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Highlands County




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ECONOMIC WELL-BEING
DOMAIN RANK
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	Baseline Year	%	Current Year	%	Number	Change
Children in poverty	2012	36.8	2017	34.0	5,964	👍
Unemployment rate	2012	10.3	2017	5.6	2,019	👍
High housing cost burden (>30% income spent)	2008-2012	32.2	2013-2017	24.7	10,217	👍
Teens not in school and not working	2008-2012	10.9	2013-2017	15.8	623	👎



EDUCATION WELL-BEING
DOMAIN RANK
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	Baseline Year	%	Current Year	%	Number	Change
3 & 4 year old children not enrolled in school	2008-2012	60.8	2013-2017	62.6	1,351	👎
4th grade students not proficient in English Language Arts	2014-2015	81	2017-2018	81	821	Unchanged
8th grade students not proficient in math	2014-2015	68	2017-2018	90	529	👎
High school students not graduating on time	2012-2013	38.2	2017-2018	22.8	218	👍



HEALTH WELL-BEING
DOMAIN RANK
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	Baseline Year	%	Current Year	%	Number	Change
Low-birthweight babies	2012	8.9	2017	8.4	74	Unchanged
Uninsured children	2011	14.3	2016	7.7	1,382	👍
Overweight and obese 1st, 3rd & 6th grade students	2012-2013	40.7	2017-2018	38.3	1,084	👍
High school teens who used alcohol/drugs (past 30 days)	2014	34.2	2018	27.5	109	👍



FAMILY & COMMUNITY
DOMAIN RANK
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	Baseline Year	%	Current Year	%	Number	Change
Children in single parent families	2008-2012	32.5	2013-2017	34.0	5,177	👎
Children living in high poverty areas	2008-2012	20.6	2013-2017	21.5	3,790	Unchanged
Children with verified maltreatment (per 1,000)	2012-2013	6.1	2017-2018	9.0	160	👎
Youth contacts with the juvenile justice system (per 1,000)	2012-2013	50.7	2017-2018	33.7	269	👍

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ECONOMIC WELL-BEING

	Baseline Year	%	Current Year	%	Number	Change
Children in poverty	2012	25.6	2017	20.6	850,924	👍
Unemployment rate	2012	8.5	2017	4.2	424,223	👍
High housing cost burden (>30% of income spent)	2008-2012	42.5	2013-2017	36.1	2,712,928	👍
Teens not in school and not working	2008-2012	9.6	2013-2017	7.7	73,002	👍

EDUCATION WELL-BEING

	Baseline Year	%	Current Year	%	Number	Change
3 & 4 year old children not enrolled in school	2008-2012	49.4	2013-2017	49.5	223,989	Unchanged
4th grade students not proficient in English Language Arts	2014-2015	73	2017-2018	71	153,187	👍
8th grade students not proficient in math	2014-2015	81	2017-2018	80	104,397	👍
High school students not graduating on time	2012-2013	24.4	2017-2018	13.9	29,124	👍

HEALTH WELL-BEING

	Baseline Year	%	Current Year	%	Number	Change
Low-birthweight babies	2012	8.6	2017	8.8	19,699	Unchanged
Uninsured children	2011	12.5	2016	6.6	282,464	👍
Overweight and obese 1st, 3rd & 6th grade students	2012-2013	40.2	2017-2018	34.5	205,359	👍
High school teens who used alcohol/drugs (past 30 days)	2014	36.3	2018	29.5	9,187	👍

FAMILY & COMMUNITY

	Baseline Year	%	Current Year	%	Number	Change
Children in single parent families	2008-2012	34.6	2013-2017	35.3	1,258,424	Unchanged
Children living in high poverty areas	2008-2012	12.4	2013-2017	11.2	458,646	👍
Children with verified maltreatment (per 1,000)	2012-2013	8.0	2017-2018	7.5	31,585	Unchanged
Youth contacts with the juvenile justice system (per 1,000)	2012-2013	26.3	2017-2018	16.4	31,206	👍

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