

2017 Florida Child Well-being Index Highlands County



55 Economic

	Current Year	%	#	Baseline Year	%	
Children in Poverty	2014	32.1	5,503	2009	33.3	Better
Unemployment Rate	2015	7.4	2,602	2010	12.5	Better
High Housing Cost Burden (more than 30% income spent)	2015	31.1	13,663	2010	31.1	Unchanged
Teens Not in School and Not Working	2011-2015	16.6	641	2006-2010	13.7	Worse

41 Education

Students Not Ready for Kindergarten	2013-2014	10.2	98	N.A.		
Fourth Grade Students Not Proficient in English Language Arts	2014-2015	81	752	N.A.		
Eight Grade Students Not Proficient in Math	2014-2015	68	491	N.A.		
High School Students Not Graduating on Time	2014-2015	35.5	313	2011-2012	37.9	Better

28 Health

Low-Birthweight Babies	2015	7.5	69	2010	9.6	Better
Uninsured Children	2014	11.9	2,154	2009	28.8	Better
Overweight and Obese 1st, 3rd, and 6th Grade Students	2013-2014	36.2	1,015	2008-2009	31.8	Worse
High School Teens who Used Alcohol/Drugs (Past 30 Days)	2014	34.2	124	2010	45.4	Better

48 Family and Community

Children in Single Parent Families	2011-2015	29.0	4,428	2006-2010	31.6	Better
Children Living in High Poverty Areas	2011-2015	21.5	3,775	2006-2010	17.9	Worse
Children with Verified Maltreatment (per 1,000)	2015-2016	11.6	205	N.A.		
Youth Contacts with the Juvenile Justice System (per 1,000)	2014-2015	37.2	289	2009-2010	60.7	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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