

# SOUTH CAROLINA

**Ranking:** South Carolina is 45th this year; it was 41st in 2010.

**Highlights:**

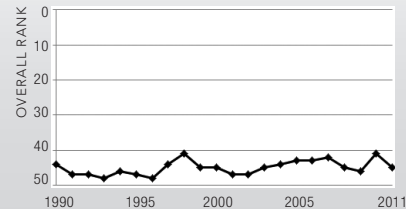
- In the past year, the percentage of children in poverty increased from 17.6 percent to 25.7 percent of persons under age 18.
- In the past year, the rate of uninsured population increased from 16.4 percent to 18.7 percent.
- In the past ten years, obesity increased from 22.0 percent to 32.0 percent of adults, with more than 1.1 million obese adults in the state.
- In the past ten years, diabetes increased from 7.1 percent to 10.7 percent of adults. Now 379,000 South Carolina adults have diabetes.
- While smoking decreased from 24.9 percent to 21.0 percent of adults in the last ten years, 744,000 adults still smoke in South Carolina.

**Health Disparities:**

In South Carolina, obesity is more prevalent among non-Hispanic blacks at 40.3 percent and Hispanics at 38.2 percent than non-Hispanic whites at 27.4 percent. Diabetes also varies by race and ethnicity in the state; 13.4 percent of non-Hispanic blacks have diabetes compared to 8.9 percent of non-Hispanic whites and 10.0 percent of Hispanics.

**State Health Department Web Site:** [www.scdhec.net](http://www.scdhec.net)

## Overall Rank: 45



Change: ▼ 4

Determinants Rank: 44

Outcomes Rank: 43

**Strengths:**

- Low prevalence of binge drinking
- High immunization coverage

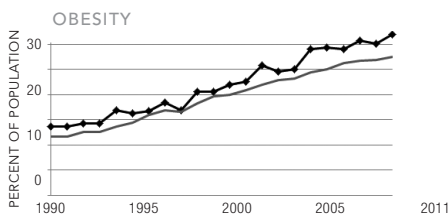
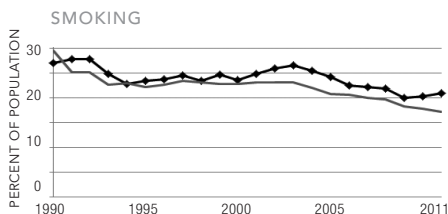
**Challenges:**

- High prevalence of obesity
- Low high school graduation rate
- High percentage of children in poverty
- High prevalence of diabetes

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ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT	SC	U.S.
Unemployment Rate (Aug 2011)	11.1%	8.3%
Underemployment Rate (2010)	18.1%	16.7%
Median Household Income (2010)	\$41,709	\$49,445

MEASURE	ADULT POPULATION AFFECTED		
	2001	2011	10-YR CHANGE
Smoking	748,000	744,000	-4,000
Obesity	661,000	1,134,000	473,000
Diabetes	213,000	379,000	166,000



STATE ◆ NATION □



For a more detailed look at this data, visit

[www.americashealthrankings.org/SC](http://www.americashealthrankings.org/SC)

	2011		NO. 1 STATE
	VALUE	RANK	
<b>DETERMINANTS</b>			
<b>BEHAVIORS</b>			
Smoking (Percent of adult population)	21.0	39	9.1
Binge Drinking (Percent of adult population)	12.5	11	6.7
Obesity (Percent of adult population)	32.0	47	21.4
High School Graduation (Percent of incoming ninth graders)	62.2	49	89.6
<b>COMMUNITY &amp; ENVIRONMENT</b>			
Violent Crime (Offenses per 100,000 population)	598	46	122
Occupational Fatalities (Deaths per 100,000 workers)	4.9	30	2.5
Infectious Disease (Cases per 100,000 population)	8.0	24	2.3
Children in Poverty (Percent of persons under age 18)	25.7	44	6.2
Air Pollution (Micrograms of fine particles per cubic meter)	11.0	38	5.2
<b>PUBLIC &amp; HEALTH POLICIES</b>			
Lack of Health Insurance (Percent without health insurance)	18.7	41	5.0
Public Health Funding (Dollars per person)	\$72	29	\$244
Immunization Coverage (Percent of children ages 19 to 35 months)	92.0	15	96.0
<b>CLINICAL CARE</b>			
Early Prenatal Care (Percent with visit during first trimester)	66.5	42	—
Primary Care Physicians (Number per 100,000 population)	104.6	34	191.9
Preventable Hospitalizations (per 1,000 Medicare enrollees)	63.6	23	25.6
<b>ALL DETERMINANTS</b>	-0.40	44	0.90
<b>OUTCOMES</b>			
Diabetes (Percent of adult population)	10.7	45	5.3
Poor Mental Health Days (Days in previous 30 days)	3.9	41	2.3
Poor Physical Health Days (Days in previous 30 days)	3.7	29	2.6
Geographic Disparity (Relative standard deviation)	11.8	29	4.8
Infant Mortality (Deaths per 1,000 live births)	8.3	46	4.7
Cardiovascular Deaths (Deaths per 100,000 population)	279.2	34	197.2
Cancer Deaths (Deaths per 100,000 population)	201.4	37	137.4
Premature Death (Years lost per 100,000 population)	9,099	43	5481
<b>ALL OUTCOMES</b>	-0.12	43	0.32
<b>OVERALL</b>	-0.52	45	1.20

— indicates data not available. \* See measure description for full details.