



St. Lucie County Children
Indicators of Wellbeing
2011 County-State Comparison



Indicator	St. Lucie County	Florida
Population		
Population Total (2010)	277,244	18,773,356
Ages 0-17	59,617	4,123,707
White	71.3%	74.1%
Black	25.9%	22.0%
Other	2.7%	3.9%
Family Management		
Child Maltreatment (2009-10)	17.0/1000	12.1/1000
Divorce Rate (2009)	3.5/1000	4.2/1000
Economic Well- Being		
Children Living Below Poverty (2010)	25.4%	21.5%
Unemployment (2010) Annual Average	14.9%	11.5%
Free & Reduced Lunch (2010)	60.5%	56.0%
Health		
Infant Mortality (2009)	7.0/1000	6.9/1000
Low Birth Weight (2009)	8.1%	8.7%
Prenatal Care (2009) Late or no prenatal care	5.2%	5.0%
Immunization (2009) % of kindergarteners fully immunized	89.0%	91.3%
HIV - Cases (2009)	31/100,000	29.8/100,000
AIDS - Cases (2009)	30.6/100,000	23.5/100,000
HIV/AIDS - Deaths (2009)	7.1/100,000	6.5/100,000



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School Success		
Graduation Rate (2010)	79.1%	79.0%
FCAT Reading Scores (mean) 2010	300 = on grade level	
5 th Grade	297	310
8 th Grade	307	312
10 th Grade	303	310
FCAT Math Scores (mean) 2010	300 = on grade level	
5 th Grade	324	336
8 th Grade	317	324
10 th Grade	324	331
Drop Out Rate (2010)	2.3%	2.0%
School Absences 21+ Days (2008-09)	14.3%	9.6 %
Early Risk Behavior		
Juvenile Justice Referrals Ages 10-17 (2009-10)	83/1000	65/1000
•Drug	7.1	6.5
•Alcohol	.80	.83
•Violent Felony Offenses	6.8	5.2
•Assault & Battery	12.6	8.7
Teen Pregnancy - Ages 10-17 (2009)	6.9/1000	7.2/1000
Substance Abuse - 2010 (past-30-day use)		
• Alcohol	29.5%	28.8%
• Marijuana	13.4%	13.0%
• Cigarettes	8.8%	8.8%
• Binge Drinking	12.9%	14.1%



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SOURCES:

Population: Bureau of Economic and Business Research, Florida Demographic Conference and Florida Demographic Database

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 & Poverty Estimates

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

Free & Reduced Lunch %: Florida Department of Education, Education Information and Accountability Services, 2010-11 School Year

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

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, 2010 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, 2009-10 Delinquency Profile

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, 2010 Florida Youth Substance Abuse Survey