

References

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DeSoto County

Notes

*Child care includes Head Start and centers and home-based options that are available in a community. These options do not include public Pre-K which falls under the purview of the Department of Education. While the number of child care seats exceed the number of children 0-5, this does not mean that coverage is available for every child, given that many fewer seats are available for infants and toddlers.

**Assistance includes SSI, Cash Public Assistance, or Food Stamps/SNAP received in the past 12 months.

^Indicates that these statistics rely on 5-year estimates (2019-2023)

‡Indicates that this variable is a 10-year average due to low population (2013-2022)

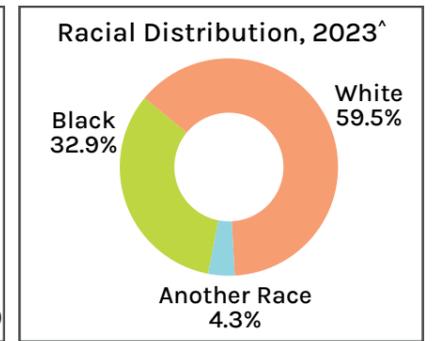
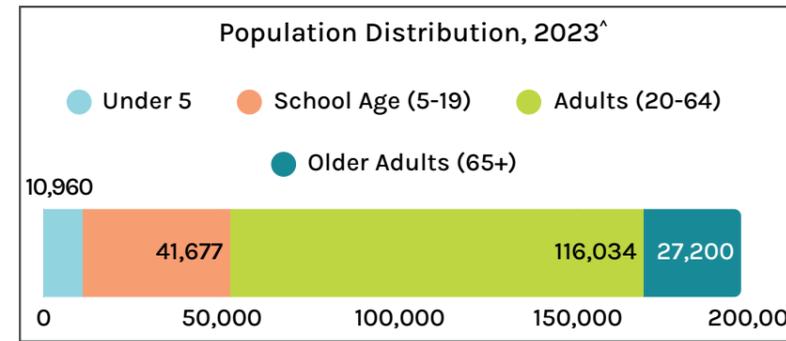
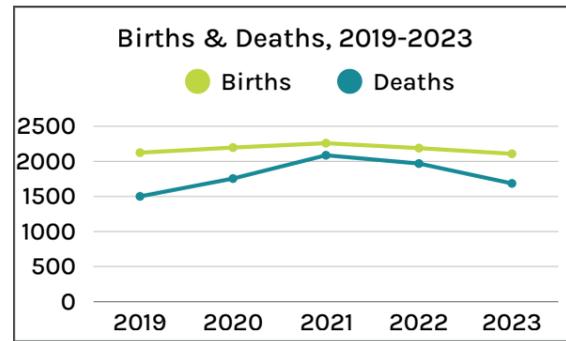
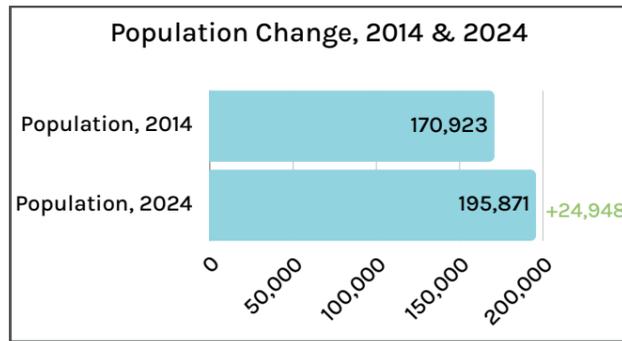
#Average number of children in MDCPS custody was calculated using the number of children in care on the first of each month for the past 12 months (December 2024-November 2025).

§Child and teen death rates were calculated based on the number of deaths of children and teens 0-19 between 2018 and October 2025.

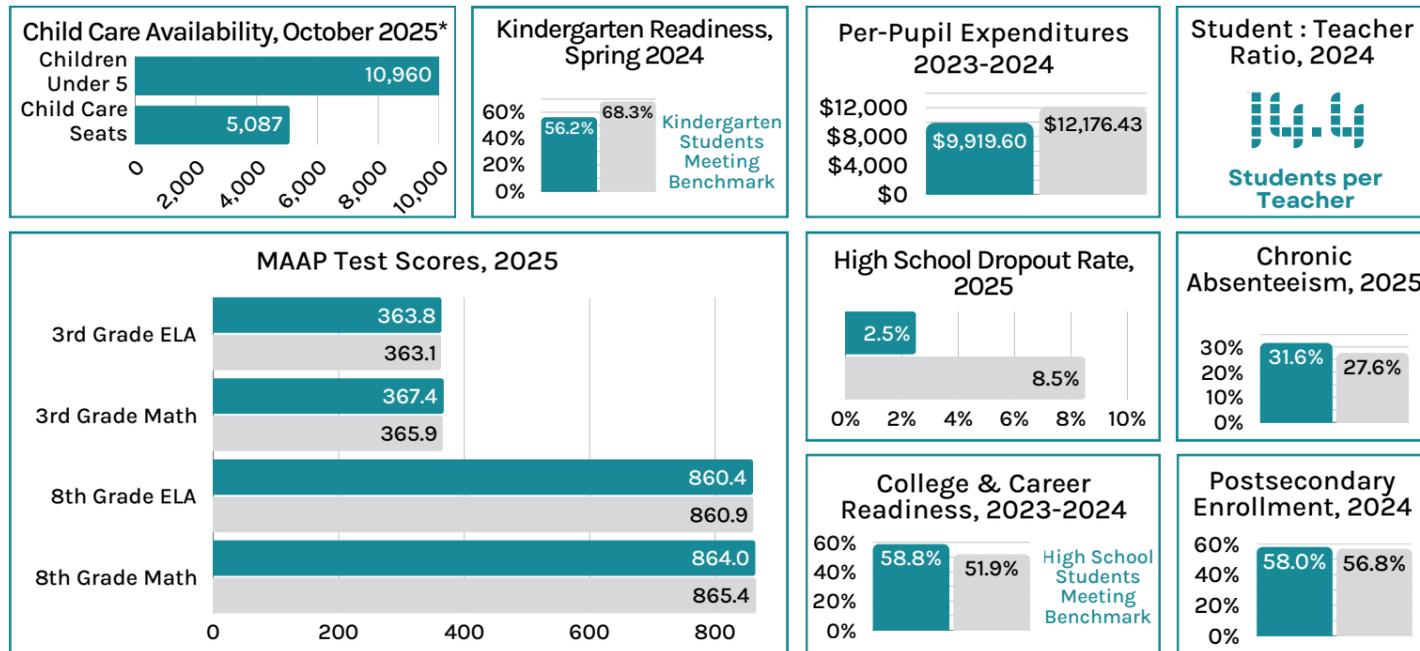
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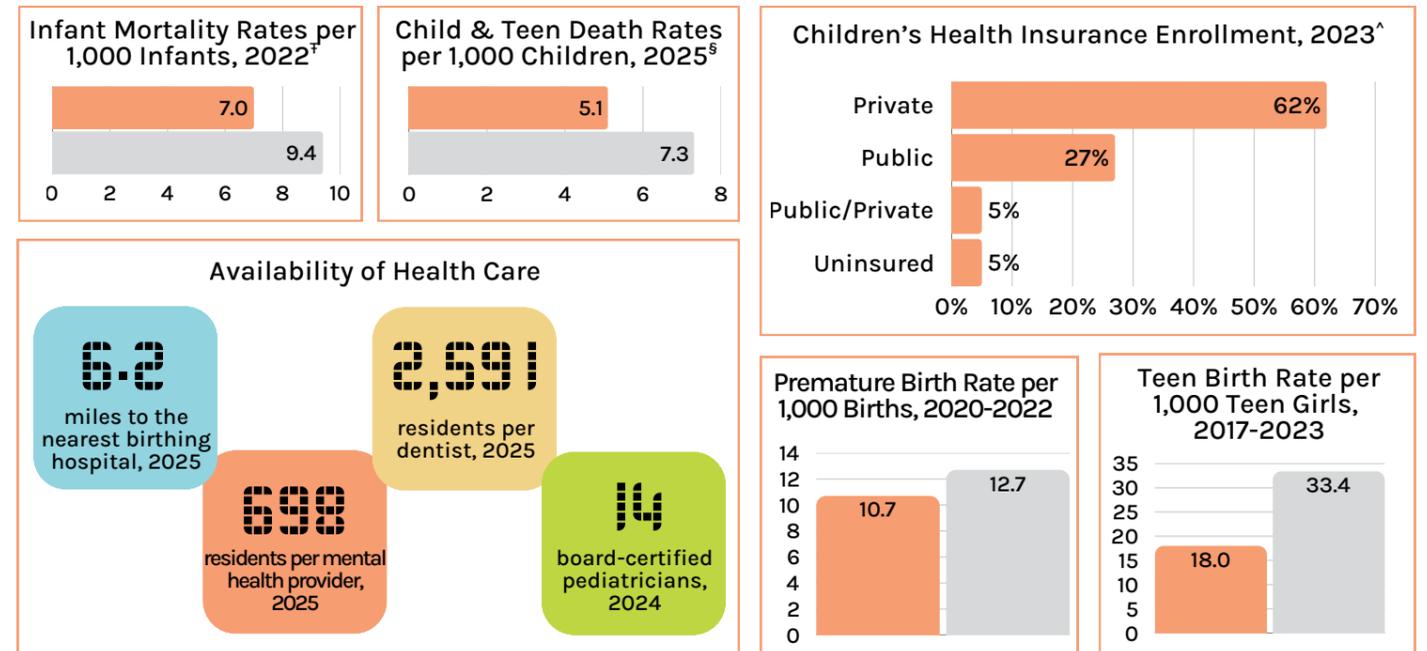
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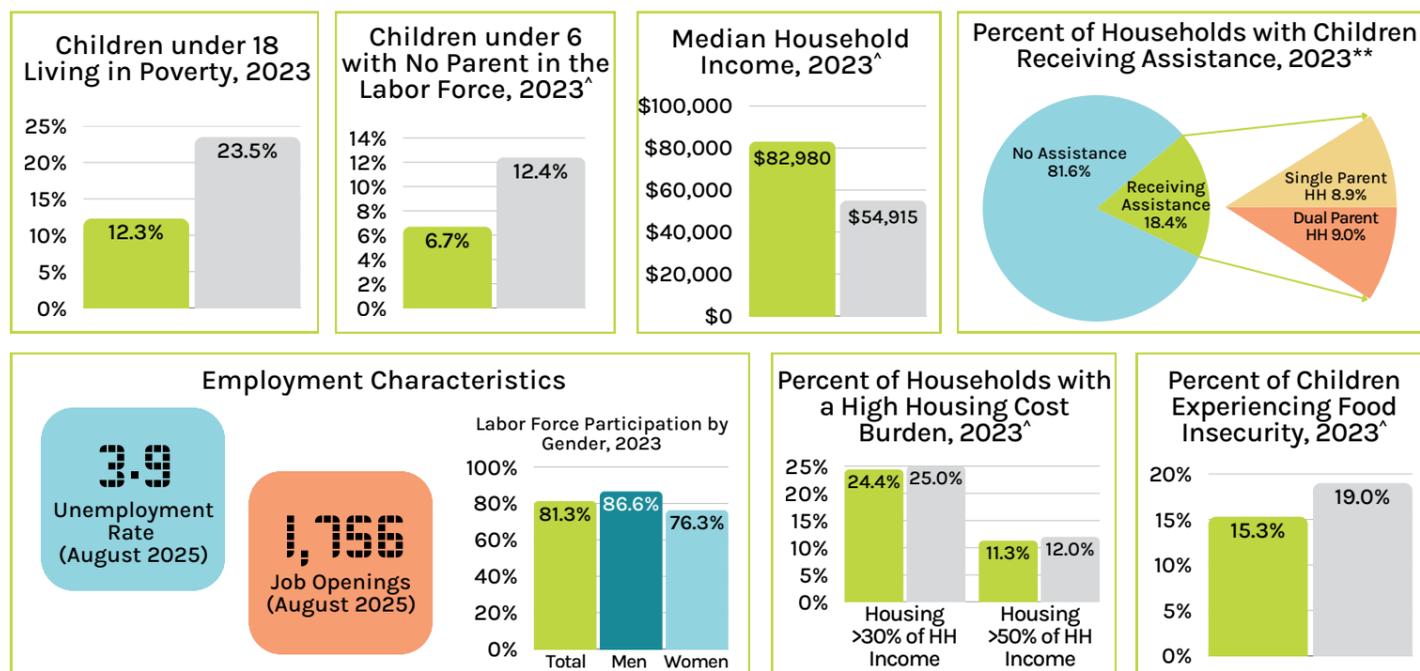
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