



St. Lucie County Children: Indicators of Wellbeing 2020 County-State Comparison

Indicator	St. Lucie County	Change	Florida
Population			
Population Total (2019 Est.)	328,297		21,477,737
Ages 0-17	64,674		4,274,069
Ensuring Every Baby is a Healthy Baby			
Infant Mortality (2019)	6.1/1000	↑	6.0/1000
Low Birth Weight (2018)	8.5%	↓	8.8%
Prenatal Care (2018) Late or no prenatal care	8.4%	↓	7.1%
Immunization (2019) of kindergarteners fully immunized	94.4%	↔	93.8%
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 (2019) English Language Arts Grade 3	% Scoring Satisfactory and Above		
	50%	↑	58%
Graduation Rate (2018-19)	90.4%	↓	86.9%
Drop Out Rate (2018-19)	1.7%	↑	3.4%
School Absences 21+ Days (2018-19)	17.8%	↓	11.3%

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Keeping Kids off the Streets and Off Drugs, Alcohol & Other Risky Behaviors			
Delinquency Referrals (2018-19) Arrests - Ages 10-17	42.8/1000		28.6/1000
Teen Birth Rate (2018) Ages 10-17	2.7/1000		2.6/1000
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 (2018-19)	8.3/1000		8.0/1000
Children Living Below Poverty (2018) U.S. Census Poverty Thresholds	13.5%		19.7%
Unemployment (2019) Annual Average	3.9%		3.1%
Free & Reduced Lunch (2019-20)	64.7%		61.4%

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SOURCES

Population: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2018 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 Dashboard, FY 2018-19 (7/1/18 – 6/30/19)

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, Final Survey 2

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