3,195
Pickens	44	4,142	43	4,030	43	3,904
Richland	223	18,778	228	19,197	215	18,342
Saluda	7	606	7	606	5	526
Spartanburg	123	11,437	124	11,559	116	10,613
Sumter	70	5,617	68	5,844	58	5,063
Union	7	803	7	803	9	815
Williamsburg	39	1,153	41	1,217	41	1,104
York	113	11,482	121	12,541	112	12,793
Grand Total	**2,419**	**194,533**	**2,408**	**199,172**	**2,185**	**183,563**

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 have been 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 is **2,402**.

DATA SOURCE

S.C. Department of Social Services, unpublished report generated in February 2022.

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Mental Health Services

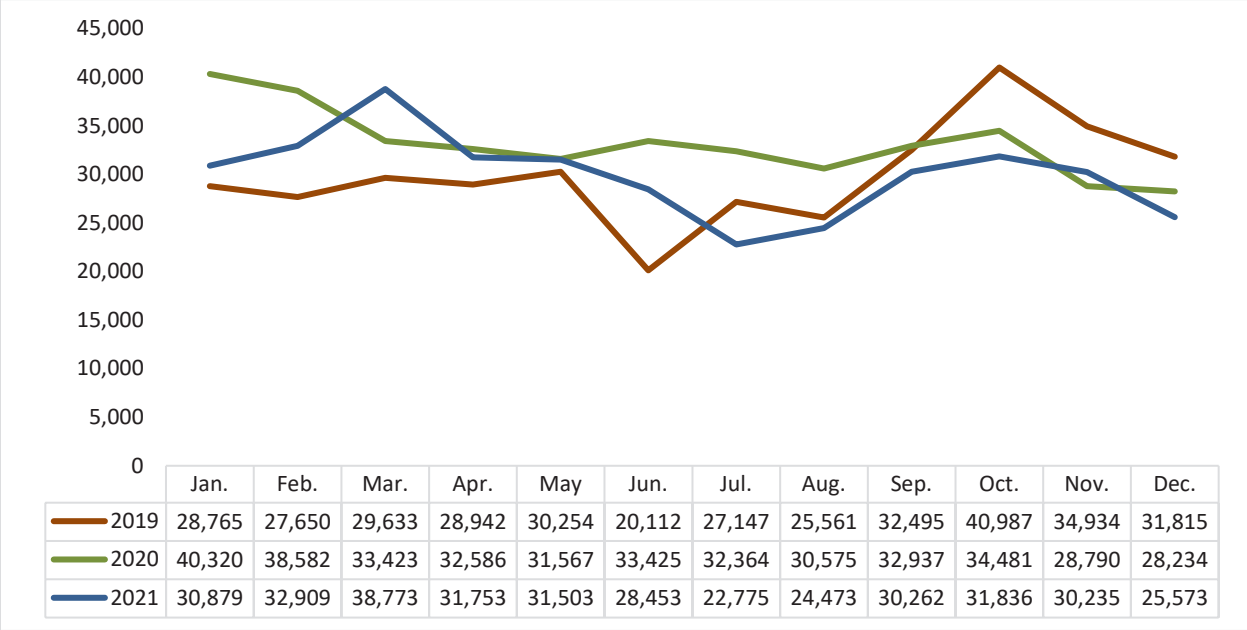
S.C. MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES PROVIDED TO CHILDREN

359,424 mental health services were provided to children by the South Carolina Department of Mental Health (DMH) in 2021, **37,860** or **10%** *decrease* from 2020. **31,787** children (unduplicated count) received the provided mental health services in 2021, **1,062** or **3%** *increase* from 2020.

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

	2019	2020	2021	Compared 2020 to 2019	Compared 2021 to 2019	Compared 2021 to 2020
Number of mental health **services** provided to children by DMH	358,295	397,284	359,424	+38,989 (+11%)	+1,129 (+0.3%)	-37,860 (-10%)
Number of **children** received mental health services provided by DMH	32,649	30,725	31,787	-1,924 (-6%)	-862 (-3%)	+1,062 (+3%)

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



	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
2019	28,765	27,650	29,633	28,942	30,254	20,112	27,147	25,561	32,495	40,987	34,934	31,815
2020	40,320	38,582	33,423	32,586	31,567	33,425	32,364	30,575	32,937	34,481	28,790	28,234
2021	30,879	32,909	38,773	31,753	31,503	28,453	22,775	24,473	30,262	31,836	30,235	25,573

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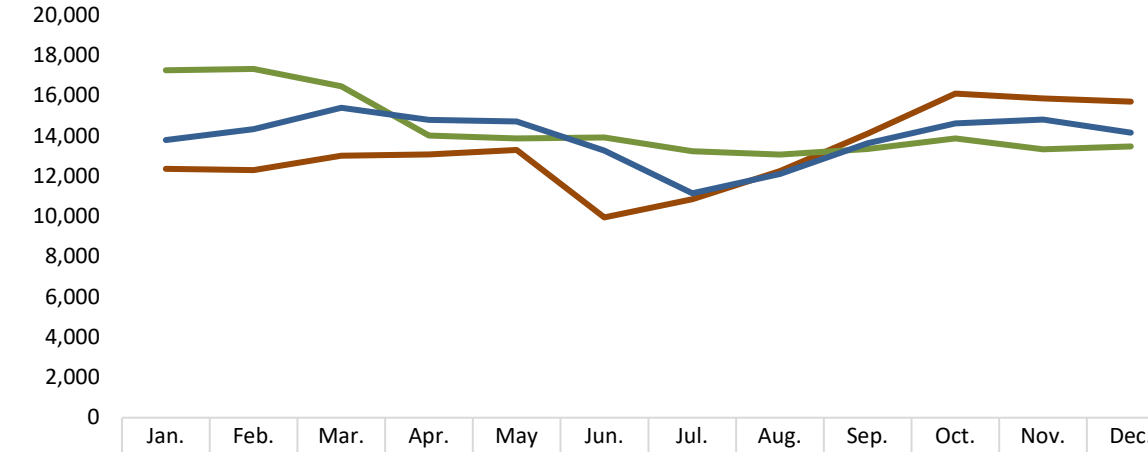
Health Indicators

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

Place of Service Categories	2019	2020	2021	Compared 2020 to 2019	Compared 2021 to 2019	Compared 2021 to 2020
Telehealth	10,158	224,442	100,817	+214,284 (+2,110%)	+90,659 (+892%)	-123,625 (-55%)
School	160,728	100,924	160,236	-59,804 (-37%)	-492 (-0.3%)	+59,312 (+59%)
Community mental health center clinic	136,261	53,477	82,306	-82,784 (-61%)	-53,955 (-40%)	+28,829 (+54%)
Patient's home	8,493	10,421	11,871	+1,928 (+23%)	+3,378 (+40%)	+1,450 (+14%)
Outpatient health care provider	5,383	3,342	192	-2,041 (-38%)	-5,191 (-96%)	-3,150 (-94%)
Hospital emergency department	85	73	85	-12 (-14%)	0 (0%)	+12 (+16%)
Jail	17	9	8	-8 (-47%)	-9 (-53%)	-1 (-11%)
Inpatient health care provider	10	5	6	-5 (-50%)	-4 (-40%)	+1 (+20%)
Other location	37,160	4,591	3,903	-32,569 (-88%)	-33,257 (-89%)	-688 (-15%)
Total	**358,295**	**397,284**	**359,424**	**+38,989 (+11%)**	**+1,129 (+0.3%)**	**-37,860 (-10%)**

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



	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
2019	12,351	12,300	13,017	13,069	13,304	9,947	10,844	12,254	14,101	16,095	15,861	15,692
2020	17,250	17,319	16,464	14,016	13,869	13,912	13,231	13,067	13,351	13,862	13,328	13,471
2021	13,789	14,333	15,391	14,787	14,713	13,258	11,145	12,104	13,625	14,608	14,798	14,157

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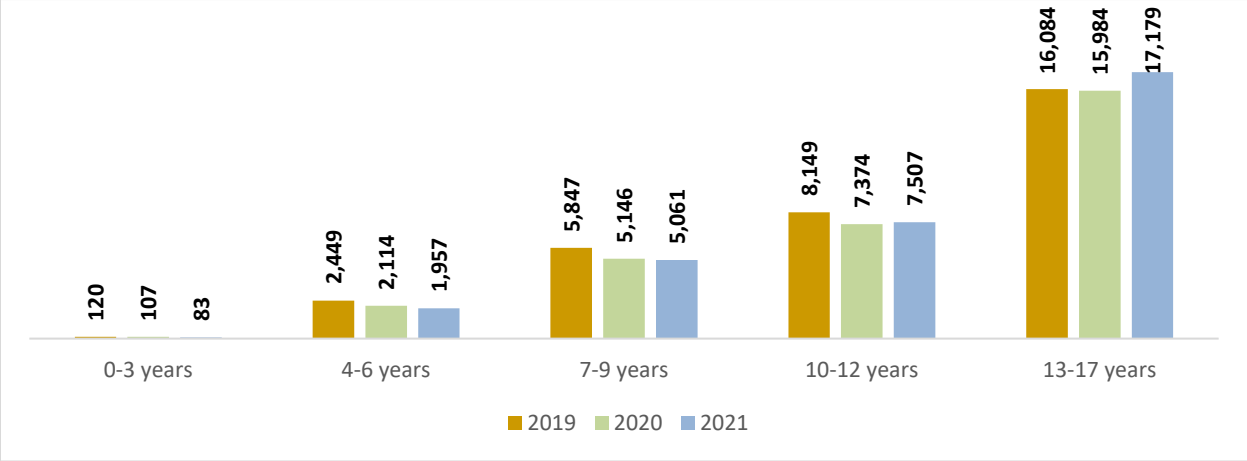
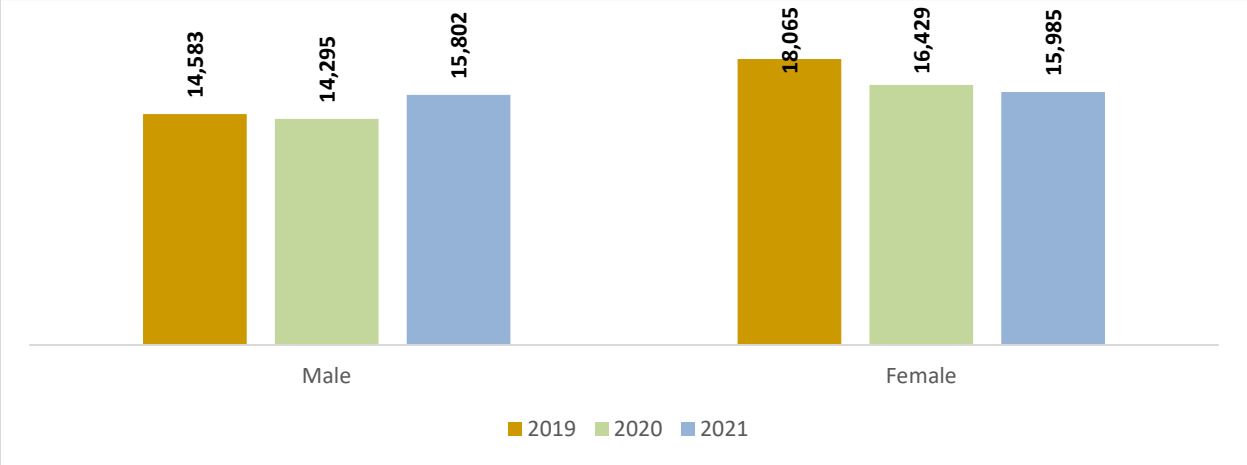
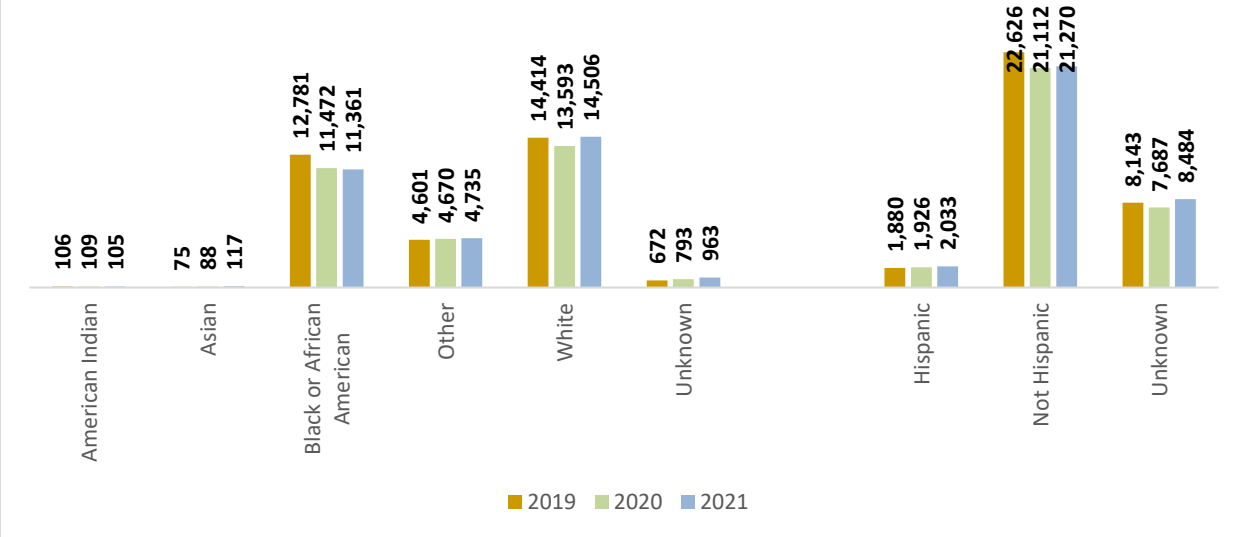
S.C. CHILDREN RECEIVING MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES PROVIDED BY DMH BY AGE GROUP, SEX, RACE AND ETHNICITY (UNDUPLICATED COUNT)







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Health Indicators

TOP 10 MENTAL HEALTH DIAGNOSES AMONG S.C. CHILDREN

	2019	Number of Diagnoses	2020	Number of Diagnoses	2021	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
2	Oppositional defiant disorder	24,048	Oppositional defiant disorder	23,236	Posttraumatic stress disorder	21,135
3	Posttraumatic stress disorder	16,209	Posttraumatic stress disorder	21,143	Generalized anxiety disorder	18,445
4	Unspecified depressive disorder	15,060	Generalized anxiety disorder	17,168	Oppositional defiant disorder	17,740
5	Disruptive mood dysregulation disorder	13,701	Unspecified depressive disorder	16,573	Unspecified depressive disorder	14,789
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
7	Adjustment disorder, with mixed disturbance of emotions and conduct	13,140	Disruptive mood dysregulation disorder	14,632	Unspecified anxiety disorder	12,977
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
9	Unspecified anxiety disorder	12,254	Attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder, predominantly inattentive presentation	13,671	Disruptive mood dysregulation Disorder	11,530
10	Attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder, predominantly inattentive presentation	11,915	Unspecified anxiety disorder	12,894	Attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder, predominantly inattentive presentation	11,358
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)**	

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Health Indicators

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

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

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

Note. Patient and service counts limited to outpatient facilities

DATA SOURCE

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

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Substance Use Disorder and Treatment Services

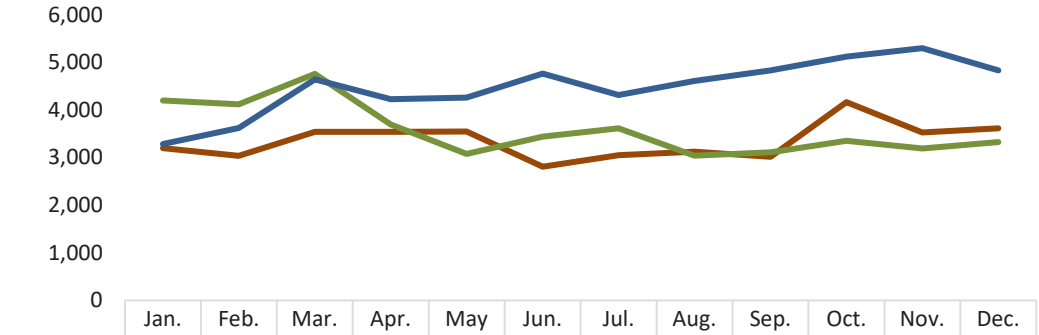
SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER AND TREATMENT SERVICES AMONG S.C. CHILDREN AND PARENTS

53,823 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 2021, **10,886** or **25%** *increase* from 2020.
2,475 children (unduplicated count) received the provided treatment services in 2021, **267** or **12%** *increase* from 2020.
239,699 treatment services for a primary or secondary substance use disorder were provided to parents (who had children under age 18) by DAODAS in 2021, **10,418** or **4%** *decrease* from 2020.
20,091 parents (unduplicated count) received the provided treatment services in 2021, **59** or **0.3%** *increase* from 2020.

SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER AND TREATMENT SERVICES AMONG S.C. CHILDREN: COMPARING 2019, 2020, AND 2021 DATA

	2019	2020	2021	Compared 2020 to 2019	Compared 2021 to 2019	Compared 2021 to 2020
Number of treatment **services** provided to children by DAODAS	40,191	42,937	53,823	+2,746 (+7%)	+13,632 (+34%)	+10,886 (+25%)
Number of **children** (unduplicated count) who received the provided treatment services by DAODAS	3,783	2,208	2,475	-1,575 (-42%)	-1,308 (-35%)	+267 (+12%)

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



	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
2019	3,199	3,041	3,542	3,544	3,551	2,809	3,050	3,126	3,018	4,166	3,530	3,615
2020	4,203	4,120	4,760	3,696	3,078	3,438	3,619	3,041	3,110	3,353	3,191	3,328
2021	3,286	3,622	4,645	4,225	4,263	4,768	4,316	4,613	4,832	5,120	5,300	4,833

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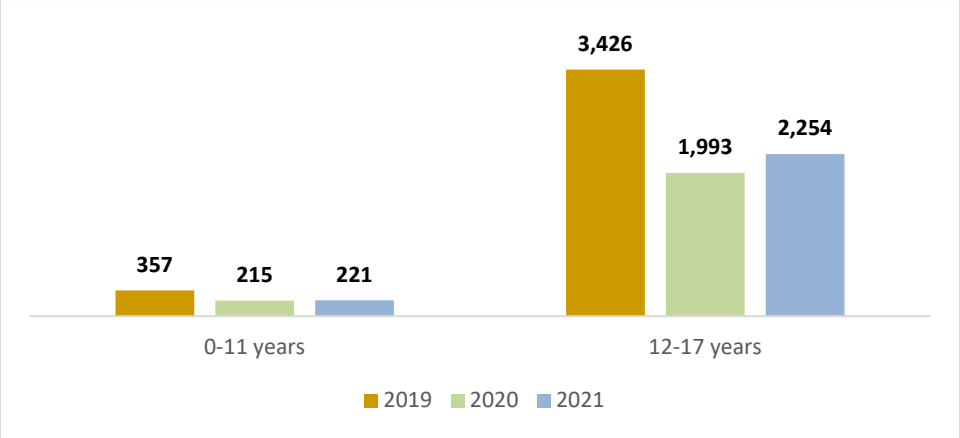
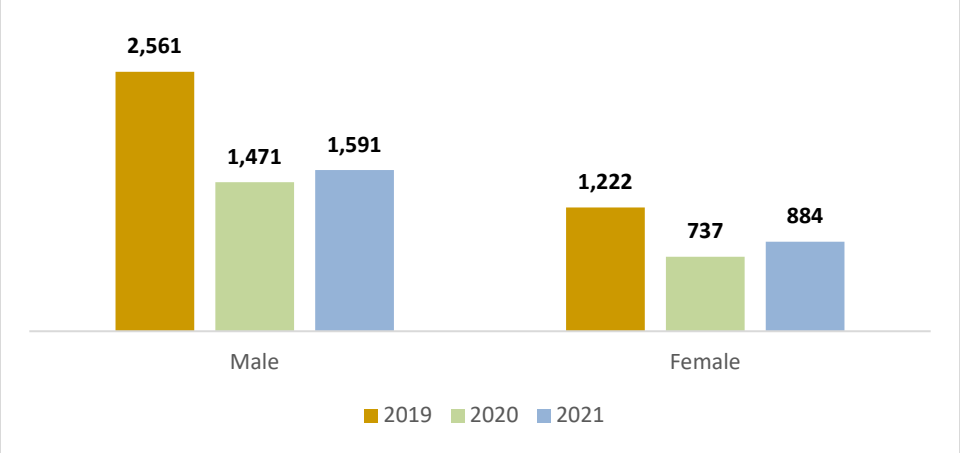
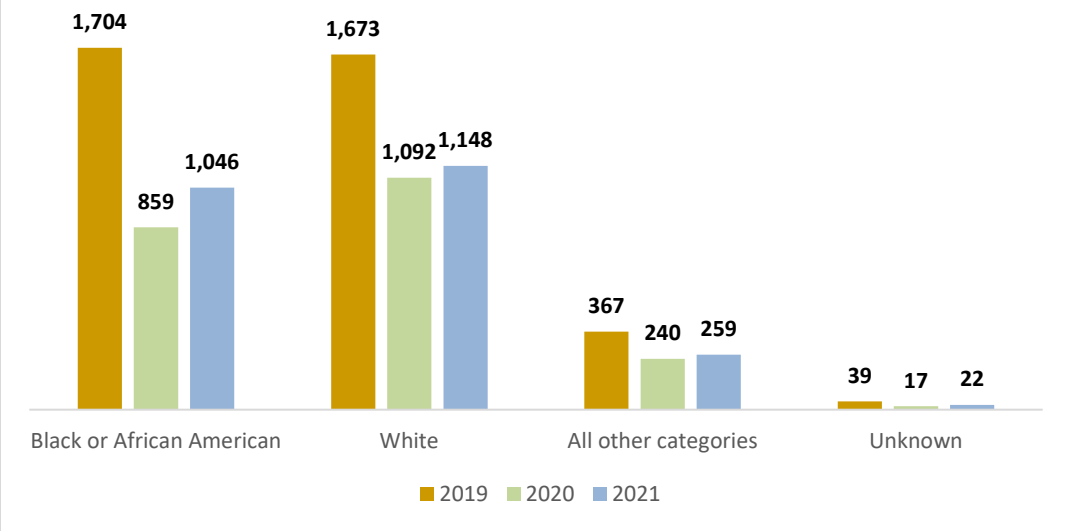
Health Indicators

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







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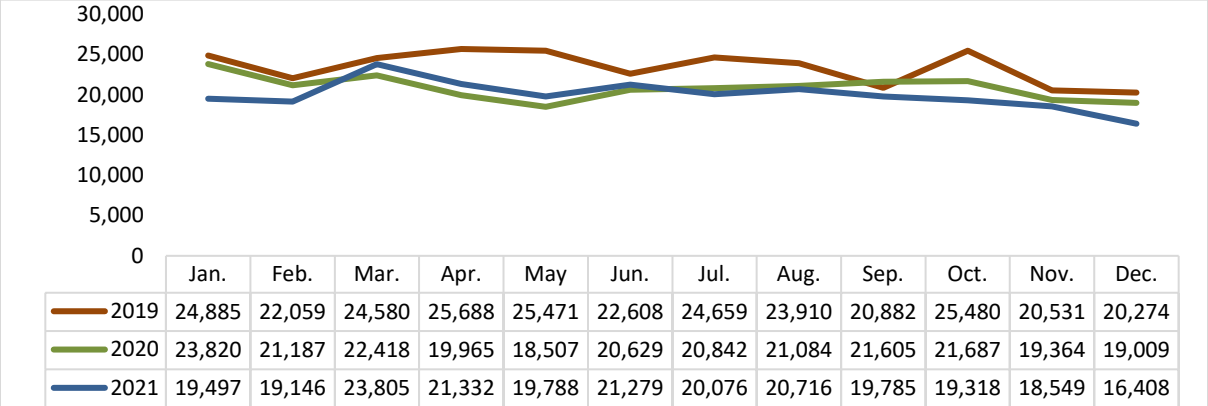
Health Indicators

SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER DIAGNOSES AMONG S.C. CHILDREN

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

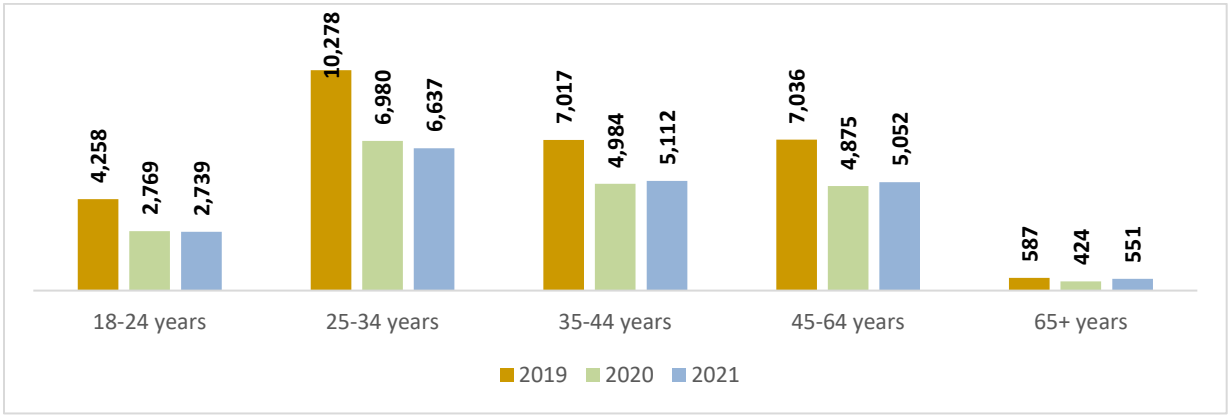
Note. Treatment services provided by DAODAS. Data in this table are for either a primary or secondary substance use disorder diagnosis as classified by the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders 5th Edition (DSM-5). A child may have been diagnosed for more than one substance disorder (e.g., primary diagnosis of opioid use disorder and secondary diagnosis of alcohol use disorder).

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



	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
2019	24,885	22,059	24,580	25,688	25,471	22,608	24,659	23,910	20,882	25,480	20,531	20,274
2020	23,820	21,187	22,418	19,965	18,507	20,629	20,842	21,084	21,605	21,687	19,364	19,009
2021	19,497	19,146	23,805	21,332	19,788	21,279	20,076	20,716	19,785	19,318	18,549	16,408

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



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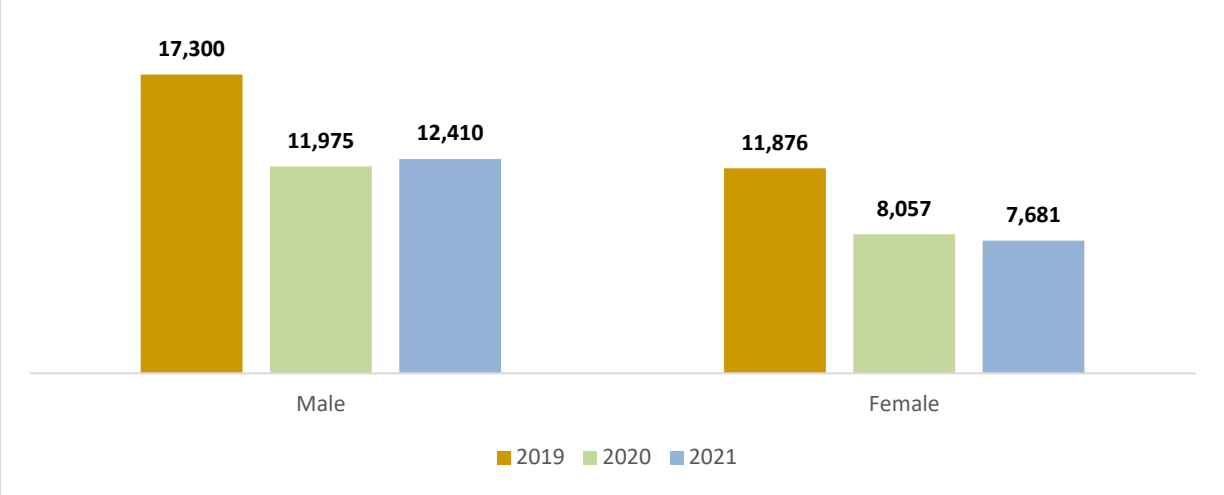

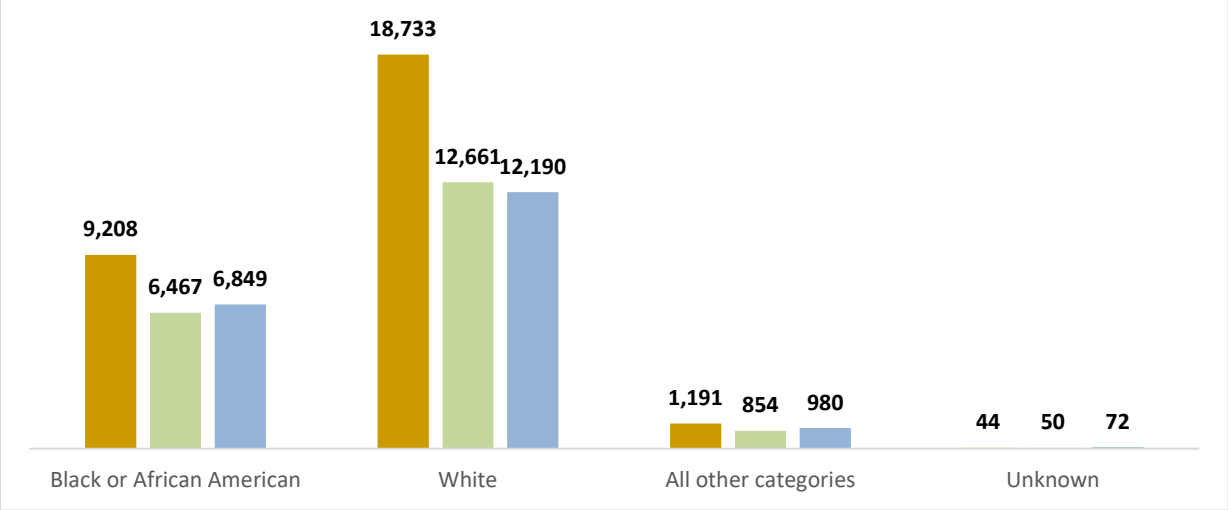

SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER DIAGNOSES AMONG S.C. PARENTS

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

Note. Treatment services provided by DAODAS. Data in this table are for either a primary or secondary substance use disorder diagnosis as classified by the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders 5th Edition (DSM-5). A parent may have been diagnosed for more than one substance disorder (e.g., primary diagnosis of opioid use disorder and secondary diagnosis of alcohol use disorder).

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

Agency	2019	2020	2021
Aiken Center	93	60	64
Anderson-Oconee	133	58	81
Barnwell	20	5	7
Beaufort	124	55	71
Berkeley	220	142	163
Charleston	109	60	69
Cherokee	21	30	29
Chester	5	*	13
Clarendon	79	46	47
Colleton	21	7	9
Darlington	71	33	36
Dorchester	177	98	110
Fairfield	40	19	18
Florence	73	62	47
Georgetown	33	11	23
Greenville	571	257	229
Allendale-Hampton-Jasper	14	13	20
Horry	142	91	111
Lancaster	25	17	32
Laurens	64	35	28
Newberry-Saluda	87	53	47
Orangeburg-Bamberg-Calhoun	211	163	196
Pickens	284	177	163
LRADAC (Formerly referred to as the Lexington/Richland Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council)	382	177	244
Spartanburg	168	99	78
Sumter	53	53	48
Union	80	67	36
Williamsburg	21	5	*
York	90	69	82
Cornerstone-GEMA (Greenwood-Edgefield-McCormick-Abbeville)	54	46	53
Kershaw-Chesterfield-Lee	161	115	218
Marion-Dillon-Marlboro	157	81	99
Total	**3,783**	**2,208**	**2,475**

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Health Indicators

DATA SOURCE

1. S.C. Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services, unpublished report generated in February 2022. 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.

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Medicaid Enrolled Children

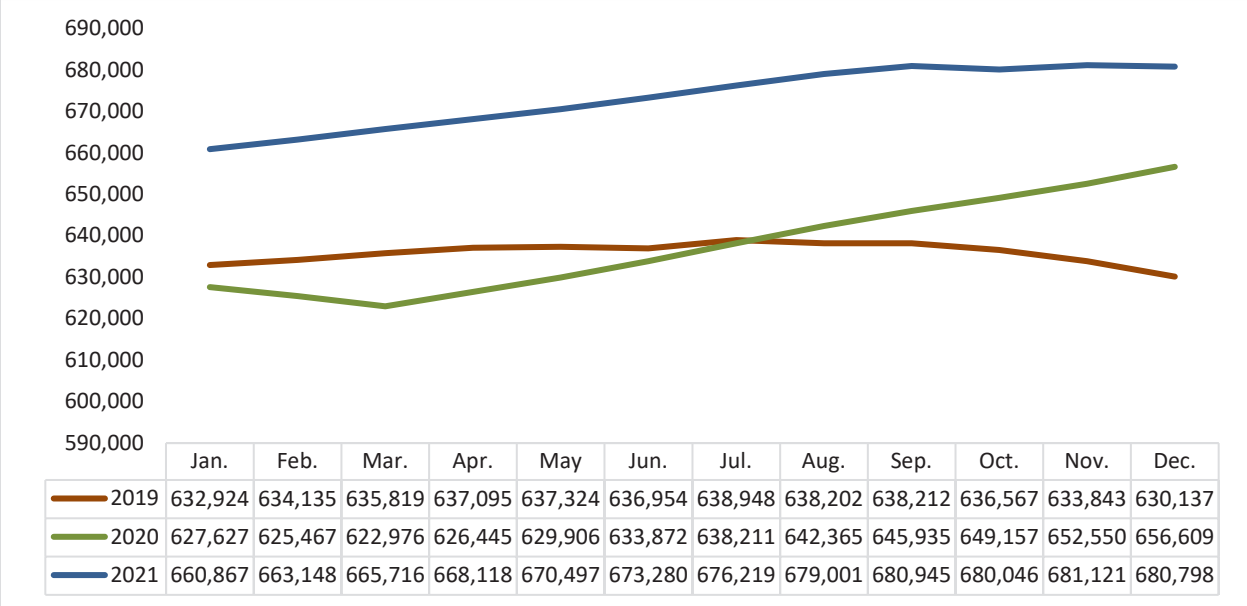
S.C. MEDICAID ENROLLED CHILDREN

722,864 children enrolled in Medicaid in 2021,
20,261 or **3%** *increase* from 2020.

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

	2019	2020	2021	Compared 2020 to 2019	Compared 2021 to 2019	Compared 2021 to 2020
Number of children enrolled in Medicaid	720,597	702,603	722,864	-17,994 (-2%)	+2,267 (+0.3%)	+20,261 (+3%)

S.C. MEDICAID ENROLLED CHILDREN BY MONTH



	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
2019	632,924	634,135	635,819	637,095	637,324	636,954	638,948	638,202	638,212	636,567	633,843	630,137
2020	627,627	625,467	622,976	626,445	629,906	633,872	638,211	642,365	645,935	649,157	652,550	656,609
2021	660,867	663,148	665,716	668,118	670,497	673,280	676,219	679,001	680,945	680,046	681,121	680,798

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.

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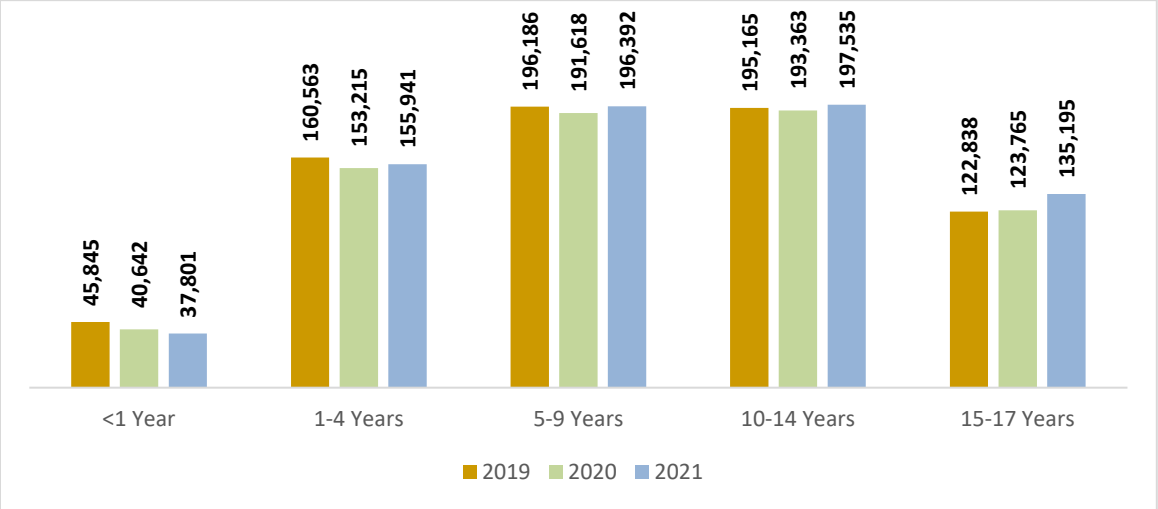

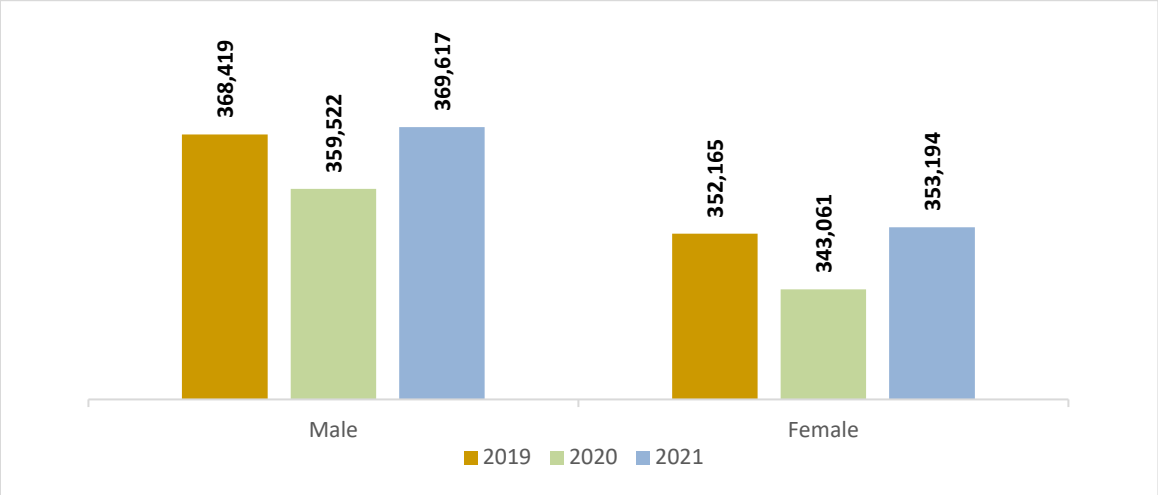

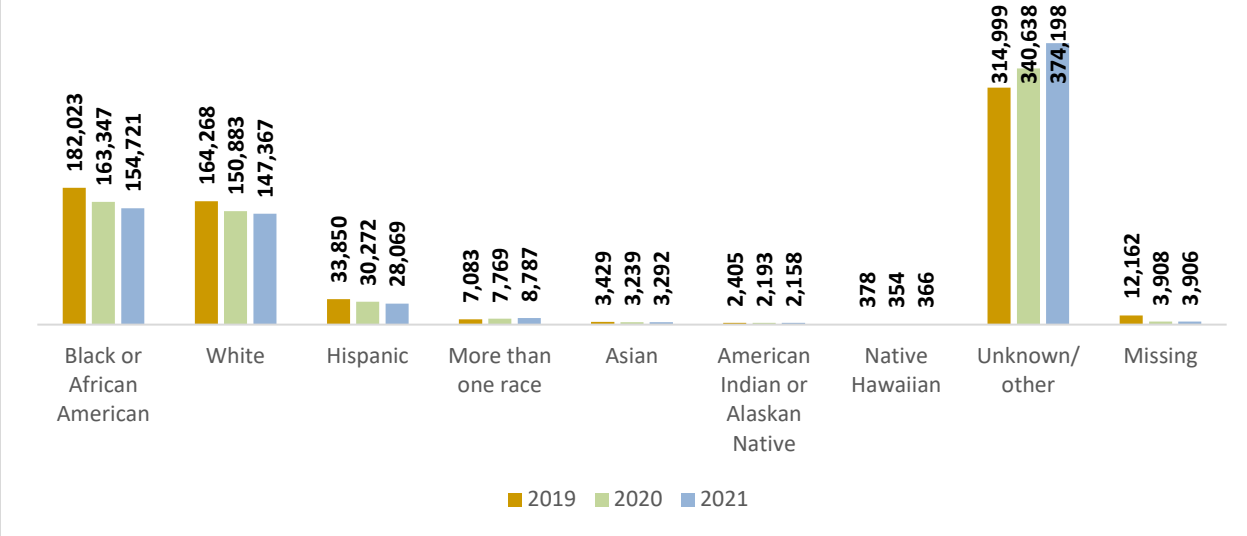

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S.C. MEDICAID ENROLLED CHILDREN BY COUNTY

County	2019	2020	2021
Abbeville	3,401	3,314	3,384
Aiken	24,529	23,289	24,045
Allendale	1,660	1,586	1,571
Anderson	28,094	27,362	28,359
Bamberg	2,462	2,362	2,371
Barnwell	4,449	4,344	4,387
Beaufort	20,375	19,691	20,195
Berkeley	28,134	27,496	28,643
Calhoun	1,995	1,917	1,941
Charleston	46,027	45,193	46,130
Cherokee	9,992	9,696	9,870
Chester	6,412	6,195	6,253
Chesterfield	7,940	7,619	7,837
Clarendon	5,812	5,597	5,693
Colleton	7,594	7,311	7,427
Darlington	11,884	11,521	11,655
Dillon	7,226	7,001	6,994
Dorchester	20,532	20,056	20,744
Edgefield	3,253	3,115	3,151
Fairfield	3,636	3,530	3,533
Florence	24,816	24,041	24,424
Georgetown	8,772	8,511	8,545
Greenville	65,942	65,454	68,259
Greenwood	11,595	11,346	11,621
Hampton	3,697	3,521	3,529
Horry	47,285	46,512	48,315
Jasper	5,556	5,301	5,445
Kershaw	9,745	9,545	9,821
Lancaster	11,526	11,310	11,725
Laurens	11,032	10,789	11,057
Lee	3,390	3,163	3,170
Lexington	37,113	36,264	37,556
Marion	6,723	6,533	6,581
Marlboro	5,307	5,065	5,116
McCormick	1,109	1,069	1,075
Newberry	6,531	6,234	6,317
Oconee	10,400	10,064	10,219
Orangeburg	17,183	16,652	16,792

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County (Continued)	2019	2020	2021
Pickens	14,746	14,389	14,739
Richland	59,249	57,509	59,418
Saluda	3,534	3,472	3,576
Spartanburg	48,259	47,841	50,312
Sumter	19,030	18,430	18,723
Union	4,845	4,718	4,732
Williamsburg	5,761	5,516	5,531
York	32,044	31,159	32,062
Total	**720,597**	**702,603**	**722,864**

Note. Total child count for 2021 (n=722,864) includes 21 data points with unknown county information.

DATA SOURCE

S.C. Department of Health and Human Services, unpublished reports generated in August 2021 and February 2022. Data are by calendar years for children under age 18 unless otherwise specified.

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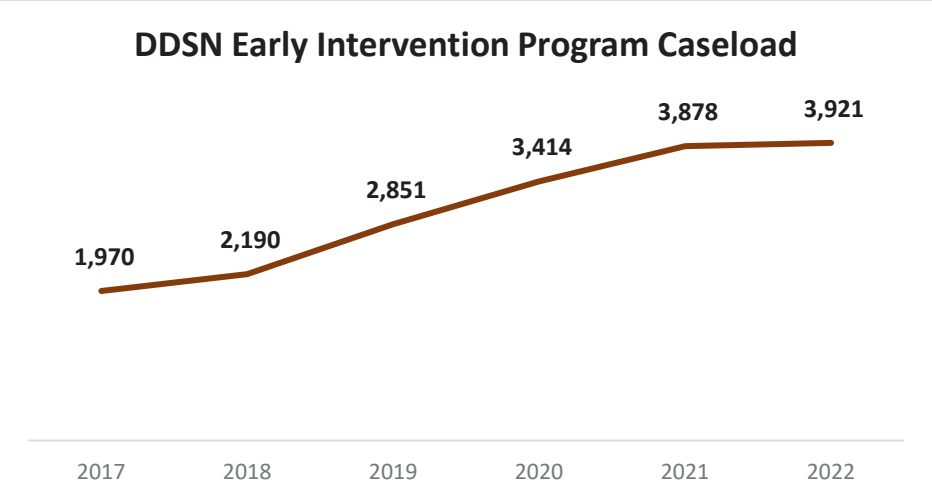
Children Receiving Services Provided by the South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs

S.C. CHILDREN RECEIVING DDSN SERVICES

9,712 children (unduplicated count) received services provided by the South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs (DDSN) in 2021, **2,159** or **18%** *decrease* from 2020.

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 five years, nearly doubling in that time.
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.

DDSN EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAM CASELOAD FOR S.C. CHILDREN AGES 3-5 BY YEAR (2017-2022)



Note. Caseload counts are as of the last day of February of each calendar year 2017-2022.

Year	Caseload for Children Ages 3-5	Caseload Increase Year by Year	Caseload Increase Since 2017
2017	1,970	N/A	N/A
2018	2,190	11%	11%
2019	2,851	30%	45%
2020	3,414	20%	73%
2021	3,878	14%	97%
2022	3,921	1%	99%

N/A: Data not applicable

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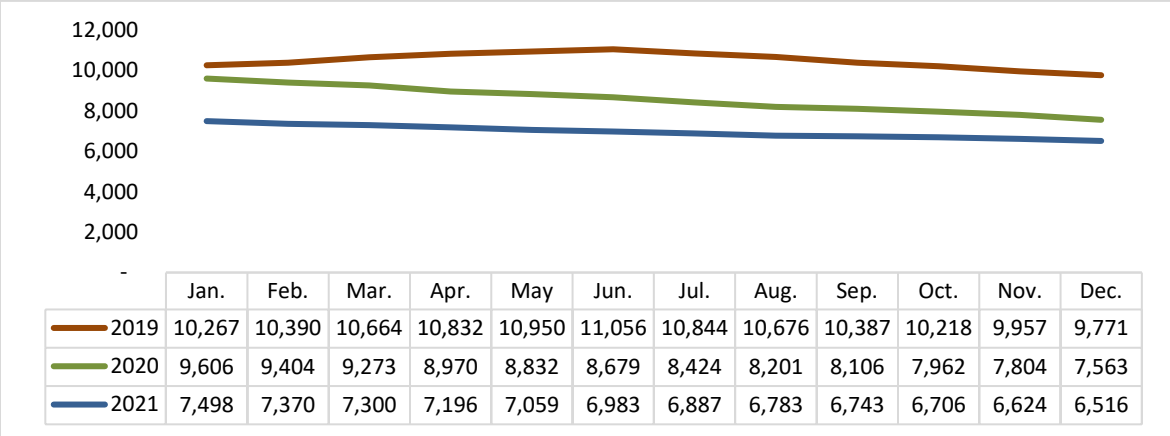
S.C. CHILDREN RECEIVING DDSN SERVICES BY MONTH (DUPLICATED COUNT)



	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
2019	10,267	10,390	10,664	10,832	10,950	11,056	10,844	10,676	10,387	10,218	9,957	9,771
2020	9,606	9,404	9,273	8,970	8,832	8,679	8,424	8,201	8,106	7,962	7,804	7,563
2021	7,498	7,370	7,300	7,196	7,059	6,983	6,887	6,783	6,743	6,706	6,624	6,516

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.

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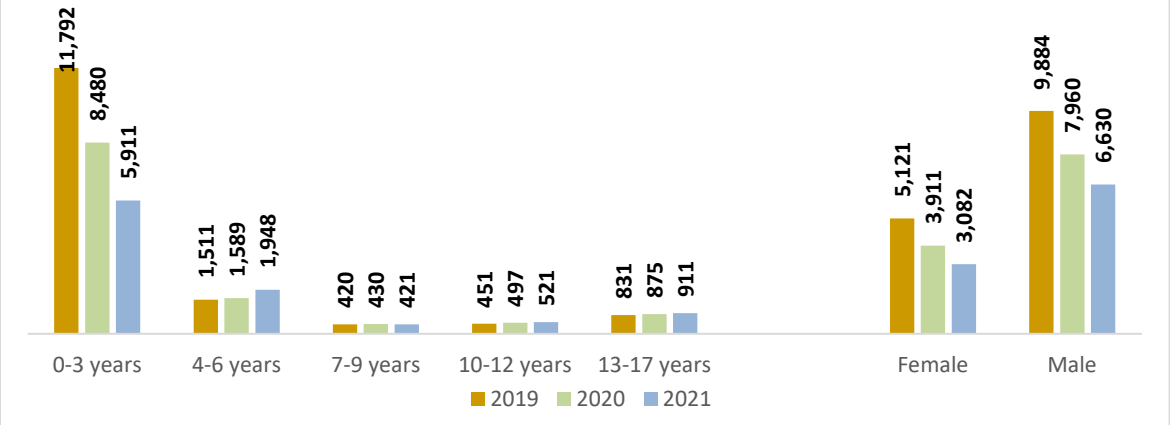

Note. Age as of beginning of calendar year.

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

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

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.

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

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

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.

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

Service Type	2019	2020	2021
Adult audiology services	*	*	*
Adult day health care nursing	0	0	*
Adult day health care services	*	*	5
Adult day health care transportation	*	*	*
Adult dental services	990	874	959
Adult vision services	282	250	273
Assistive technology/specialized medical equipment, supplies	120	96	78
Attendant care/personal assistance-board billed	5	*	*
Attendant care/personal assistance-UAP (university affiliated program)	0	0	5
Audiology services	731	683	634
BabyNet and Early Intervention	13,116	9,940	7,783
Behavior support services	27	22	14
Career preparation	*	0	*
Case management	1,859	1,880	1,891
Children's personal care	631	609	588
Conditioning play audiometry/hearing	*	*	5
Day activity	*	*	*
Drugs	1,533	1,445	1,454
Employment services-individual	0	*	*
Environmental modifications	21	21	10
Greenwood genetics metabolic	874	678	718
Greenwood genetics testing	26	30	12
Group care intensive services[1]	9	10	15
Hearing and check monaural	9	8	7
Individual and family support[2]	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Service Type (Continued)	2019	2020	2021
Incontinence supplies	825	815	785
In-home support services/direct billed HASCI (head and spinal cord injury) attend care	492	520	518
Institutional respite	0	0	*
Nursing Services-LPN (licensed practical nurses)	14	10	*
Nursing Services-LPN (for clients under age 21)	187	145	146
Nursing Services-RN (registered nurses)	12	*	*
Nursing Services-RN (for clients under age 21)	68	52	47
Occupational therapy	202	253	267
Occupational therapy evaluations	47	35	35
Otorhinolaryngologic	0	0	267
Personal care	13	10	6
Personal emergency response systems	5	*	6
Pest control bed bugs	7	*	*
Pest control treatment	62	116	130
Physical therapy	745	665	645
Physical therapy evaluations	*	0	*
Private vehicle modifications	14	7	*
Psychiatric residential treatment facility (comprehensive residential services)[3]	*	9	*
Residential habilitation-daily R02-R05	27	14	16
Respite care	1,158	1,126	1,306
Specialized medical supplies, equipment and assistive technology	0	0	*
Other	1,775	1,754	1,739
Total (Duplicated Count)	**26,381**	**22,493**	**20,781**

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

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

[2]Individual and family support (IFS) is funding available through DDSN to provide financial assistance to individuals and families eligible for DDSN in order to provide relief with hands-on caregiving or to improve an unsafe, risky, or dangerous situation. In an effort to position IFS dollars in close proximity to individuals or families in need, DDSN allocates funding to providers willing to administer the funds. Specific data of children or families with children accessing IFS is not currently available.

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[3]Psychiatric residential treatment facilities (PRTF) (comprehensive residential services) are licensed in-patient psychiatric treatment facilities available for those under age 21 who meet admissions criteria and are prior approved by the beneficiary's Medicaid Managed Care Organization (MCO) or DHHS for those who have fee for service Medicaid. Some PRTFs accept private payment and some private insurance plans. DDSN clients are 100% state funded. In order to access a PRTF, the individual must have a psychiatric diagnosis. A developmental diagnosis within itself is not sufficient. PRTFs are licensed and monitored by the South Carolina Department of 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
Abbeville	54	39	30
Aiken	581	418	415
Allendale	23	17	22
Anderson	788	682	529
Bamberg	21	19	15
Barnwell	61	54	53
Beaufort	375	346	274
Berkeley	588	548	536
Calhoun	35	22	33
Charleston	836	747	648
Cherokee	293	198	294
Chester	73	62	44
Chesterfield	65	70	53
Clarendon	61	49	62
Colleton	92	75	36
Darlington	319	248	204
Dillon	74	44	53
Dorchester	428	306	331
Edgefield	55	26	43
Fairfield	33	53	51
Florence	629	389	383
Georgetown	102	66	59
Greenville	2,091	1,654	1,595
Greenwood	287	195	188
Hampton	32	15	35
Horry	773	605	595
Jasper	72	53	77
Kershaw	248	237	208
Lancaster	269	177	160
Laurens	228	213	195
Lee	19	14	18

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County (Continued)	2019	2020	2021
Lexington	952	892	1,136
Marion	131	74	66
Marlboro	51	45	56
McCormick	9	5	14
Newberry	68	81	97
Oconee	233	208	171
Orangeburg	185	107	182
Pickens	324	275	245
Richland	1,397	1,422	1,796
Saluda	49	53	55
Spartanburg	1,494	1,214	1,054
Sumter	291	230	273
Union	142	80	58
Williamsburg	67	39	47
York	747	852	749
Total (Duplicated Count)	**15,745**	**13,218**	**13,238**

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

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National Survey of Children's Health

Child and Family Health Measures	South Carolina		Nationwide	
	2018-2019	2019-2020	2018-2019	2019-2020
Children in excellent or very good health, ages 0-17	92.3%	91.1%	90.3%	90.4%
Children ever breastfed or fed breast milk, ages 0-5	73.3%	76.1%	80.6%	80.8%
Child overweight or obese (85th percentile or above), ages 10-17	36.1%	35.6%	31.0%	32.1%
Child had one or more mental, emotional, developmental or behavioral problems, ages 3-17	22.9%	26.4%	22.1%	22.6%
Child was not covered by health insurance or health coverage plans at time of survey, ages 0-17	7.9%	7.7%	6.6%	6.9%
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%	14.0%	14.3%
Children saw a dentist or other oral health care provider for dental or oral health care, ages 1-17	84.0%	83.0%	82.3%	80.4%
Children received vision screening, ages 0-17	59.3%	58.3%	64.5%	62.1%
Child received treatment or counseling from a mental health professional, ages 3-17	7.5%	9.8%	10.4%	11.0%
Family had problems paying for any of child's medical or health care bills, ages 0-17	12.7%	11.8%	10.4%	10.0%

Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)	South Carolina		Nationwide	
	2018-2019	2019-2020	2018-2019	2019-2020
No adverse childhood experiences	58.6%	55.9%	60.2%	60.2%
One adverse childhood experience	20.7%	23.3%	21.6%	21.7%
Two or more adverse childhood experiences	20.7%	20.8%	18.2%	18.1%
Categories of ACEs:				
Somewhat often hard or very often hard to get by on family income	17.0%	15.7%	15.4%	14.1%
Parent or guardian who got divorced or separated	25.1%	27.2%	23.4%	23.2%
Parent or guardian died	4.0%	4.4%	3.1%	2.9%
Parent or guardian served time in jail	10.9%	10.9%	7.5%	7.0%
Witnessed domestic violence	5.0%	5.6%	5.6%	5.4%
Victim or witness of neighborhood violence	3.2%	3.6%	4.1%	4.1%
Lived with anyone who was mentally ill, suicidal, or severely depressed	6.8%	6.5%	8.1%	8.5%
Lived with anyone who had a problem with alcohol or drugs	7.8%	8.9%	8.5%	8.6%
Treated or judged unfairly because of his/her race or ethnic group	4.5%	5.3%	4.3%	5.0%

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Health Indicators

DATA SOURCE

1. Data Resource Center for Child & Adolescent Health, 2018-2019 (two years combined) and 2019-2020 (two years combined) National Survey of Children's Health, South Carolina vs. Nationwide, **http://childhealthdata.org/browse/survey#** (last visited, April 7, 2022).
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;” 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 9 ACEs-the survey defines “witness(ing) domestic violence” as “saw or heard parents or adults slap, hit, kick, punch one another in the home.”
3. The National Survey of Children’s Health 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. A revised version of the survey was conducted as a mail and web-based survey by the Census Bureau in 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020.

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Juvenile Justice

S.C. JUVENILE DELINQUENCY CASES

11,343 juvenile delinquency cases were referred to the South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) in 2021, **1,361** or **14%** *increase* from 2020.
1,716 cases were referred with a status offense as most serious charge in 2021, **184** or **12%** *increase* from 2020.
1,351 cases were referred with a violent/serious offense in 2021, **3** or **0.2%** *increase* from 2020.
2,001 detentions in 2021, **23** or **1%** *increase* from 2020.
1,926 youth (unduplicated count) were detained in 2021, **1** or **0.1%** *decrease* from 2020.
469 youth were committed (including suspended and final commitments) in 2021, **153** or **25%** *decrease* from 2020.

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

	2019	2020	2021	Compared 2020 to 2019	Compared 2021 to 2019	Compared 2021 to 2020
Number of **juvenile delinquency cases** referred to DJJ	13,429	9,982	11,343	-3,447 (-26%)	-2,086 (-16%)	+1,361 (+14%)
Number of cases referred with a **status offense** as most serious charge	2,333	1,532	1,716	-801 (-34%)	-617 (-26%)	+184 (+12%)
Number of cases referred with a **violent/serious offense**	1,446	1,348	1,351	-98 (-7%)	-95 (-7%)	+3 (+0.2%)
Number of **detentions**	2,456	1,978	2,001	-478 (-19%)	-455 (-19%)	+23 (+1%)
Number of **youth detained** (unduplicated count)	2,372	1,927	1,926	-445 (-19%)	-446 (-19%)	-1 (-0.1%)
Number of **youth committed** (unduplicated count)	880	622	469	-258 (-29%)	-411 (-47%)	-153 (-25%)

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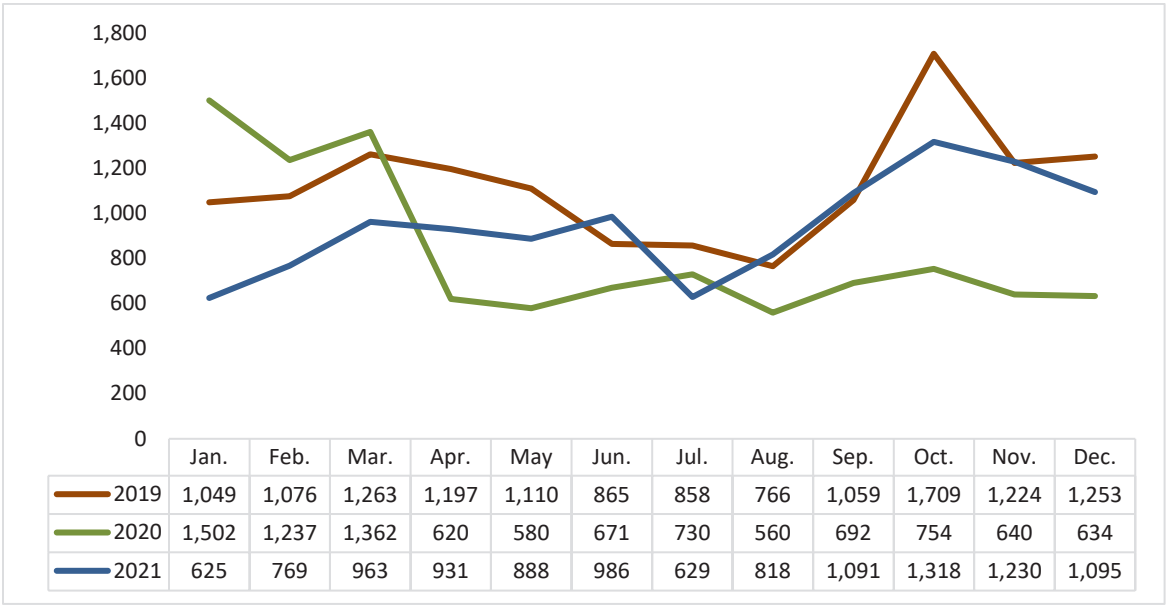
Juvenile Justice Indicators

NATIONAL ESTIMATES (2019)

722,600 delinquency cases were handled by U.S. courts with juvenile jurisdiction, a **3%** *decrease* from the previous year, with a rate of **22.7** delinquency cases for every 1,000 juveniles.
2,000 delinquency cases on average were handled by juvenile courts per day.
72% of the delinquency cases involved males, and **28%** involved females.
54% of the delinquency cases involved youth younger than age 16.
43% of the delinquency cases involved white youth, **35%** black youth, **19%** Hispanic youth, **2%** American Indian youth, and **1%** Asian youth.
33% of the delinquency cases involved person-related offenses, **30%** property-related offenses, **13%** drug-related offenses, and **24%** public order-related offenses.
186,600 or **26%** of delinquency cases involved detention.
90,500 status offense cases were petitioned and formally disposed by U.S. courts with juvenile jurisdiction, an **7%** *decrease* from the previous year, with a rate of **2.8** status offense cases per 1,000 juveniles.

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



	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
2019	1,049	1,076	1,263	1,197	1,110	865	858	766	1,059	1,709	1,224	1,253
2020	1,502	1,237	1,362	620	580	671	730	560	692	754	640	634
2021	625	769	963	931	888	986	629	818	1,091	1,318	1,230	1,095

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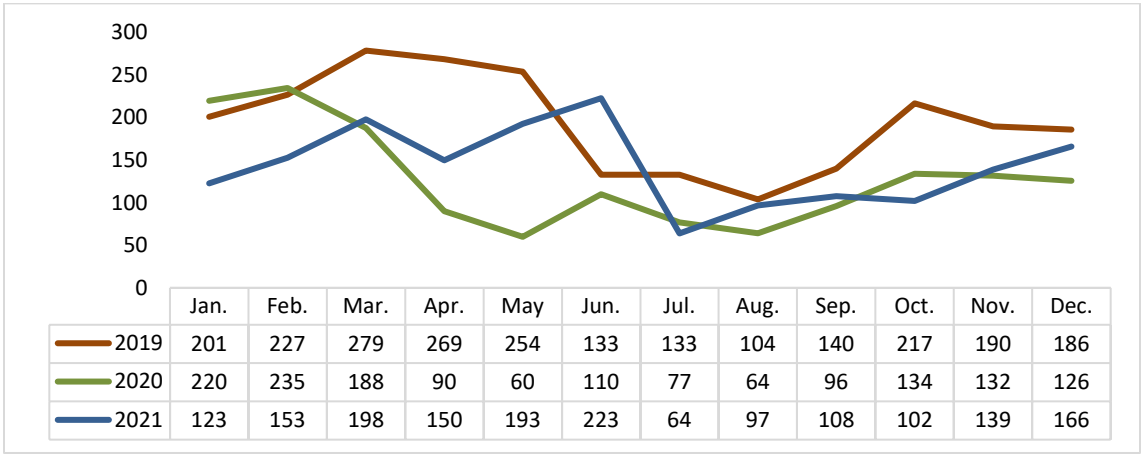

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
2019	201	227	279	269	254	133	133	104	140	217	190	186
2020	220	235	188	90	60	110	77	64	96	134	132	126
2021	123	153	198	150	193	223	64	97	108	102	139	166

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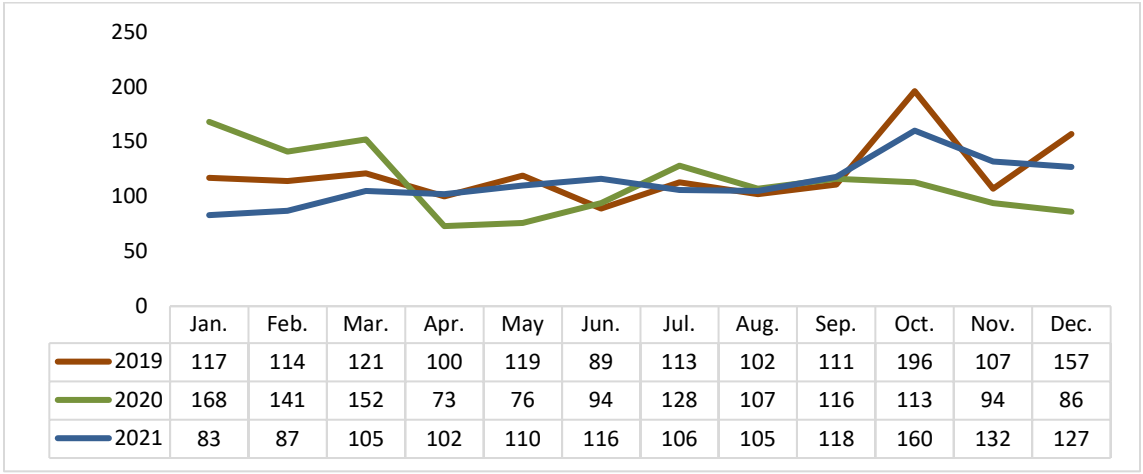
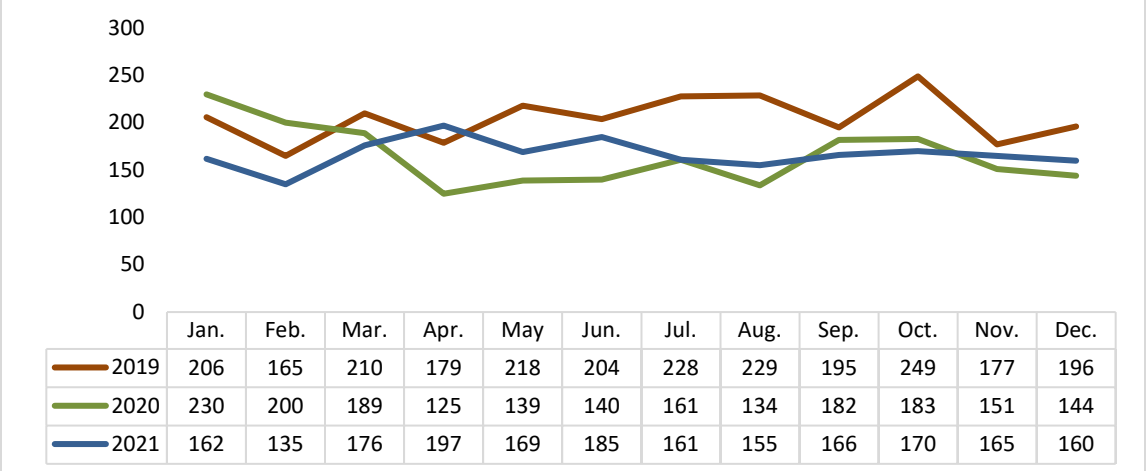


	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
2019	117	114	121	100	119	89	113	102	111	196	107	157
2020	168	141	152	73	76	94	128	107	116	113	94	86
2021	83	87	105	102	110	116	106	105	118	160	132	127

S.C. JUVENILE DETENTIONS BY MONTH



	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
2019	206	165	210	179	218	204	228	229	195	249	177	196
2020	230	200	189	125	139	140	161	134	182	183	151	144
2021	162	135	176	197	169	185	161	155	166	170	165	160

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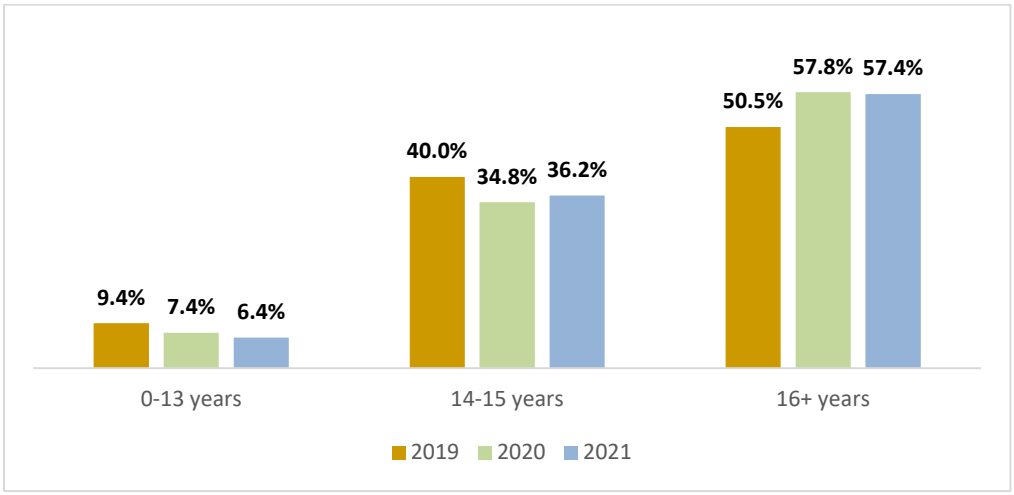
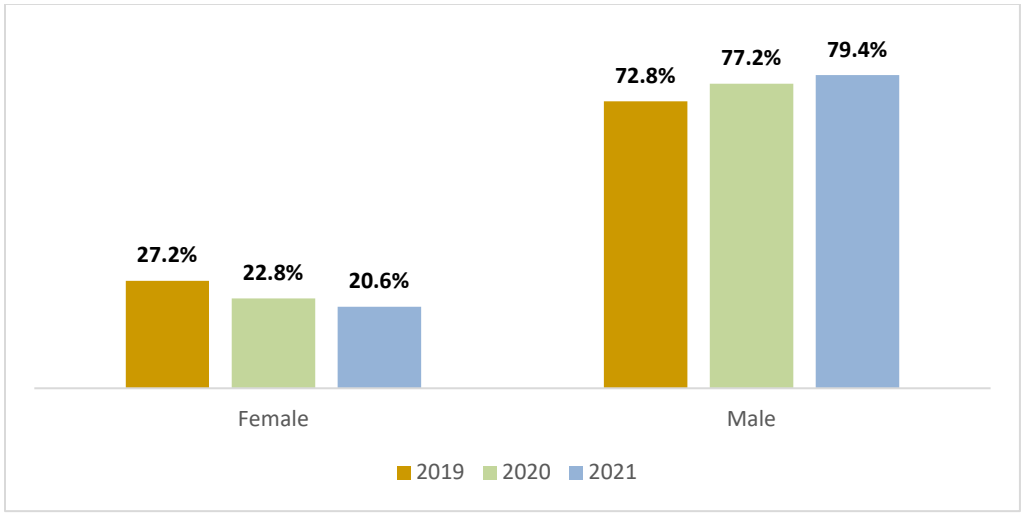
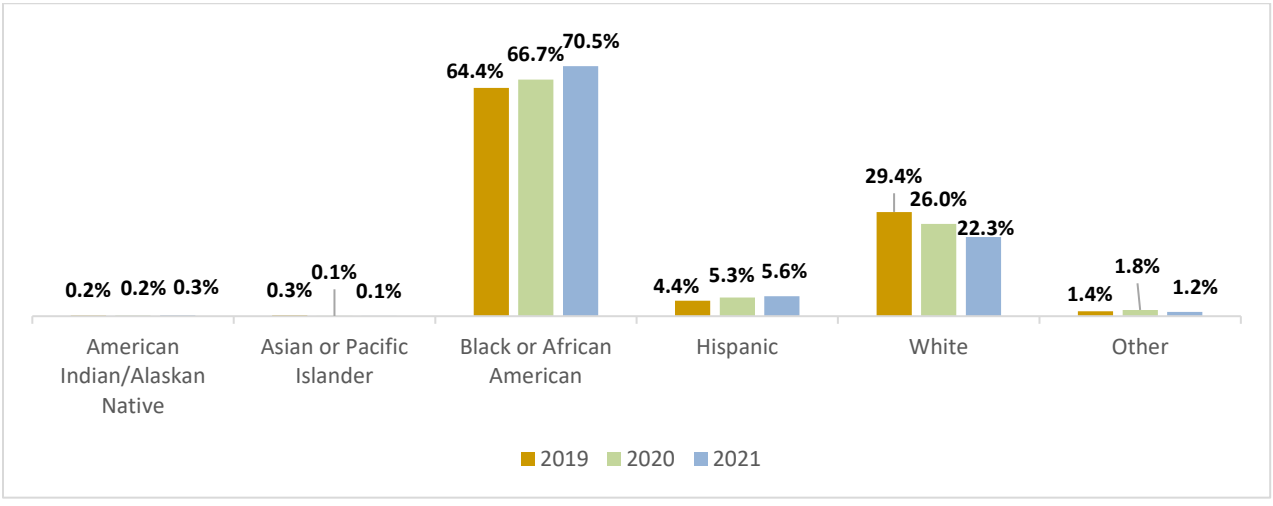
Juvenile Justice Indicators

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







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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
1	Pickup order	707	Pickup order	482	Pickup order	359
2	Assault: assault and battery-third degree	205	Assault: assault and battery-third degree	135	Weapons: sale or delivery of pistol to, and possession by, certain persons unlawful; stolen pistol	166
3	Status: runaway	116	Status: runaway	98	Assault: assault and battery third degree	135
4	Weapons: sale or delivery of pistol to, and possession by, certain persons unlawful; stolen pistol	74	Weapons: sale or delivery of pistol to, and possession by, certain persons unlawful; stolen pistol	98	Status: runaway	98
5	Burglary: burglary (non-violent)-second degree	68	Weapons: unlawful carrying of pistol	83	Weapons: unlawful carrying of pistol	89
6	Detention order	67	Robbery: armed robbery, robbery while armed or allegedly armed with a deadly weapon	62	Murder: attempted Murder	67
7	Administrative hold	61	Murder: attempted murder	53	Robbery: armed robbery, robbery while armed or allegedly armed with a deadly weapon	63
8	Larceny: breaking into motor vehicle or tanks, pumps, where fuel, lubricants stored	58	Larceny: breaking into motor vehicle or tanks, pumps, where fuel, lubricants stored	50	Contempt: contempt of court by child (criminal)	54
9	Robbery: armed robbery, robbery while armed or allegedly armed with a deadly weapon	53	Burglary: burglary (non-violent)-second degree	41	Burglary: burglary-first degree	44
10	Weapons: unlawful carrying of pistol	50	Burglary: burglary-first degree	35	Larceny: breaking into motor vehicle or tanks, pumps, where fuel, lubricants stored	42

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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	2019 Youth Referred for Status Offenses	2020 Youth Referred for Status Offenses	2021 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
Abbeville	30	14	21	*	*	*	7	*	5
Aiken	311	265	292	59	20	34	43	46	42
Allendale	30	15	9	*	N/A	*	12	*	*
Anderson	326	255	322	49	37	41	33	31	35
Bamberg	15	8	10	*	*	N/A	*	*	8
Barnwell	75	52	32	7	5	*	19	17	10
Beaufort	313	266	324	59	74	73	38	35	33
Berkeley	528	391	410	113	111	124	49	57	58
Calhoun	35	42	62	21	21	36	8	*	*
Charleston	733	717	640	98	84	75	74	91	109
Cherokee	168	114	117	64	47	40	12	15	10
Chester	105	34	57	5	*	*	13	8	5
Chesterfield	111	74	85	29	9	6	18	21	27
Clarendon	42	23	43	*	N/A	*	16	7	6
Colleton	81	43	108	*	*	*	6	12	19
Darlington	186	145	170	43	22	23	36	17	22
Dillon	114	68	90	47	36	27	*	15	24
Dorchester	433	251	325	104	32	33	51	30	38
Edgefield	54	44	43	7	10	*	6	*	7
Fairfield	51	33	31	N/A	*	5	13	11	8
Florence	377	251	377	17	15	13	46	59	73
Georgetown	96	76	173	17	5	33	12	9	19
Greenville	1,064	802	835	163	80	71	164	133	138

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Juvenile Justice Indicators

County (Continued)	2019 Total Youth Referred	2020 Total Youth Referred	2021 Total Youth Referred	2019 Youth Referred for Status Offenses	2020 Youth Referred for Status Offenses	2021 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
Greenwood	269	186	310	35	28	35	31	17	42
Hampton	48	38	54	*	7	6	16	12	14
Horry	917	704	744	338	211	278	86	92	60
Jasper	71	41	66	13	12	8	8	6	11
Kershaw	101	66	57	19	10	14	19	8	6
Lancaster	168	90	158	*	*	*	26	26	15
Laurens	105	96	94	22	25	19	22	22	6
Lee	26	10	6	N/A	N/A	N/A	*	*	*
Lexington	516	393	402	60	33	19	44	51	33
Marion	174	75	85	29	16	10	53	6	11
Marlboro	101	65	73	53	25	21	11	12	18
McCormick	6	5	12	*	*	N/A	N/A	*	*
Newberry	104	76	67	17	*	*	7	5	5
Oconee	102	92	84	10	15	11	25	16	19
Orangeburg	219	174	190	80	73	53	21	33	20
Pickens	187	158	139	25	22	22	23	25	12
Richland	589	518	490	24	23	20	130	155	105
Saluda	46	25	17	8	7	*	*	*	*
Spartanburg	333	229	263	32	18	15	37	43	41
Sumter	296	215	209	52	43	36	35	46	49
Union	157	98	196	64	40	120	8	5	9
Williamsburg	64	33	75	*	N/A	5	13	12	35
York	577	456	608	60	46	47	63	62	61
Total	**10,454**	**7,826**	**8,975**	**1,866**	**1,271**	**1,394**	**1,367**	**1,285**	**1,283**

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Juvenile Justice Indicators

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

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Juvenile Justice Indicators

County (Continued)	2019 Youth Detained	2020 Youth Detained	2021 Youth Detained	2019 Youth Committed	2020 Youth Committed	2021 Youth Committed
Horry	170	109	93	95	51	51
Jasper	17	14	15	5	*	*
Kershaw	13	9	10	5	5	*
Lancaster	18	11	12	12	10	*
Laurens	37	32	23	10	9	5
Lee	*	*	*	N/A	*	*
Lexington	55	37	41	26	25	17
Marion	18	8	*	10	5	*
Marlboro	15	14	30	*	*	*
McCormick	*	*	5	N/A	*	*
Newberry	8	9	8	8	*	*
Oconee	19	12	20	9	7	7
Orangeburg	34	44	40	26	15	8
Pickens	25	26	17	19	9	*
Richland	105	131	167	72	39	41
Saluda	6	*	6	*	N/A	5
Spartanburg	100	94	101	40	19	10
Sumter	42	34	32	16	11	12
Union	23	21	32	11	8	5
Williamsburg	9	6	10	*	N/A	*
York	96	80	82	26	46	43
Total	**1,994**	**1,613**	**1,610**	**768**	**531**	**414**

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DATA SOURCES

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Education

S.C. PUBLIC SCHOOL HEADCOUNTS

761,290 actively enrolled students in South Carolina public school districts in 2020-2021 school year (180-day headcount), **21,025** or **3%** *decrease* from 2019-2020 (180-day headcount):

- **22,434** or **3%** of students enrolled in child development programs (PK) in 2020-2021.
- **52,444** or **7%** of students enrolled in kindergarten (5-year-old) in 2020-2021.
- **166,634** or **22%** of students enrolled in Grades 1-3 in 2020-2021.
- **299,262** or **39 %** of students enrolled in Grades 4-8 in 2020-2021.
- **220,516** or **29%** of students enrolled in Grades 9-12 in 2020-2021.

53,689 teachers in South Carolina public school districts in 2020-2021 school year, **201** or **0.4%** *increase* from 2019-2020.

	2018-2019 School Year	2019-2020 School Year	2020-2021 School Year	Compared 2019-2020 to 2018-2019 School Year	Compared 2020-2021 to 2018-2019 School Year	Compared 2020-2021 to 2019-2020 School Year
Students enrolled in South Carolina public school districts (180-day headcount)	774,820	782,315	761,290	+7,495 (+1%)	-13,530 (-2%)	-21,025 (-3%)
○ Students enrolled in PK	28,456	29,165	22,434	+709 (+2%)	-6,022 (-21%)	-6,731 (-23%)
○ Students enrolled in kindergarten (5-year-old)	55,753	56,382	52,444	+629 (+1%)	-3,309 (-6%)	-3,938 (-7%)
○ Students enrolled in Grades 1-3	172,814	172,884	166,634	+70 (+0.04%)	-6,180 (-4%)	-6,250 (-4%)
○ Students enrolled in Grades 4-8	302,144	304,685	299,262	+2,541 (+1%)	-2,882 (-1%)	-5,423 (-2%)
○ Students enrolled in Grades 9-12	215,653	219,199	220,516	+3,546 (+2%)	+4,863 (+2%)	+1,317 (+1%)
Teachers in South Carolina public school districts	52,733	53,488	53,689	+755 (+1%)	+956 (+2%)	+201 (+0.4%)

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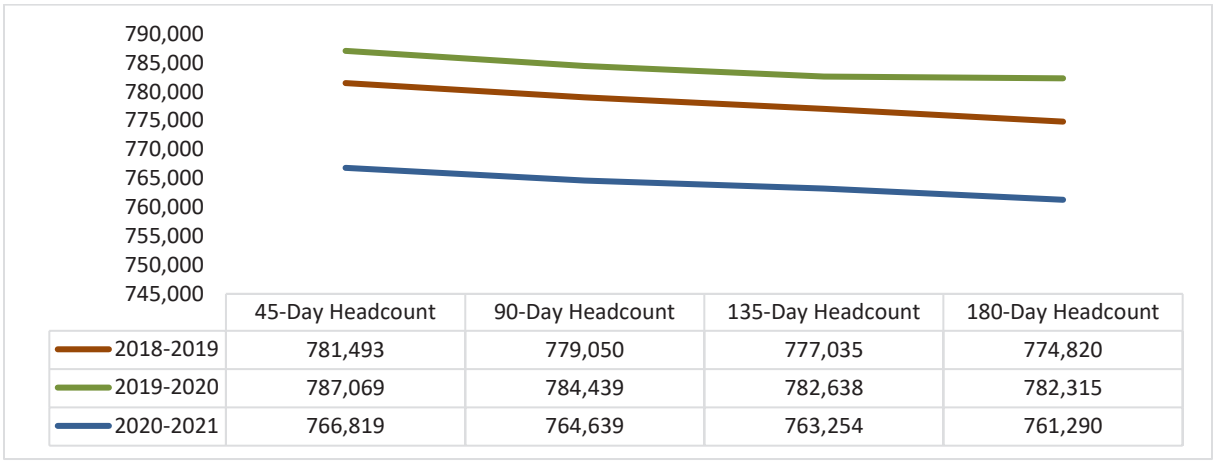


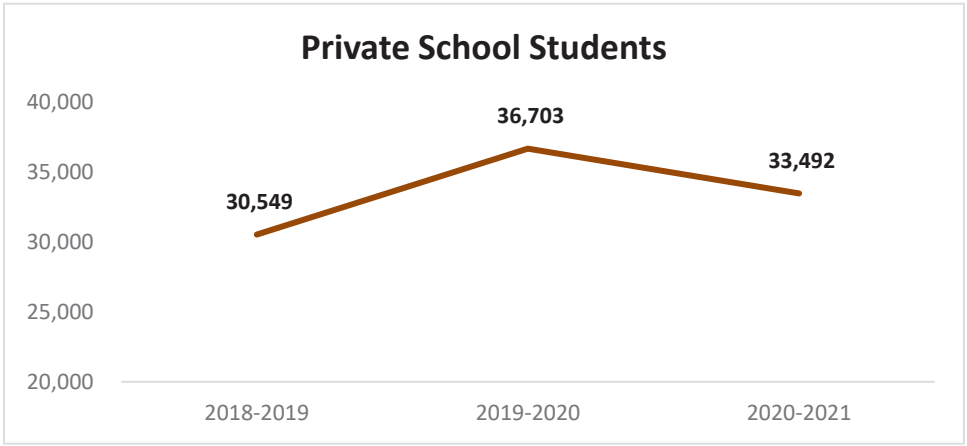
	45-Day Headcount	90-Day Headcount	135-Day Headcount	180-Day Headcount
2018-2019	781,493	779,050	777,035	774,820
2019-2020	787,069	784,439	782,638	782,315
2020-2021	766,819	764,639	763,254	761,290

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

S.C. PRIVATE SCHOOL HEADCOUNTS

33,492 students enrolled in South Carolina private schools in 2020-2021 school year, **3,211** or **9%** *decrease* from 2019-2020.
4,177 teachers in South Carolina private schools in 2020-2021 school year, **160** or **4%** *decrease* from 2019-2020.

	2018-2019 School Year	2019-2020 School Year	2020-2021 School Year	Compared 2019-2020 to 2018-2019 School Year	Compared 2020-2021 to 2018-2019 School Year	Compared 2020-2021 to 2019-2020 School Year
Students enrolled in South Carolina private schools	30,549	36,703	33,492	+6,154 (+20%)	+2,943 (+10%)	-3,211 (-9%)
Teachers in South Carolina private schools	4,337	4,337	4,177	0 0%	-160 (-4%)	-160 (-4%)



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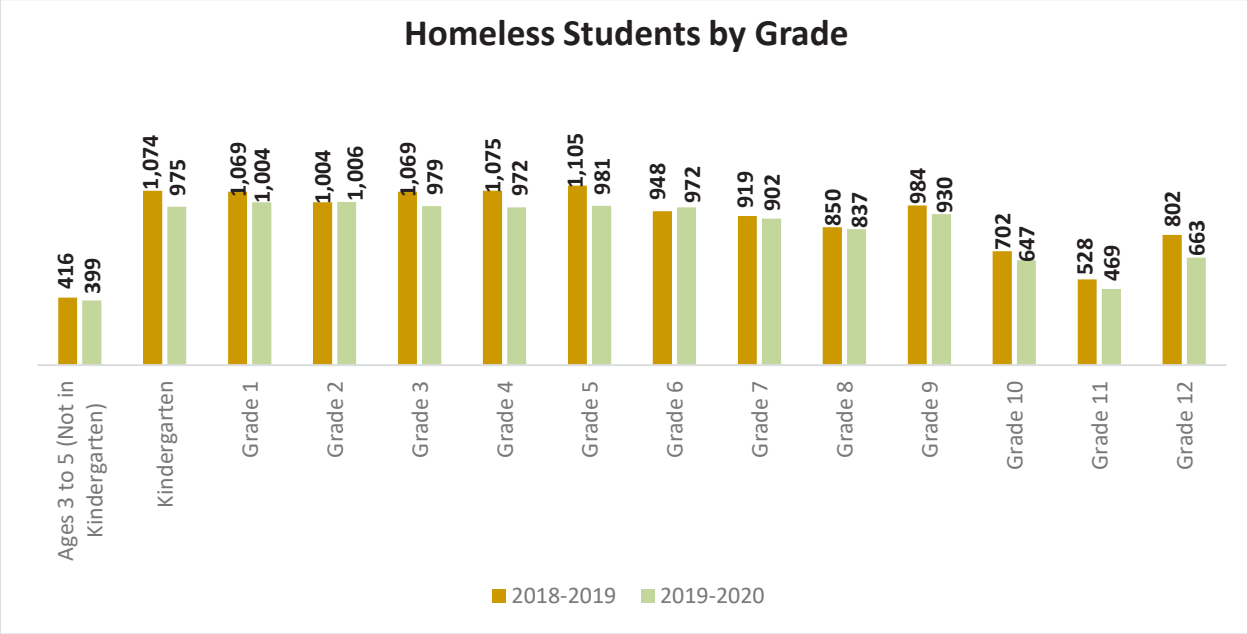
S.C. HOMELESS STUDENTS

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

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

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



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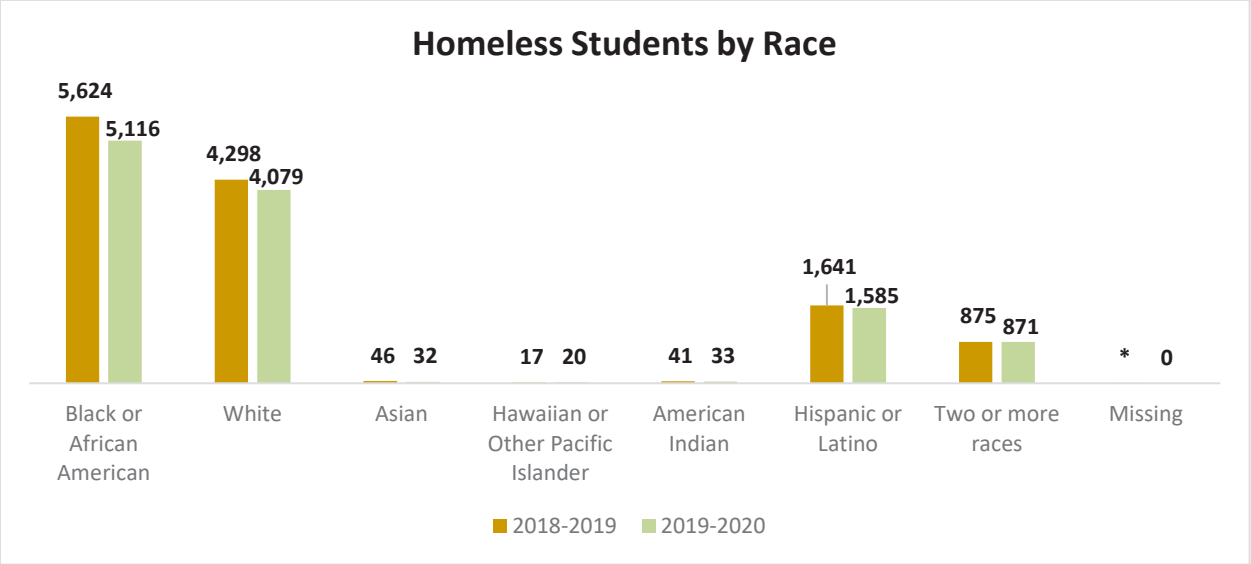

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S.C. SCHOOL REPORT CARD DATA (PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS)

	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021
English learners (EL) students	61,507	64,386	63,885
Percent of students served by gifted and talented program	20.9%	20.2%	19.9%
Students ages 3 to 17 with disabilities in special education and related services	101,618	104,359	101,792
Percent of students retained	1.4%	1.4%	1.3%
Dropout rate	1.5%	2.2%	1.7%
Dropout recovery rate	5.7%	5.9%	6.1%
Four-year graduation rate	81.1%	82.2%	83.3%
Percent of students from prior year graduating class enrolled in a two- or four-year college or technical college pursuing an associate's degree, certificate, or diploma in Fall following graduation	69.5%	67.2%	64.3%

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

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Education Indicators

PREPARING FOR SUCCESS IN S.C.

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

Note. The cut score for "Overall Kindergarten Readiness" was used across all domains in order to provide comparative information. It does not necessarily reflect domain level readiness.

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S.C. CHILDREN SERVED BY THE S.C. FIRST STEPS

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

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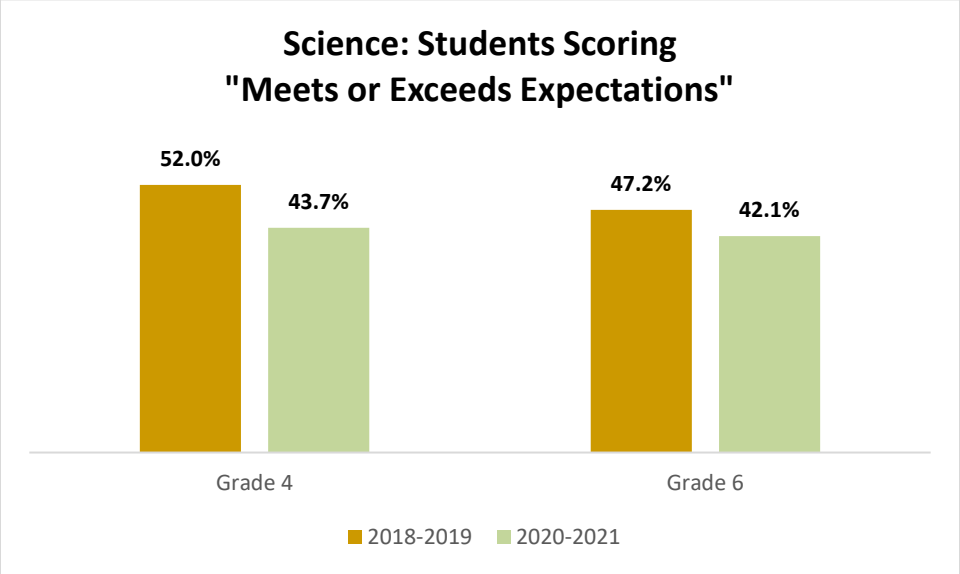
Education Indicators

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



Note. The SCPASS program is one of the tests used in calculating absolute ratings, growth ratings, and federal accountability status. The program currently only assesses science in grades 4 and 6; no other grades or subjects are assessed under SCPASS at this time. No test data are available for the 2019-2020 school year due to cancellation of testing in spring 2020.

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

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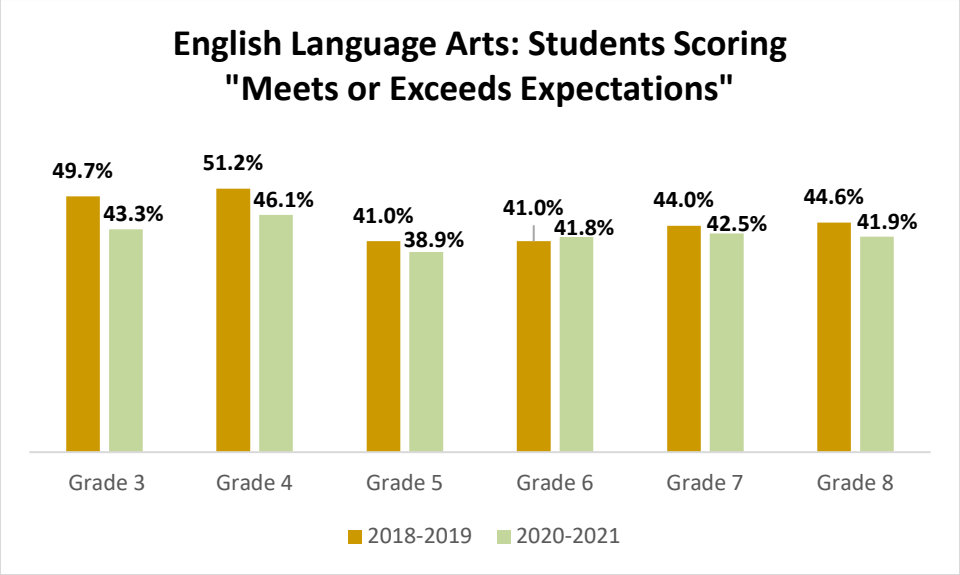
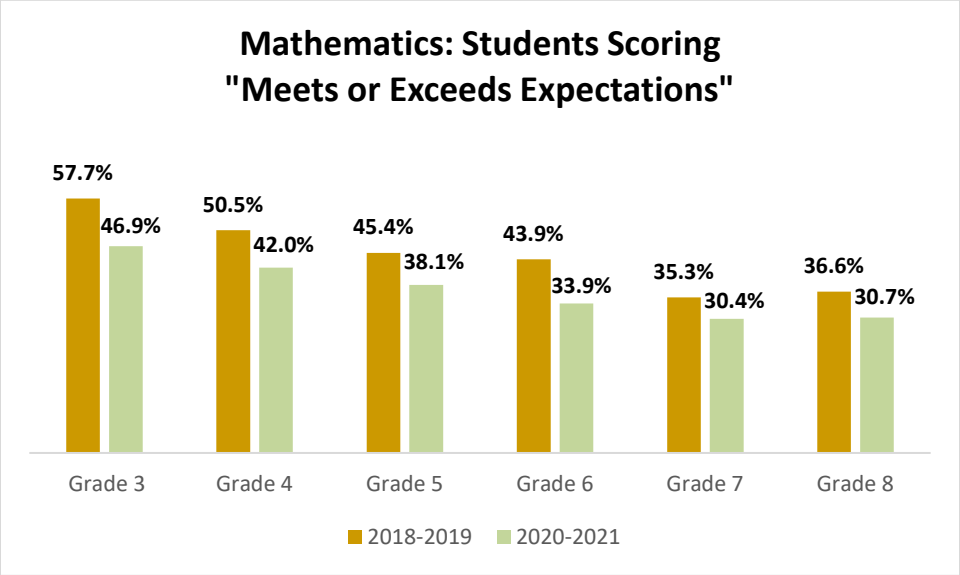
Education Indicators

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

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Education Indicators

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

Meals Served	2019	2020	2021	Compared 2020 to 2019	Compared 2021 to 2019	Compared 2021 to 2020
Free Breakfast Served	37,662,174	35,962,821	44,477,168	-1,699,353 (-5%)	+6,814,994 (+18%)	+8,514,347 (+24%)
Reduced Price Breakfast Served	1,627,386	430,792	789	-1,196,594 (-74%)	-1,626,597 (-100%)	-430,003 (-100%)
Total Free and Reduced Price Breakfast Served	39,289,560	36,393,613	44,477,957	-2,895,947 (-7%)	+5,188,397 (+13%)	+8,084,344 (+22%)
Free Lunch Served	58,234,083	47,406,723	73,473,403	-10,827,360 (-19%)	+15,239,320 (+26%)	+26,066,680 (+55%)
Reduced Price Lunch Served	3,522,696	962,978	1,222	-2,559,718 (-73%)	-3,521,474 (-100%)	-961,756 (-100%)
Total Free and Reduced Price Lunch Served	61,756,779	48,369,701	73,474,625	-13,387,078 (-22%)	+11,717,846 (+19%)	+25,104,924 (+52%)
Total Free and Reduced Price Breakfast and Lunch Served	**101,046,339**	**84,763,314**	**117,952,582**	**-16,283,025 (-16%)**	**+16,906,243 (+17%)**	**+33,189,268 (+39%)**

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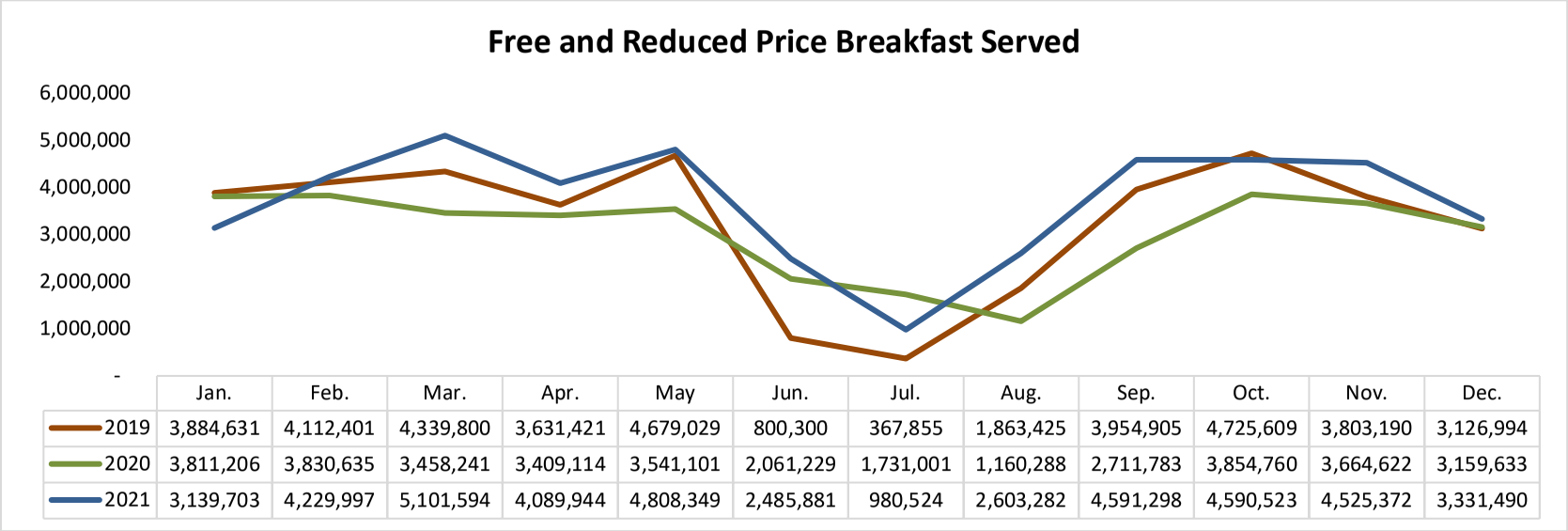
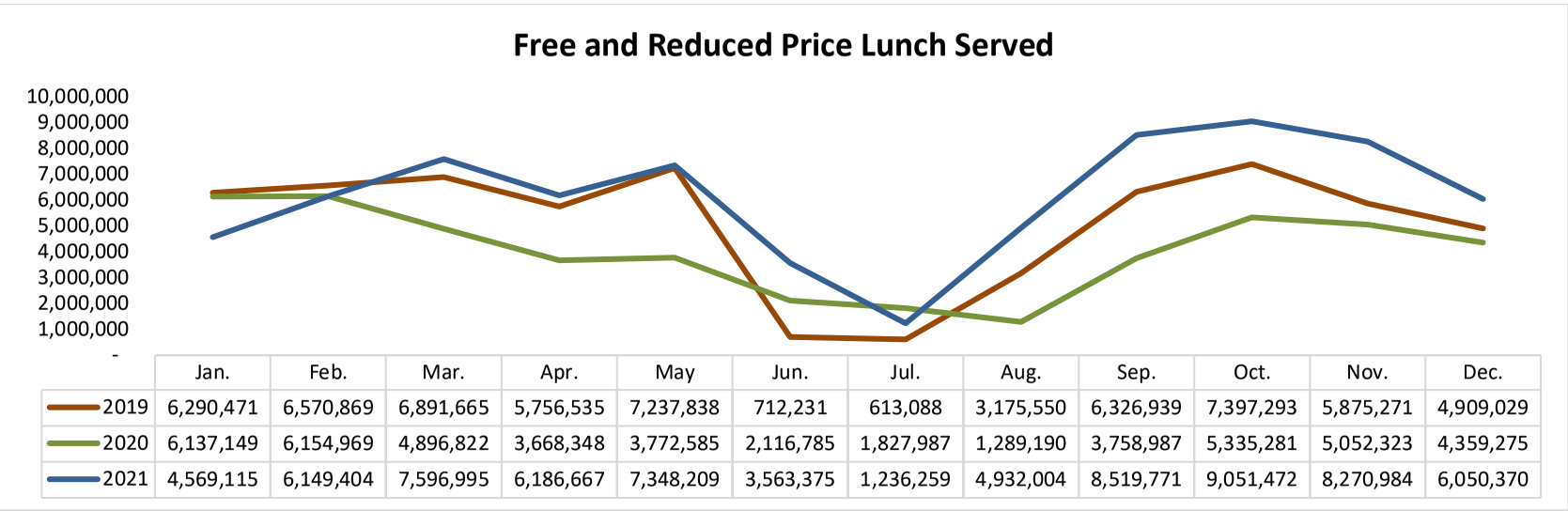
FREE AND REDUCED PRICE MEALS SERVED TO S.C. STUDENTS BY MONTH



	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
2019	3,884,631	4,112,401	4,339,800	3,631,421	4,679,029	800,300	367,855	1,863,425	3,954,905	4,725,609	3,803,190	3,126,994
2020	3,811,206	3,830,635	3,458,241	3,409,114	3,541,101	2,061,229	1,731,001	1,160,288	2,711,783	3,854,760	3,664,622	3,159,633
2021	3,139,703	4,229,997	5,101,594	4,089,944	4,808,349	2,485,881	980,524	2,603,282	4,591,298	4,590,523	4,525,372	3,331,490



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2019	6,290,471	6,570,869	6,891,665	5,756,535	7,237,838	712,231	613,088	3,175,550	6,326,939	7,397,293	5,875,271	4,909,029
2020	6,137,149	6,154,969	4,896,822	3,668,348	3,772,585	2,116,785	1,827,987	1,289,190	3,758,987	5,335,281	5,052,323	4,359,275
2021	4,569,115	6,149,404	7,596,995	6,186,667	7,348,209	3,563,375	1,236,259	4,932,004	8,519,771	9,051,472	8,270,984	6,050,370

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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, October 5, 2021). Headcounts for 90th day were collected from S.C. Department of Education, unpublished report generated in August 2021.
   Number of teachers: S.C. Department of Education, S.C. School Report Card, State of S.C., 2018-2019: **https://screportcards.ed.sc.gov/overview/?q=eT0yMDE5JnQ9UyZzaWQ9MDAwMA**
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2. S.C. private school headcounts: S.C. Department of Education, Private School Headcounts, **https://ed.sc.gov/data/other/student-counts/private-school-headcounts/** The Private School Report is sent out on a yearly basis for teacher and student count for K5 through 12th grade (last visited, October 5, 2021).
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4. English learners students: S.C. Department of Education, S.C. School Report Card, State of S.C., English Learners' Progress, 2018-2019: **https://screportcards.ed.sc.gov/overview/academics/english-language-learners-progress/?q=eT0yMDE5JnQ9UyZzaWQ9MDAwMA**
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6. Students ages 3 to 17 with disabilities in special education and related services: S.C. Department of Education, IDEA Child Count Data. These data are reflective of students with disabilities in special education and related services through Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) under the coverage of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, 2004. These counts would not include children with disabilities who do not have IEPs. **https://ed.sc.gov/districts-schools/special-education-services/data-and-technology-d-t/data-collection-and-reporting/sc-data-collection-history/idea-child-count-data/** (last visited, October 5, 2021).
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8. Four-year graduation rate: S.C. Department of Education, S.C. School Report Card, State of S.C., Graduation Rate, 2018-2019: **https://screportcards.ed.sc.gov/overview/academics/graduation-rate/?q=eT0yMDE5JnQ9UyZzaWQ9MDAwMA**
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10. Preparing for success: S.C. Department of Education, S.C. School Report Card, State of S.C., Preparing for Success. Percent of students enrolling in kindergarten and demonstrating readiness to learn refers to percent of students demonstrating foundational skills and behaviors that prepare them for instruction based on kindergarten standards.
Beginning with the graduating class of 2020, all students of public or charter schools must take the United States Citizenship and Immigration Service test as part of the U.S. government required credit (no required minimum score).
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13. South Carolina College- and Career-Ready Assessments test scores: S.C. Department of Education, SCREADY, **https://ed.sc.gov/data/test-scores/state-assessments/sc-ready/** (last visited, October 5, 2021).
14. Free and reduced price meals served to S.C. students: S.C. Department of Education, unpublished report generated in March 2022.

Reported COVID-19 Cases among South Carolina Children

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

173,026 reported COVID-19 cases among children under age 18, **17.3%** of total reported cases in South Carolina from March 2020-December 2021.

- **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.

678 reported COVID-19 hospitalizations among children under age 18, **2.0%** of total reported hospitalizations in South Carolina from March 2020-December 2021.

- **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.

23 reported COVID-19 deaths among children under age 18, **0.2%** of total reported COVID-19 deaths in South Carolina from March 2020-December 2021.

7,515 reported COVID-19 maternal morbidity cases in South Carolina from March 2020 to December 2021.

- **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.

Note. 2021 data are provisional and subject to change.

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

Children under Age 18	2020	2021	Compared 2021 to 2020
Reported COVID-19 cases	35,610	137,416	+101,806 (+286%)
Reported COVID-19 hospitalizations	221	457	+236 (+107%)
Reported COVID-19 deaths	*	20	N/A

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

COMPARED TO NATIONAL DATA

S.C. reported COVID-19 cases per 100,000 children (cumulative child cases as of December 2021, Ages 0-17): **15,413 per 100,000 children**

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National rate: **10,484 per 100,000 children**

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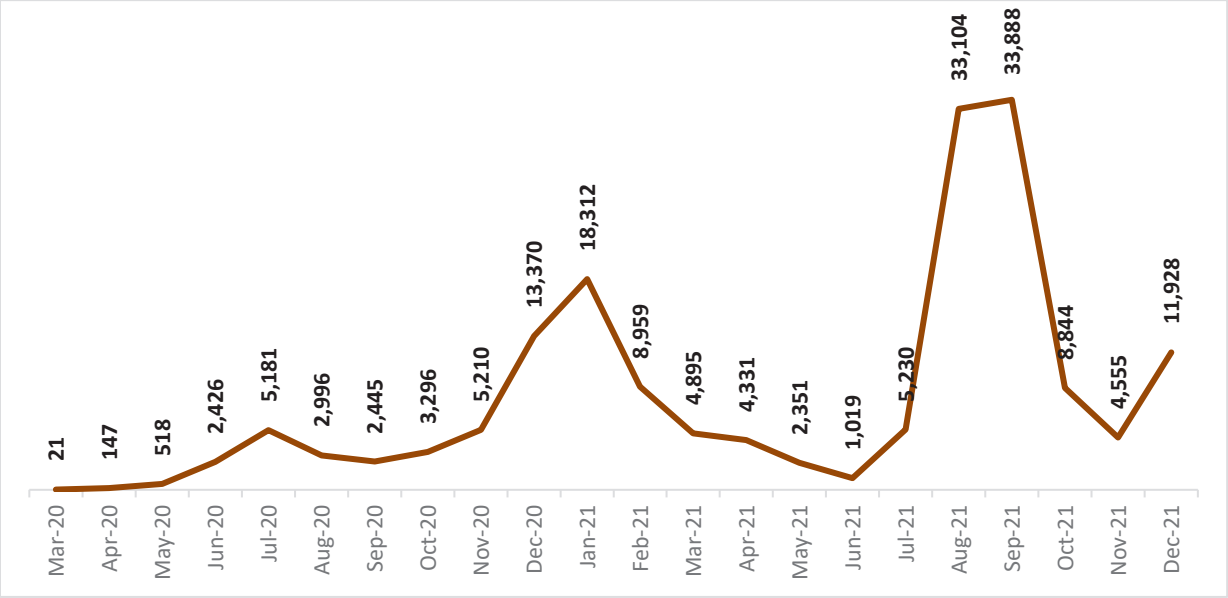
The COVID-19 Pandemic

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



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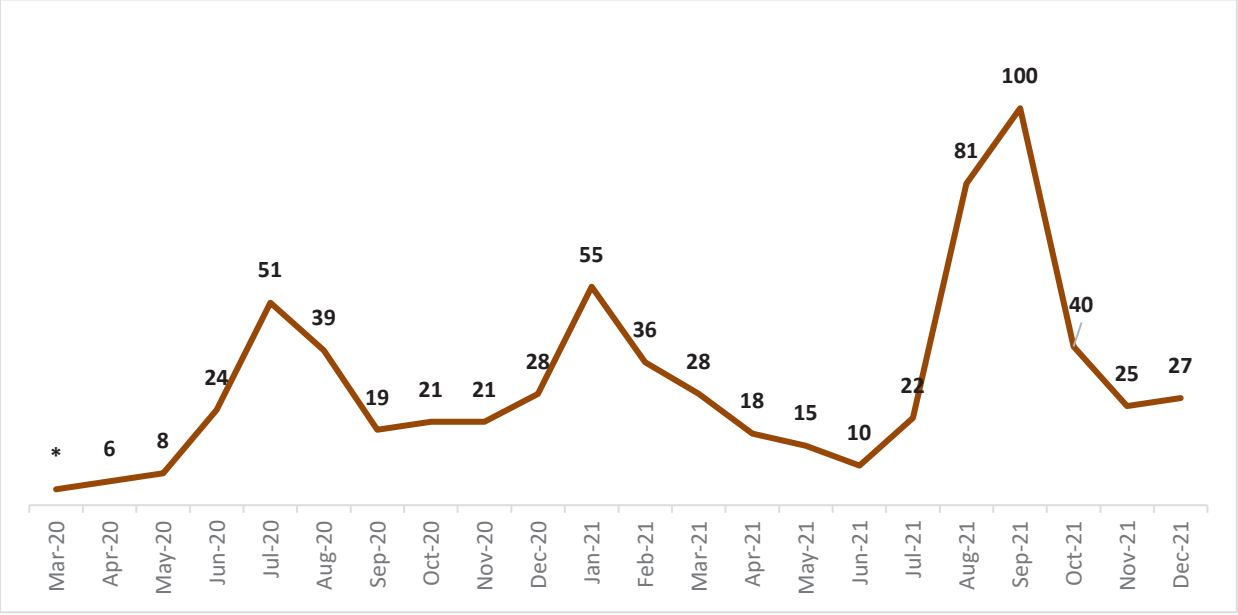
S.C. REPORTED COVID-19 HOSPITALIZATIONS AMONG CHILDREN BY MONTH



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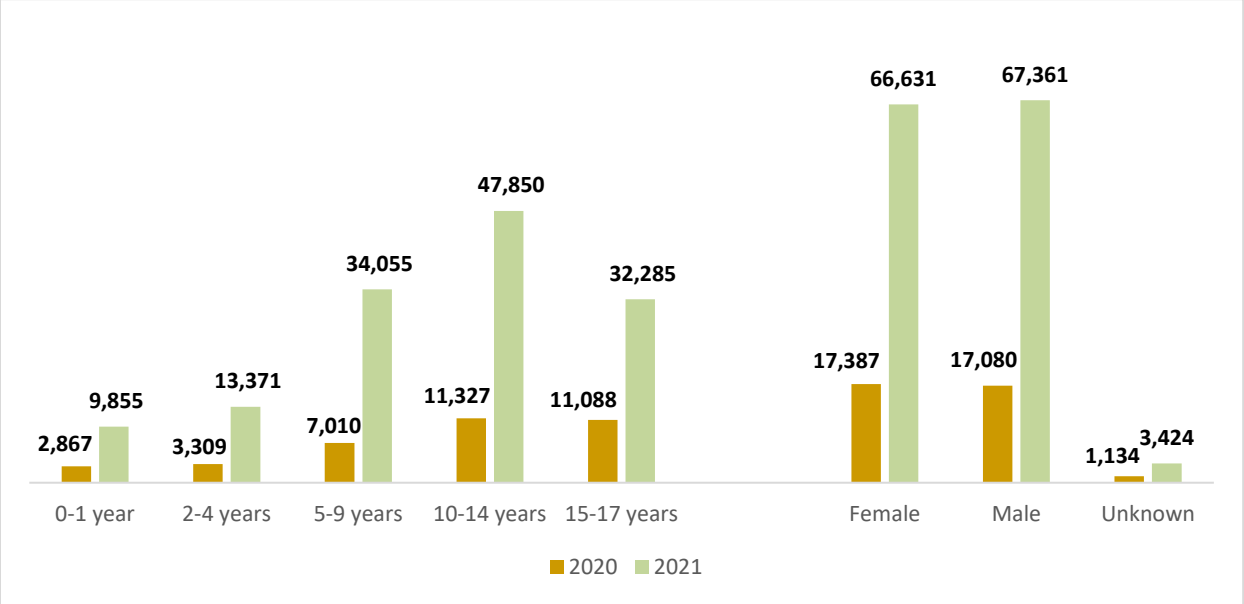

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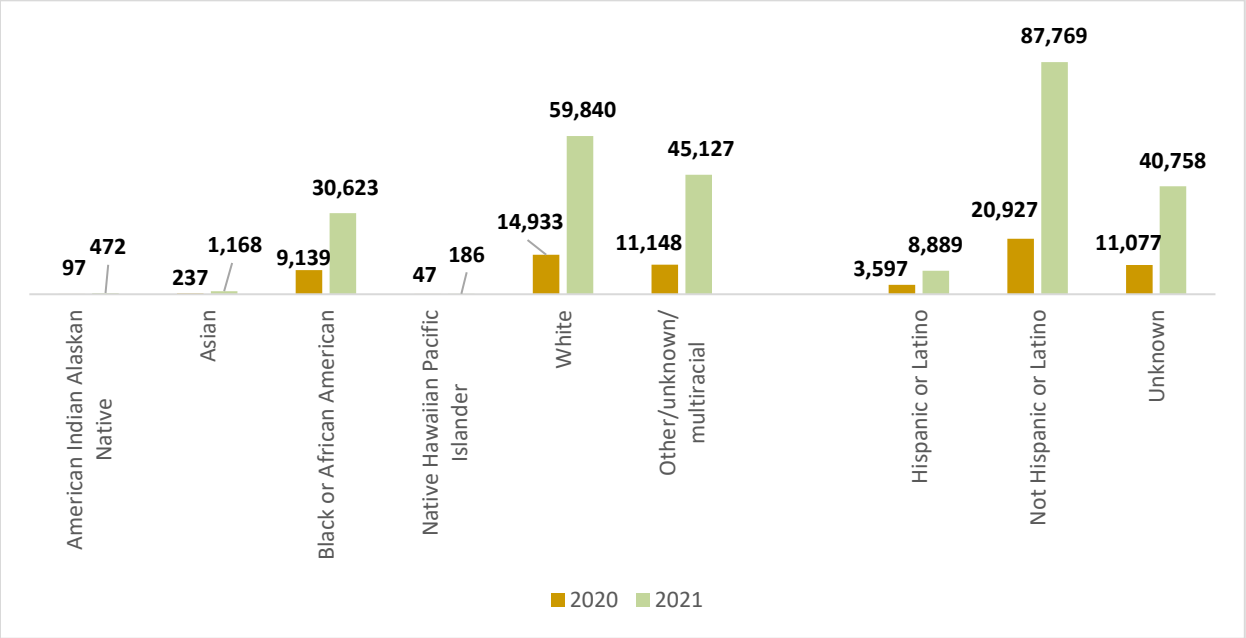

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S.C. REPORTED COVID-19 CASES AMONG CHILDREN BY COUNTY

County	2020 Case Counts	2020 Rate per 100,000 Children	2021 Case Counts	2021 Rate per 100,000 Children
Abbeville	152	3,155	508	10,544
Aiken	1,045	2,867	3,828	10,501
Allendale	63	3,950	219	13,730
Anderson	1,341	2,935	5,488	12,013
Bamberg	124	4,587	289	10,692
Barnwell	167	3,436	534	10,985
Beaufort	948	2,639	3,738	10,407
Berkeley	1,058	1,895	6,147	11,011
Calhoun	90	3,347	207	7,698
Charleston	2,148	2,625	8,880	10,851
Cherokee	387	2,965	1,569	12,019
Chester	311	4,339	1,004	14,009
Chesterfield	305	3,095	1,266	12,845
Clarendon	197	3,200	754	12,248
Colleton	218	2,607	730	8,730
Darlington	624	4,298	1,653	11,385
Dillon	369	4,889	1,164	15,421
Dorchester	983	2,515	6,652	17,017
Edgefield	159	3,397	603	12,885
Fairfield	143	3,576	416	10,403
Florence	1,240	3,903	4,004	12,602
Georgetown	458	4,218	1,330	12,249
Greenville	4,585	3,797	14,469	11,983
Greenwood	537	3,304	2,129	13,100
Hampton	136	3,458	497	12,637
Horry	1,875	2,953	8,227	12,957
Jasper	173	2,897	557	9,327
Kershaw	527	3,460	2,310	15,165
Lancaster	742	3,500	2,796	13,187
Laurens	462	3,113	1,889	12,730
Lee	133	4,165	317	9,928
Lexington	2,117	3,110	9,651	14,177
Marion	272	4,098	875	13,184
Marlboro	236	4,645	727	14,308
McCormick	31	3,033	119	11,644
Newberry	416	4,971	1,160	13,862
Oconee	569	3,717	2,057	13,437

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County (Continued)	2020 Case Counts	2020 Rate per 100,000 Children	2021 Case Counts	2021 Rate per 100,000 Children
Orangeburg	631	3,334	2,359	12,462
Pickens	1,018	3,832	3,464	13,038
Richland	2,495	2,662	9,593	10,234
Saluda	107	2,491	398	9,267
Spartanburg	2,593	3,445	9,152	12,159
Sumter	676	2,684	2,603	10,336
Union	206	3,678	745	13,301
Williamsburg	256	4,321	661	11,158
York	2,278	3,336	9,033	13,229
Total	**35,601**	**3,171**	**137,416**	**12,241**

Note. Total case counts for 2021 (i.e., 137,416) include 645 cases with unknown county information. 2021 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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S.C. REPORTED COVID-19 CASES ASSOCIATED WITH SCHOOLS BY COUNTY

County	2020	2021
Abbeville	158	234
Aiken	1,113	2,042
Allendale	63	130
Anderson	1,450	2,836
Bamberg	111	187
Barnwell	155	263
Beaufort	909	1,945
Berkeley	987	3,148
Calhoun	84	117
Charleston	1,952	4,914
Cherokee	412	697
Chester	293	467
Chesterfield	287	594
Clarendon	200	288
Colleton	210	401
Darlington	604	745
Dillon	350	612
Dorchester	989	3,513
Edgefield	166	278
Fairfield	139	251
Florence	1,281	1,860
Georgetown	459	568
Greenville	4,588	7,501
Greenwood	516	924
Hampton	145	294
Horry	1,815	3,920
Jasper	159	265
Kershaw	529	1,179
Lancaster	720	1,375
Laurens	447	845
Lee	124	157
Lexington	2,159	5,248
Marion	266	380
Marlboro	217	354
McCormick	34	46
Newberry	405	640
Oconee	650	1,169
Orangeburg	577	1,346
Pickens	1,119	1,958

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County (Continued)	2020	2021
Richland	2,400	4,575
Saluda	102	196
Spartanburg	2,798	4,282
Sumter	608	1,090
Union	238	404
Williamsburg	242	331
York	2,246	4,575
Total	**35,476**	**69,576**

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

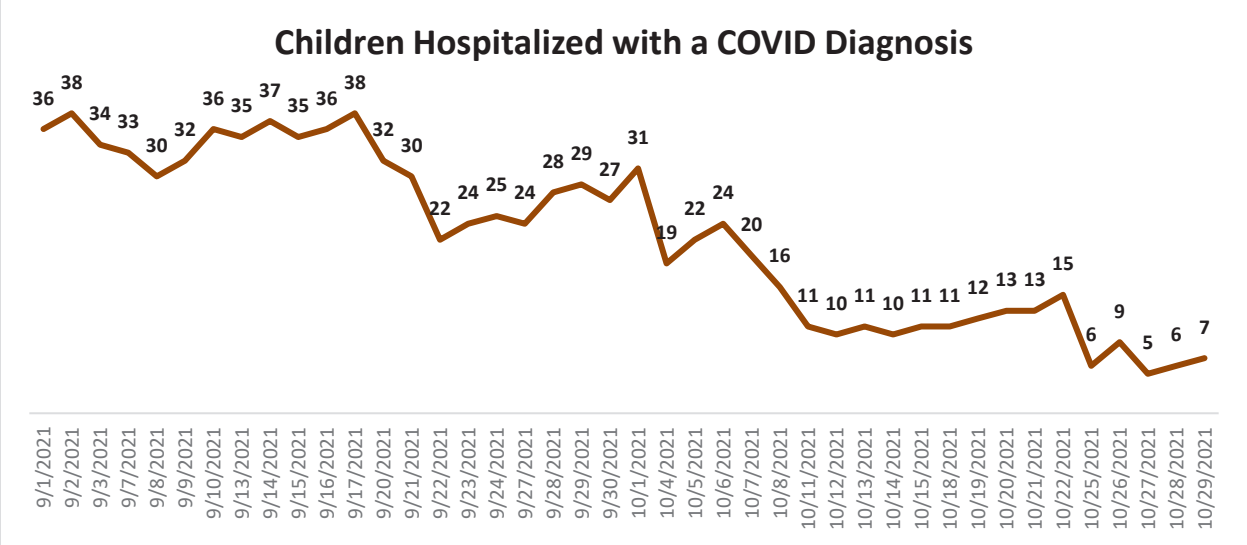
DATA SOURCES

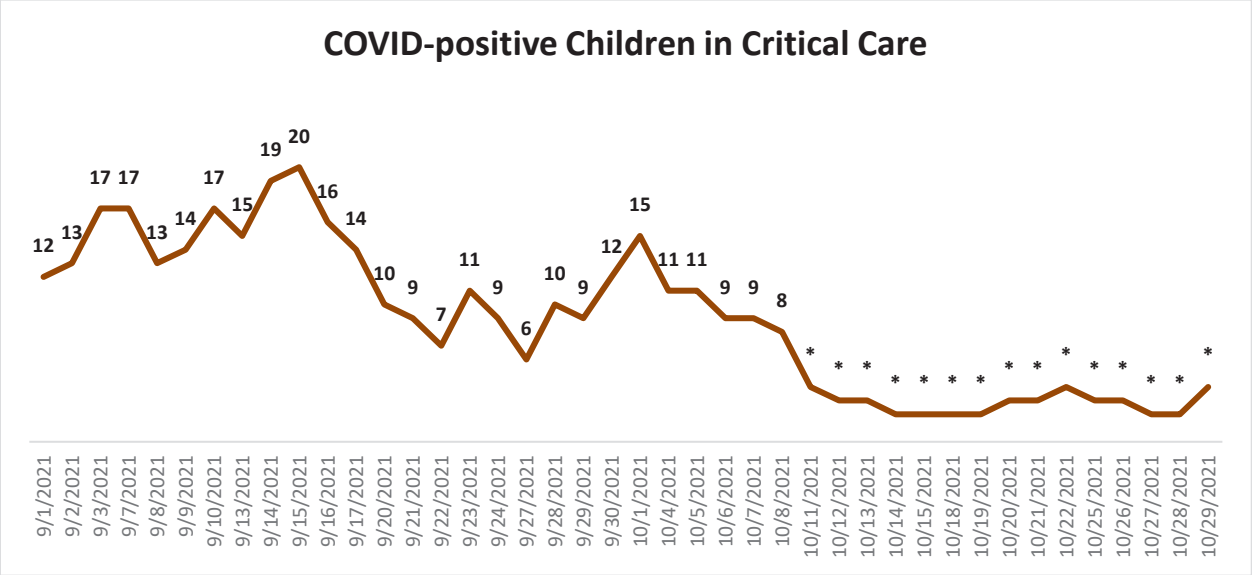
1. South Carolina data: S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC), unpublished reports generated in August 2021 and February 2022.
   Maternal COVID-19 morbidity is defined as a COVID-19 patient who was pregnant at the time that the case (confirmed or probable) was reported to DHEC. 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.
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 2021 divided by the 2020 S.C. child population and multiplied by 100,000.
   Source of child population: DHEC, Population Data, year of 2020, **https://apps.dhec.sc.gov/Health/SCAN_BDP/tables/populationtable.aspx** (last visited, February 28, 2022).
   National rate: 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: 1/27/2022. The national rate cited in this report (i.e., 10,484 per 100,000 children) was based on the reported data from December 30, 2021 (see Appendix Table 2A of the State Data Report: Summary of Child Case Data from 4/16/20-1/27/22), **https://downloads.aap.org/AAP/PDF/AAP%20and%20CHA%20-%20Children%20and%20COVID-19%20State%20Data%20Report%201.27.22%20FINAL.pdf** (last visited, April 9, 2022).
   The numbers in this national report represent cumulative counts since states began reporting. The data are based on how public agencies collect, categorize and post information. All data reported by state/local health departments are preliminary and subject to change and reporting may change over time. Notably, in the summer of 2021, some states 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. Definition of "child": Age ranges reported for children varied by state (0-14, 0-17, 0-18, 0-19, and 0-20 years).

South Carolina Children's Hospital Collaborative COVID-19 Update

The South Carolina Children's Hospital Collaborative provided COVID-19 daily reports during the Delta variant surge in September 2021 through October 2021, and the Omicron variant surge in January 2022 through February 2022. The South Carolina Children's Hospital Collaborative represents the four children's hospitals in South Carolina: McLeod Children's Hospital in Florence, MUSC Shawn Jenkins Children's Hospital in Charleston, Prisma Health Children's Hospital-Midlands in Columbia, and Prisma Health Children's Hospital-Upstate in Greenville. All four children's hospitals experienced an increase in the number of children requiring hospitalization from the COVID-19 during the surges. The data presented below were daily counts, not cumulative counts over time.

THE DELTA VARIANT SURGE (SEPTEMBER 2021-OCTOBER 2021)





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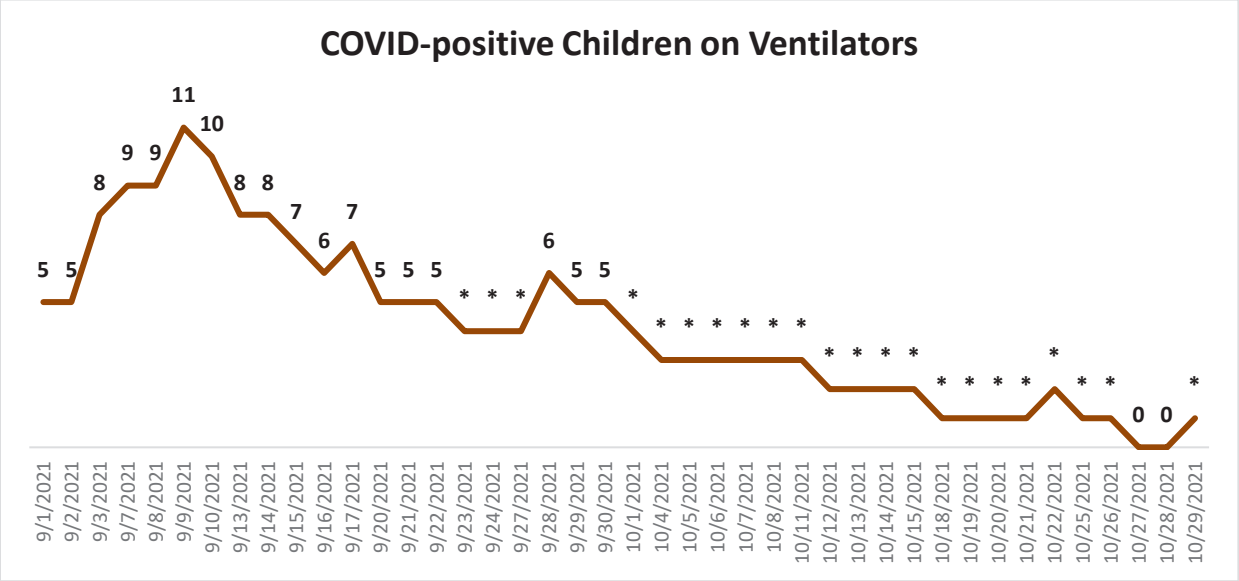

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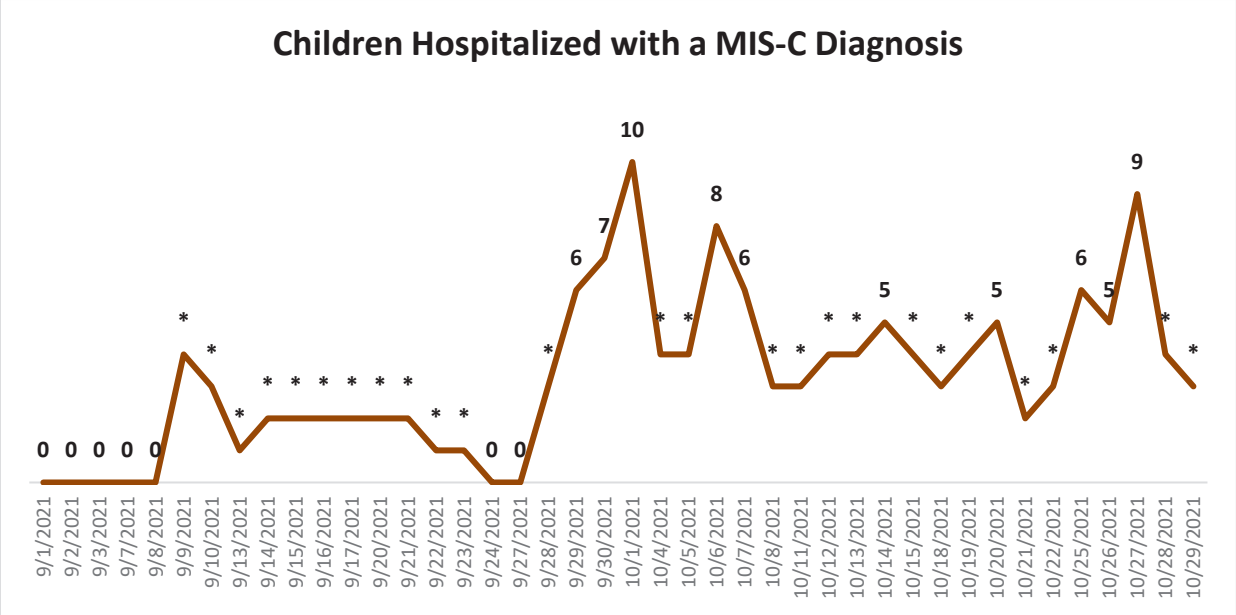

Note. Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Children (MIS-C) is a rare but serious condition associated with COVID-19 in which different body parts become inflamed, including the heart, lungs, kidneys, brain, skin, eyes, or gastrointestinal organs. MIS can affect children (MIS-C) and adults (MIS-A) (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2021).

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The Delta Variant Surge	Children Hospitalized with a COVID Diagnosis	COVID-positive Children in Critical Care	COVID-positive Children on Ventilators	Children Hospitalized with a MIS-C Diagnosis	COVID-positive Children on ECMO
9/1/2021	36	12	5	0	0
9/2/2021	38	13	5	0	0
9/3/2021	34	17	8	0	0
9/7/2021	33	17	9	0	0
9/8/2021	30	13	9	0	0
9/9/2021	32	14	11	*	0
9/10/2021	36	17	10	*	0
9/13/2021	35	15	8	*	*
9/14/2021	37	19	8	*	*
9/15/2021	35	20	7	*	*
9/16/2021	36	16	6	*	*
9/17/2021	38	14	7	*	*
9/20/2021	32	10	5	*	*
9/21/2021	30	9	5	*	*
9/22/2021	22	7	5	*	*
9/23/2021	24	11	*	*	*
9/24/2021	25	9	*	0	*
9/27/2021	24	6	*	0	*
9/28/2021	28	10	6	*	*
9/29/2021	29	9	5	6	*
9/30/2021	27	12	5	7	*
10/1/2021	31	15	*	10	*
10/4/2021	19	11	*	*	*
10/5/2021	22	11	*	*	*
10/6/2021	24	9	*	8	*
10/7/2021	20	9	*	6	*
10/8/2021	16	8	*	*	*
10/11/2021	11	*	*	*	*
10/12/2021	10	*	*	*	*
10/13/2021	11	*	*	*	*
10/14/2021	10	*	*	5	*
10/15/2021	11	*	*	*	*
10/18/2021	11	*	*	*	*
10/19/2021	12	*	*	*	*
10/20/2021	13	*	*	5	*
10/21/2021	13	*	*	*	*
10/22/2021	15	*	*	*	*

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The Delta Variant Surge	Children Hospitalized with a COVID Diagnosis	COVID-positive Children in Critical Care	COVID-positive Children on Ventilators	Children Hospitalized with a MIS-C Diagnosis	COVID-positive Children on ECMO
10/25/2021	6	*	*	6	*
10/26/2021	9	*	*	5	*
10/27/2021	5	*	0	9	0
10/28/2021	6	*	0	*	0
10/29/2021	7	*	*	*	0

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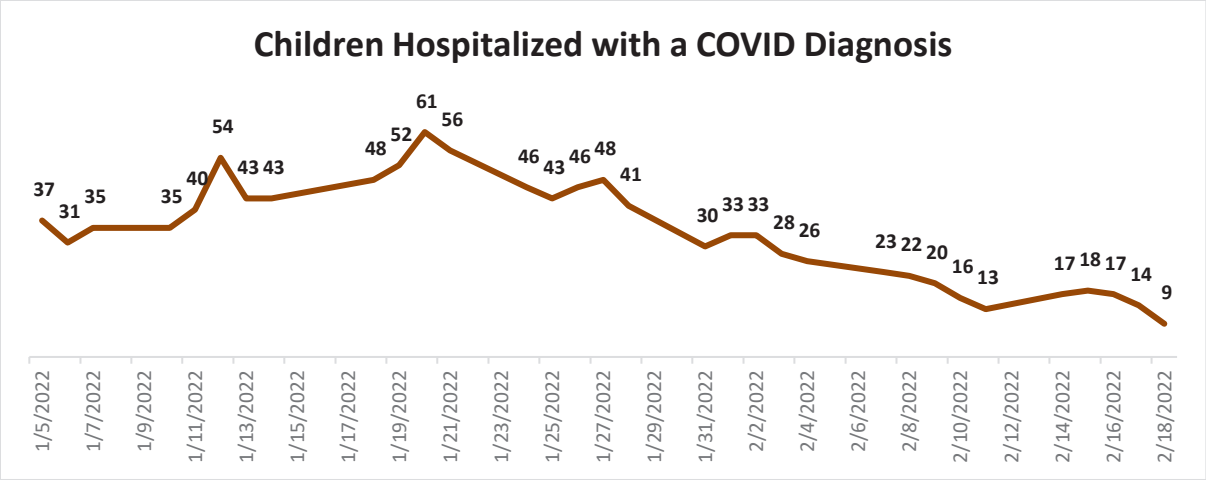
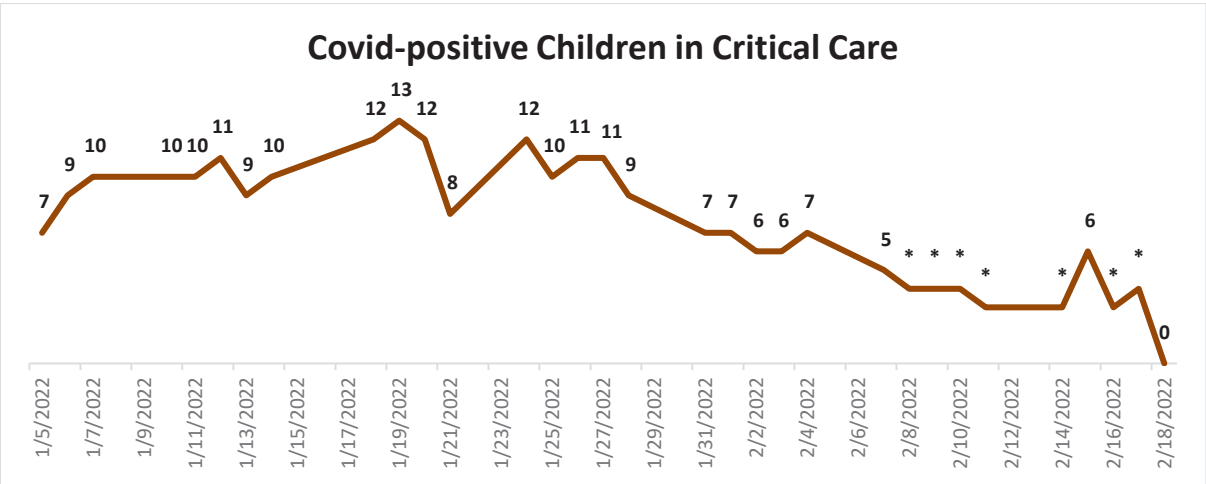
Note. Extracorporeal membrane oxygenation (ECMO) is a life support machine. Children who need ECMO have a severe and life-threatening condition that stops their heart or lungs from working properly and are cared for in a hospital's intensive care unit (American Thoracic Society, 2020).

THE OMICRON VARIANT SURGE (JANUARY 2022-FEBRUARY 2022)





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The COVID-19 Pandemic

The Omicron Variant Surge	Children Hospitalized with a COVID Diagnosis	COVID-positive Children in Critical Care	COVID-positive Children on Ventilators	Children Hospitalized with a MIS-C Diagnosis	COVID-positive Children on ECMO
1/5/2022	37	7	*	0	0
1/6/2022	31	9	*	0	0
1/7/2022	35	10	*	0	0
1/10/2022	35	10	*	*	0
1/11/2022	40	10	*	*	0
1/12/2022	54	11	*	*	0
1/13/2022	43	9	*	*	0
1/14/2022	43	10	*	*	0
1/18/2022	48	12	*	0	0
1/19/2022	52	13	*	*	0
1/20/2022	61	12	*	*	0
1/21/2022	56	8	*	*	0
1/24/2022	46	12	*	*	0
1/25/2022	43	10	*	*	0
1/26/2022	46	11	*	*	0
1/27/2022	48	11	*	0	*
1/28/2022	41	9	*	*	*
1/31/2022	30	7	*	*	0
2/1/2022	33	7	*	*	0
2/2/2022	33	6	*	*	0
2/3/2022	28	6	0	*	0
2/4/2022	26	7	0	*	0
2/7/2022	23	5	0	*	0
2/8/2022	22	*	0	*	0
2/9/2022	20	*	*	*	0
2/10/2022	16	*	*	*	0
2/11/2022	13	*	*	0	0
2/14/2022	17	*	0	0	0
2/15/2022	18	6	0	0	0
2/16/2022	17	*	0	0	0
2/17/2022	14	*	0	*	0
2/18/2022	9	0	0	*	0

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DATA SOURCE

1. South Carolina Children's Hospital Collaborative, unpublished report generated in February 2022.
2. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. (2021). Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Children (MIS-C) and Adults (MIS-A). **https://www.cdc.gov/mis/about.html#:~:text=Multisystem%20inflammatory%20syndrome%20(MIS,MIS%2DA)**. American Thoracic Society. (2020). What is ECMO? **https://www.thoracic.org/patients/patient-resources/resources/what-is-ecmo.pdf** (last visited, April 25, 2022).

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Household Pulse Survey
- South Carolina and National Data Comparison

WHAT IS THE HOUSEHOLD PULSE SURVEY?

The U.S. Census Bureau, in collaboration with multiple federal agencies, is in a unique position to produce data on the social and economic effects of coronavirus on American households. The Household Pulse Survey is designed to deploy quickly and efficiently, collecting data to measure household experiences during the coronavirus pandemic. Data is disseminated in near real-time to inform federal and state response and recovery planning. Phase 1 of the survey ran from April 23, 2020 through July 21, 2020; Phase 2 from August 19, 2020 through October 26, 2020; and Phase 3 from October 28, 2020 through March 29, 2021. Phase 3.1 of the Household Pulse Survey began April 14, 2021 and ended on July 5, 2021. Data collection for Phase 3.2 of the Household Pulse survey ran from July 21, 2021 to October 11, 2021. Data collection for Phase 3.3 of the survey ran from December 1, 2021 through February 7, 2022. Although previous phases of the survey collected and disseminated data every two weeks, Phase 3.3 shifted to a two-weeks on, two-weeks off collection and dissemination approach.

DATA SOURCES

1. Data selected and presented in this report were based on the analyzed data published by the National KIDS COUNT on the Household Pulse Survey, **https://datacenter.kidscount.org/data#USA/1/0/char/0/271** (last visited, February 19, 2022).
2. Household Pulse Survey (COVID-19), U.S. Census Bureau, **https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/household-pulse-survey/data.html** (last visited, February 19, 2022).

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EMPLOYMENT, HOUSEHOLD SPENDING, AND FOOD SECURITY

	Households with children that lost employment income		Households with children where there was little or no confidence in ability to pay their next rent or mortgage payment on time		Households with children that had difficulty paying for usual household expenses in the past week		Households with children that sometimes or often did not have enough food to eat in the past week	
	S.C.	National	S.C.	National	S.C.	National	S.C.	National
Apr 23-May 12, 2020	48%	51%	25%	23%	N/A	N/A	15%	13%
May 7-May 19, 2020	51%	52%	33%	24%	N/A	N/A	15%	14%
May 14-May 26, 2020	52%	53%	31%	24%	N/A	N/A	16%	14%
May 21-Jun 2, 2020	50%	53%	25%	23%	N/A	N/A	17%	15%
May 28-Jun 9, 2020	52%	53%	28%	23%	N/A	N/A	14%	15%
Jun 4-Jun 16, 2020	50%	52%	25%	23%	N/A	N/A	10%	13%
Jun 11-Jun 23, 2020	44%	53%	22%	24%	N/A	N/A	9%	13%
Jun 18-Jun 30, 2020	50%	54%	22%	25%	N/A	N/A	14%	13%
Jun 25-Jul 7, 2020	56%	55%	21%	25%	N/A	N/A	18%	14%
Jul 2-Jul 14, 2020	51%	55%	19%	25%	N/A	N/A	19%	14%
Jul 9-Jul 21, 2020	48%	56%	22%	25%	N/A	N/A	16%	14%
Aug 19-Sep 14, 2020	46%	49%	18%	19%	40%	40%	12%	14%
Sep 2-Sep 28, 2020	45%	50%	15%	19%	42%	40%	10%	14%
Sep 16-Oct 12, 2020	42%	50%	16%	18%	43%	40%	10%	14%
Sep 30-Oct 26, 2020	44%	49%	18%	19%	45%	40%	13%	15%
Oct 14-Nov 9, 2020	49%	50%	20%	20%	45%	41%	19%	15%
Oct 28-Nov 23, 2020	52%	52%	25%	21%	46%	42%	24%	16%
Nov 11-Dec 7, 2020	55%	53%	27%	21%	47%	43%	20%	16%
Nov 25-Dec 21, 2020	53%	53%	23%	22%	47%	45%	18%	17%
Jan 6-Feb 1, 2021	46%	52%	24%	21%	44%	42%	14%	15%
Jan 20-Feb 15, 2021	50%	52%	24%	20%	46%	41%	14%	14%
Feb 3-Mar 1, 2021	44%	51%	22%	20%	43%	41%	18%	14%
Feb 17-Mar 15, 2021	41%	51%	18%	20%	39%	41%	18%	14%
Mar 3-Mar 29, 2021	49%	49%	16%	18%	36%	37%	14%	13%
Apr 14-May 10, 2021	22%	23%	12%	16%	34%	33%	12%	11%
Apr 28-May 24, 2021	22%	23%	15%	17%	34%	33%	14%	12%
May 12-Jun 07, 2021	26%	22%	18%	17%	37%	34%	14%	12%
May 26-Jun 21, 2021	26%	22%	20%	18%	40%	35%	17%	13%

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EMPLOYMENT, HOUSEHOLD SPENDING, AND FOOD SECURITY (TABLE CONTINUED)

	Households with children that lost employment income		Households with children where there was little or no confidence in ability to pay their next rent or mortgage payment on time		Households with children that had difficulty paying for usual household expenses in the past week		Households with children that sometimes or often did not have enough food to eat in the past week	
	S.C.	National	S.C.	National	S.C.	National	S.C.	National
Jun 09-Jul 05, 2021	24%	22%	18%	18%	40%	35%	21%	13%
Jul 21-Aug 16, 2021	19%	20%	15%	17%	37%	33%	15%	10%
Aug 4-Aug 30, 2021	19%	19%	19%	17%	40%	33%	14%	10%
Aug 18-Sep 13, 2021	22%	20%	22%	18%	37%	33%	11%	10%
Sep 1-Sep 27, 2021	23%	21%	20%	17%	40%	34%	14%	11%
Sep 15-Oct 11, 2021	19%	20%	18%	17%	39%	35%	12%	11%
Dec 01-Dec 13, 2021	18%	19%	18%	19%	39%	37%	12%	12%
Dec 29, 2021-Jan 10, 2022	21%	22%	17%	20%	32%	38%	12%	13%

Note. "Households with children that lost employment income:" Due to the change in reference period, estimates from April 12, 2021 or later and those from April 23, 2020 through March 29, 2021 are not comparable.

HEALTH

	Adults living in households with children who delayed getting medical care because of the coronavirus pandemic		Adults living in households with children who did not get needed medical care because of the coronavirus pandemic		Adults living in households with children who lack health insurance	
	S.C.	National	S.C.	National	S.C.	National
Apr 23-May 12, 2020	39%	40%	36%	34%	13%	13%
May 7-May 19, 2020	40%	42%	35%	35%	13%	12%
May 14-May 26, 2020	35%	42%	31%	34%	17%	13%
May 21-Jun 2, 2020	34%	42%	27%	34%	17%	13%
May 28-Jun 9, 2020	40%	42%	34%	35%	18%	12%
Jun 4-Jun 16, 2020	37%	42%	34%	34%	18%	13%
Jun 11-Jun 23, 2020	34%	42%	28%	34%	14%	13%
Jun 18-Jun 30, 2020	37%	43%	30%	34%	16%	13%
Jun 25-Jul 7, 2020	38%	43%	35%	35%	22%	14%

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HEALTH (TABLE CONTINUED)

	Adults living in households with children who delayed getting medical care because of the coronavirus pandemic		Adults living in households with children who did not get needed medical care because of the coronavirus pandemic		Adults living in households with children who lack health insurance	
	S.C.	National	S.C.	National	S.C.	National
Jul 2-Jul 14, 2020	37%	42%	33%	35%	19%	13%
Jul 9-Jul 21, 2020	40%	42%	33%	34%	12%	13%
Aug 19-Sep 14, 2020	32%	36%	24%	28%	11%	12%
Sep 2-Sep 28, 2020	35%	35%	27%	26%	12%	12%
Sep 16-Oct 12, 2020	32%	34%	25%	25%	14%	12%
Sep 30-Oct 26, 2020	32%	33%	27%	25%	13%	12%
Oct 14-Nov 9, 2020	34%	33%	34%	26%	17%	12%
Oct 28-Nov 23, 2020	40%	35%	38%	27%	18%	11%
Nov 11-Dec 7, 2020	34%	36%	30%	27%	18%	12%
Nov 25-Dec 21, 2020	27%	36%	25%	28%	19%	12%
Jan 6-Feb 1, 2021	30%	33%	25%	25%	11%	12%
Jan 20-Feb 15, 2021	32%	32%	25%	25%	14%	11%
Feb 3-Mar 1, 2021	29%	30%	24%	23%	17%	11%
Feb 17-Mar 15, 2021	23%	29%	20%	22%	11%	11%
Mar 3-Mar 29, 2021	24%	27%	18%	21%	6%	11%
Apr 14-May 10, 2021	14%	21%	13%	17%	12%	12%
Apr 28-May 24, 2021	15%	20%	12%	16%	12%	12%
May 12-Jun 07, 2021	15%	19%	14%	16%	16%	12%
May 26-Jun 21, 2021	20%	19%	18%	15%	17%	11%
Jun 09-Jul 05, 2021	16%	18%	17%	15%	11%	11%
Jul 21-Aug 16, 2021	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	11%	11%
Aug 4-Aug 30, 2021	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	8%	11%
Aug 18-Sep 13, 2021	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	8%	11%
Sep 1-Sep 27, 2021	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	9%	11%
Sep 15-Oct 11, 2021	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	9%	10%
Dec 01-Dec 13, 2021	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	10%	12%
Dec 29, 2021-Jan 10, 2022	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	14%	11%

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EDUCATION

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

Note. Pertaining to each indicator in the above table: For Phases 1, 2, and 3, respondents were asked about availability for students attending public, private, or home schools. Beginning in Phase 3.1, respondents were only asked about availability for students attending public or private schools. Due to the change in who was eligible to answer questions about internet availability for education purposes, estimates from April 23, 2020 through March 29, 2021 may not be comparable to those from April 12, 2021 or later.

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

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

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

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