

# PICKENS COUNTY

Number of children under 18 years of age

2010

23,829

South Carolina 1,080,474



## ECONOMIC WELL-BEING

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

2011

23.5%

South Carolina 27.5%

County Ranking

6

Children living in families where no parent is in labor force

2007-II

8.9%

South Carolina 9.2%

County Ranking

19

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

2007-II

20.0%

South Carolina 22.5%

County Ranking

4

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

2007-II

5.0%

South Carolina 36%

County Ranking

2



## EDUCATION

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

2010

7.0%

South Carolina 7.4%

County Ranking

20

Third graders testing below state standards in reading

2012

12.0%

South Carolina 19.7%

County Ranking

2

Eighth graders testing below state standards in math

2012

28.5%

South Carolina 31.4%

County Ranking

13

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

2010-II

4.1%

South Carolina 2.8%

County Ranking

40



## HEALTH

Low-birthweight babies

2011

10.4%

South Carolina 9.9%

County Ranking

22

Infant mortality rate per 1,000

2011

8.8

South Carolina 7.4

County Ranking

30

Child deaths, ages 1-14 per 100,000

2011

10.8

South Carolina 19.4

County Ranking

14

Teen deaths, ages 15-19 per 100,000

2011

17.7

South Carolina 60.5

County Ranking

5



## FAMILY AND COMMUNITY

Own children living in single parent families

2010

26.2%

South Carolina 39.5%

County Ranking

1

Children in families where household head lacks a high school diploma

2007-II

15.6%

South Carolina 13.8%

County Ranking

18

Children living in concentrated areas of poverty

2007-II

6.2%

South Carolina 12.4%

County Ranking

5

Births to teens 15 to 19 years of age

2011

26

South Carolina 39.1

County Ranking

2

## **Pickens**

*School District of Pickens County: 864-397-1000*

### **School District of Pickens County Volunteers**

We support and encourage volunteerism in our schools. Volunteers work in cooperation with schools to help meet the needs of the children and the school staff and to represent the community in fulfilling its responsibility to the schools beyond merely tax support. Volunteers supplement and complement the work of the classroom teacher. Volunteers make a difference to many people—children, families, teachers, and the entire community. Volunteers give students a chance to see parents and other interested citizens involved in school activities in a helping relationship.

Phone: 864-397-1000 (District office)

<https://pickensk12-public.sharepoint.com/Pages/Community/Volunteers.aspx>

### **Pickens County C3 Program**

C3 is a new instructional program in the School District of Pickens County. Its goal is to help students become college, career, and citizenship ready. Our vision is to continue to build strong partnerships with industry, post-secondary schools, and our high schools to provide unimaginable opportunities for our students. Volunteers work in cooperation with the school to help meet the needs of the children and the school staff and to represent the community in fulfilling its responsibility to the schools.

Phone: 864-397-4500

<https://pickensk12-public.sharepoint.com/C3>

### **Parenting and Family Literacy Program**

The Parenting & Family Literacy Program is a quality program that is making a difference in the lives of the families it serves. This program offers adult education, ESOL classes, childcare (6 weeks to 4 years), ILA (Interactive Literacy Activities), transportation, parent education, breakfast/lunch, and referrals to other support agencies in the county. We believe parents are their child's first and most important teacher. Our goal is to help them learn the skills they need to experience academic success as well as to acquire good parenting skills. Family Literacy helps parents and children form a learning partnership that results in the adult students making academic and parenting gains and their children making gains in literacy and language development. We expect that what we teach the parents and children will help them attain a "Bridge to the Future" so that we see intergenerational success and eliminate poverty and illiteracy in the families we serve. In order to best determine the needs of the Pickens County community, people from various community programs, resource agencies, community members, local businesses, and the School District of Pickens County, serve on our Family Literacy advisory committee.

Phone: 864-397-1638

<https://pickensk12-public.sharepoint.com/PLC>

### **Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Upstate**

Big Brothers Big Sisters is the oldest, largest and most effective youth mentoring organization in the United States. We have been the leader in one-to-one youth service for more than a century, developing positive relationships that have a direct and lasting impact on the lives of young people. Big Brothers Big Sisters serves children, ages 6 through 18, in communities across the country - including yours. The Big Brothers Big Sisters Mission is to help children reach their potential through professionally supported, one-to-one relationships with measurable impact. Little Brothers and Little Sisters come from all kinds of backgrounds. Some are really little (as young as six) and some are teenagers. Some may live on your

block and some a few miles away. What do they all have in common? They need the friendship and guidance of someone like YOU!

Phone: 864-242-0676

[http://www.bbbs.org/site/c.htlNI3PIKoG/b.3880885/k.208A/Big\\_Brothers\\_Big\\_Sisters\\_of\\_the\\_Upstate.htm](http://www.bbbs.org/site/c.htlNI3PIKoG/b.3880885/k.208A/Big_Brothers_Big_Sisters_of_the_Upstate.htm)

### **Junior Achievement of Upstate SC**

Junior Achievement is a partnership between the business community, educators and volunteers — all working together to inspire young people to dream big and reach their potential. JA's hands-on, experiential programs teach the key concepts of work readiness, entrepreneurship and financial literacy to young people. Through a dedicated and trained volunteer network, JA deliver these programs to area schools, career development centers, and recognized after school programs at no cost to the school or servicing organization and with no additional burden on the classroom teachers. These volunteers also serve as role models, emphasizing the relevance and value of education and bringing the real world of work into the classroom.

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