

FLORIDA'S CHILDREN 2008

Florida's Children At a Glance

State Population ¹	18,089,888
Population, Children Under 18 ²	4,067,877
State Poverty Rate ³	11.5
Poverty Rate, Children Under 18 ⁴	14.6
Poverty Rate, Children Ages 5-17 ⁵	12.9
Poverty Rate, Children Under 5 ⁶	20.3

All statistics are for 2006.

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT

- In 2005, Florida had 255,375 total referrals for child abuse and neglect. Of those, 148,044 reports were referred for investigation.⁷
- In 2005, 32,669 children were substantiated or indicated as abused or neglected in Florida, a rate of 32.1 per 1,000 children, and representing a 1.2% decrease from 2004. Of these children, 30.2% were neglected, 12% were physically abused, and 4% were sexually abused.⁸
- In 2005, 117 children died as a result of abuse or neglect in Florida.⁹
- In 2005, 29,312 children in Florida lived apart from their families in out-of-home care, compared with 28,864 children in 2004. In 2005, 43.5% of the children living apart from their families were age 5 or younger, and 10.7% were 16 or older.¹⁰
- Of the children in out-of-home care in 2005, 48.1% were white, 38.7% black, 10.1% Hispanic, 0.1% American Indian/Alaskan Native, and 2.9% children of other races and ethnicities.¹¹

PERMANENT FAMILIES FOR CHILDREN

- Of the 20,539 children exiting out-of-home care in 2005, 74.1% were reunited with their parents or other family members.¹²
- In 2005, 3,019 children were legally adopted through the public child welfare agency in Florida, an 8.1% decrease from 3,264 in 2004.¹³
- Of the 29,312 children in out-of-home care in 2005, 7,389, or 25.2%, were waiting to be adopted.¹⁴

KINSHIP SUPPORT

- In 2005, approximately 142,302 Florida grandparents had primary responsibility caring for their grandchildren.¹⁵
- Of the 29,312 children in out-of-home care in 2005, 44.4% were living with relatives while in care.¹⁶
- Of all Florida children in kinship care in 2005, 49.4% were white, 38.1% were black, 9.8% were Hispanic, 0.1% were American Indian/Alaskan Native, and 2.5% were other races.¹⁷

CHILD POVERTY AND INCOME SUPPORT

- The total individuals receiving Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) in Florida decreased from 81,055 in March 2006 to 73,528 in March 2007, a decrease of 7.1%. The number of families receiving TANF in March 2007 was 46,710, a 19.8% decrease from March 2006.¹⁸

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- In 2003, a family of three receiving only TANF and food stamp benefits in Florida was at 32.6% of the federal poverty level.¹⁹
- In 2006, Florida spent \$808,417,556 in TANF funds, including 21% on basic assistance, 2.1% on child care, 0.1% on transportation, and 75.3% on nonassistance.²⁰
- In 2006, Florida collected and distributed \$1,130,847,009 in child support funds, an increase of 5% from 2005.²¹
- In 2006, the fair market rent for a two-bedroom apartment in Florida was \$850 per month. The wage necessary to afford this two-bedroom apartment was \$16.35 per hour working a 40-hour week.²²

C H I L D C A R E A N D H E A D S T A R T

- In 2005, Florida had an estimated monthly average of 116,300 children served by subsidized child care; 105,200 children received subsidized child care in 2004, and 121,200 in 2003.²³
- In 2007, to be eligible for subsidized child care in Florida a family of three could make no more than \$24,900, which is equivalent to 49% of the state's median income.²⁴
- In 2007, Florida had 44,898 children on its waiting list for child care assistance.²⁵
- In 2006, Head Start served 35,514 Florida children, the same as in 2005.²⁶

H E A L T H A N D S U B S T A N C E A B U S E

- In 2004, 1,491,400 children younger than 19 were enrolled in Medicaid in Florida, representing 51.9% of the total number of enrollees.²⁷
- In 2004, 47,208 children were enrolled in Medicaid in Florida on the basis of being in foster care.²⁸
- In 2004, Florida spent \$196,664,643 on Medicaid services for children in foster care, and \$4,166 per foster care enrollee on Medicaid services.²⁹
- Florida reported spending \$9,786,183 of its total Medicaid spending in 2004 for children in foster care on targeted case management services.³⁰
- Florida reported spending \$0 of its total Medicaid expenditures in 2004 for foster children on rehabilitative services.³¹
- In 2006, Florida had 303,595 children enrolled in its Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), a 26.75% decrease from 2005, when 384,801 children were enrolled.³²
- In 2004, 18,633 babies were born weighing less than 2,500 grams, giving Florida a rank of 35 nationally in percent of low-weight births (1 being the best, and 50 the worst).³³
- In 2004, 1,537 infants younger than age 1 died in Florida, giving it a rank of 28 nationally in infant mortality rates (1 being the best, and 50 the worst).³⁴
- In 2004, the birth rate for teens 15–17 in Florida was 22.1 births per 1,000 girls; for teens 18–19, the rate was 73.8. This reflects a total rate of 42.4 births per 1,000 girls ages 15–19.³⁵

- Cumulative through 2005, 78,554 adults and adolescents, as well as 511 children under the age of 13, were reported as having HIV/AIDS in Florida.³⁶
- In 2005, an estimated 123,000 children ages 12–17, and 897,000 adults 26 and older, were dependent on or abusing illicit drugs or alcohol in Florida.³⁷

VULNERABLE YOUTH

- In 2005, 1344 children aged out of out-of-home care in Florida.³⁸
- In 2005, 75,000 Florida teens ages 16–19 were high school dropouts.³⁹
- In 2005, 15% of teens ages 16–19 were not enrolled in school, were not working, and had no degree beyond high school.⁴⁰
- In 2005, approximately 70,000 children ages 12–17 in Florida needed but had not received treatment for illicit drug use in the past year.⁴¹
- In 2005, approximately 76,000 children ages 12–17 needed but had not received treatment for alcohol use in the past year.⁴²
- In 2004, 88 children younger than 20 committed suicide, a rate of 2.04 per 100,000 children.⁴³

JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION

- In 2004, 76 children younger than 18 were killed in firearm homicides in Florida, a 105% increase from 37 in 2003.⁴⁴
- In 2006, 121,173 children younger than 18 were arrested in Florida, a 0.91% decrease from 120,082 arrests in 2005. Of the arrests in 2006, 8,885 were for violent crimes and 2,417 were for possession of a weapon.⁴⁵
- A 2003 census of juvenile offenders showed 8,208 children in juvenile correction facilities in Florida.⁴⁶

FUNDING CHILD WELFARE SERVICES FOR FLORIDA'S CHILDREN

- In 2004, Florida spent \$896,972,828 for child welfare services. Child welfare services are all direct and administrative services the state agency provides to children and families. Of this amount, 54% was from federal funds, 45% was from state funds, and 1% was from local funds.⁴⁷
- In 2004, of the \$485,593,314 in federal funds received for child welfare, 36% was from Title IV-E Foster Care and Adoption Assistance, 7% came from Title IV-B Child Welfare Services and Promoting Safe and Stable Families, 18% came from the Social Services Block Grant, 34% was from TANF, and 5% came from other federal sources.⁴⁸
- Out of 29,312 children in out-of-home care in Florida in 2005, only 8,380 children, or 28.6%, received Title IV-E federal foster care assistance.⁴⁹

FLORIDA'S CHILD WELFARE WORKFORCE

- A 2003 General Accounting Office (GAO) report documented that staff shortages, high caseloads, high worker turnover and low salaries impinge on delivering services to achieve safety, permanence, and well being for children.⁵⁰
- The federal Child and Family Service Reviews have clearly demonstrated that the more time a caseworker spends with a child and family, the better the outcomes for those children and families.⁵¹
- According to the 2003 GAO report, the average caseload for child welfare/ foster care caseworkers is 24–31 children; these high caseloads contribute to high worker turnover and insufficient services being provided to children and families. CWLA recommends that foster care caseworkers have case-loads of 12–15 children.⁵²
- In 2004, the minimum annual salary for a caseworker responsible for investigating reports of abuse and neglect in Florida was \$32,000; the median income for a family of four was \$58,605.⁵³

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