

**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	2013-2014			2014-2015			2015-2016			2016-2017			2017-2018		
	Enrolled	#	%	Enrolled	#	%	Enrolled	#	%	Enrolled	#	%	Enrolled	#	%
Abbeville	3,242	17	0.52%	3,256	13	0.40%	3,225	17	0.53%	3,323	33	0.99%	3,281	59	1.80%
Aiken	25,137	82	0.33%	25,126	113	0.45%	25,395	131	0.52%	26,163	158	0.60%	25,955	165	0.64%
Allendale	1,315	0	0.00%	1,328	0	0.00%	1,196	0	0.00%	1,156	1	0.09%	1,110	1	0.09%
Anderson	31,400	176	0.56%	31,657	198	0.63%	33,088	284	0.86%	32,244	297	0.92%	32,301	376	1.16%
Bamberg	2,242	1	0.04%	2,171	3	0.14%	2,197	5	0.23%	2,200	4	0.18%	2,180	7	0.32%
Barnwell	4,258	12	0.28%	4,336	7	0.16%	4,071	16	0.39%	3,871	17	0.44%	3,883	15	0.39%
Beaufort	22,655	171	0.75%	23,644	206	0.87%	23,941	227	0.95%	24,321	269	1.11%	24,482	278	1.14%
Berkeley	32,083	124	0.39%	32,892	161	0.49%	33,585	208	0.62%	33,830	269	0.80%	35,224	321	0.91%
Calhoun	8,957	105	1.17%	2,061	15	0.73%	1,991	18	0.90%	1,080	12	1.11%	1,984	19	0.96%
Charleston	43,635	267	0.61%	52,521	490	0.93%	54,026	604	1.12%	53,749	629	1.17%	55,511	722	1.30%
Cherokee	8,894	27	0.30%	8,768	29	0.33%	9,349	31	0.33%	8,683	43	0.50%	8,573	54	0.63%
Chester	5,327	12	0.23%	5,256	13	0.25%	5,108	19	0.37%	5,199	12	0.23%	5,252	16	0.30%
Chesterfield	7,554	13	0.17%	7,483	17	0.23%	7,461	18	0.24%	7,358	5	0.07%	7,391	22	0.30%
Clarendon	6,002	10	0.17%	5,938	9	0.15%	6,164	11	0.18%	5,985	9	0.15%	5,820	5	0.09%
Colleton	6,258	12	0.19%	6,176	24	0.39%	6,039	20	0.33%	6,016	10	0.17%	5,921	15	0.25%
Darlington	11,144	31	0.28%	11,087	42	0.38%	11,123	39	0.35%	10,999	40	0.36%	10,981	44	0.40%
Dillon	6,046	16	0.26%	6,036	15	0.25%	6,075	17	0.28%	6,001	17	0.28%	5,963	20	0.34%
Dorchester	28,188	160	0.57%	28,121	193	0.69%	28,745	237	0.82%	28,067	223	0.79%	29,138	293	1.01%
Edgefield	3,934	5	0.13%	4,005	8	0.20%	4,049	6	0.15%	3,560	17	0.48%	3,460	16	0.46%
Fairfield	2,957	0	0.00%	2,995	6	0.20%	2,941	7	0.24%	2,944	5	0.17%	2,970	6	0.20%
Florence	25,167	59	0.23%	25,218	84	0.33%	24,911	87	0.35%	24,360	96	0.39%	24,490	122	0.50%
Georgetown	9,810	37	0.38%	9,634	49	0.51%	9,672	54	0.56%	9,528	57	0.60%	9,484	71	0.75%
Greenville	80,630	979	1.21%	81,789	1,171	1.43%	83,192	1,371	1.65%	86,244	1,678	1.95%	87,200	1,946	2.23%
Greenwood	11,921	56	0.47%	11,925	62	0.52%	11,909	70	0.59%	11,839	74	0.63%	11,882	81	0.68%
Hampton	3,411	3	0.09%	3,369	4	0.12%	3,258	2	0.06%	3,152	8	0.25%	3,114	4	0.13%
Horry	42,815	263	0.61%	43,952	325	0.74%	44,016	346	0.79%	44,293	455	1.03%	45,318	387	0.85%
Jasper	3,791	3	0.08%	3,860	1	0.03%	3,916	6	0.15%	3,835	14	0.37%	4,081	5	0.12%
Kershaw	10,654	18	0.17%	10,731	29	0.27%	10,705	79	0.74%	10,961	52	0.47%	10,966	51	0.47%
Lancaster	12,007	41	0.34%	12,308	54	0.44%	12,668	67	0.53%	13,008	93	0.71%	12,892	113	0.88%
Laurens	9,252	33	0.36%	9,156	37	0.40%	9,252	49	0.53%	8,873	56	0.63%	8,753	82	0.94%
Lee	2,478	3	0.12%	2,510	3	0.12%	2,525	3	0.12%	2,417	5	0.21%	2,380	5	0.21%
Lexington	55,458	375	0.68%	56,082	432	0.77%	56,817	482	0.85%	58,629	569	0.97%	59,097	630	1.07%
Marion	5,338	1	0.02%	5,245	2	0.04%	5,274	4	0.08%	5,042	8	0.16%	4,859	9	0.19%
Marlboro	4,421	2	0.05%	4,406	1	0.02%	4,288	1	0.02%	4,251	3	0.07%	4,196	2	0.05%
McCormick	865	1	0.12%	879	0	0.00%	858	3	0.35%	785	0	0.00%	779	0	0.00%
Newberry	6,038	13	0.22%	6,069	20	0.33%	6,099	24	0.39%	6,012	38	0.63%	6,101	41	0.67%
Oconee	10,571	89	0.84%	10,237	95	0.93%	10,152	96	0.95%	10,530	117	1.11%	10,504	120	1.14%
Orangeburg	14,367	22	0.15%	14,504	24	0.17%	14,462	26	0.18%	13,305	30	0.23%	13,574	35	0.26%
Pickens	16,666	101	0.61%	16,649	123	0.74%	16,565	148	0.89%	16,411	176	1.07%	16,224	199	1.23%
Richland	62,805	448	0.71%	63,226	467	0.74%	61,470	457	0.74%	63,000	602	0.96%	63,700	764	1.20%
Saluda	2,334	4	0.17%	2,369	8	0.34%	2,849	14	0.49%	2,357	12	0.51%	2,434	14	0.58%
Spartanburg	48,160	557	1.16%	48,931	777	1.59%	48,839	952	1.95%	50,053	1,126	2.25%	50,630	1,389	2.74%
Sumter	17,880	27	0.15%	17,957	21	0.12%	18,036	30	0.17%	18,115	33	0.18%	17,745	50	0.28%
Union	4,197	8	0.19%	4,130	7	0.17%	4,051	5	0.12%	4,048	11	0.27%	4,073	10	0.25%
Williamsburg	4,752	2	0.04%	4,695	2	0.04%	4,645	6	0.13%	4,470	6	0.13%	4,313	6	0.14%
York	41,198	375	0.91%	43,900	466	1.06%	45,597	569	1.25%	47,138	685	1.45%	48,389	837	1.73%
Statewide	768,214	4,761	0.62%	778,588	5,826	0.75%	785,795	6,866	0.87%	789,405	8,074	1.02%	798,558	9,427	1.18%

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

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