

2017 Florida Child Well-being Index

Polk County



37 Economic

	Current Year	%	#	Baseline Year	%	
Children in Poverty	2014	27.3	38,786	2009	25.6	Worse
Unemployment Rate	2015	6.2	17,349	2010	12.1	Better
High Housing Cost Burden (more than 30% income spent)	2015	35.0	85,081	2010	35.3	Unchanged
Teens Not in School and Not Working	2011-2015	10.2	3,270	2006-2010	13.3	Better

54 Education

Students Not Ready for Kindergarten	2013-2014	11.9	864	N.A.		
Fourth Grade Students Not Proficient in English Language Arts	2014-2015	80	5,744	N.A.		
Eight Grade Students Not Proficient in Math	2014-2015	87	4,478	N.A.		
High School Students Not Graduating on Time	2014-2015	30.6	2,096	2011-2012	32.4	Better

25 Health

Low-Birthweight Babies	2015	7.9	592	2010	8.2	Unchanged
Uninsured Children	2014	9.3	13,799	2009	22.3	Better
Overweight and Obese 1st, 3rd, and 6th Grade Students	2013-2014	35.4	7,144	2008-2009	36.4	Better
High School Teens who Used Alcohol/Drugs (Past 30 Days)	2014	35.9	270	2010	43.5	Better

58 Family and Community

Children in Single Parent Families	2011-2015	39.0	47,819	2006-2010	32.3	Worse
Children Living in High Poverty Areas	2011-2015	20.8	29,884	2006-2010	11.1	Worse
Children with Verified Maltreatment (per 1,000)	2015-2016	9.7	1,421	N.A.		
Youth Contacts with the Juvenile Justice System (per 1,000)	2014-2015	40.0	2,544	2009-2010	55.2	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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