



Children's Services Council of St. Lucie County

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St. Lucie County Children: Indicators of Wellbeing 2015 County-State Comparison

Indicator	St. Lucie County		Change from prior year	Florida	
Population					
Population Total (2013 Est.)	286,832			19,522,860	
Ages 0-17	60,962			4,028,730	
Healthy Families & Babies					
Infant Mortality (2013)	4.3/1000		↓	6.1/1000	
Low Birth Weight (2013)	8.3%		↓	8.5%	
Prenatal Care (2013) Late or no prenatal care	6.3%		↔	4.9%	
Immunization (2013) % of kindergarteners fully immunized	95.3%		↑	93.2%	
Uninsured Children (2013)	9.2%		↓	11.1%	
School Readiness and School Success					
Kindergarten Readiness (2014)	ECHOS	FAIR		ECHOS	FAIR
	91%	74%	↑	91%	73%
FCAT 2.0 Reading (2014) 3rd Grade 10th Grade	% Scoring Satisfactory and Above				
	50%			57%	
	49%		↔	55%	
Graduation Rate (2014)	73.2%		↑	76.1%	
Drop Out Rate (2014)	4.4%		↓	4.3%	
School Absences 21+ Days	14.2%		↔	9.6%	

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Family Building and Strengthening			
Indicator	St. Lucie County	Change from prior year	Florida
Child Maltreatment (2013-14)	10.3/1000	↔	11.41/1000
Children Living Below Poverty (2013) U.S. Census Poverty Thresholds	28.7%	↔	24.5%
Unemployment (2014) Annual Average	7.8%	↓	6.3%
Students Eligible for Free & Reduced Lunch (2014-15)	62%	↔	58%
Teen Wellness & Youth Development			
Delinquency Referrals Ages 10-17 (2013-2014)	49/1000	↓	43/1000
Teen Birth Rate Ages 10-17 (2013)	4.2/1000	↓	4.2/1000
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%

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SOURCES

Population: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2013, 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

Kindergarten Readiness Rate: FL Department of Education, NCLB School Public Accountability Reports

FCAT Scores: Florida Department of Education/NCLB School Public Accountability Reports

Graduation Rate: Florida Department of Education (FL DOE) cohort graduation data as of 12/12/14

Drop Out Rate: Florida Department of Education (FL DOE) dropout data as of 12/12/14

Absences 21+ Days: Florida Department of Education 2012-13

Child Maltreatment: Florida Department of Children & Families, Dashboard 7/1/13 – 6/30/14, Run Date 1/20/15

Children Living Below Poverty: U.S. Census Bureau, Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates Program, Dec. 2014

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

Free & Reduced Lunch: Florida Department of Education, Education Information and Accountability Services, 2013-14 School Year

Delinquency Referrals: Florida Department of Juvenile Justice, Office of Research and Planning, 2013-14 Delinquency Profile

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

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