



St. Lucie County Children: Indicators of Wellbeing 2016 County-State Comparison

Indicator	St. Lucie County		Florida
Population			
Population Total (2014 Est.)	291,028		19,893,297
Ages 0-17	60,454		4,054,023
Ensuring Every Baby is a Healthy Baby			
Infant Mortality (2014)	6.1/1000	↑	6.0/1000
Low Birth Weight (2014)	8.0%	↓	8.7%
Prenatal Care (2014) Late or no prenatal care	7.6%	↑	5.3%
Immunization (2014) % of kindergarteners fully immunized	93.3%	↑	93.7%
Uninsured Children (2014)	10.5%	↑	9.3%
Keeping Kids in School			
Kindergarten Readiness (2015)	% Demonstrating Proficiency		
	89%	↔	92%
Florida Standards Assessment (2016) English Language Arts Grade 3	% Scoring Satisfactory and Above		
	46%	↑	54%
Graduation Rate (2014-15)	75.5%	↑	77.8%
Drop Out Rate (2014-15)	1.0%	↓	1.8%
School Absences 21+ Days (2014-15)	13.9%	↔	9.7%

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Keeping Kids off the Streets and Off Drugs, Alcohol & Other Risky Behaviors			
Delinquency Referrals Ages 10-17 (2014-2015)	49/1000		41/1000
Teen Birth Rate Ages 10-17 (2014)	2.5/1000		3.7/1000
Substance Abuse (2014) past-30-day use <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alcohol • Marijuana • Cigarettes • Binge Drinking 	22.0% 14.4% 6.2% 9.1%	 	20.5% 12.4% 4.9% 9.5%
Bullying 2014 (ages 10-14) Experienced in past 30 days	37.3%		33.9%
Preventing Child Abuse			
Child Maltreatment (2014-15)	11.6/1000		10.8/1000
Children Living Below Poverty (2014) U.S. Census Poverty Thresholds	26.1%		23.8%
Unemployment (2015) Annual Average	6.3%		5.4%
Free & Reduced Lunch (2015)	70.4%		60.2%

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SOURCES

Population: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2014 1-Year Estimates

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

Uninsured Children: U.S. Census Bureau

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

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

Substance Abuse Rate: Florida Department of Children and Families, 2014 Florida Youth Substance Abuse Survey

Bullying: Florida Department of Children and Families, 2014 Florida Youth Substance Abuse Survey

Kindergarten Readiness Rate: Florida Department of Education, Progress Monitoring & Reporting Network

FSA Scores: Florida Department of Education/Division of Accountability/Research and Measurement

Graduation Rate: Florida Department of Education, cohort graduation data

Drop Out Rate: Florida Department of Education.

Absences 21+ Days: Florida Department of Education.

Child Maltreatment: Florida Department of Children & Families, FY 2014-15 (7/1/14 – 6/30/15)

Children Living Below Poverty: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 1-Year Estimates

Unemployment: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, LAUS, Local Area Unemployment Statistics Program

Free & Reduced Lunch: Florida Department of Education, Division of Accountability/Research and Measurement

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