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## **ECONOMIC WELL-BEING**

	UNITED STATES			ALABAMA		
<b>Children in poverty</b> US <b>12,243,000</b>   AL <b>245,000</b>	<b>17%</b> 2019	<b>17%</b> 2021	= Same	<b>21%</b> 2019	<b>22%</b>	↑ WORSE
<b>Children whose parents lack secure employment</b> us 21,143,000   AL 343,000	<b>26</b> % 2019	<b>29%</b> 2021	↑ WORSE	<b>31%</b> 2019	<b>31%</b> 2021	= Same
Children living in households with a high housing cost burden us 21,857,000   AL 287,000	<b>30%</b> 2019	<b>30%</b> 2021	= Same	<b>24%</b>	<b>26%</b>	↑ WORSE
Teens not in school and not working US 1,234,000   AL 27,000	<b>6</b> % 2019	<b>7%</b> 2021	↑ WORSE	<b>7%</b> 2019	<b>10%</b> 2021	↑ WORSE

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	UNITED STAT	TES	ALABAMA		
Young children (ages 3 and 4) not in school US 4,380,000   AL 72,000	<b>53% 54</b> 2012-16 <b>2017</b>		<b>57%</b> 2012-16	<b>57%</b>	= SAME
Fourth-graders not proficient in reading US N.A.   AL N.A.	66% 68 2019 2023		<b>72%</b>	<b>72%</b>	= Same
<b>Eighth-graders not proficient in math</b> US <b>N.A.</b>   AL <b>N.A</b> .	67% 74 2019 2023		<b>79%</b>	<b>81%</b>	↑ Worse
High school students not graduating on time* US N.A.   AL N.A.	<b>14% 14</b> 2018-19 <b>2019</b>		<b>8%</b> 2018-19	<b>9%</b> 2019-20	↑ WORSE

N.A.: Not available \*Graduation data may not be comparable across time due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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## HEALTH

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	UNITED STATES			ALABAMA		
Low birth-weight babies US 311,932   AL 6,053	<b>8.3%</b> 2019	<b>8.5%</b> 2021	↑ WORSE	<b>10.5%</b>	<b>10.4%</b>	↓ BETTER
Children without health insurance us 4,165,000   AL 47,000	<b>6</b> % 2019	<b>5%</b> 2021	↓ BETTER	<b>3%</b> 2019	<b>4%</b> 2021	↑ WORSE
<b>Child and teen deaths per 100,000</b> us <b>23,198</b>   AL <b>526</b>	<b>25</b> 2019	<b>30</b> 2021	↑ WORSE	<b>4</b> 1 2019	<b>44</b> 2021	↑ Worse
Children and teens (ages 10 to 17) who are overweight or obese us N.A.   AL N.A.	<b>31%</b> 2018-19	<b>33%</b> 2020-21	↑ WORSE	<b>34%</b> 2018-19	<b>37%</b> 2020-21	↑ WORSE

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY

	UNITED STATES			ALABAMA		
Children in single-parent families us 23,626,000   AL 408,000	<b>34%</b> 2019	<b>34</b> % 2021	= Same	<b>40%</b>	<b>39%</b> 2021	↓ BETTER
Children in families where the household head lacks a high school diploma us 8,269,000   AL 115,000	<b>12%</b> 2019	<b>11%</b> 2021	↓ BETTER	2019	<b>10%</b> 2021	<b>BETTER</b>
Children living in high-poverty areas us 6,086,000   AL 128,000	<b>13%</b> 2012-16	<b>8</b> % 2017-21	↓ BETTER	<b>16%</b> 2012-16	2017-21	<b>BETTER</b>
<b>Teen births per 1,000</b> us <b>146,973</b>   al <b>3,641</b>	<b>17</b> 2019	<b>14</b> 2021	↓ BETTER	<b>26</b>	<b>23</b>	↓ BETTER

N.A.: Not available

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