



GREENVILLE COUNTY QUICK FACTS

School Readiness

- ▶ 1 in 5 children under 5 years old are living in poverty in Greenville County.¹
- ▶ 33.4% of live births are to mothers who received less than adequate prenatal care.²
- ▶ Three out of five children have experienced at least one Adverse Childhood Experience (ACE) with one out of every four children experiencing more than two ACEs.³

High School Graduation

- ▶ 1 out of every 2 students is eligible for Free or Reduced Lunch.⁴
- ▶ 54% of 3rd to 5th graders do not meet state expectations in English.⁴
- ▶ 48% of 3rd to 5th graders do not meet state expectations in Math.⁴
- ▶ In 2017, more than 1 in 10 students did not graduate.⁴

Financial Stability

- ▶ The unemployment rate in Greenville County was 3.4% in Q4 2017.⁵
- ▶ The median annual salary of a high school dropout is \$18,623—that is \$7,714 less than a person with a high school diploma/GED.¹
- ▶ 20,217 households/~50,500 individuals in Greenville County received food stamps, with almost half being families with children.¹
- ▶ 2 out of every 5 households in Greenville County spend more than 35% of their income on rent, which is an indicator of financial instability.¹
- ▶ 1 out of 3 households in Greenville County are underbanked—they cannot access mainstream banking and are forced to use high risk, high interest lending despite having an account.⁶
- ▶ 1 in 3 families cannot make ends meet in Greenville County.¹⁰

Life Essentials

- ▶ 16,017 referrals were made through 2-1-1 in 2017. Top two caller needs were healthcare and food insecurity.⁷
- ▶ 1 out of every 5 people do not have access to some type of health insurance.²
Almost 1,500 homeless people, including families and children, were counted in January, 2016 in Greenville County.⁸
- ▶ 1 in 6 people in Greenville County are food insecure. Food insecure means not knowing where at least one meal every day will come from.⁹

Sources:

¹U.S. Census Bureau, 2016 American Community Survey

²South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, 2016

³United Health Foundation. (2016). America's Health Rankings. 2016 Health of Women and Children Report.

⁴South Carolina Department of Education

⁵South Carolina Department of Social Services, 2017

⁶Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), 2015

⁷2-1-1 Caller Data, United Way Greenville County, December 2016

⁸South Carolina Housing and Urban Development Homeless Count, January 2014

⁹Feeding America, 2014

¹⁰Self Sufficiency Standard for South Carolina

