

2017 Florida Child Well-being Index

DeSoto County



64 Economic

	Current Year	%	#	Baseline Year	%	
Children in Poverty	2014	41.1	2,840	2009	35.7	Worse
Unemployment Rate	2015	6.0	768	2010	12.2	Better
High Housing Cost Burden (more than 30% income spent)	2015	33.6	3,843	2010	33.7	Unchanged
Teens Not in School and Not Working	2011-2015	20.8	418	2006-2010	16.7	Worse

65 Education

Students Not Ready for Kindergarten	2013-2014	15.3	56	N.A.		
Fourth Grade Students Not Proficient in English Language Arts	2014-2015	86	302	N.A.		
Eight Grade Students Not Proficient in Math	2014-2015	95	192	N.A.		
High School Students Not Graduating on Time	2014-2015	37.8	104	2011-2012	32.1	Worse

64 Health

Low-Birthweight Babies	2015	8.5	32	2010	7.4	Worse
Uninsured Children	2014	14.4	1,055	2009	35.3	Better
Overweight and Obese 1st, 3rd, and 6th Grade Students	2013-2014	43.9	492	2008-2009	38.3	Worse
High School Teens who Used Alcohol/Drugs (Past 30 Days)	2014	43.1	142	2010	43.9	Unchanged

66 Family and Community

Children in Single Parent Families	2011-2015	45.5	2,685	2006-2010	46.5	Better
Children Living in High Poverty Areas	2011-2015	44.0	3,257	2006-2010	25.9	Worse
Children with Verified Maltreatment (per 1,000)	2015-2016	14.9	116	N.A.		
Youth Contacts with the Juvenile Justice System (per 1,000)	2014-2015	38.7	133	2009-2010	46.3	Better

We all do better when Florida's children succeed. Find out how you can act locally and at the state level to ensure:

1. children have access to healthcare.
2. we prevent child abuse, juvenile justice involvement, and substance use.
3. parents have educational and work opportunities that support their families.

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