

Poverty isn't a **LINE**.
It's a **TIGHT KNOT** of social maladies.

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POVERTY, BY AMERICA

SOUTH CAROLINA

RED FLAG

The 2nd highest eviction filing rate in the nation

SOUTH CAROLINA		NATIONAL	
EDUCATION			
Preschool enrollment:	45.7 %	48 %	
High school graduation gap: <i>(between high- and low-income)</i>	-6 %	11.5 %	
Avg. student loan debt:	\$38.7K	\$43K	

HEALTH		NATIONAL	
Uninsured <i>(medical)</i> :	10.8 %	9.2 %	
SNAP recipients: <i>(food stamps)</i>	1 in 9	1 in 9	
SNAP per household member <i>(monthly)</i> :	\$127	\$121	

FINANCE		NATIONAL	
Poverty rate:	13.8 %	11.9 %	
Child poverty rate:	18.7 %	16 %	
Minimum wage:	\$7.25	\$7.25	
Median income:	\$62.5K	\$70.7K	
Prison min. wage:	\$0–\$1.80	\$0.14–\$1.41	
Unbanked households:	5.2 %	5.4 %	

HOUSING		NATIONAL	
Student homelessness:	1.6 %	2.7 %	
Eviction filing rate:	23.3 %	7.8 %	
Avg. housing voucher wait list time:	20 mos.	28 mos.	
Renters paying 30%+ income on rent:	49.1 %	49.6 %	

CONSIDER THESE SELECT

ANTIPOVERTY POLICIES

DOES YOUR STATE...

have expanded Medicaid coverage for additional populations? **✗**

protect housing voucher holders from discrimination? **✗**

prohibit or highly regulate payday lending? **✗**

spend above the national average of its TANF funds on basic assistance? **✓**

have a progressive tax rate? **✗**

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