### **Economic Vitality and Education in the South (EVES)**

## The South's Pre-Pandemic Position Mississippi, 2019

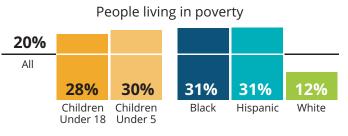


## **Poverty and Food Insecurity**

Children eligible for free or reduced price lunch



74%



Children living in food insecure households



### Median Household Income

household's

income

On average, people of color were paid less than White people.







## **Childcare and Early Childhood Education**

Children under 6 with all caretakers in the workforce

70%

Families who lived in childcare deserts

48%

Four-year-olds enrolled in a public ECE program in 2020

30%

Annual childcare expenses should cost just 7%\* of a family's income, but infant care for one child cost





White household's income

income If infant care cost 7% of the region's median income,

household's



just 29 of every 100 families could afford it.

\*according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

## Performance on NAEP\*

Below the Proficient Level in 4th Grade

Reading

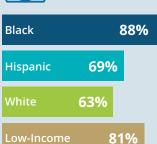


Low-Income 74%

78% Black Hispanic 58% White **45%** Low-Income 69%

Math

Below the Proficient Level in (8th) Reading



Math

89% Black Hispanic 77% 62%

Grade

Low-Income 83%

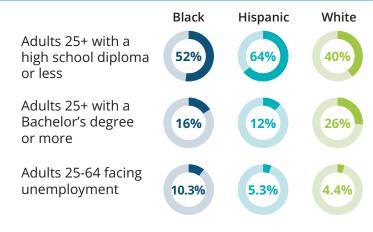
\*National Assessment of Educational Progress

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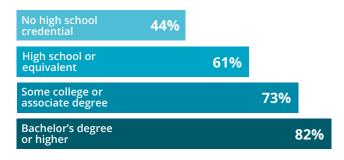
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## **Attainment and the Workforce**



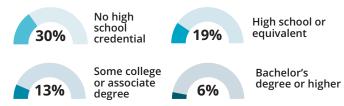
Adults 25-64 with **higher attainment** have a higher employment-to-population ratio — they are more likely to be in the labor force.



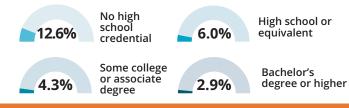
#### Adults 25+ with lower attainment earn less.



### Adults 25+ living in poverty

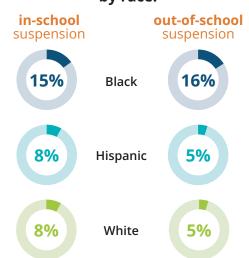


### Adults 25-64 facing unemployment



## 2017-2018 School Discipline

# Students who were suspended, by race:



School enrollments in the school year:

