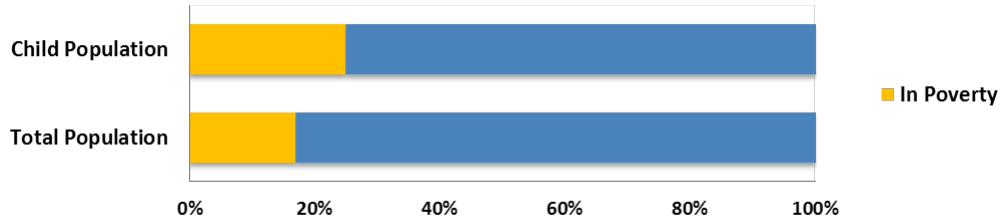


FLORIDA'S CHILDREN

Florida's Children At a Glance¹



State Population².....19,057,542
 Population, Children Under 18³.....3,994,950
 State Poverty Rate⁴.....17.0%

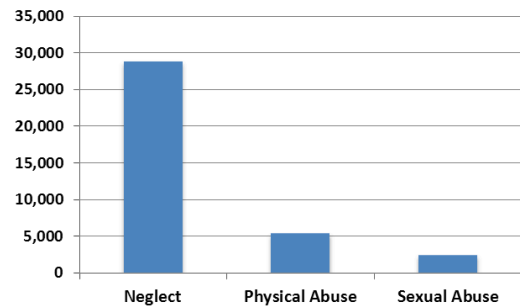
Poverty Rate, Children Under 18⁵.....24.9%
 Poverty Rate, Children Ages 5–17⁶.....23.3%
 Poverty Rate, Children Under 5⁷.....28.1%

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT

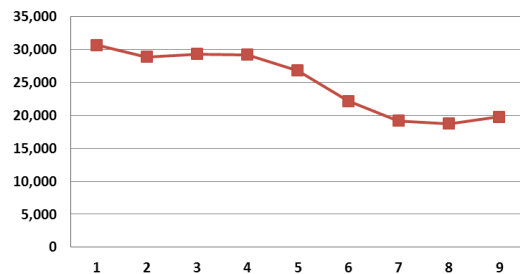
- In 2011, Florida had 208,437 total referrals for child abuse and neglect. Of those, 167,212 reports were referred for investigation.⁸
- In 2011, 51,920 children were victims of abuse or neglect in Florida, a rate of 13.0 per 1,000 children, representing a 3.9% decrease from 2010. Of these children, 55.5% were neglected, 10.3% were physically abused, and 4.6% were sexually abused.⁹
- The number of child victims has decreased 2.9% in comparison to the number of victims in 2007.¹⁰
- In 2011, 133 children in Florida died as a result of abuse or neglect.¹¹
- In 2011, 19,760 children in Florida lived apart from their families in out-of-home care, compared with 18,753 children in 2010. In 2011, 8,863 of the children living apart from their families were age 5 or younger, and 1,792 were 16 or older.¹²
- The number of children living apart from their families in out-of-home care has decreased 26.2% in comparison to the number of children in out-of-home care in 2007.¹³
- Of Florida children in out-of-home care in 2011, 47.3% were white, 32.9% black, 14.1% Hispanic, 0.2% American Indian/Alaskan Native, 0.2% Asian or Pacific Islander and 4.7% of more than one race or ethnicity.¹⁴

Number of Child Victims, 2011

by type of abuse



Number of Children in Foster Care, 2003-2011

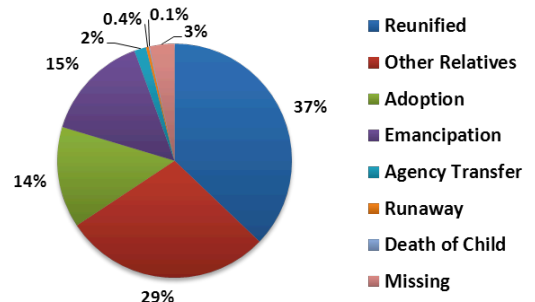


ADOPTION, KINSHIP CARE, AND PERMANENT FAMILIES FOR CHILDREN

- Of the 14,253 children exiting out-of-home care in Florida in 2011, 46.4% were reunited with their parents or other family members.¹⁵
- In 2011, 2,945 children were legally adopted through the public child welfare agency in Florida, a 13.2% decrease from 3,391 in 2010.¹⁶
- Of the 19,760 children in out-of-home care in 2011, 4,861 or 24.6%

Children Exiting Foster Care, 2011

by reason



were waiting to be adopted.¹⁷

- In 2011, approximately 165,008 Florida grandparents had primary responsibility caring for their grandchildren.¹⁸
- Of the 19,760 children in out-of-home care in 2011, 8,829 were living with relatives while in care.¹⁹
- Of all Florida children in kinship care in 2010, 23.0% were white, 13.2% black, 6.0% Hispanic, 0.1% American Indian/Alaskan Native, 0.1% Asian or Pacific Islander, and 13.2% of more than one race or ethnicity.²⁰

CHILD POVERTY AND INCOME SUPPORT

- The total number of individuals receiving Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) in Florida decreased from 107,023 in 2010 to 98,854 in 2011, an decrease of 7.6%. The number of families receiving TANF in 2011 was 55,100, a 5.4% decrease from 2010.²¹
- From 2009-10, for every 100 Florida families living in poverty, only 14 received TANF benefits.²²
- In 2011, \$834,073,269 was spent in Florida on TANF assistance, including 21% on basic assistance, 3% on child care, 0% on transportation, and 76% on nonassistance.²³
- In 2011, 262,985,183 was spent on WIC (the Special Supplement Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children) in Florida, serving 492,071 participants.²⁴
- In 2011, Florida distributed \$1,508,852,871 in child support funds, a 11.1% increase from 2010.²⁵
- In 2011 in Florida, 680,819 low income renter households paid more than half their monthly income in housing costs, 31% of them are families with children.²⁶

CHILD CARE AND HEAD START

- In 2010, Florida had a monthly average of 99,100 children served by subsidized child care; 97,100 children received subsidized child care in 2009 and 101,000 in 2008.²⁷
- In 2012, to be eligible for subsidized child care in Florida, a family of three could make no more than \$27,804, which is equivalent to 49% of the state's median income.²⁸
- As of early 2012, Florida had 71,803 children on its waiting list for child care assistance.²⁹
- In 2011, Head Start served 38,304 Florida children, a 8.2% increase from 2010.³⁰

HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE

- In 2011, 1,562,000 children younger than 19 were enrolled in Medicaid in Florida—52% of the total number of enrollees in the state.³¹
- In 2011, Florida had 431,717 children enrolled in its State Children's Health Insurance Program, a 7.0% increase from 2010, when 403,349 children were enrolled.³²
- In 2011, Florida had 516,000 uninsured children, representing 13% of its child population.³³
- In 2010, 18,681 babies were born weighing less than 2,500 grams in Florida.³⁴
- In 2010, 1,436 infants under age 1 died in Florida.³⁵
- In 2010, the birth rate for teens 15–17 in Florida was 16 births per 1,000 girls; for teens 18–19, the rate was 55. This reflects a total rate of 32 births per 1,000 girls ages 15–19.³⁶
- Cumulative through 2011, 125,268 adults and adolescents, as well as 1,571 children younger than 13, were reported as having AIDS in Florida.³⁷
- In 2009 and 2010, an estimated 93,000 children ages 12–17 and 1,201,000 adults age 18 and older were dependent on or abusing illicit drugs or alcohol in Florida.³⁸

VULNERABLE YOUTH

- In 2011, 1,273 children aged out of out-of-home care—exited foster care to emancipation—in Florida.³⁹
- In 2011, 93,000 Florida teens ages 16–19 were not enrolled in school and were not working.⁴⁰
- In 2011, 321,000 young adults ages 18–24 were not enrolled in school, were not working, and had no degree beyond high school.⁴¹
- In 2009 and 2010, approximately 54,000 children ages 12–17 in Florida needed but had not received treatment for illicit drug use in the past year.⁴²
- In 2009 and 2010, approximately 59,000 children ages 12–17 needed but had not received treatment for alcohol use in the past year.⁴³
- In 2010, 70 Florida children younger than 20 committed suicide, a rate of 1.55 per 100,000 children.⁴⁴

JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION

- In 2010, 147 children under age 19 were killed by a firearm in Florida, a 6% decrease from 156 in 2009.⁴⁵
- In 2011, 87,025 children younger than 18 were arrested in Florida, a 9.0% decrease from 95,756 arrests in 2010. Of the arrests in 2011, 5,729 were for violent crimes.⁴⁶
- In 2010, 4,815 children lived in juvenile correction facilities in Florida.⁴⁷

CHILD WELFARE WORKFORCE⁴⁸

- 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.⁴⁹
- 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.⁵⁰
- 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 caseloads of 12–15 children.⁵¹

FUNDING CHILD WELFARE SERVICES FOR FLORIDA’S CHILDREN

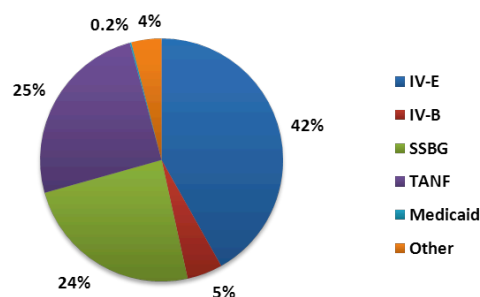
- Out of 19,760 children in out-of-home care in Florida in 2011, only 5,150, or 26%, received Title IV-E federal foster care assistance.⁵²
- In 2010, Florida spent \$1,170,104,821 for child welfare services. Of this amount, \$609,838,154 was from federal funds, \$559,354,669 from state funds, and \$911,998 from local funds.⁵³
- In 2010, of the \$609,838,154 in federal funds received for child welfare, \$255,152,768 was from Title IV-E Foster Care and Adoption Assistance, \$28,744,135 came from Title IV-B Child Welfare Services and Promoting Safe and Stable Families, \$1,270,073 was from Medicaid, \$146,924,654 came from Social Services Block Grant, \$153,234,072 was from TANF, and \$24,512,452 came from other federal sources.⁵⁴
- Florida received \$160,002,252 in federal funds for IV-E foster care expenditures in 2011.⁵⁵
- Florida received \$83,631,416 in federal funds for IV-E adoption assistance expenditures in 2011, including \$55,739,861 for assistance payments, \$26,744,148 for administration and child placement, and \$523,405 for staff and provider training.⁵⁶



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Note: The component funding streams may not equal the total, depending on additional child support, pre-placement, and demonstration funds for this state.

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Note: The component funding streams may not equal the total, depending on additional partner training funds.