

2017 Florida Child Well-being Index

St. Lucie County



53 Economic

	Current Year	%	#	Baseline Year	%	
Children in Poverty	2014	26.6	15,850	2009	25.4	Worse
Unemployment Rate	2015	6.2	8,191	2010	13.8	Better
High Housing Cost Burden (more than 30% income spent)	2015	43.9	49,982	2010	44.0	Unchanged
Teens Not in School and Not Working	2011-2015	7.5	967	2006-2010	10.1	Better

44 Education

Students Not Ready for Kindergarten	2013-2014	9.1	247	N.A.		
Fourth Grade Students Not Proficient in English Language Arts	2014-2015	81	2,382	N.A.		
Eight Grade Students Not Proficient in Math	2014-2015	82	1,805	N.A.		
High School Students Not Graduating on Time	2014-2015	24.5	728	2011-2012	29.4	Better

40 Health

Low-Birthweight Babies	2015	7.8	243	2010	8.9	Better
Uninsured Children	2014	10.0	6,283	2009	25.6	Better
Overweight and Obese 1st, 3rd, and 6th Grade Students	2013-2014	40.4	3,548	2008-2009	40.7	Unchanged
High School Teens who Used Alcohol/Drugs (Past 30 Days)	2014	35.9	167	2010	44.5	Better

38 Family and Community

Children in Single Parent Families	2011-2015	34.8	18,930	2006-2010	34.2	Unchanged
Children Living in High Poverty Areas	2011-2015	13.0	7,947	2006-2010	9.2	Worse
Children with Verified Maltreatment (per 1,000)	2015-2016	8.5	527	N.A.		
Youth Contacts with the Juvenile Justice System (per 1,000)	2014-2015	26.9	745	2009-2010	46.7	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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