

**Number of South Carolina Certificates of Religious Exemption
Presented to Public and Private School for Students Enrolled for Last Five School Years**

South Carolina Code Section 44-29-180 (A) requires schools to maintain records of vaccinations or immunizations. Annually, South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) requires public and private schools to complete the School Summary of Student Immunization Status to obtain the number of students enrolled in South Carolina schools that are adequately protected against certain vaccine-preventable diseases (DHEC Regulation 61-8). Principals/school administrators submit this report, which includes the number of students admitted to school with exemptions, within forty-five (45) calendar days after the beginning of each school year. This process also ensures that schools identify students who are not adequately protected, and can either refer them to a health care provider for vaccination or have an available list in the case of a disease outbreak. In the case of an outbreak, students who are not vaccinated against the disease will be recommended to be excluded from school until the outbreak has been declared over. The data below represents the number of students enrolled with South Carolina Certificates of Religious Exemption for the last five (5) school years.

| County | 2014-2015 | | | 2015-2016 | | | 2016-2017 | | | 2017-2018 | | | 2018-2019 | | |
|------------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|---------------|--------------|
| | Enrolled | # | % | Enrolled | # | % | Enrolled | # | % | Enrolled | # | % | Enrolled | # | % |
| Abbeville | 3,256 | 13 | 0.40% | 3,225 | 17 | 0.53% | 3,323 | 33 | 0.99% | 3,281 | 59 | 1.80% | 3,266 | 71 | 2.17% |
| Aiken | 25,126 | 113 | 0.45% | 25,395 | 131 | 0.52% | 26,163 | 158 | 0.60% | 25,955 | 165 | 0.64% | 25,624 | 170 | 0.66% |
| Allendale | 1,328 | 0 | 0.00% | 1,196 | 0 | 0.00% | 1,156 | 1 | 0.09% | 1,110 | 1 | 0.09% | 1,125 | 2 | 0.18% |
| Anderson | 31,657 | 198 | 0.63% | 33,088 | 284 | 0.86% | 32,244 | 297 | 0.92% | 32,301 | 376 | 1.16% | 32,386 | 431 | 1.33% |
| Bamberg | 2,171 | 3 | 0.14% | 2,197 | 5 | 0.23% | 2,200 | 4 | 0.18% | 2,180 | 7 | 0.32% | 2,100 | 9 | 0.43% |
| Barnwell | 4,336 | 7 | 0.16% | 4,071 | 16 | 0.39% | 3,871 | 17 | 0.44% | 3,883 | 15 | 0.39% | 3,773 | 15 | 0.40% |
| Beaufort | 23,644 | 206 | 0.87% | 23,941 | 227 | 0.95% | 24,321 | 269 | 1.11% | 24,482 | 278 | 1.14% | 24,744 | 335 | 1.35% |
| Berkeley | 32,892 | 161 | 0.49% | 33,585 | 208 | 0.62% | 33,830 | 269 | 0.80% | 35,224 | 321 | 0.91% | 37,236 | 419 | 1.13% |
| Calhoun | 2,061 | 15 | 0.73% | 1,991 | 18 | 0.90% | 1,080 | 12 | 1.11% | 1,984 | 19 | 0.96% | 1,951 | 23 | 1.18% |
| Charleston | 52,521 | 490 | 0.93% | 54,026 | 604 | 1.12% | 53,749 | 629 | 1.17% | 55,511 | 722 | 1.30% | 54,645 | 912 | 1.67% |
| Cherokee | 8,768 | 29 | 0.33% | 9,349 | 31 | 0.33% | 8,683 | 43 | 0.50% | 8,573 | 54 | 0.63% | 8,497 | 76 | 0.89% |
| Chester | 5,256 | 13 | 0.25% | 5,108 | 19 | 0.37% | 5,199 | 12 | 0.23% | 5,252 | 16 | 0.30% | 5,118 | 25 | 0.49% |
| Chesterfield | 7,483 | 17 | 0.23% | 7,461 | 18 | 0.24% | 7,358 | 5 | 0.07% | 7,391 | 22 | 0.30% | 7,018 | 22 | 0.31% |
| Clarendon | 5,938 | 9 | 0.15% | 6,164 | 11 | 0.18% | 5,985 | 9 | 0.15% | 5,820 | 5 | 0.09% | 6,017 | 8 | 0.13% |
| Colleton | 6,176 | 24 | 0.39% | 6,039 | 20 | 0.33% | 6,016 | 10 | 0.17% | 5,921 | 15 | 0.25% | 5,789 | 30 | 0.52% |
| Darlington | 11,087 | 42 | 0.38% | 11,123 | 39 | 0.35% | 10,999 | 40 | 0.36% | 10,981 | 44 | 0.40% | 10,815 | 51 | 0.47% |
| Dillon | 6,036 | 15 | 0.25% | 6,075 | 17 | 0.28% | 6,001 | 17 | 0.28% | 5,963 | 20 | 0.34% | 5,997 | 28 | 0.47% |
| Dorchester | 28,121 | 193 | 0.69% | 28,745 | 237 | 0.82% | 28,067 | 223 | 0.79% | 29,138 | 293 | 1.01% | 29,216 | 430 | 1.47% |
| Edgefield | 4,005 | 8 | 0.20% | 4,049 | 6 | 0.15% | 3,560 | 17 | 0.48% | 3,460 | 16 | 0.46% | 3,506 | 13 | 0.37% |
| Fairfield | 2,995 | 6 | 0.20% | 2,941 | 7 | 0.24% | 2,944 | 5 | 0.17% | 2,970 | 6 | 0.20% | 2,954 | 14 | 0.47% |
| Florence | 25,218 | 84 | 0.33% | 24,911 | 87 | 0.35% | 24,360 | 96 | 0.39% | 24,490 | 122 | 0.50% | 23,856 | 136 | 0.57% |
| Georgetown | 9,634 | 49 | 0.51% | 9,672 | 54 | 0.56% | 9,528 | 57 | 0.60% | 9,484 | 71 | 0.75% | 9,420 | 92 | 0.98% |
| Greenville | 81,789 | 1,171 | 1.43% | 83,192 | 1,371 | 1.65% | 86,244 | 1,678 | 1.95% | 87,200 | 1,946 | 2.23% | 87,923 | 2,178 | 2.48% |
| Greenwood | 11,925 | 62 | 0.52% | 11,909 | 70 | 0.59% | 11,839 | 74 | 0.63% | 11,882 | 81 | 0.68% | 11,737 | 113 | 0.96% |
| Hampton | 3,369 | 4 | 0.12% | 3,258 | 2 | 0.06% | 3,152 | 8 | 0.25% | 3,114 | 4 | 0.13% | 2,775 | 1 | 0.04% |
| Horry | 43,952 | 325 | 0.74% | 44,016 | 346 | 0.79% | 44,293 | 455 | 1.03% | 45,318 | 387 | 0.85% | 45,948 | 536 | 1.17% |
| Jasper | 3,860 | 1 | 0.03% | 3,916 | 6 | 0.15% | 3,835 | 14 | 0.37% | 4,081 | 5 | 0.12% | 4,030 | 22 | 0.55% |
| Kershaw | 10,731 | 29 | 0.27% | 10,705 | 79 | 0.74% | 10,961 | 52 | 0.47% | 10,966 | 51 | 0.47% | 11,005 | 85 | 0.77% |
| Lancaster | 12,308 | 54 | 0.44% | 12,668 | 67 | 0.53% | 13,008 | 93 | 0.71% | 12,892 | 113 | 0.88% | 13,463 | 149 | 1.11% |
| Laurens | 9,156 | 37 | 0.40% | 9,252 | 49 | 0.53% | 8,873 | 56 | 0.63% | 8,753 | 82 | 0.94% | 8,739 | 93 | 1.06% |
| Lee | 2,510 | 3 | 0.12% | 2,525 | 3 | 0.12% | 2,417 | 5 | 0.21% | 2,380 | 5 | 0.21% | 2,238 | 4 | 0.18% |
| Lexington | 56,082 | 432 | 0.77% | 56,817 | 482 | 0.85% | 58,629 | 569 | 0.97% | 59,097 | 630 | 1.07% | 58,482 | 762 | 1.30% |
| Marion | 5,245 | 2 | 0.04% | 5,274 | 4 | 0.08% | 5,042 | 8 | 0.16% | 4,859 | 9 | 0.19% | 4,668 | 10 | 0.21% |
| Marlboro | 4,406 | 1 | 0.02% | 4,288 | 1 | 0.02% | 4,251 | 3 | 0.07% | 4,196 | 2 | 0.05% | 4,098 | 9 | 0.22% |
| McCormick | 879 | 0 | 0.00% | 858 | 3 | 0.35% | 785 | 0 | 0.00% | 779 | 0 | 0.00% | 698 | 0 | 0.00% |
| Newberry | 6,069 | 20 | 0.33% | 6,099 | 24 | 0.39% | 6,012 | 38 | 0.63% | 6,101 | 41 | 0.67% | 6,017 | 42 | 0.70% |
| Oconee | 10,237 | 95 | 0.93% | 10,152 | 96 | 0.95% | 10,530 | 117 | 1.11% | 10,504 | 120 | 1.14% | 10,536 | 179 | 1.70% |
| Orangeburg | 14,504 | 24 | 0.17% | 14,462 | 26 | 0.18% | 13,305 | 30 | 0.23% | 13,574 | 35 | 0.26% | 13,583 | 29 | 0.21% |
| Pickens | 16,649 | 123 | 0.74% | 16,565 | 148 | 0.89% | 16,411 | 176 | 1.07% | 16,224 | 199 | 1.23% | 16,129 | 250 | 1.55% |
| Richland | 63,226 | 467 | 0.74% | 61,470 | 457 | 0.74% | 63,000 | 602 | 0.96% | 63,700 | 764 | 1.20% | 60,851 | 781 | 1.28% |
| Saluda | 2,369 | 8 | 0.34% | 2,849 | 14 | 0.49% | 2,357 | 12 | 0.51% | 2,434 | 14 | 0.58% | 2,489 | 19 | 0.76% |
| Spartanburg | 48,931 | 777 | 1.59% | 48,839 | 952 | 1.95% | 50,053 | 1,126 | 2.25% | 50,630 | 1,389 | 2.74% | 50,683 | 1,608 | 3.17% |
| Sumter | 17,957 | 21 | 0.12% | 18,036 | 30 | 0.17% | 18,115 | 33 | 0.18% | 17,745 | 50 | 0.28% | 17,532 | 63 | 0.36% |
| Union | 4,130 | 7 | 0.17% | 4,051 | 5 | 0.12% | 4,048 | 11 | 0.27% | 4,073 | 10 | 0.25% | 4,060 | 14 | 0.34% |
| Williamsburg | 4,695 | 2 | 0.04% | 4,645 | 6 | 0.13% | 4,470 | 6 | 0.13% | 4,313 | 6 | 0.14% | 3,912 | 8 | 0.20% |
| York | 43,900 | 466 | 1.06% | 45,597 | 569 | 1.25% | 47,138 | 685 | 1.45% | 48,389 | 837 | 1.73% | 49,735 | 887 | 1.78% |
| Statewide | 778,588 | 5,826 | 0.75% | 785,795 | 6,866 | 0.87% | 789,405 | 8,074 | 1.02% | 798,558 | 9,427 | 1.18% | 796,384 | 11,154 | 1.40% |

References: School Summary of Student Immunization Status for the school years noted above.

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