



St. Lucie County Children: Indicators of Well-being 2009

(Year to Year Comparison)



Population		
2007 Census		
Total	271,961	
Ages 0-17	22.2%	
White	71.9%	
Black	25.6%	
Other	2.5%	
Family Management		
Verified Cases of Abuse/ Neglect	2007-2008	
Ages 0-17	35.7/1000	↑
Divorce Rate	3.6/1000	↔
Economic Well-Being		
Free & Reduced Lunch	2007-2008	
Elementary	60%	↑
Middle	56%	↑
Children Living Below Poverty	16.8	↓
White	7.7%	↓
Black	18.6%	↓
Hispanic	15.0%	↓
Unemployment 2009	12.7%	↑
Health		
Birth Rate Ages 10-44	77.4/1000	↑
Infant Mortality	6.9/1000	↑
Low Birth Weight	8.2%	↔
Prenatal Care (Late or no prenatal care)	6.2%	↔
Immunization (% of Kindergarteners fully immunized)	94.7%	↑
HIV/AIDS Cases	32.3/100,000	↓
HIV/AIDS Deaths	14.8/100,000	↓

School Success		
2007-2008		
Graduation Rate	77.9%	↑
Drop Out Rate	1.3%	↓
Absences 21+ Days		
Elementary	9.7%	↑
Middle	12.6%	↓
High	29.8%	↔
FCAT Scores 2009		
Reading (mean)	300 = on grade level	
5th Grade	301	↑
8th Grade	304	↑
10th Grade	296	↑
Math (mean)	300 = on grade level	
5th Grade	323	↔
8th Grade	318	↑
10th Grade	319	↑
Early Risk Behavior		
Juvenile Justice Referrals	2007-2008	
Total Ages 10-17	96/1000	↓
Drug	9.8/1000	↓
Alcohol	.06/1000	↓
Violent Felony Offenses	9.3/1000	↔
Assault & Battery	13.9/1000	↑
Teen Pregnancy	2007	
Ages 10-17	9.2/1000	↔
Substance Abuse (past 30 days)	2008	
Alcohol	32.1%	↔
Marijuana	11.9%	↓
Cigarettes	11.4%	↔
Binge Drinking	17.2%	↔

Key:

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