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FAMILY & COMMUNITY

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Florida	1,257,688	35.0	520,577	410,752	9.9	410,752	28,554	6.7	19,125	29,369	15.2	19,433
Alachua	13,658	32.3	4,978	7,639	16.1	7,639	236	5.0	133	459	22.2	352
Baker	1,429	27.7	370	0	0.0	0	70	10.5	55	82	27.2	67
Bay	11,450	33.9	4,511	3,792	9.6	3,792	261	7.1	180	393	23.0	305
Bradford	1,766	40.2	865	1,025	18.7	1,025	32	5.7	20	59	24.5	47
Brevard	31,930	34.0	12,645	5,117	4.8	5,117	834	7.6	593	703	14.1	446
Broward	128,250	36.1	55,388	28,856	7.1	28,856	2,167	5.4	1,281	1,897	10.5	970
Calhoun	658	28.4	183	0	0.0	0	28	9.4	21	*	*	*
Charlotte	5,716	30.5	1,869	628	2.8	628	343	14.4	291	200	17.9	142
Citrus	6,269	35.4	2,629	1,694	7.9	1,694	294	13.5	246	157	15.3	104
Clay	11,193	26.4	2,494	608	1.2	608	452	8.7	337	237	9.6	111
Collier	18,885	33.7	7,374	8,967	13.9	8,967	504	7.3	353	529	16.7	366
Columbia	4,426	36.3	1,926	1,387	9.2	1,387	133	8.9	100	118	17.8	84
DeSoto	2,100	35.1	871	2,988	41.8	2,988	49	6.3	32	99	27.8	81
Dixie	807	36.9	358	988	32.4	988	25	8.4	18	26	20.1	19
Duval	73,830	40.0	35,921	26,276	12.5	26,276	1,901	8.6	1,416	1,055	11.2	570
Escambia	19,166	35.1	7,952	3,640	5.6	3,640	991	14.3	839	930	30.6	774
Flagler	5,157	33.7	2,013	0	0.0	0	213	10.5	169	146	15.8	99
Franklin	446	30.7	148	590	30.7	590	44	20.9	39	22	23.8	17
Gadsden	4,711	59.1	3,074	5,332	52.9	5,332	85	8.2	62	95	20.9	72
Gilchrist	950	33.9	374	0	0.0	0	23	6.6	15	27	17.3	19
Glades	629	33.0	238	0	0.0	0	22	9.6	17	19	17.9	14
Gulf	689	33.4	266	0	0.0	0	13	5.2	8	18	15.2	12
Hamilton	763	37.3	343	1,140	42.0	1,140	22	8.1	16	59	47.1	53
Hardee	2,132	35.6	901	3,464	48.0	3,464	77	10.6	61	110	33.5	93
Hendry	4,199	47.1	2,370	2,702	25.0	2,702	126	11.3	102	84	16.9	58
Hernando	9,310	33.4	3,594	666	2.0	666	238	6.9	162	336	20.6	252
Highlands	5,014	32.7	1,865	3,938	22.3	3,938	134	7.5	95	238	29.7	197
Hillsborough	101,916	36.9	45,159	42,719	13.5	42,719	2,279	6.8	1,542	2,237	15.2	1,478
Holmes	1,016	33.6	395	0	0.0	0	35	8.6	26	34	18.3	24
Indian River	5,495	26.1	1,170	2,151	8.5	2,151	130	4.8	71	189	15.2	125
Jackson	3,281	43.0	1,714	1,191	13.2	1,191	70	7.6	50	59	13.7	37
Jefferson	491	25.3	93	0	0.0	0	12	4.6	6	29	25.7	23
Lafayette	307	21.7	16	0	0.0	0	*	*	*	*	*	*
Lake	20,030	35.0	8,264	691	1.1	691	224	3.2	71	630	20.2	469
Lee	42,589	37.0	18,933	15,214	11.7	15,214	870	6.4	571	1,064	17.4	749

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Leon	17,556	36.3	7,640	9,153	16.9	9,153	304	5.4	180	439	17.4	309
Levy	2,552	37.5	1,154	0	0.0	0	96	11.9	78	102	28.0	83
Liberty	392	36.9	174	0	0.0	0	23	13.0	19	12	13.9	8
Madison	1,259	43.6	666	1,905	54.1	1,905	13	3.1	4	37	19.8	27
Manatee	21,825	35.4	9,176	5,123	7.3	5,123	938	12.5	774	594	17.7	421
Marion	21,467	38.9	10,126	5,612	8.6	5,612	740	11.2	595	768	26.4	618
Martin	6,489	27.5	1,636	626	2.4	626	210	8.4	155	190	15.8	128
Miami-Dade	176,249	37.7	80,347	83,222	15.0	83,222	1,338	2.3	76	1,848	7.1	507
Monroe	3,846	36.4	1,679	0	0.0	0	87	7.8	63	79	16.8	55
Nassau	3,959	27.4	994	0	0.0	0	168	10.0	131	93	12.3	54
Okaloosa	10,910	27.8	2,840	589	1.3	589	496	11.2	399	548	28.0	447
Okeechobee	2,337	33.8	917	901	10.2	901	106	11.2	85	144	32.4	121
Orange	91,145	34.9	37,589	37,032	12.5	37,032	1,724	5.4	1,024	2,071	14.6	1,338
Osceola	23,776	33.2	9,055	4,938	5.9	4,938	480	5.3	283	709	17.2	497
Palm Beach	81,219	32.9	30,540	28,474	10.2	28,474	1,042	3.7	423	1,732	13.6	1,079
Pasco	27,966	30.6	9,228	3,291	3.2	3,291	1,132	10.7	899	722	14.7	470
Pinellas	52,417	37.8	23,920	12,152	7.6	12,152	1,867	11.3	1,505	1,299	17.8	923
Polk	46,781	37.2	20,947	20,186	13.5	20,186	1,268	8.2	929	1,496	21.6	1,140
Putnam	5,410	43.8	2,873	7,608	48.7	7,608	212	13.4	177	150	21.8	115
Saint Johns	9,774	20.5	0	209	0.4	209	378	7.0	260	191	7.5	61
Saint Lucie	18,481	34.1	7,349	7,209	11.6	7,209	422	6.5	280	671	23.3	523
Santa Rosa	8,469	25.5	1,645	0	0.0	0	394	9.9	307	311	16.9	216
Sarasota	16,383	31.4	5,660	949	1.6	949	381	6.1	244	374	12.6	221
Seminole	23,437	27.0	5,636	1,826	1.9	1,826	408	4.0	184	755	16.1	514
Sumter	2,301	32.0	825	90	1.0	90	71	6.5	47	102	20.8	77
Suwannee	2,931	36.3	1,272	0	0.0	0	63	6.5	42	109	24.4	86
Taylor	729	23.2	83	0	0.0	0	16	3.6	6	58	30.3	48
Union	906	35.6	384	0	0.0	0	13	4.7	7	35	27.8	29
Volusia	30,173	37.2	13,521	6,254	6.6	6,254	917	9.4	703	1,090	24.6	862
Wakulla	1,357	22.7	132	0	0.0	0	50	7.1	34	51	15.4	34
Walton	3,136	26.7	723	0	0.0	0	234	16.5	203	164	25.8	131
Washington	1,398	35.2	584	0	0.0	0	22	4.3	11	32	13.7	20

Terminology and Sources — Family & Community 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.

Family and Community

Children in single parent families – Children under age 18 living in families with only one parent present. Parent is either a male householder or a female householder with no spouse present. The single parent families indicator is used here as a proxy for household income because households with two adults tend to have higher household incomes than households with a single adult.

American Community Survey 2014-2018 5 year estimates, table B09002, U.S. Census Bureau, Washington, DC

Children living in high poverty areas – Children under age 18 living in census tracts where the poverty rates of the total population are 30% or more.

In 2018, the poverty threshold for two adults and two children under age 18 was $25,465.

Population Reference Bureau analysis of data from the U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Decennial Census Summary File 1 and Summary File 3 and the 2006-2010 to 2014-2018 American Community Survey 5-year data.

Population Reference Bureau, Washington, DC

Children with verified maltreatment – Children (unduplicated) with at least one finding of verified maltreatment (child abuse and / or neglect). The number of children with verified maltreatment and the total child population (ages 0-17) in each county was used to calculate a maltreatment rate per 1,000 children. Current data are reported for the period July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019.

Investigation - Once a call to the Florida Abuse Hotline is accepted, it is referred to either the Department of Children and Families or the Sheriff's office for a Child Protective investigation.

The term verified maltreatment is used when a preponderance of credible evidence exists and results in a determination that the specific harm or threat of harm was the result of abuse, abandonment or neglect.

FSFN Data Repository; Run Date 9/11/2020
Florida Department of Children and Families, Tallahassee, Florida

January 1, 2014 and 2019 Population Estimates
Office of Economic and Demographic Research, Florida Legislature, Tallahassee, Florida

Youth contacts with the Florida Juvenile Justice System – Youth (unduplicated) taken into custody by a law enforcement officer based on probable cause and charged with a law violation. Youth are not arrested but rather screened and assessed through the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice (FLDJJ) intake process. The number of children screened through the intake process (ages 10-17) and the total child population (ages 10-17) in each county was used to calculate a rate per 1,000 youth.

Office of Research and Data Integrity, Florida Department of Juvenile Justice, Tallahassee, Florida

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