



St. Lucie County Children: Indicators of Wellbeing 1990-2011

Indicator						
Population	1990	1995	2000	2005	2010	FL 2010
Population Total	152,087	173,257	194,062	243,073	277,789	18,801,310
<i>(Ages 0-17)</i>	35,436	40,195	43,858	53,962	62,008	4,002,091
Healthy Families & Babies	1990	1995	2000	2005	2010	FL 2010
Infant Mortality Rate	10.2	11.4	7.1	6.3	7.7	7.2
Low Birth Weight	8.0%	7.5%	7.7%	8.0%	8.9%	8.7%
Prenatal Care <i>Late or no prenatal care</i>	8.0%	3.9%	5.1%	6.1%	5.2%	4.5%
Immunization <i>% of kindergarteners fully immunized</i>	--	98.4%	95.4%	93.3%	93.6%	91.3%
Uninsured Children	--	--	--	--	16.4%	12.7%



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Teen Wellness & Youth Development	1990	1995	2000	2005	2010	FL 2010
Delinquency Referral Rate <i>Ages 10-17</i>	108.1/ 1000	109.1/ 1000	101/1000	93/1000	62/1000	59/1000
Teen Birth Rate <i>Ages 10-17</i>	27.9/1000	16/1000	12.3/1000	9.2/1000	6.1/1000	6.2/1000
Substance Abuse <i>past-30-day use</i>	2000	2004	2006	2008	2010	FL 2010
• <i>Alcohol</i>	42.1%	32.1%	32.0%	32.1%	29.5%	28.8%
• <i>Marijuana</i>	16.8%	13.4%	13.2%	11.9%	13.4%	13.0%
• <i>Cigarettes</i>	21.9%	14.6%	11.3%	11.4%	8.8%	8.8%
• <i>Binge Drinking</i>	19.9%	17.1%	16.7%	17.2%	12.9%	14.1%
Bullying ages 10-14 <i>Experienced in past 30 days</i>	--	--	--	--	38.5%	36.1%
Family Building & Strengthening	1991	1998	2005	2008	2011	FL 2011
Child Maltreatment Rate	59.5	33.0	35.8	**17.3	16.0	12.5
Children Living Below Poverty U. S. Census Poverty Thresholds	21.4%	24.9%	21.2%	20.3%	27.2%	23.6%
Unemployment <i>annual averages</i>	13.2%	12.6%	5.7%	4.7%	13.0%	10.6%
Free & Reduced Lunch	--	53.2%	48.2%	54%	60.5%	56%



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School Readiness & School Success	1993	1998	2003	2011		FL 2011	
Kindergarten Readiness	--	--	--	ECHOS Ready	FAIR Ready	ECHOS Ready	FAIR Ready
				88%	67%	90%	68%
FCAT Reading	% Scoring Level 3 and Above			2011 FCAT			
5 th Grade	--	--	53%	63%		69%	
8 th Grade	--	--	45%	52%		55%	
10 th Grade	--	--	54%	32%		39%	
FCAT Math	% Scoring Level 3 and Above			2011 FCAT			
5 th Grade	--	--	47%	58%		63%	
8 th Grade	--	--	50%	66%		68%	
10 th Grade	--	--	69%	64%		71%	
Graduation Rate	68.2%	75.4%	76.8%	78.7%		80.1%	
Drop Out Rate	4.5%	--	1.6%	2.2%		1.9%	
School Absences 21+Days	--	17.8%	17.3%	14%		9.5%	

**Child Maltreatment – no trend available due to change in measurement of this indicator. Beginning 2010 Department of Children & Families calculates child maltreatment based on “verified” findings only, no longer including “some indication.”

Note: The symbol “--” indicates that data are not available.



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SOURCES:

Population: Bureau of Economic and Business Research (BEBR), Florida Demographic Conference and Florida Demographic Database; U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 Census.

Infant Mortality: Florida Department of Health, Office 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

Uninsured Children: U.S. Census, American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates

Delinquency Referrals: Florida Department of Juvenile Justice, Office of Research and Planning, Delinquency Profiles

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

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

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

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

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

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

Free & Reduced Lunch: Florida Department of Education, Education Information and Accountability Services

Kindergarten Readiness Rate: Florida Department of Education, No Child Left Behind School Public Accountability Reports

FCAT Scores: Florida Department of Education, FCAT District Report

Graduation Rate: Florida Department of Education, Cohort Graduation Rate

Drop Out Rate: Florida Department of Education

Absences 21+ Days: Florida Department of Education, Student Information Database.