



St. Lucie County Children: Indicators of Wellbeing 2019 County-State Comparison

Indicator	St. Lucie County	Change	Florida
Population			
Population Total (2017 Est.)	313,506		20,984,400
Ages 0-17	63,050		4,200,780
Ensuring Every Baby is a Healthy Baby			
Infant Mortality (2017)	4.6/1000	↓	6.1/1000
Low Birth Weight (2017)	8.6%	↔	8.8%
Prenatal Care (2017) Late or no prenatal care	5.6%	↓	6.9%
Immunization (2018) % of kindergarteners fully immunized	94.4%	↑	93.7%
Uninsured Children (2017)	6.4%	↓	6.9%
Keeping Kids in School			
Kindergarten Readiness Star Early Literacy assessment 2018	% Demonstrating Proficiency		
	47%	↓	53%
Florida Standards Assessment (2018) English Language Arts Grade 3	% Scoring Satisfactory and Above		
	49%	↑	58%
Graduation Rate (2017-18)	91.8%	↑	86.1%
Drop Out Rate (2017-18)	0.9%	↓	3.5%
School Absences 21+ Days (2017-18)	18.4%	↑	11.3%

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Keeping Kids off the Streets and Off Drugs, Alcohol & Other Risky Behaviors			
Delinquency Referrals (2017-2018) Arrests - Ages 10-17	39/1000		31/1000
Teen Birth Rate (2017) Ages 10-17	0.8/1000		2.9/1000
Substance Abuse (2018)	Past-30-day Use		
Alcohol	12.2%		15.3%
Marijuana	11.9%		10.9%
Cigarettes	1.9%		2.5%
Binge Drinking	5.7%		6.8%
Preventing Child Abuse			
Child Maltreatment (2017-18)	8.7/1000		8.7/1000
Children Living Below Poverty (2017) U.S. Census Poverty Thresholds	16.1%		20.3%
Unemployment (2018) Annual Average	4.3%		3.6%
Free & Reduced Lunch (2018-19)	68.7%		62.7%

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SOURCES

Population: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2017 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, 2018 Florida Youth Substance Abuse Survey

Bullying: Florida Department of Children and Families, 2018 Florida Youth Substance Abuse Survey

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

STAR 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 2017-18 (7/1/17 – 6/30/18)

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, Survey 2 - Preliminary

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