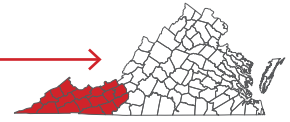


# CHILD WELL-BEING IN **SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA** REGION DURING 2012



**1** in **4**

→ **CHILDREN LIVE IN POVERTY.**



Poverty is the single greatest threat to the long-term well-being of children.

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**THAT'S 26,636**

**CHILDREN LIVING IN POVERTY.**

**ENOUGH TO FILL 533**



**SCHOOL BUSES**

**48%**

**OF AT-RISK CHILDREN LIVE IN OR NEAR POVERTY.**

Families living at 200% of poverty level can only meet basic needs: food, rent, utilities, child care, and transportation.



**THAT'S**

**53,734**

**CHILDREN LIVING BELOW 200% OF POVERTY LEVEL.**



**10%**

**Of Births are to Mothers with Less than a 12th Grade Education.**



The children from affluent families hear 30 million more words by age 3 than children from low-income households.

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**Third Graders Failed SOL Reading Test.**

**FAIL PASS**



→ Children reading below proficiency in the third grade are unlikely to ever catch up.



**On-Time High School Graduation Rate**

**NOT ON-TIME** →

**12%**

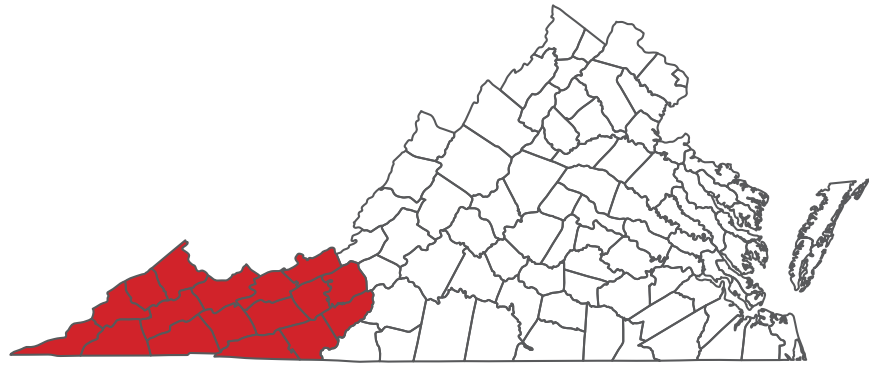
**ON-TIME** →

**88%**

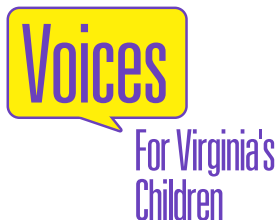


Three factors build toward high school graduation on time, a major milestone on the path to adulthood: 1) enter school ready to succeed, 2) read proficiently by the fourth grade, and 3) make a successful transition to middle school.

# SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA REGION DATA



LOCALE	TOTAL POP. UNDER 18	CHILDREN IN POVERTY	PERCENTAGES OF CHILDREN IN POVERTY	CHILDREN LIVING UNDER 200% OF POVERTY	PERCENTAGES OF CHILDREN LIVING UNDER 200% OF POVERTY	PASS RATE OF THIRD GRADERS ON SOL READING TEST	FAILURE RATE OF THIRD GRADERS ON SOL READING TEST	BIRTHS TO MOTHERS WITH LESS THAN 12TH GRADE EDUCATION	ON-TIME HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION RATE	NOT ON-TIME HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION RATE
Bland	1,220	215	19%	552	45%	55%	45%	7%	89%	12%
Bristol	3,653	1,140	33%	2,167	59%	60%	40%	3%	81%	19%
Buchanan	4,454	1,200	29%	2,973	67%	65%	35%	14%	87%	13%
Carroll	6,080	1,541	26%	3,687	61%	64%	36%	14%	89%	11%
Dickenson	3,257	860	27%	1,880	58%	61%	39%	7%	88%	12%
Floyd	3,386	643	20%	1,201	35%	68%	32%	11%	92%	8%
Galax	1,392	562	36%	830	60%	76%	24%	33%	88%	12%
Giles	3,682	613	18%	1,448	39%	76%	24%	13%	81%	19%
Grayson	2,941	735	27%	1,475	50%	71%	29%	18%	85%	15%
Lee	5,103	1,848	37%	2,886	57%	71%	29%	10%	89%	11%
Montgomery	15,059	2,682	18%	5,302	35%	75%	25%	6%	85%	15%
Norton	952	259	31%	466	49%	82%	18%	12%	98%	2%
Pulaski	6,722	1,472	23%	2,879	43%	72%	28%	10%	87%	13%
Radford	2,267	489	20%	1,023	45%	78%	22%	7%	92%	8%
Russell	5,725	1,332	24%	2,848	50%	74%	26%	6%	87%	13%
Scott	4,466	1,195	28%	2,183	49%	74%	26%	0%	94%	6%
Smyth	6,676	1,764	28%	3,721	56%	78%	22%	9%	88%	12%
Tazewell	9,004	2,254	26%	4,649	52%	78%	22%	14%	78%	22%
Washington	10,708	2,038	20%	4,192	39%	79%	21%	4%	91%	9%
Wise	8,564	2,429	29%	4,751	55%	79%	21%	10%	86%	14%
Wythe	6,148	1,365	23%	2,621	43%	78%	22%	9%	87%	13%
Total	111,459	26,636	24%	53,734	48%	72%	28%	10%	88%	12%
<b>State Totals</b>	<b>1,848,713</b>	<b>283,035</b>	<b>15.5%</b>	<b>633,000</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>72%</b>	<b>28%</b>	<b>9.7%</b>	<b>88%</b>	<b>12%</b>



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