

AIKEN COUNTY

36,044

South Carolina 1,080,474

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

2011

31.6%

South Carolina 27.5%

County Ranking 23

Children living in families
where no parent is
in labor force

2007-11

11.2%

South Carolina 9.2%

County Ranking 25

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

2007-11

21.6%

South Carolina 22.5%

County Ranking 13

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

2007-11

9.5%

South Carolina 36%

County Ranking 17



EDUCATION

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

2010

8.4%

South Carolina 7.4%

County Ranking 23

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

30.9%

South Carolina 31.4%

County Ranking 17

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

2010-11

3.8%

South Carolina 2.8%

County Ranking 35



HEALTH

Low-birthweight babies

2011

9.3%

South Carolina 9.9%

County Ranking 13

Infant mortality rate
per 1,000

2011

4.3

South Carolina 7.4

County Ranking 5

Child deaths, ages 1-14
per 100,000

2011

31.7

South Carolina 19.4

County Ranking 36

Teen deaths, ages 15-19
per 100,000

2011

28.8

South Carolina 60.5

County Ranking 9

FAMILY AND
COMMUNITYOwn children living in
single parent families

2010

35.5%

South Carolina 39.5%

County Ranking 17

Children in families where
household head lacks a
high school diploma

2007-11

13.5%

South Carolina 13.8%

County Ranking 11

Children living in
concentrated areas
of poverty

2007-11

13.7%

South Carolina 12.4%

County Ranking 15

Births to teens 15 to 19
years of age

2011

40.6

South Carolina 39.1

County Ranking 18

Aiken

Aiken County School District: 803-641-2428

Public Education Partners

Public Education Partners (PEP) is an independent, community-based non-profit organization established in 1995 to support the improvement of public education throughout Aiken County, South Carolina. Since its inception, PEP has identified unmet academic needs in the Aiken County public schools and has mobilized community resources to meet these needs. PEP has been instrumental in developing supplemental K-12 programs in literacy, math and science, arts and humanities, and workforce preparation. PEP provides funding for innovative programs and strong community collaborations that leverage the resources of the community to improve education.

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<http://publicedpartners.org/>

United Way of Aiken County

United Way is an organization dedicated to empowering all individuals and families to reach their potential through education, income stability, and healthy lives. United Way Worldwide has set a goal of cutting the number of high school dropouts in half by 2018. They plan to reach this goal by involving the community in elementary, middle, and high schools as volunteers.

Additionally, United Way of Aiken has a program called ***School Tools***. This program's purpose is to purchase and distribute school supplies to schools in Aiken County and extend aid to students who might not have supplies otherwise.

Phone: 803-648-8331

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

Friends of the Aiken Public Library

We are an organization of people who: provide financial support to the library; organize supplemental programs that enrich the library patron's experience; assist the library staff in providing the best possible service to the community; expand, modernize, and improve the library's collection.

For people who love books, love reading, and want to give, Friends of the Aiken Public Library provides a chance to pitch in and help the library meet the needs of the Aiken community.

Phone: 803-642-7575

<http://aikenlibraryfriends.com/>