

OONEE COUNTY

15,408

South Carolina 1,080,474



ECONOMIC WELL-BEING

Children 0-17 in households with incomes below the poverty level

2011

28.4%

South Carolina 27.5%

County Ranking 17

Children living in families where no parent is in labor force

2007-II

9.5%

South Carolina 9.2%

County Ranking 21

Owner-occupied housing where household spends at least 30 percent of their income on housing

2007-II

19.9%

South Carolina 22.5%

County Ranking 3

Teens age 16-19 not enrolled in school and not working

2007-II

10.0%

South Carolina 36%

County Ranking 20



EDUCATION

Cumulative percent of children failing grades 1, 2, or 3

2010

5.0%

South Carolina 7.4%

County Ranking 6

Third graders testing below state standards in reading

2012

19.9%

South Carolina 19.7%

County Ranking 17

Eighth graders testing below state standards in math

2012

25.6%

South Carolina 31.4%

County Ranking 10

Dropouts as a percentage of the total enrollment for grades 9-12

2010-II

2.5%

South Carolina 2.8%

County Ranking 16



HEALTH

Low-birthweight babies

2011

8.7%

South Carolina 9.9%

County Ranking 7

Infant mortality rate per 1,000

2011

3.6

South Carolina 7.4

County Ranking 3

Child deaths, ages 1-14 per 100,000

2011

N.A.

South Carolina 19.4

County Ranking N.A.

Teen deaths, ages 15-19 per 100,000

2011

46.4

South Carolina 60.5

County Ranking 17



FAMILY AND COMMUNITY

Own children living in single parent families

2010

28.4%

South Carolina 39.5%

County Ranking 2

Children in families where household head lacks a high school diploma

2007-II

14.8%

South Carolina 13.8%

County Ranking 15

Children living in concentrated areas of poverty

2007-II

12.2%

South Carolina 12.4%

County Ranking 14

Births to teens 15 to 19 years of age

2011

55.2

South Carolina 39.1

County Ranking 39

Oconee

Oconee County School District: 864-886-4400

Oconee County School District Volunteers and Mentors

Members within our community have expressed the desire to work as a volunteer or mentor a young person. It is with great pleasure that we extend an invitation to you to become an active partner in education with the School District of Oconee County where *Education is Everybody's Business*.

Phone: 864-886-4400 ext. 6144

Email: ehughes@oconee.k12.sc.us

<http://www.oconee.k12.sc.us/Community.cfm?subpage=27699>

Oconee County School District Backpack Program

The Backpack Program is serving over 400 Oconee County students and their families this year. Through donations from across the county, students received more than a simple backpack full of food. Hope is given to a child who would not find food at home and peace of mind to a caretaker who would otherwise be unable to feed that child. The program primarily targets students who qualify for their school's Free Lunch Program. Many of these students rely on their school's breakfasts and lunches for their most nutritious meals of the day. In some cases, these are their only meals of the day. These students are then faced with a food crisis over the weekend. The Backpack Program is a way to help these students and their families until students return to school on Monday. School administration selects the eligible children. Then a backpack filled with 6-8 pounds of nutritious, child-friendly food is sent home each Friday. The cost to feed one child a year is \$160.00. Your donations are 100% tax-deductible to the Education Foundation of Oconee County. Thank you for supporting the Backpack Program through the Education Foundation and more importantly for your caring for the students of Oconee County.

Phone: 864-886-4400

<http://www.oconee.k12.sc.us/Community.cfm?subpage=43744>

Collins Home and Family Ministries Tutoring Program

Collins Children's Home & Family Ministries is a Christian-based organization that provides care to needy children and families through residential home care, counseling and family outreach. Many of our young people have not had opportunities to experience success and confidence in their academic performances. Some have even missed a great deal of classroom time due to interruptions caused by their life's difficulties. Our Tutoring Program was created for Volunteers to offer academic assistance to our young people who are deficient in their academic work. Volunteers in the Tutoring Program make a dramatic impact on a young person's academic life by working one-on-one with a student and helping them develop good study skills and an enthusiasm for learning. Most of our kids in need of an academic tutor require assistance with reading skills and math. Volunteers are paired with a young person and help with homework and make-up assignments in these and other areas with the goal of helping our kids feel more confident in their academic abilities.

Phone: 864-882-0893 (Tina Justice)

<http://www.collinschildrenshome.org/>

United Way of Oconee County

In 2008, United Way launched a 10-year initiative to cut the number of high school dropouts in half by 2018. It's an ambitious goal, but by utilizing our core strengths — a national network, committed partners and public engagement capacity — we can achieve it. But we can't focus on high school alone. High school dropouts are 12 years in the making, usually starting early childhood education behind schedule. United Way's model focuses on supportive communities, effective schools and strong families — strategies and approaches rooted in research. Tackling the education challenge requires reframing education on a birth to 21 continuum. To reach our goal, we need your help. The strategies proven to work are those that connect communities to their schools: parent involvement; literacy volunteers in the classroom; mentors for disadvantaged students; business leaders engaged in early childhood advocacy.

Phone: 864-882-9743

<http://www.oconeeunitedway.org/education>