

KIDS COUNT 2005

A SUMMARY OF THE SECA STATES

Kids Count Overall Ranking By Year				
STATE	1999/2000	2000/2001	2001/2002	2002/2003
Alabama	48	48	48	48
Arkansas	47	45	45	44
Florida	35	33	34	35
Georgia	44	42	44	39
Kentucky	37	36	39	42
Louisiana	49	49	49	49
Mississippi	50	50	50	50
North Carolina	43	46	41	40
Oklahoma	41	40	40	38
South Carolina	46	44	46	45
Tennessee	42	47	42	43
Texas	36	35	37	37
Virginia	19	16	16	13
West Virginia	38	41	38	47

Source: *Kids Count State-Level Data Online*. www.aecf.org/kidscount

Percentage of Children Living in Poverty (100%)				
State	2000	2001	2002	2003
Alabama	21%	23%	24%	24%
Arkansas	25%	21%	22%	24%
Florida	19%	17%	19%	19%
Georgia	18%	16%	18%	19%
Kentucky	22%	19%	21%	24%
Louisiana	27%	27%	27%	30%
Mississippi	26%	26%	29%	29%
North Carolina	19%	20%	21%	19%
Oklahoma	19%	20%	22%	22%
South Carolina	19%	20%	20%	19%
Tennessee	20%	21%	20%	20%
Texas	22%	21%	22%	23%
Virginia	13%	12%	14%	12%
West Virginia	26%	23%	25%	25%
National				18%

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Percentage of Low-Birthweight Babies					
State	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Alabama	9.3%	9.3%	9.7%	9.6%	9.9%
Arkansas	8.9%	8.6%	8.6%	8.8%	8.6%
Florida	8.1%	8.2%	8.0%	8.2%	8.4%
Georgia	8.5%	8.7%	8.6%	8.8%	8.9%
Kentucky	8.1%	8.2%	8.2%	8.3%	8.6%
Louisiana	10.1%	10.0%	10.3%	10.4%	10.4%
Mississippi	10.1%	10.3%	10.7%	10.7%	11.2%
North Carolina	8.8%	8.9%	8.8%	8.9%	9.0%
Oklahoma	7.2%	7.4%	7.5%	7.8%	8.0%
South Carolina	9.5%	9.8%	9.7%	9.6%	10.0%
Tennessee	9.1%	9.2%	9.2%	9.2%	9.2%
Texas	7.4%	7.4%	7.4%	7.6%	7.7%
Virginia	7.9%	7.8%	7.9%	7.9%	7.9%
West Virginia	8.0%	8.0%	8.3%	8.5%	9.0%
National					7.8%

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Infant Mortality (Rate per 1,000)					
State	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Alabama	10.2	9.8	9.4	9.4	9.1
Arkansas	8.9	8.0	8.4	8.3	8.3
Florida	7.2	7.4	7.0	7.3	7.5
Georgia	8.5	8.2	8.5	8.6	8.9
Kentucky	7.5	7.6	7.2	5.9	7.2
Louisiana	9.1	9.2	9.0	9.8	10.3
Mississippi	10.1	10.1	10.7	10.5	10.3
North Carolina	9.3	9.1	8.6	8.5	8.2
Oklahoma	8.5	8.5	8.5	7.3	8.1
South Carolina	9.6	10.2	8.7	8.9	9.3
Tennessee	8.2	7.7	9.1	8.7	9.4
Texas	6.4	6.2	5.7	5.9	6.4
Virginia	7.7	7.3	6.9	7.6	7.4
West Virginia	8.0	7.4	7.6	7.2	9.1
National					7.0

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Teen Births by Age Group, Ages 15-17 (Rate per 1000)					
State	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Alabama	39	36	36	32	31
Arkansas	40	36	35	32	32
Florida	33	31	29	26	23
Georgia	39	37	36	33	31
Kentucky	31	30	29	26	26
Louisiana	39	37	36	33	32
Mississippi	46	43	44	39	38
North Carolina	36	34	34	30	29
Oklahoma	35	33	33	31	30
South Carolina	37	36	35	32	29
Tennessee	36	34	34	30	28
Texas	45	43	42	39	38
Virginia	24	22	21	21	19
West Virginia	26	24	23	23	21
National					23

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Children Living in Families Where No Parent Has Full-time, Year-round Employment				
State	2000	2001	2002	2003
Alabama	35%	35%	37%	35%
Arkansas	33%	34%	35%	37%
Florida	34%	31%	33%	33%
Georgia	32%	29%	32%	31%
Kentucky	34%	33%	35%	39%
Louisiana	39%	39%	39%	40%
Mississippi	36%	40%	40%	41%
North Carolina	35%	33%	35%	36%
Oklahoma	33%	30%	33%	33%
South Carolina	31%	33%	36%	36%
Tennessee	32%	34%	34%	33%
Texas	32%	32%	33%	33%
Virginia	27%	27%	27%	27%
West Virginia	40%	39%	38%	37%
National				33%

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Children in Single Parent Households				
State	2000	2001	2002	2003
Alabama	38%	37%	33%	35%
Arkansas	36%	29%	28%	33%
Florida	35%	34%	34%	36%
Georgia	36%	33%	34%	33%
Kentucky	28%	26%	29%	29%
Louisiana	38%	39%	41%	41%
Mississippi	39%	41%	43%	42%
North Carolina	35%	32%	32%	33%
Oklahoma	31%	31%	30%	29%
South Carolina	35%	35%	35%	37%
Tennessee	32%	32%	31%	33%
Texas	28%	29%	28%	28%
Virginia	31%	28%	28%	28%
West Virginia	27%	27%	29%	30%
National				30%

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