

Children’s Trust of Alachua County

Environmental Scan

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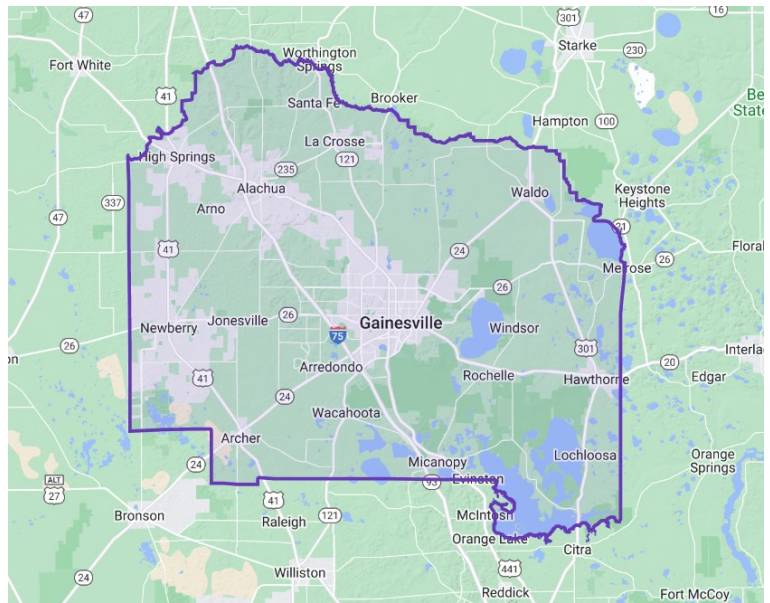
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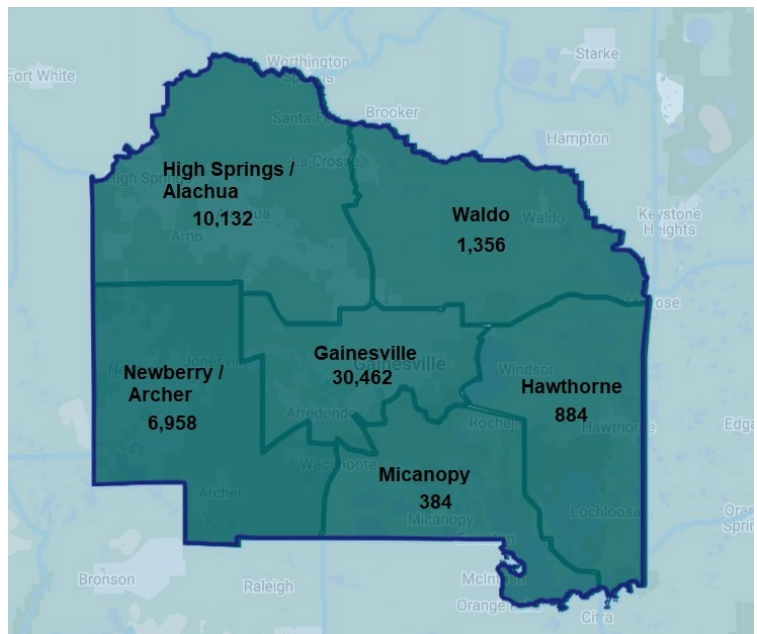
Resources and Assets

- 50,722 children
- 2,572 births
- 2 birth hospitals
- 7 prenatal care providers
- 143 licensed child care providers
- 32 public elementary schools
- 18 public middle and high schools
- 12 libraries
- 1,980 non-profit organizations



Our Municipalities:

- Alachua
- Archer
- Gainesville
- Hawthorne
- High Springs
- Micanopy
- Newberry
- Waldo



County Subdivisions	Children Under 18
Gainesville	60.7%
Hawthorne	1.8%
High Springs-Alachua	20.2%
Micanopy	0.8%
Newberry-Archer	13.9%
Waldo	2.7%

Population Statistics and Child Demographics

Child Population by Age

Age Group	Count	Percent
0-4 years	13,508	4.8%
5-9 years	15,826	5.7%
10-14 years	12,998	4.7%
15-17 years	8,390	3.0%
Total Child Population	50,722	18.2%
County Population	279,238	100%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates (2021)

Income and Population by County

County	Median Household Income	Total Population	Child Population	Children Below Poverty
Alachua	\$56,445	279,238	50,722	18.1%
Clay	\$76,679	222,361	51,235	13.5%
Escambia	\$54,228	322,390	67,997	22.0%
Leon	\$58,118	292,817	54,912	19.2%
Okaloosa	\$69,823	213,255	47,863	16.1%
St. John	\$91,602	292,466	63,678	8.5%
St. Lucie	\$62,797	343,579	67,639	17.3%
Florida	\$63,062	21,781,128	4,287,823	18.2%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates (2021)

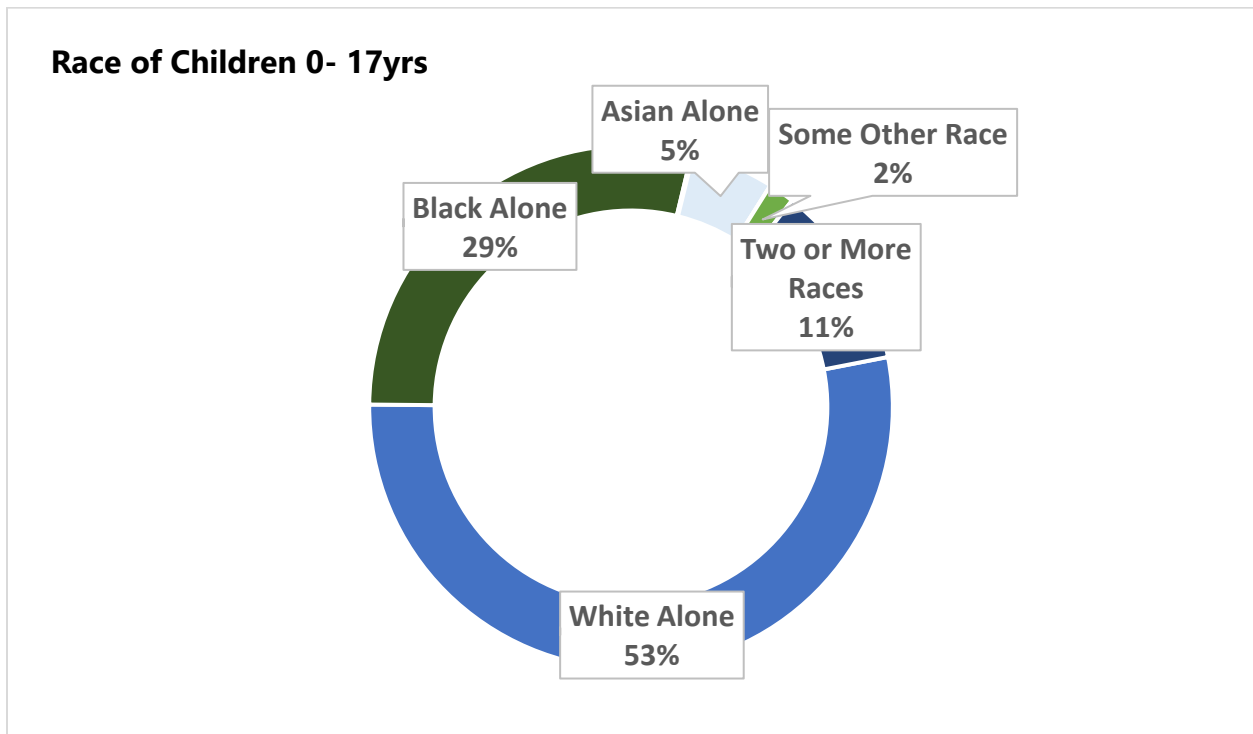
Children Below Poverty Level

Age Group	Gainesville	Hawthorne	High Springs-Alachua	Micanopy	Newberry-Archer	Waldo	Alachua County
Children under 18 years	18.3%	42.5%	21.0%	3.9%	12.7%	5.1%	18.1%
Children under 5 years	21.0%	67.3%	22.8%	11.0%	11.5%	8.6%	20.8%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, Table ID: S1701 (2021)

Children Race and Ethnicity

Children 0-17	Percent
White Alone	53.2%
Black Alone	28.6%
American Indian / Alaskan Native Alone	0.1%
Asian Alone	5.1%
Native Hawaiian / Other Pacific Islander	0.0%
Some Other Race	1.6%
Two or More Races	11.4%
Total	100.0%
Hispanic or Latino	11.0%
White Alone, Not Hispanic	47.9%



Limited English-Speaking Household

	Gainesville	Hawthorne	High Springs- Alachua	Micanopy	Newberry- Archer	Waldo	Alachua County
Percent of Households	2.3%	0.7%	1.6%	1.2%	1.4%	1.6%	2.0%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, Table ID: S1602 (2021)

Note: A "limited English-speaking household" is one in which no member 14 years old and over (1) speaks only English or (2) speaks a non-English language and speaks English "very well."

Household Income of Families in Alachua County

	Gainesville	Hawthorne	High Springs-Alachua	Micanopy	Newberry-Archer	Waldo	Alachua County
Less than \$25k	13.8%	16.2%	8.5%	5.0%	5.5%	10.3%	11.6%
\$25k-\$50k	18.7%	44.4%	11.8%	13.1%	9.9%	22.8%	17.6%
\$50-\$100k	29.9%	20.4%	39.1%	47.1%	30.9%	36.1%	32.1%
More than \$100k	37.5%	18.9%	40.7%	34.7%	48.5%	30.8%	38.7%
Median Income	\$75,948	\$44,196	\$86,138	\$80,052	\$97,438	\$59,915	\$79,712

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, Table ID: S1901 (2021)

Household Internet Access in Alachua County

	Gainesville	Hawthorne	High Springs-Alachua	Micanopy	Newberry-Archer	Waldo	Alachua County
With an Internet Subscription	86.5%	72.8%	91.1%	76.1%	92.2%	81.6%	87.2%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, Table ID: S2801 (2021)

Medicaid or other Public Insurance in Alachua County

	Gainesville	Hawthorne	High Springs-Alachua	Micanopy	Newberry-Archer	Waldo	Alachua County
0-5 years old	36.6%	73.4%	37.3%	32.1%	27.3%	35.2%	36.0%
0-18 years old	29.4%	50.7%	30.5%	17.7%	31.8%	16.2%	29.9%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, Table ID: S2704 (2021)

Households receiving Food Stamps / SNAP in Alachua County

	Gainesville	Hawthorne	High Springs-Alachua	Micanopy	Newberry-Archer	Waldo	Alachua County
With children under 18 years	16.2%	25.9%	16.6%	17.8%	15.4%	14.2%	16.3%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, Table ID: S2201 (2021)

Indicators of Child Well-Being



Alachua County's child well-being ranking, out of 67 Florida counties. Based on Florida Kids Count's index of 16 child and family outcomes, Alachua County falls in the bottom half relative to other Florida counties¹.

Healthy	Educated	Supported	Safe
Prenatal Care	VPK Enrollment	Father Involvement	Child Injuries
Inter-Pregnancy Interval	Quality Child Care	Mental Health	Child Deaths
Healthy Pre-Pregnancy Weight	Kindergarten Readiness	Child Maltreatment	Youth Arrests
Low Birthweight Babies	Chronic Absence	Special Needs Inclusion	Violent Crime
Oral Health	3 rd Grade Reading		Domestic Violence
Child Obesity	High School Graduation		
Teen Alcohol/Drug Use			

¹ Florida Policy Institute. 2021 Florida Child Well-Being Index. <https://www.dropbox.com/s/dxtbzu4lpum15t6/CWBI%20One-Page%20ALACHUA.pdf>

Healthy

First Trimester Prenatal Care by County

Women who see a health care provider regularly during pregnancy have healthier babies and are less likely to have pregnancy complications. Mothers with unknown prenatal care are excluded from the denominator in calculating the percentage.

Prenatal care visits provide benefits to both the mother and baby and are used to monitor the progress of a pregnancy. To achieve the greatest benefit for both the mother and baby, it is recommended that women begin PNC visits in the first trimester of pregnancy or as soon as pregnancy is suspected. Early PNC allows health care providers to identify potential problems as early as possible so they can be prevented or treated before they become serious.

County	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Alachua	81.0%	80.3%	78.9%	78.3%	80.0%
Clay	73.9%	74.1%	74.0%	67.4%	64.5%
Escambia	73.7%	73.7%	73.7%	70.9%	71.4%
Leon	77.1%	79.7%	75.8%	76.8%	77.7%
Okaloosa	82.9%	81.9%	79.3%	73.1%	78.1%
St. John	83.8%	84.4%	84.8%	81.0%	73.5%
St. Lucie	64.6%	72.5%	74.0%	71.6%	70.4%
Florida	77.3%	76.5%	75.9%	76.1%	74.0%

Source: FL Health Charts – Birth Count Query System

Inter-Pregnancy Interval < 18 months by County

A short pregnancy interval (less than 18 months) is a risk factor for preterm birth. Women who become pregnant before folate restoration is complete have a raised risk of folate insufficiency at the time of contraception and during pregnancy. Consequently, their offspring have higher risk of neural tube defects, intrauterine growth retardation, and preterm birth.

County	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Alachua	37.5%	36.9%	36.2%	40.2%	39.5%
Clay	34.4%	35.3%	33.9%	36.1%	36.5%
Escambia	34.4%	35.3%	33.9%	36.1%	36.5%
Leon	34.3%	39.5%	38.8%	35.9%	36.7%
Okaloosa	42.2%	41.5%	41.7%	42.9%	40.8%
St. John	41.7%	41.7%	40.8%	41.5%	41.5%
St. Lucie	34.5%	33.1%	35.1%	37.0%	36.8%
Florida	34.8%	34.5%	34.9%	35.6%	35.9%

Source: FL Health Charts – Birth Count Query System

Healthy

Mother's Pre-Pregnancy Healthy Weight by County

Healthy weight is defined as body mass index of 18.5-24.9. This indicator is a count of births to mothers with a pre-pregnancy BMI of 18.5 - 24.9. Mothers with unknown pre-pregnancy BMI are excluded from the denominator in calculating the percentage.

One aspect of health is having a healthy weight. Eating healthy foods, staying active and gaining the right amount of weight during pregnancy helps optimize health for mothers and babies.

County	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Alachua	45.1%	45.1%	42.1%	41.6%	43.0%
Clay	41.7%	39.7%	37.7%	35.7%	34.3%
Escambia	39.6%	38.8%	38.7%	36.8%	36.8%
Leon	41.9%	41.0%	41.9%	39.8%	41.7%
Okaloosa	46.2%	43.8%	42.9%	42.5%	42.8%
St. John	52.3%	49.3%	50.3%	48.0%	47.2%
St. Lucie	37.6%	38.4%	34.1%	32.8%	33.9%
Florida	44.5%	43.0%	41.7%	40.9%	39.5%

Source: FL Health Charts – Birth Count Query System

Mother's Pre-Pregnancy Weight in Obese Range by County

Obesity is defined as a body mass index (BMI) of 30 or more. This indicator is a count of births to mothers who had a pre-pregnancy BMI of 30 or more. Mothers with unknown pre-pregnancy BMI are excluded from the denominator in calculating the percentage.

Women who are overweight or obese while pregnant are more likely to have premature births, babies with birth defects like neural tube defects, or babies who are large for gestational age. These women are more likely to have complications during labor and birth, and their babies are at a higher risk of developing heart disease, diabetes, and obesity later in life.

County	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Alachua	27.8%	27.4%	29.1%	28.7%	29.6%
Clay	28.3%	30.9%	30.8%	33.4%	34.5%
Escambia	30.0%	31.4%	31.3%	34.1%	33.3%
Leon	29.2%	30.3%	29.2%	30.9%	30.4%
Okaloosa	25.1%	24.6%	26.4%	28.0%	27.3%
St. John	19.5%	20.5%	20.7%	20.9%	21.8%
St. Lucie	30.6%	30.4%	34.0%	35.4%	34.8%
Florida	25.0%	26.2%	27.1%	28.1%	28.9%

Source: FL Health Charts – Birth Count Query System

Healthy

Babies Born Low Birthweight by County

Low birthweight is defined as birthweight less than 2500 grams (5.5 pounds). Birthweight is one of the strongest predictors of an infant's health and survival.

County	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Alachua	10.1%	10.9%	11.7%	11.0%	10.3%
Clay	7.8%	8.4%	8.1%	8.1%	8.3%
Escambia	10.2%	10.7%	9.2%	11.1%	11.4%
Leon	9.3%	10.1%	10.1%	11.2%	10.0%
Okaloosa	7.7%	8.2%	8.5%	8.5%	8.3%
St. John	7.1%	6.6%	6.9%	6.7%	7.3%
St. Lucie	8.7%	8.6%	9.3%	8.5%	9.2%
Florida	8.7%	8.8%	8.7%	8.8%	8.7%

Source: FL Health Charts – Birth Count Query System

Oral Health

Oral health is essential to general health and well-being. Dental caries or cavities remains the most common preventable chronic infectious disease among young children and adolescents in the United States. If decay remains untreated, it may cause pain, dysfunction, poor appearance, loss of self-esteem, absence from school or work, and difficulty concentrating on daily tasks ([Florida Oral Health Screening Project](#)).

Third Grade Students with Untreated Cavities

County	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Alachua	-	35.5%	38.3%	-	39.5%

Source: University of Florida, Alachua County Third Grade Oral Health Surveillance

Middle and High School students who have not visited a Dentist in the past 12 months

County	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Alachua	17.5%	14.7%	16.8%	22.6%	25.2%
Clay	19.2%	14.1%	16.3%	31.1%	0.0%
Escambia	20.5%	16.6%	21.8%	44.7%	0.0%
Leon	15.4%	-	-	33.8%	0.0%
Okaloosa	-	13.4%	21.5%	22.8%	26.3%
St. John	10.0%	8.8%	11.9%	19.0%	21.1%
St. Lucie	20.6%	-	18.0%	20.4%	27.4%
Florida	18.4%	14.8%	19.0%	28.7%	9.2%

Source: [Florida Department of Health, Florida Youth Tobacco Survey](#)

Healthy

Middle and High School students who are Overweight or Obese

Maintaining a healthy weight starting at an early age and continuing throughout life has many health implications and contributes to the avoidance health problems such as type 2 diabetes, heart disease, and some cancers ([Center for Disease Control](#)). The Florida Youth Tobacco survey collects height and weight as self-reported by adolescents in grades 6-12 to determine the prevalence of young adults who are overweight or obese. Overweight is defined as a body mass index (BMI) of 25-29.9. Obesity is defined as a BMI of 30 or more.

County	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Alachua	25.8%	29.3%	30.6%	32.0%	31.1%
Clay	26.9%	28.0%	30.0%	28.4%	30.5%
Escambia	30.1%	32.1%	30.0%	31.5%	33.2%
Leon	26.7%	-	-	29.8%	30.5%
Okaloosa	-	26.1%	28.0%	28.9%	29.6%
St. John	-	-	21.7%	19.3%	20.1%
St. Lucie	29.4%	-	32.9%	36.2%	40.5%
Florida	27.7%	29.4%	30.4%	30.4%	31.7%

Source: [Florida Department of Health, Florida Youth Tobacco Survey](#)

Middle and High School students who are Obese

Obesity is defined as a body mass index (BMI) of 30 or more.

County	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Alachua	11.2%	14.1%	13.7%	16.6%	16.3%
Clay	11.4%	11.6%	13.3%	13.6%	15.2%
Escambia	13.5%	16.3%	14.5%	16.7%	16.3%
Leon	11.8%	-	-	15.2%	15.0%
Okaloosa	-	10.7%	13.1%	11.7%	14.0%
St. John	-	-	8.4%	7.8%	7.3%
St. Lucie	13.3%	-	15.2%	9.9%	19.8%
Florida	12.2%	13.0%	13.9%	14.4%	15.4%

Source: [Florida Department of Health, Florida Youth Tobacco Survey](#)

Healthy

High School Students who used Alcohol in the Last 30 days by County

Percent of students who reported that they used alcohol during the past 30 days.

This measure is important for monitoring priority health-risk behaviors that contribute substantially to the leading causes of death, disability, and social problems among youth.

County	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Alachua	28.4%	27.6%	21.3%	24.7%	21.5%
Clay	30.8%	29.6%	23.8%	22.9%	15.5%
Escambia	27.9%	23.1%	24.0%	13.6%	11.7%
Leon	26.1%	28.9%	21.9%	18.3%	20.3%
Okaloosa	27.9%	25.9%	21.6%	24.6%	15.4%
St. John	27.9%	28.3%	26.2%	30.6%	24.5%
St. Lucie	29.1%	18.3%	15.2%	24.3%	5.6%
Florida	28.4%	25.5%	21.2%	19.9%	15.5%

Source: [Florida Youth Substance Abuse Survey](#)

High School Students who used Any Illicit Drug in the Last 30 days by County

Percent of students reporting that they have used any illicit drug during the past 30 days

This measure is important for monitoring priority health-risk behaviors that contribute substantially to the leading causes of death, disability, and social problems among youth

County	2014	2016	2018	2020	2022
Alachua	22.9%	23.8%	19.8%	22.3%	18.2%
Clay	21.9%	19.0%	20.8%	21.6%	15.7%
Escambia	21.6%	16.8%	20.5%	13.8%	14.9%
Leon	18.6%	20.4%	18.7%	21.4%	22.8%
Okaloosa	19.5%	19.4%	16.4%	18.3%	14.3%
St. John	18.8%	20.1%	21.1%	23.1%	18.2%
St. Lucie	23.7%	19.8%	19.8%	10.1%	8.0%
Florida	22.3%	20.0%	19.0%	19.5%	15.7%

Source: [Florida Youth Substance Abuse Survey](#)

Educated

VPK Utilization rates by County

This indicator displays the percent of children who enrolled in VPK relative to the county population. VPK prepares children to be ready for school. Children who participate in early childhood education programs develop better language skills, score higher in school-readiness tests, and have better social skills and fewer behavioral problems once they enter school.

County	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
Alachua	80.6%	78.9%	73.8%	49.3%	57.5%
Clay	68.6%	68.2%	69.5%	60.0%	65.0%
Escambia	59.4%	56.8%	54.5%	38.1%	46.3%
Leon	68.6%	66.2%	62.2%	51.9%	63.1%
Okaloosa	91.4%	91.4%	84.8%	64.6%	69.8%
St. John	89.1%	90.7%	84.8%	77.9%	80.5%
St. Lucie	76.6%	75.5%	72.0%	57.2%	64.7%
Florida	75.8%	74.2%	71.2%	56.8%	64.1%

Source: [Florida Office of Early Learning](#)

Kindergarten Readiness rates by County

The percentage of kindergarten students who score 500+ on the Florida Kindergarten Readiness Screener. State law requires screening for all public school kindergarten students within the first 30 days of the school year. Kindergarten teachers use the results to help understand each child's readiness for school and plan lessons to meet individual needs. Readiness at kindergarten entry greatly impacts future school success.

County	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
Alachua	57.5%	58.2%	56.9%	58.4%	54.8%
Clay	53.9%	53.3%	53.5%	57.4%	54.2%
Escambia	45.8%	45.2%	46.8%	48.1%	42.0%
Leon	53.0%	55.7%	53.5%	61.6%	49.5%
Okaloosa	57.7%	56.6%	54.7%	56.0%	52.2%
St. John	72.6%	70.7%	72.5%	66.9%	65.6%
St. Lucie	49.1%	46.6%	47.4%	49.0%	48.6%
Florida	53.9%	52.7%	53.4%	56.9%	49.9%

Source: Florida Department of Education

Educated

3rd Grade Reading Proficiency by County

Florida public school students participate in the English language arts reading and writing assessments aligned to the Florida Standards. These assessments provide parents, teachers, policy makers, and the public with information about how well students are learning the Florida Standards. This indicator shows the percent of students in 3rd grade achieving a passing level of 3 or above on the Florida Standards Assessments for English Language Arts.

County	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
Alachua	56.0%	56.6%		52.5%	49.7%
Clay	67.8%	67.9%		63.2%	60.9%
Escambia	51.6%	56.4%		52.7%	50.5%
Leon	61.3%	61.0%		54.2%	54.4%
Okaloosa	65.7%	66.0%		62.6%	58.3%
St. John	78.0%	78.1%		77.9%	76.0%
St. Lucie	46.3%	50.0%		47.0%	47.6%
Florida	56.9%	57.6%		54.4%	53.0%

Source: Florida Department of Education

Students Absent 21 or More Days by County

The number of K-12 students absent 21 or more days divided by the total number of enrolled K-12 students, expressed as a percent. Chronic absenteeism leads to low academic achievement and triggers dropouts.

County	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
Alachua	11.8%	11.6%	7.8%	16.0%	18.9%
Clay	12.4%	11.7%	6.6%	19.6%	22.0%
Escambia	12.7%	14.1%	8.1%	19.6%	21.8%
Leon	12.9%	14.1%	14.5%	25.6%	22.5%
Okaloosa	9.6%	9.5%	4.8%	8.7%	12.8%
St. John	7.1%	7.2%	3.7%	8.4%	10.1%
St. Lucie	18.4%	17.8%	17.0%	21.5%	29.4%
Florida	11.3%	11.3%	9.8%	16.6%	20.9%

Source: Florida Department of Education

Educated

High School Graduation by County

Florida's high school graduation rate is the percentage of students who graduated with a standard diploma within four years of their initial enrollment in ninth grade.

Graduation rates provide information about performance of schools and future employability of students. Higher salaries are typically available to high school graduates. Receiving a high school diploma enables someone to pursue a higher education, including vocational school, trade programs, a certified work-program or college.

County	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
Alachua	88.0%	88.5%	90.4%	86.6%	85.8%
Clay	91.1%	91.9%	93.4%	92.7%	89.9%
Escambia	80.7%	84.8%	86.5%	87.0%	78.4%
Leon	93.0%	92.4%	94.4%	94.0%	86.8%
Okaloosa	88.1%	87.9%	90.0%	92.2%	87.5%
St. John	93.3%	94.3%	94.8%	95.0%	93.3%
St. Lucie	91.8%	90.4%	93.2%	94.5%	90.8%
Florida	86.1%	86.9%	90.0%	90.1%	87.3%

Source: Florida Department of Education

Support

Paternity Acknowledged on the Birth Certificate by County

Having a paternity acknowledged on a birth certificate is an indication of greater social and financial support for the infant. Research studies have shown this is linked to infant mortality.

County	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Alachua	86.4%	86.3%	87.7%	84.8%	87.3%
Clay	90.1%	90.0%	90.3%	90.8%	90.0%
Escambia	80.3%	80.1%	80.0%	80.6%	81.7%
Leon	84.6%	86.5%	85.8%	84.3%	85.2%
Okaloosa	90.5%	89.8%	90.4%	90.2%	91.3%
St. John	93.7%	94.0%	92.9%	93.1%	94.8%
St. Lucie	87.1%	88.3%	87.8%	89.3%	89.0%
Florida	87.7%	88.3%	88.4%	88.0%	89.4%

Source: FL Health Charts – Birth Count Query System

Pregnant Women Feeling Alone by County

The Healthy Start prenatal risk screen asks pregnant women during their initial prenatal care appointment whether “In the last month, have you felt alone when facing problems?” This indicator reflects the percentage of women who reported “yes” to this question.

County	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Alachua	8.8%	7.5%	9.3%	9.4%	9.0%
Clay	7.8%	7.5%	8.5%	9.3%	9.3%
Escambia	10.9%	11.8%	12.1%	11.2%	9.5%
Leon	10.0%	10.3%	9.5%	11.7%	10.8%
Okaloosa	10.6%	8.6%	8.5%	8.0%	7.3%
St. John	8.3%	7.2%	7.5%	6.5%	8.9%
St. Lucie	5.3%	5.4%	6.7%	6.9%	5.0%
Florida	8.4%	8.2%	8.4%	7.7%	7.8%

Source: FL Health Charts – Healthy Start Prenatal Screen Report System

Support

Pregnant Women Feeling Depressed by County

The Healthy Start prenatal risk screen asks pregnant women during their initial prenatal care appointment whether “In the last month, have you felt down, depressed or hopeless?”. This indicator reflects the percentage of women who reported “yes” to this question.

County	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Alachua	13.4%	12.2%	15.4%	15.3%	14.6%
Clay	11.9%	14.4%	13.9%	13.9%	13.9%
Escambia	17.4%	18.5%	18.3%	17.6%	16.7%
Leon	14.8%	13.8%	16.1%	17.0%	16.0%
Okaloosa	14.8%	12.8%	14.2%	13.4%	11.8%
St. John	12.6%	12.9%	11.9%	11.4%	12.2%
St. Lucie	9.9%	9.7%	10.9%	10.2%	8.6%
Florida	13.2%	13.0%	13.3%	12.2%	12.4%

Source: FL Health Charts – Healthy Start Prenatal Screen Report System

Support

Child Maltreatment Investigations Rate by County

This indicator represents the number of official hotline reports that become investigated divided by the child population.

County	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22 ²
Alachua	9.2	8.8	7.7	7.3	
Clay	6.3	6.0	5.0	4.9	
Escambia	9.1	8.2	6.8	6.8	
Leon	6.7	6.8	5.9	5.9	
Okaloosa	10.1	7.9	7.0	7.2	
St. John	4.6	4.4	3.9	4.6	
St. Lucie	7.0	6.4	5.1	5.3	
Florida	6.2	5.8	5.0	4.8	

Source: Florida Department of Children and Families – Child Welfare Dashboard

Children with Verified Maltreatment Investigations by County

Official hotline reports that become investigated are given a finding of “no indicator”, “not substantiated”, and “verified” based on the extent of credible evidence for each alleged maltreatment ([State of Florida Department of Children and Families](#), 2018).

County	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
Alachua	0.6%	0.6%	0.6%	0.7%	
Clay	1.0%	1.1%	1.1%	1.0%	
Escambia	1.7%	1.7%	1.4%	1.5%	
Leon	0.7%	0.7%	0.7%	0.7%	
Okaloosa	1.4%	1.4%	1.1%	0.9%	
St. John	0.8%	0.8%	0.6%	0.6%	
St. Lucie	1.0%	0.8%	0.7%	0.5%	
Florida	0.9%	0.8%	0.7%	0.6%	

Source: Florida Department of Children and Families – Child Welfare Dashboard

² Child Welfare data for 2021-22 has not been made publicly available via the online dashboard, or by request from the Florida Department of Children and Families.

Safe

Child Deaths by Age Group and Year

Age Group	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
<1	22	30	27	24	27
1-4	4	4	2	4	4
5-9	1	2	2	4	0
10-14	2	2	2	4	8
15-19	8	7	4	7	10
Total	37	45	37	43	49

Source: FL Health Charts – Death Count Query System

Top Causes of Death in Children:

- **80** Perinatal Period Conditions
- **54** External Causes
 - **15** Homicide (12 by Firearms / 3 Other)
 - **15** Motor Vehicle Crashes
 - **13** Suicide
- **23** Congenital & Chromosomal Anomalies

Infant Mortality Rates (deaths of children between 0-364 days old per 1,000 live births)

County	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Alachua	8.4	7.8	11.0	10.0	9.4	10.5
Clay	5.4	4.6	4.6	6.7	5.2	5.4
Escambia	8.3	7.6	8.0	8.0	8.0	7.9
Leon	5.4	6.7	8.6	8.4	10.2	10.8
Okaloosa	5.0	4.5	7.7	5.2	5.1	6.7
St. John	5.2	4.7	3.1	4.5	5.1	7.2
St. Lucie	5.3	4.6	3.8	6.1	4.6	4.5
Florida	6.1	6.1	6.0	6.0	5.8	5.9

Child Death Rate per 100,000 population by Age Group and Year

Region	Age Group	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Alachua	1-4	35.2	35.1	35.4	17.7	35.2	35.5
	5-9	31.0	7.5	14.7	14.6	28.7	0.0
	10-19	15.4	30.6	26.7	17.6	31.6	50.9
Florida	1-4	27.6	31.1	26.7	24.0	25.5	29.9
	5-9	13.7	11.9	12.8	12.2	12.5	11.9
	10-19	35.9	35.4	31.1	31.6	37.6	40.3

Safe

Hospitalizations for Non-Fatal Injuries by Year

Age Group	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
<1	18	17	12	11	11
1-4	37	39	45	51	36
5-9	33	30	29	21	33
10-14	36	40	39	39	49
15-19	89	94	88	80	97
Total	213	220	213	202	226

Youth Arrest Rate by County

This indicator provides a count of youths arrested. If the same youth is arrested for several offenses during a fiscal year, only one is counted in this report.

Crime is a social determinant of health. Research has shown that risks associated with juvenile arrests are cognitive deficits, low school involvement, living in poverty, or being runaway or homeless.

County	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
Alachua	24.4	21.3	23.6	18.3	14.6
Clay	13.2	12.2	10.6	7.4	6.5
Escambia	36.6	38.2	34.9	30.5	20.6
Leon	22.9	21.4	19.3	14.9	11.8
Okaloosa	31.3	31.1	30.0	24.4	26.1
St. John	11.0	7.8	8.3	8.5	5.8
St. Lucie	22.8	22.1	24.7	17.4	14.1
Florida	18.9	17.6	16.3	13.1	9.7

Source: Florida Department of Law Enforcement – Crime in Florida, Uniform Crime Report

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Violent Crime Rate by County

County	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021 ³
Alachua	634.3	686.6	661.9	748.9	
Clay	278.5	298.7	255.2	258.3	
Escambia	554.0	539.3	550.3	597.3	
Leon	649.9	616.4	572.6	600.6	
Okaloosa	373.7	361.9	367.5	323.0	
St. John	187.1	153.6	157.0	141.7	
St. Lucie	240.4	263.5	262.7	257.4	
Florida	416.2	390.8	381.3	383.3	

Source: Florida Department of Law Enforcement – Crime in Florida, Uniform Crime Report

Domestic Violence Rate by County

Domestic violence is any criminal homicide, manslaughter, rape (includes forcible sodomy), fondling, aggravated assault, aggravated stalking, simple assault, threat/intimidation, or simple stalking of one family or household member by another family or household member. A family or household member means spouses, former spouses, parents, children, siblings, other family members, cohabitants, and persons who are parents of a child in common regardless of whether they have been married (FDLE's Uniform Crime Report).

County	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Alachua	338.9	287.4	314.6	301.0	
Clay	298.9	295.9	285.6	155.5	
Escambia	670.4	648.5	628.4	608.7	
Leon	275.5	262.9	303.7	273.9	
Okaloosa	457.9	437.0	395.8	495.8	
St. John	198.9	202.4	198.2	212.7	
St. Lucie	350.7	388.5	399.3	412.5	
Florida	323.8	317.0	310.7	291.4	

Source: Florida Department of Law Enforcement – Crime in Florida, Uniform Crime Report

³ Violent crime data is not available uniformly across all counties in 2021 due to transition to new crime reporting data system (Florida Incident-Based Reporting System (FIBRS)), which not all agencies are yet participating in.

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