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Florida	222,270	48.6	108,414	147,939	70	40,155	103,199	79	39,190	27,731	13.1	25,111
Alachua	2,951	51.3	1,517	1,526	69	398	836	94	400	240	11.5	214
Baker	385	52.8	203	295	78	102	218	91	101	81	21.2	76
Bay	2,341	53.7	1,254	1,369	72	399	889	84	370	314	17.5	292
Bradford	445	64.8	274	206	83	79	116	96	57	22	12.3	20
Brevard	5,267	48.0	2,535	3,707	69	967	2,128	83	872	652	11.7	583
Broward	17,314	38.0	5,966	13,175	66	2,994	9,578	78	3,561	2,748	13.8	2,502
Calhoun	205	75.1	137	116	70	32	73	*	*	20	12.1	18
Charlotte	1,517	64.3	930	762	71	215	571	85	242	187	13.6	170
Citrus	1,546	59.1	895	851	75	272	606	84	253	154	14.0	140
Clay	3,049	60.8	1,800	1,798	66	409	1,567	84	653	256	8.1	217
Collier	4,318	65.5	2,675	2,445	69	638	1,166	89	524	293	8.1	248
Columbia	867	47.9	416	552	71	155	398	91	184	46	7.6	39
DeSoto	590	70.4	381	324	87	134	226	99	114	98	28.7	94
Dixie	324	76.1	218	131	76	43	85	*	*	13	9.4	11
Duval	12,708	51.9	6,612	7,666	74	2,383	4,379	90	1,995	1,160	13.5	1,054
Escambia	3,888	52.7	2,050	2,362	77	798	1,498	96	733	412	15.2	379
Flagler	956	55.0	523	632	66	144	463	81	183	125	11.3	111
Franklin	159	71.0	103	96	85	38	35	*	*	25	*	*
Gadsden	368	33.4	93	367	88	154	204	85	86	146	39.6	141
Gilchrist	361	70.1	233	142	70	39	78	*	*	18	10.6	16
Glades	136	51.1	70	141	86	57	71	*	*	*	*	*
Gulf	212	54.2	115	110	87	45	143	75	49	25	16.4	23
Hamilton	200	67.3	126	102	84	40	108	86	47	29	26.9	28
Hardee	430	61.9	257	282	73	85	219	75	76	75	18.8	70
Hendry	627	47.0	295	463	81	171	317	93	150	99	16.3	91
Hernando	2,235	63.8	1,362	1,175	73	354	932	76	331	211	11.6	189
Highlands	1,551	71.9	1,013	748	78	259	563	85	238	175	18.8	164
Hillsborough	18,238	51.6	9,429	12,046	71	3,393	7,204	90	3,282	2,281	13.8	2,077
Holmes	204	48.3	99	176	74	55	145	92	68	32	14.5	29
Indian River	1,140	45.6	517	886	70	240	734	81	290	153	11.5	137
Jackson	621	64.8	382	331	72	97	271	97	134	74	15.3	68
Jefferson	178	53.6	95	63	*	*	45	*	*	19	*	*
Lafayette	73	24.9	0	71	68	18	14	*	*	*	*	*
Lake	4,110	63.8	2,505	2,330	70	632	1,483	89	666	424	13.2	384
Lee	7,570	55.0	4,142	5,031	73	1,516	3,864	66	995	1,124	16.3	1,039



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Leon	2,003	35.5	596	1,792	69	467	1,211	83	496	176	7.6	147
Levy	401	57.9	228	312	81	116	218	96	107	40	11.9	36
Liberty	111	68.1	70	76	*	*	28	*	*	15	*	*
Madison	261	55.8	144	157	75	50	100	89	45	37	17.5	34
Manatee	3,864	54.0	2,083	2,556	70	694	1,722	86	741	576	16.8	534
Marion	4,529	62.1	2,713	2,437	76	802	1,901	86	818	526	16.2	486
Martin	1,195	44.0	519	929	72	271	632	59	107	193	12.6	174
Miami-Dade	24,885	38.7	8,853	16,640	64	3,380	12,051	85	5,104	3,908	14.4	3,572
Monroe	666	43.9	288	446	73	134	303	69	88	84	14.0	77
Nassau	945	58.0	539	581	64	118	415	74	140	73	7.7	61
Okaloosa	2,800	54.9	1,530	1,609	66	366	940	66	242	265	12.1	238
Okeechobee	730	73.7	483	401	81	149	269	83	110	115	24.2	109
Orange	16,469	48.3	7,979	10,942	70	2,970	7,734	87	3,378	1,766	11.6	1,578
Osceola	5,563	61.9	3,324	3,836	76	1,262	3,613	79	1,372	516	10.0	452
Palm Beach	12,144	39.9	4,558	9,473	66	2,153	8,285	59	1,404	1,967	12.9	1,778
Pasco	6,216	55.7	3,434	3,906	71	1,100	3,295	57	462	635	11.7	568
Pinellas	8,241	46.5	3,828	5,288	72	1,542	3,047	91	1,406	878	11.6	784
Polk	9,009	57.2	5,085	6,211	79	2,201	4,583	88	2,031	1,453	18.8	1,357
Putnam	1,302	76.5	878	677	83	261	481	98	241	93	13.7	85
Saint Johns	2,339	43.4	996	1,562	51	0	1,088	50	22	176	5.7	138
Saint Lucie	3,942	55.5	2,173	2,231	76	734	1,475	88	654	318	9.6	277
Santa Rosa	2,286	56.8	1,283	1,310	65	282	1,013	49	0	246	11.1	219
Sarasota	3,301	53.1	1,754	1,946	62	345	1,125	63	250	358	10.6	316
Seminole	4,027	40.9	1,573	3,030	62	538	1,811	89	814	394	7.2	326
Sumter	523	64.2	320	432	64	88	292	77	106	68	12.8	61
Suwannee	541	52.5	284	359	79	127	224	94	107	25	6.3	20
Taylor	167	57.0	94	183	76	60	76	*	*	29	16.1	27
Union	220	61.6	131	86	56	8	85	59	14	23	15.6	21
Volusia	5,564	56.2	3,097	3,553	74	1,104	2,322	92	1,085	768	15.5	707
Wakulla	170	32.8	41	233	65	50	162	82	65	32	8.4	27
Walton	468	38.9	168	497	66	113	381	67	102	74	11.1	66
Washington	304	47.9	146	151	63	29	131	98	66	43	19.5	40



Terminology and Sources — Education Index

All rates are per 100 (percentages) unless otherwise noted.

An asterisk (*) represents data that are suppressed due to confidentiality. This is when there are less than 10 when reporting a number or when the denominator is less than 100 when reporting a percentage.

An increase or decrease of at least 1% constitutes change.

Index Rank

Rankings are based on a scale containing 16 indicators of child well-being. Indicators in each category are:

Economic - children in poverty, unemployment rate, high housing cost burden, teens not in school and not working

Education - 3 and 4 year old children not enrolled in school, fourth-grade students not proficient in English Language Arts, eighth-grade students not proficient in math, high school students not graduating on time

Health - low-birthweight babies, uninsured children, overweight and obese 1st, 3rd, and 6th-grade students, high school teens who used alcohol/drugs in the past 30 days.

Family and Community - children in single parent families, children living in high poverty areas, children with verified maltreatment, and youth contacts with the Juvenile Justice System.

Given the nature of our data, we were able to convert all data to ratios by county. Working with ratios by county gave us the advantage to compare all counties fairly, regardless of the county's population size. All of our indicators were selected to follow the same direction, in our case, lower numbers are best. That way when we summed all ratios, high values in one indicator did not mask low values in another or vice versa. Scores for each indicator were summed to produce a score for each of the four categories by county. Then, the scores for the four categories were summed to produce an overall county score. The counties were ranked from 1 (best) to 67 (worst) for each category and as an overall rank for the state.

Education

3 & 4 year old children not enrolled in school – 3 and 4 year old children who were not enrolled in either public or private school at any time during the 3 months prior to the time of the interview.

American Community Survey 2014-2018 5 year estimates, table B14003, U.S. Census Bureau, Washington, DC

The Florida Standards Assessment (FSA) has replaced the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test 2.0 (FCAT 2.0). Beginning with the 2014-15 school year the student assessment results reported are based on the new standards. Students FSA responses are scored into 5 categories:

Level 1 - Inadequate – Highly likely to need substantial support for the next grade/course.

Level 2 - Below satisfactory – Likely to need substantial support for the next grade/course.

Level 3 - Satisfactory – May need additional support for the next grade/course.

Level 4 - Proficient – Likely to excel in the next grade/course.

Level 5 - Mastery – Highly likely to excel in the next grade/course.

Fourth grade students not proficient in English Language Arts - 4th grade students scoring inadequate, below satisfactory, and satisfactory on the English Language Arts FSA.

Eighth grade students not proficient in math - 8th grade students scoring inadequate, below satisfactory, and satisfactory on the Math FSA. Bureau of K-12 Student Assessment, Florida Department of Education, Tallahassee, Florida

High school students not graduating on time - High school students not graduating on time as defined by the Federal Graduation Rate.

Federal Graduation Rate - Federal regulations require each state to calculate a four-year adjusted cohort graduation rate, which includes standard diplomas but excludes GEDs, both regular and adult, and special diplomas. The U.S. Department of Education (USED) adopted this calculation method in an effort to develop uniform, accurate and comparable graduation rates across all states. The USED required states to begin calculating the new graduation rate in 2010-11. Florida's graduation rate is a cohort graduation rate. A cohort is defined as a group of students on the same schedule to graduate. The graduation rate measures the percentage of students who graduate within four years of their first enrollment in ninth grade. Subsequent to their enrollment in ninth grade, students who transfer out and deceased students are removed from the calculation. Entering transfer students are included in the graduation rate for the class with which they are scheduled to graduate, based on their date of enrollment. In the calculation, stringent guidelines are prescribed for not only the definition of a graduate, but also for the definition of a transfer. Students who transfer to adult education programs or Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) facilities remain with their regular high schools' cohorts.

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