

MISSISSIPPI

OVERALL SCORE	OVERALL RANK
271 BETTER	50

ECONOMIC WELL-BEING	SCORE	RANK
	252 BETTER	49

	UNITED STATES			MISSISSIPPI		
Children in poverty US 11,117,000 MS 166,000	17% 2019	15% 2024	↓ BETTER	28% 2019	25% 2024	↓ BETTER
Children whose parents lack secure employment US 18,420,000 MS 219,000	26% 2019	25% 2024	↓ BETTER	34% 2019	33% 2024	↓ BETTER
Children living in households with a high housing cost burden US 22,385,000 MS 187,000	30% 2019	31% 2024	↑ WORSE	26% 2019	28% 2024	↑ WORSE
Teens not in school and not working US 1,218,000 MS 18,000	6% 2019	7% 2024	↑ WORSE	10% 2019	10% 2024	STABLE

EDUCATION	SCORE	RANK
	448 BETTER	16

	UNITED STATES			MISSISSIPPI		
Young children (ages 3 and 4) not in school US 4,277,000 MS 37,000	52% 2015-19	54% 2020-24	↑ WORSE	47% 2015-19	51% 2020-24	↑ WORSE
Fourth graders not proficient in reading US N.A. MS N.A.	66% 2019	70% 2024	↑ WORSE	68% 2019	68% 2024	STABLE
Eighth graders not proficient in math US N.A. MS N.A.	67% 2019	73% 2024	↑ WORSE	76% 2019	78% 2024	↑ WORSE
High school students not graduating on time US N.A. MS N.A.	14% 2018-19	13% 2023-24	↓ BETTER	15% 2018-19	11% 2023-24	↓ BETTER

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HEALTH	UNITED STATES			MISSISSIPPI		SCORE	RANK
						122 WORSE	50
Low birth-weight babies US 308,966 MS 4,249	8.3% 2019	8.5% 2024	↑ WORSE	12.3% 2019	12.7% 2024	↑ WORSE	
Children without health insurance US 4,648,000 MS 42,000	6% 2019	6% 2024	STABLE	6% 2019	6% 2024	STABLE	
Child and teen deaths per 100,000 US 21,189 MS 362	25 2019	27 2024	↑ WORSE	43 2019	50 2024	↑ WORSE	
Children and teens (ages 10 to 17) who are overweight or obese US N.A. MS N.A.	31% 2018-19	30% 2023-24	↓ BETTER	38% 2018-19	42% 2023-24	↑ WORSE	

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY	UNITED STATES			MISSISSIPPI		SCORE	RANK
						263 BETTER	49
Children in single-parent families US 23,472,000 MS 278,000	34% 2019	34% 2024	STABLE	46% 2019	45% 2024	↓ BETTER	
Children in families where the household head lacks a high school diploma US 7,868,000 MS 76,000	12% 2019	11% 2024	↓ BETTER	12% 2019	11% 2024	↓ BETTER	
Children living in high-poverty areas US 5,419,000 MS 128,000	9% 2015-19	7% 2020-24	↓ BETTER	22% 2015-19	19% 2020-24	↓ BETTER	
Teen births per 1,000 US 137,273 MS 2,388	17 2019	13 2024	↓ BETTER	29 2019	23 2024	↓ BETTER	

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