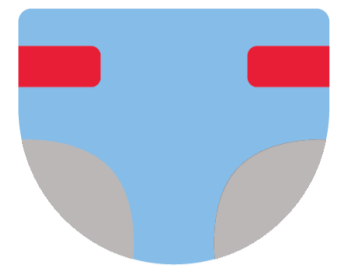


# South Carolina Diaper Facts



Compiled by the National Diaper Bank Network

Diapers are a basic need of all babies, essential to their health and well being. Keeping infants and toddlers clean, dry, and healthy helps build the strong foundation all children require to reach their full potential. However, 1 in 2 U.S. families with young children struggles to afford clean diapers for their baby.\*

## South Carolina's Children Need Diapers

### South Carolina

**166,379**

Total Population Under Age 3

### United States

**11,283,838**

Total Population Under Age 3



**15%**  
of children under age 18 are infants or toddlers

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**23%**  
Live in families earning less than 100% of FPL \*\*

**25%**  
Live in families earning 100% to 200% of FPL

**18%**  
Live in families earning less than 100% of FPL\*\*

**21%**  
Live in families earning 100% to 200% of FPL

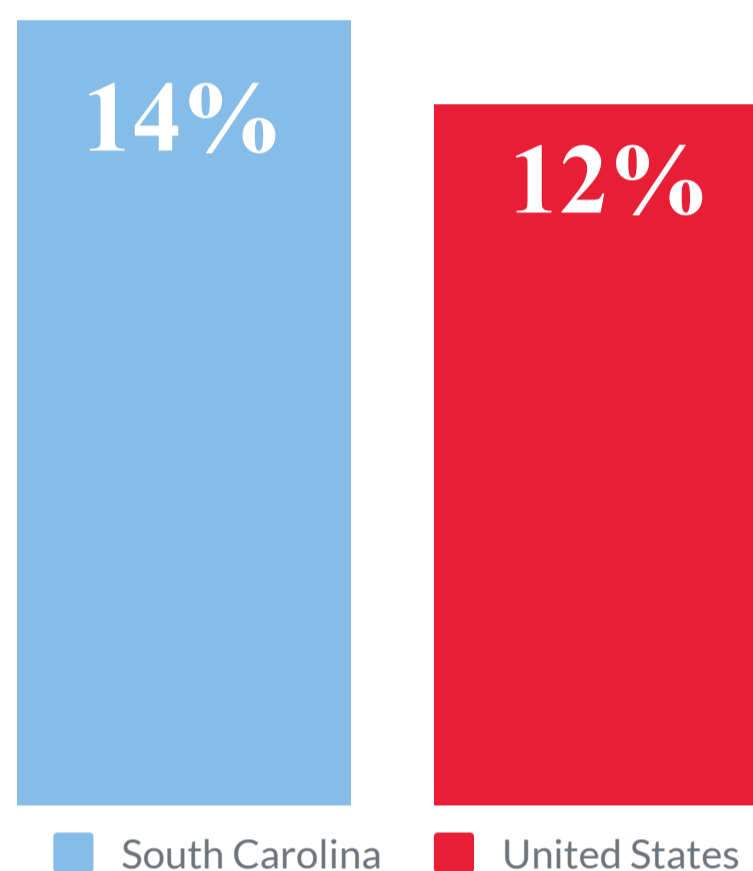
\* Source: The NDBN Diaper Check 2023. Visit [The NDBN Diaper Check 2023](#) for more extensive information on diaper need in the U.S.

\*\* FPL = Federal Poverty Level

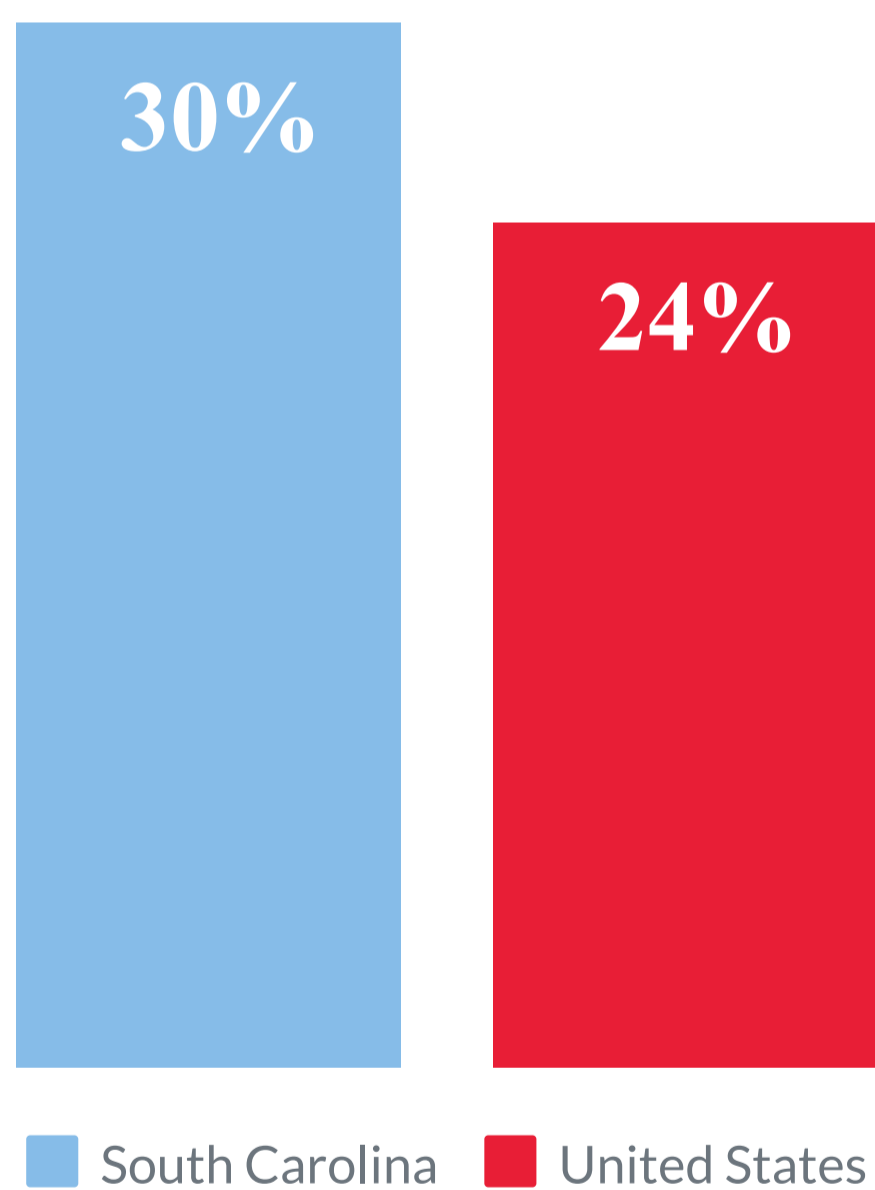
# South Carolina's Babies Need Strong Foundations

Children living in poor and low-income families are at greatest risk of suffering the effects of diaper need because many families can't afford diapers. Currently, government investment in nutrition programs for young children help some, but no such investment is made to provide diapers and other basic needs required to build a strong foundation for healthy growth that enables children to reach their full potential.

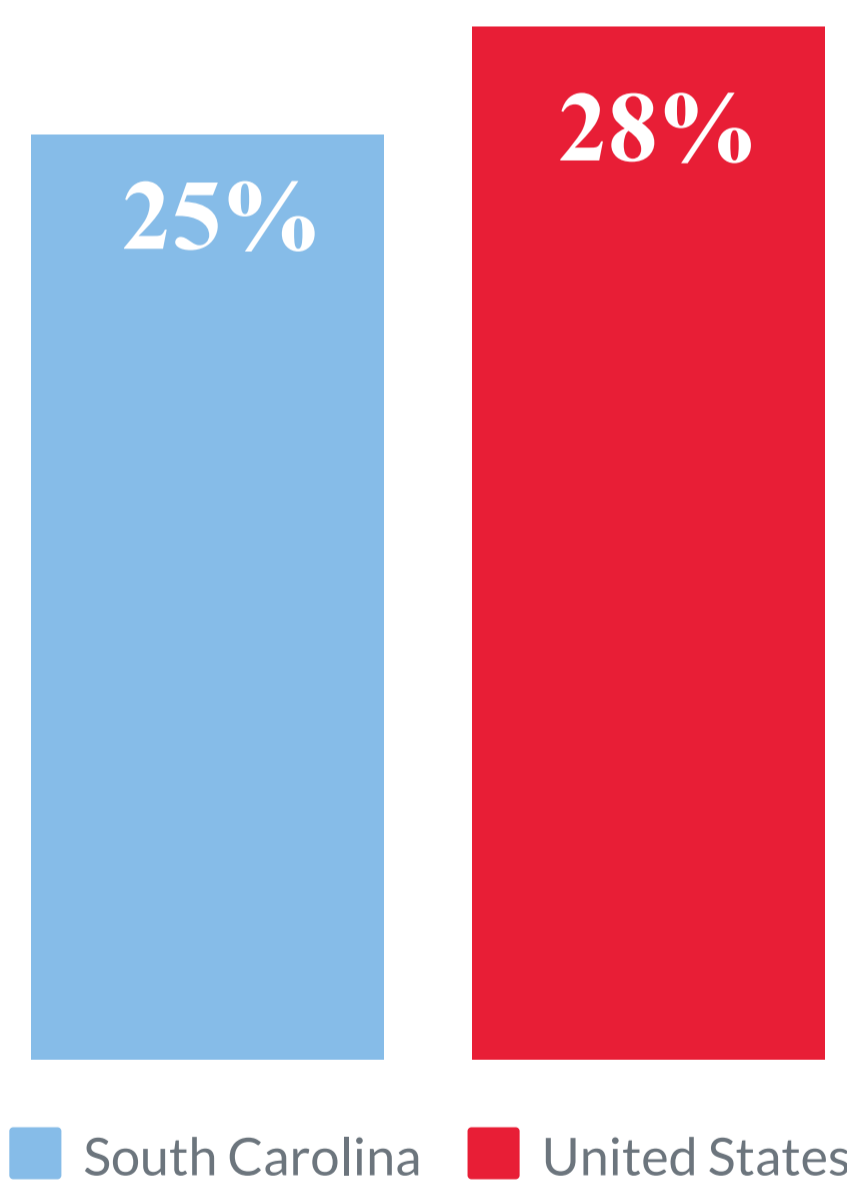
### Percentage of SNAP Recipients Under Age 5



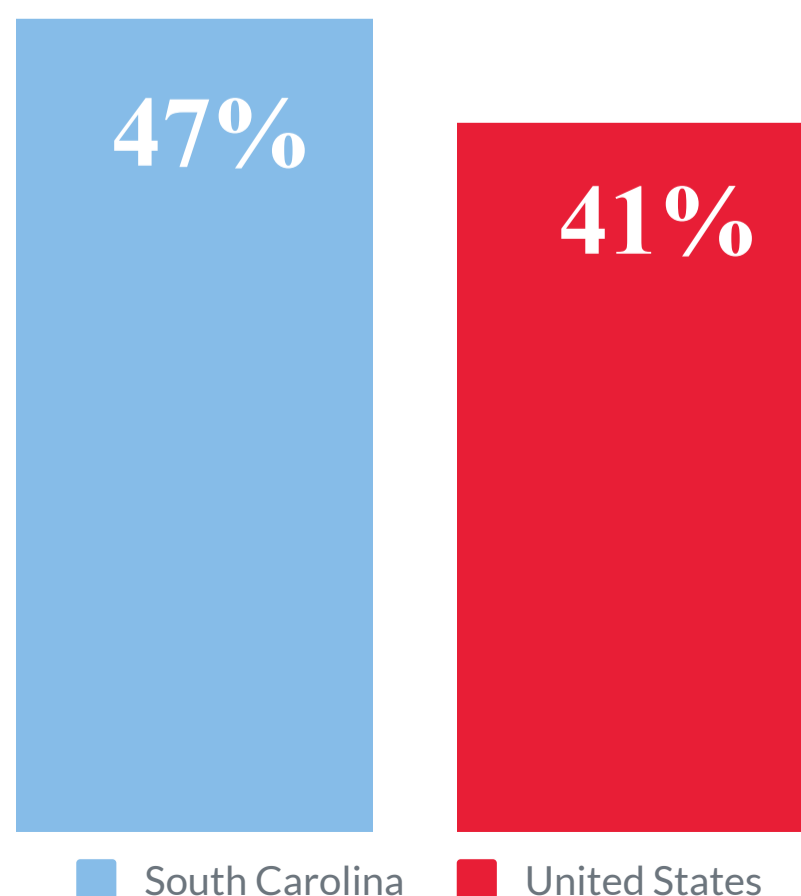
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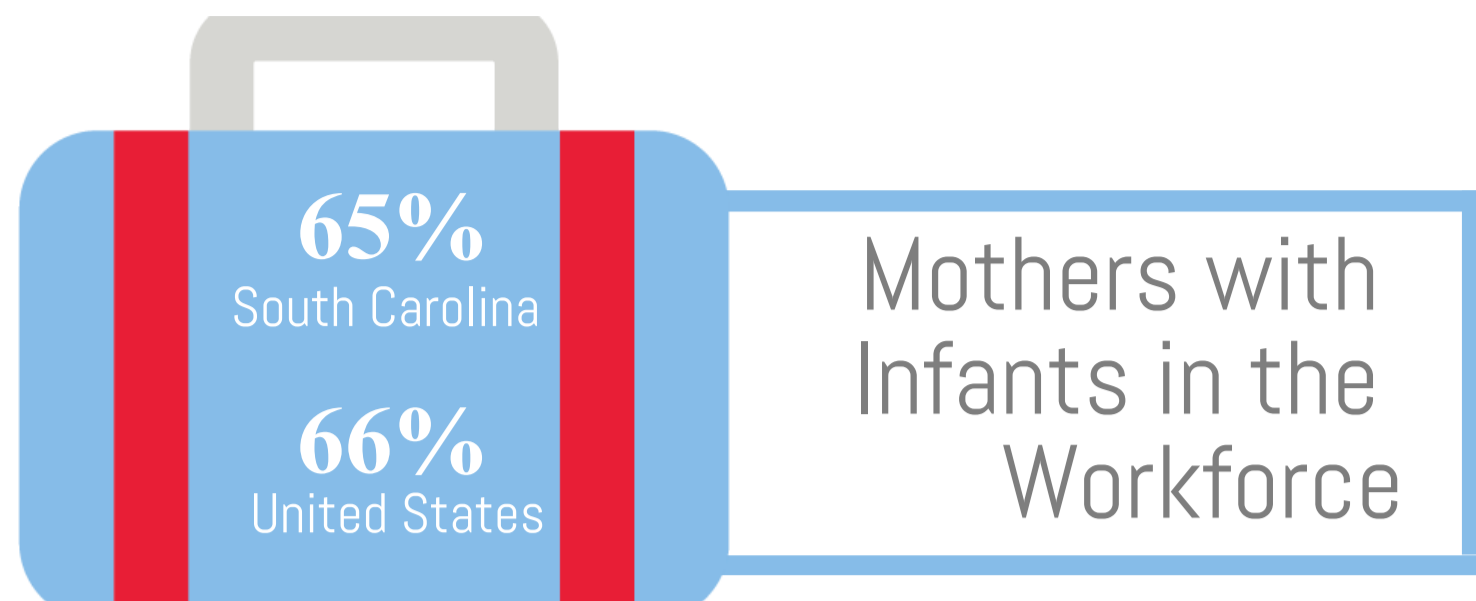
### Percentage of TANF Families with at Least One Child Under Age 3



### Percentage of Births Covered by Medicaid

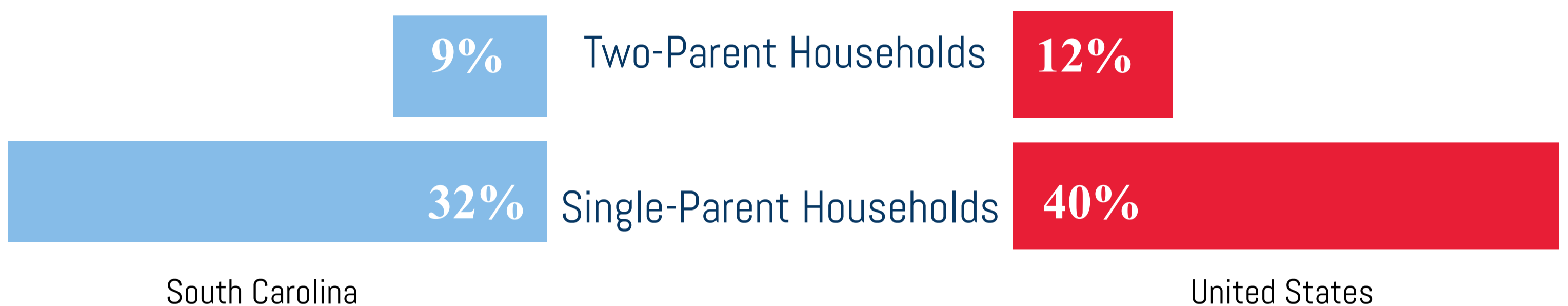


# Diapers Are Essential to the Well-Being of South Carolina's Families



Most child care facilities require parents to provide diapers for their child. Nationally, 25% of parents with diaper need reported that they have missed an average of five days of work or school in the past month due to not having enough diapers to drop children off at child care.

## Cost of Infant Care as a Percentage of Income

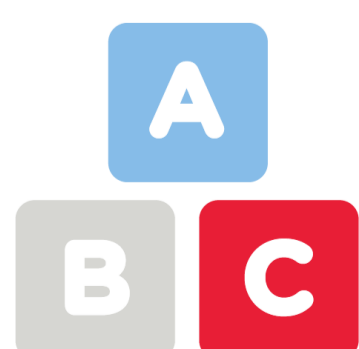


# Early Education Programs Help South Carolina's Children

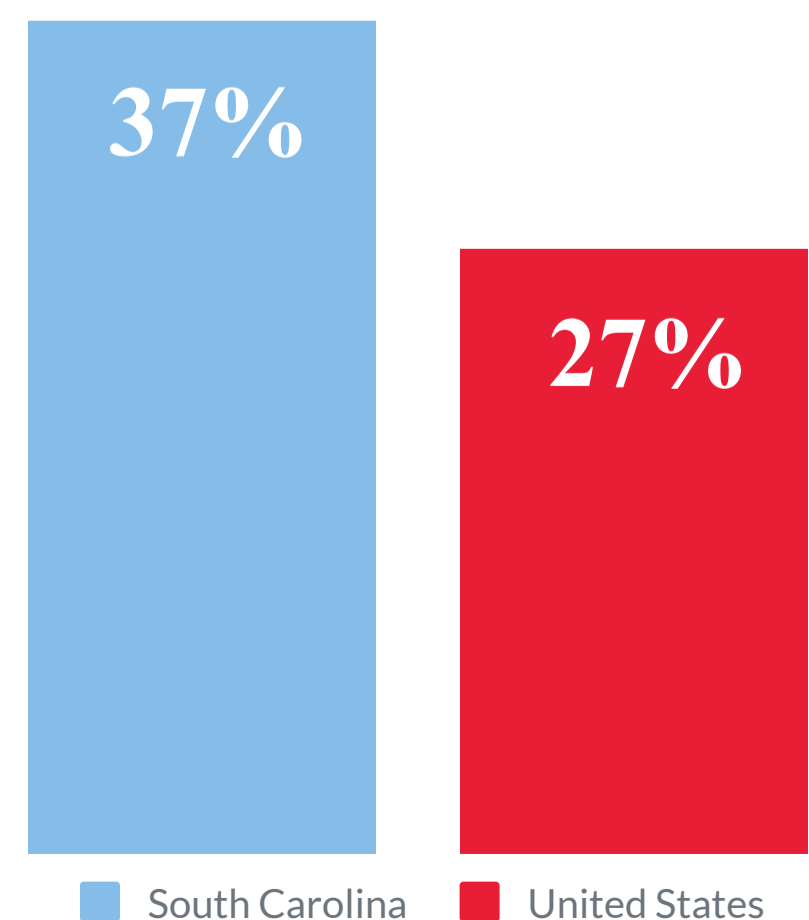
Early Head Start (EHS) provides child and family development services for infants, toddlers, and pregnant women. Center-based EHS programs provide diapers for infants and toddlers. Other federally funded child care assistance programs don't. For families enrolled in the latter, not having access to diapers removes a key building block for strong families. Without diapers a parent cannot go to work, and not working disqualifies a parent from vital child care resources.

Nationwide, **187,036** infants, toddlers, and mothers participate in Early Head Start.

**2,484** are from South Carolina.



## Children Under Age 3 Receiving Federal Child Care Support



■ South Carolina ■ United States

# TANF & Diapers in South Carolina

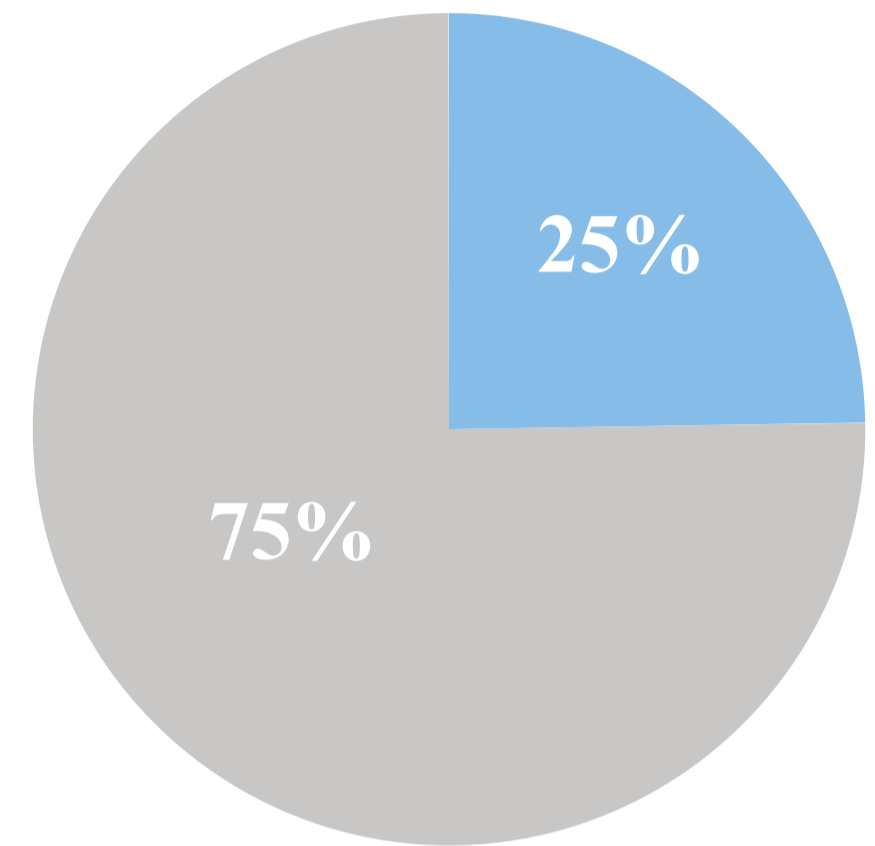
An average monthly supply of diapers costs \$80 to more than \$100. The only federal assistance program that can be used for diapers is TANF, but TANF has to cover many other expenses, including heat, electric and water bills, rent, clothing, transportation, and other basic needs. Little if any money is available to purchase enough diapers to keep a baby clean, dry, and healthy.

Max Benefit for Family of 3  
(1 Parent & 2 Children)

\$323

\$492

Diaper Costs Compared to  
Benefit

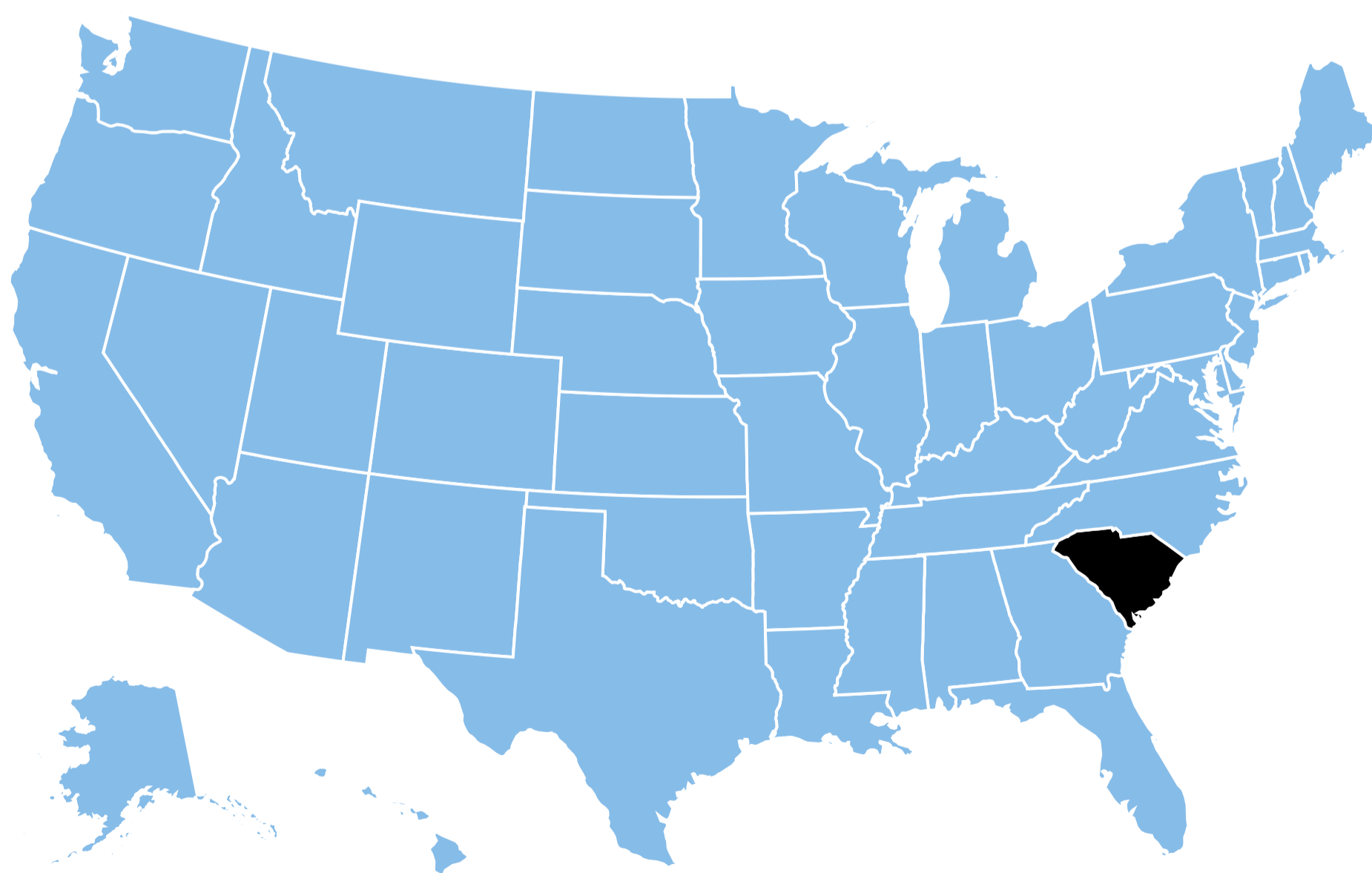


■ South Carolina ■ Median State Benefit Level

■ Diapers (24.77%) ■ Everything else (75.23%)

In South Carolina, there is a 12-month exemption from the work-related activity requirement after the birth of a child for single parent households receiving TANF payments. In this state, families who have a baby while on TANF cannot receive additional funds a larger family would ordinarily receive.

## South Carolina's Diaper Banks Help Fill the Gap



South Carolina's

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NDBN-member  
diaper banks distribute

438,530

diapers annually.

Helping **731** infants and toddlers monthly.\*

\* Based on best practice of 50 diapers per child per month. This number is estimated by dividing Annual Distribution by 50 diapers per child by 12 months.

# NDBN Working to End Diaper Need

The National Diaper Bank Network works to ensure that every child in the United States has enough diapers to remain clean, dry, and healthy. Diaper banks across the country are working to eliminate diaper need by providing families with diapers.

**225+** NDBN-member diaper banks

Serve over **275,000** children monthly!

Distribute over **190 million** diapers annually!

All diaper banks require community support and donations of diapers and dollars to improve the well-being of children and families in local communities.

Learn how you can help at [nationaldiaperbanknetwork.org](https://nationaldiaperbanknetwork.org)



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