

DILLON COUNTY

Number of children under 18 years of age

2010

8,208

South Carolina 1,080,474

ECONOMIC
WELL-BEINGChildren 0-17 in households
with incomes below
the poverty level

2011

47.7%

South Carolina 27.5%

County Ranking 45

Children living in families
where no parent is
in labor force

2007-II

26.1%

South Carolina 9.2%

County Ranking 45

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

2007-II

27.2%

South Carolina 22.5%

County Ranking 33

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

2007-II

18.3%

South Carolina 36%

County Ranking 44



EDUCATION

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

2010

13.3%

South Carolina 7.4%

County Ranking 35

Third graders
testing below state
standards in reading

2012

31.4%

South Carolina 19.7%

County Ranking 37

Eighth graders
testing below state
standards in math

2012

35.2%

South Carolina 31.4%

County Ranking 27

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

2010-II

1.1%

South Carolina 2.8%

County Ranking 6



HEALTH

Low-birthweight babies

2011

11.8%

South Carolina 9.9%

County Ranking 31

Infant mortality rate
per 1,000

2011

11.8

South Carolina 7.4

County Ranking 36

Child deaths, ages 1-14
per 100,000

2011

15.3

South Carolina 19.4

County Ranking 20

Teen deaths, ages 15-19
per 100,000

2011

88.5

South Carolina 60.5

County Ranking 34

FAMILY AND
COMMUNITYOwn children living in
single parent families

2010

50.4%

South Carolina 39.5%

County Ranking 40

Children in families where
household head lacks a
high school diploma

2007-II

28.0%

South Carolina 13.8%

County Ranking 44

Children living in
concentrated areas
of poverty

2007-II

49.6%

South Carolina 12.4%

County Ranking 36

Births to teens 15 to 19
years of age

2011

61.6

South Carolina 39.1

County Ranking 41

Dillon

Latta Schools (Dillon County District 3): 843-752-7101

Dillon County School District 4: 843-774-1200

Latta Schools Educational Foundation

The mission of The Latta Schools Educational Foundation is to cultivate resources to improve the educational environment in the Latta School District. LSEF will award financial assistance scholarships to qualified students who plan to pursue post-secondary education or teachers pursuing a master's degree in a specific area of education. Awards will also be given to teachers in the form of competitive mini-grants for specific classroom projects to enhance classroom instruction. Funding can also be directed towards capital projects or in support of school programs. Funding will be sought through a fundraising campaign, grants and individual/corporate sponsorships.

Phone: 843-752-7101 (District Office)

<https://dillon3.k12.sc.us/foundation.html>

Latta Rotary Club

The Latta Rotary club is very active in the Latta School District. Recently, the Latta Rotary Club completed their second Happy Feet Plus Project, raising \$21,946.52 with Latta High School to buy shoes for 120 students in the district. Other projects funded by the Rotary Club include the donation of thesauruses to all 7th graders at Latta Middle School and dictionaries to all 3rd graders at Latta Elementary School. The Rotary Club also awards scholarships to graduating high school students every year.

Email: etcharleston@aol.com

<http://www.rotary7770.org/tag/latta-rotary-club/>

Dillon SMILES Dental Clinic

Dillon Smiles is a full service, school-based dental clinic located on the Dillon High School Campus. Through a partnership between the school district, Commun-I-Care, and McLeod Regional Medical Center, students may receive both preventive and restorative dental care during school hours. Transportation is provided by the school district; however parents are invited to accompany their children when possible. The mission of Dillon Smiles is to provide access to care for students who were not previously receiving services.

Phone: 843-774-6200

Dillon 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.

Phone: 843-774-0061

Email: dcfstps@bellsouth.net

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

Healthy Learners

Healthy Learners is a faith-based non-profit that connects children to care so that poor health is not an obstacle to doing well in school. We address poverty as its root, so that future generations can lift themselves, and their communities, to a better life. Healthy Learners services include vision care, dental care, hearing evaluations, assistance with prescription medications, clinical counseling and episodic care for other health concerns. Over the years, thousands of children have received health care services statewide and thousands of miles have been traveled while transporting children to their health care appointments. Your donations make this mission possible!

Phone: 843-774-1907

Email: dnewell@healthylearners.com

<http://healthylearners.com/Dillon/>

Pee Dee Community Action Partnership—Head Start Dillon County

Head Start is a Federal program for preschool children from low-income families. The Head Start program is operated by local non-profit organizations in almost every county in the country. Children who attend Head Start participate in a variety of educational activities. They also receive free medical and dental care, have healthy meals and snacks, and enjoy playing indoors and outdoors in a safe setting.

Phone: 843-275-1858 (Whittaker Center)

843-774-7650 (Hamer Center)

http://peedeecap.org/sub_program.asp?id=c80103205858mlfpkgmrkjdvktzjxh

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.

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