



St. Lucie County Children  
Indicators of Wellbeing  
2011 County-State Comparison



Indicator	St. Lucie County	Florida
<b>Population</b>		
Population Total (2010)	277,789	18,801,310
Ages 0-17	62,008	4,002,091
White	58.4%	65.3%
Black	26.8%	21.5%
Other	14.7%	13.1%
<b>Family Management</b>		
Child Maltreatment (2009-10)	17.0/1000	12.1/1000
Divorce Rate (2009)	3.5/1000	4.2/1000
<b>Economic Well- Being</b>		
Children Living Below Poverty (2010)	25.4%	21.5%
Unemployment (2010) Annual Average	14.9%	11.5%
Free & Reduced Lunch (2010)	60.5%	56.0%
<b>Health</b>		
Infant Mortality (2009)	7.0/1000	6.9/1000
Low Birth Weight (2009)	8.1%	8.7%
Prenatal Care (2009) Late or no prenatal care	5.2%	5.0%
Immunization (2009) % of kindergarteners fully immunized	89.0%	91.3%
HIV - Cases (2009)	31/100,000	29.8/100,000
AIDS - Cases (2009)	30.6/100,000	23.5/100,000
HIV/AIDS - Deaths (2009)	7.1/100,000	6.5/100,000



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<b>School Success</b>		
<b>Graduation Rate (2010)</b>	79.1%	79.0%
<b>FCAT Reading Scores (mean) 2010</b>	300 = on grade level	
5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	297	310
8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	307	312
10 <sup>th</sup> Grade	303	310
<b>FCAT Math Scores (mean) 2010</b>	300 = on grade level	
5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	324	336
8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	317	324
10 <sup>th</sup> Grade	324	331
<b>Drop Out Rate (2010)</b>	2.3%	2.0%
<b>School Absences 21+ Days (2008-09)</b>	14.3%	9.6 %
<b>Early Risk Behavior</b>		
<b>Juvenile Justice Referrals Ages 10-17 (2009-10)</b>	83/1000	65/1000
•Drug	7.1	6.5
•Alcohol	.80	.83
•Violent Felony Offenses	6.8	5.2
•Assault & Battery	12.6	8.7
<b>Teen Birth Rate - Ages 10-17 (2009)</b>	6.9/1000	7.2/1000
<b>Substance Abuse - 2010 (past-30-day use)</b>		
• Alcohol	29.5%	28.8%
• Marijuana	13.4%	13.0%
• Cigarettes	8.8%	8.8%
• Binge Drinking	12.9%	14.1%



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### SOURCES:

**Population:** U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 Census

**Child Maltreatment:** Florida Department of Children and Families, Florida Safe Families Network (FSFN)

**Divorce Rate:** Florida Department of Health: Vital Statistics Annual Report

**Children Living Below Poverty:** U.S. Census, SAIPE, Small Area Income & Poverty Estimates

**Unemployment:** U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, LAUS

**Free & Reduced Lunch %:** Florida Department of Education, Education Information and Accountability Services, 2010-11 School Year

**Infant Mortality:** Florida Department of Health, Bureau of Vital Statistics

**Low Birth Rate:** Florida Department of Health, Bureau of Vital Statistics

**Prenatal Care:** Florida Department of Health, Bureau of Vital Statistics

**Immunization:** Florida Department of Health, Bureau of Immunization

**HIV Cases:** Florida Department of Health, Bureau of HIV/AIDS

**AIDS Cases:** Florida Department of Health, Bureau of HIV/AIDS

**HIV/AIDS Deaths:** Florida Department of Health, Bureau of HIV/AIDS

**Graduation Rate:** Florida Department of Education, Cohort Graduation Rate

**FCAT Scores:** Florida Department of Education, 2010 FCAT District Report

**Drop Out Rate:** Florida Department of Education

**Absences 21+ Days:** Florida Department of Education

**Juvenile Justice Referrals:** Florida Department of Juvenile Justice, Office of Research and Planning, 2009-10 Delinquency Profile

**Teen Pregnancy Rate:** Florida Department of Health, Office of Vital Statistics, Florida Vital Statistics Annual Report

**Substance Abuse Rate:** Florida Department of Children and Families, 2010 Florida Youth Substance Abuse Survey