

Reasons Youth <18 Years Old Entered Foster Care during SFY 2025-2026

Note: Because children often enter Foster Care for more than one reason, total # of removal reasons is greater than the total # of children who entered Foster Care.

County of Origin (County in Which Child Entered Foster Care)	# of Children Who Entered	Reasons Youth Entered Foster Care During SFY 2025-2026 (Removal Reasons)																																
		24-hr Medical Hold (Child)	Abandonment	Child Alcohol Use	Child Drug Use	Child Behavior Problem	Death of Caretaker	Diagnosed Condition	Homelessness	Inadequate Housing	Incarceration of Caretaker	Neglect	Physical Abuse	Runaway	Caretaker's Alcohol Use	Caretaker's Drug Use	Caretaker's Significant Impairment Cognitive	Caretaker's Significant Impairment-Physical/Emotional	Child Requested Placement	Domestic Violence	Education Neglect	Failure to Return	Family Conflict Related to Child's Sexual Orientation, Gender Id	Inadequate Access to Medical Services	Inadequate Access to Mental Health Services	Medical Neglect	Prenatal Alcohol Exposure	Prenatal Drug Exposure	Psychological or Emotional Abuse	Sex Trafficking	Sexual Abuse	Voluntary Relinquishment for Adoption	Whereabouts Unknown	
STATE TOTAL	2,706	1	173	1	9	83	9	4	91	126	95	1,843	530	35	69	290	38	44	2	152	111	10	1	1	8	62	1	91	34	12	192	5	5	
Abbeville	5											5				1				4														
Anderson	79		4			8	2		2	6	6	28	4	2	2	8	3	3		6	3	2						3				6		
Cherokee	34										2	3	28	9							1							1			2			
Greenville	196	22			2	5			6	11	12	142	35	4	11	29	5		1	9	1					7		10	4		9	1		
Greenwood	32					1				1		18	5			4		1			3							1	5		1			
Laurens	57	5							2	1		51	11			3	1			5	3	1				2		3	1		8			
Newberry	11	1										4	1																	1	5			
Oconee	45	2				1						1	31	5	1	3	5	2	1	6	1							2			1			
Pickens	47	1				1			5	3	2	42	4		2	15	1	1		2											5		1	
Spartanburg	186	5				4	1	1	6	10	3	116	65		3	10		3		8	3	1				2		8	4	3	11	1		
Union	25		1						1	1	1	13	6	1	3	2		1			2							2	3		2			
Upstate Reg.	717	0	41	0	2	21	3	1	22	35	28	478	145	8	25	77	12	10	1	40	17	4	0	0	0	11	0	30	17	4	50	2	1	
Aiken	77								1	1		73	5			3					5							3	1	1	1			
Bamberg	5																																	
Barnwell	14		3						2			2	3									2			1						7			
Chester	20	1								3	2	16	5			4				4	1							2						
Edgefield	1					1																												
Fairfield	24	2										14	4							1	4		1					1	1		4	1		
Kershaw	52	5										38	12							1						4		3			5	1		
Lancaster	64	8							4	1	2	44	12	1		1	1				5					1		4			5			
Lexington	122	6			1	12			2	6	3	104	24	3		15	1			5	3							1		3	7			
McCormick	3									3		3																						
Richland	338	35				6			16	6	7	163	71	11	6	17	4	8		14	5	1			1	4		4	1		23			
Saluda	9											5	1	1			2	1											1					
York	78	6	1	1	8			1	2	16	4	56	11	1	1	20		5		3					1	4		11	6		6			
Midlands Reg.	807	0	66	1	2	26	1	1	27	36	18	519	152	17	7	60	8	14	0	28	23	3	1	0	3	13	0	29	10	4	58	2	0	
Allendale	5											3				1													1		1			
Beaufort	39		6									2	23	6		3	2				5	2							1		7			
Berkeley	152		14						5	2	7	75	58		4	13				10	1					2		2	1		17		1	
Calhoun	4											3					1																	
Charleston	135	1	12		1	5	1	1	7	1	3	98	23	4	2	22	1	2		7	9					5		3		1	3		2	
Colleton	35	2								1		30	11							5	4					2		2			2			
Dorchester	33	4									1	26	7			5				2						2		2						
Hampton	22									4		16	2					4			1							2		1				
Jasper	16					1						10	2					1		2	1										3			
Orangeburg	83	2				1						73	8									1									4			
Lowcountry Reg.	524	1	40	0	1	7	1	1	12	8	13	357	117	4	10	42	2	7	0	31	18	1	0	0	0	11	0	10	3	1	37	0	3	
Chesterfield	25					2						17	2							2						1					1			
Clarendon	28									5		22	3		2	3	2	1		7	5				2	1		3			3			
Darlington	93	5				2					2	65	12								7					6					2			
Dillon	41											35	7							1	4										2			
Florence	90	6			2	8	1	1	8	12		62	23	3	9	7	10	5		2	2	2				8	1	4	1		6			
Georgetown	26	3				2				1		19	6		1	2			1	8											2			
Horry	235	5			2	11			20	28	34	185	45	1	14	99	4	7		27	34				3	9		14	2	3	27	1	1	
Lee	15								2	1		11	2	2																	1			
Marion	53	4				3						36	8		1					6				1							3			
Marlboro	19						3					14	1																1					
Sumter	17	2										14	1								1					2								
Williamsburg	16	1				1						9	6																					
Pee Dee Reg.	658	0	26	0	4	29	4	1	30	47	36	489	116	6	27	111	16	13	1	53	53	2	0	1	5	27	1	22	4	3	47	1	1	
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