Child Population
- 1,097,621 children lived in South Carolina in 2016.
- 45 percent were children of color: 30 percent were Black; 9 percent were Hispanic; 2 percent were Asian; and <1 percent were American Indian/Alaska Native.

Child Health
- 43,703 children 0-17 were uninsured in 2016.
- 714,260 children 0-18 were enrolled in Partners for Healthy Children (combined Medicaid and Children’s Health Insurance Program).

Early Childhood
- $6,483 was the average annual cost for an infant in center-based child care in 2015.
- 40 percent of 4-year-olds were enrolled in state-funded preschool during 2015-2016.

Education
- 85 percent of Black, 79 percent of Hispanic and 54 percent of White 4th grade public school students could not read at grade level in 2015.
- 89 percent of Black, 83 percent of Hispanic and 62 percent of White 8th grade public school students could not read at grade level in 2015.
- 77 percent of Black, 77 percent of Hispanic and 83 percent of White students graduated high school on time during 2014-2015.
- 26 percent of Black, 13 percent of Hispanic and 10 percent of White public secondary students had at least one out-of-school suspension in 2011-2012.

Child Welfare
- 14,856 children were abused or neglected in 2015.
- 3,968 children were in foster care on the last day of FY2016.

Juvenile Justice
- 693 children were in residential placement in 2015.
- 48 percent were Black; 16 percent were Hispanic; and 32 percent were White.
- 29 children were in adult jails or prisons in 2015.

Gun Violence
- 56 children and teens (4.6 per 100,000) were killed with a gun in 2015.

Note: All numbers in this factsheet are included in the Children’s Defense Fund’s The State of America’s Children® 2017 report, and most have been rounded to the nearest whole number. Facts for states and the District of Columbia were omitted when data were not available. Citations for all data may be found in The State of America’s Children® 2017.