



## St. Lucie County Children: Indicators of Wellbeing 2021 County-State Comparison











Indicator	St. Lucie County	Change	Florida
<b>Population</b>			
Population Total (2019 Est.)	328,297		21,477,737
Ages 0-17	64,674		4,274,069
<b>Ensuring Every Baby is a Healthy Baby</b>			
Infant Mortality (2019)	6.1/1000	↑	10/1000
Low Birth Weight (2019)	8.5%	↓	8.8%
Prenatal Care (2019) Late or no prenatal care	8.0%	↓	7.5%
Immunization (2020) % of kindergarteners fully immunized	92.9%	↓	93.5%
Uninsured Children (2019)	11.5%	↔	7.6%
<b>Keeping Kids in School</b>			
Kindergarten Readiness Star Early Literacy assessment 2020	% Demonstrating Proficiency		
	49%	↑	57%
Florida Standards Assessment (2020) English Language Arts Grade 3	% Scoring Satisfactory and Above		
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Graduation Rate (2019-20)	93.2%	↑	90%
Drop Out Rate (2019-20)	---*	↑	---*
School Absences 21+ Days (2019-20)	17%	↓	9.8%

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<b>Keeping Kids off the Streets and Off Drugs, Alcohol &amp; Other Risky Behaviors</b>			
<b>Delinquency Referrals (2019-20)</b> Arrests - Ages 10-17	32.8/1000		23.3/1000
<b>Teen Birth Rate (2019)</b> Ages 10-17	2.7/1000		2.4/1000
<b>Substance Abuse (2020)</b>	Past-30-day Use		
Alcohol	17.5%		14.8%
Marijuana	6.2%		10.7%
Cigarettes	1.8%		1.8%
Binge Drinking	4.4%		6.7%
<b>Preventing Child Abuse</b>			
<b>Child Maltreatment (2019-20)</b>	6.9/1000		6.7/1000
<b>Children Living Below Poverty (2019)</b> U.S. Census Poverty Thresholds	15.7%		18.2%
<b>Unemployment (2020)</b> Annual Average	7.8%		7.7%
<b>Free &amp; Reduced Lunch (2020-21)</b>	63.7%		62.6%

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### SOURCES

**Population:** U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2019 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, 2020 Florida Youth Substance Abuse Survey

**Bullying:** Florida Department of Children and Families, 2020 Florida Youth Substance Abuse Survey

**Kindergarten Readiness Rate:** Florida Department of Education/Division of Accountability/Research and Measurement

**\*Florida Standards Assessment:** *K-12 statewide assessment test administrations for 2019-20 school year were cancelled.*

**Graduation Rate:** Florida Department of Education, cohort graduation data

**\*Drop Out Rate:** Florida Department of Education. ---Data not available for 2019-20

**Absences 21+ Days:** Florida Department of Education.

**Child Maltreatment:** Florida Department of Children & Families Dashboard, FY 2019-20 (7/1/19 – 6/30/20)

**Children Living Below Poverty:** U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2019 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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