



## St. Lucie County Children: Indicators of Wellbeing 1990-2012

Indicator						
Population	1990	1995	2000	2005	2012	FL 2012
<b>Population Total</b>	152,087	173,257	194,062	243,073	280,379	19,057,542
<i>(Ages 0-17)</i>	35,436	40,195	43,858	53,962	61,871	3,980,766
Healthy Families and Babies	1990	1995	2000	2005	2011	FL 2011
<b>Infant Mortality Rate</b>	10.2	11.4	7.1	6.3	4.7	6.4
<b>Low Birth Weight</b>	8.0%	7.5%	7.7%	8.0%	8.1%	8.7%
<b>Prenatal Care</b> <i>Late or no prenatal care (as %)</i>	8.0%	3.9%	5.1%	6.1%	5.2%	4.4%
<b>Immunization</b> <i>% of kindergarteners fully immunized</i>	--	98.4%	95.4%	93.3%	94.7%	92.6%
<b>Uninsured Children</b>	--	--	--	--	14.2%	11.9%



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Teen Wellness and Youth Development	1990	1995	2000	2005	2012	FL 2012
<b>Delinquency Referral Rate (Ages 10-17)</b>	108.1/ 1000	109.1/ 1000	101/1000	93/1000	62/1000	53/1000
<b>Teen Birth Rate (Ages 10-17)</b>	27.9/1000	16/1000	12.3/1000	9.2/1000	5.5/1000	5.4/1000
<b>Substance Abuse (past-30-day use)</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>FL 2012</b>
• <i>Alcohol</i>	42.1%	32.1%	32.0%	32.1%	24.9%	24.6%
• <i>Marijuana</i>	16.8%	13.4%	13.2%	11.9%	11.9%	12.4%
• <i>Cigarettes</i>	21.9%	14.6%	11.3%	11.4%	5.2%	6.6%
• <i>Binge Drinking</i>	19.9%	17.1%	16.7%	17.2%	9.3%	11.3%
<b>Bullying (ages 10-14)</b> (Experienced in past 30 days)	--	--	--	--	39.3%	36.1%
Family Building and Strengthening	1991	1998	2005	2008	2012	FL 2012
<b>Child Maltreatment Rate</b>	59.5	33.0	35.8	**17.3	13.3	13.2
<b>Children In Poverty</b> Federal Poverty Guidelines	21.4%	24.9%	21.2%	20.3%	31.7%	25.1%
<b>Unemployment (annual averages)</b>	13.2%	12.6%	5.7%	4.7%	11.3%	8.6%
<b>Free &amp; Reduced Lunch</b>	--	53.2%	48.2%	54%	62.8%	57.5%



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School Readiness and School Success	1993	1998	2003	2012		FL 2012	
Kindergarten Readiness	--	--	--	ECHOS Ready	FAIR Ready	ECHOS Ready	FAIR Ready
				90%	70%	91%	71%
FCAT 2.0 Reading	% Scoring Level 3 and Above			2012 FCAT			
5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	--	--	53%	54%		57%	
8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	--	--	45%	51%		56%	
10 <sup>th</sup> Grade	--	--	54%	45%		51%	
FCAT 2.0 Math	% Scoring Level 3 and Above			2012 FCAT			
5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	--	--	47%	50%		58%	
8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	--	--	50%	53%		59%	
10 <sup>th</sup> Grade	--	--	69%	57%		34%	
Graduation Rate	68.2%	75.4%	76.8%	70.6%		74.5%	
Drop Out Rate	4.5%	--	1.6%	2.1%		1.9%	
School Absences 21+Days	--	17.8%	17.3%	13.9%		--	

\*\*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 “--” denotes data 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, American Community Survey 1 year estimates

**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, 2011 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

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

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

**Child Maltreatment:** Florida Department of Children and Families, Dashboard

**Children in Poverty:** Federal Poverty Guidelines, 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 Reports

**Graduation Rate:** Florida Department of Education, Cohort Graduation Rate; Federal Uniform Graduation Rate effective 2011-12 School Year

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

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