



Children's Services Council of St. Lucie County

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St. Lucie County Children: Indicators of Wellbeing 2014 County-State Comparison

Indicator	St. Lucie County		Change from prior year	Florida	
Population					
Population Total (2012 Est.)	283,866			19,317,568	
Ages 0-17	60,845			3,998,736	
Healthy Families & Babies					
Infant Mortality (2012)	5.1/1000		↔	6.0/1000	
Low Birth Weight (2012)	10.2%		↑	8.6%	
Prenatal Care (2012) Late or no prenatal care	6.2%		↔	4.8%	
Immunization (2012) % of kindergarteners fully immunized	93.9%		↔	92.1%	
Uninsured Children (2012)	14.7%		↔	10.9%	
School Readiness and School Success					
Kindergarten Readiness (2013)	ECHOS	FAIR		ECHOS	FAIR
	90%	70%	↔	91%	71%
FCAT 2.0 Reading (2013) 3rd Grade 10th Grade	% Scoring Satisfactory and Above				
	50%	49%	↓ ↑	57%	54%
Graduation Rate (2013)	67.7%		↔	75.6%	
Drop Out Rate (2013)	5.8%		↔	4.6%	
School Absences 21+ Days	--		--	--	

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Family Building and Strengthening			
Indicator	St. Lucie County	Change from prior year	Florida
Child Maltreatment (2012-13)	9.5/1000	↓	12.4/1000
Children Living Below Poverty (2012) U.S. Census Poverty Thresholds	28.6%	↓	25.6%
Unemployment (2013) Annual Average	9.3%	↓	7.2%
Free & Reduced Lunch (2013)	61.2%	↓	58.5%
Teen Wellness & Youth Development			
Delinquency Referrals Ages 10-17 (2012-2013)	50/1000	↓	46/1000
Teen Birth Rate Ages 10-17 (2012)	4.7/1000	↓	4.9/1000
Substance Abuse (2012) past-30-day use <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alcohol • Marijuana • Cigarettes • Binge Drinking 	24.9% 11.9% 5.2% 9.3%	↓ ↓ ↓ ↓	24.6% 12.4% 6.6% 11.3%
Bullying 2012 (ages 10-14) Experienced in past 30 days	39.3%	↔	36.1%

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SOURCES

Population: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 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 10/18/13

Drop Out Rate: Florida Department of Education (FL DOE) dropout data as of 11/1/13

Absences 21+ Days: Florida Department of Education 2012-13 data not available

Child Maltreatment: Florida Department of Children & Families, Dashboard 7/1/12 – 6/30/13, Run Date 11/14/13

Children Living Below Poverty: U.S. Census Bureau, Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates Program, Dec. 2013

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, 2012-13 School Year

Delinquency Referrals: Florida Department of Juvenile Justice, Office of Research and Planning, 2012-13 Delinquency Profile

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

Substance Abuse Rate: Florida Department of Children and Families, 2013 Florida Youth Substance Abuse Survey

Bullying: Florida Department of Children and Families, 2013 Florida Youth Substance Abuse Survey

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