

# FLORENCE COUNTY

Number of children under 18 years of age

2010

33,547

South Carolina 1,080,474



## ECONOMIC WELL-BEING

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

2011

31.0%

South Carolina 27.5%

County Ranking 21

Children living in families where no parent is in labor force

2007-II

12.3%

South Carolina 9.2%

County Ranking 28

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

2007-II

22.3%

South Carolina 22.5%

County Ranking 17

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

2007-II

8.5%

South Carolina 36%

County Ranking 14



## EDUCATION

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

2010

10.2%

South Carolina 7.4%

County Ranking 25

Third graders testing below state standards in reading

2012

20.8%

South Carolina 19.7%

County Ranking 22

Eighth graders testing below state standards in math

2012

38.0%

South Carolina 31.4%

County Ranking 30

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

2010-II

1.3%

South Carolina 2.8%

County Ranking 8



## HEALTH

Low-birthweight babies

2011

12.0%

South Carolina 9.9%

County Ranking 34

Infant mortality rate per 1,000

2011

13.1

South Carolina 7.4

County Ranking 40

Child deaths, ages 1-14 per 100,000

2011

38

South Carolina 19.4

County Ranking 40

Teen deaths, ages 15-19 per 100,000

2011

44.2

South Carolina 60.5

County Ranking 16



## FAMILY AND COMMUNITY

Own children living in single parent families

2010

41.1%

South Carolina 39.5%

County Ranking 25

Children in families where household head lacks a high school diploma

2007-II

16.6%

South Carolina 13.8%

County Ranking 21

Children living in concentrated areas of poverty

2007-II

16.7%

South Carolina 12.4%

County Ranking 21

Births to teens 15 to 19 years of age

2011

41.2

South Carolina 39.1

County Ranking 19

## **Florence**

Florence County School District 1: 843-669-4141

Florence County School District 2: 843-493-1912

Florence County School District 3: 843-374-8652

Florence County School District 4: 843-346-3956

Florence County School District 5: 843-386-3139

### **Florence One Faith Based Initiative**

The Florence One Faith Based Initiative is comprised of three separate programs. The mentor program utilizes volunteers that meet regularly with individual students with whom they build strong relationships and trust. Students in Florence One schools with a mentor are statistically proven to perform better academically and exhibit better behavior. The Faith Based Initiative also starts Good News Clubs in schools, an extracurricular activity where students can learn about the “Good News” of the Bible and Jesus Christ. Finally, the Faith Based Initiative has an Adopt-A-School program where churches can “adopt” one of the district’s schools by regularly supporting them with volunteers and donations.

Phone: 843-669-4141 (District Office)

<https://www.fsd1.org/mentorprogram/Pages/default.aspx>

### **Parent-Child Home Program**

The Parent-Child Home Program is an evidence-based, research-validated early childhood literacy, parenting, and school readiness program. The Program uses trained paraprofessionals to work with families who have not had access to educational and economic opportunities, preparing children for academic success and strengthening families through intensive home visiting. The Parent-Child Home Program is proud to partner with organizations that are interested in supporting early childhood education.

Phone: 843-665-2085

Email: [dbailey@fsd1.org](mailto:dbailey@fsd1.org)

<http://www.parent-child.org/>

### **The School Foundation**

The School Foundation is a nonprofit organization that was created to provide resources and support to administrators, teachers, and students of Florence School District One. We hold several major fundraisers throughout the year, including Dancing with the Stars and our Annual Gala, but support from our local community is one of our biggest resources. Over the years The School Foundation has funded many local grants to help teachers enrich their students' educational experiences. While tax dollars do go into funding local schools, Florence School District One receives below average tax support compared to other districts in the state. If you believe that our school children deserve better, consider making a donation to The School Foundation. In addition to personal donations, you can also choose to donate to The School Foundation in honor/memory of an individual.

Phone: 843-662-9996

Email: [dhyler@theschoolfoundation.org](mailto:dhyler@theschoolfoundation.org)

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

**Florence School District 3 Volunteers**

Volunteers in schools play an important role in the lives of students. Volunteers offer a huge resource and support base for the school while showing kids the importance of giving back to the community. Before starting, all volunteers must submit an application, go through a criminal background check, and complete Bloodborne Pathogen training (offered by the district).

Phone: 843-374-8652 (District Office)

<http://www.florence3.k12.sc.us/?DivisionID=13999&ToggleSideNav=>

**Friends of Florence County Library System**

Friends of Florence County Library is a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization that enhances the Florence County Library System by supplementing public funding for books, materials and programs. Friends of Florence County Library aspire to provide world class public library services through quality educational, cultural and recreational programming.

Phone: 843-413-7065

Email: [mwiser@florencelibrary.org](mailto:mwiser@florencelibrary.org)

[http://www.florencelibrary.org/wordpress/?page\\_id=667](http://www.florencelibrary.org/wordpress/?page_id=667)

**Boys & Girls Clubs of the Pee Dee Area**

In every community, boys and girls are left to find their own recreation and companionship in the streets. An increasing number of children are at home with no adult care or supervision. Young people need to know that someone cares about them. Boys & Girls Clubs offer that and more. Club programs and services promote and enhance the development of boys and girls by instilling a sense of competence, usefulness, belonging and influence. You can help by making a donation or serving as a mentor or program volunteer.

Phone: 843-662-1142

<http://bgcpda.org/>

**Junior Achievement of Central South Carolina**

Our volunteer-delivered, kindergarten-12th grade programs foster work-readiness, entrepreneurship and financial literacy skills, and use experiential learning to inspire students to dream big and reach their potential. With the help of more than 202,000 volunteers, JA students develop the skills they need to experience the realities and opportunities of work and entrepreneurship in the 21st-century global marketplace.

Phone: 803-252-1974

Email: [sstuckey@jacsc.org](mailto:sstuckey@jacsc.org)

<https://www.juniorachievement.org/web/ja-centralsc>

**United Way of Florence County—STUFF the Bus**

For many, the start of a new school year means choosing between ensuring their child has school supplies or ensuring their child has food... running water... electricity. Through STUFF the Bus, we ensure that disadvantaged youth start school with the tools they need to learn. For parents, we lift some of the burden, allowing them to focus on being supporters in their child's education.

Phone: 843-662-2407

Email: [snavarro@uwflorence.org](mailto:snavarro@uwflorence.org)

<http://www.uwflorence.org/OurWork/STUFFtheBus.aspx>

**Pee Dee Area Big Brothers Big Sisters Association**

For more than 100 years, Big Brothers Big Sisters has operated under the belief that inherent in every child is the ability to succeed and thrive in life. As the nation's largest donor and volunteer supported mentoring network, Big Brothers Big Sisters makes meaningful, monitored matches between adult volunteers ("Bigs") and children ("Littles"), ages 6 through 18, in communities across the country. We develop positive relationships that have a direct and lasting effect on the lives of young people. Whether you get involved as a volunteer or as a donor, we welcome and thank you for your support!

Phone: 843-662-7081

Email: [pdbba@aol.com](mailto:pdbba@aol.com)

[www.bbbs.org](http://www.bbbs.org)

**Florence Area Literacy Council**

The mission of the Florence Area Literacy Council is to provide One-on-One adult literacy instruction, to build student capability and self-esteem, through the use of trained volunteer tutors serving the greater Florence area. We strive daily to follow our mission of providing quality instruction to those in need, with the ultimate goal of improved self-esteem and self-sufficiency for all of our adult learners. You can help by donating or volunteering to work with our students.

Phone: 843-667-1908

<http://www.florencearealiteracycouncil.com/index.html>