

South Carolina State Briefing

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Executive Summary

POPULATION 5.0M	UNEMPLOYMENT 4.8% vs 4.4% national	FEDERAL GRANTS \$59.9B \$11,915/capita
CREDIT RATING (S&P) AA+	SNAP HR1 TIER Elevated 9.6% PER	CONTRIBUTIONS \$277.8M

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Affordability	Agriculture	Economy & Jobs	Education	Environment & Energy	Government Reform	Healthcare	Housing	Infrastructure
Public Safety	Social Services	Tax & Budget						

SNAP / HR1 Compliance Risk

HR1 Tier	Elevated
Payment Error Rate (FY2024)	9.60%
State Cost Share (enacted)	\$120.0M (10%)
SNAP Participants	641.0K

Housing

Median Home Value	\$272,900 vs \$310,700 national
Median Gross Rent	\$1,170 vs \$1,238 national
Homeownership Rate	72.4% vs 67.8% national
Rent Burden	31.1% vs 29.7% national

Energy

Residential Price	null¢/kWh
Monthly Bill Estimate	\$null
Energy Mix	0% renewable 0% fossil 0% nuclear

Health

Life Expectancy	74.7 yrs (rank 42/51) vs 77.1 national
Uninsured Rate	11% (rank 40/51) vs 9.5% national
Overdose Death Rate	39.2 (rank 38/51) vs 30.8 national
Obesity Rate	35.5% (rank 31/51) vs 33.5% national
Infant Mortality	6.9 (rank 43/51) vs 5.6 national

Water

Community Water Systems Violation Rate	557 null% vs 3.6% national avg
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Education

NAEP Math (4th Grade)	237.6
NAEP Reading (4th Grade)	214.9

Broadband

Broadband Adoption	90.8% vs 92% national
No Internet	6% vs 5.4% national
Computer Ownership	95.4% vs 95.9% national

Infrastructure

Infrastructure Grade	A
Bridge Condition	37.5% good 56.1% fair 6.3% poor (9,504 total)

Fiscal Health

Total Revenue	\$67.5B
Total Expenditure	\$63.3B
Total Debt	\$14.1B
Debt Per Capita	\$2,616
Tax Burden Per Capita	\$2,710
Credit Ratings	S&P: AA+ Moody's: Aaa Fitch: AAA

FEMA Disasters

Active Disasters	15
Declarations (10yr)	25
Public Assistance Funding	\$1.4B
Individual Assistance	\$282K

Top Federal Funding Agencies

Agency	Amount	DOGE Risk
Department of Health and Human Services	\$8.8B	medium
Department of Transportation	\$1.6B	low
Department of Agriculture	\$1.3B	medium
Department of Energy	\$889.1M	high
Department of Education	\$824.4M	high

Campaign Finance

Total Contributions	\$277.8M
Total Expenditures	\$302.6M
Data Source	Public Records