

# DARLINGTON COUNTY

Number of children under 18 years of age

2010

16,057

South Carolina 1,080,474



## ECONOMIC WELL-BEING

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

2011

35.1%

South Carolina 27.5%

County Ranking 31

Children living in families where no parent is in labor force

2007-II

13.3%

South Carolina 9.2%

County Ranking 30

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

2007-II

19.0%

South Carolina 22.5%

County Ranking 1

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

2007-II

13.6%

South Carolina 36%

County Ranking 34



## EDUCATION

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

2010

12.0%

South Carolina 7.4%

County Ranking 32

Third graders testing below state standards in reading

2012

18.1%

South Carolina 19.7%

County Ranking 13

Eighth graders testing below state standards in math

2012

27.3%

South Carolina 31.4%

County Ranking 12

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

2010-II

0.6%

South Carolina 2.8%

County Ranking 1



## HEALTH

Low-birthweight babies

2011

13.7%

South Carolina 9.9%

County Ranking 44

Infant mortality rate per 1,000

2011

10.1

South Carolina 7.4

County Ranking 33

Child deaths, ages 1-14 per 100,000

2011

7.9

South Carolina 19.4

County Ranking 12

Teen deaths, ages 15-19 per 100,000

2011

41.4

South Carolina 60.5

County Ranking 14



## FAMILY AND COMMUNITY

Own children living in single parent families

2010

44.4%

South Carolina 39.5%

County Ranking 33

Children in families where household head lacks a high school diploma

2007-II

19.3%

South Carolina 13.8%

County Ranking 33

Children living in concentrated areas of poverty

2007-II

16.4%

South Carolina 12.4%

County Ranking 20

Births to teens 15 to 19 years of age

2011

53.6

South Carolina 39.1

County Ranking 36

## **Darlington**

*Darlington County School District: 843-398-5100*

### **Darlington County School District Volunteers**

Darlington County School District has an ongoing need for volunteers willing to dedicate their time to assist teachers and administrators in Darlington county schools. Volunteers may motivate students in academics, provide supplies for classrooms, help maintain school grounds, promote fundraisers, or provide general services in the library, clinic, classroom, and cafeteria.

Phone: 843-398-2303

Email: [tina.moore@darlington.k12.sc.us](mailto:tina.moore@darlington.k12.sc.us)

[http://www.darlington.k12.sc.us/departments/human\\_resources/Volunteers](http://www.darlington.k12.sc.us/departments/human_resources/Volunteers)

### **Hartsville Boys & Girls Club**

The Hartsville Boys & Girls Club helps prepare youngsters to lead our community in the future. Our professional staff provides consistent guidance and support in a safe and friendly environment where members can have fun with their friends, learn new skills, do their schoolwork, and develop a solid foundation for a positive future. As a non-profit organization, we depend on support from individual and corporate donations, federal, state and local grants, local United Ways, and special events to fund our annual budget. We also depend on the support of our mentors and volunteers.

Phone: 843-332-1400

<http://bgcpda.com/hartsville-club/>

### **Darlington County First Steps**

South Carolina First Steps to School Readiness is the state's comprehensive early childhood education initiative. We exist to ensure South Carolina's children are ready for school success. Since our inception in 1999, First Steps has helped hundreds of thousands of young children prepare for school through programs that provide early intervention, strengthen families, improve children's health and well-being, increase the quality of early care and education, and help transition rising kindergarteners into school. Each South Carolina county is home to a First Steps Partnership responsible for meeting local needs and identifying collaborative opportunities to help our state's youngest learners.

Phone: 843-857-3148

Email: [dmcphers@scfirststeps.org](mailto:dmcphers@scfirststeps.org)

<http://scfirststeps.org/darlington/>

### **Darlington County Education Foundation**

We believe the best teachers make the biggest differences. The DCEF funds grants for teachers to enhance the educational experience for students in public schools across Darlington County. These grants make possible classroom projects and school-wide activities. The grants being awarded are enriching children's lives every day and these young lives are the basis for the community's future growth and prosperity. We are always in need of donations and volunteers.

Phone: 843-398-2266

Email: [dcef@roadrunner.com](mailto:dcef@roadrunner.com)

<http://www.thedcef.org/dcef.html>

### **Darlington County Community Action Agency—Head Start**

Our Head Start Program is committed to the delivery of quality services. We are a child & family focused

program which provides high quality comprehensive child development services to 3 and 4 year old children and their family. The Program promotes school readiness and complies with the requirements of the Improving Head Start School Readiness Act-2007,Head Start Performance Standards and S.C. Early learning Standards. Our goal is to increase the social,emotional,cognitive and physical development of young children and their families in the areas of health,nutrition,education,case-management,transportation,literacy and parent involvement.

Phone: 843-332-1135 (D.C.C.A.A. Main Office)

<http://www.darlingtoncountyheadstart.webs.com/>

#### **Darlington County Friends of the Library**

Each branch of the Darlington County Library System has its own Friends organization. Membership is open to the public. Across the county, the Library has over 300 dedicated Friends who contribute thousands of hours annually as volunteers helping with programs and fundraising efforts. You can never have too many Friends. Join the Friends of the Library nearest you today and become a part of something special, creating a fantastic library in your community!

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