

**St. Lucie County Children:
Indicators of Wellbeing 1990-2010**

Indicator						
Population	1990	1995	2000	2005	2010	FL 2010
<i>Population Total</i>	152,087	173,257	194,062	243,073	277,789	18,801,310
<i>Ages 0-17</i>	35,436	40,195	43,858	53,962	62,008	4,002,091
<i>White</i>	71.7%	71.7%	73%	72.2%	58.4%	65.3%
<i>Black</i>	27%	26.7%	24.8%	25.3%	26.8%	21.5%
<i>Other</i>	1.3%	1.6%	2.2%	2.5%	14.7%	13.1%
Family Management	1991	1998	2005	2008	2010	FL 2010
<i>Child Maltreatment</i>	59.5	33.0	35.8	**17.3	17.0	12.1
	1997	2000	2005	2007	2009	FL 2009
<i>Divorce Rate</i>	7.3	5.5	3.6	3.6	3.5	4.2
Economic Well- Being	1990	1995	2000	2005	2010	FL 2010
<i>Children Living Below Poverty</i>	21.4%	24.9%	21.2%	20.3%	25.4%	21.5%
<i>Unemployment (annual averages)</i>	13.2%	12.6%	5.7%	4.7%	14.9%	11.5%
<i>Free & Reduced Lunch (overall)</i>	1993	1995	2000	2005	2010	FL 2010
	---	46.8%	52.1%	48.2%	60.5%	56%
<i>Elementary</i>	59.4%	58.8%	61%	55.5%	not available	
<i>Middle</i>	55.2%	54.1%	54.9%	51.7%	not available	



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Health	1990	1995	2000	2005	2009	FL 2009
<i>Infant Mortality</i>	10.2	11.4	7.1	6.3	7.0	6.9
<i>Low Birth Weight</i>	8.0	7.5	7.7	8.0	8.1	8.7
<i>Prenatal Care Late or no prenatal care</i>	8.0%	3.9%	5.1%	6.1%	5.2%	5%
<i>Immunization % of kindergarteners fully immunized</i>	---	98.4%	95.4%	93.3%	89%	91.3%
<i>HIV - Cases</i>	---	---	67	28.8	31	29.8
<i>AIDS - Cases</i>	34.8	85.4	40.2	37	30.6	23.5
<i>HIV/AIDS - Deaths (all rates/100,000)</i>	14	46.4	25.5	15.1	7.1	6.5
School Success	1993	1998	2003	2010	FL 2010	
<i>Graduation Rate</i>	68.2%	75.4%	76.8%	79.1%	79%	
<i>FCAT Reading Scores (mean)</i>	300 = on grade level			2010 FCAT		
<i>5th Grade</i>	N/A	N/A	283	297	310	
<i>8th Grade</i>	N/A	292	295	307	312	
<i>10th Grade</i>	N/A	292	298	303	310	
<i>FCAT Math Scores (mean)</i>	300 = on grade level			2010 FCAT		
<i>5th Grade</i>	N/A	294	317	324	336	
<i>8th Grade</i>	N/A	291	303	317	324	
<i>10th Grade</i>	N/A	294	313	324	331	
<i>Drop Out Rate</i>	4.5%	—	1.6%	2.3%	2.0%	
<i>Absences 21+Days</i>	—	17.8%	17.3%	2008-09 14.3%	2008-09 9.6%	

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Early Risk Behavior	1990	1995	2000	2005	2010	FL 2010
<i>Delinquency Referrals ages 10-17 (overall rate)</i>	108.1/ 1000	109.1/ 1000	101/1000	93/1000	83/1000	65/1000
• <i>Drug</i>	6.1/1000	8.8/1000	8.9/1000	9.4/1000	7.1/1000	6.5/1000
• <i>Alcohol</i>	1.4/1000	1.0/1000	1.0/1000	.66/1000	.80/1000	.83/1000
• <i>Violent Felony Offenses</i>	12.9/1000	11.1/1000	10.2/1000	9.4/1000	6.8/1000	5.2/1000
• <i>Assault/Battery</i>	---	13.2/1000	13.4/1000	14.9/1000	12.6/1000	8.7/1000
<i>Teen Pregnancy- Ages 10-17</i>	1990	1995	2000	2005	2009	FL 2009
	27.9/1000	16/1000	12.3/1000	9.2/1000	6.9/1000	7.2/1000
<i>Substance Abuse (past-30-day use)</i>	2000	2004	2006	2008	2010	FL 2010
• <i>Alcohol</i>	42.1%	32.1%	32%	32.1%	29.5%	28.8%
• <i>Marijuana</i>	16.8%	13.4%	13.2%	11.9%	13.4%	13.0%
• <i>Cigarettes</i>	21.9%	14.6%	11.3%	11.4%	8.8%	8.8%
• <i>Binge Drinking</i>	19.9%	17.1%	16.7%	17.2%	12.9%	14.1%

**Child Maltreatment – no trend available due to change in measurement of this indicator. Beginning 2010 Department of Children & Families calculates child maltreatment based on “verified” findings only, no longer including “some indication.”



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SOURCES:

Population: Bureau of Economic and Business Research (BEER), Florida Demographic Conference and Florida Demographic Database; U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 Census.

Child Maltreatment: Florida Department of Children and Families, Florida Safe Families Network (FSFN)

Divorce Rate: Florida Department of Health: Vital Statistics Annual Report

Children Living Below Poverty: U.S. Census, SAIPE, Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates

Unemployment: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, LAUS

Free & Reduced Lunch: Florida Department of Education, Education Information and Accountability Services

Infant Mortality: Florida Department of Health, Office 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

HIV Cases: Florida Department of Health, Bureau of HIV/AIDS

AIDS Cases: Florida Department of Health, Bureau of HIV/AIDS

HIV/AIDS Deaths: Florida Department of Health, Bureau of HIV/AIDS

Graduation Rate: Florida Department of Education, Cohort Graduation Rate

FCAT Scores: Florida Department of Education, FCAT District Report

Drop Out Rate: Florida Department of Education

Absences 21+ Days: Florida Department of Education,

Juvenile Justice Referrals: Florida Department of Juvenile Justice, Office of Research and Planning, Delinquency Profile 2009-10

Teen Pregnancy Rate: Florida Department of Health, Office of Vital Statistics, Florida Vital Statistics Annual Report

Substance Abuse Rate: Florida Department of Children and Families, Florida Youth Substance Abuse Survey 2010