

South Carolina Department of Social Services  
**Key Stats from Major Program Areas - Calendar Year**

Note: Numbers are for the full CALENDAR year unless indicated otherwise.

CAPSS Data effective February 1, 2026 / additional data from Program Areas

<b>Child Protective Services (CPS)</b>	<b>Calendar 2021</b>	<b>Calendar 2022</b>	<b>Calendar 2023</b>	<b>Calendar 2024</b>	<b>Calendar 2025</b>
Total number of abuse/neglect Intakes (referrals) during the <u>report period</u> ***.	67,166	66,895	68,411	68,719	69,154
# accepted for CPS Investigations (includes OHAN)	36,617 (55%)	36,269 (54%)	37,766 (55%)	36,410 (53%)	38,557 (56%)
# referred to voluntary prevention services	15,207 (23%)	12,888 (19%)	13,666 (20%)	13,595 (20%)	12,369 (18%)
# screened out with no referral needed	15,342 (23%)	17,738 (27%)	16,979 (25%)	18,714 (27%)	18,110 (26%)
Number of founded investigations during the <u>report period</u> .	9,528	8,757	8,125	7,450	7,169
Number of Investigations open on the <u>LAST DAY of report period</u> .	3,885	3,530	3,378	3,728	3,905
Total number of families that received Family Preservation Services during the entire <u>report period</u> .	13,742	12,850	11,310	10,255	9,294
Number of families receiving Family Preservation Services on the <u>LAST DAY of report period</u>	6,275	5,130	4,191	3,345	3,101
<b>Foster Care</b>	<b>Calendar 2021</b>	<b>Calendar 2022</b>	<b>Calendar 2023</b>	<b>Calendar 2024</b>	<b>Calendar 2025</b>
Total number of children & youth served in foster care during the <u>report period</u> .	7,045	6,976	6,753	6,360	6,194
# of newborns through 6-year-olds	2,603	2,563	2,535	2,373	2,278
# of 7-year-olds through 12-year-olds	1,843	1,763	1,740	1,645	1,650
# of 13-year-olds through 17-year-olds	2,136	2,260	2,104	1,905	1,834
# of 18-year-olds and older	463	390	374	437	432
Total number of children & youth in foster care on <u>LAST DAY of report period</u>	4,074	3,889	3,626	3,396	3,464
# of newborns through 6-year-olds	1,485	1,463	1,320	1,251	1,267
# of 7-year-olds through 12-year-olds	1,069	987	944	893	937
# of 13-year-olds through 17-year-olds	1,359	1,267	1,181	1,091	1,075
# of 18-year-olds and older	161	172	181	161	185
Number of Regular Foster Homes on the <u>LAST DAY of report period</u>	1,754	1,586	1,439	1,347	1,414
Number of Therapeutic Foster Homes on the <u>LAST DAY of report period</u>	998	971	882	843	828
<b>Adoptive Services</b>	<b>Calendar 2021</b>	<b>Calendar 2022</b>	<b>Calendar 2023</b>	<b>Calendar 2024</b>	<b>Calendar 2025</b>
Number of families receiving adoption services during the <u>report period</u> .	1,157	1,186	1,180	1,112	999
Number of children & youth receiving adoption services during the <u>report period</u> **	2,550	2,591	2,713	2,464	2,636
Number of adoptions finalized during the <u>report period</u> .	481	556	644	549	508
Number of children & youth receiving adoption subsidies during the <u>report period</u> .	6,708	6,563	6,706	6,751	6,748
Total amount of adoption subsidies paid during the <u>report period</u> .	\$ 37,995,441	\$ 39,857,087	\$ 44,161,207	\$ 49,556,686	\$ 53,990,232
<b>Adult Protective Services (APS)</b>	<b>Calendar 2021</b>	<b>Calendar 2022</b>	<b>Calendar 2023</b>	<b>Calendar 2024</b>	<b>Calendar 2025</b>
Total number of abuse/neglect Intakes (referrals) during the <u>report period</u> .	19,081	20,581	23,073	24,528	27,232
Number of these calls accepted for investigation during the <u>report period</u> .	5,110	4,166	4,941	5,456	6,785
<b>Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)</b>	<b>Calendar 2021</b>	<b>Calendar 2022</b>	<b>Calendar 2023</b>	<b>Calendar 2024</b>	<b>Calendar 2025</b>
Average number of individuals receiving TANF benefits per month during the <u>report period</u> .	18,588	17,283	15,918	16,092	14,965
Total TANF benefits paid during the <u>report period</u> .	\$ 21,968,190	\$ 21,160,510	\$ 23,082,982	\$ 25,966,015	\$ 25,093,216
Number of jobs obtained by TANF employable recipients during the <u>report period</u> .	1,767	1,350	855	854	953
<b>Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) (Food Stamps)</b>	<b>Calendar 2021</b>	<b>Calendar 2022</b>	<b>Calendar 2023</b>	<b>Calendar 2024</b>	<b>Calendar 2025</b>
Average number of individuals receiving SNAP benefits per month during the <u>report period</u> .	611,158	617,337	613,558	582,406	558,296
Total paid in SNAP benefits during the <u>report period</u> .	\$ 1,686,604,673	\$ 1,882,367,173	\$ 1,423,806,494	\$ 1,370,618,866	\$ 1,268,849,256
<b>Child Support Program</b>	<b>Calendar 2021</b>	<b>Calendar 2022</b>	<b>Calendar 2023</b>	<b>Calendar 2024</b>	<b>Calendar 2025</b>
Average number of open child support cases during the <u>report period</u> .	167,817	156,585	149,809	143,005	137,384
Amount collected in child support during the <u>report period</u> .	\$ 303,752,904	\$ 291,850,080	\$ 297,357,116	\$ 290,802,915	\$ 293,863,295
<b>Early Care and Education (SC Child Care)</b>	<b>Calendar 2021</b>	<b>Calendar 2022</b>	<b>Calendar 2023</b>	<b>Calendar 2024</b>	<b>Calendar 2025</b>
Number children served with SC Child Care Vouchers	26,970	32,550	41,719	49,152	52,442
Annual child care licensing visits	1,849	1,985	2,145	2,260	2,309

NOTE: numbers may change slightly from those reported on previous reports due to changes made in CAPSS after the close of the fiscal year.

\* Because of COVID-19, the number of personal visits is lower. Only complaint visits and a few application visits were made in person, all others were virtual.

\*\*Number of children < 18 receiving adoption services is a new element added in 2021 and numbers for earlier years are calculated using historic data.