

2015 Quarterly Update



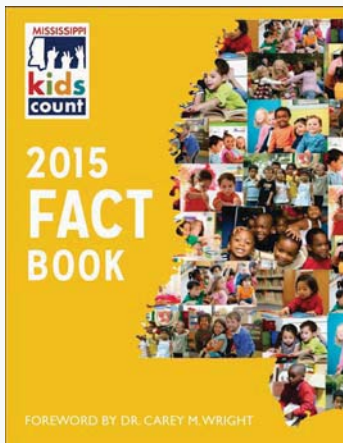
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Our National KIDS COUNT data center provides state rankings for four domains: Economic Well-Being, Education, Health, and Family & Community.

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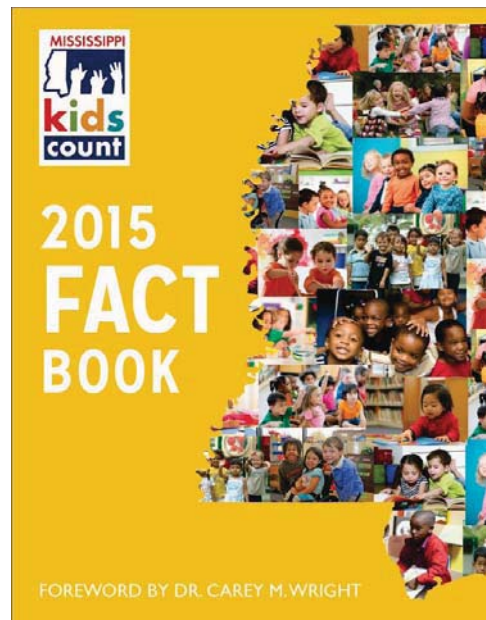


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Mississippi KIDS COUNT

We're off to a busy start
in 2015



The 2015 Mississippi KIDS COUNT Fact Book is here!

The 2015 Mississippi KIDS COUNT Fact Book was released on February 19th. The focus of the 2015 Fact Book is on education and contains a foreword written by State Superintendent of Education, Dr. Carey Wright. Download your copy [here](#).



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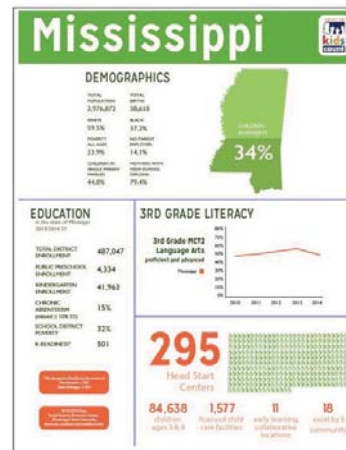
New Policy Brief



On March 11th, at a press conference at the MS Department of Education, Mississippi KIDS COUNT released a new policy brief, *Chronic Absenteeism: A Look at Chronic Absenteeism in Mississippi Public Schools*. Chronic absenteeism is defined as missing ten percent or more of the academic year for any reason. With a typical school year being comprised of 180 days that could mean a student is chronically absent if they miss just two days a month. Chronic absenteeism can lead to lower academic achievement, but recognizing the problem and early intervention can help. [Download](#) a copy and read more about it.

Here is just a sample of some of the excellent media attention our absenteeism brief received: [WXXV25](#), [MPB](#), and the [Clarion Ledger](#).

Updated Fact Sheets



Have you seen our updated county fact sheets? They present clear data and infographics specific to your county. They are an excellent resource for your next meeting or report! We also have an updated fact sheet for the state of Mississippi. Download the data for your county [here](#).

Mississippi KIDS COUNT Annual Capitol Day



Our team was excited to once again have an annual Mississippi KIDS COUNT Capitol Day. Legislators received copies of the 2015 KIDS COUNT Fact Book along with county fact sheets. Other KIDS COUNT materials were available at our display in the Capitol Rotunda.

2015 Metro Jackson College Fair



MSU Head Football Coach Dan Mullen and student athletes Dak Prescott and Jay Hughes were the featured speakers at the Metro Jackson College Fair held on February 11 at the Jackson Convention Complex. The three emphasized the importance of setting goals, being disciplined, and being dedicated to academics. Prescott and Hughes are working on graduate degrees, and both are scholar athletes. The event was co-sponsored by Mississippi KIDS COUNT and Parents and Kids Magazine. Over 2500 high school juniors and seniors from across Mississippi attended.

Other News...

Measuring Access to Opportunity

In February the Annie E. Casey Foundation released a new KIDS COUNT® Data Snapshot, *Measuring Access to Opportunity in the United States*. This snapshot points to the Supplemental Poverty Measure (SPM) as another index for measuring poverty. You can read more about it by downloading their report [here](#).

Mississippi KIDS COUNT Advisory Board Update

Several of our Advisory Board members have recently completed their board term. Mississippi KIDS COUNT greatly appreciates the time and service Gary Blair, Nelle Cohen, Valerie Long,

Wanda Newell, and Inez Saum devoted to improving the well-being of children in Mississippi.

Mississippi KIDS COUNT is now on Pinterest!

Follow us and see the wonderful graphics from our most recent reports and fact books!

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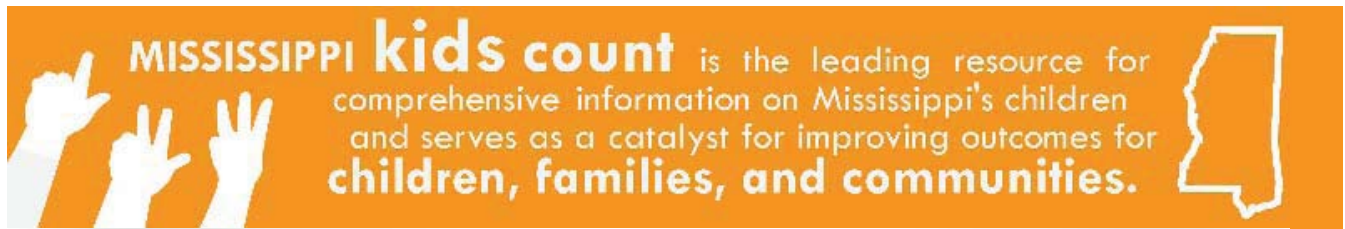


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