

St. Lucie County Children:  
Indicators of Wellbeing  
2011 Year to Year Comparison

Population		
<b>2010</b>		
Total	277,789	
Ages 0-17	62,008	
White	58.4%	
Black	26.8%	
Other	14.7%	
Family Management		
<b>Child Maltreatment</b>	<b>2009-2010</b>	
Rate/1000 Ages 0-17	17.0/1000	↔
<b>Divorce Rate</b>	3.5/1000	↔
Economic Well-Being		
<b>Free &amp; Reduced Lunch</b>	60.5%	↑
<b>Children Living Below Poverty</b> (Federal Poverty Guidelines)	25.4%	↑
<b>Unemployment</b>	14.9%	↑
Health		
<b>Infant Mortality</b>	7.0/1000	↔
<b>Low Birth Weight</b>	8.1%	↔
<b>Prenatal Care</b> (Late or no prenatal care)	5.2%	↓
<b>Immunization</b> (% of Kindergarteners fully immunized)	89%	↓
<b>HIV Cases</b>	31/100,000	↔
<b>AIDS Cases</b>	30.6/100,000	↑
<b>HIV/AIDS Deaths</b>	7.1/100,000	↓

School Success		
<b>2009-2010</b>		
<b>Graduation Rate</b>	79.1%	↑
<b>Drop Out Rate</b>	2.3%	↑
<b>Absences 21+ Days</b> (2008-09)	14.3%	↓
FCAT Scores 2010		
<b>Reading (mean)</b>	300 = on grade level	
5th Grade	297	↓
8th Grade	307	↑
10th Grade	303	↑
<b>Math (mean)</b>	300 = on grade level	
5th Grade	324	↔
8th Grade	317	↔
10th Grade	324	↑
Early Risk Behavior		
<b>Juvenile Justice Referrals</b>	<b>2009-2010</b>	
Total Ages 10-17	83/1000	↓
Drug	7.1/1000	↓
Alcohol	.8/1000	↓
Violent Felony Offenses	6.8/1000	↓
Assault & Battery	12.6/1000	↓
Teen Birth Rate Ages 10-17	9.2/1000	↓
<b>Substance Abuse</b> (Past 30 day Use)	<b>2010</b>	
Alcohol	29.5%	↓
Marijuana	13.4%	↑
Cigarettes	8.8%	↓
Binge Drinking	12.9%	↓

**Key:**

Red arrow indicates regression from prior year  
Green arrow indicates improvement from prior year  
Black arrow indicates neutral change