

# Factors Impacting MS Child Health

Many factors contribute to a child's health. Adverse childhood experiences like violence, poverty, poor nutrition, and more can have a negative impact on the health and future outcome of a child.



In 2019, **12.3%** of babies in Mississippi were born with a low-birth weight, weighing less than 2,500 grams (5.5lbs).



In 2019, **22.3%** of children in Mississippi experienced food insecurity.



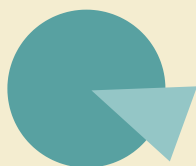
From 2015-2019, **46.8%** of children (ages 3-4) in Mississippi did not attend preschool.



In 2019, **46%** of children in Mississippi were living in single-parent families.



In 2021, Mississippi ranked **50th** for overall child well-being.



In 2019, **8%** of children in Mississippi lived in households where a grandparent provided their primary care.



In 2019, **28%** of children in Mississippi were living in poverty. (Definition: family of 2 adults/2 children with annual income below \$25,926.)



From 2015-2019, the rate of infant mortality in Mississippi was **8.8**. (11.9 for black infants; 6.3 for white infants)