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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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Background and Objectives

SRA Research Group, Inc. (SRA) and Performance Evaluation and Improvement (PEI), partnered to assist a task force led by the United Way of St. Lucie County to develop "A Progress Report on the State of the Social, Health, and Public Safety Services in St. Lucie County." The overall objective for the project was to identify the social, health, and public safety needs of St. Lucie County which can be used to assist in delivering effective social, health, and public safety services in the future. Specific project objectives included:

- Describing the existing environment by compiling data relating to social, health, and public safety services.
- Collecting community input from surveys and focus groups concerning needed services.
- Identifying gaps in services and underserved areas.

This needs assessment has an overview of St. Lucie County including:

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| ▪ This Executive Summary | Chapter 1 |
| ▪ Methodology | Chapter 2 |
| ▪ Environmental Scan | Chapter 3 |

The environmental scan includes local population trends, the communities within the county, and the general characteristics of the county in terms of education, employment, income, and housing. The remaining chapters of the needs assessment focuses on over 80 indicators. Indicators are data which are available in the public domain that are identified as important at the federal, state, or county level. The indicators are grouped into five major categories as follows:

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| ▪ Family Life (including economic status and family stability) | Chapter 4 |
| ▪ Child Health and Education | Chapter 5 |
| ▪ Adult Health and Functioning | Chapter 6 |
| ▪ Elderly and Disabled Adults | Chapter 7 |
| ▪ Safety and Security | Chapter 8 |

Data for the most recent year available are presented for St. Lucie County and for three peer counties – Lake, Manatee, and Marion. These counties were selected as peers based on population size, proximity to St. Lucie County, and the similarity in population and economic characteristics. More detail showing a comparison of these counties can be found in the Methodology section of this report.

The voices of residents, community and faith-based leaders, as well as service providers were an integral part of the needs assessment process. The Community Response sections of the assessment include findings based on two research projects – a series of six focus groups and a community-wide telephone survey. The focus groups were composed of St. Lucie County:

	<u>Number of Groups</u>
▪ Community leaders	1
▪ Service providers	2
▪ Faith-based leaders	1
▪ Hispanic residents	1
▪ Haitian residents	1

The Hispanic and Haitian groups were included to ensure that the voice of these ethnic minorities was heard in the evaluation. The telephone survey utilized a random sample 400 county residents, and was proportional to the population by zip code.

The telephone survey consisted of 400 telephone interviews among adult residents of St. Lucie County. The survey was representative of residents of St. Lucie County. The questionnaire was designed to complement the indicator data. More detail on how this project was completed is included in Chapter 2 which contains the detailed methodology.

The highlights of the needs assessment are presented in the following pages. This is followed by the subsequent individual chapters which explore the indicators and community response for the environmental scan and each of the five major categories in more detail.

This executive summary consists of the following sections:

- General Overview:
 - Key findings and issues which impact St. Lucie County
- Environmental Scan
 - Geography
 - Population
 - Education
 - Employment
 - Income
 - Housing
 - Haitian
 - Hispanic
- Family Life
 - Overview
 - Economic Status of Families (including Hunger)
 - Family Stability
 - Child Care
 - Public Transportation
 - Challenges Identified
 - Indicator Summary

- Child Health and Education
 - Overview
 - Infant and Child Health
 - Teen Substance Abuse
 - Elementary and Secondary Education
 - Child Welfare and Mental Health
 - Challenges Identified
 - Indicator Summary
- Adult Health and Functioning
 - Overview
 - Access to Health Care
 - Behavioral Risk Factors
 - Death Rates
 - Communicable and Infectious Diseases
 - Chronic Illness
 - Adult Mental Health
 - Challenges Identified
 - Indicator Summary
- Elderly and Disabled Adults
 - Overview
 - Financial Status
 - Living Situation
 - Health Status
 - Disabled Adults
 - Challenges Identified
 - Indicator Summary
- Safety and Security
 - Overview
 - Crime Rates
 - Juvenile Delinquency
 - Safety for Children and Families
 - Challenges Identified
 - Indicator Summary

General Overview

This section provides an overview of some of the key findings and issues affecting St. Lucie County in the needs assessment across all of the areas studied. Additional detail is covered in the specific sections of the executive summary and in the individual chapters of the report, including the environmental scan and the five major categories of:

- Family Life
- Child Health and Education
- Adult Health and Functioning
- Elderly and Disabled Adults
- Safety and Security

St. Lucie County is a close-knit community.

St. Lucie County has seen many changes in the past decade. There has been a change from an agricultural community to a society which is a more suburban metropolis with an economy driven by housing and retail establishments. The county is a community where people are involved and supportive. Government, community organizations, faith-based organizations, and service providers work closely together to make the community a better place for all residents. However, potential reductions in state revenue, based on the proposed tax cuts, will likely put strains on these relationships.

The county has experienced rapid growth in recent years.

In the past several years, St. Lucie County has experienced exponential population growth. Part of this growth has come from residents in Miami-Dade and Broward counties moving north to escape the congestion, crime and higher cost of living in South Florida. This has also brought in an increasing number of younger residents and families with children. Additional growth has come from retirees moving to the area.

Affordable housing is a growing issue, particularly given the employment situation.

To accommodate the increasing population, the number of housing units has risen dramatically. However, so have home prices, which have negatively impacted the affordability of housing. Roughly three in ten residents live in St. Lucie County and work in another county. At the same time, the employment picture suggests that there are not enough high paying jobs. This has led to higher rates of unemployment and lower average wages. St. Lucie County also has more children in poverty. All of this may combine with the aforementioned tax cuts to increase the need for services in St. Lucie County.

St. Lucie County is a bedroom community for surrounding counties.

While there are no definitive standards which define a bedroom community in terms of the percentage of workers who leave a county to work, over 30% of St. Lucie County workers are employed in other counties. This is slightly fewer than Lake County where many travel to Orlando, but far more than Manatee and Marion counties. This is also an indication of the lack of good employment opportunities in St. Lucie County.

While education is improving, more work needs to be done.

Community leaders and service providers suggest that primary and secondary educational opportunities are strengths in the county, as is the presence of Indian River Community College. However, indicator data, the recently released FCAT scores, and resident input via the telephone survey suggest that more work needs to be done. Without a strong education system and an educated, trainable workforce, it will be difficult for St. Lucie County to attract businesses which will bring in revenue from outside the county, and thus improve the economic climate in the county.

Access to health care is an increasing problem for residents of St. Lucie County.

In St. Lucie County, the indicator data show that one quarter (25%) of residents under age 65 do not have health insurance. Further, the phone survey suggests that many residents are struggling to pay for health insurance, and are having a major problem affording medical and dental services. These issues are greatest for residents with incomes under \$25,000 and those who are less educated in the community. In order to keep emergency departments from becoming overburdened, there is a need to evaluate ways to expand community health clinics to serve the health care needs of residents.

Gangs, drugs, and violence are issues facing St. Lucie County today.

One of the problems which was cited by focus group participants and residents alike is the growth of gangs in the county. Residents and focus group participants agree that gangs are a large problem. While the St. Lucie County Sheriff's Department was able to make some progress with "Operation Unlucky 13", more work remains.

Focus group participants suggest that more constructive activities and outreach are needed for children and youth in St. Lucie County to curb the attraction to gangs. Faith-based respondents mentioned that there are limited opportunities for youth and nowhere they can turn. They see a gap in terms of both recreational and educational/employment opportunities for youth. Those who are too old for camp or child care and too young to work are particularly vulnerable when activities are lacking. Community leaders who participated in the focus groups suggest problems with youth cross socio-economic boundaries and affect all strata, including the poor and affluent. Some believe lack of parental involvement underlies concerns regarding youth. Often gangs replace the family as the child's support unit. The survey of residents indicated that this is an area of concern for many who live in the county. St. Lucie County needs to find ways to engage children in activities to keep them out of gangs.

Teen pregnancy is a problem which needs to be addressed in St. Lucie County.

Two of the key factors negatively impacting birth outcomes are teen pregnancy and poorly educated mothers. While St. Lucie County has made some progress with teens age 15 to 19, this group is still above the state rate, though it is lower than the three peer counties. However, for younger girls ages 10 to 14, birth rates in St. Lucie County are double the state rate and higher than all three peer counties. In order to reduce negative birth outcomes, these issues need to be addressed.

All who are hungry are not being fed in St. Lucie County.

Roughly one in ten households in St. Lucie County may be food insecure. These residents are likely unsure whether they will have food for their next meal and they may go hungry at times. While a portion of these residents are above the poverty line, these individuals are unable to stretch their incomes to meet the costs of basic necessities, including adequate amounts of food for regular meals.

Poverty is a key indicator of hunger and food insecurity. Among the population living in poverty, the data suggest that only about half of the residents who are at-risk of hunger are currently provided food assistance in St. Lucie County by Treasure Coast Food Bank member agencies. Further, federal food and nutrition programs are vastly underused. For example, while St. Lucie County has relatively good participation in the Food Stamp program compared to peer counties, only 54 percent of those eligible for Food Stamps receive them. These data suggest that potentially half of the residents in poverty are food insecure. Ways to feed those who are hungry in St. Lucie County need to be explored.

Too many children and families are homeless in St. Lucie County.

While homelessness is trending down in St. Lucie County, these data indicate that more than 100 children are homeless. This may lead to negative outcomes for these children in terms of health, education, and employment later in life. Increasing foreclosure rates may indicate that the downward trend in homelessness may be reversed. This suggests a need for more help for homeless residents in regard to affordable housing and employment.

Environmental Scan

The environmental scan section of the executive summary covers the following:

- Geography
- Population
- Education
- Employment
- Income
- Housing
- Haitian Issues
- Hispanic Issues

Geography

St. Lucie County, covering an area of 572 square miles, is north of Martin County, south of Indian River County, and east of Okeechobee County. The land mass includes a 20 mile stretch of beachfront on the Atlantic Ocean and waterfront real estate along the north fork of the St. Lucie River, and a stretch of the Indian River which separates Hutchinson Island, a barrier island, from the mainland.

The county has five major communities, including Ft. Pierce, Port St. Lucie, St. Lucie Village, St. Lucie West, and Tradition which is currently being developed. In addition, there is a large unincorporated area of the county west of Interstate 95 to the Okeechobee County line which is largely agricultural and farm land.

Population

In 2007, St. Lucie County has 260,590 residents. This reflects a 70% increase in population from 1970 until the present. In projecting population growth, it is expected that the number of residents will increase to over 400,000 in 2030.

Per the 2000 U.S. census data, the population was 192,695 which included 10,666 infants and toddlers (children under age 5), 32,628 children age 5 to 17, 39,734 elders age 65 to 84 and 3,938 elders age 85 and older.

Education

St. Lucie County has 41 schools, including 18 elementary, 4 middle/junior schools, 6 high schools, and 13 other schools. After receiving a "B" grade in 2006, St. Lucie County earned a "C" district grade for 2007, which is the same grade received in 2005. While there were more "A" schools in 2007, there were also more "D" and "F" schools in 2007. (Note: The school district re-assigned students in the 2006-2007 school year).

For 2005-2006, the district reported a graduation rate of 72.7% and a dropout rate of 2.2%. However, there are differences in educational levels across the county. For example, in Ft. Pierce, 30% of the population age 25 and over has not graduated from high school nor received an equivalent degree, compared to only 22% of those in the remainder of the county.

Employment

In 2006, St. Lucie County had 110,140 workers employed and 4,840 workers unemployed. This equates to an unemployment rate of 4.2% which is higher than in 2005 (3.9%), but lower than the level of 5.7% in 2000.

More than half the workers are employed by trade, transportation and utilities (24%), government (17%) or education and health services (12%).

Three in ten residents are employed outside St. Lucie County, which may suggest that the County is a bedroom community for surrounding counties which offer more or better employment opportunities.

Income

St. Lucie County's per capita income in 2005 was \$25,861, which is well below the state level of \$34,001. As a whole, 41% of households in the county are classified as low income. Ft. Pierce has the highest proportion of low income households, at 47%.

Over 25,000 residents (13%) live below the poverty threshold, with poverty being the greatest issue in Ft. Pierce. In addition, a higher proportion of children under age 5 and those age 5 to 17 live in poverty in St. Lucie County.

Housing

In 2005, 78% of county residents were home owners. The median sale price of a single family home was \$234,000, while condominiums sold for \$212,000 on average.

The real estate market has seen a major price increase since 2000. However, during the past year, prices have begun to drop due to a rise in interest rates and a large increase in the inventory of available houses caused by rapid home building and a large number of investors speculating in the real estate market. Further, it's the perception of many in the county that there is a glut in older, lower cost homes.

Despite this, affordable housing is an issue for many residents. Cost burdened households which spend more than 30% of their income for housing account for 24% of St. Lucie County residents. Ft. Pierce has the highest levels of cost burdened households in St. Lucie County.

Haitian Issues

With the focus group conducted among St. Lucie County residents of Haitian decent, one area which is not covered by indicator data is communication. In the Haitian culture, the children speak English, and the parents speak Creole. Haitians feel there is a lack of information in Creole about subjects such as immigration, schools, community, jobs, and transportation. They suggest that a community center, a radio station which would broadcast in Creole, or an information "ATM" would be a good way to share information. Right now the primary place to obtain information for Haitians is church.

Another Haitian issue uncovered in the focus groups is that many feel degraded and that their privacy is invaded when they seek help and services. Additionally, it was mentioned that some married Haitian women, in order to obtain the services they need, feel they need to say they are not married in order to qualify for services.

Hispanic Issues

In the focus group among Hispanic respondents, one of the key issues which is not covered by indicator data is racism. According to respondents in the Hispanic focus group, Hispanics feel the Black residents target them for robberies, particularly in Ft. Pierce. They also suggest that many Hispanics come here with a “farmers” mentality and they are not trained or educated to find anything other than “common” jobs.

Hispanics also stick together to work around the “system”. For example, legal residents will deposit pay checks for illegal residents and give them the cash since the illegal residents cannot obtain a social security card and many do not have a driver’s license, which is needed to open a bank account.

Like Haitians, Hispanics indicate that there are communication issues in terms of not knowing about community events and services which are available to help them improve their lives. They indicate that they do read the Spanish language newspaper, but they also get information from posters and flyers in grocery stores. Hispanics also suggest that there is a need for an interpreter in places like hospitals to help with communication. Like Haitians, the children speak English, and many adults only speak Spanish.

Note to Readers

Many issues outlined herein are covered in subsequent sections of this executive summary. The full text of the environmental scan is located in Chapter 3 of this report.

FAMILY LIFE IN ST. LUCIE COUNTY

The family life section of the executive summary covers the following:

- Overview
- Economic Status of Families
- Family Stability
- Child Care
- Public Transportation
- Challenges Identified
- Indicator Summary

Overview

Based on the indicator data and the telephone survey of residents, there are some family life issues which are impacting St. Lucie County residents. While not in any particular order, some of these issues include lower incomes, higher poverty rates, limited opportunities for higher paying jobs, hunger, lack of affordable housing, and the availability of affordable child care.

Economic Status of Families

St. Lucie County had an average per capita income of \$25,861, which is below the state average of \$34,001 based on 2005 data. Adjusted gross income is similar, with St. Lucie County at \$43,201 and the state rate at \$49,545. While St. Lucie County residents are ranked in a relatively high national percentile for dividend (11) and interest (14) income, the county is in the 60th percentile in terms of wages and salaries. These data confirm that a portion of the predominantly retiree population live on their investments, while most residents live on salary and wages, and many struggle to make ends meet. The telephone survey data support this with two thirds (64%) having difficulty budgeting their money.

Better jobs which pay higher wages are needed in St. Lucie County. Community leaders and service providers in the focus groups stressed the need for more employment opportunities which pay higher wages. This will require attracting business and industry to the county. At the same time, unemployment in St. Lucie County is increasing, with the rate rising to 4.4% for April and May 2007, from 4.2% in March, and up from 3.8% in May, 2006. Further, poverty levels are high, particularly in Ft. Pierce, and hunger is a problem in St. Lucie County as evidenced by more families being classified as food insecure than in peer counties.

Family Stability

In terms of family stability, the divorce rate in St. Lucie County is average. However, the proportion of female-headed households, which can lead to less favorable outcomes for children, is higher than all three peer counties at 11%. Further, 54% of these female-headed households are where children under 5 reside and 40% where children under 18 reside below the poverty level. School moves, which indicate family stability, are slightly higher for St. Lucie County than the three peer counties.

Housing prices increased dramatically in St. Lucie County, preceding the slump in real estate sales in 2005-2006. Home ownership in 2005 was 78% which is below two of the peer counties, while the median sale price at \$234,000 is above two peer counties. In addition, the housing cost burden, which represents the proportion of income spent on housing above the desired 30% level, is 24%, placing St. Lucie above two peer counties. Further, homelessness is higher than two of three peer counties. All of this suggests that affordable housing is an issue for St. Lucie County.

The telephone survey indicates that residents agree, with more than one-third (36%) reporting that finding affordable housing is a major issue for them. The community leader and service provider focus group participants also mentioned that more affordable housing is needed. However, they suggest that it is a problem because developers do not want to build affordable housing and residents don't want it in their backyard.

Child Care and Youth Programs

In regard to child care, focus group participants feel that the Children's Services Council, faith-based organizations, and the educational system serve children well in the county. However, the indicator data suggest that while the population of St. Lucie County is increasing, the number of child care slots has declined and child care is less affordable for many residents. Respondents in the telephone survey agree. According to telephone survey respondents, only 11% agree that there is enough quality day care in the county, while a majority agree (54%) there is a need for more subsidized child care. Further, 45% of parents surveyed have had an issue finding affordable, quality child care in the past 12 months.

In addition to child care, focus group participants and the telephone survey responses suggest a need for more youth programs. They suggest that after school programs are needed for the youth and teen population to curb the appeal of gangs. Over one-third of the telephone survey participants agree that gangs hurt the quality of life in their neighborhood (39%) and a similar number of parents (35%) have had issues with teen criminal activity in their household during the past 12 months.

Public Transportation

While progress has been made with public transportation according to several focus group participants, the Haitian and Hispanic focus group attendees suggest there is a need for better public transportation. In the telephone survey, two-thirds (65%) agree that public transportation is important. In addition, residents with incomes under \$25,000 and those who are Black are more likely to have a major issue finding transportation to work, according to the telephone survey.

Respondents in the Haitian focus group also suggest that more public transportation is needed.

Challenges Identified

Some of the challenges identified in the family life section include:

- More jobs and higher paying jobs
- Affordable housing
- Homelessness
- Hunger
- Available and affordable child care
- Youth programs
- Public transportation

Indicator Summary

For families to thrive, basic economic and family stability are necessary. Inadequate financial resources often result in poor nutrition and poor health care which can lead to diminished productivity and undermine general well-being. The impact of poverty is particularly great on children. Family stresses caused by economic concerns and other issues are reflected in divorce and more frequent household moves. For adults on welfare with dependent children, participation in the workforce helps combat the negative outcomes of poverty and decreases the amount of time that cash assistance is needed for basic subsistence.

In addition to these factors, home ownership and the affordability of housing impact family well-being. Along with housing, available and affordable child care affects many families. Family Life Chapter 4 presents indicator data relating to the economic status of families and family stability. The community response to issues of family life is presented at the end of the chapter.

Following is a summary of the family life indicator data:

	Good	Neutral	Needs attention	
	St. Lucie County compared to peer counties			St. Lucie County better (+), the same (=), or worse (-) than the state
ECONOMIC STATUS OF FAMILIES				
Per capita income				-
Adjusted gross income				-
Average income from dividends and interest				N/A
Average wages and salaries				N/A
Reported income				N/A
Unemployment rate				-
Median household income levels				-
Poverty rates				+
Children in poverty				-
Households potentially food insecure				+
Participate in federal nutrition programs				N/A
Free or reduced school lunch – Elementary school				=
Free or reduced school lunch – Middle school				-
Adults receiving diversion payment/service that remain off cash assistance for 12 months *				-
Work able food stamp customers participating in work or work related activities *				-
TANF customers participating in work or work related activities				-

* District 15

	Good	Neutral	Needs attention	
	St. Lucie County compared to peer counties			St. Lucie County better (+), the same (=), or worse (-) than the state
FAMILY STABILITY				
Dissolution of marriage				+
Female-headed households				+
Poverty rates in female-headed households				-
Student population stability (elementary)				N/A
Home ownership rate				N/A
Median single family home sales price				N/A
Median gross rent				N/A
Household cost burden: Percentage of income spent on housing				N/A
Homeless count				N/A

CHILD CARE				
Infant and toddler care				N/A
Gold seal accredited centers and homes				N/A
Child care affordability				+

CHILD HEALTH AND EDUCATION

The child health and education section of the executive summary covers the following:

- Overview
- Infant and Child Health
- Teen Substance Abuse
- Elementary and Secondary Education
- Child Welfare and Mental Health
- Challenges Identified
- Indicator Summary

Overview

In reviewing the indicator data, as well as input from the telephone survey and the focus groups, several issues exist in terms of child health and education. While not in rank order, these include, but are not limited to, lack of prenatal care, teen pregnancy, disease and death rates among children, substance abuse, and lack of appropriate education proficiency. In addition, there is room for improvement on child welfare and mental health issues.

Infant and Child Health

Prenatal care is critically important to healthy birth outcomes, which impact successful functioning later in life. While most women in St. Lucie County receive prenatal care, the proportion of women who receive inadequate prenatal care is higher than the state rate and two of three peer counties. These data suggest a need for appropriate health and sex education for all age groups, starting around the age of 10.

It should also be noted that many women in the Haitian focus groups are not familiar with the concept of prenatal care, which suggests that this needs to be stressed to the Haitian community in Creole.

Another area for concern is the relatively high rate of under-educated mothers, which also impacts functioning of children in later life. St. Lucie County exceeds the state level and that of two of the three peer counties on this measure. This indicates a need for parenting education which is echoed by both the focus groups and the telephone survey. Community leaders, service providers, and residents all believe that St. Lucie County needs to improve parenting education programs in the county.

Two other problems are a higher rate of gastrointestinal illness for children under age 6 than the state and peer counties, as well as a much higher death rate for children ages 1 to 19. These issues all require attention.

St. Lucie County has made progress on improving low birth weight outcomes and in terms of reducing infant mortality rates. In addition, St. Lucie County compares favorably to the state and peer counties in terms of Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) participation, i.e., rates are

higher in St. Lucie County than in the state as a whole and higher than in the peer counties. Most Kindergarten students are up-to-date on immunizations, though this rate is still slightly below peer counties. More progress is still needed in these areas.

Teen Substance Abuse

The health and functioning of adolescents is negatively impacted by substance abuse. Substance abuse was identified by community leaders and service providers in the focus groups as an issue which is intertwined with other problems including gangs, crime, and HIV/AIDS. In St. Lucie County, both younger teens (middle school students) and older teens (high school students) have substance abuse problems. Younger teens are above the state rate and two peer counties for both tobacco and alcohol use. Both the younger and older groups are also higher than the state rate and peer counties (three for younger – two for older) in terms of marijuana use.

Parents in the telephone survey concur, with 30% saying they have had an issue with alcohol or drug abuse in their household during the past 12 months. This suggests a need for substance abuse education at or before the age of 10 for children in St. Lucie County.

Elementary and Secondary Education

In order to succeed in school, students must attend school regularly. While elementary school attendance is on par with the state rate and peer counties, absences for middle and high school students exceed both the state and peer county rates. Attendance needs to be improved in St. Lucie County.

The lack of attendance is reflected in reading and math proficiency. Specifically, St. Lucie County third and tenth graders are rated lower than both the state and peer counties in terms of both math and reading proficiency.

Parents in the telephone survey echo these findings, with only 17% saying they agree that St. Lucie County public school students are well prepared for college. However, community leaders and service providers in the focus groups were more positive about the public schools and feel that great strides have been made in terms of education in St. Lucie County. Continued improvement is needed in the St. Lucie County schools.

Child Welfare and Mental Health

Child abuse, neglect and emotional disturbances can all negatively impact outcomes for children. Child abuse rates in St. Lucie County have increased slightly, but are on par with the state rate and equal to one peer district, while well below another.

Of all children who were removed from their homes in Department of Children and Families District 15 (including St. Lucie County), almost 70% were reunited with their families within 12 months. Where higher rates indicate a positive outcome, District 15 compares negatively to the state rate. District 15 compares negatively to one district and compares positively to another.

While it has been improving, seriously emotionally disturbed children (SED) in St. Lucie County spent 344 days in the community (as opposed to being institutionalized), which is lower than the state, but equal to two peer districts. SED school attendance is improving and is now slightly higher than the state level, above one peer district and equal to another. This suggests that some progress is being made with SED children.

In the telephone survey among residents, just under one in five (17%) parents say children with behavioral and emotional problems has been a major issue in their household during the past 12 months.

Haitian parents find that the U.S. culture makes it very difficult for them to parent as they would in their native land. Specifically, they say their children have too much power over their parents due to our laws. This makes controlling children difficult and can lead to behavioral problems.

Challenges Identified

Some of the challenges identified in the child health and education section include:

- High rate of births to teen mothers, particularly ages 10 to 14
- Births to mothers with less than a high school education
- High rate of substance abuse, particularly among middle school teens (except for illicit drugs other than marijuana)
- High rate of absenteeism for middle and high school students
- Lower rates of math and reading proficiency for 3rd and 10th grade students
- Parental concerns about the quality of education
- Child abuse rates which are increasing
- Lower rate of children being reunited with their families when removed
- Outcomes are improving for seriously emotionally disturbed children, though parents still indicate major problems in this area

Indicator Summary

Children are the heart of each community and the status of child health and education are indicative of the well-being of the entire community. A healthy birth and healthy development, free from disease and injury, help to ensure that children grow to be productive, independent adults. Conversely, problems at birth and in early development such as very low birth weight, poor nutrition, limited intellectual and sensory stimulation, illness affecting development, or other health problems may follow a child into adulthood, manifesting as learning problems, social maladjustment, chronic health problems, or other issues. Monitoring the indicators of child health is arguably the most critical piece of a community needs assessment. Chapter 5 presents data on indicators relating to child health and education.

Following is a summary of the child health and education indicator data:

	Good	Neutral	Needs attention	
	St. Lucie County compared to peer counties			St. Lucie County better (+), the same (=), or worse (-) than the state
INFANT AND CHILD HEALTH				
Births with late or no prenatal care				-
Births with inadequate prenatal care				-
Births to mothers participating in WIC program				+
Births to teen mothers ages 10 to 14				-
Births to teen mothers ages 15 to 19				-
Births to mothers with less than high school education				-
Low birth weight births				+
Infant mortality				+
WIC participation				+
Up-to-date immunization for Kindergarten students				-
Enteric disease among children under 6				-
Child deaths (all causes)				-

	Good	Neutral	Needs attention	
	St. Lucie County compared to peer counties			St. Lucie County better (+), the same (=), or worse (-) than the state
TEEN SUBSTANCE ABUSE				
Tobacco use within last 30 days by middle school students				-
Tobacco use within last 30 days by high school students				+
Use of alcohol within past 30 days by middle school students				-
Use of alcohol within past 30 days by high school students				+
Use of marijuana within past 30 days by middle school students				-
Use of marijuana within past 30 days by high school students				-
Illicit drug use other than marijuana within past 30 days by middle school students				+
Illicit drug use other than marijuana within past 30 days by high school students				+

	Good	Neutral	Needs attention	
	St. Lucie County compared to peer counties			St. Lucie County better (+), the same (=), or worse (-) than the state
ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION				
Students absent 21 or more days – Elementary school				=
Students absent 21 or more days – Middle school				-
Students absent 21 or more days – High school				-
Kindergarten readiness				-
Students scoring proficient FCAT reading				-
Students scoring proficient FCAT mathematics				-
Public high school graduation rates				+
Drop-out rates				+

CHILD WELFARE AND MENTAL HEALTH				
Child abuse rates *				=
Children reunified within 12 months *				-
Annual days SED children spend in the community *				-
School days SED children attend *				+

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ADULT HEALTH AND FUNCTIONING

The adult health and functioning section of the executive summary covers the following:

- Overview
- Access to Health Care
- Behavioral Risk Factors
- Death Rates
- Communicable and Infectious Diseases
- Chronic Illness
- Adult Mental Health
- Challenges Identified
- Indicator Summary

Overview

Adults represent 75 percent of the population in St. Lucie County. There are an estimated:

- 12,949 young adults (ages 20 to 24)
- 55,345 adults ages 25 to 44
- 62,508 adults ages 45 to 64.

Indicators of adult health include access to and availability of health care, behaviors which can lead to poor health and quality of life outcomes, death and disease rates, and mental health issues. All of these impact the individual's quality of life, as well as having a negative impact on the community as a whole.

Access to Health Care

An important indicator of overall health in a community is the ability of residents to access health care. One-quarter (25%) of St. Lucie County residents under the age of 65 are without health insurance. This is higher than the state as a whole and the three peer counties.

According to the telephone survey, affording health insurance is a major issue for almost half (45%) of St. Lucie County residents. This has the greatest impact on households with children and families who earn under \$50,000 per year. As a service provider in the focus groups pointed out, this problem has the greatest impact on the working poor, while the very poor may be impacted less since they receive help with their medical costs.

Affording medical services is also a major issue for many (41%) based on the telephone survey of residents. The survey showed that this was a particular problem for Hispanic households (61%). In addition, participants in the focus group among Haitians stated that they feel that the health care system does not help them since they cannot afford the services.

If these lower income residents and working poor do not have access to health care, they are likely to delay care, which can lead to more serious illness. Further, these residents may rely on the emergency department at local hospitals for care which may overburden these facilities.

The telephone survey also indicates that the cost of dental care is a major issue for many residents (44%). As with health care, this problem has the greatest impact on households with children and lower incomes. A lack of dental care has been shown to lead to many more serious health issues, including heart disease.

Behavioral Risk Factors

Risk factors for adults include health status, as well as lifestyle behavioral choices which can impact health.

About one in five St. Lucie County adults report they are in poor health (20.7%) or are obese (21.9%). These problems are even more acute for less educated, lower income, and elder adults. In addition, obesity is a far greater issue among Blacks (43%). These data match the resident telephone survey, where 23% indicated a major problem with adult obesity in their household during the past 12 months.

Among the lifestyle factors, most adults (73.8%) consume less than five fruits and vegetables a day, while over half (55.4%) have no regular moderate physical activity. Further, over one in four St. Lucie County residents smoke (28.1%) and 12.4% engage in heavy or binge drinking. The telephone survey data indicate that 10% of households have a major issue with substance abuse. However, service providers in the focus groups suggest this may be much higher and report that this behavior has a negative impact on many young children in the county.

Death Rates

The death rate for adults in St. Lucie County has decreased over the last five years. Heart disease and cancer are the leading causes of death among adults in St. Lucie County.

Communicable and Infectious Diseases

While vaccine preventable illnesses and sexually transmitted disease rates are relatively low, St. Lucie County has the highest rate of HIV/AIDS in the state, as well as a higher rate of tuberculosis cases. Both measures are above both the state rate and the rates for all three peer counties.

Chronic Illness

Residents in St. Lucie County die from the four classic categories of chronic disease including:

- Heart disease
- Cancer
- Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease
- Stroke

In terms of the behavioral risk factors which are associated with morbidity and mortality, St. Lucie County compares unfavorably to the state for high blood pressure cases and no regular vigorous physical activity. Compared to peer counties, St. Lucie County has the least number of high cholesterol cases, and a higher percent of residents that do not have regular leisure time physical activity. These diseases are an indication that poor diet and lack of exercise are contributing factors to health issues for residents.

The county compares poorly to the state on death rates for diabetes, lung cancer, and skin cancer. While St. Lucie County is improving, rates for heart disease and stroke also compare unfavorably to the state.

Adult Mental Health

The treatment of adult mental illness has a direct impact on the ability of adults to support themselves financially.

Compared to the state and peer counties, adults with mental illness in District 15, which includes St. Lucie County, are slightly less successful in completing treatment. However, adults who complete treatment are somewhat more likely to find work, though the average days worked is declining. Adults with mental illness are more likely than residents of peer counties to avoid being institutionalized.

In the telephone survey of residents, just over one in five adults (23%) report a major problem with feelings of anxiety, stress, and depression. This is more of an issue for residents who are not employed, parents with children, and residents with incomes under \$25,000 per year.

Both community leaders and service providers in the focus groups indicated that St. Lucie County lacks sufficient beds for mental health patients. In 2005, the Savannas, a mental health facility, experienced hurricane damage and closed. However, the facility reopened in 2007 under new ownership under the name Port St. Lucie Hospital. As of August 2007, the facility had 60 beds with plans of opening 15 more beds in the future.

In addition, among the homeless population in the county, mentally ill adults have one of the greatest needs for housing.

All of this suggests that mental illness may be preventing some residents from finding and keeping jobs, which indicates the need for additional services and treatment for adults with mental illness.

Challenges Identified

Some of the challenges identified in the adult health and functioning section include:

- Lack of health insurance
- Access to affordable health care
- Access to affordable dental care
- Poor health status
- Obesity
- Substance abuse treatment resources
- Tuberculosis cases
- HIV/AIDS
- Lack of mental health beds

Indicator Summary

The St. Lucie County community needs assessment included the needs of the general adult population. Chapter 6 addresses the indicator data relating to health care access, behavioral risk factors, death rates, and communicable diseases using data from the Florida Department of Health. Adult mental health data was obtained from the Department of Children and Families. The community response to issues of adult health and functioning is presented at the end of Chapter 6.

Following is a summary of the adult health and functioning indicator data:

	Good	Neutral	Needs attention	
	St. Lucie County compared to peer counties			St. Lucie County better (+), the same (=), or worse (-) than the state
HEALTH CARE ACCESS				
Uninsured rates: no reported health care insurance				-
COMMUNICABLE AND INFECTIOUS DISEASE				
Vaccine preventable disease				+
Sexually transmitted diseases				+
AIDS cases				-
Tuberculosis cases				-

	Good	Neutral	Needs attention	
	St. Lucie County compared to peer counties			St. Lucie County better (+), the same (=), or worse (-) than the state
BEHAVIORAL RISK FACTORS				
Have been told by a doctor or other health professional that their blood pressure is high				-
Have been told by a doctor or other health professional that their blood cholesterol is high				+
Have had their cholesterol checked in last two years (of those ever measured)				+
NO regular vigorous physical activity				-
NO moderate vigorous physical activity				=
Engages in no leisure time physical activity				-
Consumes < 5 servings of fruits and vegetables per day				=
Are overweight (BMI >25)				=
Are obese (BMI >=30)				=

CHRONIC DISEASES				
Coronary heart disease hospitalizations				N/A
Coronary heart disease deaths				N/A
Heart failure hospitalizations				N/A
Heart failure deaths				N/A
Stroke hospitalizations				N/A
Stroke deaths				N/A

	Good	Neutral	Needs attention	
	St. Lucie County compared to peer counties			St. Lucie County better (+), the same (=), or worse (-) than the state
DEATH RATES				
Cervical cancer deaths				N/A
Breast cancer deaths				N/A
Lung cancer deaths				N/A
Prostate cancer deaths				N/A
Colorectal cancer deaths				N/A
Skin cancer deaths				N/A
Diabetes deaths				N/A
CLRD deaths				N/A

ADULT MENTAL HEALTH				
Adults who complete treatment *				+
Annual days worked for pay for adults with severe and persistent mental illness *				+
Average annual earnings for adults with severe and persistent mental illness *				+
Annual days in the community for adults with severe and persistent mental illness *				+

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ELDERLY AND DISABLED ADULTS

The elderly and disabled adults section of the executive summary covers the following:

- Overview
- Financial Status
- Living Situations
- Health Status
- Disabled Adults

Overview

The approximately 53,540 elders (65+) in St. Lucie County represent 22.3 percent of the population, including:

- 19.7 percent aged 65 to 84
- 2.6 percent over 84 years of age

The population age 60 and over is 71,776 in 2007 and is expected to double to 145,760 by 2030. This suggests that providers of services to elders, who are already straining to meet demand, will find their situation even more difficult in the coming years.

An ideal environment for the elderly is one that provides choices, promotes independence, and enables older Floridians to remain in their communities for a lifetime. This is the mission of the Florida Department of Elder Affairs (DOEA). The department works to create a long-term care system that is streamlined, cost-effective, and consumer-friendly; effective support networks for elders, families, and caregivers; and an elder-friendly environment that values the contributions and needs of elders. The St. Lucie County Council on Aging, Inc. is the local agency to coordinate and advocate for services for the elderly.

Financial Status

While fewer elders live in poverty compared to the state rate, St. Lucie County is below two of three peer counties on this measure.

Service providers in the focus groups reported that many seniors are living on very tight budgets and are not able to pay for the services they need.

Living Situation

Older people who are living alone without a spouse or caregiver are more likely to require placement in a nursing home as they age and become more frail. In St. Lucie County, one in five elders (age 60+) live alone, which is slightly below the state rate and similar to two of three peer counties.

Loneliness is also an issue for many elders, according to residents who participated in the telephone survey. According to these residents, half (49%) of elders age 60 and over feel many seniors in St. Lucie County suffer from loneliness. Despite most (59%) of the elders in the telephone survey indicating that they know how to get information about services, this may indicate a need to do more to communicate the activities which are available to seniors.

Other concerns about living situations were highlighted by the results of the resident telephone survey. Specifically, 44% worry they will not be able to remain in their home if they become sick and need care. In addition, 42% worry that they will not be able to find transportation, and over two-thirds of the elders believe the county needs to have an adequate transportation system.

Finally, 30% indicate they have an issue with making their home handicap accessible.

Health Status

In order to maintain good health, it is critical to have access to medical care. One-fourth of the elders in St. Lucie County are medically underserved, which is above the state level, but below two of three peer counties.

Elders who have more than two disabilities are considered significantly disabled. In St. Lucie County, fewer elders are considered significantly disabled than in peer counties or the state as a whole.

The findings are similar for Alzheimer's cases, with St. Lucie County below the state rate and the three peer counties.

The DOEA has developed a series of indicators that provide a picture of the adequacy with which the needs of the elderly are met in local communities, including an index measure. The Elder Needs Index shows that residents age 60 and older with the greatest needs are located in Ft. Pierce zip codes 34950 and 34947.

Based on findings from the telephone survey, those over age 60 are twice as likely to have issues with alcohol abuse than younger residents. This may be due in part to the loneliness many elders in St. Lucie County experience. Elders are similar to their younger counterparts in terms of weight problems.

Disabled Adults

For disabled adults, avoidance of nursing home placement is a key indicator. If the level of community services is adequate, disabled adults may be able to stay in their own homes. In St. Lucie, none of the adults with disabilities who received services through Elder Affairs were placed in a nursing home.

While Elder Affairs is very successful in keeping disabled adults out of nursing homes, 16% of the residents in the telephone survey have a major issue finding affordable adult day care. In addition, service providers in the focus groups pointed out that adults who act as caregivers tend to suffer most from a lack of affordable adult day care.

Challenges Identified

Some of the challenges identified for Elderly and Disabled Adults include:

- Elders living in poverty
- Elders who are lonely
- Communication to elders about services and activities
- Elders who have multiple needs in Ft. Pierce

Indicator Summary

Given Florida's high population of elderly residents, a needs assessment would be incomplete without a focus on the needs of the elderly. Disabled adults of any age have similar needs and issues. Chapter 7 of this report presents indicator data relating to the needs of elderly and disabled adults using data from the Florida Department of Elder Affairs. The community response to the issues of the elderly and disabled adults is presented at the end of the chapter.

Following is a summary of the elderly and disabled adults indicator data:

	Good	Neutral	Needs attention	
	St. Lucie County compared to peer counties			St. Lucie County better (+), the same (=), or worse (-) than the state
ELDERLY				
Population 65+ living below poverty level				+
Population 60+ living alone				+
People 65+ medically underserved				-
Population 65+ with two or more types of disabilities				+
Probable Alzheimer's as percent of population 65+				+
DISABLED ADULTS				
Adults with disabilities not placed in nursing home				+

SAFETY AND SECURITY

The safety and security section of the executive summary includes the following:

- Overview
- Crime Rates
- Juvenile Delinquency
- Safety for Children and Families
- Challenges Identified
- Indicator Summary

Overview

Living in a safe and secure environment is an important factor in the success of adults and has a critical impact on the growth and development of children. Factors such as a low crime rate and lack of juvenile delinquency are important to all. Domestic violence, child abuse, and parental neglect can have a permanent impact on a child's healthy development. Some of the challenges for St. Lucie County, in no particular order, are index crimes, gangs, domestic violence, and crime in schools.

Crime Rates

St. Lucie County has a crime rate of 3,743 per 100,000 population for index crimes, including murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny, and motor vehicle theft. This is lower than the state rate, fairly close to two peer counties and well below the third. The county has seen a 7.2% decrease in crime rates from 2004 to 2005. Further, jail populations are much higher than state rates and those for peer counties. According to the telephone survey, two-thirds of residents (65%) feel safe in their neighborhoods.

All of this suggests that law enforcement efforts are being effective. However, the index crime rate for Ft. Pierce is 2.5 times higher than the county as a whole and twice the state rate.

Juvenile Delinquency

The juvenile crime indicators are above state levels and are trending up.

Simply put, the problem is gangs. Given the comments from community leaders, service providers and faith-based participants in the focus groups, this comes as no surprise. Focus group participants, along with the residents in the telephone survey, indicated that gangs are a major problem. The gang activity is responsible for many of the index crimes and drug related problems in Ft. Pierce and throughout the county. This may indicate a need for expanding or establishing community watch groups in areas which have more gang related criminal activity.

Many, including the law enforcement officers who participated in the focus groups, suggest that gangs are part of the larger problems of families living in poverty, a less educated population,

poor job prospects, and lack of strong parenting and male role models. Focus group participants suggest these issues must be addressed to reduce gang problems.

Safety for Children and Families

Death rates due to unintentional injuries are the same as the state rate and lower than all three peer counties.

Violence in the home and community has a strong impact on outcomes for children as well as their families. In St. Lucie County, domestic violence was much higher than the state rate and higher than all three peer counties. However, child abuse, neglect or threatened harm was similar to the state levels and lower than the two peer districts (District 15 and Suncoast Region). At the same time, crime and violence in high schools was above both the state rate and all three peer counties.

The results of the telephone survey among residents showed that only half of the parents agree that their children feel safe in school. This finding, combined with the indicator data, suggest the need for more school resource officers.

Challenges Identified

Some of the challenges identified in the safety and security section include:

- Index crime rate in Ft. Pierce
- Gang activity
- Domestic violence
- Crime and violence in high schools

Indicator Summary

For the community at large, safety and security are generally defined in terms of a low crime rate, particularly for the crimes defined as index crimes, i.e., murder, rate, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny, and motor vehicle theft. Lower rates relative to the statewide rate or rates for peer counties encourage a feeling of safety. For children, the safety and security of their environment significantly impacts their growth and development. Violence experienced by children may include domestic violence and child abuse or threatened harm, as well as crime and violence in school. Parental neglect also undermines a child's security and healthy development. Chapter 8 presents data relating to indicators of safety and security for the general public, for children and families, and related to juvenile delinquency.

Following is a summary of the safety and security indicator data:

	Good	Neutral	Needs attention	
	St. Lucie County compared to peer counties			St. Lucie County better (+), the same (=), or worse (-) than the state
CRIME RATES				
Index crime rates				+
Non-violent crime rates				+
Violent crime rates				+
Jail incarceration rate				+
Average daily jail population				N/A

JUVENILE CRIME				
Rate of youth referred for delinquency offenses				N/A
Youth committed for delinquency offenses				N/A
Youth transferred to adult court for delinquency offenses				N/A

SAFETY FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES				
Deaths from unintentional injuries				-
Domestic violence rates				-
Child abuse rates *				-
Crime and violence incidents in high school				-

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METHODOLOGY

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The presentation of the community needs assessment data was organized into the following indicator classifications:

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| ▪ Environmental Scan | Chapter 3 |
| ▪ Family Life (including economic status and family stability) | Chapter 4 |
| ▪ Child Health and Education | Chapter 5 |
| ▪ Adult Health and Functioning | Chapter 6 |
| ▪ Elderly and Disabled Adults | Chapter 7 |
| ▪ Safety and Security | Chapter 8 |

Chapters 4 through 8 present quantitative and qualitative information pertaining to each of these classifications, while chapter 9 presents information about service providers serving St. Lucie County.

Indicator Data

Chapters 4 through 8 present quantitative data for each of the five classifications of indicators. These data were obtained from multiple sources, primarily state databases. Information was collected from the following:

- Agency for Workforce Innovation, Office of Early Learning, Florida Child Care Resource and Referral State Network
- Early Learning Coalition of St. Lucie County, Inc.
- Florida Department of Children and Families, 2006 Florida Youth Substance Abuse Survey
- Florida Department of Children and Families, Performance Measures Dashboard
- Florida Department of Corrections
- Florida Department of Education, Education Information and Accountability Services (EIAS) Publications and Master School Identification File
- Florida Department of Education, Office of Early Learning
- Florida Department of Elder Affairs
- Florida Department of Health, Bureau of Epidemiology
- Florida Department of Health, Office of Vital Statistics
- Florida Department of Juvenile Justice
- Florida Department of Law Enforcement
- Florida Education and Community Data Profiles
- Florida Legislature, Office of Economic and Demographic Research
- Florida Research and Economic Database
- St. Lucie County School District
- Syracuse University, Transactional Records Access Clearinghouse
- Treasure Coast Homeless Services Council, Inc.
- U.S. Census

- University of Florida, Bureau of Economic and Business Research
- University of Florida, Shimberg Center for Affordable Housing, Florida Housing Data Clearinghouse

The indicators included in this report were agreed upon by the Needs Assessment team and consultants. It is recognized that there are other indicators that were not included in this report due to time and cost constraints.

Data for the most recent year available are presented for St. Lucie County and for three peer counties – Lake, Manatee, and Marion. These counties were selected as peers based on population size, proximity to St. Lucie County, and the similarity in population and economic characteristics. Lake County includes Clermont, Leesburg, Eustis, Lady Lake, Tavares, and Mount Dora. Manatee County includes Bradenton, Palmetto, and Holmes Beach. Marion County includes Ocala, Belleview, and Dunnellon.

The table below shows some comparison points considered in the selection of the peer counties. Within each of the chapters, the data for St. Lucie County are contrasted with data for peer counties. For example, the population trends and the growth rate in St. Lucie and the peer counties are contrasted in the Environmental Scan section of the report.

<i>Points of Comparison: St. Lucie Co. and Peer Counties</i>	St. Lucie Co.	Lake Co.	Manatee Co.	Marion Co.
Population, 2005 estimate	241,305	277,035	306,779	303,442
Population, 2000	192,695	210,528	264,002	258,916
Population, percent change, April 1, 2000 to July 1, 2005	25.2%	31.6%	16.2%	17.2%
Children's Services Council	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Households, 2000	76,933	88,413	112,460	106,755
Persons per household, 2000	2.47	2.34	2.29	2.36
Median household income, 2003	\$37,388	\$39,013	\$39,683	\$33,177
Per capita money income, 1999	\$18,790	\$20,199	\$22,388	\$17,848
Persons below poverty, percent, 2003	12.9%	10.2%	10.8%	14.0%
Persons under 5 years old, percent, 2005	5.6%	5.4%	5.9%	5.3%
Persons under 18 years old, percent, 2005	21.9%	19.9%	21.4%	20.7%
Persons 65 years old and over, percent, 2005	21.1%	26.7%	22.5%	23.6%
White persons, percent, 2005	80.8%	88.4%	88.8%	85.9%
Black persons, percent, 2005	16.5%	8.8%	8.7%	11.6%
Persons of Hispanic or Latino origin, percent, 2005	12.4%	9.1%	11.8%	7.9%
White persons not Hispanic, percent, 2005	69.2%	79.9%	77.6%	78.6%
Foreign born persons, percent, 2000	10.5%	5.1%	8.4%	5.2%
Language other than English spoken at home, pct age 5+, 2000	13.8%	8.4%	12.3%	8.8%
High school graduates, percent of persons age 25+, 2000	77.7%	79.8%	81.4%	78.2%
Bachelor's degree or higher, pct of persons age 25+, 2000	15.1%	16.6%	20.8%	13.7%

All rates presented in the indicator data are calculated by the source indicated.

Community Telephone and Focus Group Research

Chapters 4 through 8 each end with a section entitled Community Response. Community Response includes findings based on two research projects – a series of six focus groups and a community-wide telephone survey.

Primary research among residents of St. Lucie County was conducted in order to supplement secondary indicator data. Primary research provides a first hand look at factors that impact residents of the county. Both quantitative and qualitative primary research was conducted, with a telephone survey gathering statistically reliable data and focus groups that provided attitudes and perceptions among community leaders, agencies which provide services, faith-based organizations, Haitian residents, and Hispanic residents.

The telephone survey and focus groups were designed to provide data from a broad spectrum of residents. Further, the focus groups were invaluable in providing a voice of those residents who are under represented in random telephone surveys. This is particularly true of low income households and minority groups such as Hispanics and Haitians who either are not reachable by telephone or who are hesitant to participate in this type of survey.

Telephone Survey

A telephone survey of St. Lucie County residents was conducted in order to obtain results which offered a high level of statistical confidence. Survey results provided data on household composition, annual household income, education, and employment characteristics. The survey was conducted among 400 residents of the county which provided results at a 95% statistical level of confidence, with a margin of error of +/- 5%. A confidence level of 95%, +/- 5%, means that if this study were to be repeated, 95% of the time the results would fall within a range of plus or minus 5%.

The survey was designed to be representative of the demographics of the county as a whole.

The SRA and PEI team designed the telephone survey based upon their expertise with similar projects, as well as input from the task force led by United Way of St. Lucie County. The team worked closely with task force representatives to ensure that the survey was structured to provide the level of input needed.

The survey required 12 minutes to complete and included closed-ended questions (no open-ended questions were included).

After receiving approval on the survey, a pre-test was conducted among a random sample of area residents. The pre-test determined if questions were clear and non-ambiguous and if all possible answer options were included.

The following topic areas were included in the survey:

- Quality of life in the county and neighborhood
- How well programs and services in the county are handled
- How well the county serves the needs of specific population segments

- Crime rate and perception of safety
- Quality of health care
- Health issues and concerns
- Education
- Economic conditions
- Government and community service

The survey was fielded using a team of professionally trained and fully briefed interviewers. All members of the interviewing team attended three briefings to ensure a complete understanding of the survey.

CATI (Computer Aided Telephone Interviewing) was used to conduct this survey. CATI allows interviewers to use the computer instead of pencil and paper. Interviewers read the question as it appears on the monitor, then input responses directly into the system.

Interviewers were monitored by the field supervisor, and 10% of all completed surveys were validated in order to ensure quality control.

The telephone survey was conducted among 400 county residents between March 29 and April 3, 2007 during the hours of 5:00 PM and 9:00 PM Monday through Friday, and Saturday from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM in order to reach the full spectrum of residents.

Focus Groups

Focus groups are an effective market research technique for gathering perceptions and attitudes from groups of people who, because of their unique experiences and perspectives, are able to share a deeper level of information on a specific topic.

Six focus groups were conducted according to the following schedule:

Date	Time	Audience	Location
Tuesday - April 24, 2007	4:00 pm	Service providers	Indian River Community College
	6:30 pm	Community leaders	
Wednesday - April 25, 2007	4:00 pm	Service providers	Indian River Community College
	6:30 pm	Faith-based organizations	
Wednesday - June 27, 2007	5:30 pm	Hispanic residents	LaVoz newspaper office
Thursday - June 28, 2007	6:00 pm	Haitian residents	Notre Dame Mission

Service providers are ideal candidates for focus groups since they have the ability to supply a greater understanding of the needs of residents, from children to seniors. A full spectrum of providers was included in the research, with the following represented:

- Area Agency on Aging
- Big Brothers Big Sisters
- Boys & Girls Club of St. Lucie County
- Children's Services Council of St. Lucie County
- Council on Aging of St. Lucie County
- Early Learning Coalition of St. Lucie County
- Exchange Club CASTLE
- Habitat for Humanity
- Healthy Kids of St. Lucie County
- Healthy Start Coalition
- Hibiscus Children's Center
- Kids Connected By Design
- Mustard Seed Ministries
- National Alliance for Mental Health
- New Horizons of the Treasure Coast
- North Treasure Coast Chapter American Red Cross
- Planned Parenthood
- Safespace, Inc.
- St. Lucie Veteran's Services
- The ARC of St. Lucie County
- Treasure Coast Food Bank
- YMCA

In addition, community leaders were able to provide insight into the employment base on the community and represented the following:

- City of Fort Pierce Police
- Florida Atlantic University
- Florida Power and Light
- Fort Pierce Housing Authority
- Fort Pierce Utilities
- Publix at Tradition
- St. Lucie County Executive Roundtable
- St. Lucie County Sheriff
- Scripps Treasure Coast Newspapers

The faith-based organizations recruited for the focus group included the following:

- Indian River Presbyterian
- Miracle Prayer Temple
- New Life Christian Center
- New Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist
- Notre Dame Mission
- St. Lucie Catholic Church
- St. Peter Lutheran Church
- The Holy Place
- Victory Ministries International

The service providers, community leaders, and faith-based organization focus group respondents were invited to participate in the research by SRA using lists provided by the task force led by United Way of St. Lucie County. The Notre Dame Mission recruited the Haitian focus group and the LaVoz newspaper recruited the Hispanic focus group.

The task force was identified as the sponsor of the research during this process.

The service providers, community leaders, and faith-based organizations invited to attend received a letter confirming their participation in the group and providing all necessary specifications of the group including date, time, and location. The day before the group, the team re-contacted these individuals to ensure attendance. The Notre Dame Mission and LaVoz newspaper office confirmed attendance for the Hispanic and Haitian groups.

The team developed the list of questions to be asked during the focus groups. The questions were designed to meet the goals and objectives of the project and were specific to each group's audience.

The groups conducted among service providers, community leaders, and faith-based organizations were audio-video taped for later review and analysis. The DVDs from each session have been provided to the task force led by United Way of St. Lucie County. The Hispanic and Haitian groups were audio-taped only. Full transcripts of each group have been submitted to the task force under separate cover.

Program Directory Information

Chapter 9 presents an overview of the information collected as part of the program directory. The program directory information was collected through a web-based survey designed to capture information about the parent agency and each program that the agencies operate. To initiate data collection for the program directory, a listing of 159 agencies was compiled from "2-1-1" and from input by the task force. Of the 159 agencies, 68 completed program directory information for 169 programs.

Chapter 10 presents detailed information about specific services provided by the various agencies and programs.

Strategic Direction

Chapters 4 through 8 include a Strategic Direction section which outlines the key issues in that area and offers potential solutions for these issues.

This report offers strategic directions to be considered in each chapter. These are offered only as points to be considered to stimulate your discussion when you begin a dialogue about potential action plans. These should not be considered the only options available. It is suggested that an in-depth local analysis be undertaken prior to using these data.

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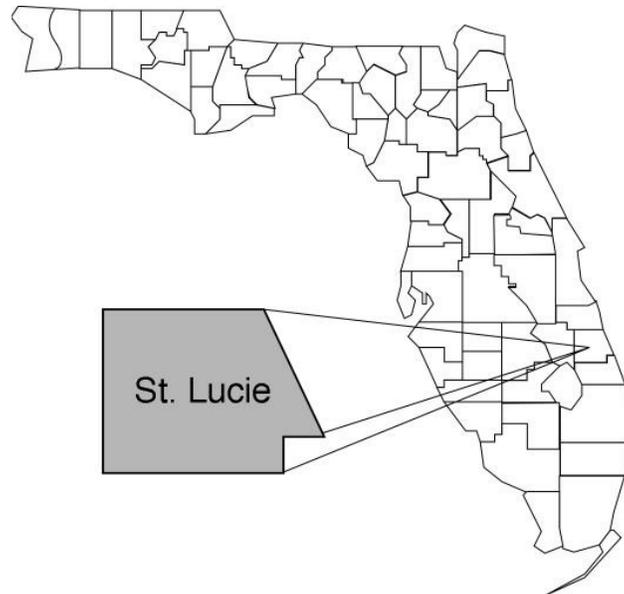
ENVIRONMENTAL SCAN

The environmental scan contains the following information:

- Geography
- Population
- Education
- Employment
- Income
- Housing
- Haitian
- Hispanic

Background

St. Lucie County is Florida's 21st most populous county with 1.4% of Florida's population and is one of the four counties in southeast Florida known as the Treasure Coast. St. Lucie County is comprised of 572 square miles of land, including 20 miles of Atlantic Ocean beachfront. The county is bordered to the north by Indian River County, to the south by Martin County, and to the west by Okeechobee County. The communities within the county are connected by the Florida Turnpike, Interstate 95, U.S. 1, State Road 70, and County Road 68. The St. Lucie County International Airport and the Port of Fort Pierce are other transportation hubs.



Source: Florida Education and Community Data Profiles

According to county reports, St. Lucie County is the second fastest growing county in Florida and the 13th fastest growing in the U.S. The county was named a top 10 “boomtown” by Inc. magazine in 2006 and ranked the city of Port St. Lucie among “America’s Top Performing Cities” for 2005 job growth by the Milken Institute.

St. Lucie County is home to the Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute (HBOI). The institute is one of the world’s leading not-for-profit oceanographic research organizations dedicated to exploring the earth’s oceans, estuaries, and coastal regions. HBOI employs over 250 individuals and is comprised of seven divisions that include: Aquaculture; Biomedical Marine Research; Engineering R&D; Marine Operations; Marine Science; Marine Mammal Research and Conservation; and Marine Education.

St. Lucie County is also the home of Indian River Community College’s Main Campus (IRCC) in Fort Pierce and the St. Lucie West Campus, a joint campus with Florida Atlantic University providing opportunities for four-year degrees. The St. Lucie West Campus also houses the Schreiber Conference Center for business and community use. The Kight Center for Emerging Technologies is the newest and largest building on the Main Campus and features training in the latest technologies, such as manufacturing robotics and internet security. The IRCC Main Campus is also a site for a regional branch of the Florida State University (FSU) College of Medicine.

IRCC reports plans are underway for the Treasure Coast Public Safety Training Complex, a 50-acre multi-building facility for training in criminal justice, fire science, and emergency management.

The county has a number of resources that emphasize the natural environment for which the area is well known, including the Manatee Observation and Education Center in Fort Pierce, the St. Lucie County Marine Center, which features the Smithsonian Marine Ecosystems Exhibit, the Frederick Douglass Memorial Park on South Hutchinson Island, and Oxbow nature trails.

In addition to environmental assets, the county is home to the historic Sunrise Theatre in downtown Fort Pierce, the PGA Golf Club and Village in St. Lucie West, numerous other golf courses, and is the spring training home of the New York Mets.

Included in the land area are two major cities, Fort Pierce to the north and Port St. Lucie to the south. The barrier island, Hutchinson Island, runs along the Atlantic coast, providing a site for beachfront communities. Fort Pierce has a rich history dating back to the 18th century. The city has a large minority population and older neighborhoods and is more economically disadvantaged than the rest of the county. Port St. Lucie, by comparison, is very young with a majority of its growth occurring during the past 20 years. Port St. Lucie has a large middle and upper income population and a large number of retired people in newer housing communities than Fort Pierce.

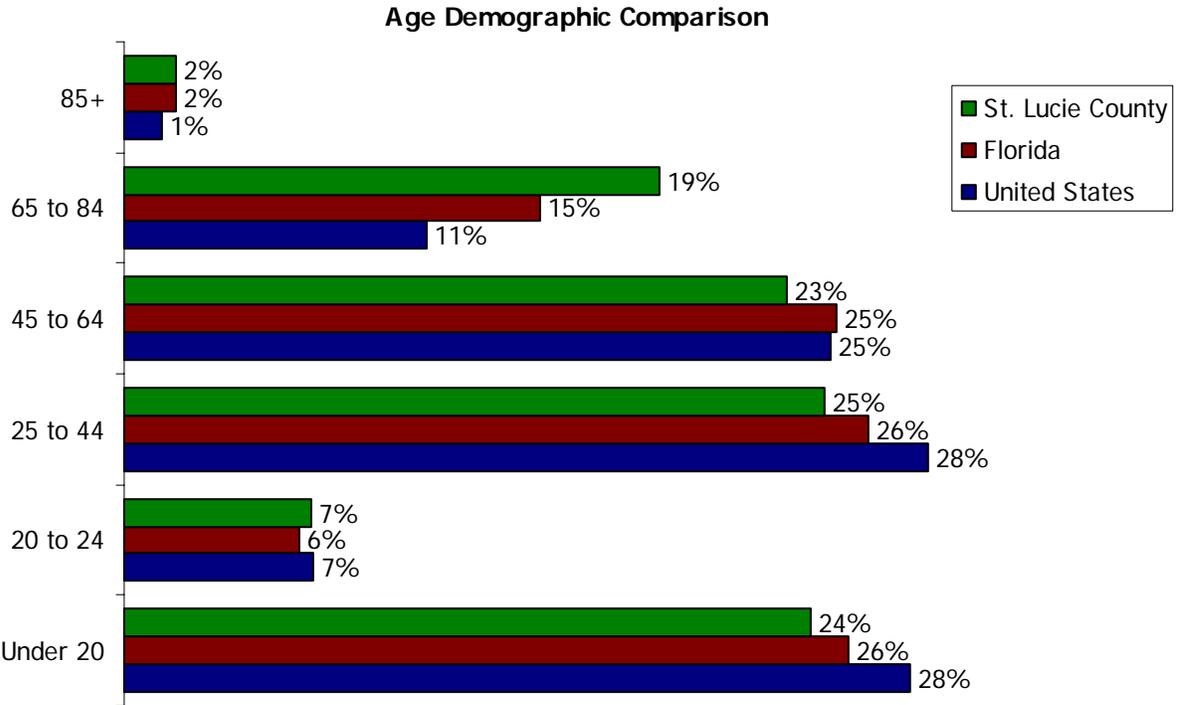
Other communities include: St. Lucie Village, an incorporated area north of Fort Pierce on the western shore of the Indian River (2005 population: 624), Hutchinson Island (including North Hutchinson and South Hutchinson), and St. Lucie West.

Grapefruit and orange groves, as well as operating cattle and horse ranches, dominate the western area of the county. Several large processing companies are based in the county, including Tropicana, which recently expanded its juice production storage facility.



Source: Office of Economic and Demographic Research, Florida Legislature
NOTE: Communities on map are not representative of the size of each area.

In terms of age distribution, St. Lucie County has a large proportion of residents ages 65 to 84. The age demographics of St. Lucie County as compared to Florida and the United States are depicted below:



Source: U.S. Census, 2005 American Community Survey

[To aid in interpretation of descriptive data, comparisons are made throughout the needs assessment to three peer counties selected for similarity in size, proximity, and population characteristics. Peer counties include Lake, Manatee, and Marion.]

St. Lucie County Profile

Land Area

Area.....572 square miles

Source: US Census Bureau State & County QuickFacts

Major Communities

Fort Pierce (2005 Population Estimate: 38,569)
 Port St. Lucie (2005 Population Estimate: 129,135)
 St. Lucie Village (2005 Population Estimate: 624)

Source: Florida Estimates of Population 2005 Bureau of Economic and Business Research, University of Florida

Population

Total Population (2006 estimate).....259,315
 Total Population (2005 estimate).....240,039
 Population 2000 Census.....192,695

Source: Estimates by Office of Economic & Demographic Research, Florida Legislature

Persons per square mile (2000).....336.9

Source: US Census Bureau, State & County QuickFacts

Population By Age

Under 5.....10,666 (6%)
 5-17.....32,628 (17%)
 18-24.....12,953 (7%)
 25-44.....48,503 (25%)
 45-64.....44,273 (23%)
 65-84.....39,734 (21%)
 85+.....3,938 (2%)

Source: US Census Bureau, Census 2000, Summary File 1

Race

White.....152,506 (79%)
 Black.....28,947 (15%)
 Asian.....1,885 (1%)
 Other.....9,357 (5%)

Source: US Census Bureau, Census 2000, Summary File 1

Ethnicity

Hispanic.....16,004 (8%)
 Non-Hispanic.....176,691 (92%)

Source: US Census Bureau, Census 2000, Summary File 1

Income

Adjusted Gross Income.....\$43,201
 Average Annual Wage\$27,870

Source: Federal Income Tax Report, Transactional Records Access Clearinghouse, Syracuse University, 2007

Top Employment Sectors

Trade, Transportation, Utilities.....24%
 Government17%
 Education and Health12%

Source: Office of Economic & Demographic Research, Florida Legislature, 2005

Education (Age 25+)

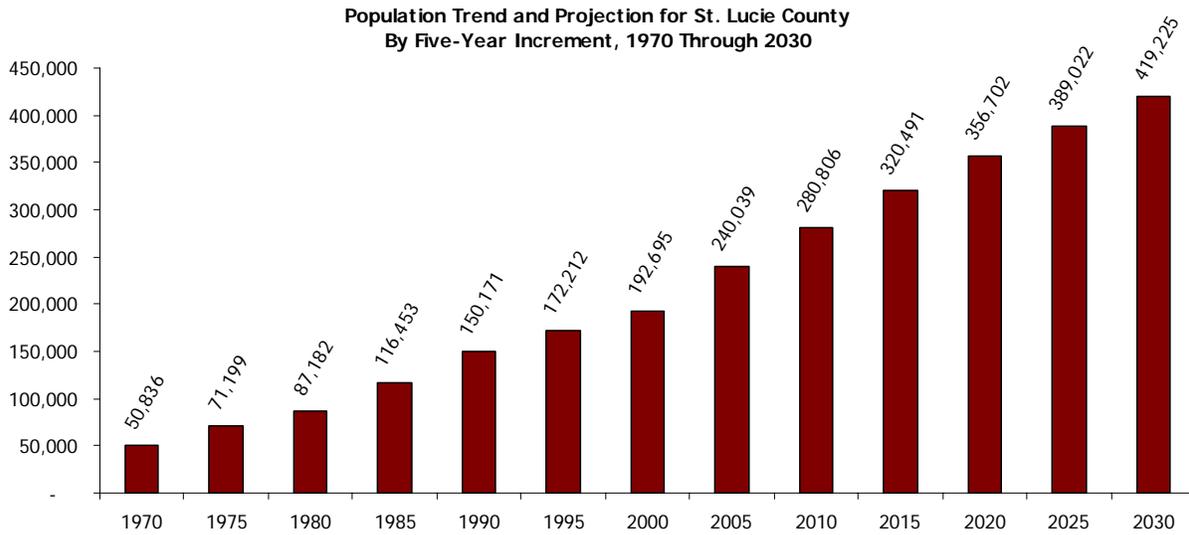
Less than High School.....22%
 High School Graduate56%
 College degree or higher.....22%

Source: U. S. Census 2000 Summary File 3 (SF 3) - Sample Data

Population Trends

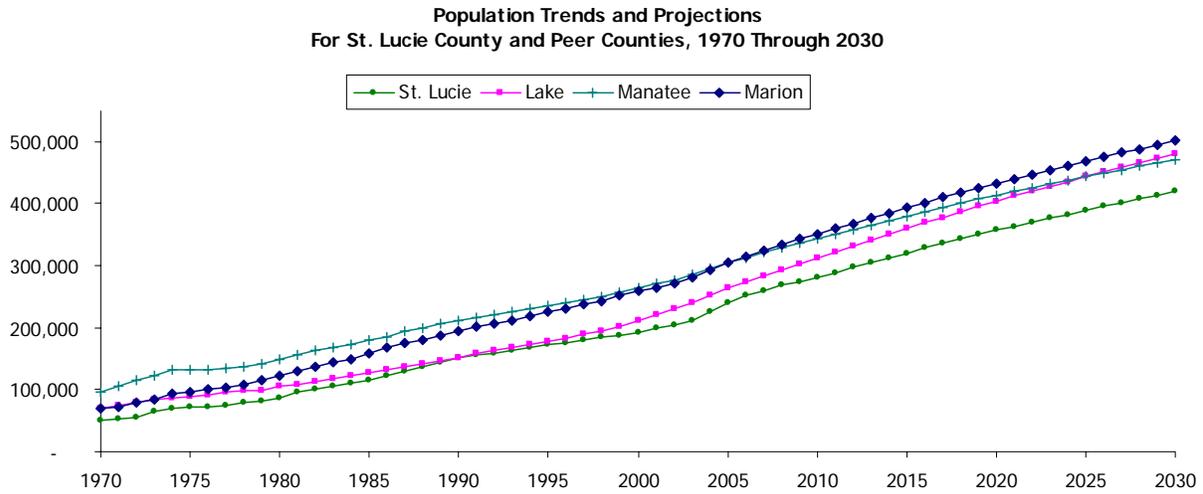
Population Projections

In 2007, St. Lucie County was Florida's 21st most populous county with 1.4% of Florida's population. With a 2007 population estimate of over 260,509, St. Lucie County has seen over a 70 percent increase in population from 1970 through 2007. Rapid growth will continue, with the county forecasted to have 419,225 residents by 2030, remaining in the top third of the most populous counties in the state.



Source: The Florida Legislature, Office of Economic and Demographic Research.

St. Lucie County had a population increase of 28.3 percent from 1990-2000, only slightly ahead of the statewide growth of 23.5 percent. The county's growth saw a sharp increase from 2000 to 2005 with a population estimate increase of 25.2 percent compared to the state increase of 11.3 percent.



Source: The Florida Legislature, Office of Economic and Demographic Research.

St. Lucie County is smaller in population than each of the peer counties of Lake, Manatee, and Marion, but has seen similar growth over the past three decades. At the beginning of this decade (2000-2005), Lake County had the largest growth rate of 31.6 percent, compared to a growth rate of 25.2 in St. Lucie County. The other two peer counties saw slower growth rates, with 16.2 percent growth in Manatee and 17.2 percent growth in Marion. Looking specifically at the past five years (2003-2007), growth estimates show that St. Lucie County exceeded the three peer counties with a growth rate of 22.9 percent. Anticipated growth levels are expected to change the relative rankings in population. By 2030, Marion is expected to have the largest population among the four, with Lake County surpassing Manatee in population. St. Lucie County is estimated to remain the smallest of the four.

The chart on the following page provides detail of the changes from 1990 to 2007 in total population in St. Lucie County relative to its peers and the rate of growth.

Population Trends in St. Lucie County and Peer Counties, 1990 Through 2007

REGION	POPULATION BY YEAR*							NUMERIC CHANGE:		PERCENT CHANGE:	
	1990 Census	2000 Census	2003 Estimate	2004 Estimate	2005 Estimate	2006 Estimate	2007 Estimate	1990-2000	2003-2007	1990-2000	2003-2007
POPULATIONS BY YEAR											
St. Lucie County	150,171	192,695	211,898	226,216	240,039	251,301	260,509	42,524	48,611	28.3%	22.9%
Lake County	152,104	210,527	240,716	251,878	263,017	273,699	283,992	58,423	43,276	38.4%	18.0%
Manatee County	211,707	264,002	286,884	295,242	304,364	312,962	321,132	52,295	34,248	24.7%	11.9%
Marion County	194,835	258,916	281,966	293,317	304,926	315,497	325,188	64,081	43,222	32.9%	15.3%
AVERAGE ANNUAL GROWTH RATE**											
St. Lucie County	-	5.1%	1.9%	6.8%	6.1%	4.7%	3.7%	-	1.7%		
Lake County	-	6.7%	2.7%	4.6%	4.4%	4.1%	3.8%	-	1.0%		
Manatee County	-	4.5%	1.7%	2.9%	3.1%	2.8%	2.6%	-	0.9%		
Marion County	-	5.9%	1.7%	4.0%	4.0%	3.5%	3.1%	-	1.4%		

*Populations by year represent Census counts for 1990, Census counts for 2000, and 2000 Census-based estimates for 2003 through 2007.

**Represents the average annual (single-year) compounded growth rate between each period depicted.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 1990 Census, Population Estimates Program, and Census 2000; compiled by Office of Economic and Demographic Research, Florida Legislature

Populations of Communities within St. Lucie County

The major communities in St. Lucie County are (in descending order by size):

- Port St. Lucie
- Fort Pierce
- St. Lucie Village

Based on 2005 population estimates, Port St. Lucie is the largest community in the county, with three times the population of Fort Pierce, the next largest community. Nearly twice as many people live in the unincorporated areas of the county as live in Fort Pierce.

Estimates of Population by County and City: April 1, 2005

County and City	April 1 2005 (Est.)	Total change	April 1 2000 (Census)
St. Lucie	240,039	47,344	192,695
Fort Pierce	38,569	1,053	37,516
Port St. Lucie	129,135	40,366	88,769
St. Lucie Village	624	20	604
Unincorporated	71,711	5,905	65,806

Source: Florida Estimates of Population 2005, Bureau of Economic and Business Research, University of Florida

The communities of Fort Pierce, Port St. Lucie, St. Lucie West, and Hutchinson Island each have all of their ZIP codes located within St. Lucie County. The populations delineated by these ZIP codes vary in size, demographic composition, and socioeconomic composition. The towns by ZIP codes are listed in the table below.

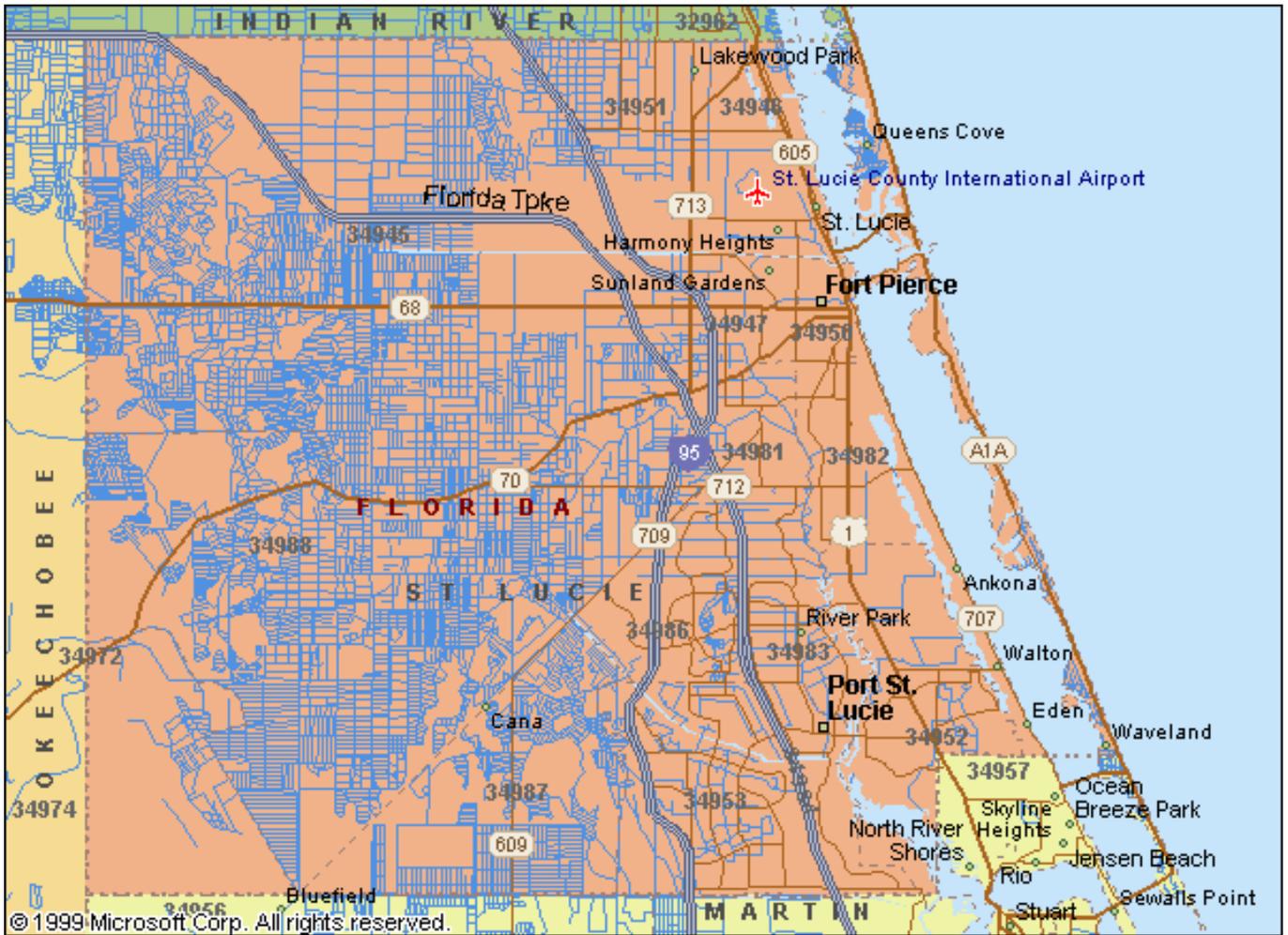
Communities Within St. Lucie County By Zip Code

ZIP CODE	CITY/TOWN	ZIP CODE	CITY/TOWN
34945	Fort Pierce	34953	Port Saint Lucie
34946	Fort Pierce	34981	Fort Pierce
34947	Fort Pierce	34982	Fort Pierce
34949	Fort Pierce, Hutchinson Island	34983	Port Saint Lucie
34950	Fort Pierce	34984	Port Saint Lucie
34951	Fort Pierce	34986	Saint Lucie West
34952	Port Saint Lucie	34987	Saint Lucie West

* Not including ZIP codes for P.O. Boxes or ZIP codes with more than half the addresses located outside St. Lucie County

Source: Melissa Data (www.melissadata.com).

ZIPCode Areas and Communities in St. Lucie County



Source: <http://www.florida-business-data.com/maps/zip-codes/St-Lucie-County.htm>

Overall, the county has proportionately fewer minorities than statewide, with only 19.1 percent non-white, non-Hispanic individuals (as compared with a statewide proportion of 21.4 percent). Minorities are concentrated in Fort Pierce where 30 percent of the population is Black/African American.

Population by Race/Ethnicity in St. Lucie County Areas and Florida

Population	Florida	St. Lucie County	Fort Pierce CCD*	Hutchinson Island CCD*	Port St. Lucie CCD*	St. Lucie West CCD*
Total:	15982378	192695	94144	8228	85072	5251
Not Hispanic or Latino:	13302064	176691	84840	8121	78810	4920
White alone	10,456,458	142,949	59,337	8,007	70,795	4,810
Black or African American alone	2,244,701	28,412	22,901	11	5,443	57
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	43,888	436	169	37	224	6
Asian alone	260,532	1,870	825	8	999	38
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	5,409	29	21	0	8	0
Some other race alone	27,676	163	31	0	132	0
Two or more races	263,400	2,832	1,556	58	1,209	9
Hispanic or Latino:	2680314	16004	9304	107	6262	331
White alone	2,006,844	9,557	5,345	71	3,957	184
Black or African American alone	67,404	535	298	0	237	0
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	10,540	56	8	0	48	0
Asian alone	3,845	15	7	8	0	0
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	1,403	0	0	0	0	0
Some other race alone	444,657	4,934	3,209	14	1,564	147
Two or more races	145,621	907	437	14	456	0
Total:	100%	100%	48.9%	4.3%	44.1%	2.7%
Not Hispanic or Latino:	83.2%	91.7%	90.1%	98.7%	92.6%	93.7%
White alone	78.6%	80.9%	69.9%	98.6%	89.8%	97.8%
Black or African American alone	16.9%	16.1%	27.0%	0.1%	6.9%	1.2%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	0.3%	0.2%	0.2%	0.5%	0.3%	0.1%
Asian alone	2.0%	1.1%	1.0%	0.1%	1.3%	0.8%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Some other race alone	0.2%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%	0.0%
Two or more races	2.0%	1.6%	1.8%	0.7%	1.5%	0.2%
Hispanic or Latino:	16.8%	8.3%	9.9%	1.3%	7.4%	6.3%
White alone	74.9%	59.7%	57.4%	66.4%	63.2%	55.6%
Black or African American alone	2.5%	3.3%	3.2%	0.0%	3.8%	0.0%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	0.4%	0.3%	0.1%	0.0%	0.8%	0.0%
Asian alone	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	7.5%	0.0%	0.0%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Some other race alone	16.6%	30.8%	34.5%	13.1%	25.0%	44.4%
Two or more races	5.4%	5.7%	4.7%	13.1%	7.3%	0.0%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000, Summary File 3.

* **Census county division (CCD)** A subdivision of a county that is a relatively permanent statistical area established cooperatively by the Census Bureau and state and local government authorities. Used for presenting decennial census statistics in those states that do not have well-defined and stable minor civil divisions that serve as local governments.

In terms of age categories, heavy concentrations of senior citizens aged 65 to 84 years are located in Hutchinson Island and West St. Lucie. The largest proportion of seniors in the 85 years and older group reside in Hutchinson Island. Fort Pierce and Port St. Lucie contain the largest proportions of young people (under 18 years of age).

Population by Age Group in St. Lucie County Areas and Florida

Age Groups	Florida	St. Lucie County	Fort Pierce	Hutchinson Island	Port St. Lucie	West St. Lucie
Total, All Ages	15,982,378	192,695	94,144	8,228	85,072	5,251
COUNT						
Ages 0-4	938,775	10,666	5,530	91	4,883	162
Ages 5-17	2,695,797	32,628	16,479	221	15,284	644
Ages 18-24	1,323,161	12,953	7,581	120	4,961	291
Ages 25-44	4,601,680	48,503	23,203	992	23,383	925
Ages 45-64	3,616,828	44,273	20,624	2,412	19,786	1,451
Ages 65-84	2,479,972	39,734	18,553	4,089	15,396	1,696
Ages 85 and over	326,165	3,938	2,174	303	1,379	82
PERCENT						
Ages 0-4	5.9%	5.5%	5.9%	1.1%	5.7%	3.1%
Ages 5-17	16.9%	16.9%	17.5%	2.7%	18.0%	12.3%
Ages 18-24	8.3%	6.7%	8.1%	1.5%	5.8%	5.5%
Ages 25-44	28.8%	25.2%	24.6%	12.1%	27.5%	17.6%
Ages 45-64	22.6%	23.0%	21.9%	29.3%	23.3%	27.6%
Ages 65-84	15.5%	20.6%	19.7%	49.7%	18.1%	32.3%
Ages 85 and over	2.0%	2.0%	2.3%	3.7%	1.6%	1.6%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000, Summary File 3.

There are 3.6 percent more women than men ages 65 and over in the Hutchinson Island area; otherwise the gender distribution is fairly even in the various locations in St. Lucie County.

Population by Age and Gender Group in St. Lucie County and Cities
Number

Age Groups	Florida	St. Lucie County	Fort Pierce	Hutchinson Island	Port St. Lucie	West St. Lucie
Total, All Ages	15,982,378	192,695	94,144	8,228	85,072	5,251
MALE						
Ages 0-4	480,460	5,405	2,888	19	2,403	95
Ages 5-17	1,383,462	16,668	8,408	120	7,812	328
Ages 18-24	676,719	6,632	3,995	55	2,422	160
Ages 25-44	2,303,674	23,994	11,744	553	11,234	463
Ages 45-64	1,729,236	20,989	9,979	1,136	9,187	687
Ages 65-84	1,103,116	18,559	8,401	1,920	7,404	834
Ages 85 and over	111,075	1,518	830	134	511	43
FEMALE						
Ages 0-4	458,315	5,261	2,642	72	2,480	67
Ages 5-17	1,312,335	15,960	8,071	101	7,472	316
Ages 18-24	646,442	6,321	3,586	65	2,539	131
Ages 25-44	2,298,006	24,509	11,459	439	12,149	462
Ages 45-64	1,887,592	23,284	10,645	1,276	10,599	764
Ages 65-84	1,376,856	21,175	10,152	2,169	7,992	862
Ages 85 and over	215,090	2,420	1,344	169	868	39

**Population by Age and Gender Group in St. Lucie County and Cities
Percent**

Age Groups	Florida	St. Lucie County	Fort Pierce	Hutchinson Island	Port St. Lucie	West St. Lucie
Total, All Ages	15,982,378	192,695	94,144	8,228	85,072	5,251
MALE						
Ages 0-4	3.0%	2.8%	3.1%	0.2%	2.8%	1.8%
Ages 5-17	8.7%	8.6%	8.9%	1.5%	9.2%	6.2%
Ages 18-24	4.2%	3.4%	4.2%	0.7%	2.8%	3.0%
Ages 25-44	14.4%	12.5%	12.5%	6.7%	13.2%	8.8%
Ages 45-64	10.8%	10.9%	10.6%	13.8%	10.8%	13.1%
Ages 65-84	6.9%	9.6%	8.9%	23.3%	8.7%	15.9%
Ages 85 and over	0.7%	0.8%	0.9%	1.6%	0.6%	0.8%
FEMALE						
Ages 0-4	2.9%	2.7%	2.8%	0.9%	2.9%	1.3%
Ages 5-17	8.2%	8.3%	8.6%	1.2%	8.8%	6.0%
Ages 18-24	4.0%	3.3%	3.8%	0.8%	3.0%	2.5%
Ages 25-44	14.4%	12.7%	12.2%	5.3%	14.3%	8.8%
Ages 45-64	11.8%	12.1%	11.3%	15.5%	12.5%	14.5%
Ages 65-84	8.6%	11.0%	10.8%	26.4%	9.4%	16.4%
Ages 85 and over	1.3%	1.3%	1.4%	2.1%	1.0%	0.7%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000, Summary File 3.

Education

The St. Lucie School District currently operates 41 schools in the 2007-2008 school year.

The most recent data released is for the 2006 school year. The district served 36,184 students in grades PK to 12 and employed 4,130 staff. Elementary schools comprised 50 percent of the schools, serving 17,342 (48%) of the students in prekindergarten through 5th Grade. High school students represented 28 percent of the total student population and middle school students represented 24 percent.

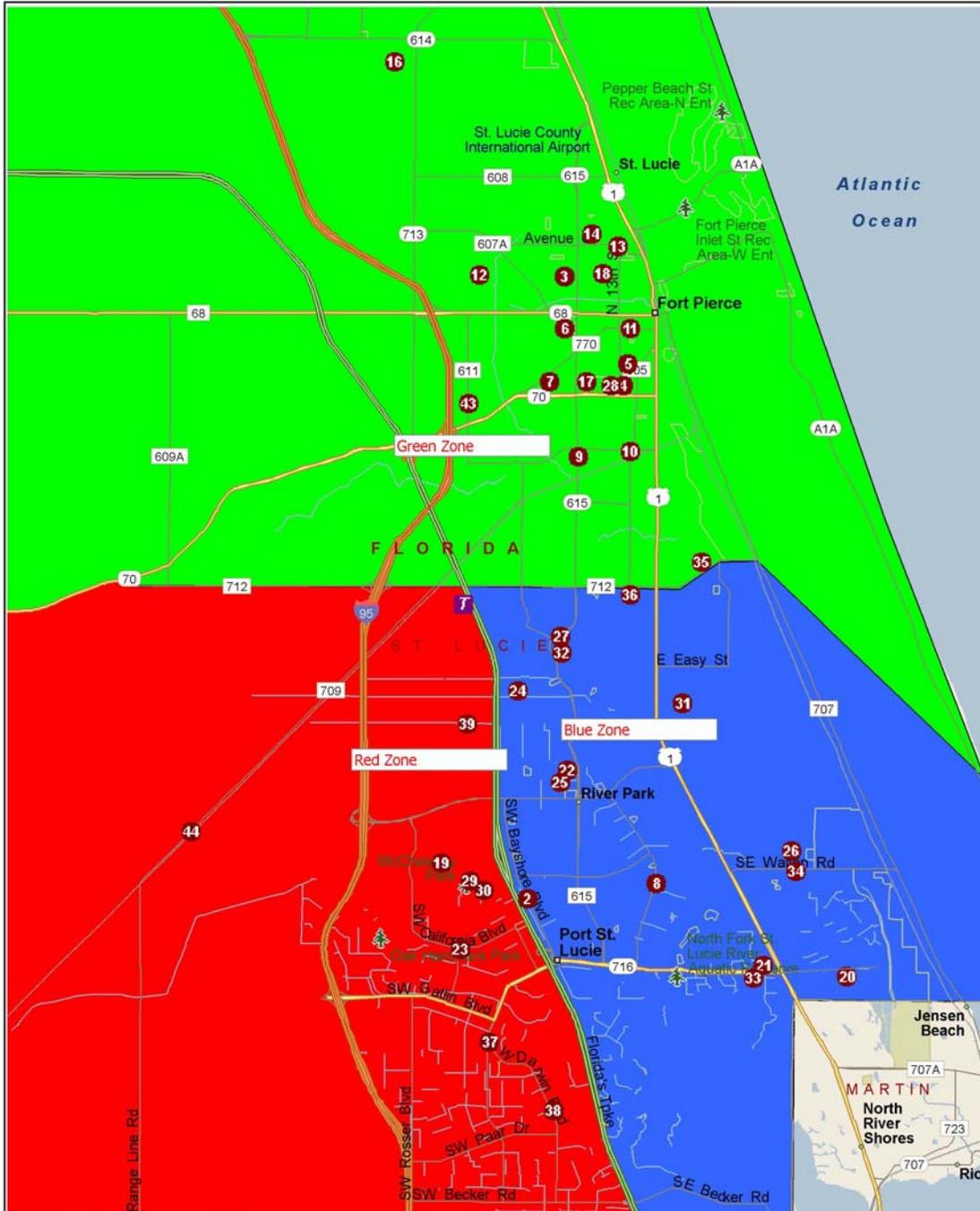
Superintendents for the St. Lucie County School District are appointed. Mr. Michael Lannon, the Superintendent of Schools, was recently named the 2007 Florida Superintendent of the Year.

The number of schools by type is shown in the table below. The locations of schools are shown on the map and chart on the following two pages.

SLC Schools by Type: 2007-2008	
Elementary Schools	18
Middle/Junior High Schools	4
Senior High Schools	6
Other Schools	13
Total	41

Source: St. Lucie County School District.

School Sites by Zone



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Schools by Zone

Green

3-Chester A. Moore
827 N 29th Street
Fort Pierce, FL 34947

14-Garden City Elementary
2202 Avenue Q
Fort Pierce, FL 34950

16-Lakewood Park Elementary
7800 Indrio Road
Fort Pierce, FL 34951

17-Lawnwood Elementary
1900 S 23rd Street
Fort Pierce, FL 34950

43-Samuel S. Gaines Academy K8
2250 S Jenkins Road
Fort Pierce, FL 34947

28-St. Lucie Elementary
2020 S 13th Street
Fort Pierce, FL 34950

35-Weatherbee Elementary
800 E Weatherbee Road
Fort Pierce, FL 34982

36-White City Elementary
905 W 2nd Street
Fort Pierce, FL 34982

5-Dan McCarty Middle
1201 Mississippi Ave
Fort Pierce, FL 34980

9-Forest Grove Middle
3201 S 25th Street
Fort Pierce, FL 34982

10-Fort Pierce Central High
1101 Edwards Road
Fort Pierce, FL 34982

12-Fort Pierce Westwood High
1801 Panther Land
Fort Pierce, FL 34947

Red

2-Bayshore Elementary
1661 SW Bayshore Blvd.
Port St. Lucie, FL 34984

19-Manatee K8
1450 SW Heatherwood Blvd
Port St. Lucie, FL 34986

23-Oak Hammock K8
1251 SW California Blvd
Port St. Lucie, FL 34953

30-St. Lucie West K8
1001 SW Juliet Ave
Port St. Lucie, FL 34986

39-West Gate K8
1050 NW Cashmere Blvd
Port St. Lucie, FL 34986

37-Windmill Point Elementary
700 Darwin Blvd
Port St. Lucie, FL 34953

29-St. Lucie West Centennial High
1485 SW Cashmere Blvd
Port St. Lucie, FL 34986

38-Treasure Coast High
1000 SW Darwin Blvd
Port St. Lucie, FL 34953

44-Allapattah Flats K8
5241 NW Jannebo Street
Port St. Lucie, FL 34986

Blue

8-Floresta Elementary
1501 SE Floresta Drive
Port St. Lucie, FL 34983

20-Mariposa Elementary
2620 SE Mariposa Ave
Port St. Lucie, FL 34952

21-Morningside Elementary
2300 SE Gowin Drive
Port St. Lucie, FL 34952

22-Northport K8
250 NW Floresta Drive
Port St. Lucie, FL 34983

24-Parkway Elementary
7000 NW Selvitz Road
Port St. Lucie, FL 34983

25-Port St. Lucie Elementary
198 NW Marion Ave
Port St. Lucie, FL 34983

27-Rivers Edge Elementary
5600 NW St. James Drive
Port St. Lucie, FL 34983

31-Savanna Ridge Elementary
6801 Lennard Road
Port St. Lucie, FL 34952

32-Southern Oaks Middle
5500 NW St. James Drive
Port St. Lucie, FL 34983

33-Southport Middle
2420 SE Morningside Blvd
Port St. Lucie, FL 34952

26-Port St. Lucie High
1201 SE Jaguar Lane
Port St. Lucie, FL 34952

29-St. Lucie West Centennial High
1485 SW Cashmere Blvd
Port St. Lucie, FL 34986

Zone Magnets

7-Fairlawn Elementary
3203 Rhode Island
Fort Pierce, FL 34947

13-F.K. Sweet Elementary
1400 Avenue K
Fort Pierce, FL 34950

11-Fort Pierce Magnet of Arts
1100 Delaware Ave
Port Pierce, FL 34950

34-Village Green Elementary
1700 Lennard Road
Port St. Lucie, FL 34952

18-Lincoln Park Academy
1806 Avenue I
Fort Pierce, FL 34950

County

Anglewood Center
1809 Panther Lane
Fort Pierce, FL 34947

Dale Classens School
1905 S 11th Street
Fort Pierce, FL 3494750

Delaware Avenue School
2909 Delaware Avenue
Fort Pierce, FL 34947

Indian Hills School
1901 S 11th Street
Fort Pierce, FL 34950

Source: St. Lucie County School District.

NOTE: St. Lucie West Centennial High is in two zones.

The St. Lucie County School District earned the following district grades for each school year:

<u>School year</u>	<u>District grade</u>
2007	C
2006	B
2005	C

On a positive note, there were more "A" schools in 2007. Of the 35 public schools at the time:

- 29 percent achieved an "A" (up from 24 percent in 2006).
- There were fewer "B" and "C" schools in 2007. Fourteen percent achieved a "B" (down from 36 percent in 2006) and 31 percent received a "C" (down from 33 percent in 2006).
- There were, unfortunately, more "D" and "F" schools. Twenty percent earned a "D" (up from 9 percent in 2006), and 6 percent received an "F" grade. There were no "F" schools in the district for 2005-2006.

(Note: The school district re-assigned students in the 2006-2007 school year).

The 2006-2007 school grades by school are listed in the table below:

District and School Grades	Grades for 2006-2007	Grades for 2005-2006	Grades for 2004-2005
District	C	B	C
Elementary			
1. White City Elementary School	C	B	C
2. Weatherbee Elementary School	F	B	C
3. Fairlawn Elementary School	A	A	A
4. Lawnwood Elementary School	B	B	C
5. St. Lucie Elementary School	D	B	C
6. Frances K. Sweet Elementary School	A	A	A
7. Savanna Ridge Elementary School	C	B	C
8. Garden City Elementary School	F	A	C
9. Port St. Lucie Elementary School	B	B	A
10. Morningside Elementary School	A	A	B
11. Lakewood Park Elementary School	C	C	B
12. Floresta Elementary School	A	B	B
13. Bayshore Elementary School	C	C	B
14. Windmill Point Elementary School	A	A	B
15. Village Green Elementary School	A	C	B
16. Parkway Elementary School	C	D	C
17. Mariposa Elementary School	A	C	A
18. Manatee Elementary School	C	B	B
19. Rivers Edge Elementary School	A	B	A
Middle			
20. Dan McCarty Middle School	D	B	B
21. Southport Middle School	C	C	C
22. Forest Grove Middle School	C	B	C
23. Southern Oaks Middle School	C	C	C
High			
24. Fort Pierce Central High School	D	D	C
25. Fort Pierce Westwood High School	D	C	D
26. Port St. Lucie High School	D	C	D
27. St. Lucie West Centennial High	D	C	C
28. Treasure Coast High School	D		
Combination			
29. Fort Pierce Magnet K-8 School	B	A	B
30. Chester A. Moore K-7 School	C	C	D
31. Lincoln Park Academy	A	A	A
32. St. Lucie West K-8 School	A	A	B
33. Northport K-8 School	C	C	C
34. Oak Hammock K-8 School	B	B	
35. West Gate K-8 School	B		

According to the Florida Department of Education (FLDOE), Education Information and Accountability Services, of the 2,195 degrees held by teachers in St. Lucie County, 64 percent are Bachelors degrees, while 36 percent are advanced degrees. Teachers in St. Lucie County are typically very experienced, with an average of 13 years of experience overall. The teachers make an average of \$42,097 per year, ranging from an average of \$39,111 for Bachelors-level teachers to an average of \$53,847 for those with a Specialist degree.

Also, according to FLDOE, over half (53%) of the students in the district (19,022 of 36,184) are eligible for free or reduced meals based on the most recently reported data. For six percent of the students, their primary language is other than English. The district reports a graduation rate for 2005-06 of 72.7 percent and a dropout rate of 2.2 percent.

According to the School Board of St. Lucie County, there are 6,094 Exceptional Education students (or 17% of the student population), of which:

- 4,789 are students with a disability
- 1,305 are classified as gifted

Educational attainment levels vary somewhat across the communities in St. Lucie County, according to the U.S. Census. In Fort Pierce, 30 percent of the population aged 25 years and older has not attained a high school diploma or equivalent level of education, compared to 22 percent for the county as a whole. In contrast, 34 percent of the individuals residing in the more affluent community of Hutchinson Island have attained some type of college degree (associate degree or higher), compared to 22 percent for the county as a whole.

Population (Aged 25+) By Educational Attainment

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT (highest level)	St. Lucie County	Ft. Pierce	Hutchinson Island	Port St. Lucie	West St. Lucie
COUNT					
Total Population Age 25+	136,448	64,554	7,796	59,944	4,154
Less than 5th grade	2,771	2,259	39	432	41
5th to 8th grade	6,419	4,604	149	1,529	137
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	21,273	12,313	757	7,589	614
High school graduate (incl. equivalency)	44,627	20,362	2,468	20,272	1,525
Some college credit, less than 1 year	12,114	5,232	653	5,851	378
1 or more years of college, no degree	19,102	7,921	1,085	9,511	585
Associate degree	9,580	3,835	503	4,976	266
Bachelor's degree	13,432	5,288	1,227	6,522	395
Master's degree	4,555	1,800	535	2,094	126
Professional degree	1,917	661	314	884	58
Doctorate degree	658	279	66	284	29
PERCENT					
Total Population Age 25+	100%	47.3%	5.7%	43.9%	3.0%
Less than 5th grade	2	3.5	0.5	0.7	1
5th to 8th grade	4.7	7.1	1.9	2.6	3.3
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	15.6	19.1	9.7	12.7	14.8
High school graduate (incl. equivalency)	32.7	31.5	31.7	33.8	36.7
Some college credit, less than 1 year	8.9	8.1	8.4	9.8	9.1
1 or more years of college, no degree	14	12.3	13.9	15.9	14.1
Associate degree	7	5.9	6.5	8.3	6.4
Bachelor's degree	9.8	8.2	15.7	10.9	9.5
Master's degree	3.3	2.8	6.9	3.5	3
Professional degree	1.4	1	4	1.5	1.4
Doctorate degree	0.5	0.4	0.8	0.5	0.7

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000, Summary File 3.

Employment

The Florida Labor Market Statistics, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program and the Office of Economic and Demographic Research, Florida Legislature, report the following employment statistics for St. Lucie County:

- For 2006, St. Lucie County had 110,140 workers employed and 4,840 workers unemployed for an unemployment rate of 4.2 percent. Previously, the unemployment rate in the county had dropped from 5.7 percent in 2000 to 3.9 percent in 2005.
- Compared to \$712 statewide, the average weekly wage for St. Lucie County in 2006 was \$634. This would be equivalent to \$15.85 per hour or \$32,968 per year, assuming a 40-hour week worked the year around.
- The labor force in St. Lucie County was estimated at 56.8 percent of the county population aged 18 and older for 2005, compared to 62 percent statewide.

In terms of industry classifications, the Trade, Transportation, and Utilities sector employs the most people in St. Lucie County, accounting for 24 percent of total employment. The Government classification accounts for 17 percent of total employment and Education and Health Services account for another 12 percent. The table below shows each of the major industry classifications by total employment and average annual wage, comparing St. Lucie County to the state as a whole.

Average Annual Employment, % by Category, 2005,	Employment by Industry				
	St. Lucie County	Florida	Average Annual Wage	St. Lucie County	Florida
			All industries	\$32,383	\$36,804
Natural Resource & Mining	3.3%	1.3%	Natural Resource & Mining	\$25,947	\$22,841
Construction	10.4%	7.5%	Construction	\$32,723	\$38,284
Manufacturing	4.4%	5.2%	Manufacturing	\$34,894	\$43,409
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	23.9%	20.1%	Trade, Transportation and Utilities	\$33,005	\$33,950
Information	1.0%	2.2%	Information	\$45,131	\$52,849
Financial Activities	6.0%	6.8%	Financial Activities	\$38,214	\$52,659
Professional & Business Services	10.2%	17.1%	Professional & Business Services	\$28,828	\$39,390
Education & Health Services	12.4%	11.7%	Education & Health Services	\$35,925	\$38,322
Leisure and Hospitality	8.8%	11.4%	Leisure and Hospitality	\$15,519	\$19,303
Government	17.1%	13.6%	Government	\$38,710	\$41,272
Other services	2.6%	3.1%	Other services	\$23,952	\$25,768

Source: Office of Economic and Demographic Research, Florida Legislature

St. Lucie County job seekers, including welfare reform program clients, can get assistance to improve their employment situation from the Workforce Development Board. Through contractual partnership, Arbor Employment and Training operates the regional One-Stop Center. Workforce services also are delivered through a mobile unit and other points of access throughout the Treasure Coast.

Top Employers

The Economic Development Council compiles and reports data relating to employment conditions in the region. Relative to the top employers, the Council reported that there have been some significant expansions within companies after their move to St. Lucie County (Liberty, Converges, QVC, Tropicana, and others), so a new Top Employers list is being updated. The most recent data available from the Council lists the following as the major employers in the county:

St. Lucie County Major Employers	
Employer	Avg # of Employees
St. Lucie County School District	3,689
St. Lucie County	1,832
Liberty Medical Supply	1,828
Indian River Community College	1,766
Wal-Mart Stores (includes Sam's Club)	1,750
State Government	1,421
Lawnwood Regional Medical Center	1,260
City of Port St. Lucie	985
QVC	975
Publix Super Markets	939
Florida Power and Light	913
St. Lucie Medical Center	807
Federal Government	625
Convergys Corporation	600
Wal-Mart Distribution Center	600
Bernard Egan & Company	500
Riverside National Bank	487
Aegis Communication Group	400
Winn-Dixie	389
City of Fort Pierce	385
Home Depot	385
Tropicana	375
Harbor Federal Savings Bank	370
New Horizons Health and Substance Abuse	369
BellSouth	350
St. Lucie County Fire District	321
Club Med Sandpiper	318
Drawdy Brothers Construction	300
PGA of America	278
Packers of Indian River	275

Source: EDC of St. Lucie County and SLC Community Services, August 2004

Commuting Workers

Information relating to commuting workers was compiled by the Workforce Development Board of the Treasure Coast using the Labor Market Information for St. Lucie County. In their Workforce Solutions Tool, the workforce board reported:

- St. Lucie County had 68,338 residents employed in 286 occupations, based on the 2000 Census.
- Nearly three-quarters (71%) of workers who resided in St. Lucie County also worked there.
- The three occupations that employ the most St. Lucie County residents were: first-line supervisors/managers of retail sales workers (2,431 workers); retail salespersons (2,289 workers); and secretaries and administrative assistants (1,941 workers).
- There were 123 occupations for which all workers who resided in St. Lucie County also worked in St. Lucie County. The three largest of these were: bus drivers (244 workers); clergy (223 workers); and industrial truck and tractor operators (199 workers).
- More males than females both resided and worked in St. Lucie County (52.1 percent and 47.9 percent, respectively).
- The three occupations that retained the most male resident workers were: driver/sales workers and truck drivers (1,094 workers); miscellaneous agricultural workers, including animal breeders (990 workers); and first-line supervisors/managers of retail sales workers (814 workers).
- The three occupations that retained the most female resident workers were: secretaries and administrative assistants (1,319 workers); cashiers (1,138 workers); and elementary and middle school teachers (1,093 workers).
- A majority of St. Lucie County residents who also worked in St. Lucie County were White alone, not Hispanic or Latino (73%) or Black or African American alone, not Hispanic or Latino (14.6%).
- Of the 49,818 St. Lucie County residents who stayed in St. Lucie County to work, 32.6 percent had earned a maximum education of "some college" or an associate's degree.
- Only 4.4 percent of St. Lucie County residents commuted to Palm Beach County to work and no residents commuted to Brevard County or Broward County.
- The occupations that the most St. Lucie County residents commuted to Palm Beach County to work in were: carpenters (114 workers); registered nurses (105 workers); and driver/sales workers and truck drivers (105 workers).

- More males left the county for work than their female counterparts, (68.3 percent and 31.7 percent, respectively).
- The three occupations that attracted the most male St. Lucie County residents to work in Palm Beach County were: carpenters (114 workers); driver/sales workers and truck drivers (105 workers); and first-line supervisors/managers of construction trades/extract workers (104 workers).
- The three occupations that attracted the most female St. Lucie County residents to work in Palm Beach County were: registered nurses (90 workers); secretaries and administrative assistants (75 workers); and bookkeeping, accounting, and auditing clerks (50 workers).
- A majority of St. Lucie County residents who commuted to Palm Beach County to work were White alone, not Hispanic or Latino (88.8%).
- Nearly ten percent of St. Lucie County residents who were Black or African American and White, not Hispanic or Latino commuted to Palm Beach County to work.
- The most common level of educational attainment among St. Lucie County residents who commuted to another county to work was “some college” or an associate’s degree (38.3%)
- Over two-fifths (41.1%) of St. Lucie County residents who commuted to Palm Beach County to work obtained at least “some college” or an associate’s degree.
- Almost one-fifth (17.8 percent) of St. Lucie County workers who commuted from outside the region, including Martin County (3.9 percent), Indian River County (2.9 percent), or Palm Beach County (0.3 percent).
- More men than women commuted to St. Lucie County from another county (66.4 percent and 33.6 percent, respectively).
- The three occupations that attracted the most male commuters from other counties were: miscellaneous agricultural workers, including animal breeders (422 workers); driver/sales workers and truck drivers (227 workers); and first line supervisors/ managers of retail sales workers (215 workers).
- The three occupations that attracted the most female commuters from other counties were: registered nurses (223 workers); elementary and middle school teachers (179 workers); and first line supervisors/managers of retail sales workers (145 workers).

Reports from the Treasure Coast Workforce Development Board provide comparative data from the neighboring counties served by the Board. Compared to the 71% of workers who resided in St. Lucie County and also worked there:

- 76% of workers who resided in Martin County also worked there
- 76% of workers who resided in Okeechobee also worked there
- 95% of workers who resided in Indian River also worked there

Employment Projections

The Agency for Workforce Innovation compiles data relating to employment projections from 2004 through 2012. The Workforce Development Board reported these data for Region 20 which includes St. Lucie County as well as Martin, Okeechobee, and Indian River counties. The projections reported by the Workforce Development Board are:

- Occupational Employment Projections indicate overall employment growth rates averaging about 1.99 percent in this area. A total of 30,000 jobs are expected to be added to the local labor markets over this period. Occupations within the Education, Training, and Library category expect the strongest growth (3.70% annual growth rate), while Farming, Fishing, and Forestry occupations exhibit a decline in the number of jobs (0.39% annually). This is consistent with overall national and statewide employment trends towards service and information-oriented occupational fields.
- Industrial employment projections for Workforce Region 20 show a similar trend. Service-oriented industries are projected to experience the most growth, while agricultural and other manufacturing industries exhibit weak growth or even decline. Though this is true in the broad sense, certain industries run counter to the general pattern. For instance, the Transportation and Warehousing industrial segment actually reports the highest growth rate among all the categories depicted (3.76%). The broader categories of Professional and Business Services, and Education and Health Services, however, project the highest overall growth in terms of the total number of jobs added and also show strong proportionate growth rates of around 3 percent annually.

Income

St. Lucie County ranks in the 34th percentile nationally on adjusted gross income, but was in the 60th percentile for wages. The difference is reflected in an 11th percentile ranking on dividends and a 14th percentile ranking on interest. Clearly there is an income distinction in the county between those who depend on wages for their income and those whose income includes earnings on investments.

The county's per capita income in 2005 was \$25,861, below the state average of \$34,001. [Per capita income is based on annualized total personal income and resident population. Incorporated into per capita income are earned income (wages and salaries), as well as dividends and interest income.] Workers in St. Lucie County were paid about an annual wage of \$27,870 which equates to an hourly wage of \$13.40 based on a 2,080 hour work-year.

More information on income is reported in the Family Life section.

Data compiled by the Shimberg Center for Affordable Housing, Florida Housing Data Clearinghouse at the University of Florida provides detail on household income in St. Lucie County (where household income is measured as a percentage of the median income for the county or area, adjusted for family size), as well as information from peer counties. The Shimberg Center reports that the 2007 HUD-estimated median income for a family of four is:

- \$52,800 in St. Lucie County and the surrounding metro area;
- \$57,500 in Manatee County and the surrounding metro area;
- \$54,900 in Lake County and the surrounding metro area; and
- \$42,700 in Marion County and the surrounding metro area.

In terms of household income, 37 percent of the households in St. Lucie County have an income that is 120 percent or more of the median county income. This compares to 40.8 percent in Marion County, 33.9 percent in Manatee County, and 25.5 percent in Lake County.

Households with less than 80 percent of median income are traditionally classified as low income. Using this standard, 41 percent of St. Lucie County households are low income. This compares to 50 percent in Lake County, 43 percent in Manatee County, and 38 percent in Marion County.

Low income status varies within St. Lucie County communities:

- Fort Pierce has the highest percentage of low income households at 47 percent.
- Port St. Lucie is next highest with 46 percent low income households.
- In the unincorporated areas of the county, 43 percent of households are low income.
- St. Lucie Village has the lowest percentage of low income households, at 33 percent.

The following table shows the number of households classified by household income as a percent of median income. As noted previously, the 2007 HUD-estimated median income for a family of four in St. Lucie County and the surrounding metro area is \$52,800. (Household income is measured as a percentage of the median income for the county or area, adjusted for family size). As the table shows, the lowest income households are in Fort Pierce and Port St. Lucie.

Household Income as a Percent of Median Income

Household Income	St. Lucie County		Ft. Pierce		Port St. Lucie		St. Lucie Village		St. Lucie-Unincorp.	
	Household Count	%	Household Count	%	Household Count	%	Household Count	%	Household Count	%
<20%	6055	7.1%	1514	10.3%	2454	6.0%	16	6.4%	2071	6.9%
20-29.9%	3679	4.3%	766	5.2%	1521	3.7%	6	2.4%	1386	4.6%
30-39.9%	4510	5.3%	792	5.4%	1973	4.8%	9	3.6%	1736	5.8%
40-49.9%	5026	5.9%	973	6.6%	2144	5.3%	10	4.0%	1899	6.3%
50-59.9%	5249	6.1%	896	6.1%	2362	5.8%	11	4.4%	1980	6.6%
60-79.9%	10457	12.2%	1918	13.0%	4723	11.6%	29	11.6%	3787	12.5%
80-119.9%	18983	22.1%	3171	21.6%	9160	22.5%	59	23.7%	6593	21.8%
over 119.9%	31875	37.1%	4676	31.8%	16361	40.2%	109	43.8%	10729	35.5%
Total	85834	100.0%	14706	100.0%	40698	100.0%	249	100.0%	30181	100.0%

Source: Shimberg Center for Affordable Housing, Florida Housing Data Clearinghouse.

NOTE: Household income is defined as the sum of receipts from the following for an individual, family, or household: wages or salaries; net self-employment income; interest, dividends, or net rental or royalty income or income from estates and trusts; social security or railroad retirement income; Supplemental Security Income (SSI); public assistance or welfare payments; retirement, survivor, or disability pensions; and all other sources.

Approximately 25,500 St. Lucie County residents live below the poverty threshold. The overall poverty rate as measured in the 2000 Census was 13.4 percent, higher than the state rate of 12.5 percent. One in five (20.5%) children under the age of 18 live in poverty and 7.7 percent of those 65 and older live in poverty. Nearly 10 percent (9.6%) of families in St. Lucie County live in poverty. Poverty rates vary greatly by age and by community within the county. The table below shows the number and percentage of residents below and above the poverty level in the county as a whole and in the four largest communities. County-wide, five percent of children under age 18 live in poverty. Less than two percent of the county population is persons 65 and over living at the poverty threshold. In Fort Pierce, 7 percent of the population consists of children living in poverty.

Poverty Status by Age as a Percentage to Total Population in St. Lucie County and Cities

Income Group by Age	St. Lucie County		Fort Pierce		Hutchinson Island		Port St. Lucie		West St. Lucie	
	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%
Total:	190,064	100%	92,186	100%	8,222	100%	84,415	100%	5,241	100%
Income in 1999 below poverty level:	25,464	13.4%	17,822	19.3%	566	6.9%	6,813	8.1%	263	5.0%
Under 5 years	2,187	1.2%	1,781	1.9%	15	0.2%	391	0.5%	0	0.0%
5 years	496	0.3%	350	0.4%	27	0.3%	119	0.1%	0	0.0%
6 to 11 years	3,347	1.8%	2,316	2.5%	23	0.3%	1,001	1.2%	7	0.1%
12 to 17 years	2,925	1.5%	2,018	2.2%	0	0.0%	907	1.1%	0	0.0%
18 to 64 years	13,198	6.9%	9,215	10.0%	338	4.1%	3,474	4.1%	171	3.3%
65 to 74 years	1,526	0.8%	1,014	1.1%	39	0.5%	401	0.5%	72	1.4%
75 years and over	1,785	0.9%	1,128	1.2%	124	1.5%	520	0.6%	13	0.2%
Income in 1999 at or above poverty level:	164,600	86.6%	74,364	80.7%	7,656	93.1%	77,602	91.9%	4,978	95.0%
Under 5 years	8,204	4.3%	3,607	3.9%	70	0.9%	4,375	5.2%	152	2.9%
5 years	1,614	0.8%	672	0.7%	0	0.0%	919	1.1%	23	0.4%
6 to 11 years	11,763	6.2%	5,430	5.9%	65	0.8%	6,046	7.2%	222	4.2%
12 to 17 years	11,791	6.2%	5,231	5.7%	106	1.3%	6,062	7.2%	392	7.5%
18 to 64 years	91,604	48.2%	41,288	44.8%	3,186	38.7%	44,634	52.9%	2,496	47.6%
65 to 74 years	22,002	11.6%	9,426	10.2%	2,421	29.4%	9,019	10.7%	1,136	21.7%
75 years and over	17,622	9.3%	8,710	9.4%	1,808	22.0%	6,547	7.8%	557	10.6%

Source: U.S. Census, 2000

Definition of Poverty:

Following the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB's) Directive 14, the Census Bureau uses a set of money income thresholds that vary by family size and composition to detect who is poor. If the total income for a family or unrelated individual falls below the relevant poverty threshold, then the family or unrelated individual is classified as being "below the poverty level."

"Total income" is the sum of the amounts reported separately for wages, salary, commissions, bonuses, or tips; self-employment income from own non-farm or farm businesses, including proprietorships and partnerships; interest, dividends, net rental income, royalty income, or income from estates and trusts; Social Security or Railroad Retirement income; Supplemental Security Income (SSI); any public assistance or welfare payments from the state or local welfare office; retirement, survivor, or disability pensions; and any other sources of income received regularly such as Veterans' (VA) payments, unemployment compensation, child support, or alimony.

2007 HHS Poverty Guidelines*

Persons in Family	Monthly Poverty Guideline	Annual Poverty Guideline	125% of Annual Poverty Guideline
1	850.83	10,210.00	12,762.50
2	1,140.83	13,690.00	17,112.50
3	1,430.83	17,170.00	21,462.50
4	1,720.83	20,650.00	25,812.50
5	2,010.83	24,130.00	30,162.50
6	2,300.83	27,610.00	34,512.50
7	2,590.83	31,090.00	38,862.50
8	2,880.83	34,570.00	43,212.50

Source: Federal Register, Volume 72, No 15, January 24, 2007, pp. 3147-3148. Department of Health and Human Services. Annual Update of the HHS Poverty Guidelines.

The next table shows the poverty rate by age group for cities and specific subdivisions within the county. The table shows that 25 percent of families and 45 percent of children in Fort Pierce (city) are living in poverty.

The Family Life chapter discusses poverty status in more detail.

Percent of Population in Poverty for St. Lucie County and Subdivision/Place

	Percent of population for whom poverty status is determined			Percent of families
	All Ages	Related children under 18	65 years and over	
St. Lucie County	13.4	20.5	7.7	9.6
COUNTY SUBDIVISION AND PLACE				
Fort Pierce CCD	19.3	29.4	10.6	14.5
Fort Pierce city (part)	32.8	45.6	19.9	27.5
Fort Pierce North CDP	22.1	26.1	12	19
Fort Pierce South CDP	17.6	26.1	9.7	12
Indian River Estates CDP	7.7	12.2	2.6	6.4
Lakewood Park CDP	9.5	14.1	5.6	8.2
Port St. Lucie city (part)	5	4.9	5.2	3.5
Port St. Lucie-River Park CDP (part)	10.7	8.7	11.2	2.2
St. Lucie village	4	0.8	6.8	1.9
White City CDP	11.1	14.6	7.9	7.4
Remainder of Fort Pierce CCD	11.7	20.7	8.3	8.5
Hutchinson Island CCD	6.9	21.2	3.7	4
Fort Pierce city (part)	10.7	25.1	5.5	7.3
Hutchinson Island South CDP	4.5	0	3.3	2.4
Remainder of Hutchinson Island CCD	5.5	(X)	0	0
Port St. Lucie CCD	8.1	11.6	5.6	5.7
Port St. Lucie city (part)	8.3	11.7	5.9	6
Port St. Lucie-River Park CDP (part)	8.2	12.7	5.4	5.7
Remainder of Port St. Lucie CCD	3.2	3	2.1	0.4
West St. Lucie CCD	5	0.9	4.8	3.8
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PLACE				
Fort Pierce city	30.9	45.1	17.5	25.4
Fort Pierce North CDP	22.1	26.1	12	19
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Source: U.S. Census, 2000

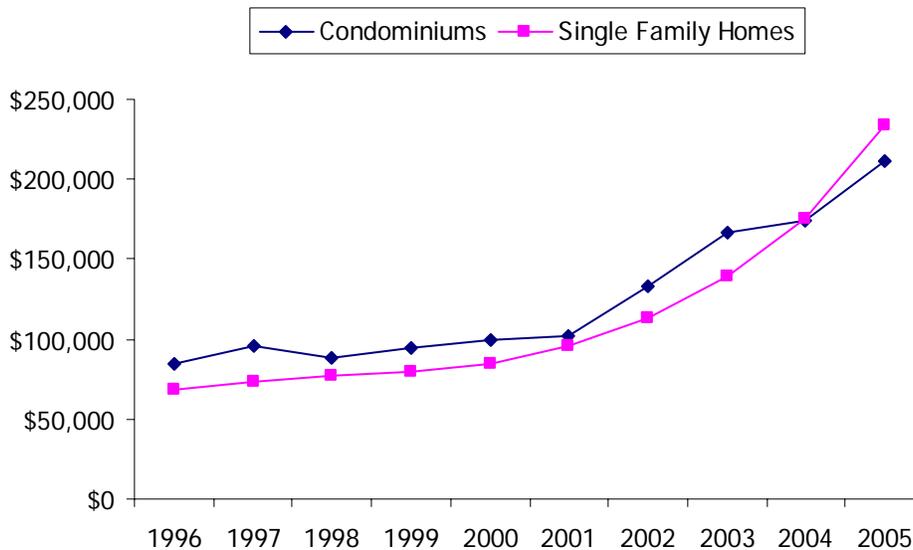
Housing

The home ownership rate for St. Lucie County was reported at 78 percent for 2002, compared to 70 percent statewide. Total home ownership in 2002 was estimated at 81,063, out of a 2002 population of 203,359. The section on Family Life discusses home ownership in more detail.

The Shimberg Center for Affordable Housing, Florida Housing Data Clearinghouse reports the following data regarding home sales and rent:

- Median family sales price for 2005 in St. Lucie County for a single family home was \$234,000 and for a condominium was \$212,000.
- The median rent paid by St. Lucie County households in 2000 was \$621 per month, compared to a statewide median rent of \$641;
- In St. Lucie County and the surrounding metro area, the HUD Fair Market Rent in 2007, representing rent for a typical modest apartment, was \$578 for a studio apartment, \$579 for a one-bedroom, \$734 for a two-bedroom, \$970 for a three-bedroom, and \$1000 for a four-bedroom unit.

As elsewhere in south Florida and throughout the state, the sales price of single family homes and condominiums has risen sharply. The chart below shows the change in prices from 1996 to 2005.



Source: Shimberg Center for Affordable Housing, Florida Housing Data Clearinghouse

In 2002, there were an estimated 61,649 single family homes, 15,236 multi-family units, and 8,647 mobile homes in St. Lucie County.

Affordable Housing Concerns

Cost-burdened households pay more than 30 percent of income for rent or mortgage costs. In 2005, 210,090 St. Lucie county households (24%) paid more than 30 percent of their income for housing. Included in this figure are 8,082 households that paid more than 50 percent of their income for housing. These households are referred to as severely cost burdened.

Those earning the least pay the highest percentage of income on housing. There are nearly 5,000 households in St. Lucie County earning less than 30 percent of the median income who pay over half of their income for housing. The following table shows the number and percent of households that are cost-burdened (paying 30-50% of income for housing) and severely cost-burdened (paying 50% or greater of income for housing) as a percentage of median income for the area.

Households by Income and Cost Burden, St. Lucie, 2005

Household Income as Percentage of Area Median Income	Amount of Income Paid for Housing		
	0-30%	30-50%	≥50%
Less than 30% AMI	3272	1523	4939
30-59.9% AMI	7584	4650	2551
60-79.9% AMI	7673	2336	448
80+ % AMI	46215	4499	144
Total	64744	13008	8082
Less than 30% AMI	34%	16%	51%
30-59.9% AMI	51%	31%	17%
60-79.9% AMI	73%	22%	4%
80+ % AMI	91%	9%	0%
Total	75%	15%	9%

Source: Shimberg Center for Affordable Housing, Florida Housing Data Clearinghouse

Size of Households and Cost Burden

As reported by the Florida Housing Data Clearinghouse, the size of households and degree of cost burden in St. Lucie County was as follows:

- 55,937 households in St. Lucie County (65%) were made up of 1-2 persons in 2005. 24% of these households paid more than 30% of income for rent or mortgage costs.
- 22,209 households in St. Lucie County (26%) were made up of 3-4 persons in 2005. 24% of these households paid more than 30% of income for rent or mortgage costs.
- 7,688 households in St. Lucie County (9%) were made up of 5 persons or more in 2005. 30% of these households paid more than 30% of income for rent or mortgage costs.

Owners/Renters and Cost Burden

21 percent of owners and 40 percent of renters are cost-burdened, i.e., they pay more than 30 percent of their income for housing. Among renters, 19 percent are severely cost burdened.

Disability and Cost Burden

In 2000, 10,519 low-income households included at least one person age 15 or older with a disability. These households had incomes below 60% of the area median income. 67 percent of these households paid more than 30 percent of income for rent or mortgage costs.

Elderly Households

There are more households headed by persons age 65 or older in St. Lucie County (33%) compared to statewide (27%). Of the total 28,734 elderly households, 26,566 (92%) own their own homes. Twenty percent pay more than 30 percent of their income for rent or mortgage.

Substandard Housing

Housing units are considered to be substandard if they are overcrowded, do not have heat, or lack complete kitchens or plumbing. In St. Lucie County in 2000,

- 3,485 housing units (4.5% of all units) were overcrowded, meaning that they housed more than one person per room, compared to a statewide percentage of 6.5%.
- 862 units (1.1%) did not use home heating fuel, compared to a statewide percentage of 1.8%.
- 214 units (0.2%) lacked complete kitchen facilities, compared to a statewide percentage of 0.5%.
- 382 units (0.4%) lacked complete plumbing facilities, compared to a statewide percentage of 0.4%.

Projected Increase in Cost-Burdened Households

By 2025, there will be over 11,000 severely cost burdened households, including a growth of 3,700 households, both renters and owners, between 2002 and 2025. The following tables show the projected growth in the number of severely cost-burdened households in St. Lucie County from 2002 through 2025.

Growth in Severely Cost Burdened Households 2002-2025 for St. Lucie County

Number of severely cost burdened (50%+) households with income less than 80% AMI by tenure						
Tenure	2002	2005	2010	2015	2020	2025
Owner	4,238	4,489	5,003	5,579	6,223	6,852
Renter	3,296	3,449	3,723	3,976	4,191	4,386

Growth in Severely Cost Burdened (50%+) Households with Income Less than 80% AMI by Tenure						
Tenure	2002-2005	2005-2010	2010-2015	2015-2020	2020-2025	Total
Owner	251	514	576	644	629	2,614
Renter	153	274	253	215	195	1,090

Construction Need by Income Level

Additional units will need to be constructed to keep pace with the growth in households. Ensuring that all of the units are built at appropriate price or rent levels would mean that the new households would not face undue cost burdens. The following table shows the number of units needed for each income level, for the next 3 years, 8 years, 13 years, 18 years, and 23 years. All income levels are shown in this chart, not solely low income.

Construction Need for Low-Income Households by Income as a Percentage of AMI

Household Income as % of AMI	2002-2005	2002-2010	2002-2015	2002-2020	2002-2025
<20%	363	975	1618	2314	3014
20-29.9%	175	551	1015	1580	2222
30-39.9%	232	672	1232	1922	2773
40-49.9%	293	795	1372	2097	2921
50-59.9%	264	813	1478	2258	3134
60-79.9%	576	1707	2948	4310	5695
80-119.9%	1001	3194	5581	7951	10117
120+ %	1867	5466	8886	12113	14839

Haitian Issues

Focus groups were conducted among St. Lucie County residents of Haitian decent. An area which is not covered by indicator data is communication. In the Haitian culture, the children speak English, but the parents speak Creole. Haitians feel there is a lack of information in Creole about subjects such as immigration, schools, community, jobs, and transportation. They suggest that a community center, a radio station which would broadcast in Creole, or an information "ATM" would be a good way to share information. Right now, the primary place to pass information for Haitians is Church.

Another Haitian issue uncovered in the focus groups is that the women will say they are not married to qualify for needed services. In addition, they feel degraded and that their privacy is invaded when they seek out help and services.

Other issues for Haitians are covered in the appropriate chapters of this report.

Hispanic Issues

Based on the focus group among Hispanic respondents, one of the key issues which is not covered by indicator data is racism. Hispanics feel the Blacks target them for robberies, particularly in Fort Pierce. They also suggest that many Hispanics come here with a "farmers" mentality and they are not trained or educated to find anything other than "common" jobs.

Hispanics also stick together to work around the "system". For example, legal residents will deposit pay checks for illegal residents and give them the cash since the illegal residents cannot obtain a social security card and many do not have a driver's license, which is needed to open bank accounts.

Like Haitians, Hispanics indicate that there are communication issues. They indicate that they do read the Spanish language newspaper, but they also get information from posters and flyers in grocery stores. Hispanics also suggest that there is a need for an interpreter in places like hospitals to help with communication. Like Haitians, the children speak English, but many adults only speak Spanish.

Other issues for Hispanics are covered in the appropriate chapters of this report.

FAMILY LIFE

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STRATEGIC DIRECTION FOR FAMILY LIFE

The family life chapter includes the following:

- Overview
- Economic Status of Families (including Hunger)
- Family Stability
- Child Care
- Public Transportation

Analysis

Data from the indicators on family life suggest that St. Lucie County is in need of better jobs for many of its residents. The county performs poorly in terms of income, unemployment, poverty levels, and hunger. Attracting new businesses to St. Lucie County can positively impact these conditions. However, efforts to attract companies with better paying jobs to St. Lucie County may require improvements in schools. In addition, affordable housing is an issue for residents and may be an issue for businesses considering the county. The areas which pose the greatest levels for concern are:

Economic Status

- Per capita income – St. Lucie County's per capita income is well below the state rate and is below all three peer counties.
- Adjusted gross income – In terms of adjusted gross income, St. Lucie County is below the state level and two of three peer counties.
- Average wages – On this measure, St. Lucie County is lower than two of three peer counties.
- Unemployment – While unemployment has been trending down in St. Lucie County for the past four years, it is still higher than the state level and all three peer counties.
- Poverty rates – St. Lucie County exceeds two of three peer counties in terms of poverty rates.
- Children in poverty – Poverty rates for children under 5 exceed two of three peer counties and exceed all three peer counties for children age 5 to 17.
- Food insecure – St. Lucie County has more families classified as food insecure than the other peer counties.

Family Stability

- Female-headed households – The rate of female-headed households is 11% which is slightly below the state rate, but exceeds each of the three peer counties. Of the female-headed households, 40% live below the poverty level, more than in each of the peer counties.
- Housing – Home ownership is lower than two of three peer counties, while median home prices are higher than two of three counties.
- Overcrowded housing units – There are more overcrowded housing units in St. Lucie County than in peer counties.
- Household cost burden – The percentage of household income spent on housing is higher in St. Lucie County than two of three peer counties. It is especially high in Fort Pierce.
- Homelessness – St. Lucie County has the second highest homeless count among peer counties, but is dramatically lower than one peer county.

Child Care

- Availability – The number of child care programs increased, while capacity decreased in St. Lucie County.
- Affordability – The percentage of income spent on child care is below state rates, but slightly higher than the rates in two of three peer counties.

Consider the following strategic directions to address these concerns:

1. Develop, evaluate, improve, or expand efforts to bring new businesses into St. Lucie County which will offer higher paying jobs and bring income from outside the county. While retailers and service businesses which generate money within the county are important, St. Lucie County needs to have additional industries which bring in dollars from outside the county.
2. Develop, evaluate, improve, or expand programs to offer seed money for start-up businesses which will bring revenue from outside St. Lucie County into the community.
3. Evaluate and improve the schools in St. Lucie County to increase FCAT scores in order to make the county more attractive to new businesses.
4. Develop, evaluate, improve, or expand programs to attract teachers to St. Lucie County in order to improve schools.

5. Develop, evaluate, improve, or expand programs to provide affordable workforce housing for teachers, law enforcement, fire rescue, and other personnel which are key to the county's success.
6. Develop, evaluate, improve, or expand programs to include plans for affordable housing as an element of, or trade-off's for, future residential developments.
7. Develop, evaluate, improve, or expand programs to provide additional subsidized child care slots as affordable child care is an issue for many families.

INDICATORS

For children and families to thrive, the families' basic needs for economic security, adequate housing, and stable parent relationships must be met. Inadequate financial resources often result in poor nutrition and poor health care which can lead to diminished productivity and well-being. The impact of poverty is particularly great on children. Family stresses, caused by economic concerns and other issues, are reflected in divorce and more frequent household moves. For adults with dependent children on welfare, participation in the work force helps combat the negative outcomes of poverty and extends the amount of time that cash assistance is not needed for basic subsistence.

Economic Status of Families

- Income and unemployment
 - Per capita income
 - Reported income
 - Adjusted gross income
 - Wages and salaries
 - Interest and dividends
 - Unemployment
- Families and children in poverty
 - Poverty rates by age and median household income
 - Children in poverty
 - Eligibility for free or reduced meals in school
 - Hunger
- Welfare to work
 - Adults receiving diversion payment/service that remain off cash assistance for 12 months
 - Work-able Food Stamp customers participating in work or work related activities
 - TANF customers participating in work or work related activities

Family Stability

- Divorce (dissolution of marriage)
- Single parent households
- School moves (student population stability)
- Housing statistics
 - Home ownership
 - Median sales prices of single family homes
 - Median rent

- Overcrowded units
- Household cost burden (% of income spent on housing)
- Foreclosures (recent)
- Homeless count and demographics

Child Care

- Availability – number of programs
 - Total number of providers
 - Providers offering infant care
 - Requests for infant care
 - Ratio of requests to providers
 - Providers offering toddler care
 - Requests for toddler care (age 1 and 2)
- Subsidized child care
 - Average monthly number of children enrolled by age group
 - Number of children served by billing group
- Quality – Gold Seal programs, as percent of all programs
- Affordability—cost as a percent of income

Public Transportation

- Routes and fares

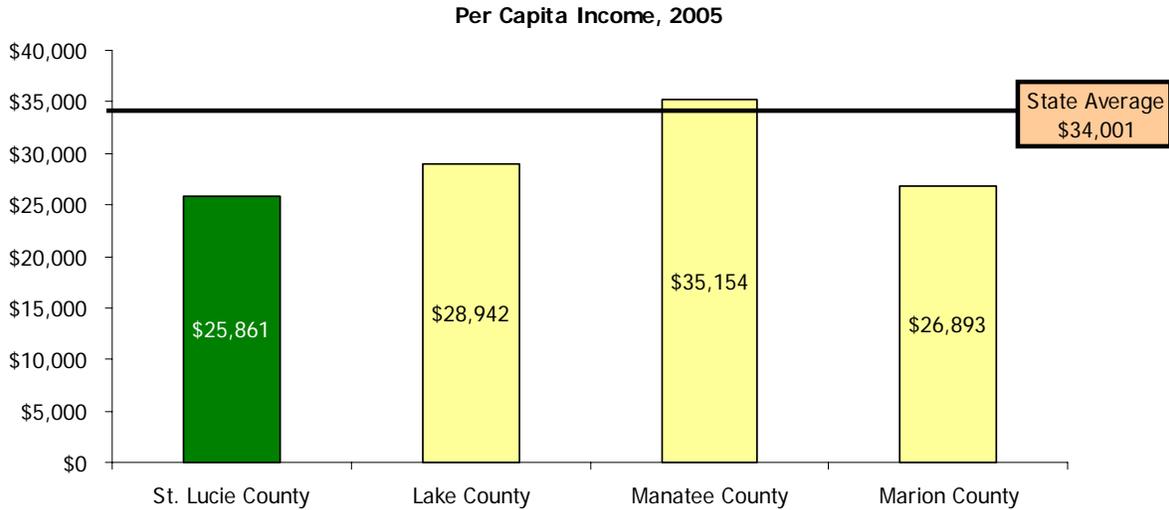
Economic Status of Families

Income and Unemployment

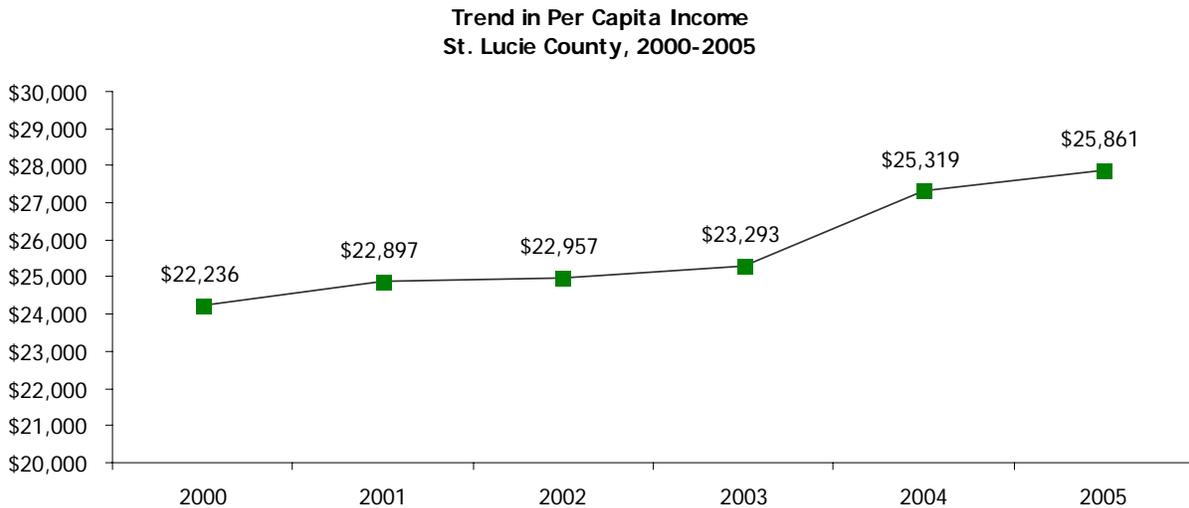
Common indicators of the economic status of a community are per capita income, reported income (average adjusted gross income), average wages, and unemployment.

Per capita income

St. Lucie County's per capita income in 2005 was \$25,861, below the state average of \$34,001 and below each of the three peer counties, according to the Florida Economic and Research Database. Per capita income in St. Lucie County has increased more rapidly in the past three years than the previous three. (Note: Per capita income is based on annualized total personal income and resident population.)



Source: Bureau of Economic and Business Research, University of Florida, citing U.S., Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis, Regional Economic Information System

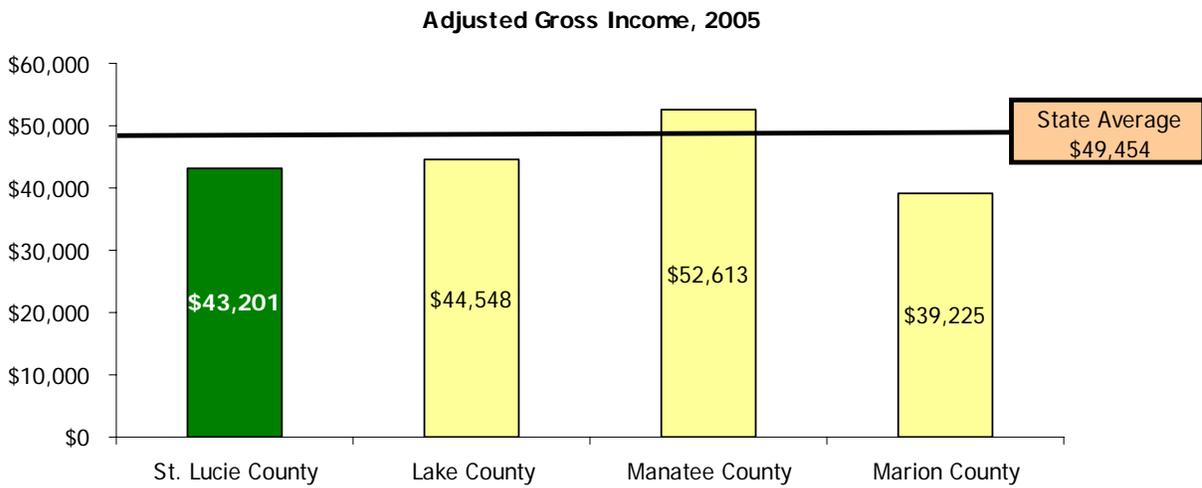


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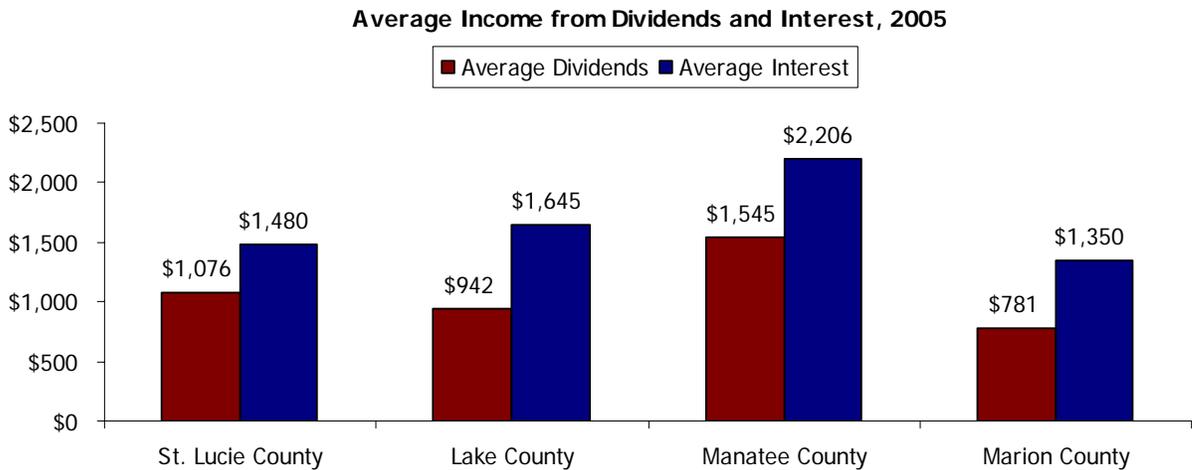
Reported Income

St. Lucie County has a lower per capita income and a higher poverty rate than two of three peer counties and an unemployment rate that is higher than all three peer counties.

Per capita income is only one view of income in a community. Incorporated into per capita income are earned income (wages and salaries), as well as dividends and interest income. Another indicator of overall income is the adjusted gross income. Adjusted gross income (AGI) is defined as gross income minus adjustments to income*. Using federal income tax data compiled by the Transactional Records Access Clearinghouse at Syracuse University, St. Lucie County falls below two of three peer counties in terms of average adjusted gross income, similar to the pattern for per capita income.



Source: Transactional Records Access Clearinghouse, Syracuse University

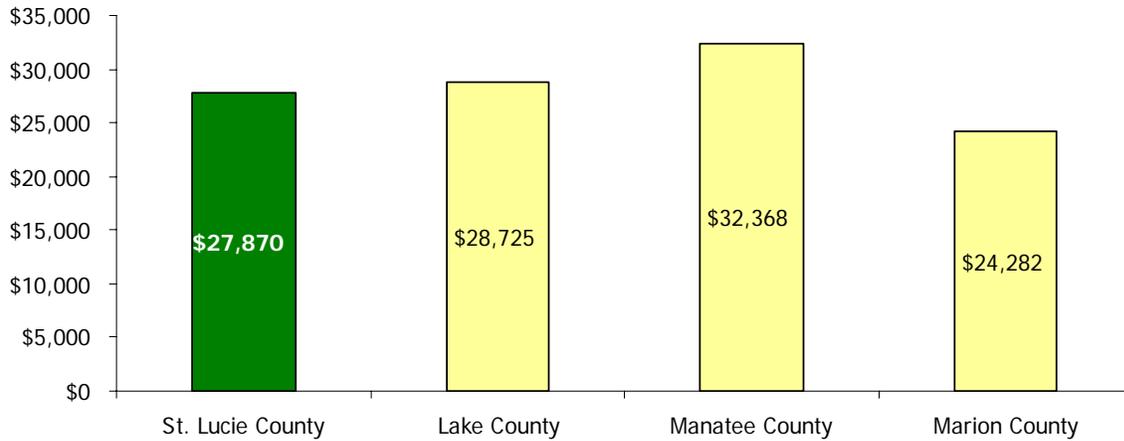


Source: Transactional Records Access Clearinghouse, Syracuse University. **No state totals available.**

*AGI is defined as your taxable income from all sources (including wages, interest, capital gains, income from retirement accounts, alimony paid *to* you) minus specific deductions (including but not limited to contributions to deductible retirement accounts, alimony paid *by* you, tuition, moving expenses).

Despite a relatively high national percentile ranking in terms of income from dividends (11th) and interest income (14th), St. Lucie County is in the 60th percentile in terms of wages and salaries. Workers in St. Lucie County were paid an average of \$27,870 per year based on data reported by the Transactional Records Access Clearinghouse at Syracuse University. This equates to an hourly wage of \$13.40 based on a 2,080 hour work-year. Wages in St. Lucie County are lower than two of the three peer counties. Only Marion County reports a lower average wage/salary. (State level data was not available from this source.)

Average Wages and Salaries, 2005



Source: Transactional Records Access Clearinghouse, Syracuse University
No state totals available.

The following table provides a summary of reported income for St. Lucie County and the three peer counties.

Reported Income, 2005

Income Reported on Federal Tax Returns Filed in 2005	St. Lucie	Lake	Manatee	Marion
Adjusted Gross Income*	\$4,178,922	\$4,826,692	\$6,537,577	\$4,742,363
Average Adjusted Gross Income	\$43,201	\$44,548	\$52,613	\$39,225
Percentile Rank on Income**	34	29	12	50
Wages and Salaries*	\$2,695,886	\$3,112,321	\$4,021,985	\$2,935,764
Average Wages and Salaries	\$27,870	\$28,725	\$32,368	\$24,282
Percentile Rank on Wages**	60	54	32	83
Interest*	\$143,171	\$178,275	\$274,128	\$163,207
Average Interest	\$1,480	\$1,645	\$2,206	\$1,350
Percentile Rank on Interest	14	10	3	19
Dividends*	\$104,082	\$102,048	\$191,961	\$94,444
Average Dividends	\$1,076	\$942	\$1,545	\$781
Percentile Rank on Dividends**	11	15	5	24

Source: Transactional Records Access Clearinghouse, Syracuse University

*Amounts in thousands of dollars.

**Percentile rank of 1 indicates top 1% while rank of 100 indicates bottom 1%.

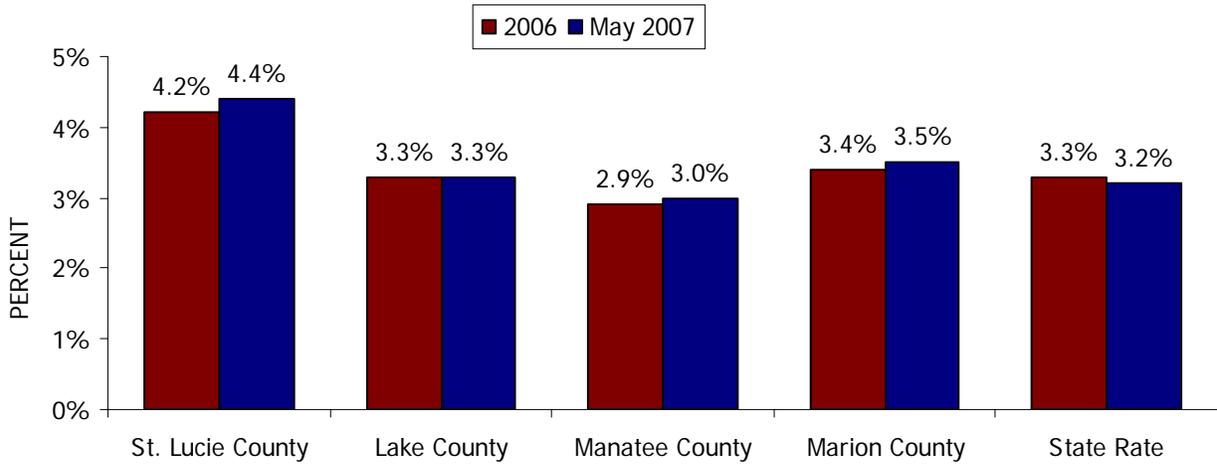
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Unemployment

At 4.2 percent, the 2006 annual unemployment in St. Lucie County was higher than the state rate of 3.3 percent and higher than the rates in each of the three peer counties. Unemployment has decreased for seven of the past 10 years, ending at its lowest point in 2006.

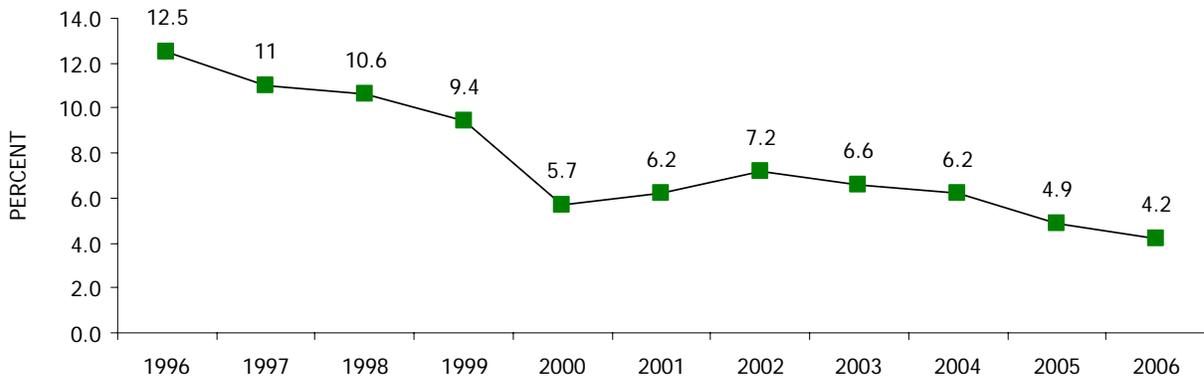
The most recent reports from the Agency for Workforce Innovation (May 2007) indicated that the unemployment rate in St. Lucie County rose to 4.4 percent for both April and May 2007, up from 4.2 percent in March 2007, and up from 3.8 percent one year ago in May 2006.

Unemployment Rate, Annual Rate for 2006 and May 2007



Source: Florida Research and Economic Database, and Agency for Workforce Innovation, Labor Market Statistics Library

**Trend in Unemployment
St. Lucie County, 1997-2006**



Source: Florida Research and Economic Database

Families and Children in Poverty

Poverty Rates by Age and Median Household Income

As average wages are lower in St. Lucie County than in two of three peer counties, the median household income is also below two of the three peer counties as shown in the following table. The table also shows poverty rates in St. Lucie County. With an overall poverty rate of 11 percent, the county exceeds two of three peer counties in terms of poverty.

The table below provides more detail on poverty rates and median household income levels for St. Lucie County and peer counties.

Median Household Income Levels and Poverty Rates by Age Group, St. Lucie, Peer Counties, and Florida, 2004

REGION	All Ages in Poverty	Under Age 18 in Poverty	Ages 5-17 in Poverty	Under Age 5 in Poverty	Median Household Income
Number of Persons					
St. Lucie	27,082	9,475	6,032	Not available	\$ 39,377
Lake	25,864	8,249	5,081	Not available	\$ 40,745
Manatee	29,352	9,497	6,112	Not available	\$ 41,419
Marion	36,194	12,081	7,805	Not available	\$ 34,948
FLORIDA	2074997	699280	447172	221598	\$ 40,900
Percentages of Populations (Poverty Rate)					
St. Lucie	11.3	18	15.8	-	-
Lake	9.5	15.1	13.1	-	-
Manatee	9.7	14.7	13.5	-	-
Marion	12.2	19.5	17.4	-	-
FLORIDA	11.9	17.3	15.6	15.6	-

*Number of children in poverty aged less than five years calculated as total child population (aged 0-17 years) less population of children aged 5-17 years.

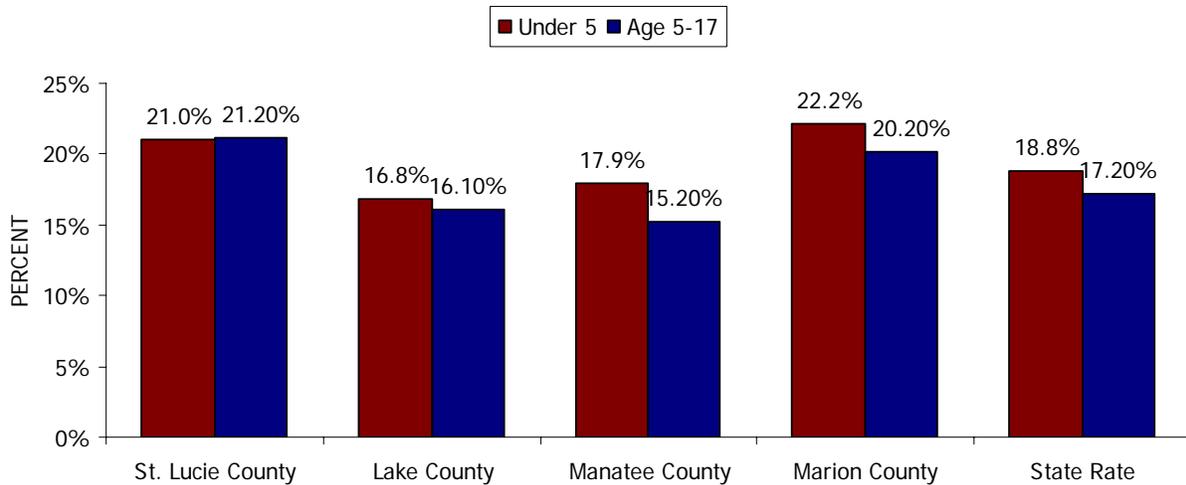
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates, Estimates for Florida Counties, 2004.

Children in Poverty

The conditions of families with children in St. Lucie County and peer counties are further described in the charts below. Using data reported by the Florida Legislature, Office of Economic and Demographic Research, St. Lucie County had a higher percentage of children in poverty than the state as a whole. This includes children under age 5 (21.0% versus 18.8%) and children age 5-17 (21.2% versus 17.2%). St. Lucie County also does not compare favorably to peer counties in terms of children in poverty. The poverty rates in St. Lucie County for children under five exceed two of three peer counties and poverty rates for children 5-17 exceed all three peer counties.

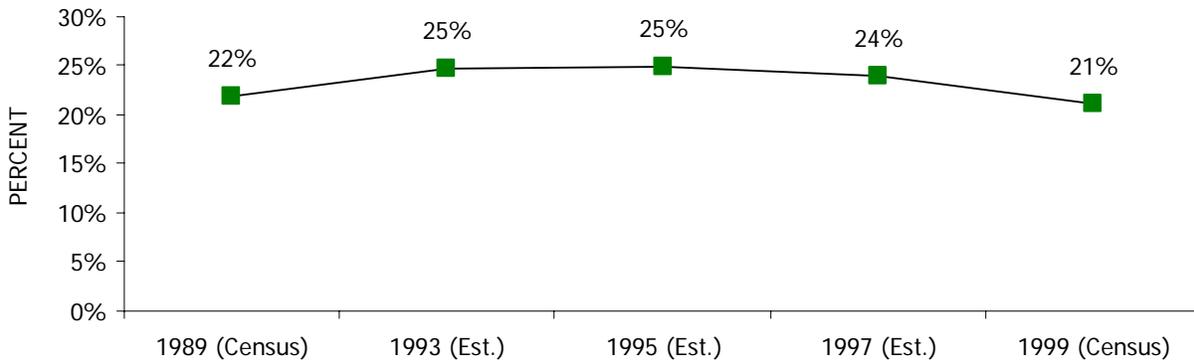
The rate of children in poverty in St. Lucie County is down about three percentage points from past estimates, but overall it has remained fairly stable over the past decade.

Children in Poverty, 2005



Source: The Florida Legislature, Office of Economic and Demographic Research

**Trend in Children in Poverty
St. Lucie County, 1989-1999**

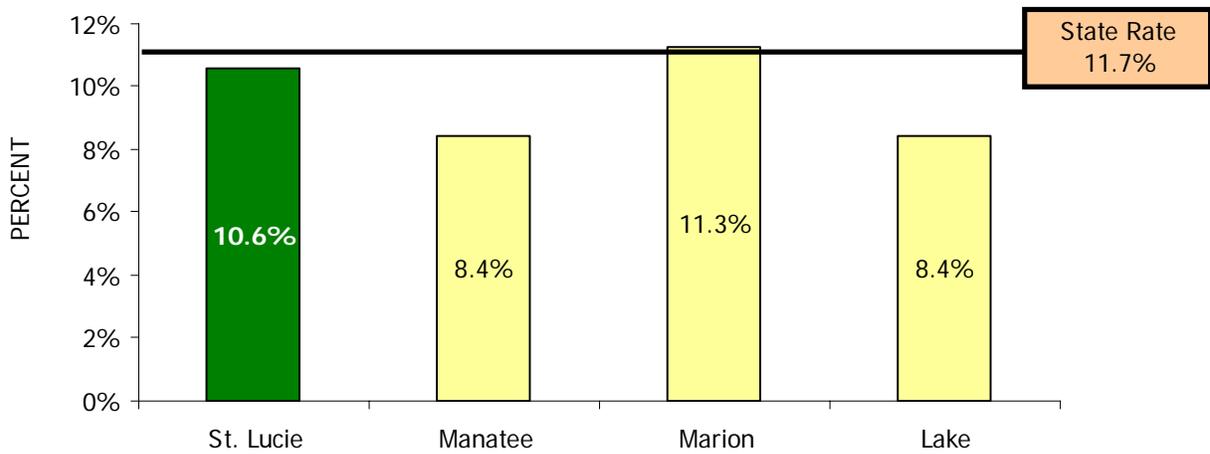


Source: Census estimates

Hunger

As reported by Florida Impact, St. Lucie County has proportionately more families classified as food insecure than the other peer counties, with the exception of Marion County. Nearly 11 percent of all households in St. Lucie County are potentially food insecure, meaning they may be unsure whether they will have food for their next meal and they may go hungry at times. Though many are above the poverty line, these individuals are unable to stretch their incomes to meet the costs of basic necessities, including adequate amounts of food for regular meals. Data on food insecurity are based on annual national surveys conducted by the federal government and Census data for state rates and county rates respectively.

Percent of All Households Potentially Food Insecure



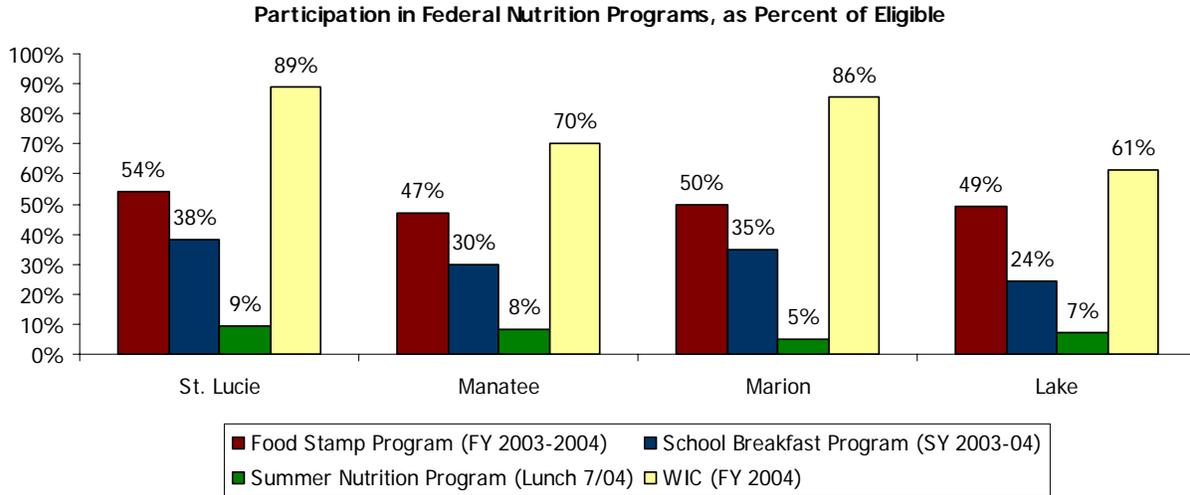
Source: Florida Impact, 2005, Feeding Florida: Responses to Hunger in the Sunshine State

According to the 2000 Census update conducted in 2003, St Lucie County had 28,970 or 12.9% of the population living in poverty. Poverty is a key indicator of hunger and food insecurity. As much of the development and population growth in St. Lucie County has happened in the past four years, it is likely the number of people in poverty has increased.

14,474 people per month are currently provided food assistance in St. Lucie County by Treasure Coast Food Bank (TCFB) member agencies. This count suggests that only about half of those identified as living in poverty and potentially at-risk of hunger are served through the TCFB network of member/partner agencies.

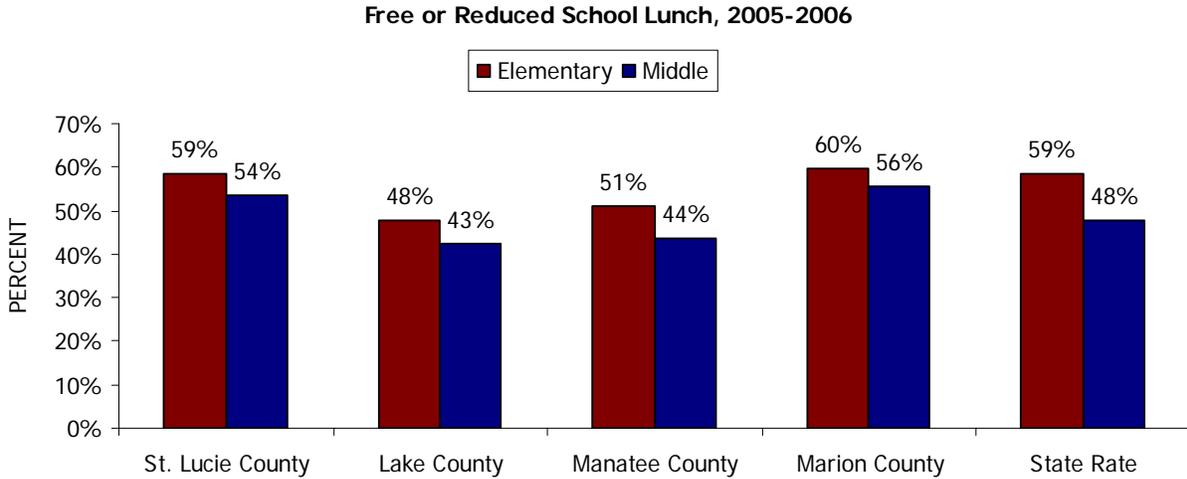
Data regarding the percent of seniors classified as food insecure is not available.

A range of federal nutrition programs is available to help people who struggle with hunger. Florida Impact also reports that utilization of federal programs can ensure that all Floridians, especially children, have access to nutritious foods year-round. However, these programs are vastly underused. For example, barely half of those eligible for Food Stamps in Florida receive them. The following chart compares the participation rate in these federal food programs in St. Lucie County and peer counties. St. Lucie County has relatively good participation rates in each program compared to peer counties. Still, far fewer children and adults participate in these programs than are eligible.

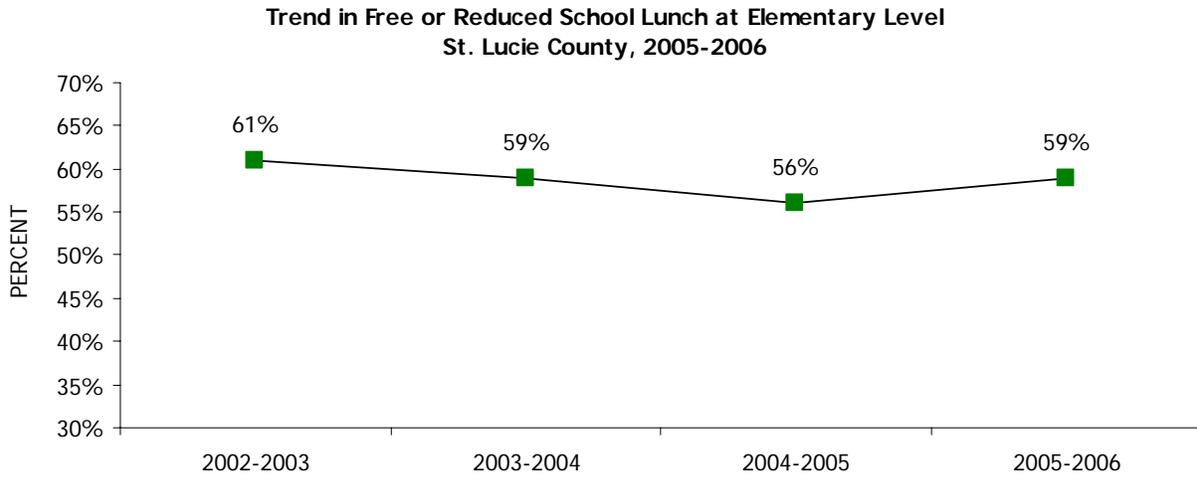


Source: Florida Impact, 2005, *Feeding Florida: Responses to Hunger in the Sunshine State*

The most well-known of the federal food programs is the free or reduced school lunch program. Eligibility for this program is sometimes used as an indicator of child poverty and, to some extent, hunger. The rate of eligible elementary students in St. Lucie County is 59 percent, equal to the state rate. At the middle school level, the rate was 54 percent, higher than the state rate of 48 percent. For peer counties, Lake and Manatee have lower rates while Marion is slightly higher than the rate in St. Lucie County. The trend at the elementary level has stayed fairly stable for the past three years.



Source: Florida Department of Education

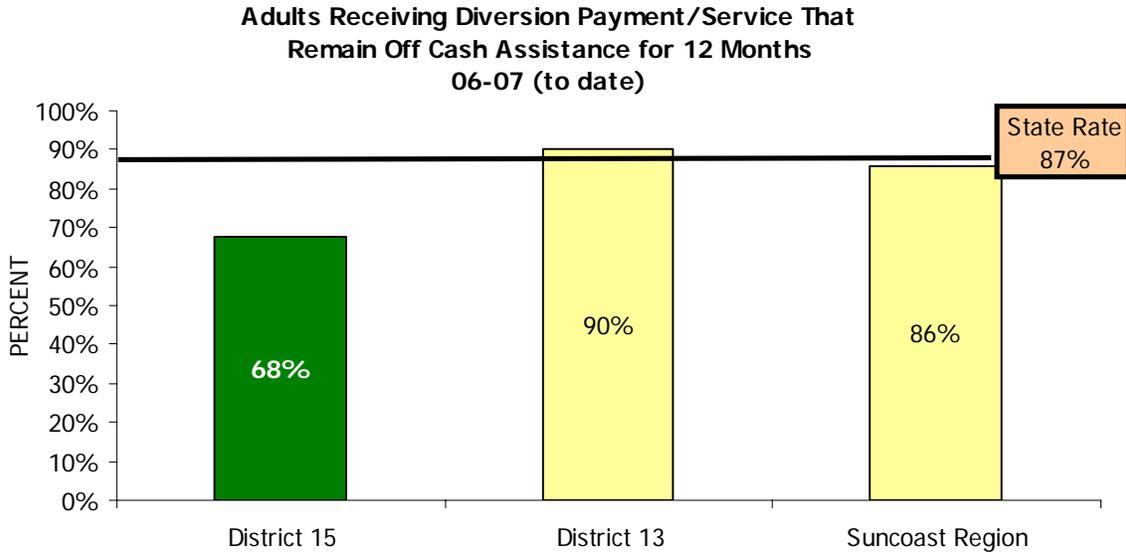


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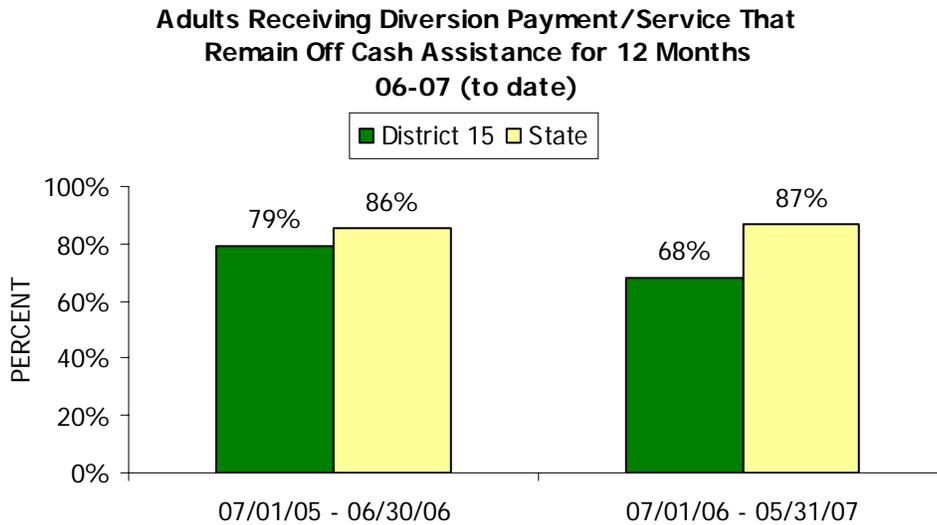
Welfare to Work

In families where the head of the household struggles to maintain a living wage, support can be provided by Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) and/or Food Stamps. In short-term crisis situations, cash assistance may be provided for 12 months as a prevention or diversion. The success with which families or individuals avoid or do not enroll in a monthly assistance/benefit program (prevention/diversion) is measured by the Department of Children and Families, Economic and Self Sufficiency Services (DCF) with an indicator of "Adults Receiving Diversion Payment/Service That Remain Off Cash Assistance for 12 Months." For individuals who are hardest to serve in workforce development services, DCF monitors the participation rate with two indicators: (1) Work Able Food Stamp Customers Participating in Work or Work Related Activities, and (2) TANF Customers Participating in Work or Work Related Activities.

District 15, in which St. Lucie County is included, reported a lower rate than peer districts for adults remaining off of cash assistance for 12 months after receiving diversion payments. Further, the rate has dropped from the previous fiscal year.

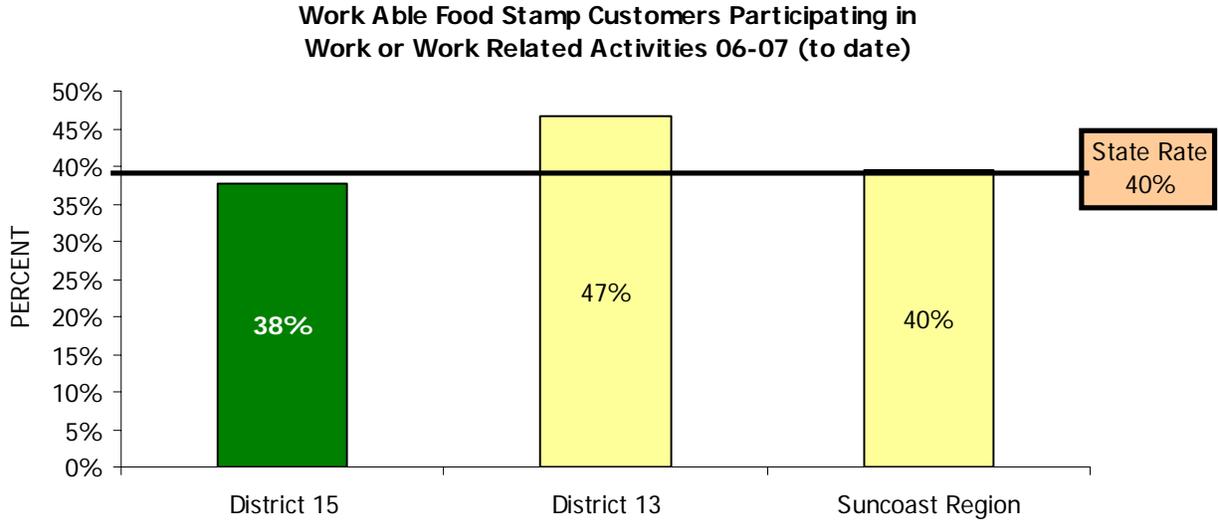


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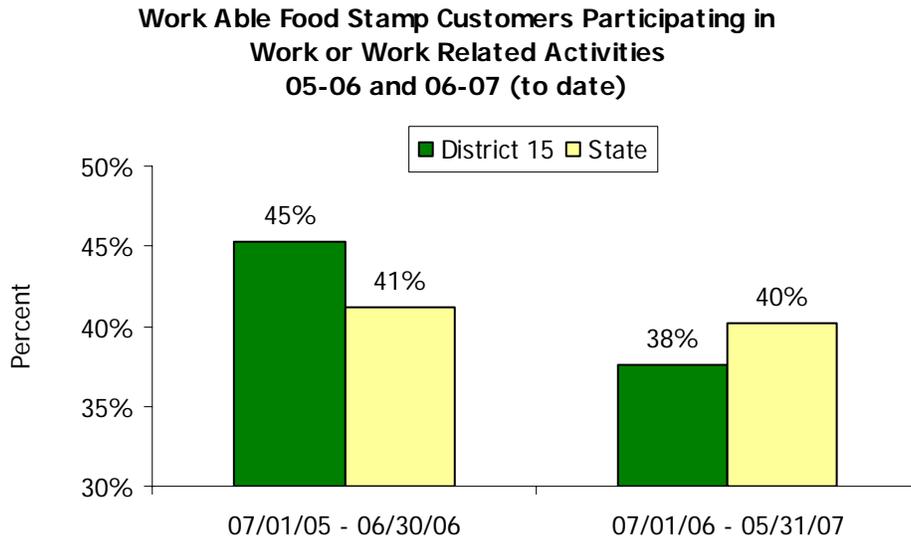


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District 15, including St. Lucie County, also reported a lower rate than peer districts for work able Food Stamp customers participating in work or work-related activities and a performance drop over the past year.

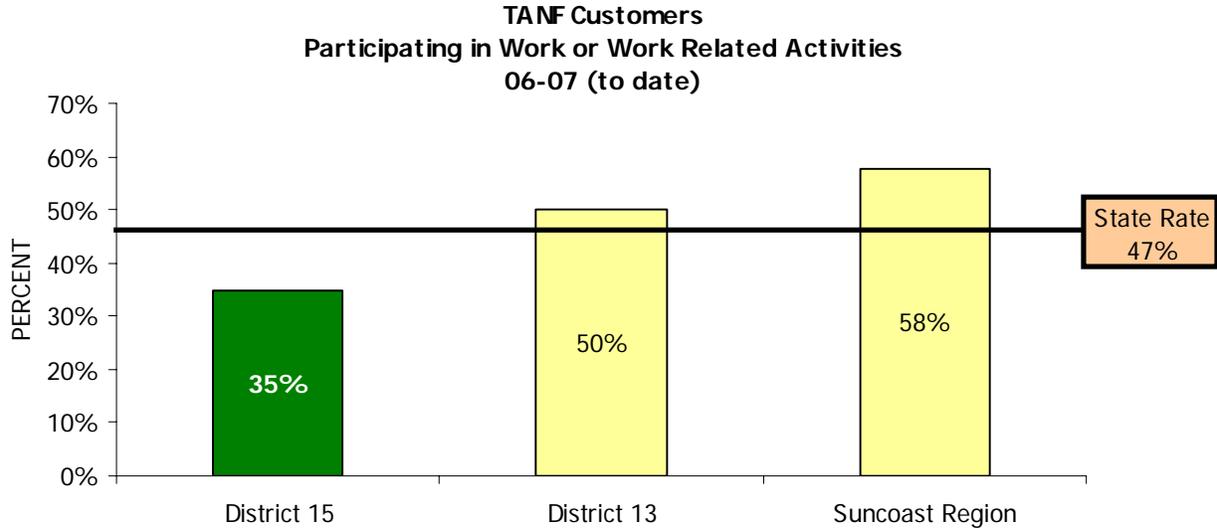


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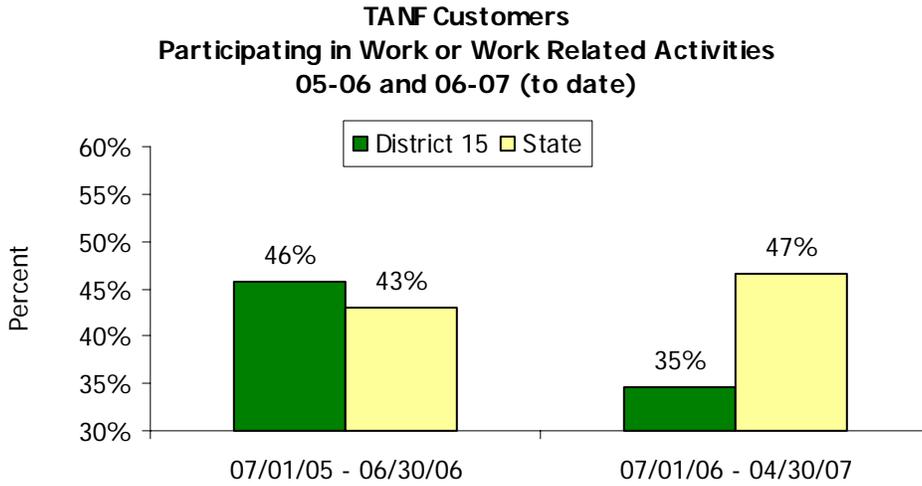


Source: Department of Children and Families, Performance Measures Dashboard.

For families receiving TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) participating in work or work-related activities, District 15, including St. Lucie County, reported a substantially lower rate than peer districts and a considerable performance drop over the past year.



Source: Department of Children and Families, Performance Measures Dashboard.



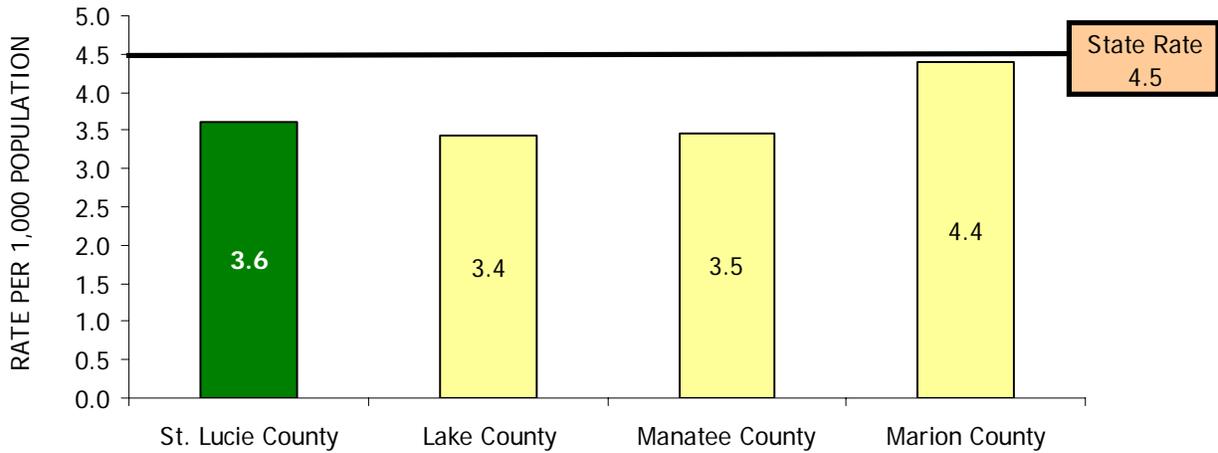
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Family Stability

Divorce

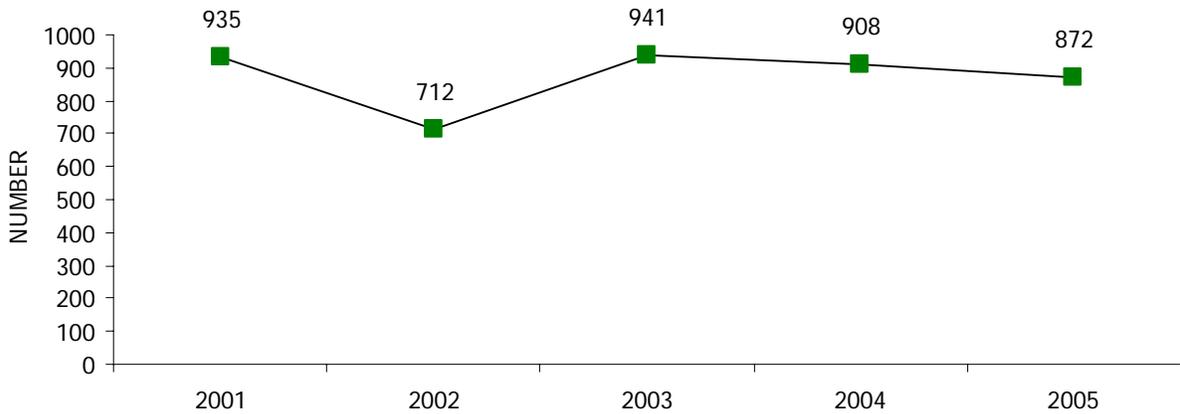
With a divorce rate of 3.6 per 1,000 population, the stability of marriages in St. Lucie County is better than the state rate of 4.5 divorces. Compared to peer counties, the divorce rate in St. Lucie County is about the same as two peer counties and lower than the third. The divorce rate for St. Lucie County has decreased three out of five years from 2001 to 2005.

Dissolution of Marriage, 2005



Source: Florida Vital Statistics Annual Reports

**Trend in Dissolution of Marriage
St. Lucie County, 2001-2005**

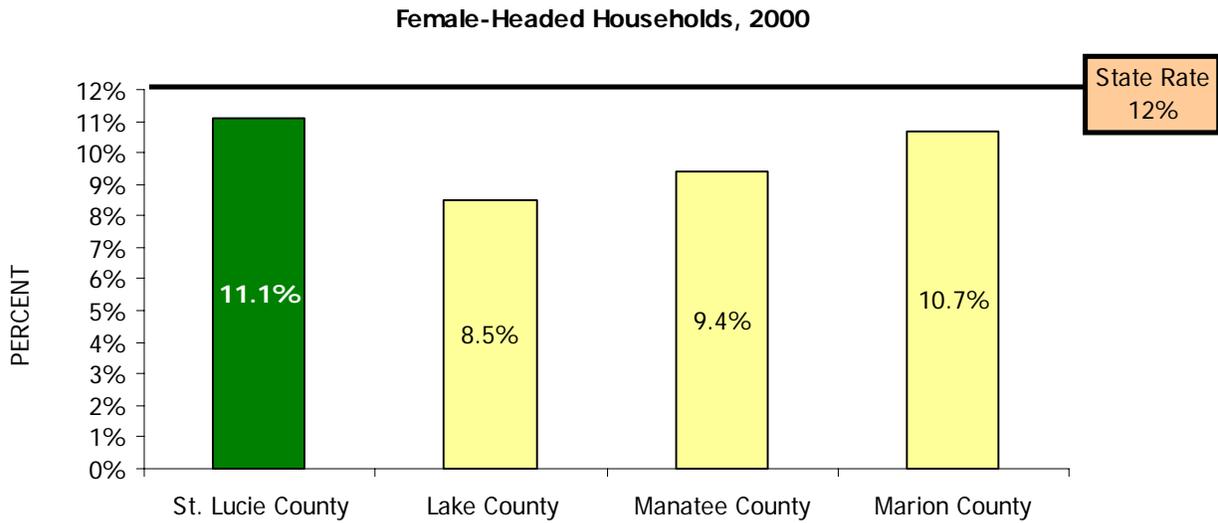


Source: Florida Vital Statistics Annual Reports

Female-Headed Households

In St. Lucie County, 70.5 percent of all 76,933 households are family households, including 26 percent of households with children under age 18. The average household size is 2.47 and the average family size is 2.89.

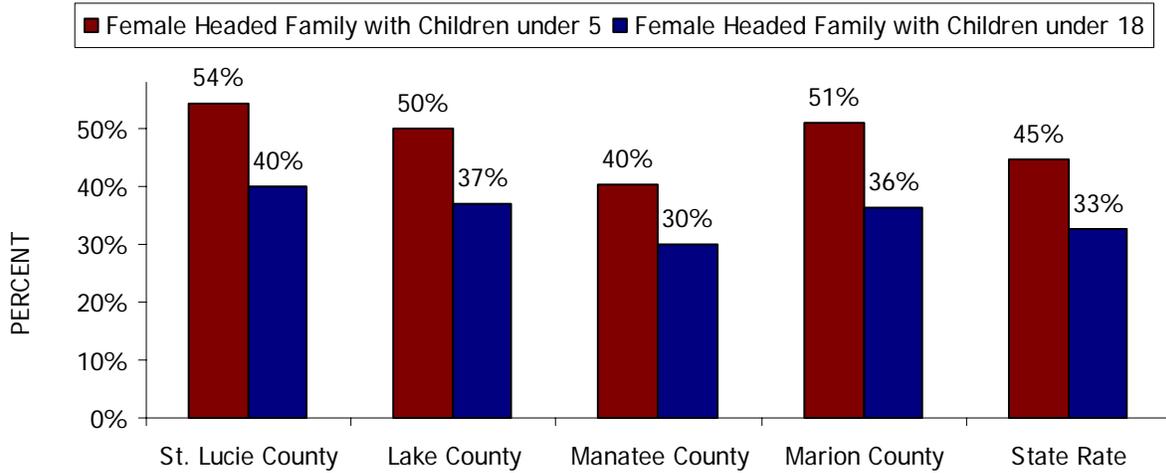
Many research studies support the conclusion that living with two parents who are married to each other is associated with more favorable outcomes for children. In St. Lucie County, of all households, 11 percent (8,524) are female-headed households (no husband present). This rate exceeds the rates in each of the peer counties, although it is slightly below the state rate of 12 percent.



Source: Census 2000, Summary File 1.

In addition to having more female-headed households than peer counties, St. Lucie County has the highest proportion of poverty among female-headed households. Of the female-headed households in St. Lucie County with children under 5, 54 percent lived below the poverty level, more than in each of the peer counties. Of the female-headed households in St. Lucie County with children under 18, 40 percent lived below the poverty level, more than in each of the peer counties.

Poverty Rates in Female-Headed Households, 2000

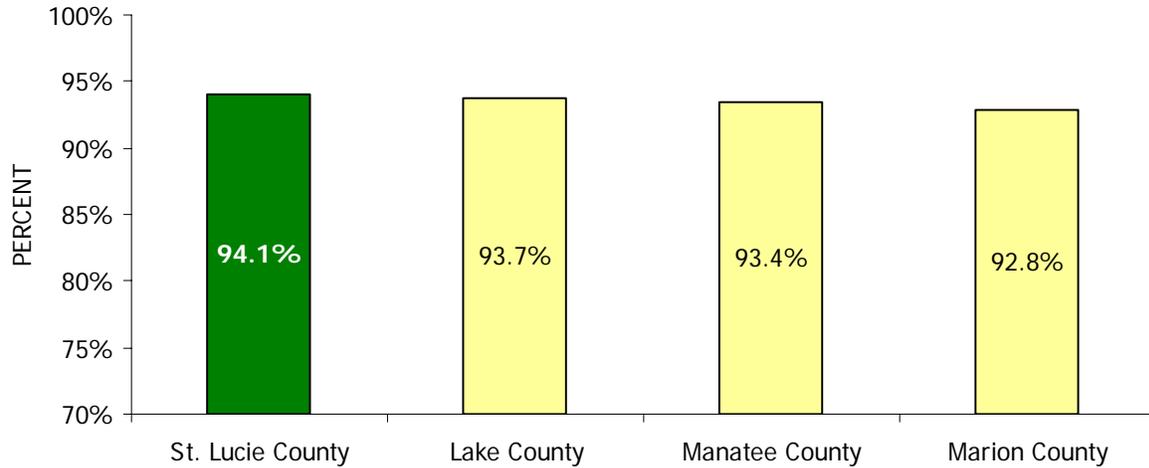


Source: The Florida Legislature, Office of Economic and Demographic Research.

School Moves (Student Population Stability)

For children, the number of school moves is one indication of stability, where school moves serve as a proxy for family moves. Using this indicator, St. Lucie County families tend to move slightly less than families in peer counties. The elementary student population in St. Lucie County is slightly more stable than the three peer counties. Overall, the rates vary only slightly.

Student Population Stability (Elementary), 2005-2006

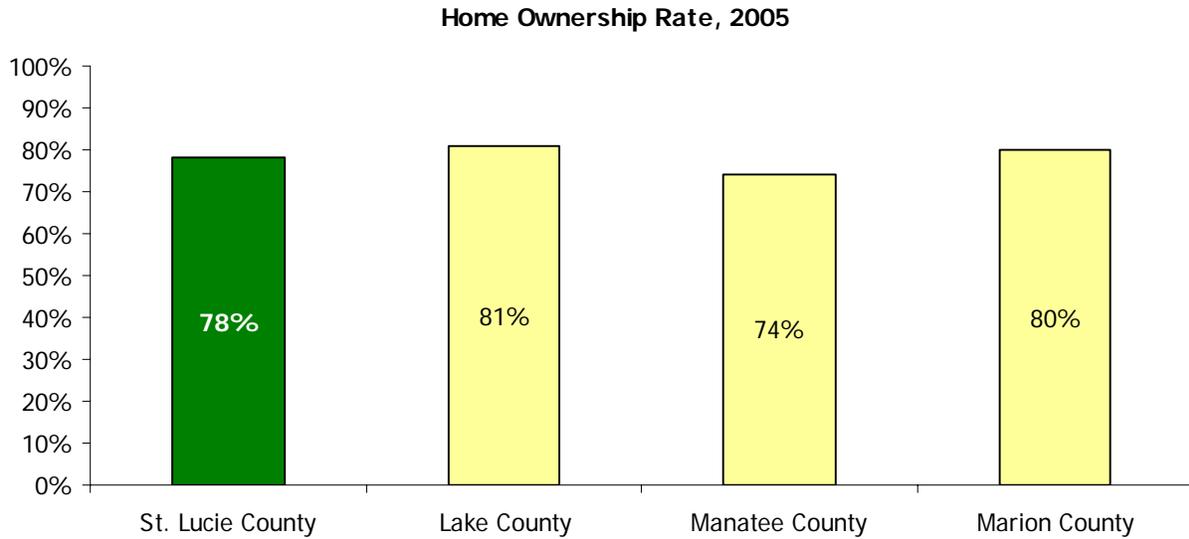


Source: Florida Department of Education

Housing

Housing concerns are of particular importance to communities growing as quickly as St. Lucie County. Statistics on home ownership rates, median single family sales prices, median rent prices, and overcrowded units provide a snapshot of the housing situation in St. Lucie County.

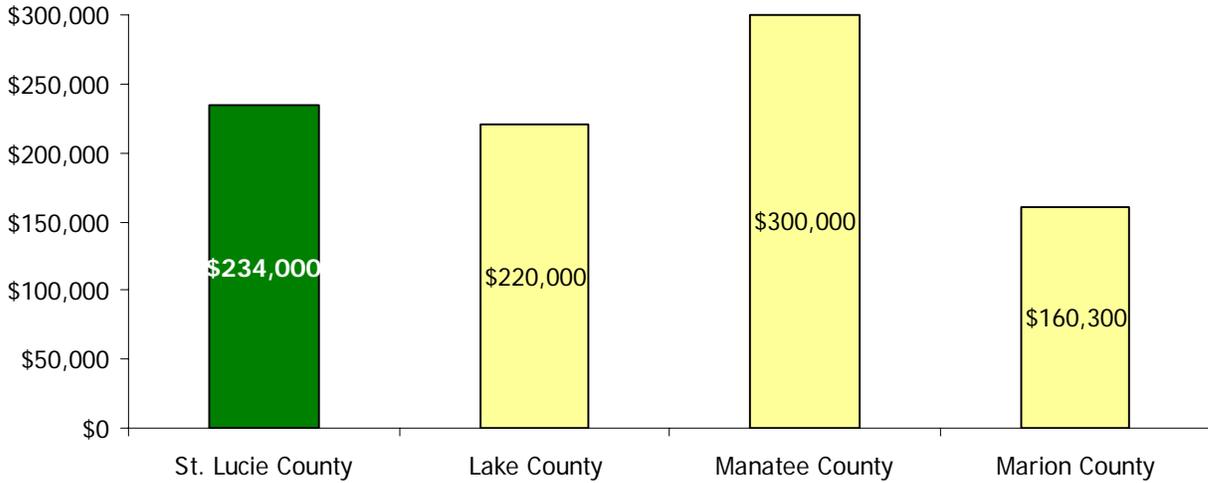
In terms of home ownership, St. Lucie County has a slightly lower home ownership rate than two of three peer counties, based on 2005 data.



Source: Shimberg Center for Affordable Housing, Florida Housing Data Clearinghouse

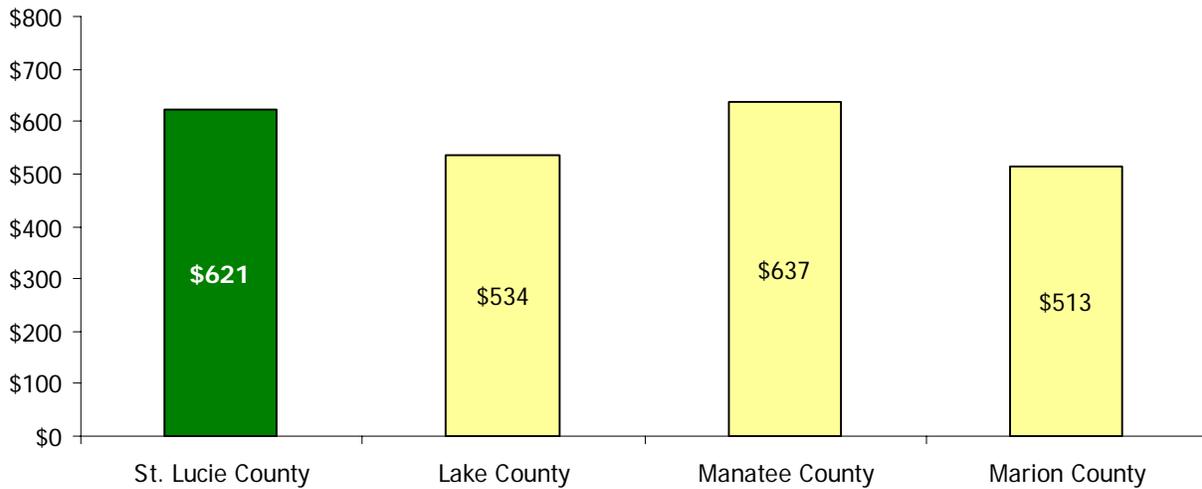
The median sales price of homes in St. Lucie County is higher than two of three peer counties. The 2005 nominal median sales price of homes within each of the peer counties ranges widely, from \$160,300 in Marion County to \$300,000 in Manatee County, compared to St. Lucie County's median sales price of \$234,000. Median rents in St. Lucie County are higher than two of three peer counties based on 2000 data.

Median Single Family Home Sales Price, 2005



Source: Shimberg Center for Affordable Housing, Florida Housing Data Clearinghouse

Median Gross Rent, 2000



Source: Shimberg Center for Affordable Housing, Florida Housing Data Clearinghouse

At 4.5 percent, St. Lucie County has more overcrowded units as a percent of all units than each of the peer counties. The following table provides more detail on housing characteristics in St. Lucie County compared to peer counties.

Selected Housing Statistics for St. Lucie County and Peer Counties

County	Number of Households 2005	Housing Characteristics						
		Home ownership Rate, 2005 ¹ % and Rank		Median Gross Rent, 2000 \$ and Rank		Median Single Family Home Sales Price (Nominal), 2005: \$ and Rank		Overcrowded Units as a percent of all units, 2000
St. Lucie	96,683	78%	34	\$621	18	\$234,000	17	
Lake	111,141	81%	18	\$534	31	\$220,000	20	2.7
Manatee	128,839	74%	51	\$367	14	\$300,000	8	4.0
Marion	126,956	80%	23	\$513	34	\$160,300	39	3.2

¹Owner households as a percent of all households

Source: Shimberg Center for Affordable Housing, Florida Housing Data Clearinghouse

The table below depicts the household cost burden in communities within St. Lucie County as well as peer counties. Household cost burden is defined as the percentage of household income invested in housing, so a higher figure typically indicates a higher level of burden.

On the whole, St. Lucie County's household cost burden exceeds the levels observed for two of three peer counties. Within St. Lucie County, Fort Pierce has the highest burden levels, where 12.8 percent of households spend over half their income on housing. This area is followed by Port St. Lucie and the unincorporated areas of the county, where 8.7 percent of households spend over 50 percent of their income on housing. The high levels of burden in these areas could be due to either excessively high real estate values, as might occur near the coast, or excessively low income levels, as might occur in the more impoverished areas of the county.

Household Cost Burden: Percentage of Income Spent On Housing, All Households, 2005

County	Community	Number of Households by Level of Cost Burden				Percentage of Households by Level of Cost Burden			
		<30%	30-39%	40-49%	50+ %	<30%	30-39%	40-49%	50+ %
St. Lucie County	County Total	64744	8371	4637	8082	75.4%	9.8%	5.4%	9.4%
	Ft. Pierce	10312	1485	1020	1889	70.1%	10.1%	6.9%	12.8%
	Port St. Lucie	30959	4053	2147	3539	76.1%	10.0%	5.3%	8.7%
	St. Lucie Village	202	19	8	20	81.1%	7.6%	3.2%	8.0%
	Unincorporated	23271	2814	1462	2634	77.1%	9.3%	4.8%	8.7%
Lake County	County Total	82012	8650	4786	7795	79.4%	8.4%	4.6%	7.6%
Manatee County	County Total	91782	14095	6686	11890	73.7%	11.3%	5.4%	9.6%
Marion County	County Total	92365	11407	5385	10178	77.4%	9.6%	4.5%	8.5%

Source: Shimberg Center for Affordable Housing, Florida Housing Data Clearinghouse.

As reported in the Palm Beach Post (3/15/2007), foreclosures rose markedly in St. Lucie County in the past year. Compared to 45 foreclosures in April 2006, there were 174 properties in some stage of foreclosure in February 2007 and 370 in March 2007. In the neighboring counties of Palm Beach and Martin, the number of current foreclosures was close to the number reported a year ago. As reported by the Palm Beach Post on 7/12/2007, a Moody's economist declared St. Lucie County to be in a recession due to the severe housing market decline.

Homeless Conditions

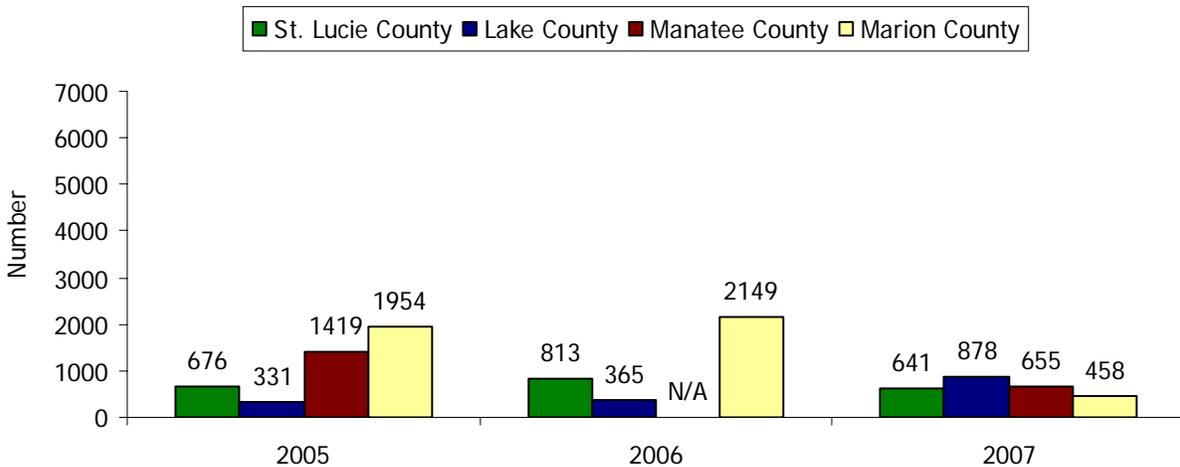
A recent survey indicates that 641 individuals in St. Lucie County are homeless daily. Among these are an estimated 167 children.

The Treasure Coast Homeless Services Council (TCHSC), the local homeless coalition representing St. Lucie County and other Treasure Coast counties, participated in the January 2007 one-day, point-in-time count of the homeless sponsored by the Department of Children and Families. The data were compiled into the *2007 Annual Report on Homeless Conditions in Florida*.

The survey, using the state’s definition of “homeless”¹, reported that statewide estimates of homelessness have decreased to 60,168 since the 83,391 count in 2005 and the 85,907 count in 2006. In St. Lucie County, an estimated 641 people were homeless daily in St. Lucie County, the lowest level over the past three years. This number represents 37 percent of the 1,734 homeless population in the three-county area of Indian River, Martin, and St. Lucie counties, and the highest count among the three counties.

Comparing St. Lucie County to peer counties in 2007, St. Lucie has the third highest count, behind Lake County (878) and Manatee County (655), and above 458 reported in Marion County.

Homeless Count, 2007



Source: *2007 Annual Report on Homeless Conditions in Florida*, Department of Children and Families, and survey data reported by Treasure Coast Homeless Services Council, Inc. No physical count was done in Manatee County in 2006.

¹ According to Florida Statutes Section 420.621, Homeless means an individual who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence or an individual who has a primary nighttime residence that is: (1) A supervised publicly or privately operated shelter designed to provide temporary living accommodations, including welfare hotels, congregate shelters, and transitional housing for the mentally ill; (2) An institution that provides a temporary residence for individuals intended to be institutionalized; or (3) A public or private place not designed for, or ordinarily used as, a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings.

Of the 1,734 reported as homeless in the three-county area, 1,108 (64%) were adults ages 18 to 60, 449 (26%) were children under age 18, and 117 (10%) were elderly. Applying the 26 percent of children to the total number reported for St. Lucie County (641) suggests an estimated total of 167 children may be homeless in St. Lucie County.

Of the total 1,734 homeless persons in the three-county area, over half (1,004 or 58%) were male and 95 percent were non-Hispanic. Slightly under half (850 or 48%) were White and one-third (581 or 34%) were Black/African American. Of the 1,734, 208 (12%) were married and 1,526 (88%) were single. Single includes unmarried mothers with children.

The survey addressed conditions of homelessness. Of the 1,734 homeless persons:

- 44 percent had been without a regular place to stay in the past three years only once;
- 27 percent reported disabling conditions, including 13 percent with mental health conditions;
- 35 percent had been homeless for more than three months but less than one year, and 26 percent had been homeless between one and three months;
- 46 percent reported employment or financial reasons for their homelessness, 25 percent cited housing reasons, and 25 percent cited medical/disability problems; and
- 39 percent were currently employed.

The subpopulations reported as having the greatest needs were families with children and the mentally ill. Emergency shelter and permanent housing were judged to be the continuum of care components that were the weakest.

The coalition director reports that the top two unmet needs are: (1) attainable housing, and (2) employment at the Florida Housing Wage. To address the housing issues, TCHSC has created the Coalition for Attainable Homes, a Public/Private Partnership, to navigate the development process and access options and programs available through FHFC and other affordable housing development programs.

In 2004, St. Lucie County was heavily impacted by Hurricanes Frances and Jeanne. On October 24, 2005, Hurricane Wilma damaged over 6,000 homes in St Lucie County, further contributing to the affordable housing problems. Unincorporated St. Lucie County identified 47 mobile homes that were uninhabitable due to storm damage, with an additional 1,385 that sustained some damage. Displacement from mobile home parks due to development was already an issue for the elderly and those on fixed incomes in the county. TCHSC has determined that relocation of mobile homes to other permanent sites is virtually impossible due to being prohibitive and the fact that the units are not in a condition to be moved successfully. TCHSC continues to receive requests for housing from persons who are displaced from mobile home parks. In addition, approximately three calls per week come from tenants who are living in hurricane-damaged rental units which have not been repaired.

TCHSC reports that homelessness due to eviction is common for low wage earners in St. Lucie County. Out of the more than 1,000 individuals who seek assistance annually from the Homeless Resource Center, more than 45 percent are from St. Lucie County. Most (70%) of the requests for financial assistance are due to pending evictions for non-payment of rent. The second most frequent request for services from St. Lucie County residents is for utility payments, which have risen sharply due to changes in billing practices, fuel charges, and required deposits for connections.

In terms of resources to address homelessness, there are 12 "single adult" beds, and 46 "family beds" on the entire Treasure Coast. A large portion of funds for the homeless pay for short-term stays in motel rooms for homeless individuals and families seeking housing. Mustard Seed Ministries in Fort Pierce is the largest provider of housing assistance in the county, paying approximately 260 rents per year to prevent evictions or to re-house homeless families, and utilizing six motels in the county that work with the "voucher" program to provide reduced rental rates for the homeless population.

Currently, there are no homeless shelters in St. Lucie County.

The Homeless Family Center, the emergency shelter located in Vero Beach, is open to residents of St. Lucie County. Approximately 35 percent of the 455 persons they serve annually are residents of St. Lucie County. Also, St. Lucie Community Services currently manages 26 apartments which house the severely mentally ill disabled in fair market rental housing.

Federal housing in St. Lucie County consists of 750 Public Housing Units in the City of Fort Pierce operated by the Fort Pierce Housing Authority. They are occupied primarily by low income elderly and disabled individuals. There are also 69 beds in private housing currently available to house individuals who are released or diverted from jail and have a substance abuse problem.

The TCHSC is recognized by HUD as an authorized Continuum of Care for Indian River, St. Lucie, and Martin counties. The continuum of services includes preventing homelessness, addressing the causes of homelessness through referral and case management, and increasing employment and housing opportunities. TCHSC is a consortium of approximately 80 agencies, providers, and interested citizens who develop a strategic plan and pool resources to accomplish the plan. The largest direct service provider consortium member in St. Lucie County is New Horizons of the Treasure Coast which serves the seriously mentally ill population. TCHSC provides a coordination function through the operation of a Homeless Resource Center which accepts referrals from all member agencies and coordinates services for the applicant in one place. Assessment and information sharing is facilitated among participating member agencies using Client Track, a confidential client management information system. As a result of its HUD status, the TCHSC has secured \$9.4 million within the past six years for the Treasure Coast's homeless programs.

Child Care

Availability

While the population in the county has been increasing, there has been a net reduction in the availability of child care. From 2001 to 2005, there was a one percent reduction in the capacity of child care programs overall.

St. Lucie County had 210 child care programs (including licensed, exempt, and Head Start) with a capacity of 11,483 in 2005, according to *2005 Charting the Progress: Child Care and Early Education in Florida* published by the Children's Forum. This is an increase in the number of programs reported in 2003 (193), but a decrease in the capacity reported in 2002 (11,732) and in 2001 (11,582).

Relative to peer counties, St. Lucie County is in the mid-range in terms of availability of infant care, with a ratio of 2.7 requests per provider offering infant care.

Infant and Toddler Care in St. Lucie and Peer Counties

	St. Lucie	Lake	Manatee	Marion
Providers offering infant care	97	Information not available	144	147
Requests for infant care	259	152	352	451
Ratio of requests to providers	2.67	--	2.44	3.07
Providers offering toddler care	Not available through CCR&R reports			
Requests for toddler care (age 1 & 2)	320	274	562	710
Total number of providers	204	195	272	284

Source: AWI, OEL, Florida Child Care Resource and Referral State Network

For families that qualify, subsidized child care is available through the Early Learning Coalition of St. Lucie County. In the 2005-2006 annual report, the Early Learning Coalition reported the following service delivery data for subsidized child care:

Subsidized Child Care: Number of Children Served By Billing Group (Unduplicated)

Billing Group Category	Average Number Served per Month	Percent of Total Served	Average Cost Per Month
At-Risk	327	14.0%	\$89,334.61
Welfare Transition	248	4.97%	\$57,816.16
Transitional Child Care	255	10.0%	\$63,583.24
Migrant Farm Workers	16	0.59%	\$3,957.95
Working Poor	1,914	69.0%	\$443,520.64
2 Parent Family/1 Parent Working	11	0.45%	\$2,783.21
Child Care Purchasing Pool	4	0.05%	\$340.68
Totals	2,661	100%	\$634,837.42

Source: Early Learning Coalition of St. Lucie County, Inc., *Annual Report Fiscal Year 2005-2006*

Subsidized Child Care: Average Monthly Number of Children Enrolled By Age Group (Unduplicated)

Age Group	Average Number Enrolled per Month	Percent of Total Enrolled	Average Cost Per Month
Infant	163	7.23%	\$45,730.03
Toddler	326	14.0%	\$88,550.99
2 Year Olds	407	17.31%	\$109,177.95
Three & Four Year Olds	915	37.84%	\$241,305.43
School Age Children	842	23.25%	\$147,734.07
Special Needs Children	8	0.38%	\$2,338.95
Totals	2,661	100%	\$634,837.42

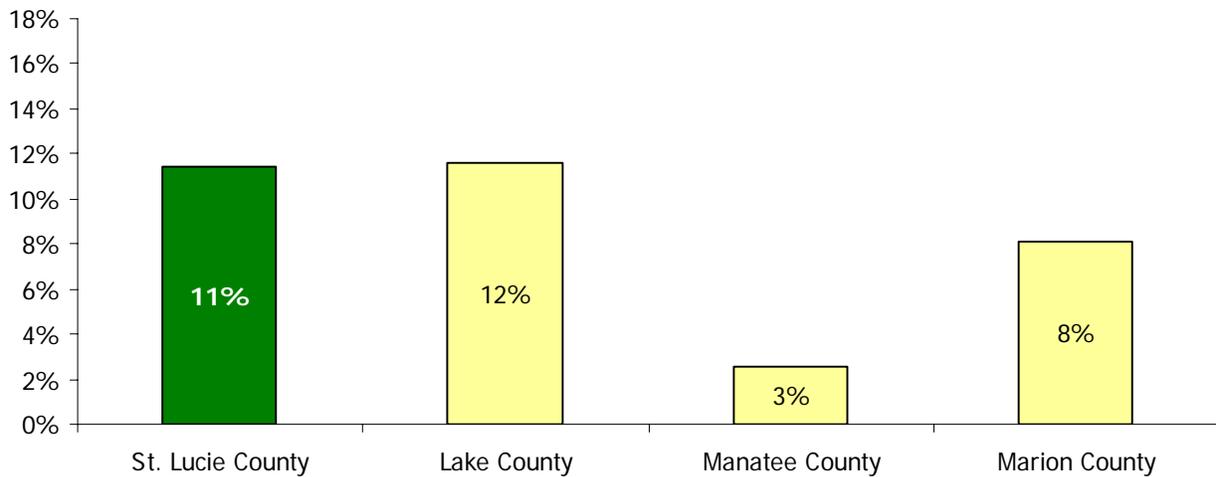
Source: Early Learning Coalition of St. Lucie County, Inc., *Annual Report Fiscal Year 2005-2006*

Quality

Despite decreasing numbers, child care is improving.

In St. Lucie County, 24 of the centers or family child care homes (11% of all centers and homes) were Gold Seal programs in 2005, up from 20 in 2003 and 16 in 2001. This number is about even with Lake County (with 20 Gold Seal centers or homes, representing 12% of the total). St. Lucie is proportionately better than Marion County (with 25 Gold Seal centers or homes, representing 8% of the total) and Manatee County (with 7 Gold Seal centers or homes, representing 3% of the total). The chart below illustrates that St. Lucie County exceeds 2 of 3 peer counties in terms of the percentage of Gold Seal centers and homes.

Gold Seal Accredited Centers and Homes as a Percent of All Programs, 2005

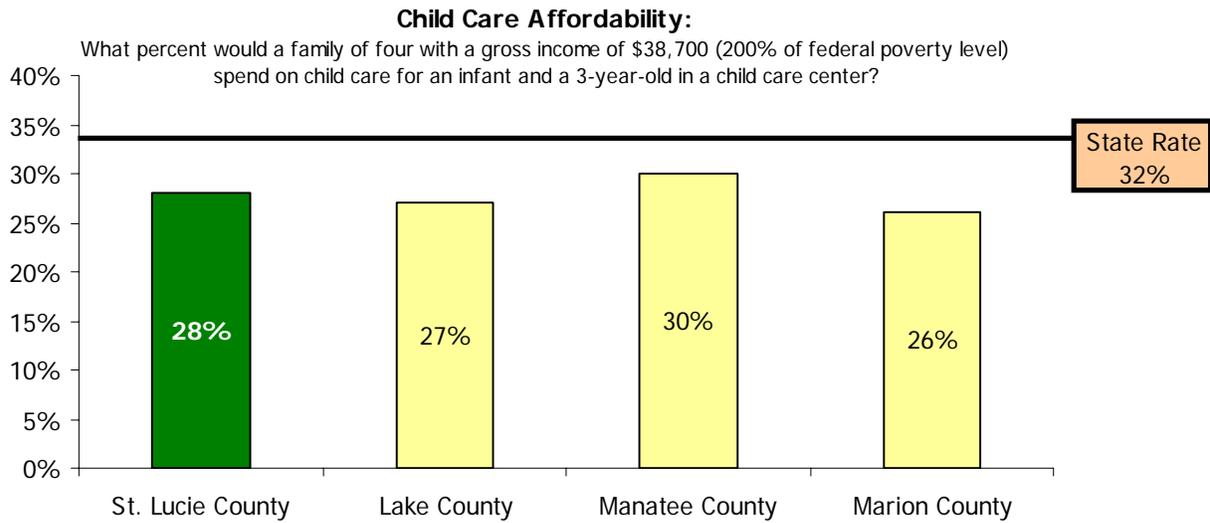


Source: Children's Forum, 2005 *Charting the Progress: Child Care and Early Education in Florida*.

Affordability

Some families are spending a high proportion of their income on child care.

According to *Charting the Progress*, rates for care in child care centers ranged from an average of \$125 per week for infants (birth to 12 months) to \$100 for four-year-old children. A family of four in St. Lucie County with a gross income of \$38,700 (200% of Federal Poverty Level) would spend 28 percent of their income on child care for an infant and a three-year-old in a child care center. This percentage of income is below the state rate, but slightly higher than the rates reported for two of three peer counties, as shown in the chart below.



Source: Children's Forum, 2005 *Charting the Progress: Child Care and Early Education in Florida*.

Public Transportation

Public transportation in St. Lucie County is limited, with only Community Transit being operated by the Council on Aging of St. Lucie County.

Public transportation in St. Lucie County is provided by Community Transit operated by the Council on Aging of St. Lucie, Inc. Community Transit provides non-emergency transportation at a nominal cost to all locations for all reasons throughout St. Lucie County. Community Transit has two modes of transportation:

(1) Treasure Coast Connector (Fixed Route)

The Treasure Coast Connector (TCC) is a regional fixed route system servicing St. Lucie and Martin counties. A fixed route service generally provides service along specific routes with scheduled arrival times at predetermined bus stop areas. Reservations are not required. TCC has stops located off of U.S. 1 for passenger safety. The route begins with the first stop at the 7th Street Juvenile Courthouse, along U.S. 1 to Martin Memorial Medical Center.

(2) Community Transit (Demand Response)

A curb to curb system where passenger trips are generated by calls from passengers or their agents at least twenty-four (24) hours in advance, to the Transit Reservationist, who then schedules a vehicle to pick up the passenger.

Community Transit provides transportation to Medicaid providers in St. Lucie County with 48-hours advance notice. Transportation to a Medicaid provider outside St. Lucie County requires 72-hours advance notice.

Fares are as follows:

- Single ride: \$1.00
- Elderly, disabled, children 5-11: \$.50
- Children under 5 (with an adult): Free
- Medicaid recipients: \$1.00 co-pay

COMMUNITY RESPONSE TO FAMILY LIFE

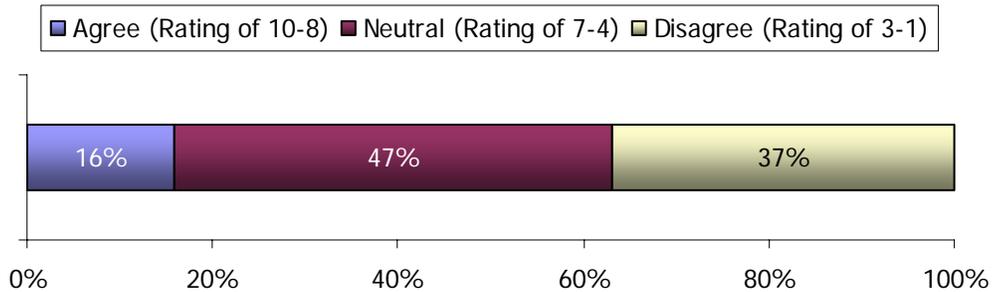
Income

Few residents see an improvement in the economic climate.

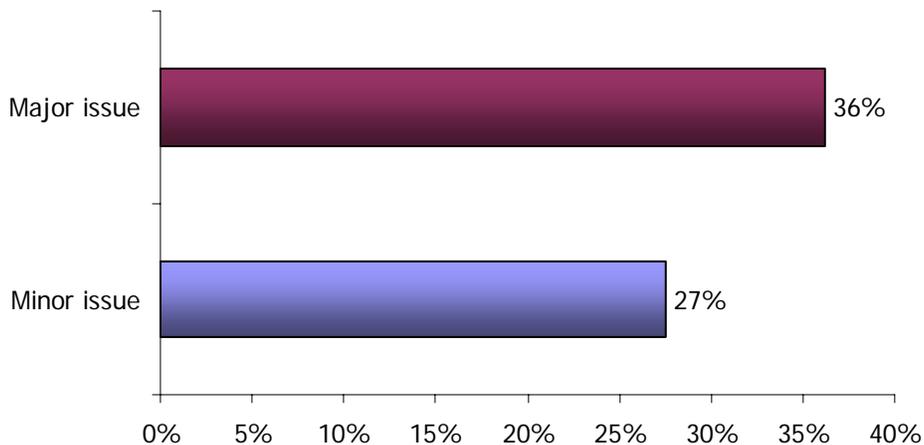
The family life indicators are very revealing in terms of household income and unemployment rates. Clearly, they point to St. Lucie as a county whose economic condition is below the state average. The results of the telephone survey serve to support these findings, with less than two in ten (16%) believing the economic climate of the county has improved over the last two years. Further, twice as many, 37%, feel the opposite is true.

Two-thirds of telephone survey respondents have a problem budgeting household income with the percent increasing to almost 87% among households with incomes under \$25,000. Though higher income residents have less of a problem with household finances than their less affluent counterparts, survey results show that one-quarter of households with incomes over \$50,000 have difficulty budgeting their money.

Agreement for Economic Climate Improving Over Last 2 Years



Budgeting Household Income



Data Source: Questions 5 and 23 in community telephone survey

Employment

Jobs and higher wages are consistently seen as needed in St. Lucie County.

Underlying many of the economic and social problems in St. Lucie County is the need for more employment opportunities. Community leaders and service providers in the focus groups stressed this several times, with a special emphasis on the need for higher paying jobs. Several pointed out the large number of residents who leave the county for work.

"They are going down to Palm Beach County. There is a family that has kids in our program and the father drives a truck down in Boca every day." (Service provider)

Most community leaders and service providers in the focus groups have been residents of St. Lucie County for many years and are aware of the changes that have occurred. As some noted, the economy of the county was once based on agriculture or fishing. While both are important to the county, neither industry is most needed.

Some feel that a portion of the people who relocate to St. Lucie County do so because of the comparatively lower cost of housing, but find few or limited employment opportunities in the county.

"I think families are moving here because it is less expensive than South Florida, but they are not finding the job opportunities that they thought." (Community leader)

"We have this dichotomy. They are coming here to help with economics but we have one of the highest levels of child poverty in Fort Pierce. Sixty percent of children in the St. Lucie County school system are with reduced and free lunches." (Community leader)

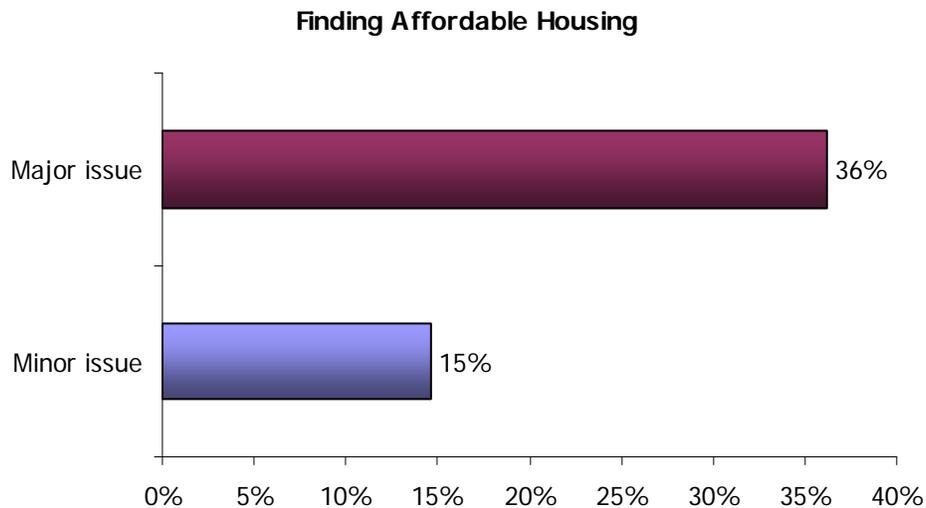
Housing

Finding affordable housing is a major issue for over one-third in St. Lucie County.

St. Lucie County is not the only community in the nation that is struggling with the issue of affordable housing. A decade or two ago, St. Lucie County was known as a place where many young, working, middle income families could afford to purchase a new home. To some extent, this continues to be true. It is not uncommon for residents of the county to work outside of St. Lucie County primarily because St. Lucie County housing is more affordable than the counties to the south, such as Martin and Palm Beach.

Over one-third (36%) of residents in the community-wide telephone survey indicated that finding affordable housing was a major issue in their household. Overall, half (49%) indicated that finding housing they could afford was not a problem.

Those most likely to have a major problem finding affordable housing are younger (under 40 years old) and either Black or Hispanic. Further, over four in ten (43%) of those with incomes under \$50,000 have a major issue finding affordable housing.



Data Source: Question 13 in community telephone survey

Focus group respondents feel only lip service is given to the issue of affordable housing.

Community leaders and service providers who participated in the focus groups acknowledged the need for more affordable housing in the county. However, many of these focus group participants see affordable housing as part of the related employment/economic issues of the county and not a single issue.

Some voiced that one of the issues regarding affordable housing concerns developers who want to build expensive homes and residents who don't want affordable housing in their neighborhood.

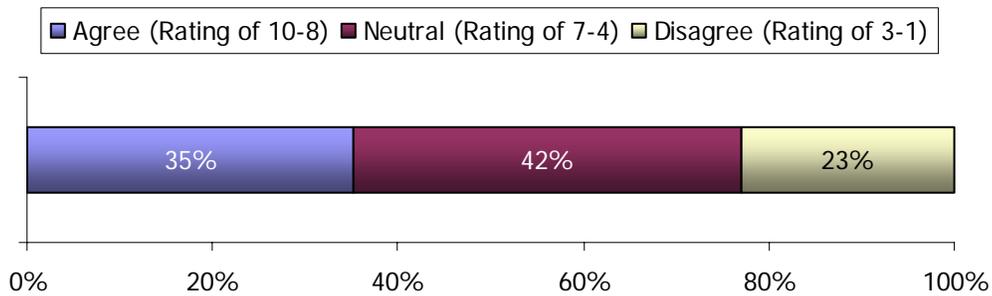
"There is lip service about affordable housing, but there is not a real concerted effort to bring in affordable housing. For one thing, developers don't want to give up their profit margin and no one wants low income housing in their backyard." (Service provider)

Homelessness

Homelessness is an issue that is not apparent to a majority of St. Lucie County residents.

Residents that participated in the telephone survey were queried as to how serious they felt the issue of homelessness was in St. Lucie County. Their responses suggest that residents are somewhat unsure if homelessness is an issue or not. About one-third (35%) feel homelessness is a serious issue, 42% are neutral, and 23% do not think it is an issue. Findings further suggest that those most likely to view homelessness as an issue are under 40, Black, and have incomes under \$25,000.

Agreement for Homelessness Being a Serious Issue



Data Source: Question 9 in community telephone survey

The lack of understanding of the homeless issue may, in part, be a result of the lack of homeless shelters and services in St. Lucie County. As explained by service providers who attended the focus groups, St. Lucie County's homeless are served by the Homeless Coalition which is based in Indian River County. As a result, county residents and service providers are not very knowledgeable about the homeless situation.

As one service provider explained in the focus group, there are homeless in St. Lucie County, but many of these individuals have no way to get to the services they need.

"There are 44 camps of homeless people, families and single people, in the woods in St. Lucie County. They are not getting served because, while there are homeless services, they cannot connect to them." (Service provider)

Child Care

Focus group participants feel that the Children Services Council of St. Lucie County (CSC), faith-based organizations, and the educational system serve children well in St. Lucie County.

The Children’s Services Council plays an important role in funding many programs for children in the county. Many respondents acknowledge that children are well served by this agency, even though some in the population are defined as at-risk/in need of services.

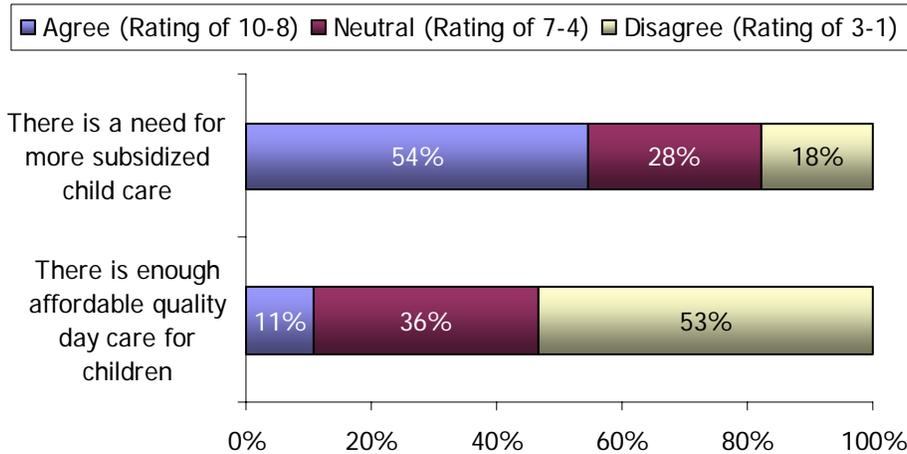
Faith-based respondents in the groups believe many churches work together to serve the community. They see community outreach for children from faith-based organizations in areas including after-school programs, daycare centers, summer camps, youth centers, and youth outreach.

Respondents in the groups also believe both primary and secondary educational opportunities in the county are strengths. They perceive the presence of institutions of higher education, like Indian River Community College, as positive.

However, residents in the telephone survey see many gaps with child care and the school system.

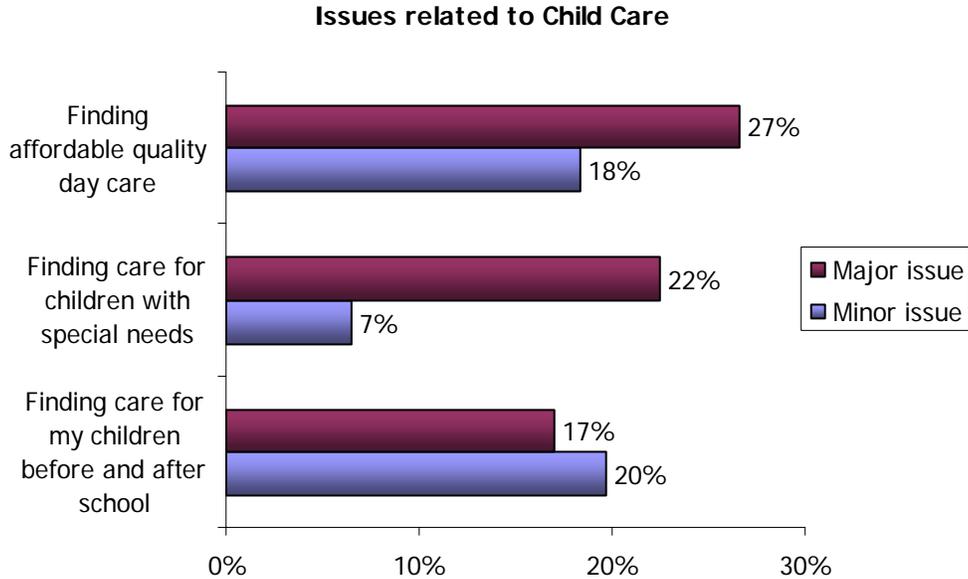
In terms of child care, very few respondents (11%) with children agree that there is enough quality day care for children in St. Lucie County. In addition, a majority (54%) feel there is a need for more subsidized child care.

Agreement with Statements related to Child Care



Data Source: Questions 30 and 31 in community telephone survey

Many parents with children (45%) have had an issue finding affordable quality child care in the past 12 months, with 29% having an issue finding care for children with special needs. Further, finding care before and after school is an issue for 37% of the residents in the telephone survey.



Data Source: Questions 37, 38, and 39 in community telephone survey

Consistent with these findings, focus group participants identified specific gaps in terms of after school care, summer programs, and care for special needs children.

“We have a Boys and Girls Club and there are a few places that parents can take their children where they can feel safe. It appears the after school care in the school system is limited. If we could offer more services, then it would be good for the children.” (Community leader)

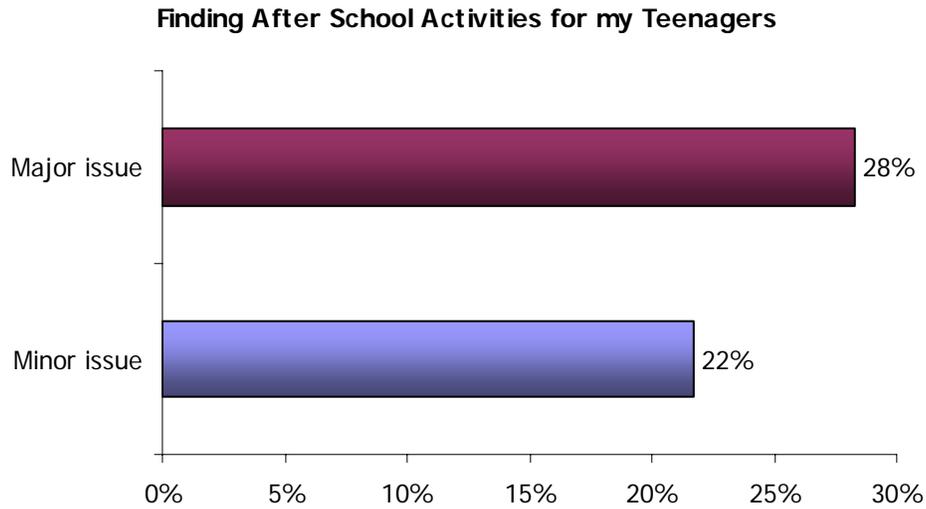
Youth Programs

Community leaders and residents feel there is a need for positive youth programs.

Many respondents in the focus groups identified lack of activities for youth as an underlying cause of more serious problems, such as gangs and crime. Community leaders identify a need for more programs that offer a positive influence, such as the Boys and Girls Club. They suggest that gangs have resulted from youth being underserved in terms of opportunities and mentoring.

Some focus group participants believe the lack of parenting or a father figure is a root cause of the trouble with youth in the community. Respondents in the focus groups suggest the growth of gangs has other ramifications including the rise in crime, violence, and HIV/AIDS.

The need for positive programs is also highlighted in the telephone survey among residents. Many of the parents in the telephone survey (50%) have an issue with finding activities for teenagers.



Data Source: Question 40 in community telephone survey

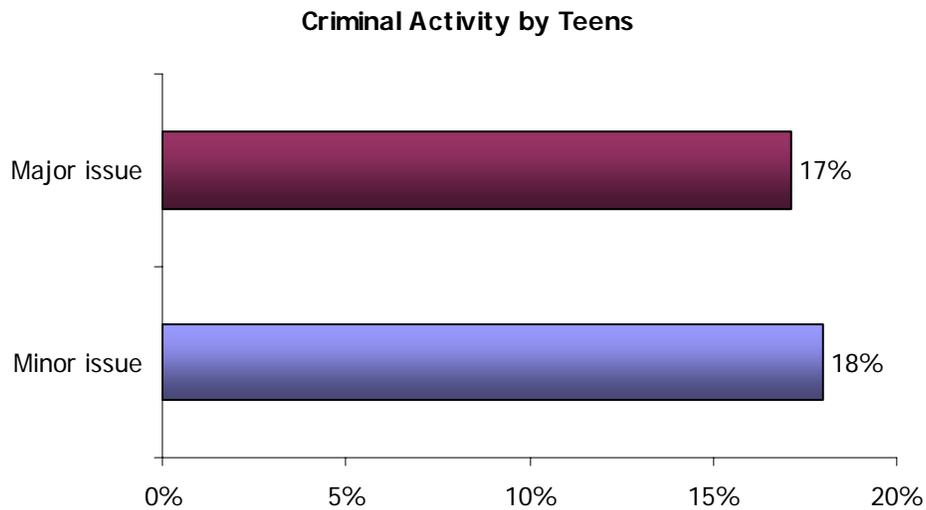
Lack of activities and opportunities feeds gangs and crime.

Focus group participants suggest that more constructive activities and outreach are needed to serve this population and curb the attraction to gangs. Faith-based respondents mentioned that there are limited opportunities for youth and nowhere they can turn.

Respondents see a gap in terms of both recreational and educational/employment opportunities for youth. Those who are too old for camp or child care and too young to work are particularly vulnerable when activities are lacking. Gang-related activity often fills the void for these youth.

Community leaders and service providers suggest problems with youth affect the poor and affluent. Some believe lack of parental involvement underlies concerns regarding youth. Often gangs replace the family as the child's support unit.

Residents also agree that gangs are a large problem. In the telephone survey, 39 percent agree that gangs hurt the quality of life in their neighborhood. In addition, criminal activity among teens had been an issue for 35 percent of parents in the telephone survey in the past 12 months.



Data Source: Question 45 in community telephone survey

Community leaders offer numerous ideas for positive programs to be considered in St. Lucie County.

Respondents in the focus groups suggested that more positive youth programs are needed, including:

- Beacon centers (school based after-school programs)
- Vocational programs
- Entrepreneurial training
- Mentoring from retirees
- Summer opportunities/internships
- Youth centers
- Athletic programs
- Faith-based youth groups

Respondents stress that, in order to make a difference, the number of organizations and programs must be sufficient to serve the population. According to focus group respondents, current programs have waiting lists and, therefore, do not adequately meet the county's needs.

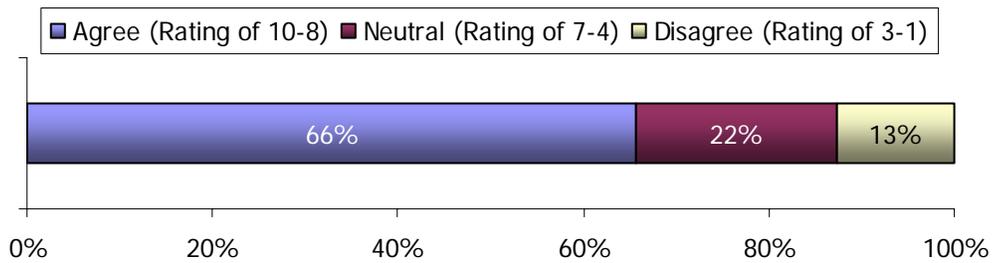
Public Transportation

Recognition that public transportation is needed comes from all ages, ethnicities, and income levels.

County residents were questioned in the telephone survey about the importance of the county having a public transportation system. Overall, two-thirds (66%) agree that transportation is important and this support comes from all groups. Residents who are age 60 or over share the same opinion on public transportation as residents under age 60.

Nonetheless, a majority (66%) of residents in the telephone survey did not indicate they have a problem finding transportation to work. However, 21% of those with incomes under \$25,000 have a major issue finding a ride to work, while 29% of Blacks who participated in the survey have this problem.

Agreement with County Having an Adequate Public Transportation System



Data Source: Question 6 in community telephone survey

Members of the Haitian and Hispanic communities commented in the focus groups that there is a need for better public transportation. Several spoke from personal experience:

“There’s no bus in the morning to drop the kids. If one day the car doesn’t work, I don’t know what I would do.” (Haitian focus group)

“There isn’t a place where I can go at 8:30 AM and wait for a bus to pick us up. I don’t have a license to drive, so there is no way to get to places. You just have to stay home.” (Hispanic focus group)

Leaders see progress being made in providing public transportation.

Focus group participants, including community leaders and service providers may be closer to the transportation issue and more aware of what has been done to provide a transportation system to county residents. Participants tended to break into two groups, either that public transportation was important and the county is working on it, or more needs to be done to resolve the problem.

One participant summed up the position held by many in the focus groups:

"I think that most people would say that we still have a need for public transportation. I think it is still a major issue for the poor, those that can't drive, or don't have cars. I think we have all been here long enough and we have seen great strides, but now things are starting to get in place for the frame work and we are heading in the right direction."

CHILD HEALTH AND EDUCATION

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STRATEGIC DIRECTION FOR CHILD HEALTH AND EDUCATION

The child health and education chapter includes the following:

- Overview
- Infant and Child Health
- Teen Substance Abuse
- Elementary and Secondary Education
- Child Welfare and Mental Health

Analysis

The results are mixed when the child health and education indicator data is compared to the state and peer counties. St. Lucie County is doing better than the peer counties and the state as a whole on some child and maternal health indicators (e.g., infant mortality, WIC participation, births with late or no prenatal care) and some education indicators (e.g., graduation rate, dropout rate). By comparison, the county is not doing as well on other indicators. The areas of greatest concern are:

Health (based on 2005 data)

- Prenatal care – Almost one in three mothers (29.3%) do not get adequate prenatal care.
- Births to teens – At 1.5 per 1,000 (3-year rate), the rate of births to young teens (age 10-14) is double the state rate (0.7). The rate for older teens (age 15-19) also is higher than the state rate.
- Developmental Delay Risks – Over one-fourth (26.7%) of mothers have less than a high school education which is a factor that places their child at-risk for developmental delays.
- Enteric Disease – The incidence of gastrointestinal illness among children is higher than the state rate and rates in peer counties.
- Child Death Rates – At 5.3 per 10,000 children, St. Lucie County is 1.5 times higher than peer counties and above the state levels overall. Most of the child deaths were unintentional injuries to children ages 15-19.
- Child Substance Abuse – Use of tobacco, alcohol, and marijuana among younger teens is higher than the state rate. Among older teens, marijuana use is higher than the state rate.

Education (based on 2005-2006 data)

- Truancy – One in four (25.6%) high school students missed 21 days of school or more.

- Proficiency in Reading and Math – Rates are lower than 3rd and 10th grade students in peer counties and the state overall.

Consider the following strategic directions to address these concerns:

1. Improve or expand teen pregnancy prevention programs in the schools and community-based organizations to reduce teen pregnancy rates, including a special focus on reaching younger teens.
2. Improve or expand parenting education programs, which include a focus on prenatal care and early education, to improve developmental outcomes and reduce enteric disease among infants and children.
3. Improve or expand the substance abuse prevention programs currently in place that focus on the tobacco, alcohol, and marijuana prevention in middle and high schools.
4. Strengthen the truancy court in order to reduce truancy rates among high school students.
5. Continue to seek out funding for programs, such as the Safe Drug Free School funding that the county has obtained and the Safe School/Healthy Communities funding that will be in place in the next funding cycle. Additionally, evaluate ways to ensure that these programs are operating in the most effective way possible.
6. Seek agreement with maintenance and security staff at county schools in order to ensure funds are available to operate school-sponsored or community-based after-school programs. Keeping the programs in schools:
 - a. Eliminates the need for transportation
 - b. Offers opportunities for mentoring
 - c. Allows for tutoring to improve math and reading
 - d. Provides athletic opportunities for entertainment and to fight obesity
 - e. Offers a safe environment away from gangs
 - f. Has supervision to prevent substance abuse and teen pregnancy

INDICATORS

Indicators of prenatal care and infant/child health were addressed using data from the Florida Department of Health, including data on prenatal care, births to teens, immunizations, nutrition, disease, and deaths. The Florida Youth Substance Abuse Survey provided information about substance abuse among adolescents in middle schools and high schools. A snapshot of child welfare and children's mental health is provided by district performance data reported by the Department of Children and Families, Mental Health Program Office. Education data were obtained from various reports produced by the Department of Education.

Infant and Child Health

St. Lucie County saw 3,003 births in 2005, representing a five percent increase from 2004 and was preceded by a 17 percent increase from 2003 to 2004. The 2005 population count for infants was 2,984 and for children 1-19 was 56,744. Indicators of infant and child health are often used to signal the overall well-being of a community. This section presents data from the Florida Department of Health on indicators relating to infant and child health, including:

- Prenatal Care
 - Late or no prenatal care
 - Inadequate prenatal care
 - Mother's WIC (Women, Infants, and Children's Program) participation during pregnancy
- Mothers' Risk Factors
 - Births to teens
 - Birth rates of females 10 to 14 years old
 - Birth rates of females 15 to 19 years old
 - Mothers with less than 12th grade education
- Infant Health
 - Low birth weight
 - Infant mortality
- Child Health
 - WIC participation
 - Immunizations for students beginning Kindergarten
 - Enteric disease (gastrointestinal illnesses)
 - Child deaths

Overview of Child Health Indicators

Adequate prenatal care and nutritional support during pregnancy remain problems in St. Lucie County and far too many children are born to teen mothers. Infant mortality has improved, but deaths to young children occur at 1.5 times the rate in peer counties. St. Lucie County also has a higher rate of gastrointestinal illnesses (enteric diseases) among children than peer counties.

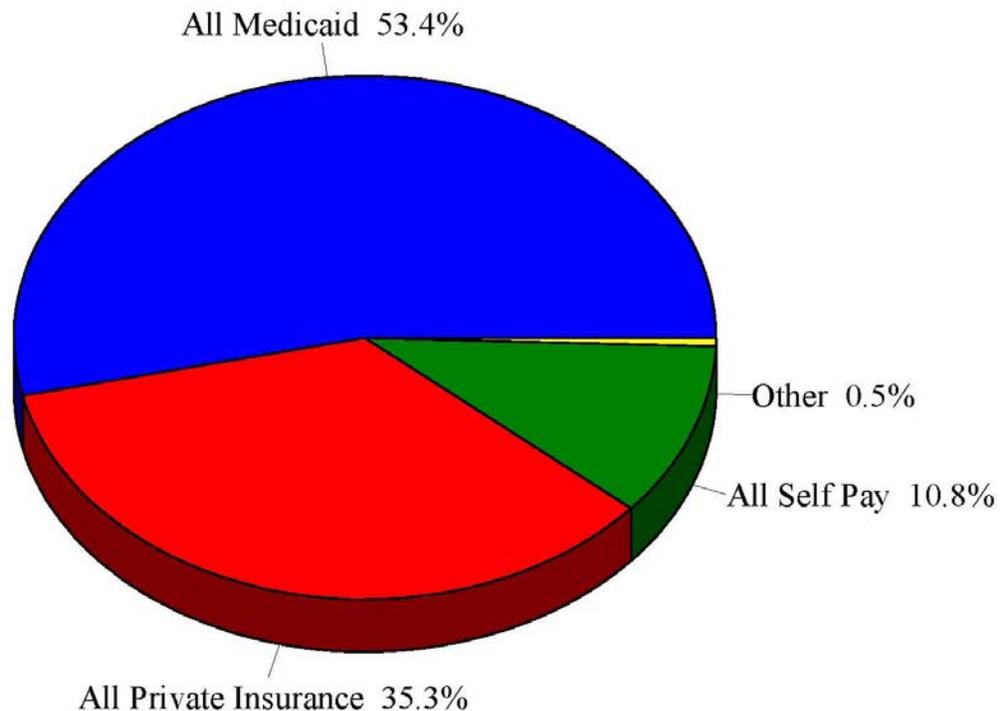
Prenatal Care

A healthy birth is critically important to successful functioning later in life and healthy births begin with good prenatal care. Prenatal care during the first trimester can prevent many poor birth outcomes that result in developmental delays or health problems in infants and young children. Late or inadequate prenatal care and poor nutrition of pregnant women can lead to infant deaths, or low birth weight infants and subsequent developmental problems in young children.

Medicaid is the primary payment source for over half of the births in St. Lucie County.

Over half (53.4%) of all births in St. Lucie County are paid for by Medicaid while private insurance is the payment source for over one-third (35.3%). Data related to payment source for the State was not available to provide a comparison.

Breakdown of Payment Source for All Resident Births 2005

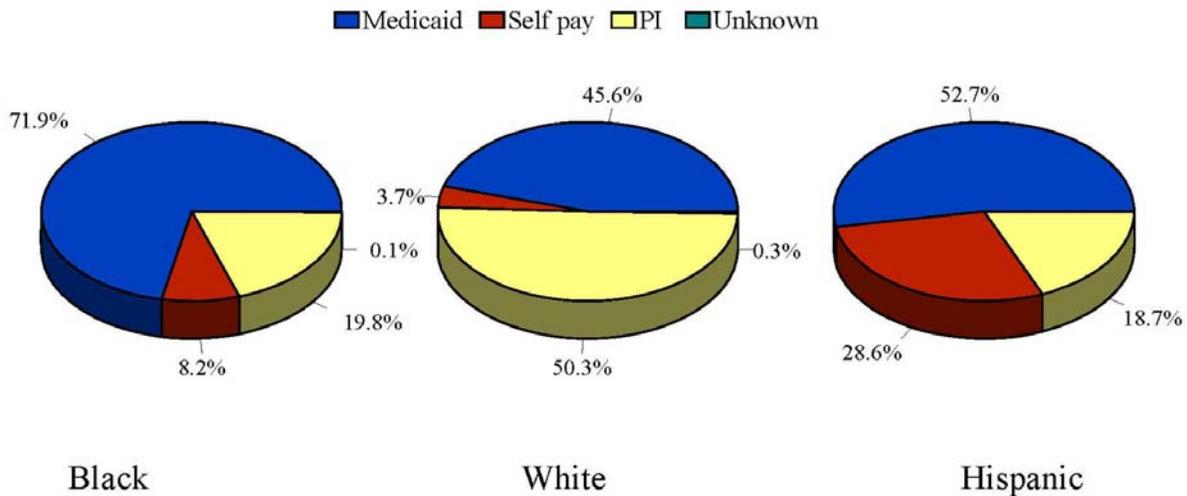


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Medicaid is used as the payment source for births to Black mothers at 1.5 times the rate as for White mothers.

Over seven in ten (71.9%) births to Black mothers are paid for by Medicaid compared to 45.6% of Medicaid payments for White mothers. Medicaid payments are used in 52.7% of births to Hispanic mothers. While over one-quarter of Hispanic mothers pay for the birth of their child themselves, generally Black and Hispanic mothers are much less likely to have births paid for by private insurance than White mothers.

Comparison of Payment Source for all Resident Births by Population 2005

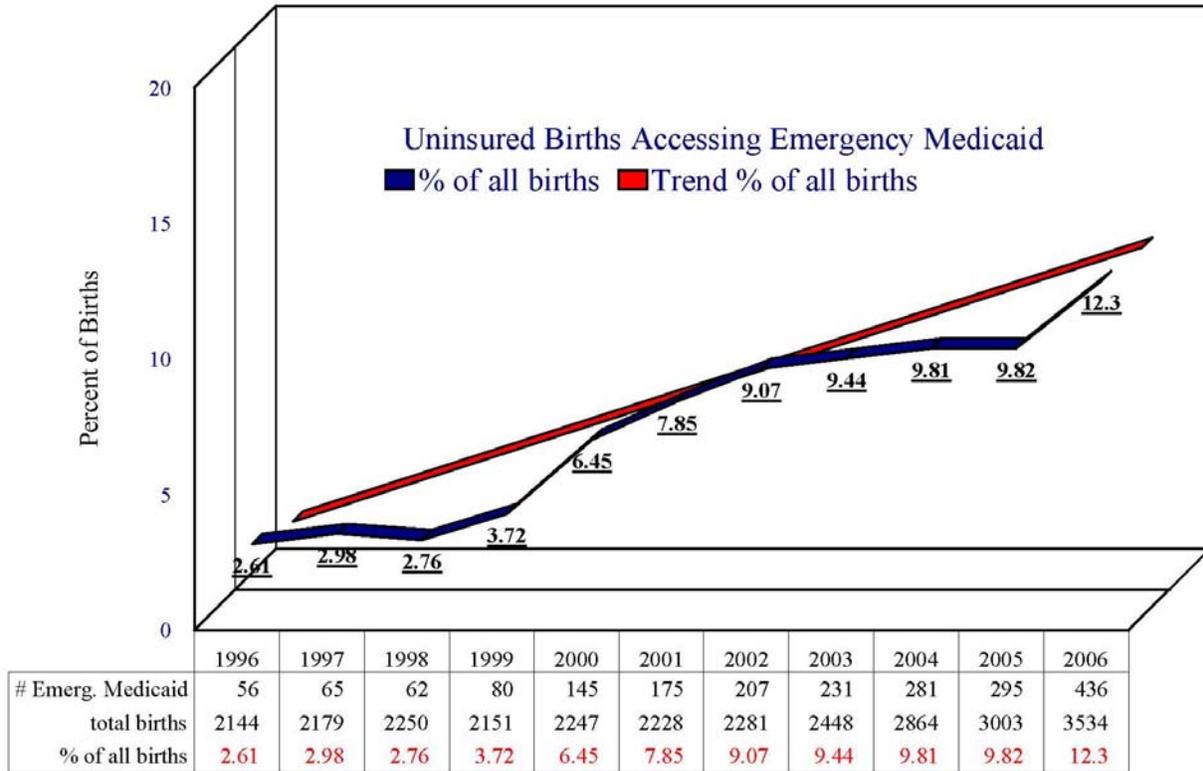


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There has been a sharp increase in the percent of births funded by Emergency Medicaid.

The percent of births funded by Emergency Medicaid increased from 2.61 in 1996 to 12.3 in 2006.

The Percent of Births in St. Lucie County that were funded through Emergency Medicaid
1996-2006*

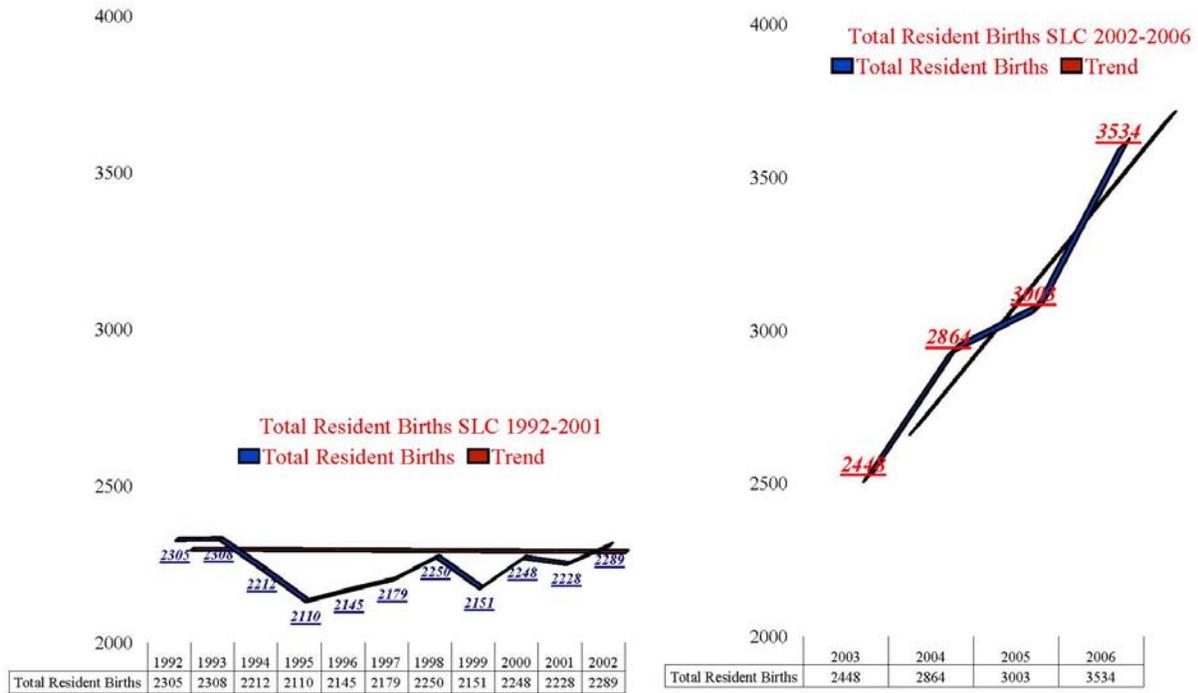


Healthy Start Coalition of St. Lucie County, Inc. Source DOH:ACHA 2006 birth data is provisional

Births in St. Lucie County increased 53% between 1992 and 2006.

St. Lucie County has seen a sharp increase in births over the past 15 years. There were 3,534 births in St. Lucie County in 2006, an increase of 53% over the number of births in 1992.

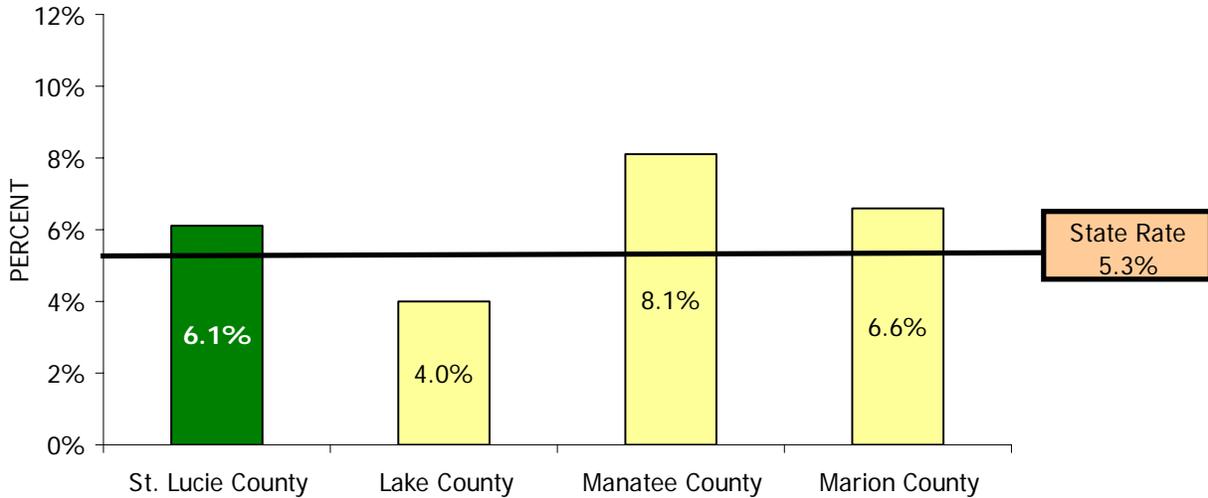
Comparison of Births to Females of Childbearing Age (10-44) St. Lucie County 1992-2001 and 2002-2006



Healthy Start Coalition St. Lucie County: Source Birth Data from the DOH Vital Statistics Office, Population data from the Governors Office of Planning and Evaluation, DOH office of Planning, Evaluation and Data Analysis, Slide 21

Most pregnant women in St. Lucie County (93.9%) get timely prenatal care, but there is room for improvement.

With 6.1 percent of pregnant women receiving late or no prenatal care, St. Lucie County is slightly above the state rate of 5.3 percent but is lower than the rates in 2 of 3 peer counties (with only Lake lower.) (Note: Trend data are not reported due to a change in definitions in recent years.)

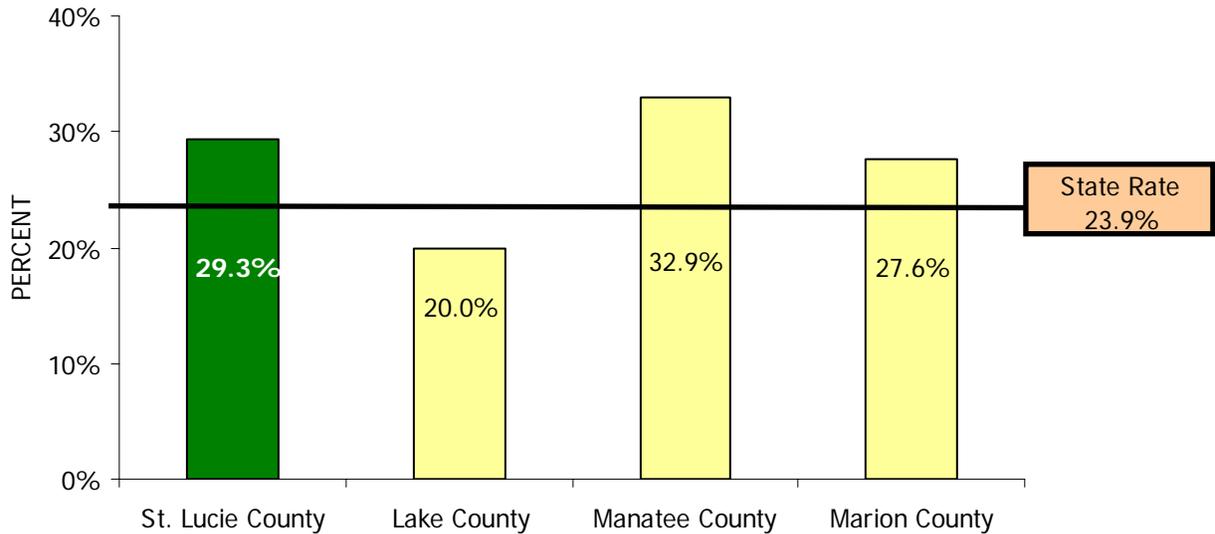
Births with Late or No Prenatal Care, 2005

Data Source: Florida Department of Health, Office of Vital Statistics, Florida Birth Certificate

Three out of ten pregnant women in St. Lucie County do not get adequate prenatal care.

The Florida Department of Health calculates a measure of inadequate prenatal care based on when the mother started prenatal care and the number of visits. Using this measure, 70.7 percent of pregnant women in St. Lucie County get adequate prenatal care, while 29.3 percent do not. St. Lucie County is well above the state rate of 23.9 percent and is above the rates in 2 of 3 peer counties (with only Manatee being higher). The trend has remained fairly stable over the past ten years.

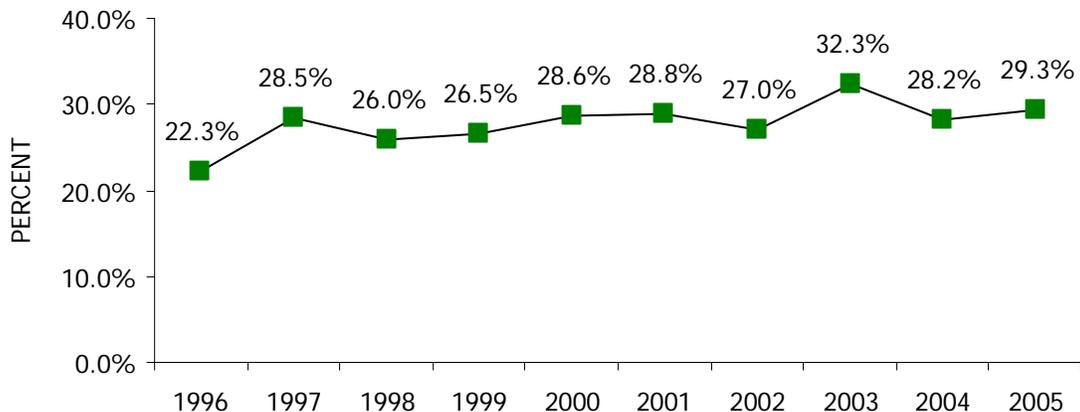
Births with Inadequate Prenatal Care, 2005



Data Source: Florida Department of Health, Office of Vital Statistics, Florida Birth Certificate

Data Notes: This measure refers to the mother's participation in prenatal care and not to the quality of prenatal care provided. Participation includes when the mother started prenatal care and the number of visits. This measure includes both Inadequate and Intermediate Kotelchuck Index scores.

**Trend in Births with Inadequate Prenatal Care
St. Lucie County, 1996-2005**

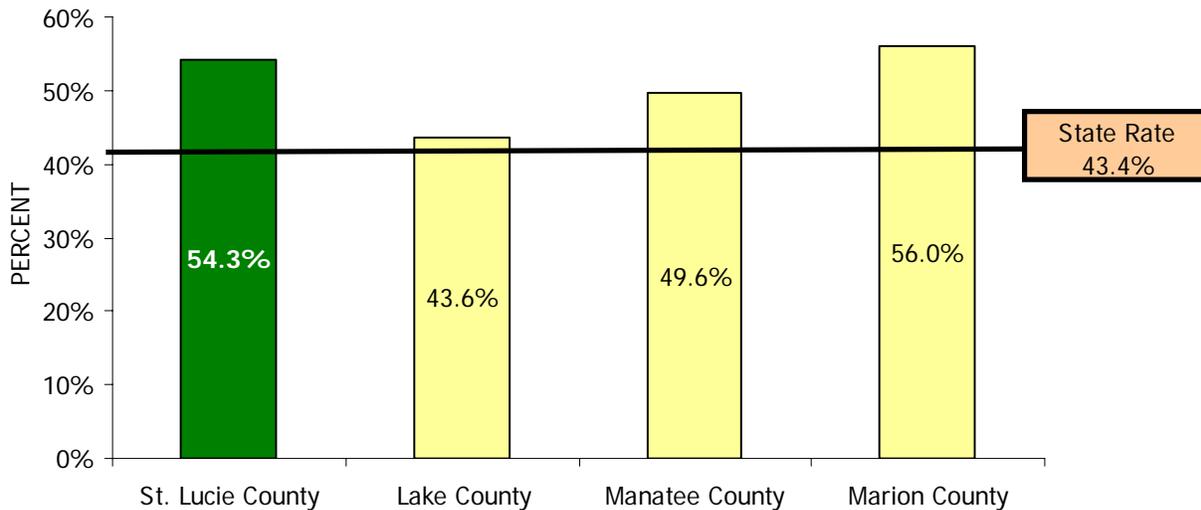


Data Source: Florida Department of Health, Office of Vital Statistics, Florida Birth Certificate

Over half of pregnant women in St. Lucie County get nutritional support during pregnancy.

Another indicator of prenatal care is the mothers' prenatal participation in the federal Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) nutrition program. WIC provides nutritional support for pregnant women to help ensure healthy births, and prenatal participation is reported on birth certificates. With a participation rate of 54.3 percent, St. Lucie is doing well since it is far above the state rate of 43.4 percent and exceeds the rates in 2 of 3 peer counties, with only Marion higher. Trend data are not available for this indicator.

Births To Mothers Participating In WIC Program, 2005



Data Source: Florida Department of Health, Office of Vital Statistics, Florida Birth Certificate

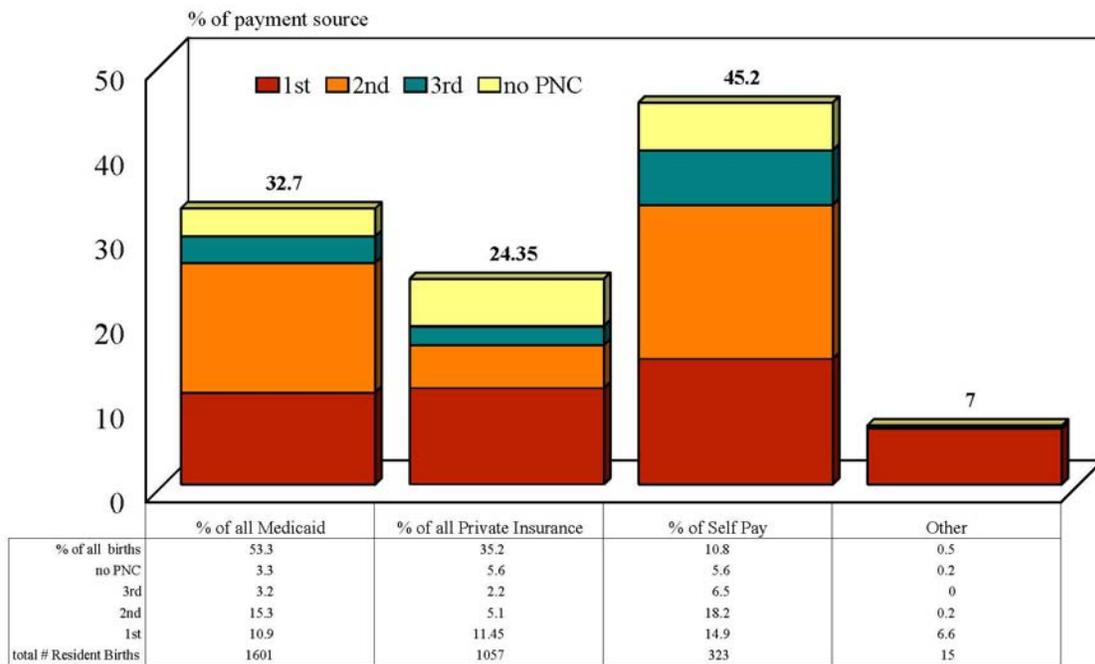
Nearly half of pregnant women who self-pay have inadequate prenatal care.

Based on the Kotelchuck Index which defines adequacy of care on number of visits and trimester entered into care, 45.2% of St. Lucie County expectant mothers who self-pay have inadequate prenatal care.

Data shows that expectant mothers with private insurance as their payment source are more likely to seek prenatal care earlier than mothers who use either Medicaid or self-pay as their payment source.

Inadequate Prenatal Care by Method of Payment for Delivery and Trimester Entered Into Care 2005

% Of Women which enter into care and receive inadequate care for all residents all populations (by Kotelchuck Index which only defines adequacy of care based on number of visits and trimester entered into care)

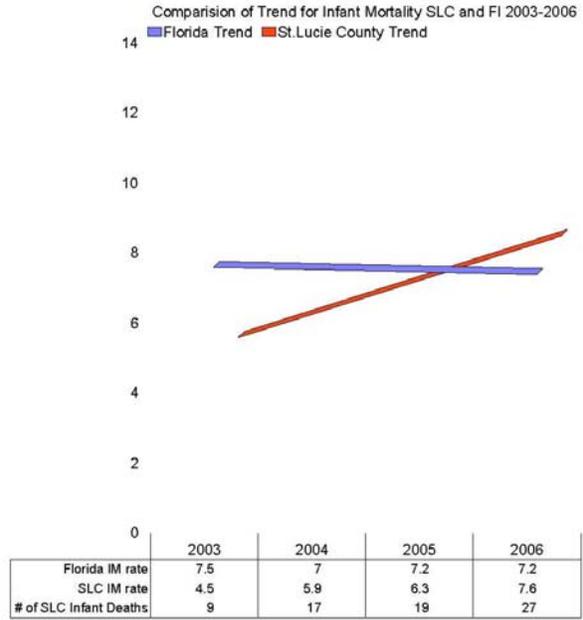
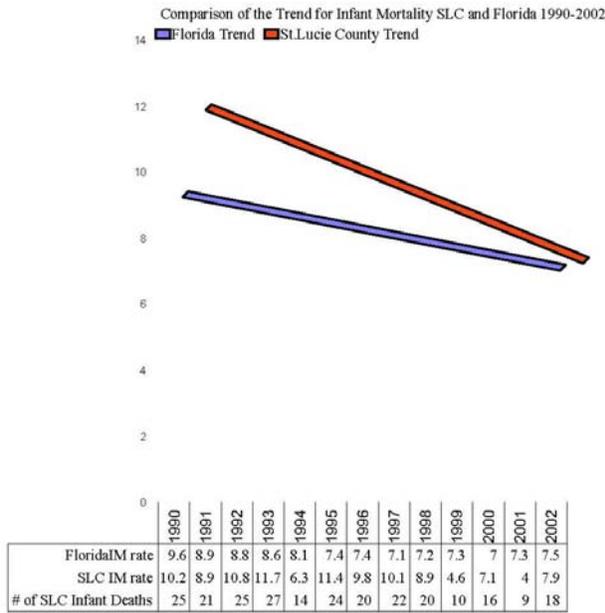


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The rate of infant mortality in St. Lucie County increased between 2003 and 2006.

Infant mortality in the state has declined since 2003, while the rate of infant mortality in St. Lucie County has increased and is above state levels.

Comparison of Infant Mortality Trend between St. Lucie County and Florida
Between years 1990-2002 and 2003 and 2006*



Mothers' Risk Factors

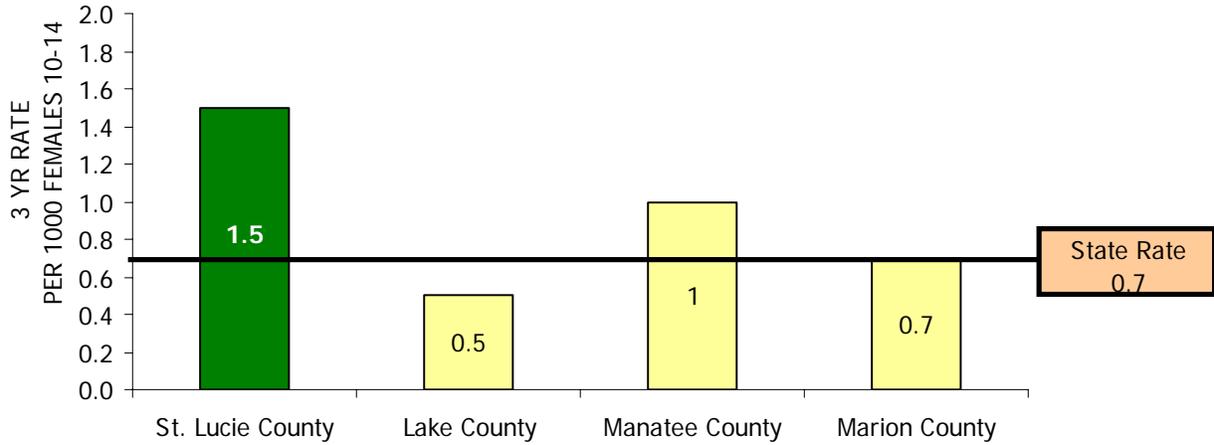
Risk factors for poor birth outcomes include births to teen mothers and poorly educated mothers. Births to teens present a variety of health challenges. Teen mothers are less likely than older mothers to start prenatal care in a timely way and to receive adequate prenatal care. Babies born to teens are more likely to be low birth weight. Additionally, teen mothers often have a lower educational level. Each of these factors contributes to developmental problems and costly interventions by the health care system.

St. Lucie County has made some progress in decreasing births to older teens (age 15-19), but still has far too many births to teen mothers, especially 10-14 year old girls.

Births to very young teens (age 10-14) present significant health challenges for both mother and baby. St. Lucie County saw an increase in births to very young teens in the past three years for which data are available (2003-2005). Eleven births to mothers age 10-14 were recorded during those years, compared to four in 2000-2002 and seven in 1997-1999. The 1.5 rate of births to very young mothers (per 1,000 females age 10-14) is higher in St. Lucie County than the state rate of 0.7 and higher than all 3 peer counties.

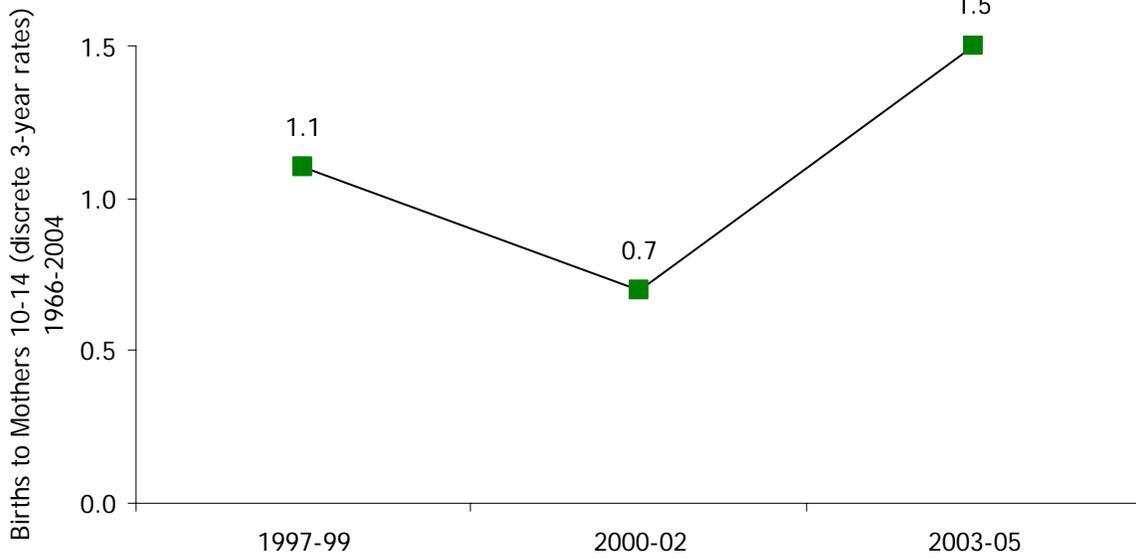
The rate of births to older teens (age 15-19) in St. Lucie County is 50.8 (per 1,000 females age 15-19). This rate is considerably higher than the state rate of 42, but is lower than all three peer counties. Additionally, the trend in births to older teens has dropped over the past decade.

Births to Teen Mothers Ages 10 to 14, 2003-05



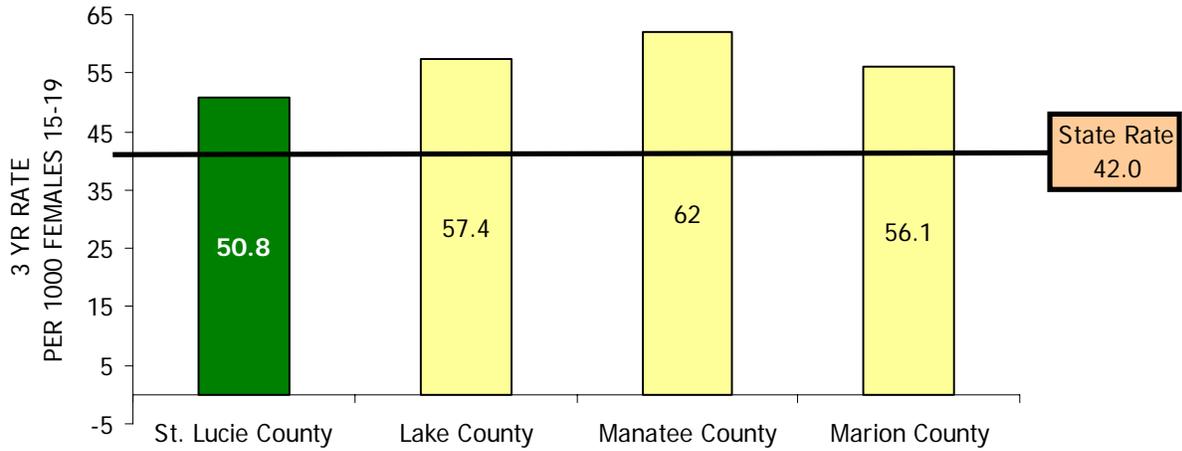
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**Births to Teen Mothers Ages 10 to 14
St. Lucie County 1997-99 to 2003-05**



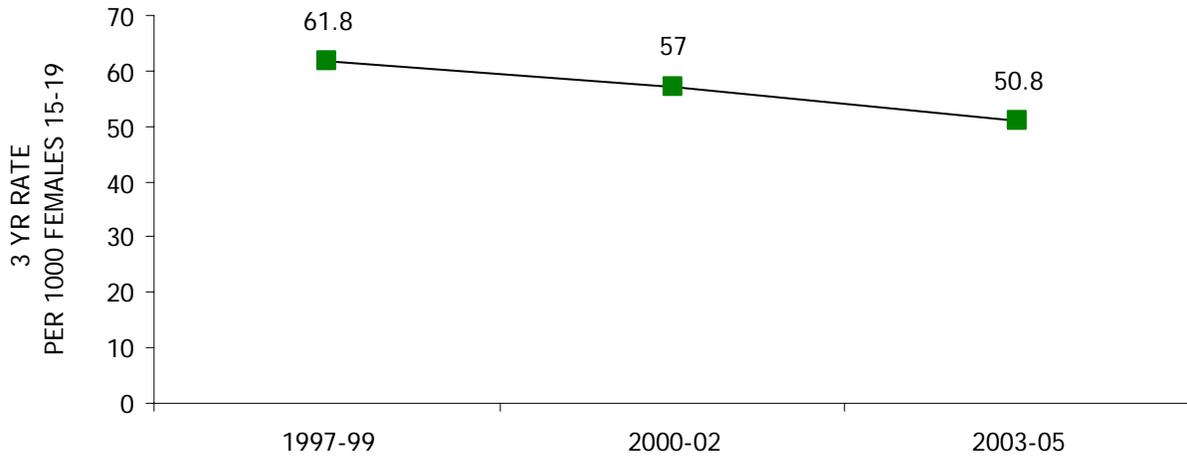
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Births to Teen Mothers Ages 15 to 19, 2003-05



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**Trend in Births to Teen Mothers Ages 15 to 19
St. Lucie County 1997-99 to 2003-05**

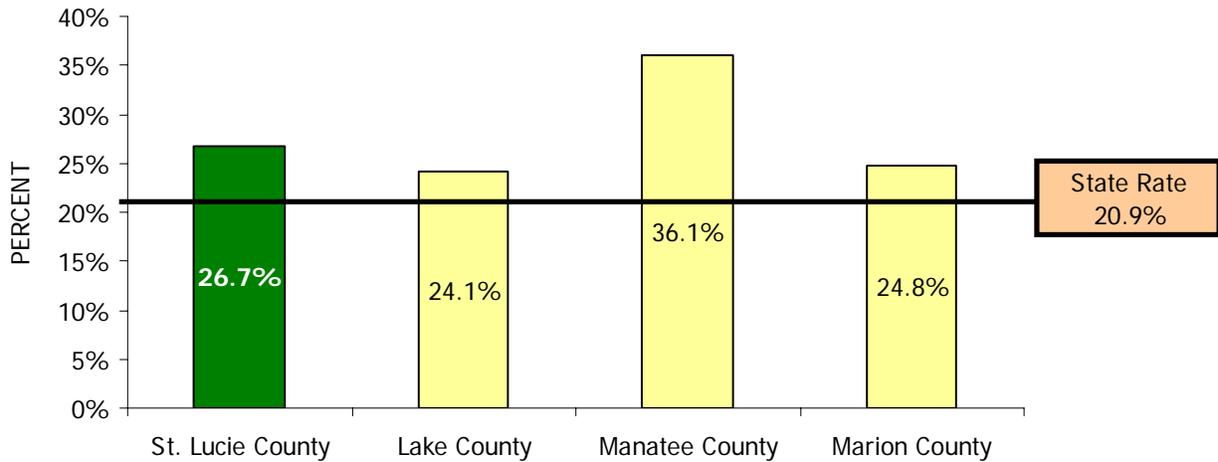


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Over one-fourth of new mothers in St. Lucie County have less than a high school education, putting children at-risk of developmental delays in language and social skills.

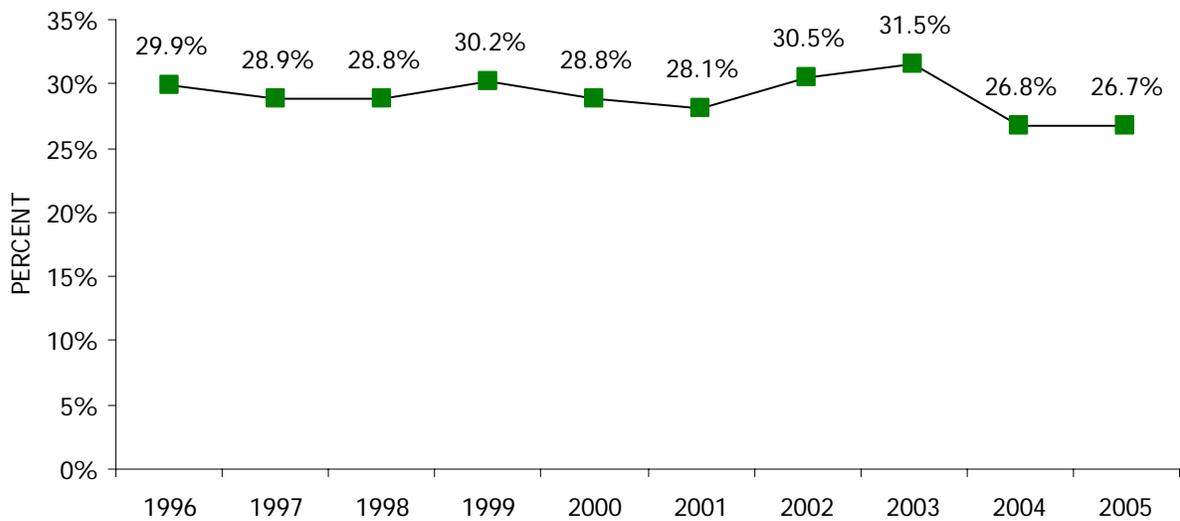
A relatively high rate of under-educated mothers puts infants at-risk for delayed development of language and social skills. In St. Lucie County, 27 percent of new mothers have less than a high school education. The county exceeds the state rate of 21 percent and the rates in 2 of 3 peer counties (with Manatee as the exception). The trend has remained fairly stable over the past decade, with some improvement in the past two years.

Births to Mothers with Less Than High School Education, 2005



Data Source: Florida Department of Health, Office of Vital Statistics

**Trend in Births to Mothers with Less Than High School Education
St. Lucie County 1996-2005**



Data Source: Florida Department of Health, Office of Vital Statistics

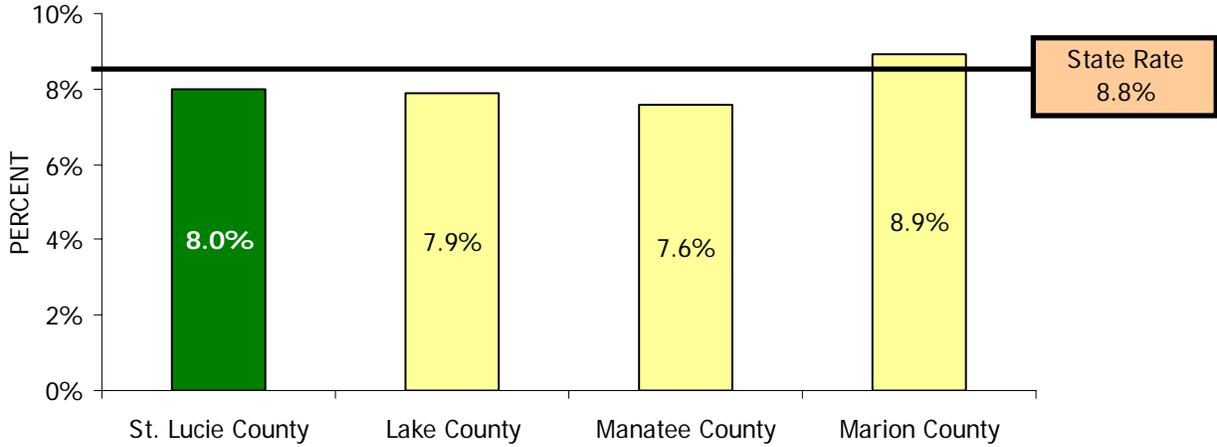
Infant Health

Low birth weight outcomes have improved over the past three years in St. Lucie County and relatively few infant deaths have occurred.

Low birth weight and infant deaths are two key public health outcomes that health professionals seek to deter through adequate prenatal care and proper nutrition. Low birth weight (less than 2,500 grams) infants are more likely to have severe developmental delays, birth defects, or long-term disabilities, including lower educational attainment. Infant deaths are tragedies for both families and communities and serve as an indicator of the community's public and private health systems. The key contributing factors to infant mortality are low birth weight and premature birth.

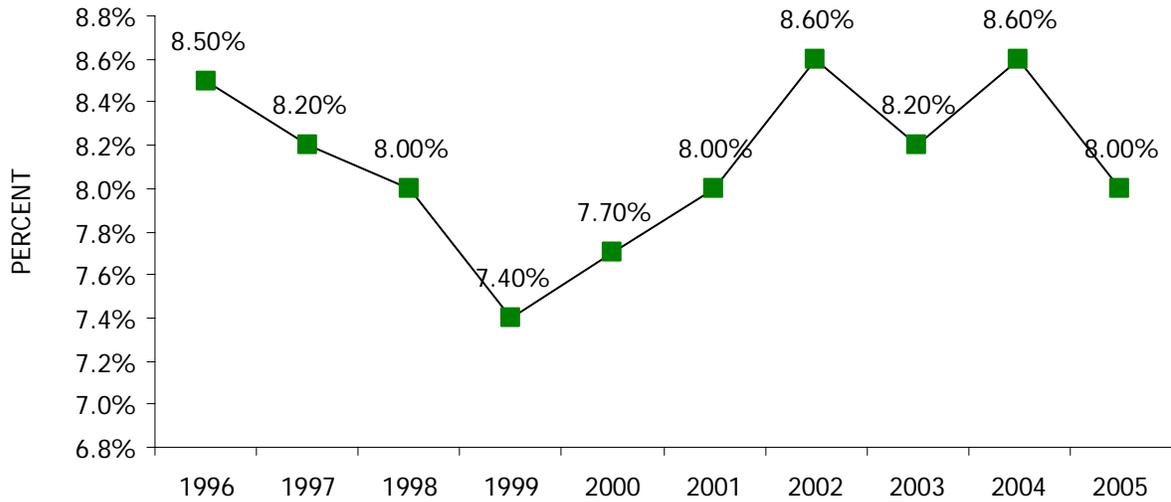
St. Lucie County had 240 low weight births in 2005, which represents eight percent of all births. The St. Lucie rate was lower than the state rate of 8.8 percent and the rate in one peer county, but is slightly higher than rates in the other two peer counties. The current rate represents an improvement over the previous three years (2002-2004), but is still above the lowest rates of the decade recorded in 1999 and 2000 (7.4% and 7.7%, respectively).

Low Birth Weight Births (<2500g), 2005



Data Source: Florida Department of Health, Office of Vital Statistics, Florida Birth Certificate

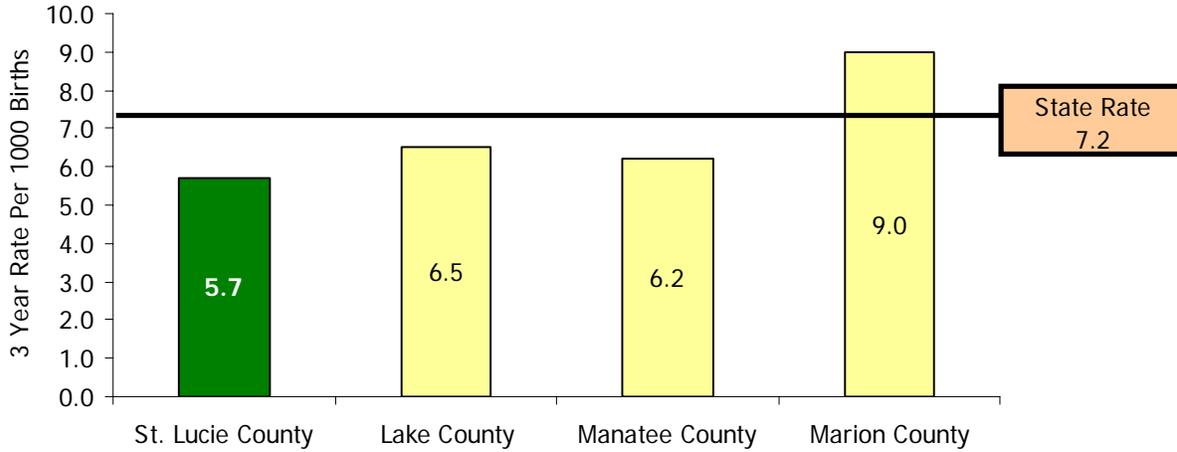
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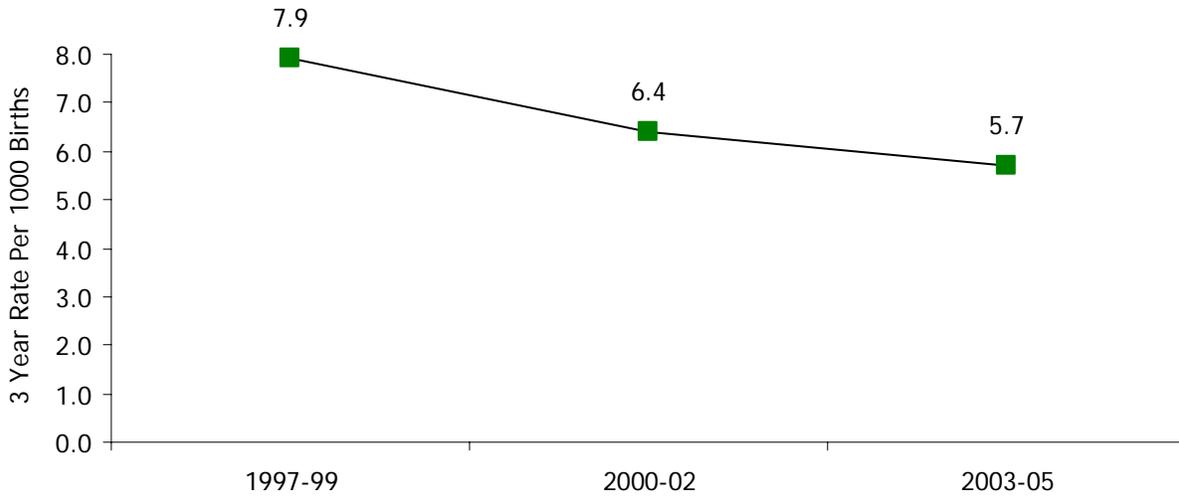
In St. Lucie County, an average of 16 infant deaths (deaths occurring within 364 days of birth) were reported during 2003-2005, resulting in a 3-year infant mortality rate of 5.7 per 1,000 births. The rate compares favorably to the state rate of 7.2 and to all 3 peer counties. Infant mortality has trended downward over the past decade, looking at discrete 3-year rates.

Infant Mortality, 2003-05



Data Source: Florida Department of Health, Office of Vital Statistics

**Trend in Infant Mortality
St. Lucie County, 1997-2005**



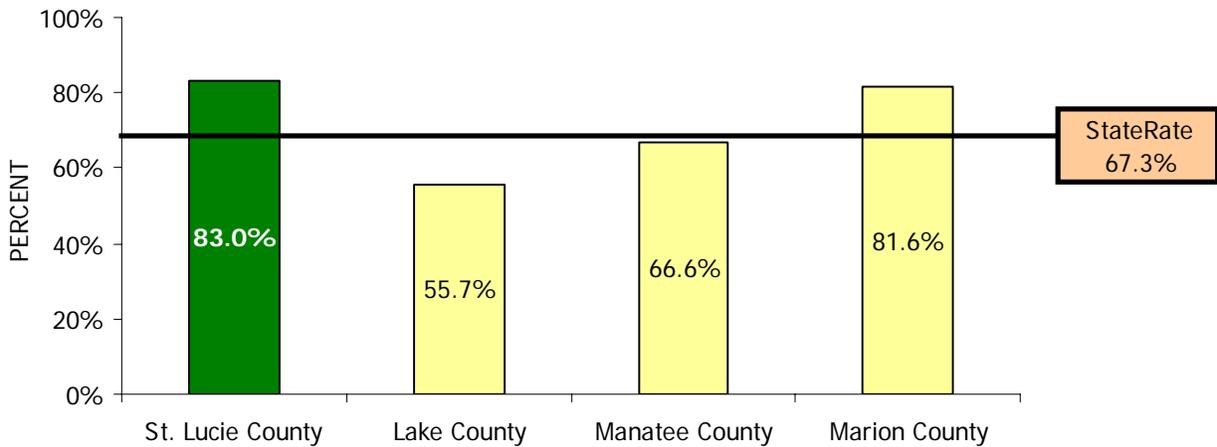
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Child Health

At 83 percent, the level of WIC participation in St. Lucie County is higher than peer counties and participation has remained fairly steady over time.

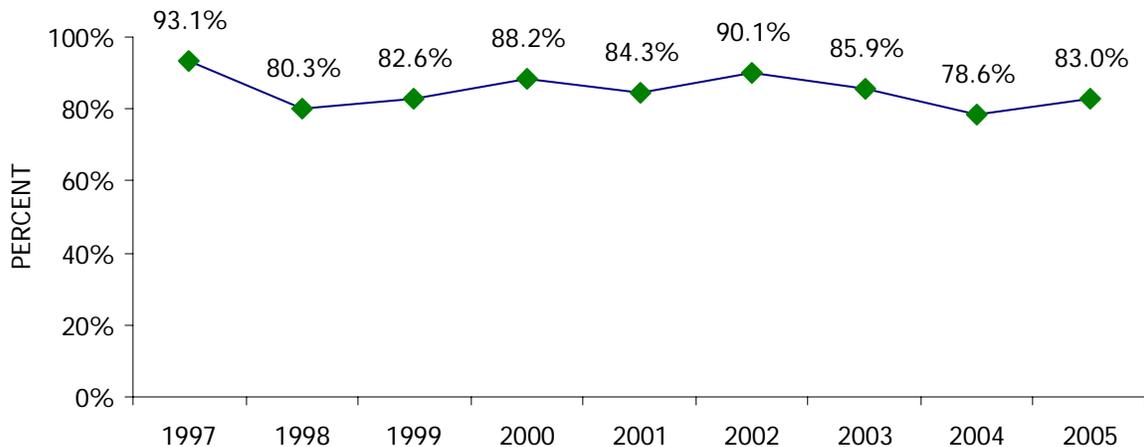
Good nutrition is essential to the health and development of infants and children. Poor nutrition can result in cognitive and physical impairments in children that can last a lifetime. The Department of Health administers the Women, Infants, and Children's Program (WIC) to provide access to nutrition education and food supplements for economically disadvantaged mothers and children. In 2005, WIC participation in St. Lucie County was 83 percent of the potentially eligible, superior to the state rate of 67 percent. St. Lucie County had a higher participation rate than all three peer counties. The trend in participation over the past 10 years has ranged from a high of 93 percent to a low of 79 percent.

WIC Participation, 2005



Data Source: Florida Department of Health, WIC & Nutrition Services' WIC Potentially Eligible Population

**Trend in WIC Participation
St. Lucie County, 1996-2005**

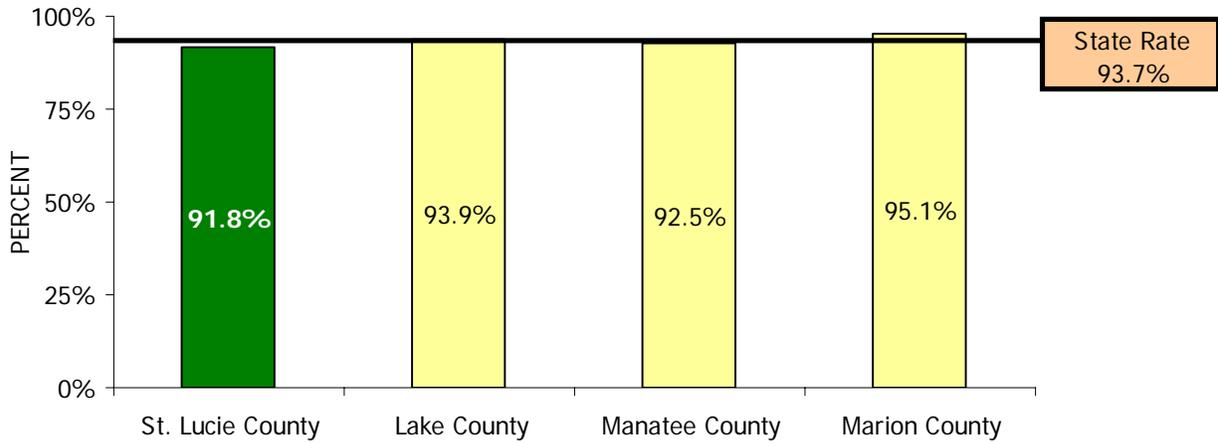


Data Source: Florida Department of Health, WIC & Nutrition Services' WIC Potentially Eligible Population

As of 2004, most children (92%) start Kindergarten with up-to-date immunizations, but the rate in St. Lucie was below all three peer counties.

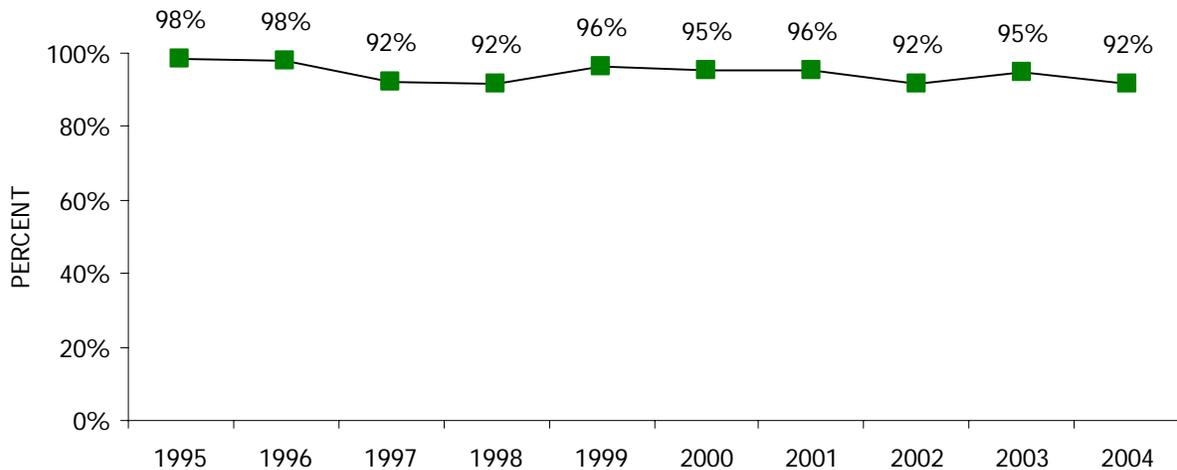
Although most (92%) Kindergarten students in St. Lucie County had up-to-date immunizations in 2004 (the most recent data reported), the county was below the state rate of 94 percent and below each of the peer counties. The county rate fluctuated between 96 percent and 92 percent between 2000 and 2004.

Up-to-date Immunization for Kindergarten Students, 2004



Data Source: Florida Department of Health, Bureau of Immunization

**Trend in Up-to-date Immunization for Kindergarten Students
St. Lucie County, 1995-2004**



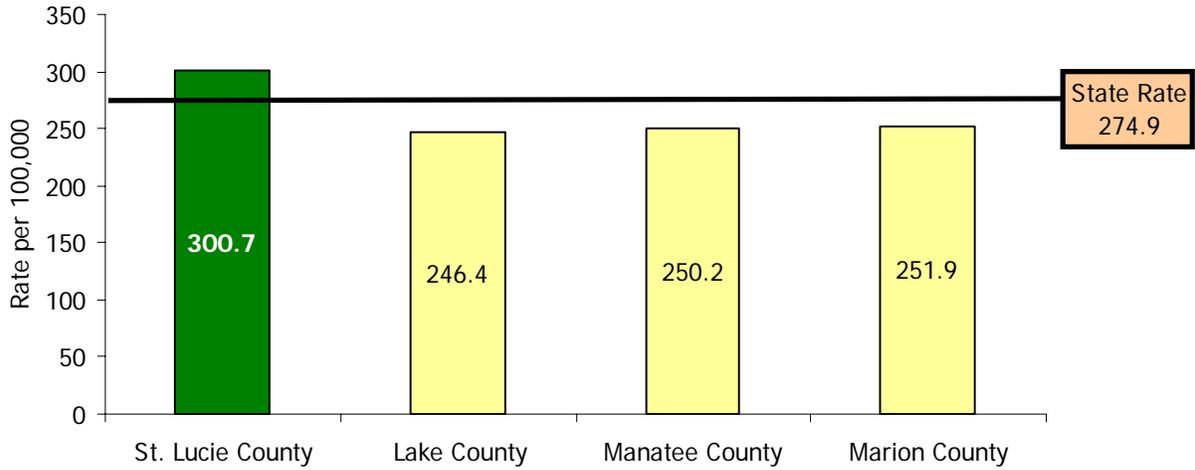
Data Source: Florida Department of Health, Bureau of Immunization

St. Lucie County has a higher rate of gastrointestinal illnesses (enteric diseases) among children under six than peer counties and the state as a whole.

Young children are especially vulnerable to a group of communicable diseases that lead to diarrhea, or bacterial and viral infections of the gastrointestinal tract. These gastrointestinal diseases, known as enteric disease, are caused by bacteria, parasites, or viruses and include Campylobacteriosis, Giardiasis, Hepatitis A, Salmonellosis, and Shigellosis. According to the National Institute of Health, diarrhea is the second most common infectious illness in the U.S., accounting for one out of every six (16 percent) of all infectious diseases. Many of the pathogens that cause these diseases are transmitted through contaminated food or water. A person must ingest the organism to become infected; therefore transmission is hand to mouth.

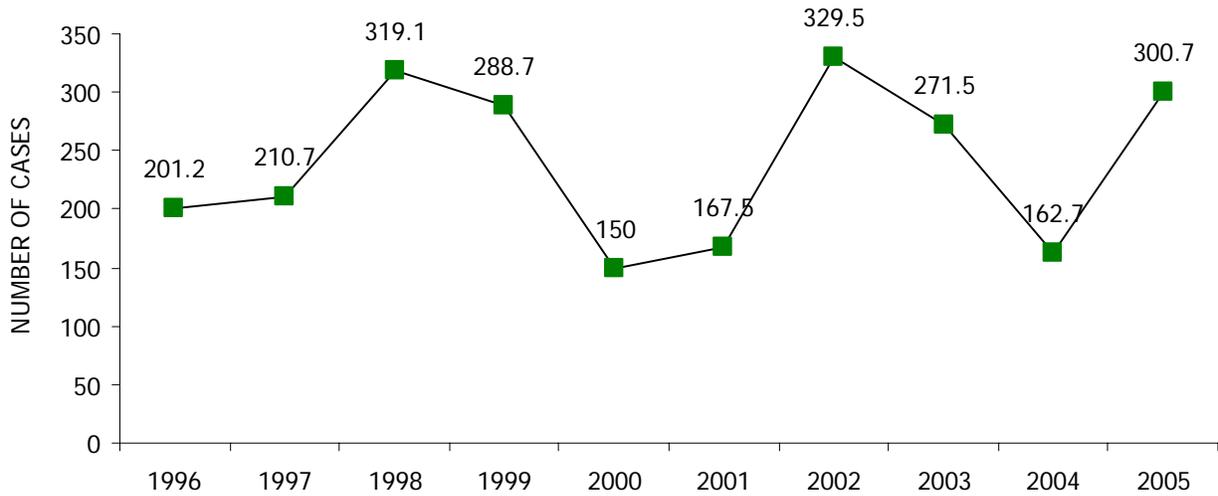
The rate of 300.7 per 100,000 children under 6 for St. Lucie County was well above the state rate of 275 and well above the rates in each of the peer counties. After two years of improvement (decline), St. Lucie saw a marked increase in this indicator over the most recent year reported (2005).

Enteric Disease Among Children Under 6, 2005



Data Source: Florida Department of Health, Bureau of Epidemiology

**Trend in Enteric Disease Among Children Under 6
St. Lucie County, 1996-2005**



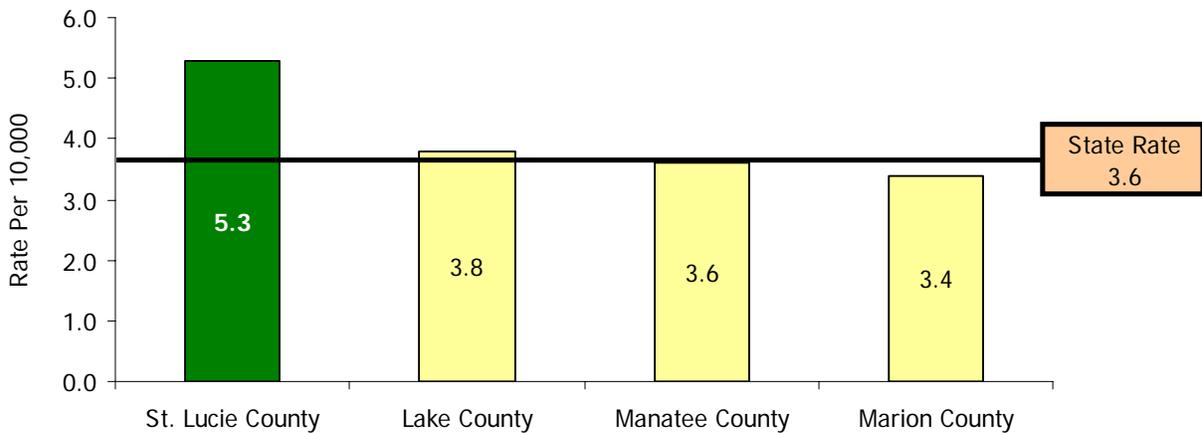
Data Source: Florida Department of Health, Bureau of Epidemiology

St. Lucie County's rate of child deaths is about 1.5 times higher than peer counties and the state as a whole.

The child death rate in 2004 for St. Lucie County was 5.3 per 10,000 children ages 1-19. This compares unfavorably to the state rate of 3.6 and to each of the peer counties. The rate for 2005 was the third highest in the past 10 years.

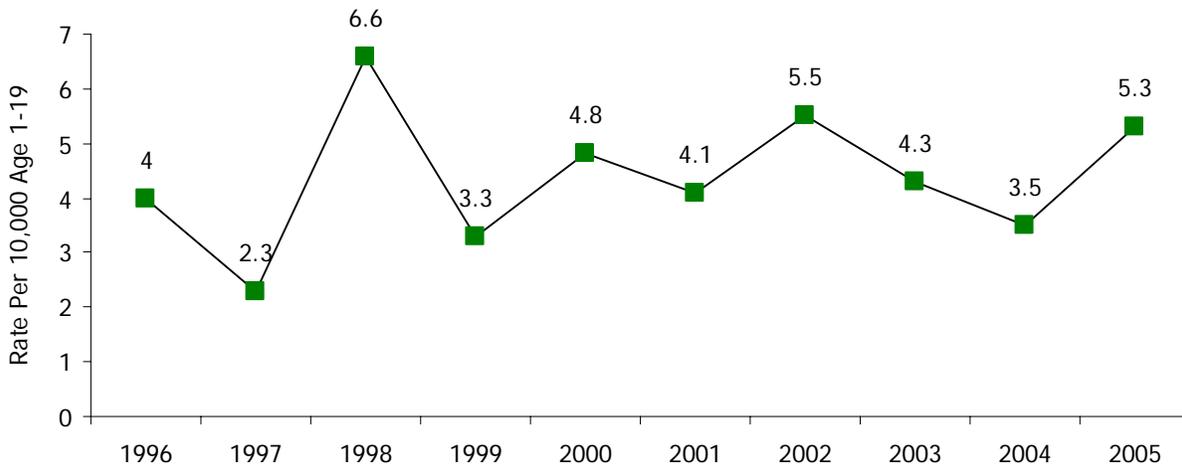
During 2005, 30 child deaths occurred. Most (17) were unintentional injuries including 10 fatalities due to motor vehicle accidents. Of the 17 deaths due to unintentional injuries, 15 included children age 15-19.

Child Deaths, 2005



Data Source: Florida Department of Health, Office of Vital Statistics

**Trend in Child Death Rates (Ages 1-19)
St. Lucie County, 1996-2005**



Data Source: Florida Department of Health, Office of Vital Statistics

Causes of Child Deaths (Age 1-19) by Gender and Race/Ethnicity

Cause of Death	Total	Male	Female	White	Black	Other	Hispanic	Non-Hispanic
All Causes	30	19	11	21	9	0	6	24
Unintentional Injury	17	9	8	14	3	0	5	12
Homicide	4	4	0	0	4	0	0	4
Congenital & Chromosomal Anomalies	2	0	2	1	1	0	1	1
Suicide	2	2	0	2	0	0	0	2
Diabetes Mellitus	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Pneumonitis Due To Solids & Liquids	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Other Respiratory System Disease	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	1
Medical & Surgical Care Complications	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
All Other Diseases	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	1

Data Source: Florida Department of Health, Office of Vital Statistics

Child Deaths (Age 1-19) and Death Rates 1996-2005

Year	Number of Deaths	Death Rate Per 10,000	Population Age 1-19
1996	17	4	42,650
1997	10	2.3	43,365
1998	29	6.6	43,979
1999	15	3.3	44,967
2000	22	4.8	45,859
2001	19	4.1	46,830
2002	26	5.5	47,166
2003	21	4.3	49,249
2004	18	3.5	51,476
2005	30	5.3	56,744

Data Source: Florida Department of Health, Office of Vital Statistics

Causes of Child Deaths (Age 1-19) by Age

Cause of Death	Total	1-4	5-9	10-14	15-19
All Causes	30	7	0	0	23
Unintentional Injury	17	2	0	0	15
Homicide	4	0	0	0	4
Congenital & Chromosomal Anomalies	2	2	0	0	0
Suicide	2	0	0	0	2
Diabetes Mellitus	1	0	0	0	1
Pneumonitis Due To Solids & Liquids	1	0	0	0	1
Other Respiratory System Disease	1	1	0	0	0
Medical & Surgical Care Complications	1	1	0	0	0
All Other Diseases	1	1	0	0	0

Data Source: Florida Department of Health, Office of Vital Statistics

Teen Substance Abuse

The 2005 population estimates for St. Lucie County include 15,819 adolescents ages 10-14 and 15,896 adolescents ages 15-19. Substance abuse among teens, including tobacco, alcohol, and other illicit drugs, are community concerns due to the health risks to teens and family issues that often accompany substance abuse. Data relating to substance abuse among teens comes from the Florida Youth Substance Abuse Survey (FYSAS), based on the Communities That Care Youth Survey (Hawkins and Catalano), that measures the prevalence of alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use and delinquent behavior. The 2006 FYSAS was administered to 1,070 St. Lucie County students in grades 6 through 12 in the spring of 2006. The survey also was administered in each of the peer counties. Quantitative indicators of substance abuse by adolescents include:

- Tobacco use
 - Use by middle school students
 - Use by high school students
- Alcohol use
 - Use by middle school students
 - Use by high school students
- Marijuana use
 - Use by middle school students
 - Use by high school students
- Other illicit drug use
 - Use by middle school students
 - Use by high school students

Overview of Teen Substance Abuse

St. Lucie County's younger teens engage in current use of tobacco and alcohol at rates that exceed the state rate, while the opposite is true of the older teens. Both age groups exceed the state rate in current use of marijuana, but both groups are lower than the state rate in current use of other illicit drugs.

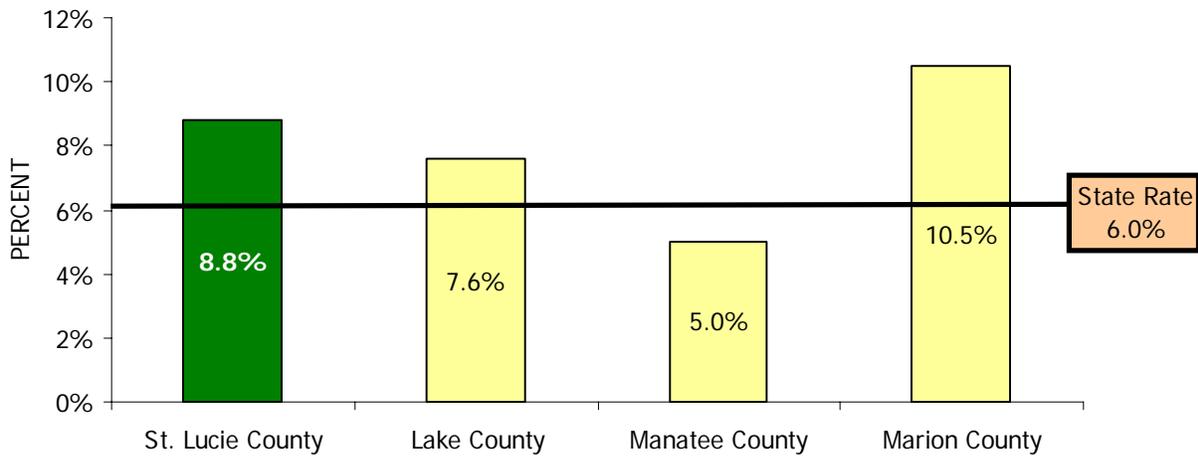
Substance abuse presents a significant threat to the health and successful functioning of adolescents. In terms of teen substance abuse, the rate for St. Lucie County's middle school students was higher than the state rates for tobacco use (8.8%), alcohol use (22.8%), and marijuana use (7%), but lower than the state rate for other illicit drug use (6.7%). The rate of substance abuse for St. Lucie County's younger teens generally exceeded the rates in peer counties.

For older teens (high school students), the data were relatively more positive. The rate for St. Lucie County's older teens was slightly below the state rates for tobacco use (13.6%), alcohol use (39.8%), and other illicit drug use (6.3%), while marijuana use (18.4%) was higher than the state rate. The rate of substance abuse for St. Lucie County's older teens was generally lower than the rates in peer counties, except for marijuana use.

Tobacco Use

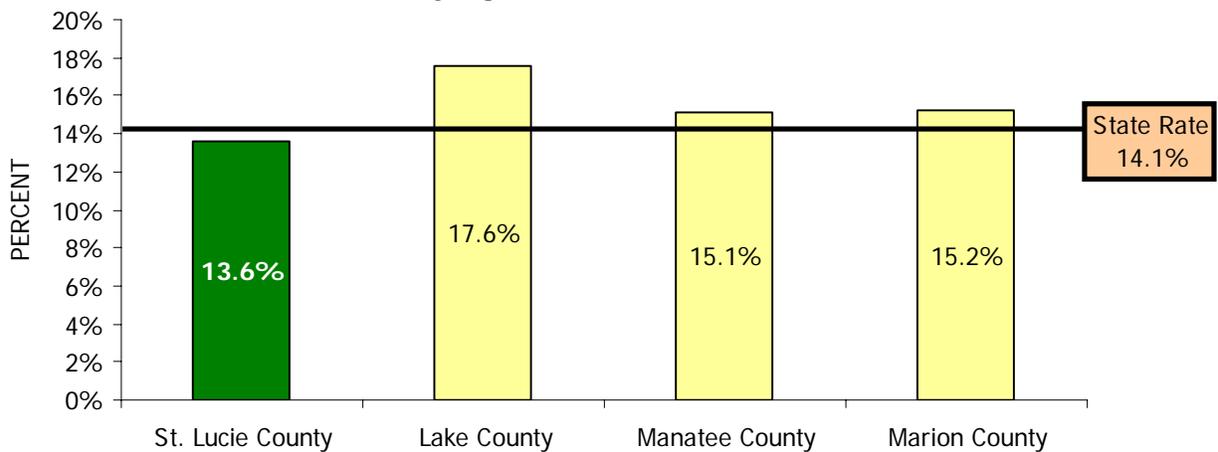
Over one-third (35.2%) of St. Lucie County students reported trying cigarettes on at least one occasion in their lifetimes and 11.3 percent reported use in the past 30 days, as reported in the 2006 Florida Youth Substance Abuse Survey. On a positive note, however, the past-30-day tobacco use decreased substantially in the past five years, dropping from 21.9 percent in 2000 to 11.3 percent in 2006. Among middle school students, 8.8 percent reported use in the past 30 days, while 13.6 percent of high school students reported 30-day use of tobacco. The rate in St. Lucie was higher than the state rate for middle school, but lower for high school. Similarly, the rate for middle school students was higher than all but one peer county, while the rate for high school students was lower than all peer counties.

**Tobacco Use Within Last 30 Days
By Middle School Students, 2006**



Data Source: 2006 Florida Youth Substance Abuse Survey

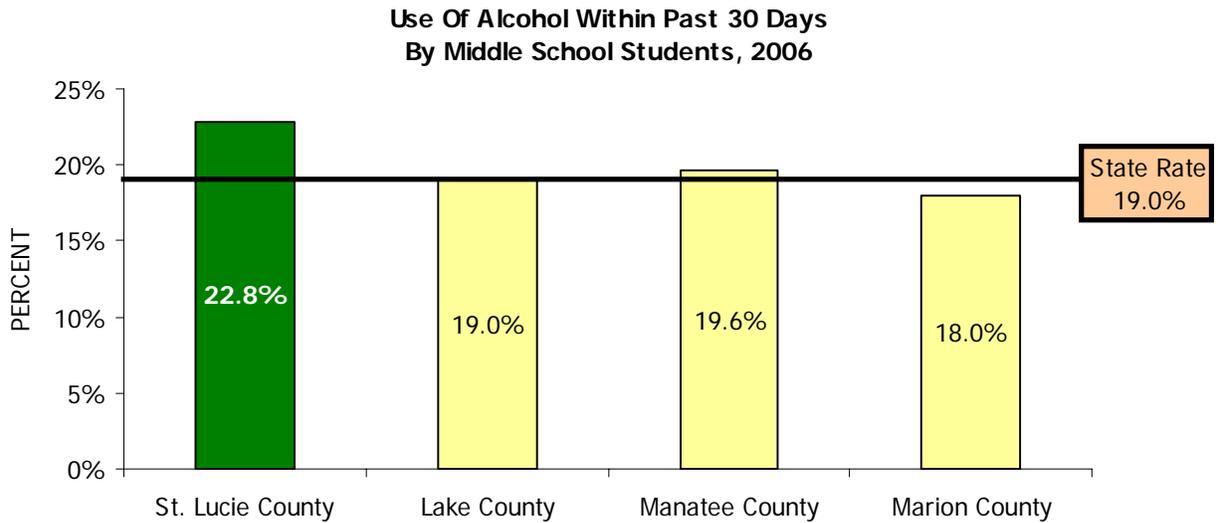
**Tobacco Use Within The Last 30 Days
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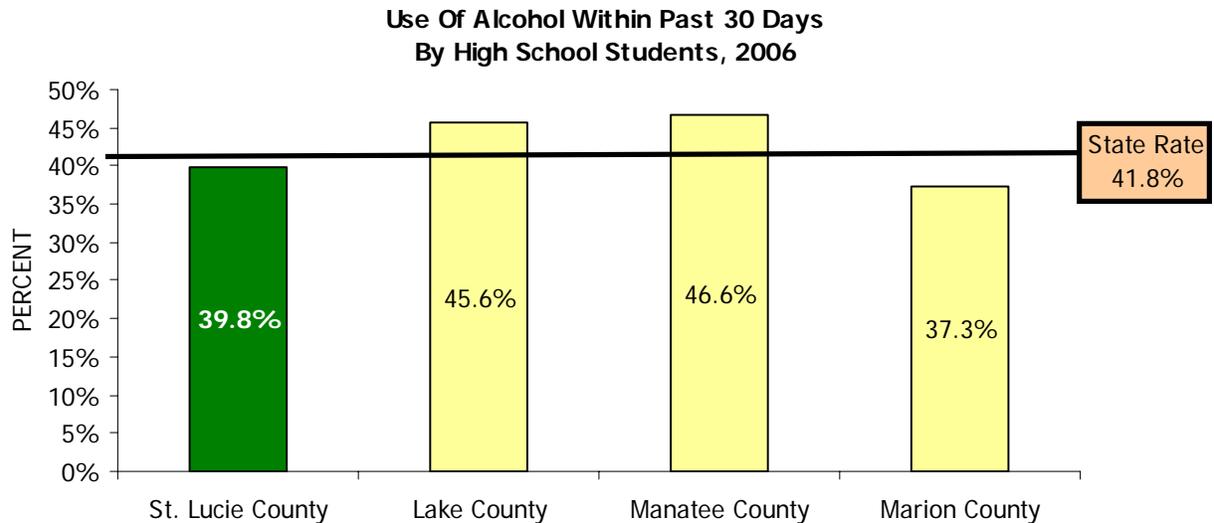
Data Source: 2006 Florida Youth Substance Abuse Survey

Alcohol Use

As reported in the 2006 Florida Youth Substance Abuse Survey, alcohol is the most commonly used drug among St. Lucie County students. Of the students surveyed, 56.4 percent reported use of alcohol on at least one occasion in their lifetimes and 32 percent reported use in the past 30 days. Binge drinking (defined as the consumption of five or more drinks in a row within the last two weeks) was reported by 16.7 percent of students overall, including 12.3 percent of middle school students and 20.5 percent of high school students. While the overall rates in St. Lucie were similar to state rates, the rate for middle school students (22.8%) was higher than peer counties, while the rate for high school students (39.8%) was lower than all but one peer county.



Data Source: 2006 Florida Youth Substance Abuse Survey

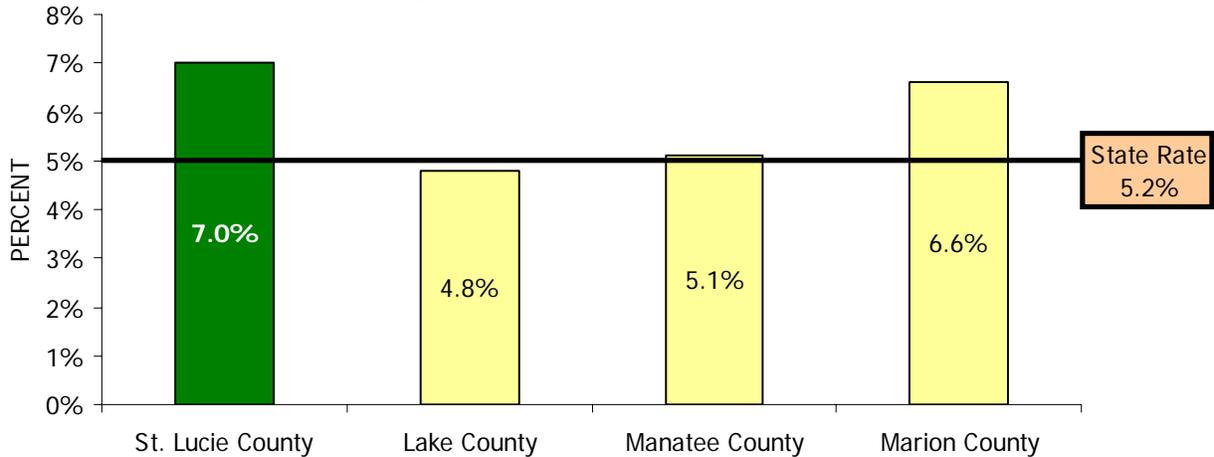


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Marijuana Use

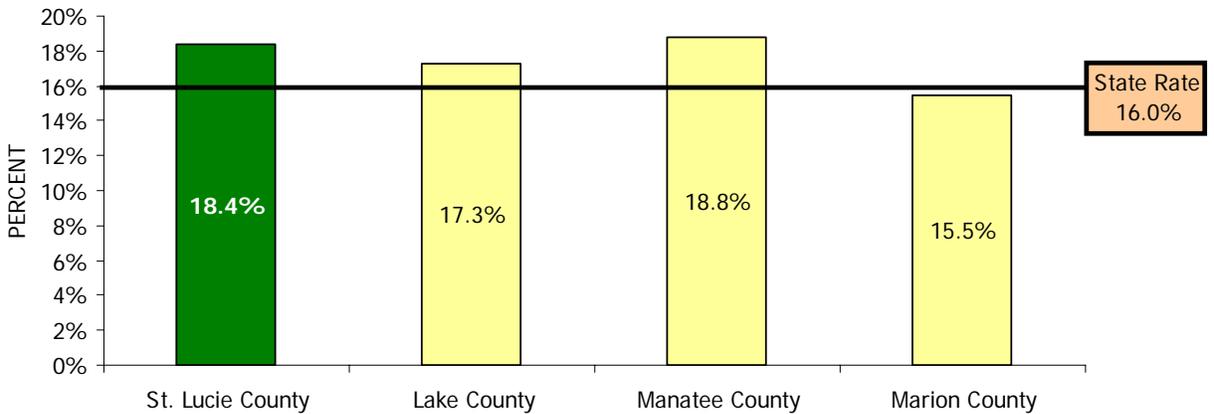
The 2006 Florida Youth Substance Abuse Survey reports that marijuana use has declined in St. Lucie County. Overall lifetime marijuana use has gone from 35.3 percent in 2000 to 24.6 percent in 2006. Overall past 30-day marijuana use has gone from 16.8 percent in 2000 to 13.2 percent in 2006. St. Lucie rates were higher than the state rates for middle and high school students and rates were generally higher than in peer counties. The past 30-day marijuana use rate for middle school students (7.0%) was higher than all three peer counties. The rate for high school students (18.4%) was higher than all but one peer county.

**Use Of Marijuana Within Past 30 Days
By Middle School Students, 2006**



Data Source: 2006 Florida Youth Substance Abuse Survey

**Use Of Marijuana Within Past 30 Days
By High School Students, 2006**



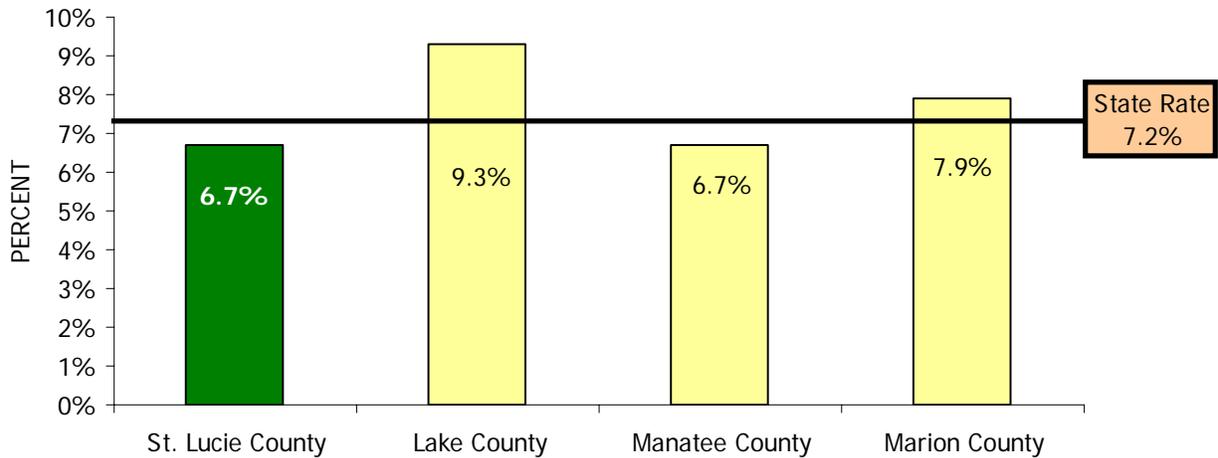
Data Source: 2006 Florida Youth Substance Abuse Survey

Other Illicit Drug Use

One in every five (20.1%) St. Lucie County students reported at least one use of an illicit drug other than marijuana in their lifetimes, and 6.4 percent reported use in the past 30 days. The 2006 Florida Youth Substance Abuse Survey report notes that the rates are lower than the past 30-day usage prevalence of alcohol (32.0%), marijuana (13.2%), and cigarettes (11.3%), as well as the prevalence of binge drinking (16.7%).

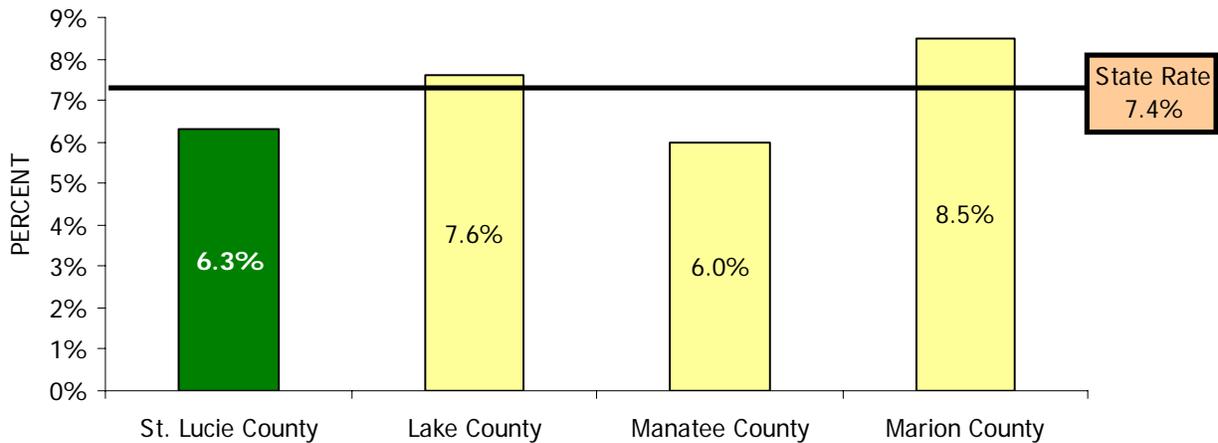
The rate of 30-day use was about the same for middle school students (6.7%) as for high school students (6.3%). Rates for both middle school and high school students were lower than the state rates. Rates in St. Lucie were lower than two out of three peer counties and about the same as the third.

**Illicit Drug Use Other Than Marijuana Within Past 30 Days
By Middle School Students, 2006**



Data Source: 2006 Florida Youth Substance Abuse Survey

**Illicit Drug Use Other Than Marijuana Within Past 30 Days
By High School Students, 2006**



Data Source: 2006 Florida Youth Substance Abuse Survey

Elementary and Secondary Education

St. Lucie County had 36,184 students enrolled in the 2006 school year. This section presents data from the Florida Department of Education on indicators relating to elementary and secondary education, including:

- Students absent 21 days or more
- Kindergarten readiness
- Reading proficiency at 3rd and 10th grade (FCAT Reading)
- Math proficiency at 3rd and 10th grade (FCAT Math)
- High school graduation
- Dropout rate

(Note: Free and reduced lunch appears under Economic Status of Families)

Overview of Education Outcomes

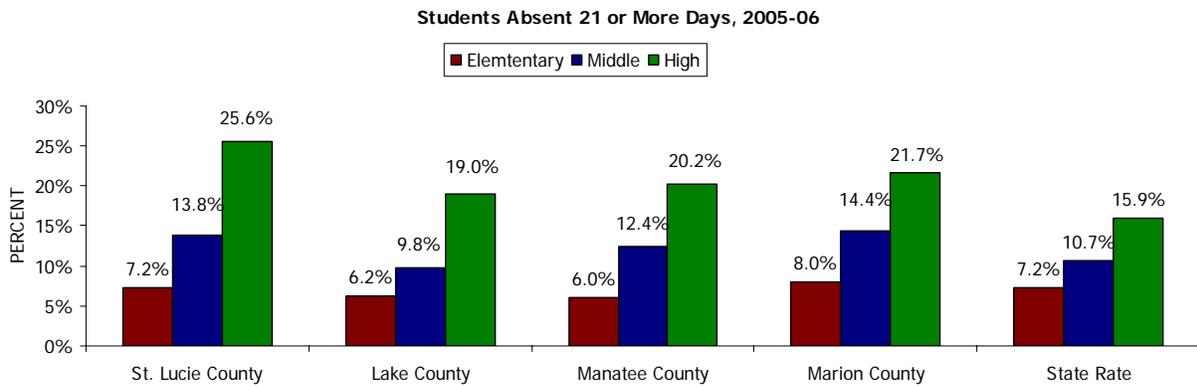
Regular school attendance for middle and high school students in St. Lucie County is cause for concern. Students score lower in reading and math at 3rd and 10th grade than students in peer counties and students statewide, and slightly fewer children start Kindergarten ready to learn compared to children statewide. St. Lucie compares favorably to peer counties in terms of dropout rate, while graduation rates keep pace with peer counties.

Regular School Attendance

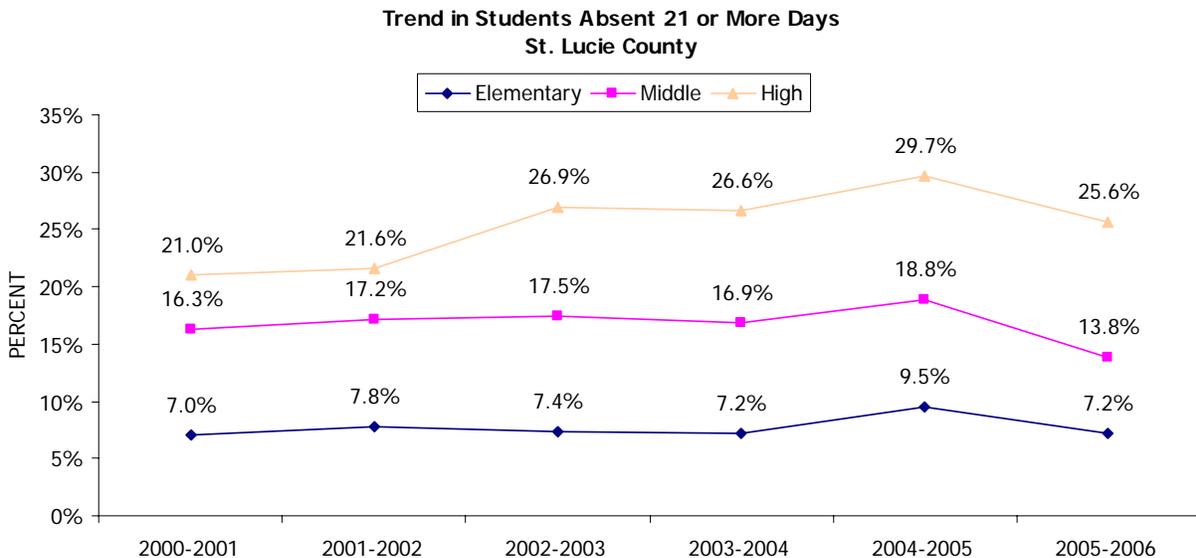
Relatively high rates of absences among middle and high school students are cause for concern.

Regular school attendance is essential to school success. Students who are not in school cannot learn. Elementary students in St. Lucie County public schools are absent at the same rate as students statewide and more than students in two of three peer counties. Middle and high school students exceed the state rates in absences and the rates in peer counties.

Attendance improved in the 2005-2006 school year, with elementary and middle school students showing the lowest rate of absences in recent years. Attendance improved at the high school level as well. The absence rate in the 2004-2005 school year may be due to hurricanes.



Data Source: Florida Department of Education, 2007
 NOTE: Percentages Include excused and unexcused absences

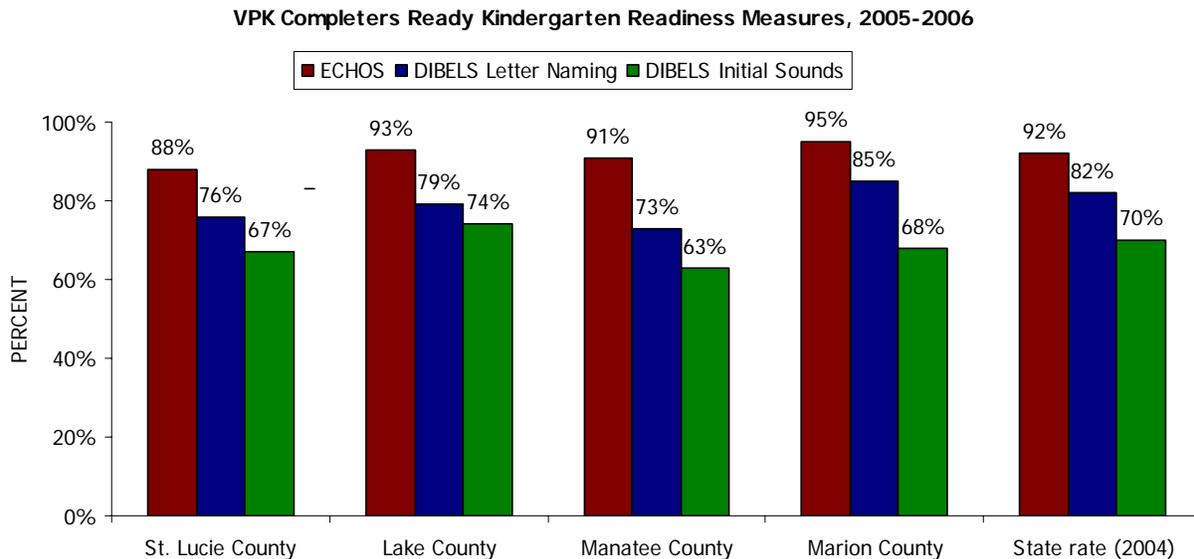


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Kindergarten Readiness

Between 67 and 88 percent of St. Lucie County children who complete VPK programs start school ready to learn, but the percentages fall below the statewide rates on each of three measures.

The Department of Education, Office of Early Learning provides data on Kindergarten readiness for preschool providers participating in the Voluntary Prekindergarten Programs (VPK). The readiness of children who complete the VPK program is assessed on three measures: ECHOS, DIBELS Letter Naming, and DIBELS Initial Sounds. Preschool providers in the St. Lucie County Early Learning Coalition have proportionately fewer children (VPK completers) ready for Kindergarten than the 3 peer counties, as measured by the ECHOS. As measured by DIBELS Letter Naming and DIBELS Initial Sounds, St. Lucie County providers have proportionately fewer children ready than 2 of 3 peer counties. St. Lucie County is below the statewide percentages on each measure. [Note: The statewide Kindergarten readiness test (FLKRS) was first administered in 2006, so only 2005-2006 rates are available.]



Data Source: Department of Education, Office of Early Learning

Proficiency in Reading and Math

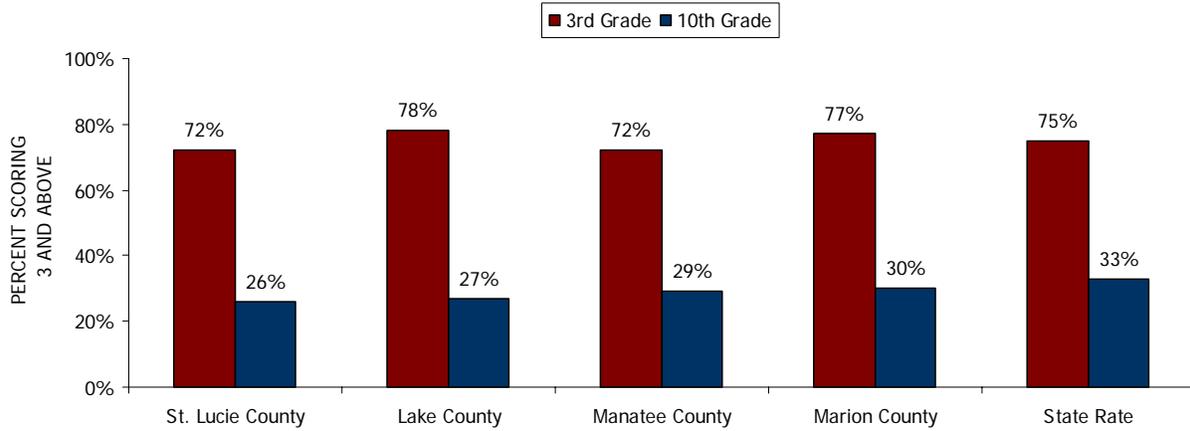
St. Lucie County students score lower in reading and math at 3rd and 10th grade than students in peer counties and students statewide.

In Florida public schools, achievement in reading, math and other subjects is assessed by the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT). District results are reported in terms of average scores as well as the percentage of students performing at the five achievement levels. Students who score in Levels 3, 4, or 5 are considered proficient in the subject area.

A total of 72 percent of all third grade students in St. Lucie County scored in Level 3, 4 or 5 in 2005-2006 and thus were classified as proficient in reading. This proficiency rate was lower than each of the peer counties. Just over one-quarter of tenth grade students were proficient in reading, lower than in peer counties and statewide. The same pattern was evident in math. The proficiency rates in St. Lucie County fell below the peer counties at both third and tenth grade and also below the state rate at both grade levels.

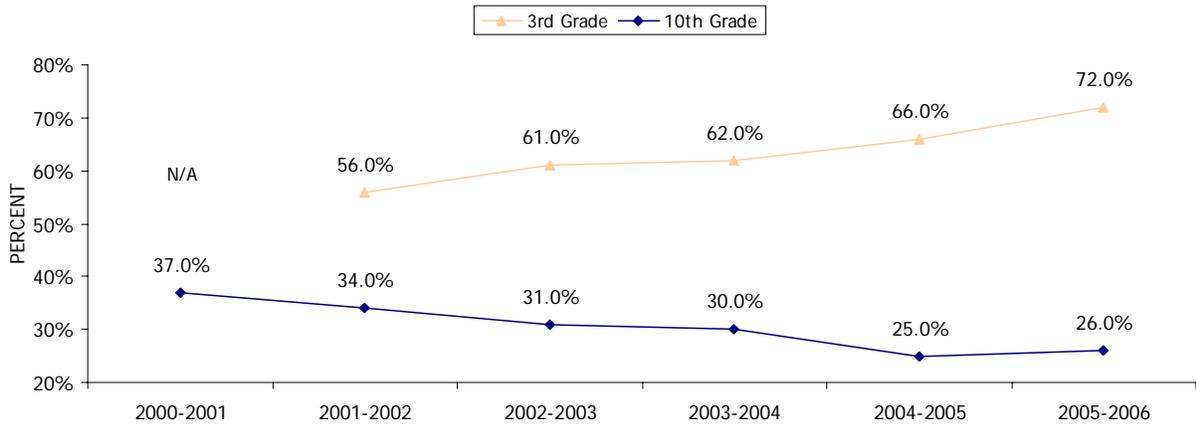
The proficiency rate for third grade reading has improved over time while the rate for tenth grade reading has dropped. Math proficiency has generally improved over time at both third and tenth grades.

Students Scoring Proficient FCAT Reading, 2005-2006



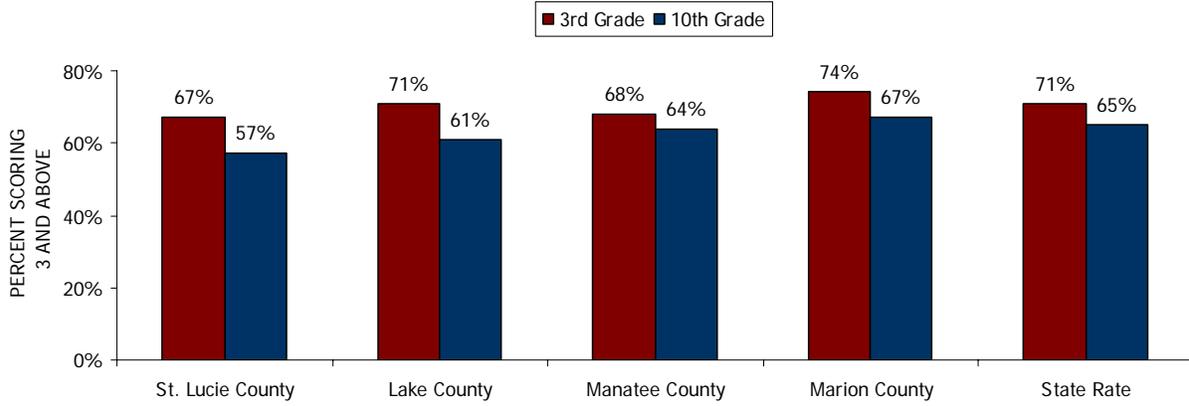
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Trend in FCAT Reading
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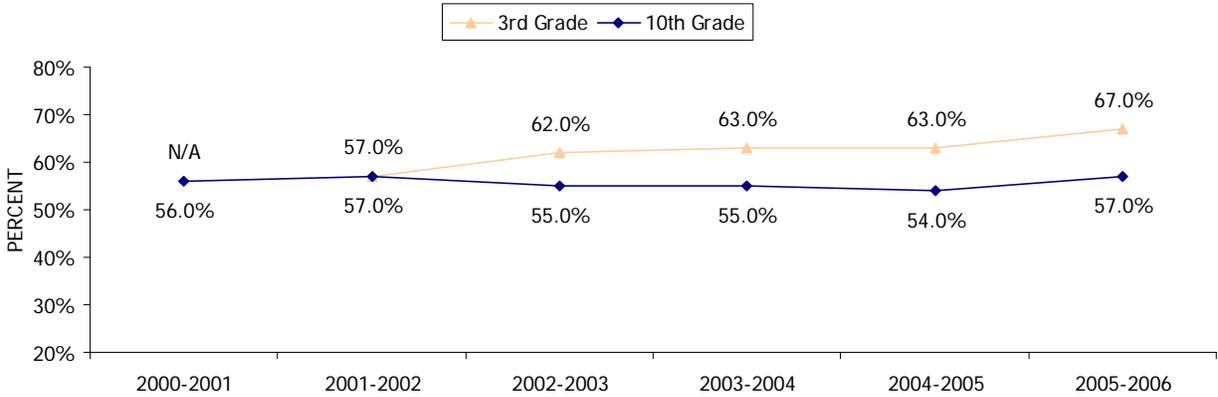
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Students Scoring Proficient FCAT Mathematics, 2005



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Trend in FCAT Math
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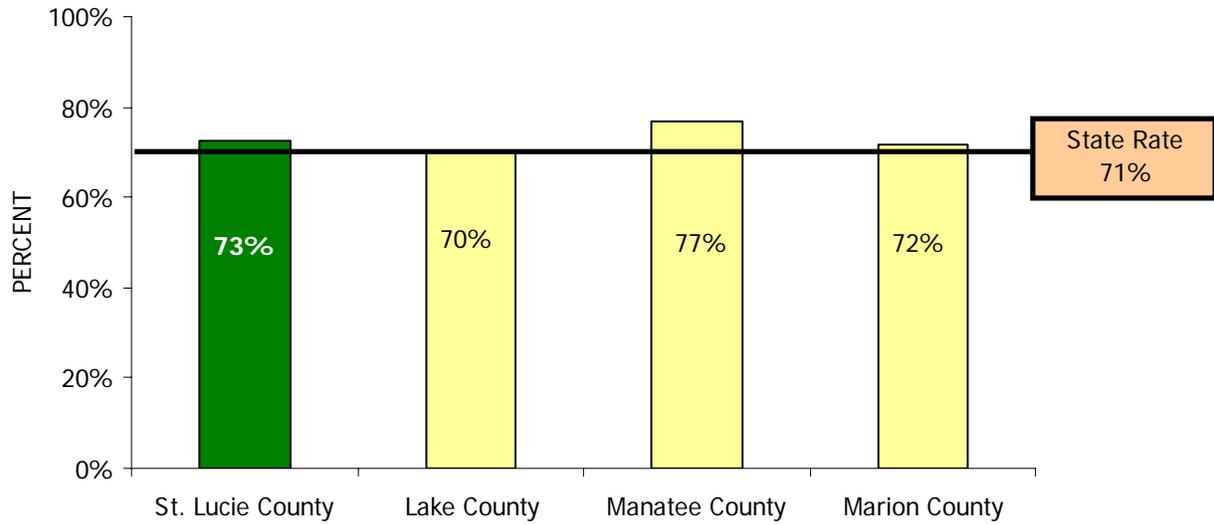
Graduation from High School

St. Lucie County schools perform comparatively well on the critical outcomes of high school graduation rate and dropout rate.

A total of 73 percent of St. Lucie County public high school students graduated in the 2006 school year, which was slightly higher than the state rate of 71 percent and higher than two of three peer counties. The dropout rate in St. Lucie County was 2.2 percent in 2006, which was lower than the state rate of 3.5 percent and lower than the rates in each of the peer counties.

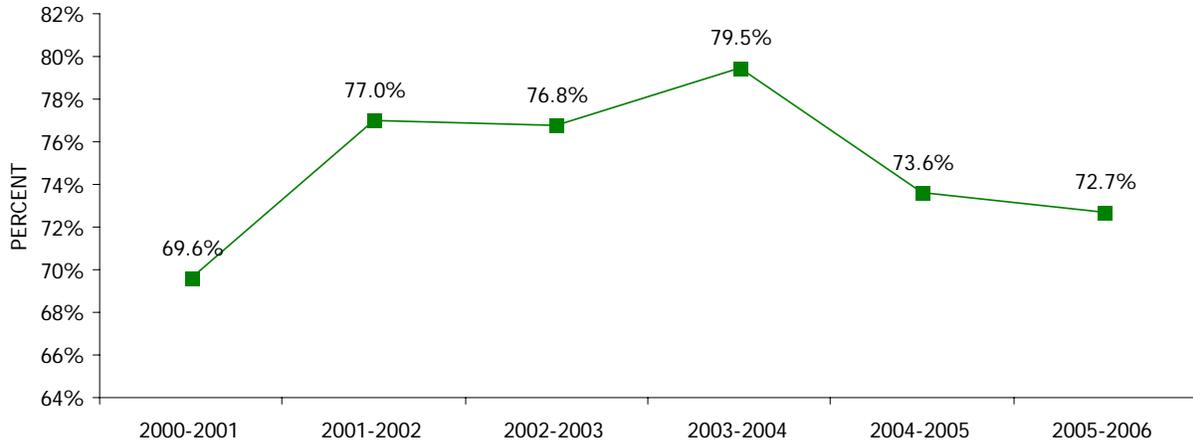
The graduation rate has dropped for the past two years from a high of 79.5 percent in 2003-2004. However, the dropout rate has improved over the same time period.

Public High School Graduation Rates, 2005-2006

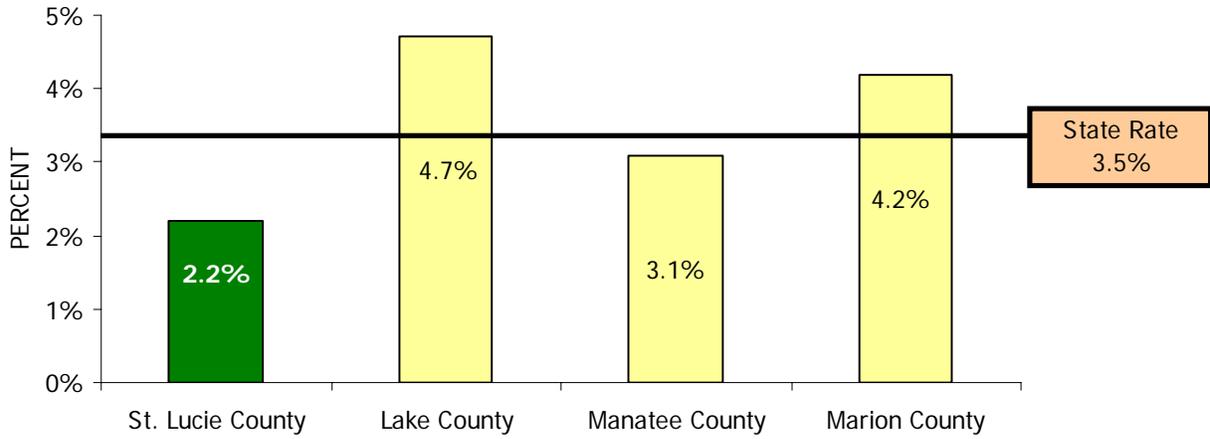


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**Trend in Graduation Rate
St. Lucie County**

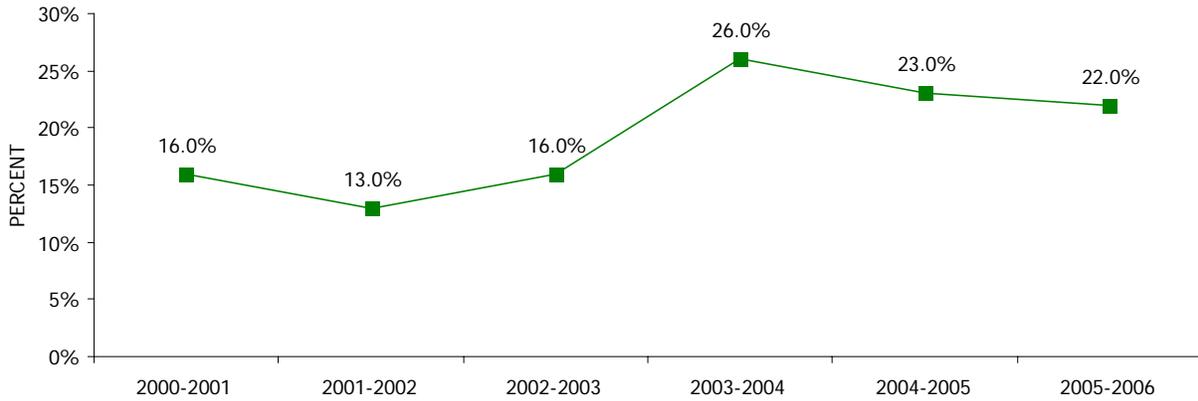


Drop-Out Rates, 2005-2006



Data Source: Florida Department of Education, 2007

**Trend in Dropout Rate
St. Lucie County**



Data Source: Florida Department of Education, 2007

Child Welfare and Mental Health

This section presents data from the Florida Department of Children and Families on indicators relating to child welfare and mental health, including:

- Child abuse rates
- Abused/neglected children reunified with their families within 12 months
- Outcomes for seriously emotionally disturbed children
 - Days in the community (not institutionalized)
 - School attendance

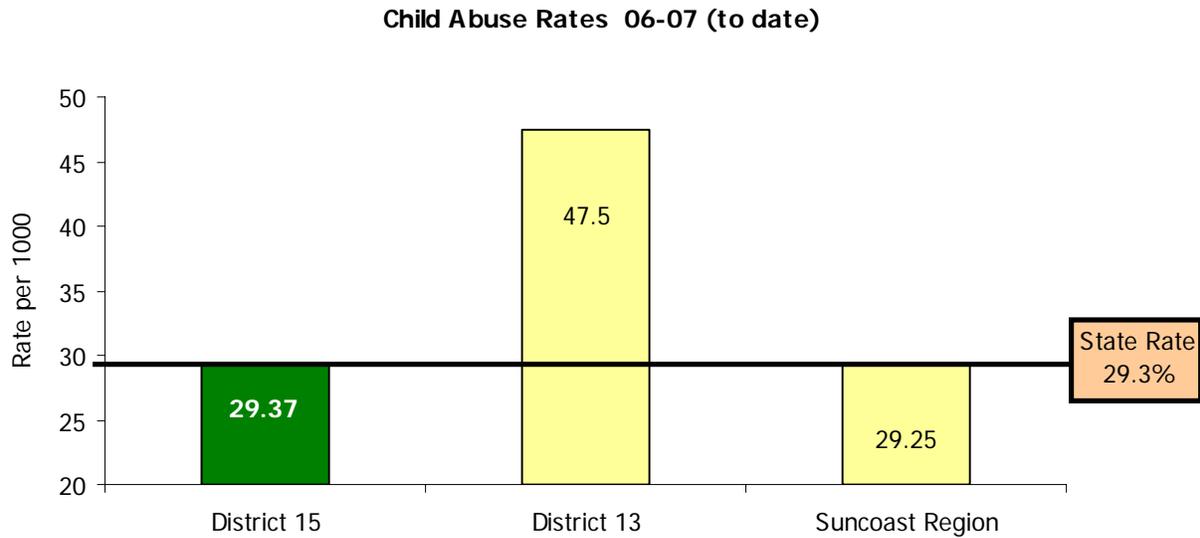
Overview of Child Welfare and Mental Health Outcomes

St. Lucie County is not tracking state improvements in child welfare outcomes, but child mental health outcomes compare favorably.

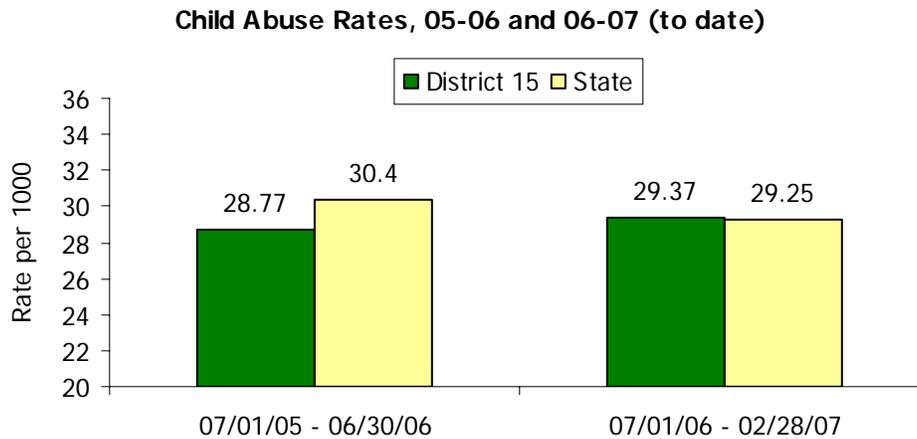
Child Welfare

Child abuse rates have increased slightly in District 15 (including St. Lucie County), while statewide rates have decreased.

The rate of abuse and neglect in DCF District 15 (including St. Lucie County) is currently equal to the state rate and the rate in one peer district (Suncoast Region, including Manatee County), and much lower than the other peer district (District 13, including Lake and Marion Counties). The rate in St. Lucie County has increased slightly over the past 18 months, while the statewide rate has improved.



Data Source: Florida Department of Children and Families, Performance Measures Dashboard, 2007



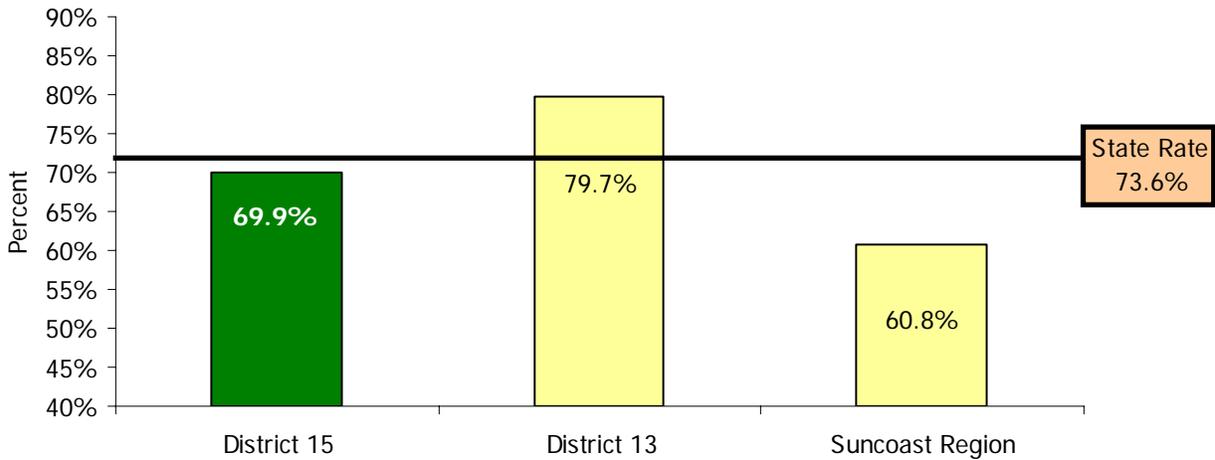
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[Note: There are no comparable data available for child abuse].

Reunifications for abused/neglected children in District 15 (including St. Lucie County) have stayed about the same, while rates have improved statewide.

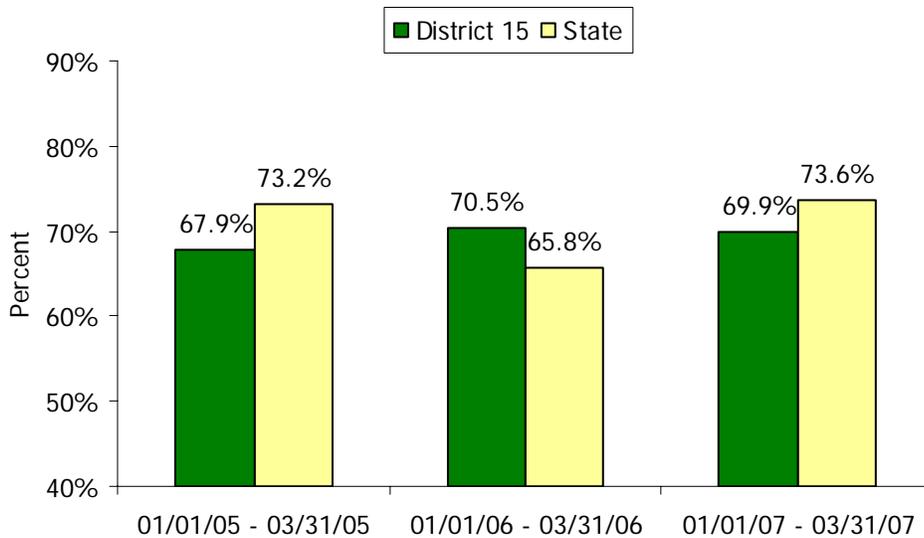
Of all the abused and neglected children who were removed from their homes in DCF District 15 (which includes St. Lucie County), about 70 percent were reunited with their families within 12 months. This is lower than the state rate of 74 percent. St. Lucie County compared favorably to one peer district (Suncoast Region including Manatee County), and unfavorably to the other (District 13 including Lake and Marion Counties). The rate in St. Lucie County has stayed about the same over the past 18 months, while the statewide rate has improved.

Children Reunified within 12 Months, Jan. - Mar. 07



Data Source: Florida Department of Children and Families, Performance Measures Dashboard, 2007

Children Reunified within 12 Months, Jan. - Mar. 05, Jan. - Mar. 06, Jan. - Mar. 07



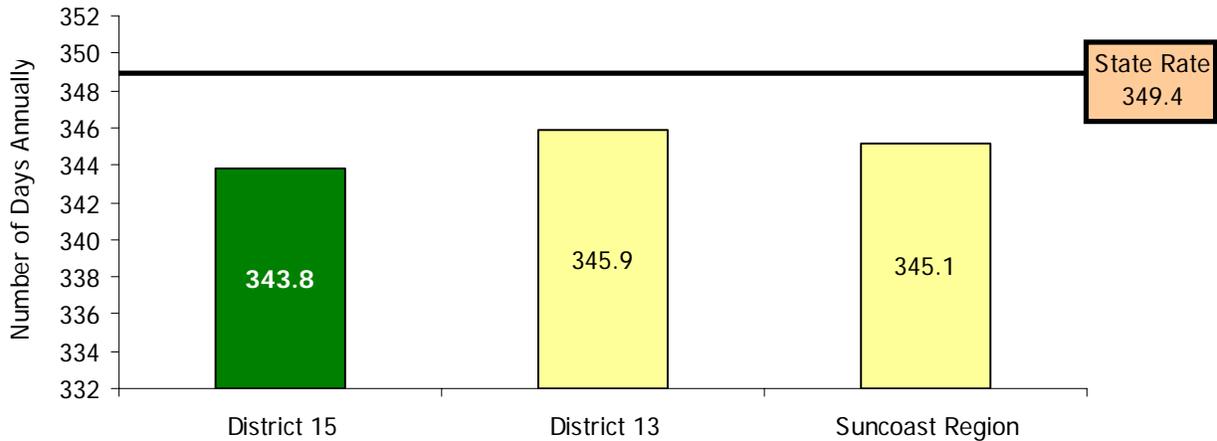
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Children's Mental Health

Outcomes for children with serious emotional disturbances are improving.

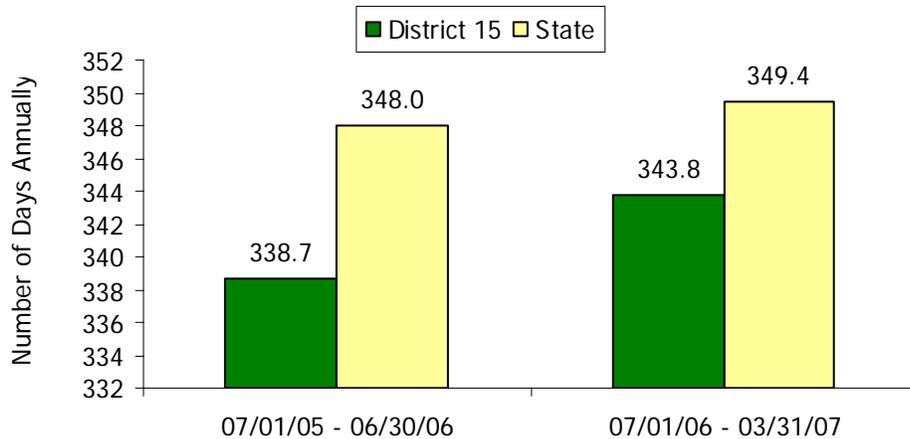
Seriously emotionally disturbed children (SED) in DCF District 15 (which includes St. Lucie County) spent about 344 days (annualized) in the community. This rate is lower than the state rate of 349 days, but similar to the rates in the two peer districts. The rate has improved over the past 18 months, but still lags the state rate.

Annual Days SED Children Spend in the Community 06-07 (to date)



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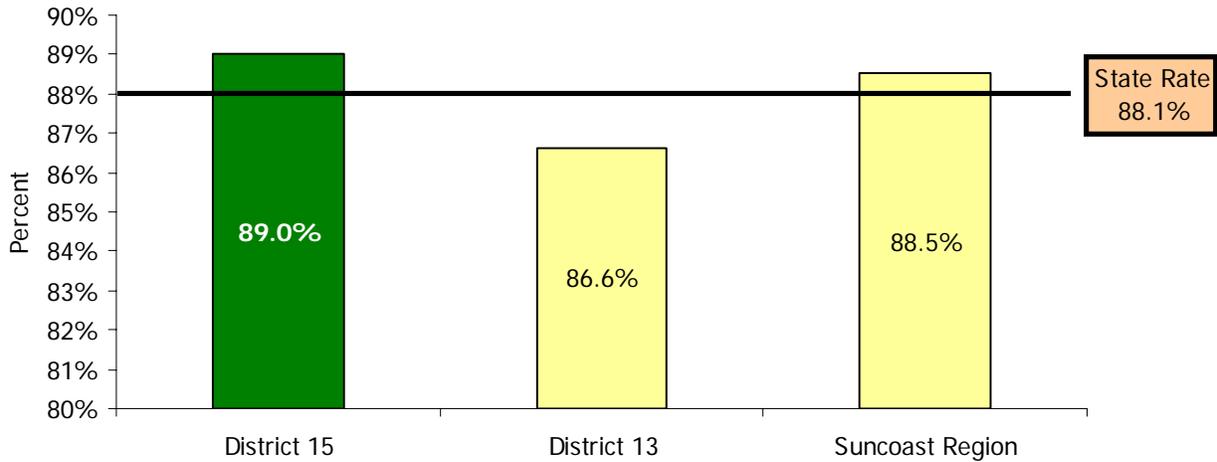
Annual Days SED Children Spend in the Community 05-06 and 06-07 (to date)



Data Source: Florida Department of Children and Families, Performance Measures Dashboard, 2007
 [Note: There are no comparable data available for SED child days in community].

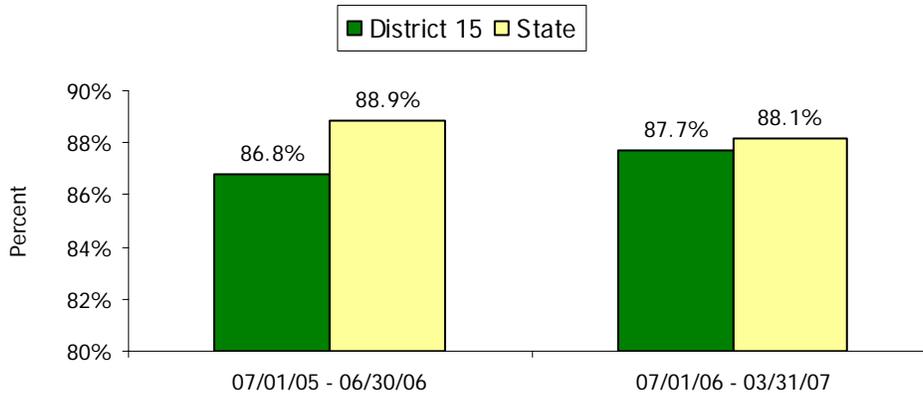
The school attendance rate for SED children of 89 percent is slightly higher than the state rate of 88 percent. The rate is about the same as one peer district and slightly superior to the other peer district. The rate has improved over the past 18 months, but still lags the state rate.

Attendance Rate SED Children Attend 06-07 (to date)



Data Source: Florida Department of Children and Families, Performance Measures Dashboard, 2007

Attendance Rate SED Children Attend 05-06 and 06-07 (to date)



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 [Note: There are no comparable data available for SED child school attendance].

COMMUNITY RESPONSE TO CHILD HEALTH AND EDUCATION

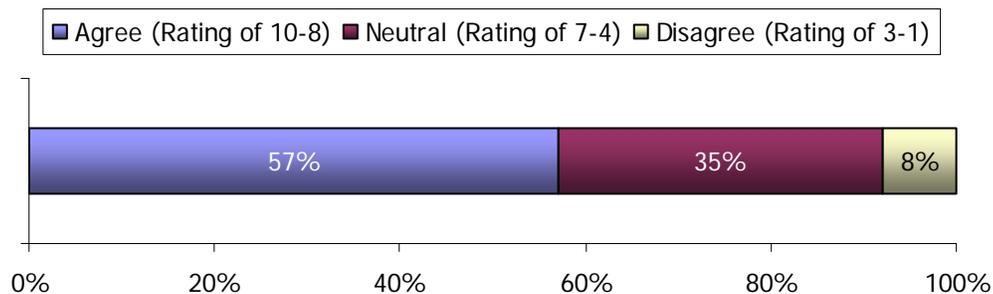
Parenting education is needed in St. Lucie County.

Many members of the community, including leaders, service providers, and residents, believe that St. Lucie County needs to mount a stronger parenting education program. Community leaders who participated in focus groups cited instances of poor parenting skills that encompass a broad range of topics that range from health care to discipline. Some cited the lack of parenting/parental involvement as a root cause of negative behavior among youth.

In addition, several women in the Haitian focus group indicated that they are not familiar with the concept of pre-natal care. This needs to be stressed to the Haitian community in Creole.

Support for parenting education is also found among parents themselves. In the community-wide telephone survey, 57 percent of residents with children under age 18 agree that there is a need for more parenting education classes in St. Lucie County.

Agreement for More Parenting Education Classes



Data Source: Question 36 in community telephone survey

Tobacco use, substance abuse, obesity, and behavior problems are issues many parents grapple with.

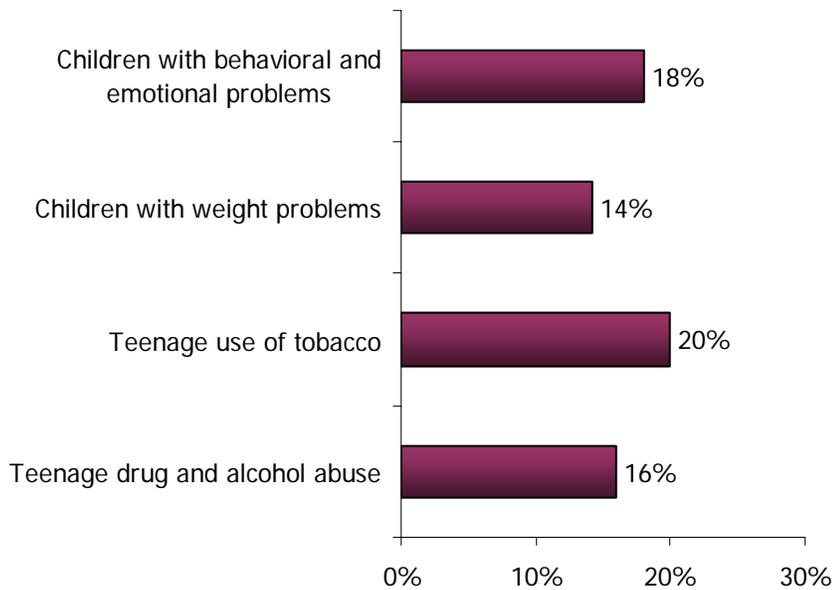
Parents were queried as to whether or not they are experiencing some specific health related issues with their children. The telephone survey suggests that approximately two in ten households with children are dealing with at least one of these issues, including behavior/mental problems, weight, and tobacco/substance abuse among teens.

Data further suggests that tobacco use is higher than students self-reported. The Florida Youth Substance Abuse Survey reports that tobacco use among high school students is 14 percent, while 20 percent of parents with teenagers believe that tobacco is a major issue in their household.

A direct comparison between students who participated in the Florida Youth Substance Abuse Survey and parents that participated in the community-wide telephone survey cannot be made since drug and alcohol use was combined in the telephone survey and not in the Florida Youth Substance Abuse Survey. This may explain why teens report a higher incidence of alcohol use than parents. Nonetheless, 30 percent of parents of teenagers feel they have an issue (major or minor) with their teenager's use of alcohol and/or drugs. Substance abuse was identified by community leader and service provider focus groups as a problem that is tied to other societal ills that touch children, such as gangs, crime, and HIV/AIDS.

Based on the focus group, Haitian parents also feel that the laws and culture of the U.S. make it very difficult for them to control their children's behavior. They are afraid that they will be imprisoned if they attempt to discipline their children as they would in Haiti.

Parents who Consider Health and Substance Abuse a MAJOR Issue in their Household



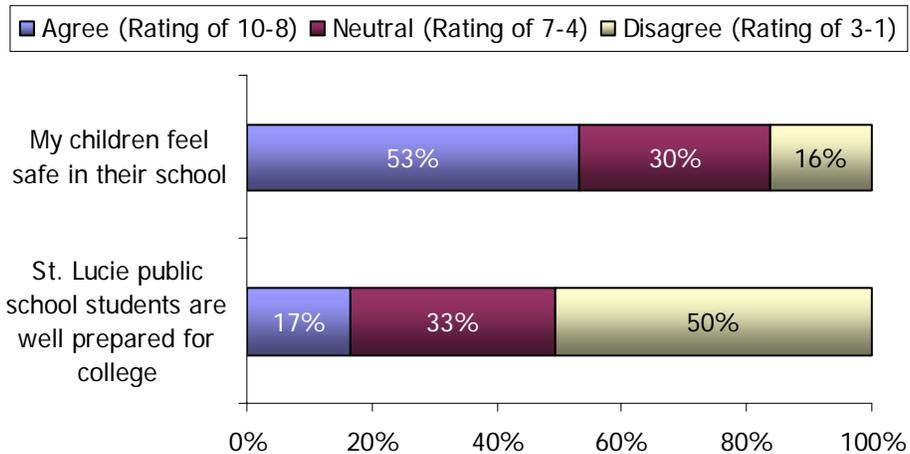
Data Source: Questions 41-44 in community telephone survey

* Only among parents with teens

Residents, community leaders, and service providers do not perceive St. Lucie County schools in the same light.

Only half (53%) of the parents in the telephone survey agree that their children feel safe in their schools. However, far more telling is that few parents agree (17%) that St. Lucie County public school students are well prepared for college.

Agreement with Statements related to School



Data Source: Questions 33 and 35 in community telephone survey

Community leaders and service providers that participated in focus groups were more positive about public schools compared to residents, likely based on their belief that families are moving from South Florida to St. Lucie County for better schools. However, gangs and lack of activities/opportunities for youth are problems and resident responses indicate these issues may be present in county schools.

ADULT HEALTH AND FUNCTIONING

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STRATEGIC DIRECTION FOR ADULT HEALTH AND FUNCTIONING

The adult health and functioning chapter includes the following:

- Overview
- Access to Health Care
- Behavioral Risk Factors
- Death Rates
- Communicable and Infectious Diseases
- Chronic Illness
- Adult Mental Health

Analysis

Data from the indicators on adult health and functioning suggest that problems exist for St. Lucie County which are greater than those in the state and peer counties. While St. Lucie County is better on some indicators, it falls short on many. This has a particularly strong impact on the less educated, those with incomes under \$25,000, and Blacks. The areas which pose the greatest levels for concern are:

Health Care Access

- Lack of health insurance – As of 2004, 25 percent of those under age 65 do not have health insurance. This is up dramatically from the 16 percent who lacked health insurance in 1999.

Behavior Risk Factors

- Poor health – One in five adults (20.7%) say their health status is poor. This is higher for the less educated (32.5%) and those with incomes under \$25,000 (32.4%)
- Obesity – This is a problem for one in four adults (21.9%), and is higher for those less educated (30.9%) and for Blacks (43%).

Communicable and Infectious Disease

- AIDS – St. Lucie County has the highest rate of people living with AIDS in Florida at 37 per 100,000.
- HIV – at 28.8 per 100,000, St. Lucie County is 10th highest among Florida counties.
- Tuberculosis – The rate of tuberculosis (7.8 per 100,000), which is sometimes viewed as a marker for HIV risk, is higher than the state rate and all three peer counties.

Illness and Death from Chronic Disease

- Hospitalization rates – Deaths due to diabetes occur at a higher rate than statewide or in peer counties. Death rates from lung and skin cancer are also higher than state rates. Heart failure deaths and hospitalizations are high relative to peer counties. Rates for asthma are worsening.

Mental Health

- Completion of treatment – St. Lucie County is slightly less successful in completing treatment versus the state and peer counties. However, those who complete treatment do somewhat better when back in the community.

Consider the following strategic directions to address these concerns:

1. Evaluate ways for the county and health care providers to expand and open community health clinics which will allow for:
 - a. Primary health care outside an emergency department
 - b. Adequate prenatal care
 - c. Health and sex education for teens, including abstinence education
 - d. Parenting education
 - e. Health and wellness education, emphasizing obesity prevention
2. Evaluate, improve, or expand mental health treatment programs to increase capacity and to improve the number of patients completing mental health treatment.

INDICATORS

There are an estimated 183,333 adults in St. Lucie County, including:

- 12,949 young adults (ages 20 to 24)
- 55,345 adults ages 25 to 44
- 62,508 adults ages 45 to 64
- 52,531 adults 65 and older

Adults represent 75 percent of the population in St. Lucie County. Indicators of adult health were addressed using data from the Department of Health. A snapshot of adult mental health is provided by district performance data from the Department of Children and Families, Mental Health Program Office. The indicators addressed for adult health and functioning are categorized as:

- Health care access
- Behavioral risk characteristics
- Death rates
- Communicable and infectious diseases
- Chronic diseases
- Mental health

Health Care Access

St. Lucie County has a higher rate of uninsured residents under age 65 compared to the state and all three peer counties.

Health care access is an important indicator of overall health of the community. A critical factor in health care access is health care insurance. For 2004, 25 percent of St. Lucie County residents under age 65 were uninsured, that is, they had no reported health care insurance, according to a state study. St. Lucie County's rate of uninsured for its residents under the age of 65 exceeds the rate in each of the three peer counties and exceeds the statewide rate of 19 percent.

From 1999 to 2004, the statewide percentage of uninsured Floridians under age 65 increased from 16.8 percent to 19.2 percent, an increase of 2.4 percentage points. During the same time period, rates of uninsured in St. Lucie County increased by nine percentage points, surpassing the statewide increase.

Uninsured Rates: No Reported Health Care Insurance

County	2004	1999
St. Lucie	25%	16%
Lake	20%	14%
Manatee	21%	20%
Marion	20%	17%
Statewide	19%	17%

Source: Agency for Health Care Administration, *Florida Health Insurance Study 2004, County Estimates, August 2005* and *The Florida Health Insurance Study Volume 6: The Small Area Analysis, October 2000*.

Behavior Risk Factors

The 2002 County Behavior Risk Factor Surveillance System Survey also provided information concerning other measures of health. The survey was conducted by the Department of Health with a random sample of adults in St. Lucie County.

Health Status

- 20.7% adults who say health status is poor
 - 32.5% for those with less than a high school education
 - 32.4% for those with incomes under \$25,000
 - 29.9% for ages 65 and older
 - 23.4% for ages 45-64
- 21.9% adults who are obese (Body Mass Index ≥ 30)
 - 18.7% for 65 and older
 - 30.9% for those with less than a high school education
 - 19.4% for White, 43% for Blacks, and 21% for Hispanics

Lifestyle

- 73.8% adults who consume < 5 fruits and vegetables a day
- 55.4% adults with no regular moderate physical activity
 - 70.7% for those with less than a high school education
 - 57% for White, 55% for Blacks, and 42% for Hispanics
- 28.1% adults who report being current smokers
- 12.4% adults who engage in heavy or binge drinking

Death Rates and Causes of Death

Cardiovascular diseases and cancers are the leading causes of death among adults in St. Lucie County. Death rates have decreased over the past five years.

Adult Deaths (Age 20-85+) and Death Rates 1996-2005

Year	Number of Deaths	Death Rate Per 10,000	Population Age 20-85+
1996	1,605	121.1	132,509
1997	1,583	116.6	135,794
1998	1,676	120.5	139,041
1999	1,703	119.7	142,222
2000	1,823	124.9	145,971
2001	1,780	118.4	150,341
2002	1,759	112.8	155,959
2003	1,878	116.0	161,927
2004	1,826	104.8	174,157
2005	1,797	98.0	183,333

Data Source: Florida Department of Health, Office of Vital Statistics

Causes of Adult Deaths (Age 20-85+) by Gender and Race/Ethnicity, 2005

Cause of Death	Total	White	Black	Other	Male	Female	Hispanic	Non-Hispanic
All Causes	1,797	1,530	241	24	1,049	748	65	1,730
Major Cardiovascular Diseases	581	487	87	6	347	234	18	562
Malignant Neoplasms	550	492	48	9	304	246	13	537
All Injuries	123	106	15	2	95	28	12	111
Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases	120	112	8	0	62	58	3	117
All Other Diseases	118	98	18	2	55	63	6	111
Diabetes Mellitus	62	52	9	1	37	25	2	60
Infectious Diseases	58	25	32	1	37	21	3	55
Influenza & Pneumonia	33	32	1	0	15	18	3	30
Chronic Liver Diseases & Cirrhosis	28	25	3	0	20	8	1	27
Nephritis, Nephrotic Syndrome & Nephrosis	26	20	6	0	18	8	2	24
Alzheimer's Disease	23	18	4	1	12	11	0	23
Other Respiratory System Dis	21	19	1	1	12	9	2	19
In Situ, Benign, Uncert/Unk Behavior Neoplasms	15	11	4	0	10	5	0	15
Parkinson's Disease	11	9	2	0	9	2	0	11
Pneumonitis Due To Solids & Liquids	6	6	0	0	4	2	0	6
Symptoms, Signs, Abnormal Clinical/Lab Findings	4	3	1	0	1	3	0	4
Other Circulatory System Disorders	3	2	1	0	2	1	0	3
Peptic Ulcer	3	3	0	0	2	1	0	3
Hernia	3	2	0	1	3	0	0	3
Congenital & Chromosomal Anomalies	3	3	0	0	2	1	0	3
Anemias	2	2	0	0	0	2	0	2
Nutritional Deficiencies	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	1
Cholelithiasis & Other Gallbladder Disorders	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	1
Kidney Infections	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	1
Hyperplasia Of Prostate	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	1

Data Source: Florida Department of Health, Office of Vital Statistics

NOTE: Does not equate to chart on next page due to missing information on race/ethnicity for some cases

Causes of Adult Deaths (Age 20-85+) by Age, 2005

Cause of Death	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65-74	75-84	85 +	Total
All Causes	10	27	87	171	244	446	742	631	2358
Major Cardiovascular Diseases	1	4	17	40	64	131	289	340	886
Malignant Neoplasms	0	1	12	55	82	173	214	80	617
All Other Diseases	1	4	9	11	18	34	39	50	166
Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases	0	0	1	4	19	35	60	23	142
All Injuries	8	15	22	24	19	17	16	9	130
Diabetes Mellitus	0	0	3	4	9	14	28	18	76
Infectious Diseases	0	1	14	21	8	5	9	6	64
Alzheimer's Disease	0	0	0	0	1	4	15	39	59
Influenza & Pneumonia	0	0	0	1	3	8	17	16	45
Nephritis, Nephrotic Syndrome & Nephrosis	0	0	1	1	5	2	16	9	34
Chronic Liver Diseases & Cirrhosis	0	0	5	6	9	5	3	1	29
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Symptoms, Signs, Abnormal Clinical/Lab Findings	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	6	10
Pneumonitis Due To Solids & Liquids	0	0	0	0	0	1	5	3	9
Anemias	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	4
Other Circulatory System Disorders	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	4
Peptic Ulcer	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	4
Hernia	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	4
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Nutritional Deficiencies	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	2
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Kidney Infections	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	2
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Communicable and Infectious Diseases

This section presents data from the Florida Department of Health on indicators relating to communicable and infectious diseases, including:

- Vaccine preventable diseases
- Sexually transmitted diseases
- HIV/AIDS cases
- Tuberculosis cases

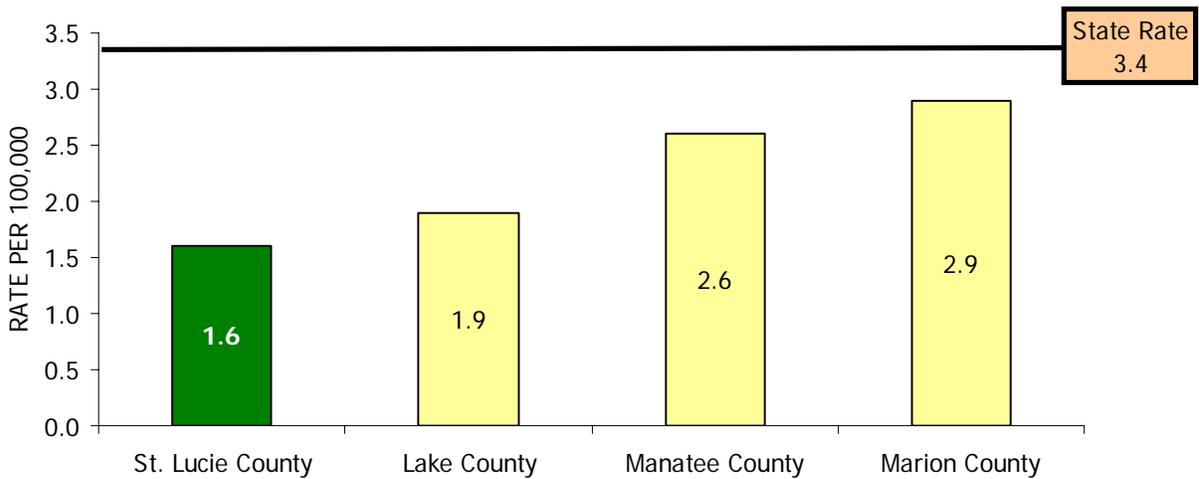
Overview of Communicable and Infectious Disease Outcomes

St. Lucie County has a lower rate of vaccine preventable illness than the state rate and compares favorably to all three peer counties. Rates for sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) as a whole are relatively low, but St. Lucie County has the highest rate of HIV/AIDS cases in the state and also has a high rate of tuberculosis cases.

Vaccine Preventable Disease

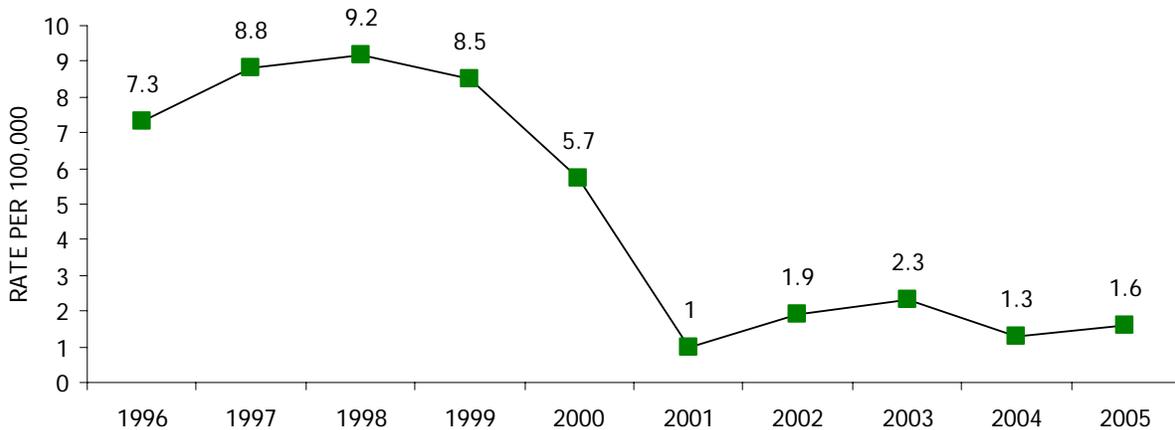
In addition to information regarding the leading causes of death, the general health status of a community is reflected in indicators of communicable and infectious disease. In terms of vaccine preventable disease, St. Lucie County has a rate of 1.6 per 100,000 population compared to the state rate of 3.4. The county compares favorably to the state rate and each of the three peer counties. The rate dropped sharply over the past decade (with a high of 9.2), but has remained relatively flat since 2001.

Vaccine Preventable Disease, 2005



Source: Florida Department of Health, Bureau of Epidemiology

Trend in Vaccine Preventable Disease
St. Lucie County, 1996-2005

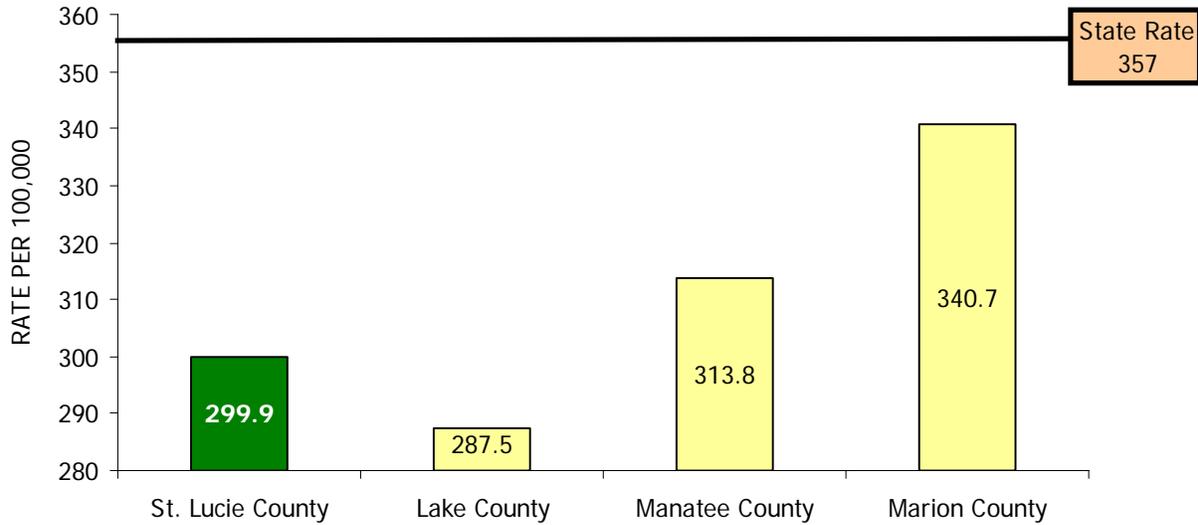


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Sexually Transmitted Disease

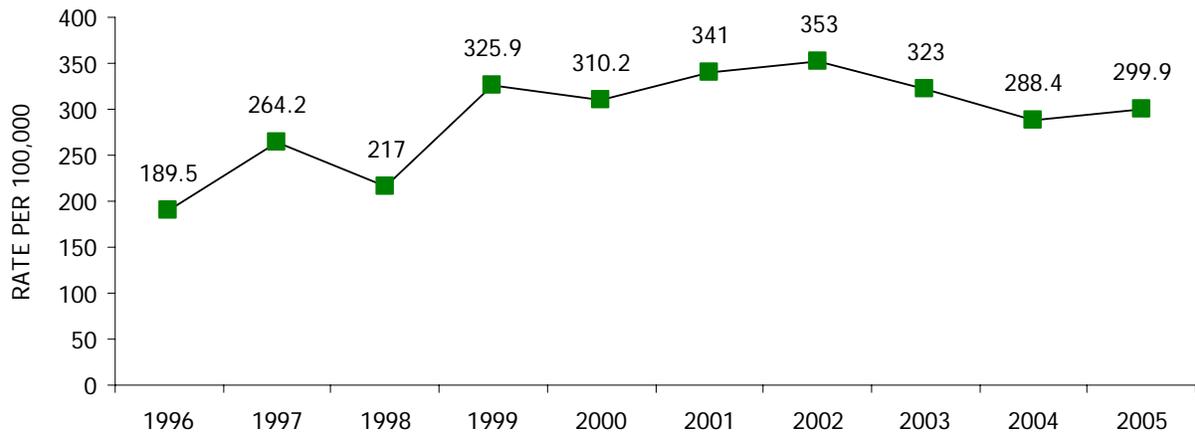
For sexually transmitted diseases (STDs), the county rate of 299.9 per 100,000 population was considerably lower than the state rate of 357 and compares favorably to two of three peer counties. The rate climbed between 1996 and 2002, peaking at 353 and dropping for two of the past three years. STD statistics are sometimes viewed as a marker for HIV risk behavior. However, that is not currently the case in St. Lucie County.

**Sexually Transmitted Diseases, 2005
(Gonorrhea, Chlamydia & Infectious Syphilis)**



Source: Florida Department of Health, Bureau of STD Prevention & Control

**Trend in Sexually Transmitted Diseases
(Gonorrhea, Chlamydia & Infectious Syphilis Cases)
St. Lucie County, 1996-2005**

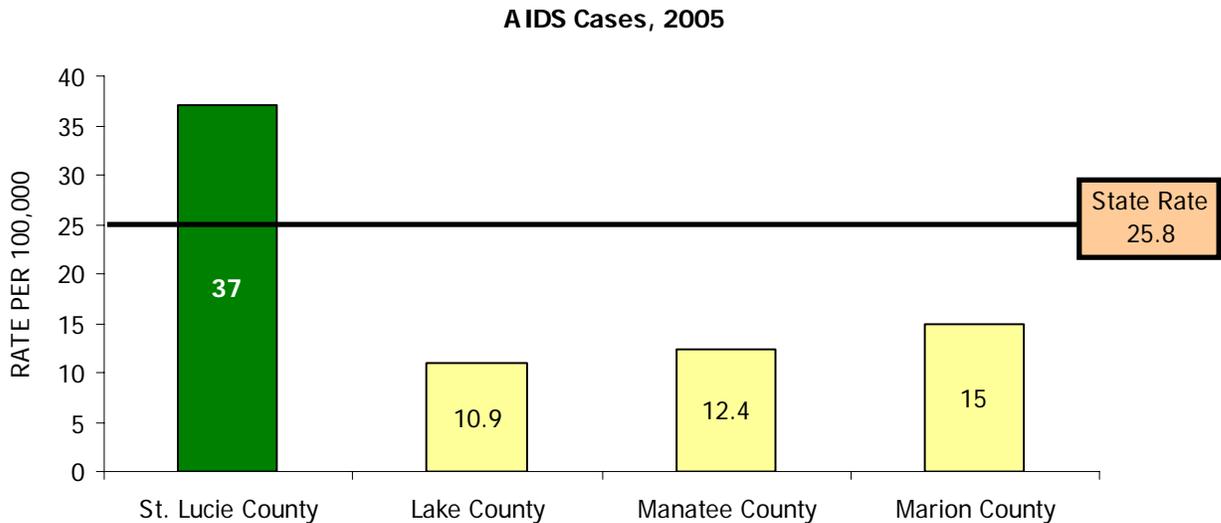


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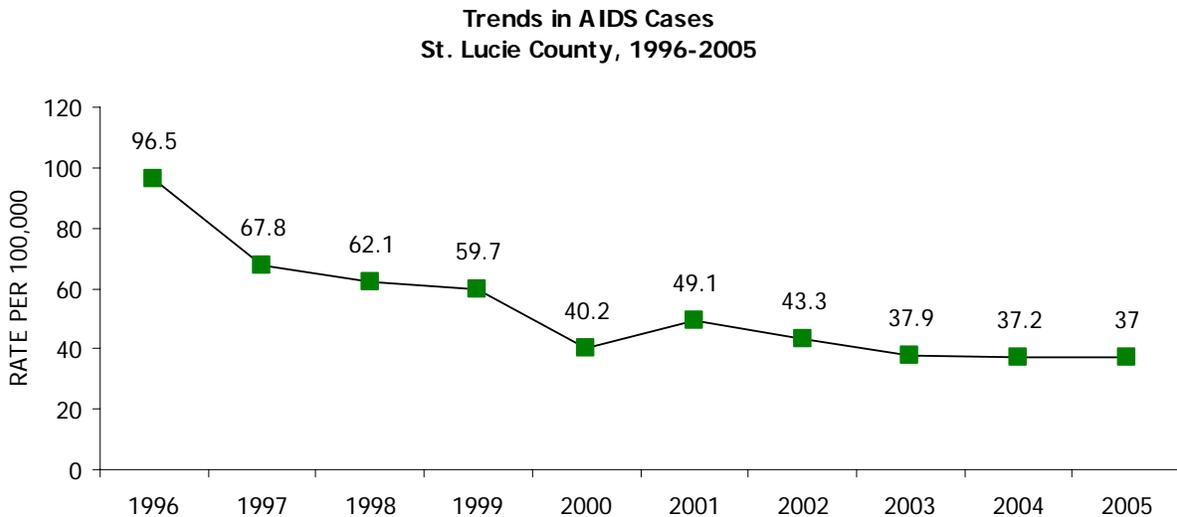
AIDS

Total Cases Living with AIDS

In 2005, St. Lucie County had the third highest rate of total cases of people living with AIDS in the state, behind Dade and Broward. At 37 cases per 100,000 population, the rate of people living with AIDS in St. Lucie County is above the state rate of 25.8 and far above the three peer counties. The rate has trended down over the past 10 years, but still remains high relative to the state as a whole.



Source: Florida Department of Health, Bureau of HIV/AIDS

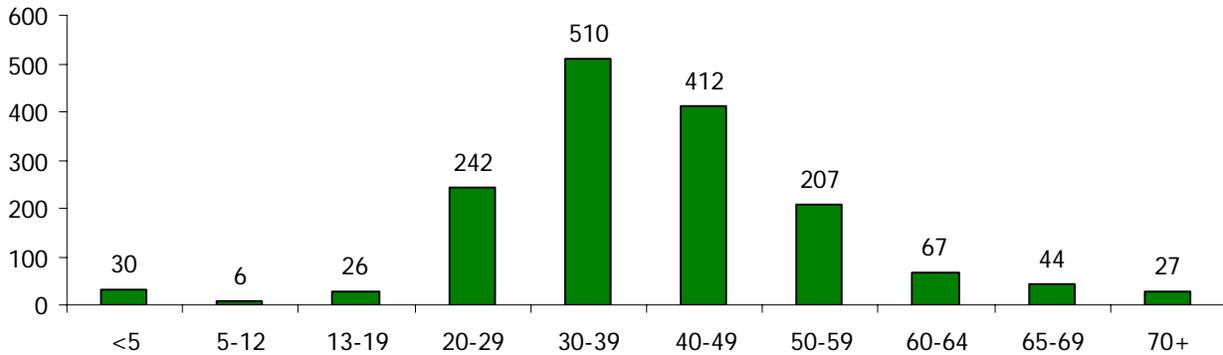


Source: Florida Department of Health, Bureau of HIV/AIDS

Living with AIDS

The rate of those living with AIDS is greatest among Blacks, with 2,859 per 100,000 (based on mid-year 2005 population estimates.) The rate of Whites living with AIDS is 142.7 per 100,000 cases. Hispanics living with AIDS in St. Lucie County is 232.5 per 100,000. For 2006, the 30-39 age group has the highest number of cases of those living with AIDS.

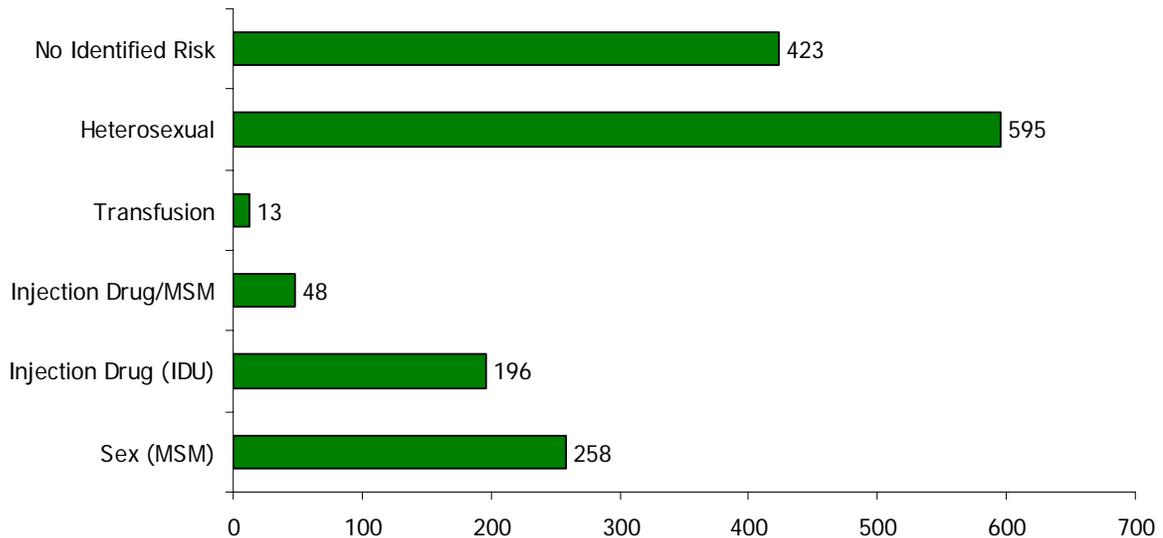
St. Lucie County AIDS cases by AGE



Source: Florida Department of Health, Bureau of HIV/AIDS

For 2006, the number of total AIDS cases (people living with AIDS) resulting from exposure by heterosexual sexual activity exceeds the exposure by injection drug users (IDU) or by men who have sex with men (MSM).

St. Lucie County AIDS cases by EXPOSURE



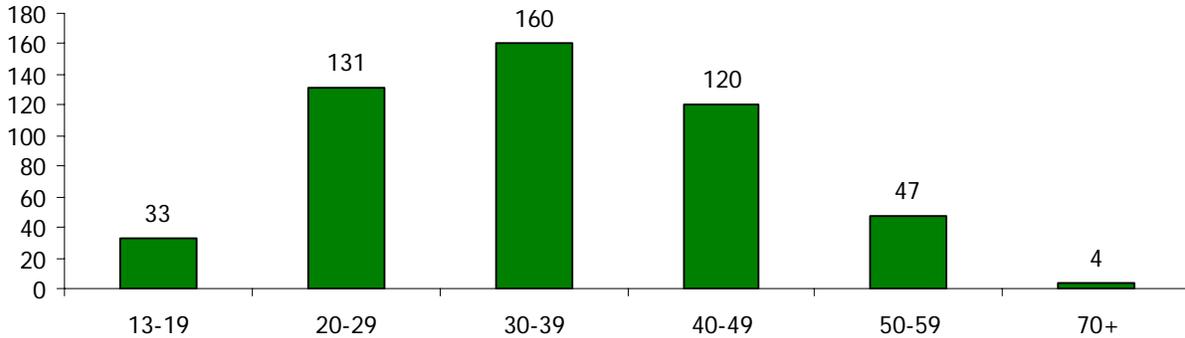
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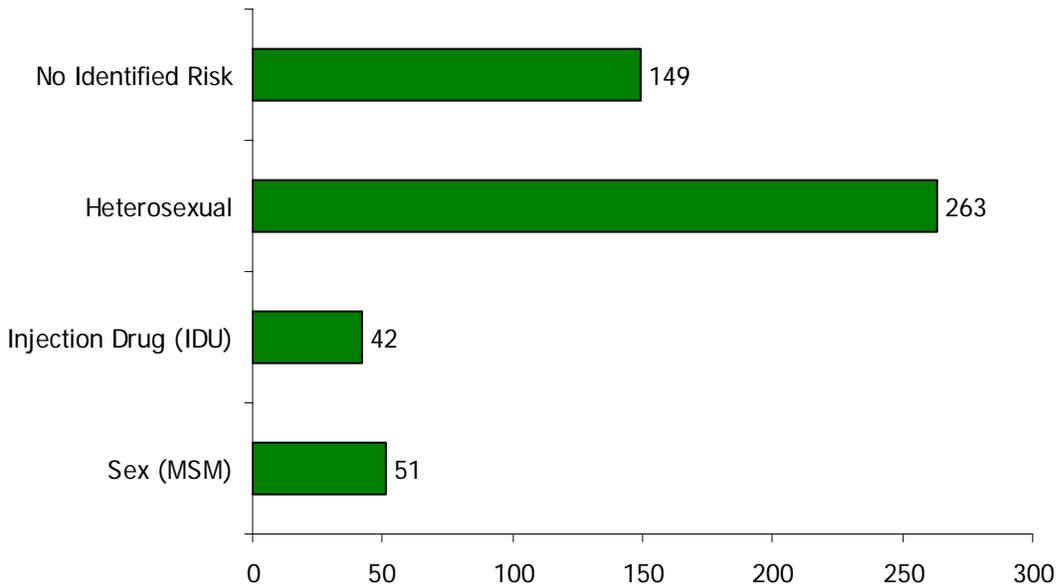
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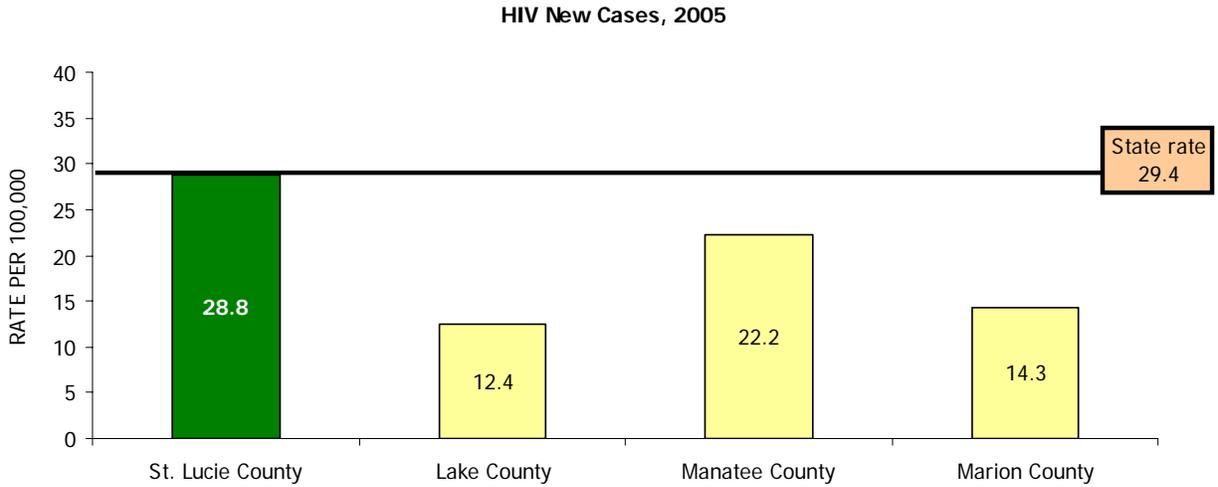
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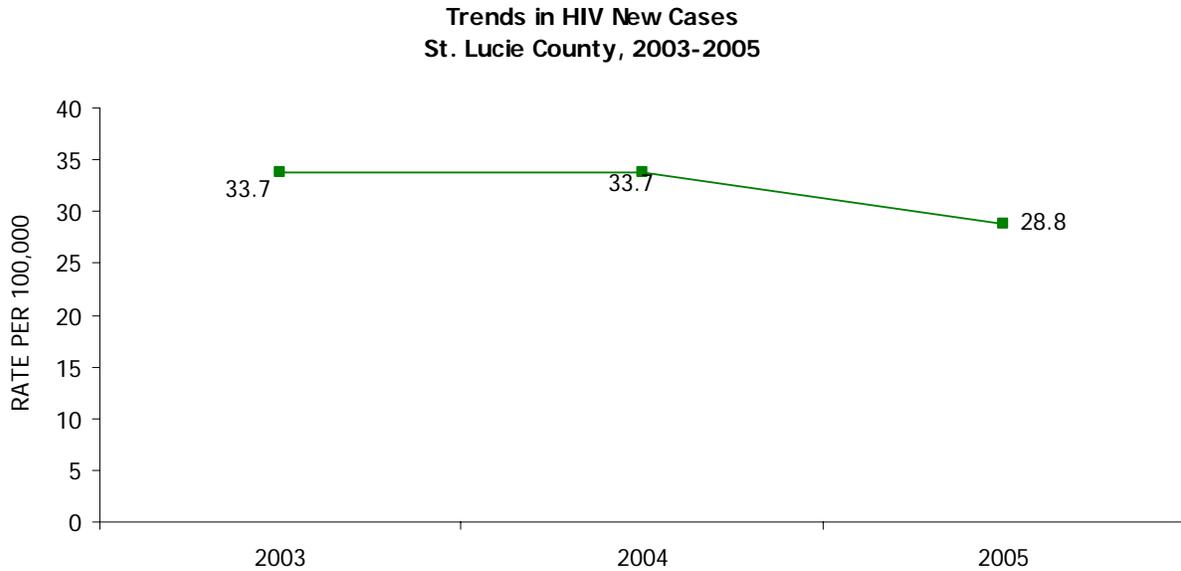
Source: Florida Department of Health, Bureau of HIV/AIDS

New HIV Cases

The rate for new HIV cases in St. Lucie County in 2005 was 28.8 per 100,000 population, 10th highest among Florida counties, but slightly below the state rate of 29.4. The 2005 rate was a drop from the rates in the previous two years.



Source: Florida Department of Health, Bureau of HIV/AIDS



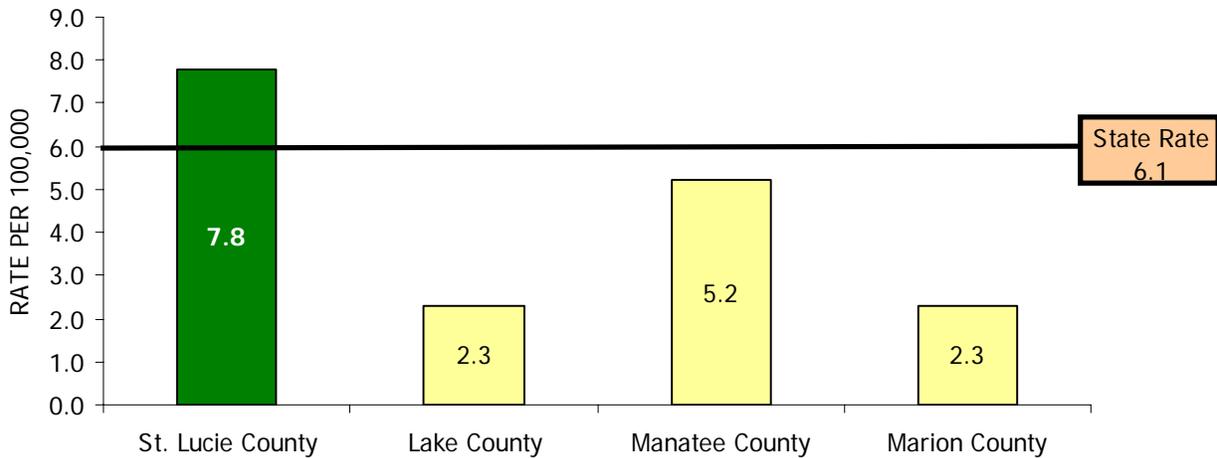
Source: Florida Department of Health, Bureau of HIV/AIDS

Tuberculosis

St. Lucie County also has a high rate of tuberculosis cases, with only eight counties in Florida reporting higher rates. The rate in St. Lucie County was 7.8 per 100,000 population compared to the state rate of 6.1. The rates in St. Lucie County were 1.5 to 3 times higher than in peer counties.

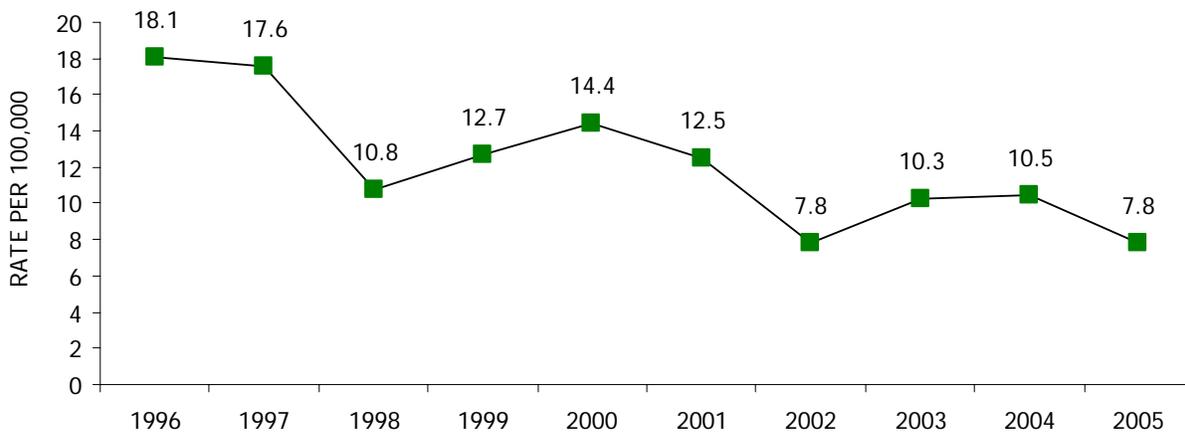
The rates for tuberculosis cases in St. Lucie County have generally decreased over the past 10 years, but remain high relative to the state. Long lasting drug therapy is required for treatment, often a year or more. Tuberculosis and STD rates usually track with HIV cases. Tuberculosis rates do track with HIV in St. Lucie County, but STDs do not track with HIV in St. Lucie County.

Tuberculosis Cases, 2005



Source: Florida Department of Health, Bureau of TB & Refugee Health

**Trend in Tuberculosis Cases
St. Lucie County, 1996-2005**



Source: Florida Department of Health, Bureau of TB & Refugee Health

Chronic Diseases

This section presents data from the Florida Department of Health on indicators relating to adult chronic diseases, as well as behavioral risk factors that contribute to disease. The indicators include:

- Coronary heart disease hospitalizations and deaths
- Heart failure hospitalizations and deaths
- Stroke hospitalizations and deaths
- Cervical cancer deaths
- Breast cancer deaths
- Lung cancer deaths
- Prostate cancer deaths
- Colorectal cancer deaths
- Skin cancer deaths
- Diabetes deaths
- CLRD deaths

Overview of Chronic Diseases

Heart disease, strokes, and diabetes are the primary chronic disease concerns in St. Lucie County. Behavioral risk factors that may contribute to these high rates are high blood pressure and no regular vigorous physical activity.

Behavioral Risk Factors

The four leading causes of death in St. Lucie County fall within the class of chronic diseases, including heart disease, cancer, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, and stroke. Risk factors for chronic disease include high blood pressure, high cholesterol, no regular physical activity, limited consumption of fruits and vegetables, overweight, and obesity. The 2002 Behavior Risk Factor Surveillance System Survey conducted by the Centers for Disease Control and the Florida Department of Health generated data on risk factors by county. Some of the chronic health conditions reported for St. Lucie County include:

- 32.7% adults who have high blood pressure
 - 76.7% of those with high blood pressure are now taking BP medication
 - 57.2% for 65 and older
 - 36.6% for those with less than a high school education
- 34.3% adults who have high blood cholesterol
 - 44.9% for 65 and older
 - 37.1% for those with less than a high school education
- 9.0% adults who have diabetes
 - 17.8% for those with less than a high school education
 - 16.6% for 65 and older
- 11.2% adults who have asthma
 - 11.2% for White, 12.7% for Blacks, and 6.6% for Hispanics
 - 8.9% for ages 18-44, 16.3% for ages 45-65, and 9.8% for ages 65+

The table below compares St. Lucie County to the state and to peer counties in terms of the percent of adults who exhibit selected behavioral risk factors.

Behavior Risk Factors Associated with Morbidity and Mortality

Percent of adults who:	St. Lucie	Lake	Manatee	Marion	State
Who have been told by a doctor or other health professional that their blood pressure is high	33%	28%	37%	32%	28%
Who have been told by a doctor or other health professional their blood cholesterol is high	34%	40%	44%	37%	35%
Who have had their cholesterol checked in last two years (of those ever measured)	84%	84%	84%	80%	83%
With NO regular vigorous physical activity	79%	80%	72%	81%	76%
With NO regular moderate physical activity	55%	55%	52%	59%	55%
Who engage in no leisure-time physical activity	30%	28%	26%	25%	26%
Who consume < 5 servings of fruits and vegetables per day	74%	68%	65%	78%	74%
Who are overweight (BMI* >25)	35%	33%	44%	32%	35%
Who are obese (BMI* >=30)	22%	24%	22%	23%	22%

* BMI = Body Mass Index

Source: Florida Department of Health, Bureau of Epidemiology, based on BRFSS Survey, 2002.

Compared to peer counties, in terms of behavioral risk factors, St. Lucie County compares:

- most favorably to peer counties in terms of cases of high cholesterol
- least favorably in terms of those who engage in no leisure-time physical activity

Compared to the state, St. Lucie County compares:

- unfavorably to the state as a whole in terms of high blood pressure cases and no regular vigorous physical activity

Illness and Deaths from Chronic Disease

Deaths due to diabetes in St. Lucie County are high relative to the state rate and rates in peer counties. Death rates from lung and skin cancer are also higher than state rates. Heart failure deaths and hospitalizations are high relative to peer counties. Hospitalizations for coronary heart disease and stroke are concerns relative to state rates, but trends are improving. The most recently reported incidence of cervical cancer (2001-2003) was high relative to the state rate.

Data compiled by the Department of Health shows that St. Lucie County compares favorably to the rest of the state in terms of:

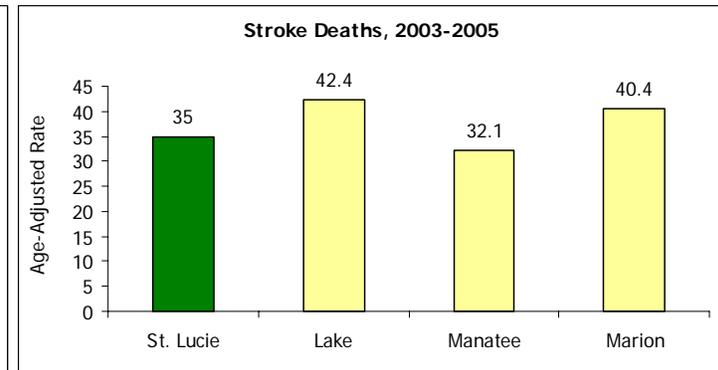
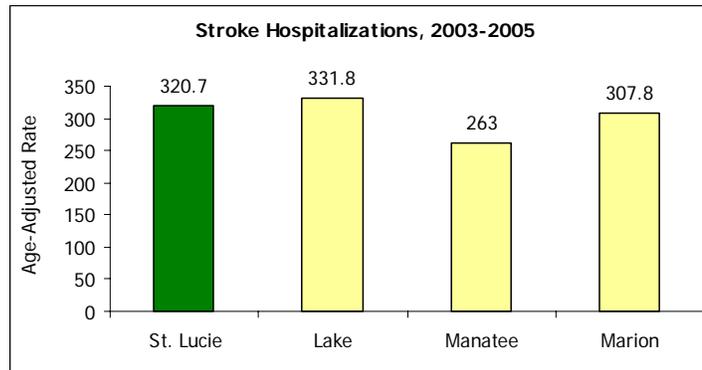
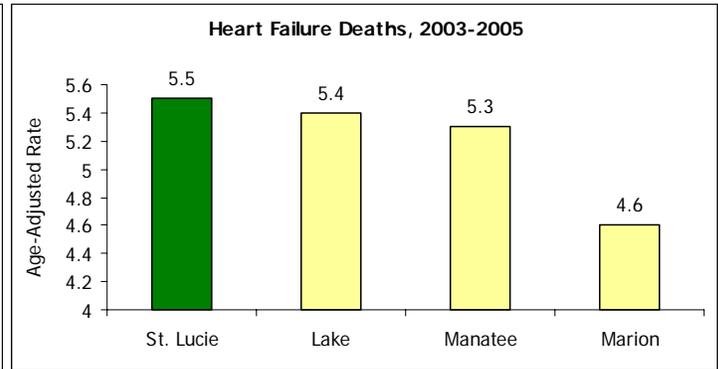
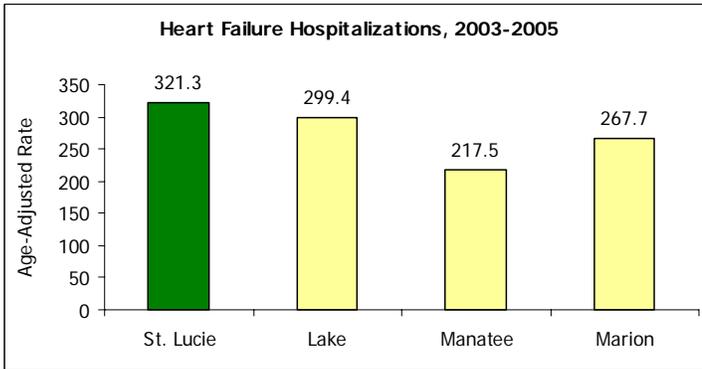
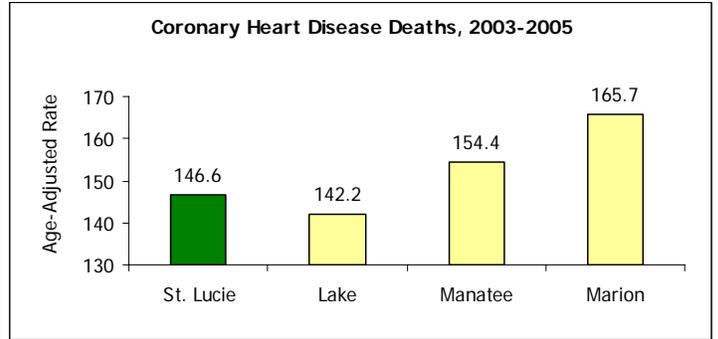
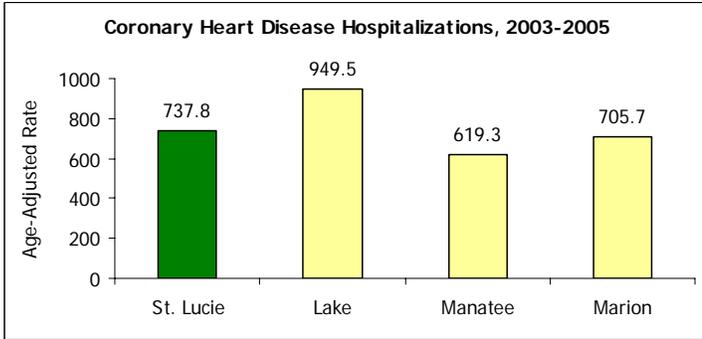
- the 2003-2005 age-adjusted death rates for:
 - stroke
 - heart failure
 - colorectal cancer
 - chronic lower respiratory diseases (CLRD)
 - cervical cancer
 - breast cancer
- the 2001-2003 age-adjusted incidence rates for:
 - colorectal cancer
 - breast cancer
 - lung cancer
 - prostate cancer
 - skin cancer

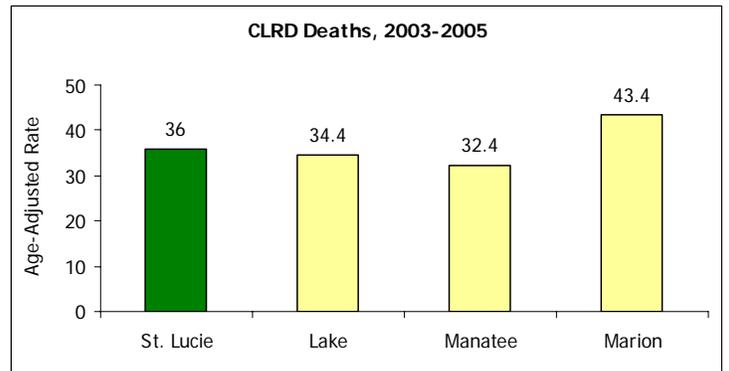
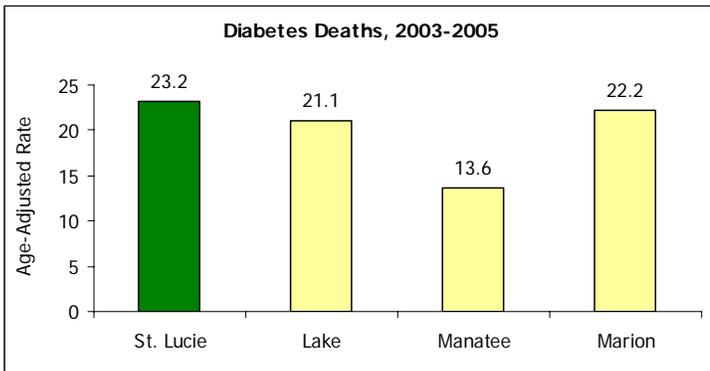
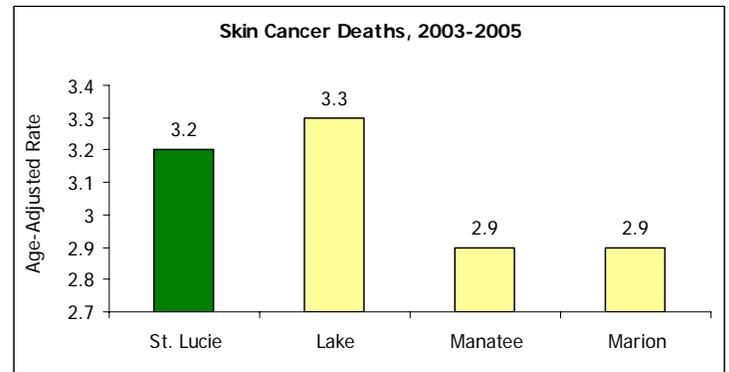
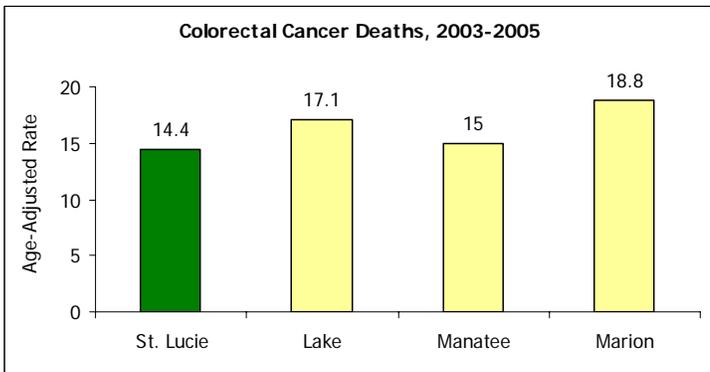
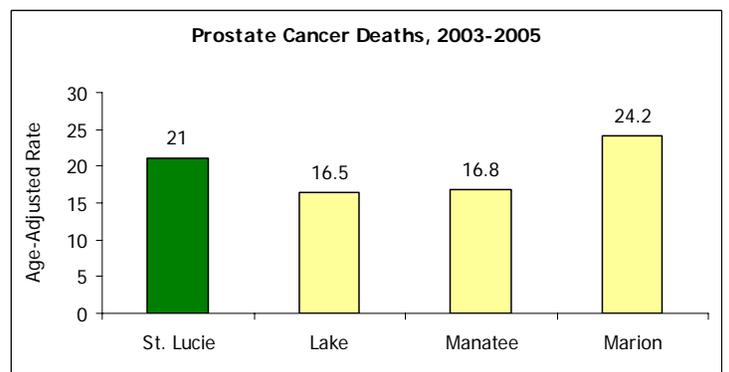
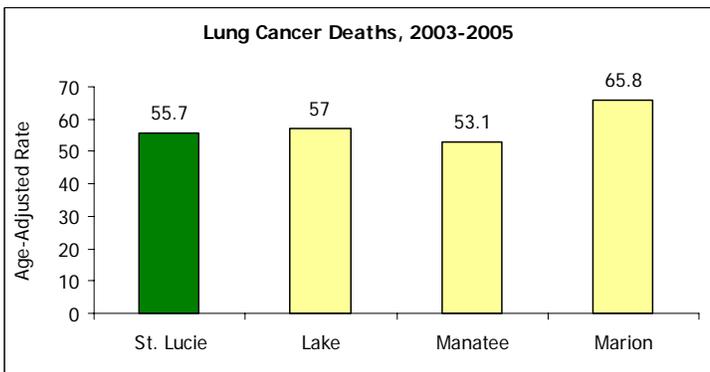
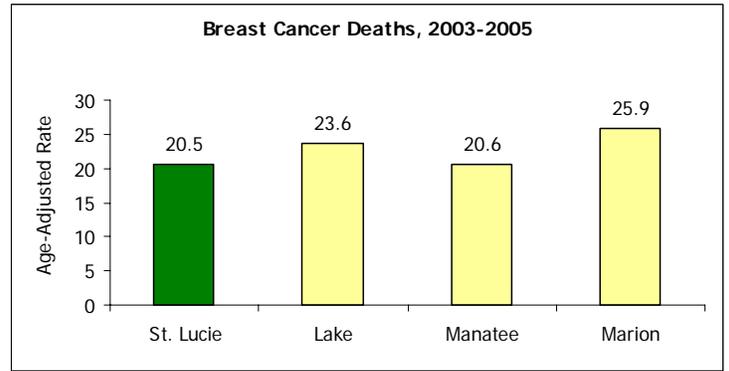
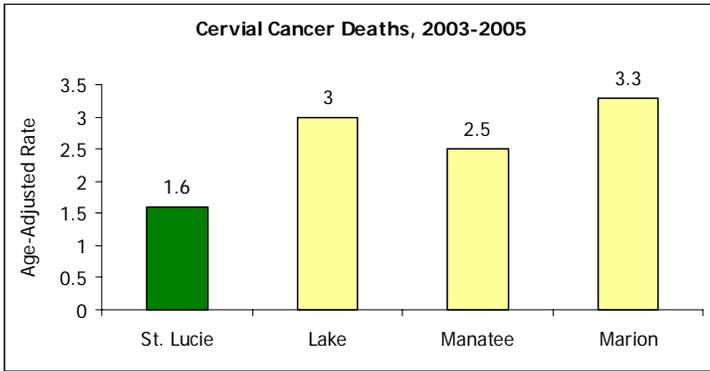
The county compares poorly to the state as a whole on:

- the 2003-2005 age-adjusted death rates for:
 - diabetes
 - lung cancer
 - skin cancer
- the 2003-2005 age-adjusted hospitalization rates for:
 - coronary heart disease
 - congestive heart failure
 - stroke
- the 2001-2003 age-adjusted incidence rates for:
 - cervical cancer

Trends are worsening for age-adjusted hospitalization rates for asthma and diabetes.

The following charts compare St. Lucie County and the three peer counties for some of the most familiar chronic diseases. There are no prior years on the DCF Dashboard for adult measures.





Adult Mental Health

This section presents data from the Florida Department of Children and Families on indicators relating to adult mental health, including:

- Adults who complete mental health treatment
- Employment after treatment
 - Annual days worked for pay for adults with severe and persistent mental illness
 - Average earnings for adults with severe and persistent mental illness
- Annual days spent in the community for adults with severe and persistent mental illness

Overview of Adult Mental Health Outcomes

Adults with mental illness in District 15 (including St. Lucie County) are slightly less successful in completing treatment than those statewide and in peer counties. They are relatively successful in finding work and in their earnings after completing treatment, but the average days worked each year is declining. Also, they are slightly more successful in remaining in the community (avoiding institutionalization) than their counterparts in peer districts.

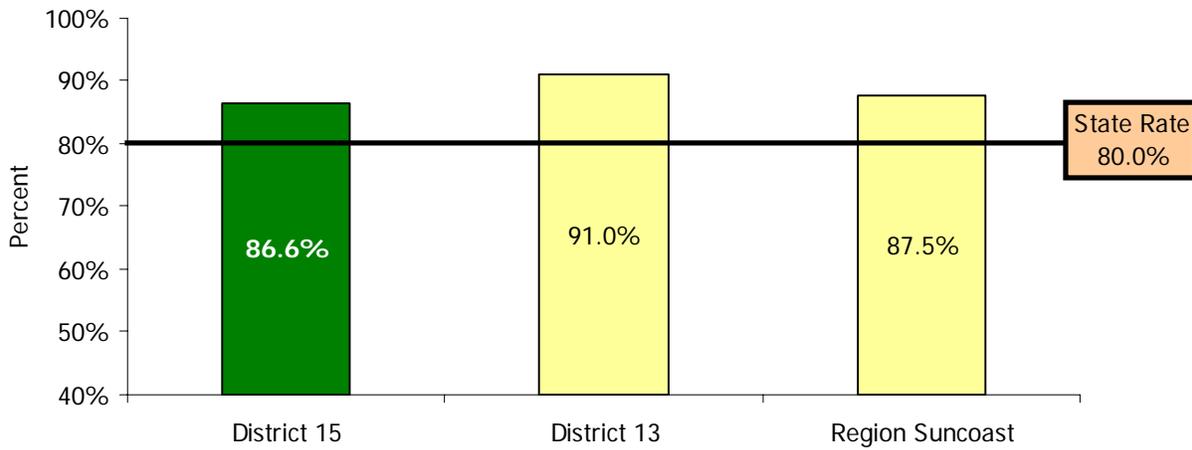
[Note: There are no comparable data available for all adult mental health measures].

Completion of Mental Health Treatment

The rate of adults completing mental health treatment has decreased slightly in District 15 (including St. Lucie County), while statewide rates have increased.

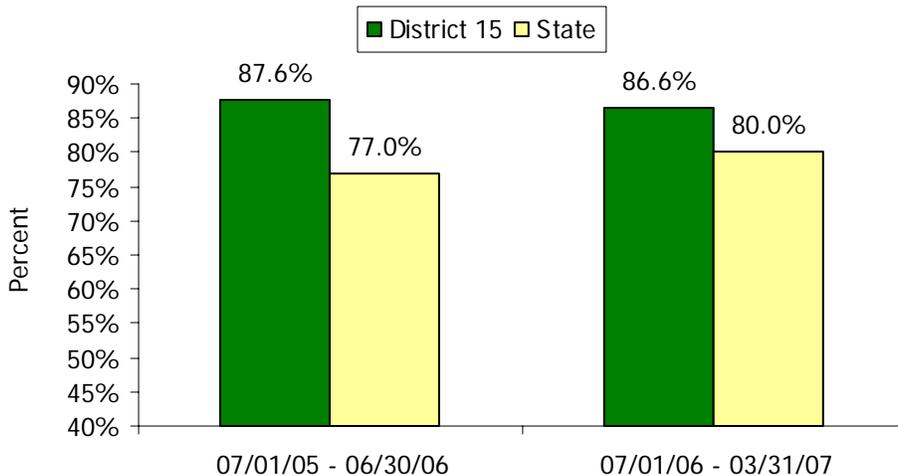
A variety of indicators describe the success of the treatment system in reintegrating adults with mental illness into the community after treatment. First and foremost is completion of mental health treatment. In terms of success in completing treatment, 86.6 percent of adults in DCF District 15 (including St. Lucie County) completed treatment, which was superior to the state rate and one of two peer districts (Suncoast Region, including Manatee County) and slightly lower than the other peer district (District 13, including Lake and Marion Counties). The rate has decreased slightly compared to the previous year, while the state rate increased.

Adults Who Complete Treatment, 06-07 (to date)



Source: Florida Department of Children and Families, Mental Health Program Office

Adults Who Complete Treatment, 05-06 and 06-07 (to date)



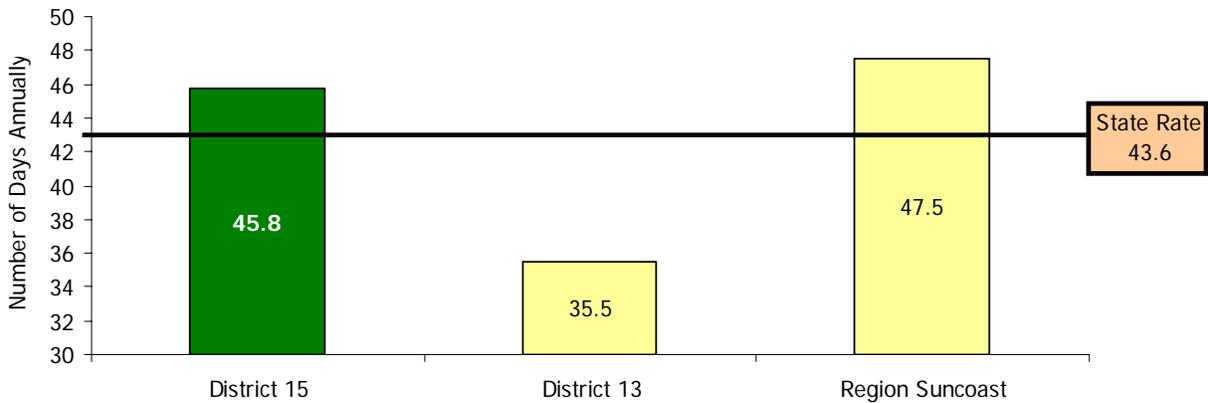
Source: Florida Department of Children and Families, Mental Health Program Office

Employment after Mental Health Treatment

For adults with severe mental illness who work, those in District 15 (including St. Lucie County) work more days and earn more than the state average and surpass one of two peer districts.

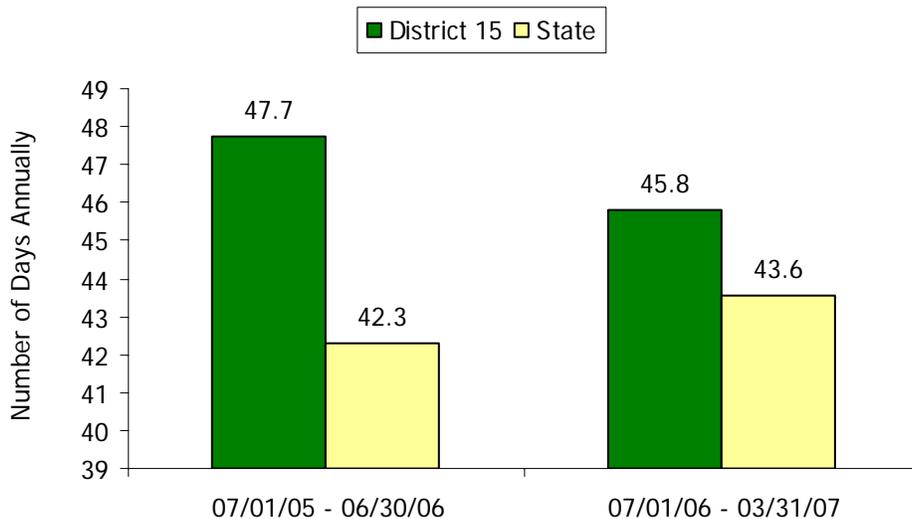
For those working after treatment, District 15 performs better than the state rate and better than one of two peer districts in terms of the average number of days worked for pay. The average has decreased in the comparison to last year, while the state rate has increased slightly. In terms of average earnings, District 15 far exceeds both the state average and the average in one of the two peer districts. The district is slightly below the other peer district.

Annual Days Worked for Pay for Adults with Severe and Persistent Mental Illness 06-07 (to date)



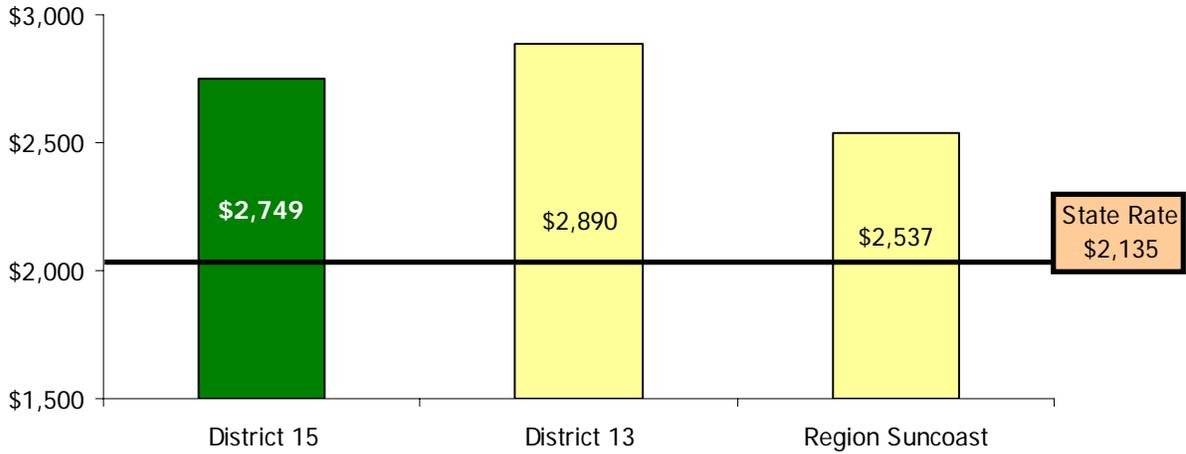
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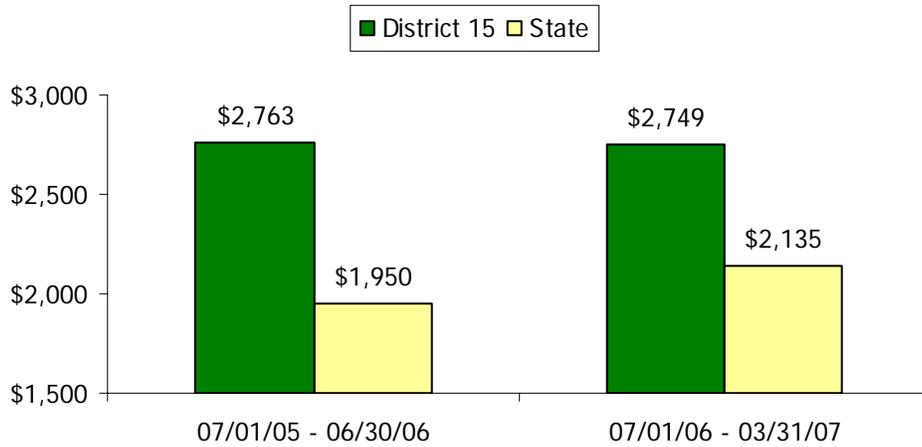
Source: Florida Department of Children and Families, Mental Health Program Office

Average Annual Earnings for Adults with Severe and Persistent Mental Illness, 06-07 (to date)



Source: Florida Department of Children and Families, Mental Health Program Office

Average Annual Earnings for Adults with Severe and Persistent Mental Illness, 05-06 and 06-07 (to date)



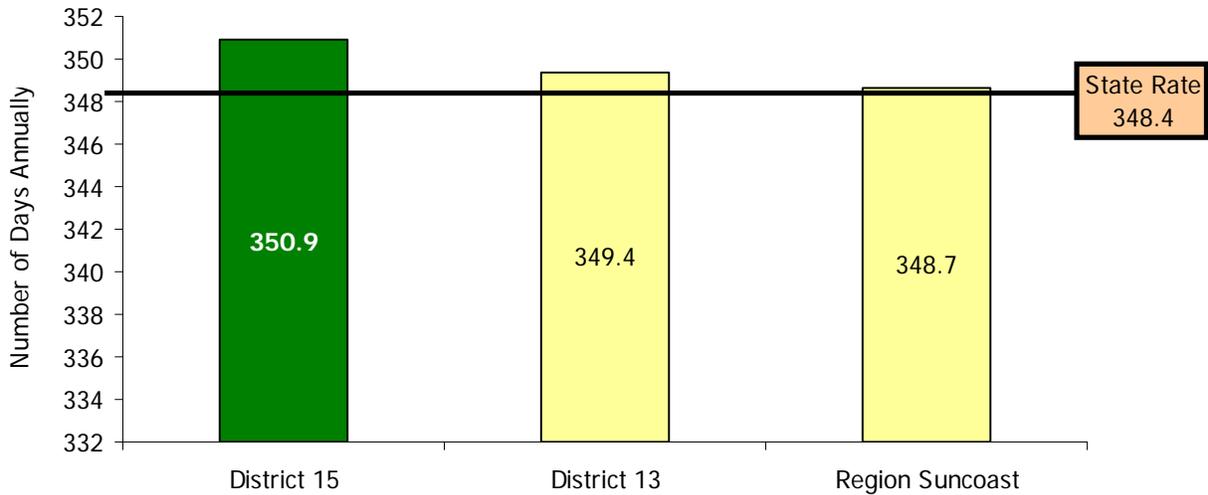
Source: Florida Department of Children and Families, Mental Health Program Office

Days in Community

Adults with severe mental illness in District 15 (including St. Lucie County) remain in the community slightly more days than in peer districts and statewide.

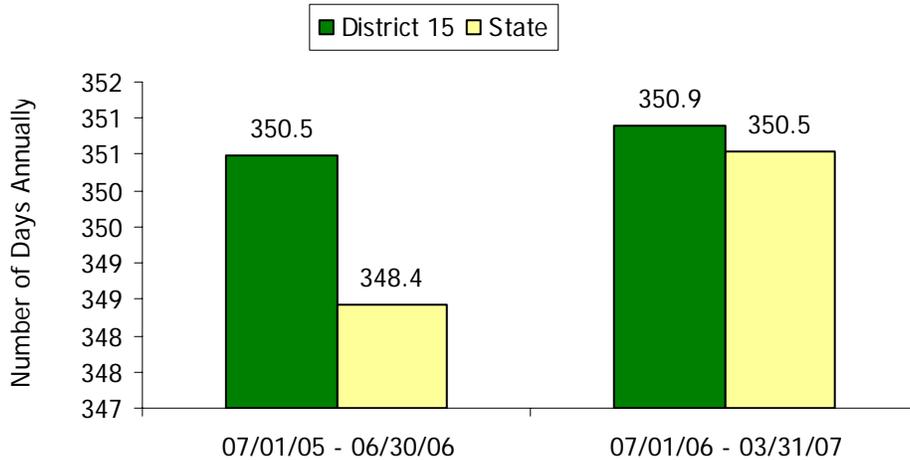
Adults with mental illness who remain in the community rather than being institutionalized generally have better treatment outcomes. District 15 had a slightly better rate than the state overall and both peer districts for the annual days in the community for adults with severe and persistent mental illness. The District 15 rate was slightly above the state rate during the past year and has stayed slightly above for the current year.

Annual Days in the Community for Adults with Severe and Persistent Mental Illness 06-07 (to date)



Source: Florida Department of Children and Families, Mental Health Program Office

Annual Days in the Community for Adults with Severe and Persistent Mental Illness 05-06 and 06-07 (to date)



Source: Florida Department of Children and Families, Mental Health Program Office

COMMUNITY RESPONSE TO ADULT HEALTH AND FUNCTIONING

Health Care

Mental health and HIV/AIDS are issues in St. Lucie County.

It is acknowledged in focus groups by community leaders, service providers, and faith-based organizations that lack of health insurance and access to health care are issues in St. Lucie County as they are in many communities in the country. However, while many cite concern about these issues, there is a sense that providing health insurance to the uninsured is a problem that is beyond the scope of what the county can do. Further, some view this as being related to the economic climate.

Two health related issues were mentioned in every focus group discussion held among leaders and service providers. These issues are lack of mental health care and the HIV/AIDS epidemic. St. Lucie County lacks sufficient facilities for housing and treating those with mental illness (the Savannas, a mental health facility, experienced hurricane damage and closed in 2005 and reopened in 2007). Furthermore, several mentioned that there is also a need for more training of social workers and others on how to handle problems related to mental health.

Fort Pierce is known for having one of the highest rates of HIV/AIDS in the nation. This fact was mentioned frequently in the focus groups as an indication of the problems faced by health care professionals in the county.

Health care costs are having a major impact on many St. Lucie County residents.

As shown by the indicator data, an increasing proportion of adults in St. Lucie County are not covered by health insurance. Thus, it is not surprising that medical costs are a major issue for many of the residents in St. Lucie County, according to results of the telephone survey. These costs are having the greatest impact on those residents who are under the greatest financial pressures. This would include families with children and those households who earn under \$50,000 annually.

As one of the providers that participated in a focus group commented, the very poor often qualify for assistance with health care, but it is the working poor that have the greatest problem.

"The very poor can offset some of their medical costs, but a group that we don't think about is the group who are just getting by. They are the ones we aren't hearing about." (Service provider)

Many St. Lucie County residents struggle to afford medical insurance.

According to the community-wide telephone survey, many residents (45%) feel being able to afford health insurance for themselves and their family is a major issue. This is somewhat less of an issue for those aged 65 and over who may receive Medicare (35%). While this issue impacts people of all races and ethnic backgrounds equally, families with children (57% versus 41%) are feeling the pressure of health insurance costs more than those without children.

In addition, those with incomes under \$50,000 (61% versus 30%) are more likely to have a major issue affording health insurance. This problem also tends to be somewhat more of an issue for those who are less educated and unemployed.

Affording medical services is also an issue for many residents.

Not only is health insurance an issue according to the community-wide survey, but also the ability of families to afford medical services. Overall, four in ten (41%) say affording medical care is a major issue. For those 65 years and over, medical care is not as great an issue due to Medicare. Among the senior population, three in ten (29%) say affording medical care is a major issue.

Affording medical services is more of an issue for Hispanic households in St. Lucie County (61% versus 40%). Additionally, families with children (57% versus 35%) and those with incomes under \$50,000 (56% versus 28%) are more likely to feel this is a major issue. Educational level and employment status do not appear to have an impact on affording medical services in St. Lucie County as this problem affects these groups equally.

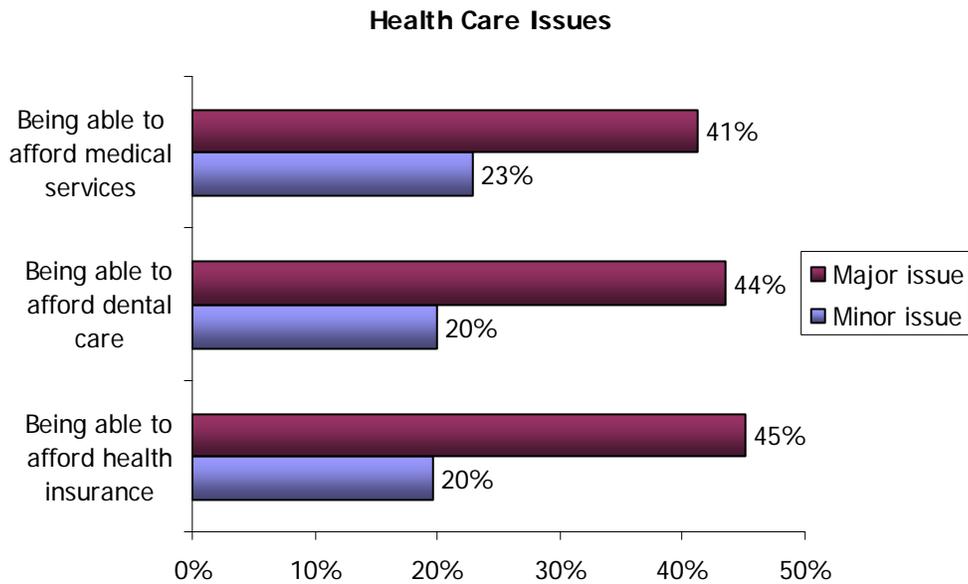
In order to gain insight into the Haitian population, a focus group was held with members of the Haitian community. One woman explained her opinion of health care in the United States.

"The health system works for people who have money, not for immigrants. We need health insurance. There's nothing worse than having your kids sick and not being able to go to the hospital." (Haitian)

The cost of dental care is a problem for many in St. Lucie County.

A problem exists with the cost of dental care for many residents, according to telephone survey results. Specifically, 44% of households have a major issue with being able to afford dental care for themselves and their families. This problem impacts all age groups equally, including seniors.

Again, racial and ethnicity do not have an impact on this problem, but children and income do affect this issue. Specifically, households with children are more likely to say affording dental care is a major issue (57% versus 39%) as are those with incomes under \$50,000 (56% versus 28%). Further, lack of a job is more likely to make this a major issue (66% versus 40%).



Data Source: Questions 25, 26, 27 in community telephone survey

Health Status

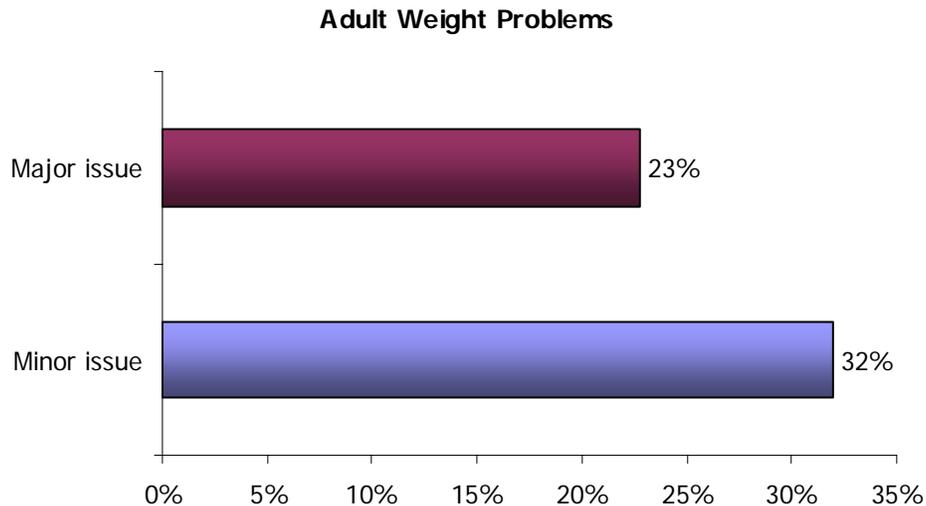
Obesity is an issue in St. Lucie County which may lead to greater health problems.

Both the indicator data and the community-wide telephone survey agree that obesity is a major problem for one in five residents (23%). Many health care professionals feel that obesity is a leading cause of other health problems including diabetes, heart disease, and respiratory problems.

Indicator data suggests, and the survey tends to support, that obesity is more of an issue for those with less education and those who are Black. The survey data also suggests that those with incomes under \$25,000 are more likely to feel obesity is a major issue in their household (36%). No other differences are seen by demographic subgroups on this measure.

A service provider who participated in one of the focus groups noted that poor nutrition, which can lead to obesity, is one of the causes of some children not performing well in school.

*"In terms of children not doing well in school, we have to look at health and nutrition, especially for young children. Kids aren't eating enough, and when they are eating enough they aren't eating the right things. That leads to obesity."
(Service provider)*



Data Source: Question 19 in community telephone survey

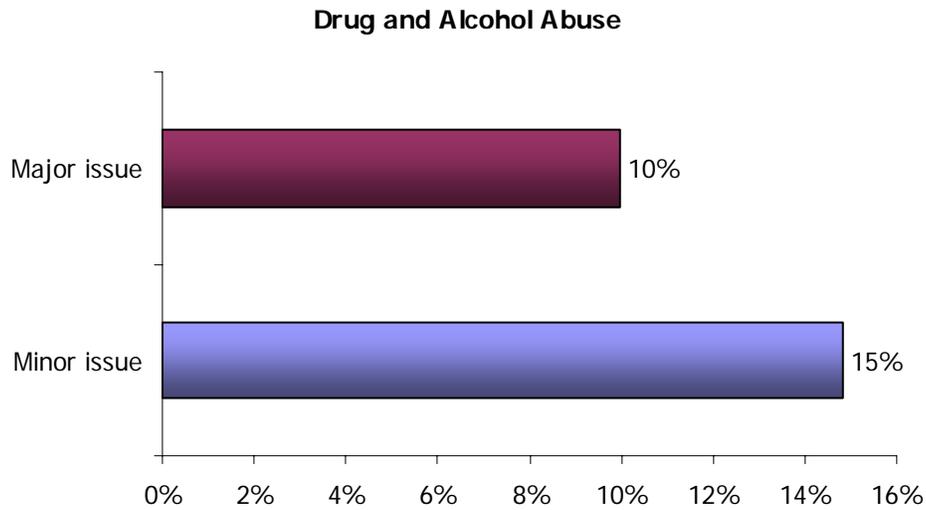
Lifestyles

Substance abuse is an issue among a small group of adults in St. Lucie County.

According to the telephone survey, substance abuse is a major issue for one in ten (10%) St. Lucie County households. Drug and alcohol abuse are more likely to be a major issue among seniors (15%). This higher level of alcohol abuse is seen in other studies among those age 65 and over and may correlate to the fact that many seniors live alone. In addition to seniors, Blacks (18%) and those with incomes under \$25,000 (17%) are more likely to have a major issue in their household with substance abuse. Other demographic segments do not show any differences on this issue.

Service providers commenting in the focus groups suggest that drug and alcohol abuse may be more of a problem than indicated by the telephone survey. Many providers in the focus groups see drug and alcohol abuse as a problem that negatively impacts many young children.

*“Children have been removed from their families. 75% of those kids have experienced either domestic violence or substance abuse in the homes.”
(Service provider)*



Data Source: Question 16 in community telephone survey

Adult Mental Health

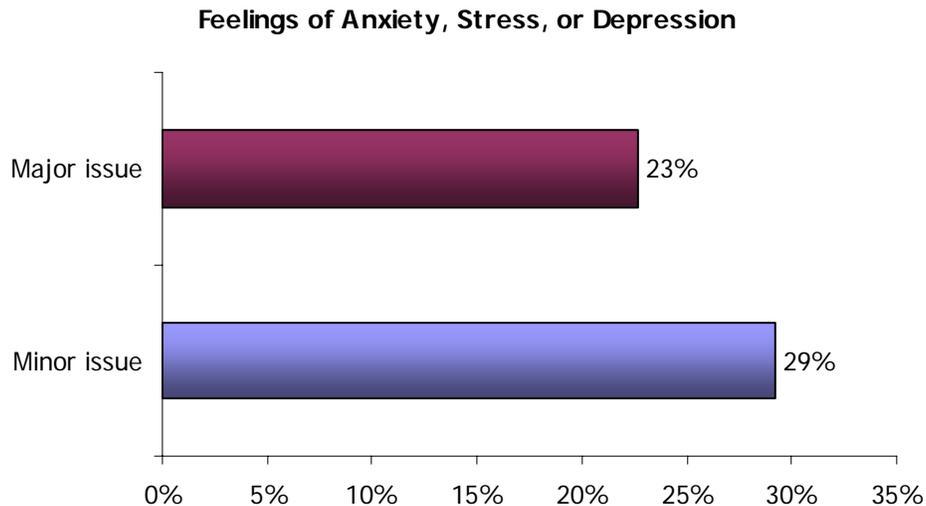
Mental health problems may be preventing some residents from finding and keeping employment.

Overall, one in five adults (23%) that participated in the telephone survey have a major problem with feelings of anxiety, stress, or depression. These mental health issues are the greatest problem for residents who are unemployed (38%) and are less of an issue for those who are employed (22%) or retired (18%).

Residents with children (30%) and respondents with incomes under \$25,000 (33%) are also more likely to experience major issues with anxiety, stress, and depression. There are no differences by age, ethnic, or racial delineations on this measure.

Participants in several of the focus groups indicated that there is a lack of mental health beds in St. Lucie County, which means that many people are not getting the care they need.

In 2005, the Savannas, a mental health facility, experienced hurricane damage and closed. However, the facility reopened in 2007 under new ownership under the name Port St. Lucie Hospital. As of August 2007, the facility had 60 beds, with plans of opening 15 more beds in the future.



Data Source: Question 20 in community telephone survey

ELDERLY AND DISABLED ADULTS

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STRATEGIC DIRECTION FOR ELDERLY AND DISABLED ADULTS

The elderly and disabled adults chapter includes the following:

- Overview
- Financial Status
- Living Situation
- Health Status
- Disabled Adults

Analysis

Data from the indicators on elderly and disabled adults suggest that the population of elderly residents will continue to grow which will increase the need for senior services. In addition, there is a sizable problem with elders being medically underserved and poverty is more of an issue for elders in specific areas of Fort Pierce. St. Lucie County is able to keep all disabled adults who receive services through DCF out of nursing homes. The areas which pose the greatest levels for concern are:

Population

- Population growth – The number of residents age 60 and over in St. Lucie County is expected to increase 103% between now and 2030.

Financial Status

- Poverty levels – While fewer St. Lucie County elder residents live in poverty than the state levels, 12% have incomes that place them at or below 125% of the poverty level.
- Needs index – The Elders Needs Index shows that zip codes 34950 and 34947 have poverty rates among residents age 65 and over, which far outpace other areas of St. Lucie County.

Living Situation

- Live alone – One in five (20.3%) elders in St. Lucie County live alone.

Health Status

- Medically underserved – One-quarter (25.7%) of elders in St. Lucie County are medically underserved, which compares unfavorably to the state rate and two of three peer counties.

Consider the following strategic directions to address these concerns:

1. Evaluate and develop ways for senior services to handle increasing volumes of clients as the elder population grows.
2. Develop, evaluate, improve, and expand communication and outreach programs geared toward elders in St. Lucie County in order to make them aware of senior services.
3. Explore the viability of using the community health clinic concept outlined in the strategic direction for adult health and functioning section as a means to help the large medically underserved portion of the elder population.

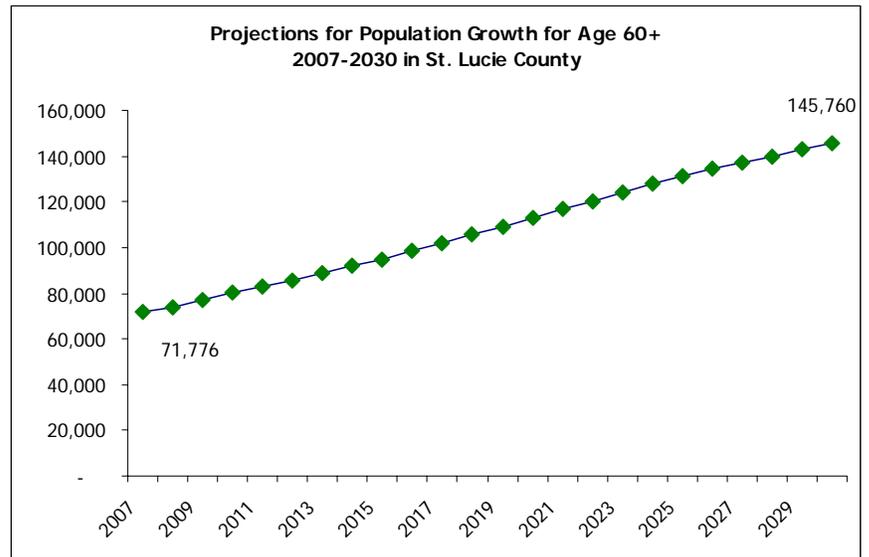
INDICATORS

Indicators to assess the needs of elderly adults relate to the living situations and health of the elders and the extent to which services are needed to maintain independence and health. For disabled adults, the focus of needs assessment indicators is access to a living situation that negates the need for nursing home placement. The Florida Department of Elder Affairs (DOEA) has developed a series of indicators that provide a picture of the adequacy with which the needs of the elderly are met in local communities. The Department of Children and Families monitors the avoidance of nursing home placement for disabled adults.

Elderly

In St. Lucie County, the population age 60 and older is expected to grow from 71,776 in 2007 to 145,760 by 2030, an increase of 103 percent. This matches the expected growth rate of the 60+ age group for the state as a whole.

The approximately 53,540 elders (65+) in St. Lucie County represent 22.3 percent of the population, with 19.7 percent age 65-84 and 2.6 percent 85 years of age or older.



Meeting the needs of the elder population is critical for community well-being. This section presents data from the Florida Department of Elder Affairs on indicators relating to elder health and functioning, including:

- Financial status (Population 65+ living below the poverty level)
- Living situation (Population 60+ living alone)
- Health Status
 - Population 65+ medically underserved
 - Population 65+ with two or more type of disabilities
 - Probable Alzheimer's as percent of population 65+

- Needs Index, a composite of percent of population with Alzheimer's Disease, living below 100 percent of the poverty level, with multiple disabilities, minority, and living in rural areas.

The indicators where St. Lucie County fared well by comparison were:

- the rates of elders living alone
- elders with two or more disabilities
- probable cases of Alzheimer's disease

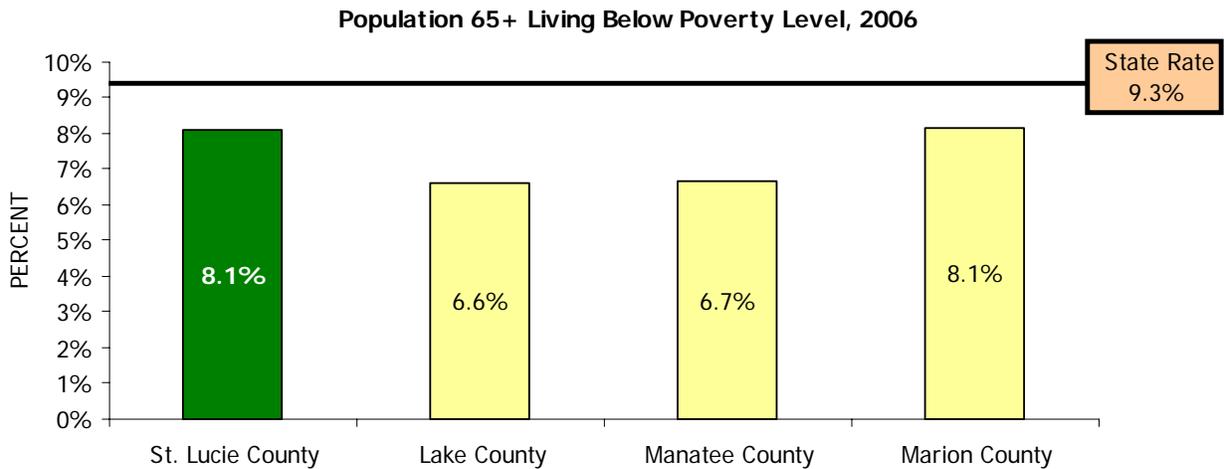
Indicators where St. Lucie County did not fare well by comparison were:

- elders living below the poverty level
- elders classified as medically underserved

Financial Status

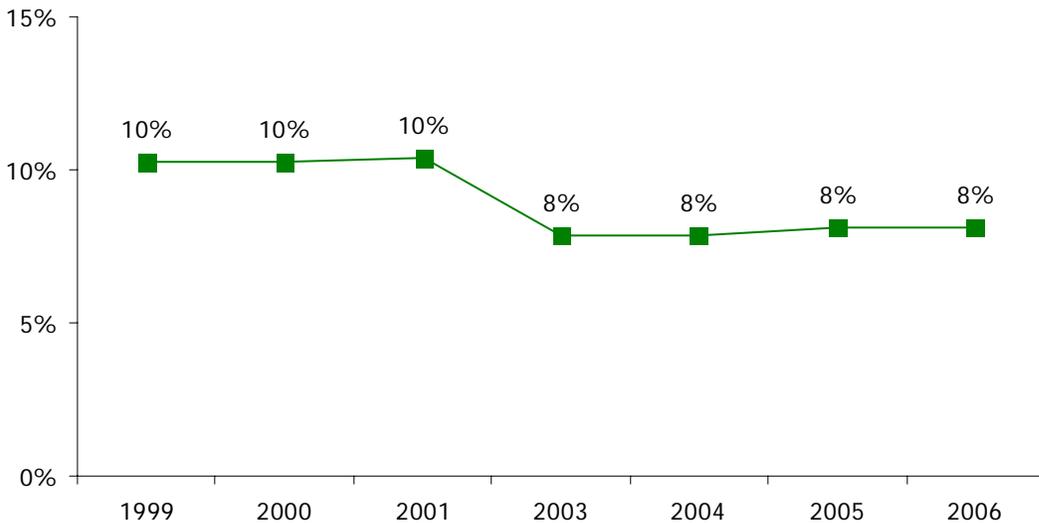
Proportionately fewer elders age 60 and older (8.1%) live in poverty (100% of federal poverty level) in St. Lucie County compared to the state as a whole, but the county compares unfavorably to two of three peer counties. Nearly 12 percent of St. Lucie County's elders 60+ have incomes that place them at or below 125 percent of the poverty level.

The proportion of the population age 60+ living in poverty has stayed fairly consistent since dropping from 10 percent to 8 percent between 2001 and 2003. (Note: Data for 2002 are not available.)



Source: Florida Department of Elder Affairs

Trend in Population 65+ Living Below Poverty Level St. Lucie County



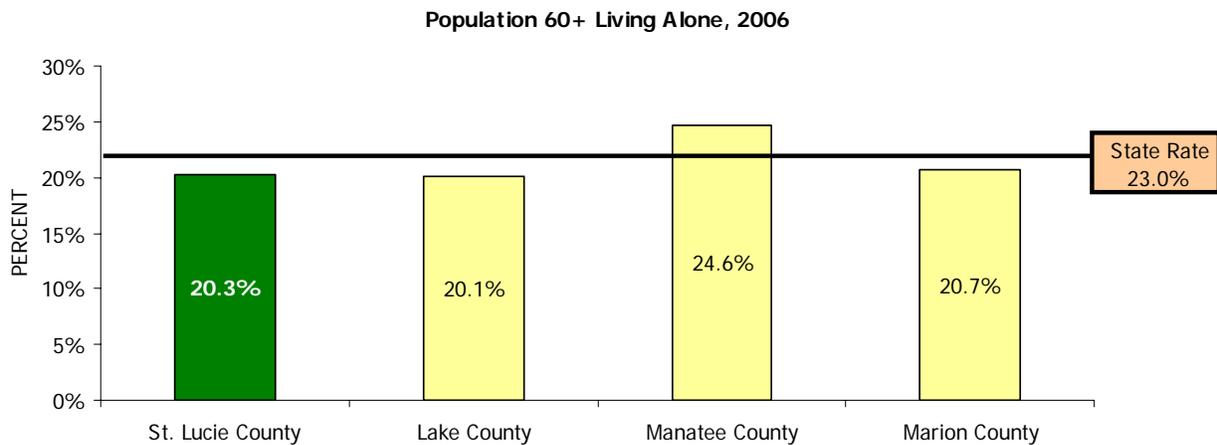
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Living Situation

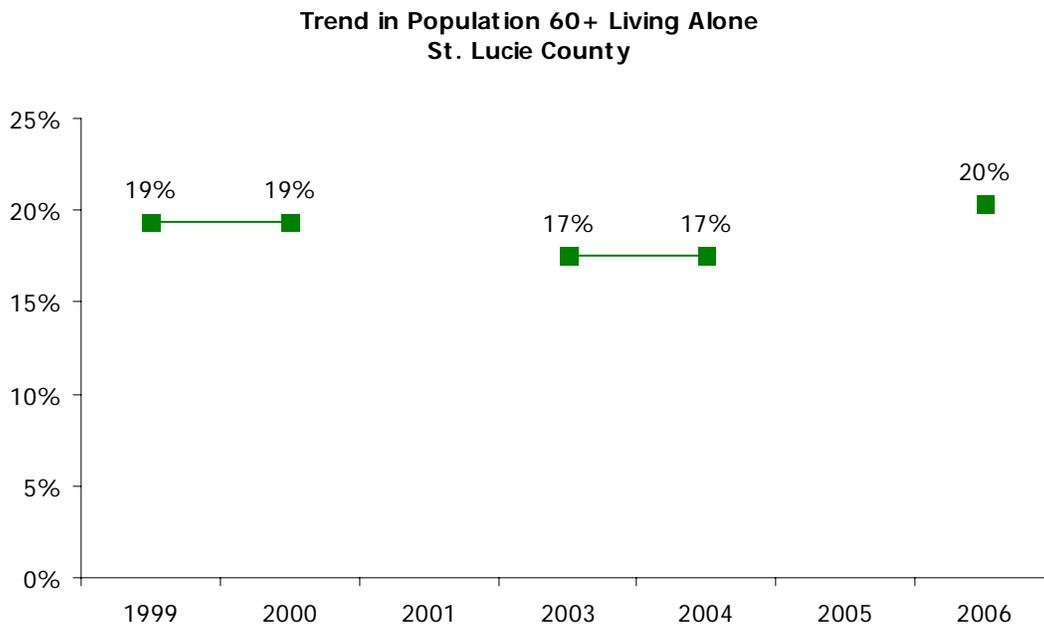
Older people who live alone face greater challenges as they age and frailty becomes an issue. Lacking access to caregivers, these elders are more at-risk for nursing home placement in the future. One-fifth of St. Lucie County's population age 60 and over lives alone. This rate is slightly below the state rate, but similar to two of three peer counties.

St. Lucie County has proportionately fewer of its 60+ population (7.4%) living in rural areas where elders are more likely to live alone compared to two of three peer counties.

The 20 percent of the population age 60+ living alone reported for 2006 was the highest rate reported of the five years for which comparable data are available, beginning in 1999.



Source: Florida Department of Elder Affairs

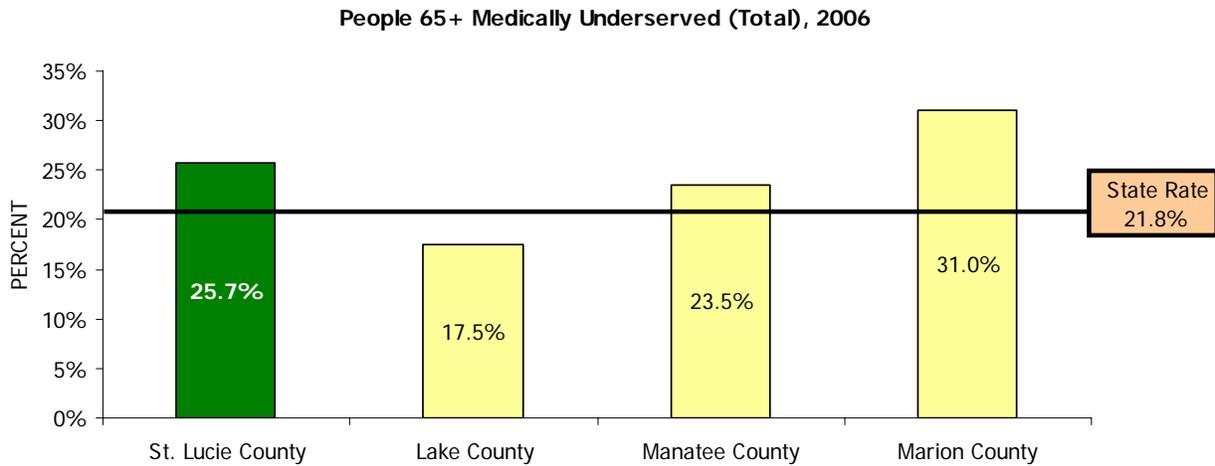


Source: Florida Department of Elder Affairs
NOTE: 2001 and 2005 data are not available

Health Status

A critical factor in maintaining good health is access to medical care. Elders in rural areas without ready access to medical care and those who lack health insurance or who are ineligible for Medicaid are considered medically underserved. About one-quarter (26%) of the elders 65+ in St. Lucie County are medically underserved, comparing unfavorably to two of three peer counties and exceeding the state rate.

Only data from 2005 was available for comparison and the proportion of the age group 65+ was the same (26%).

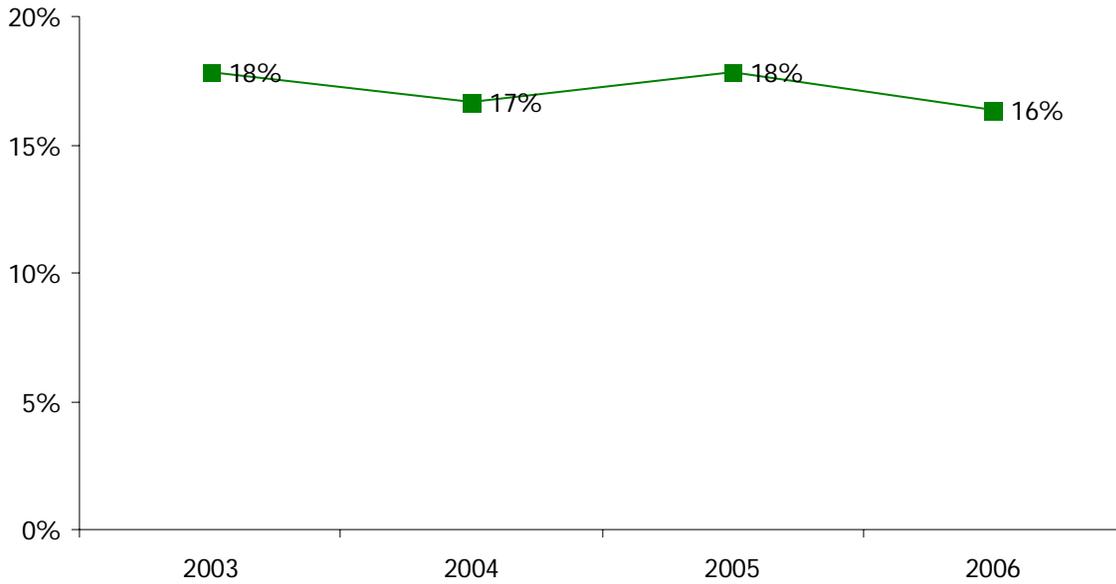


Source: Florida Department of Elder Affairs

Fewer of the elders (65+) in St. Lucie County (13%) are significantly disabled, i.e., with two or more disabilities, than in peer counties or in the state as a whole (19%). The Department of Elder Affairs reports that the disability rate increases with age, with people age 85 and older having four times the rate of disability as those who are age 60 to 84.

The proportion of the population 65+ with two or more disabilities dropped to 16 percent in 2006, compared to 17-18 percent in the three prior years.

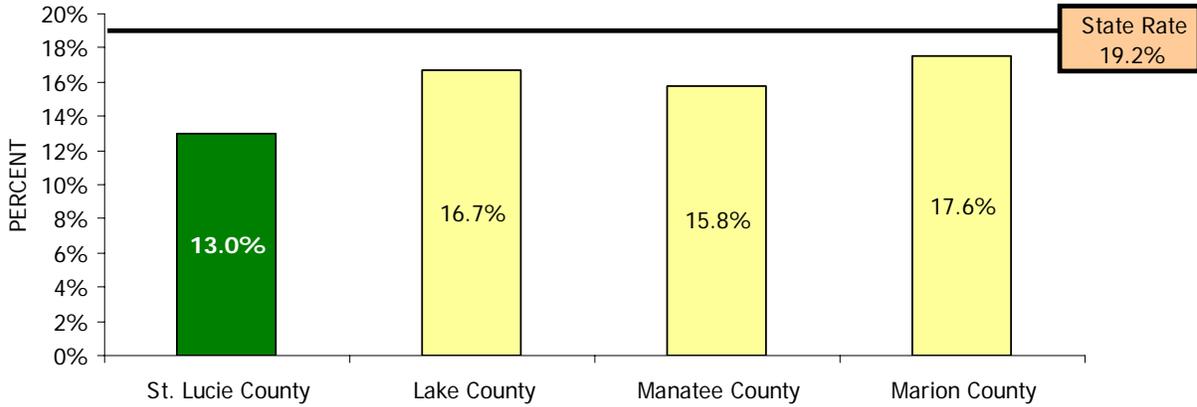
**Trend in Population 65+ with 2 or More Disabilities
St. Lucie County**



Source: Florida Department of Elder Affairs

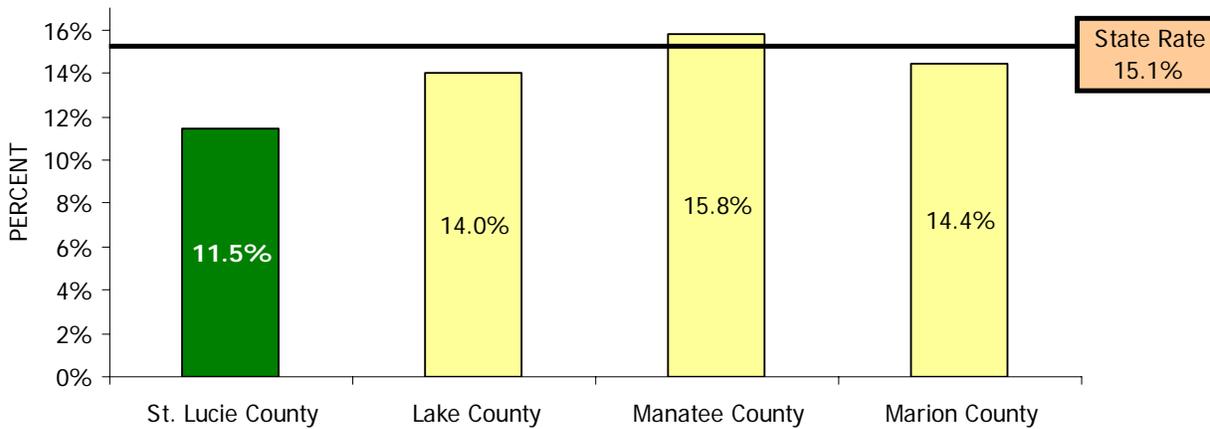
The same pattern was true for probable Alzheimer’s cases. The rate of 11.5 (as a percent of those 65+) of probable Alzheimer’s cases was considerably below the state rate of 15 percent and the rates in the three peer counties.

Population 65+ with Two or More Types of Disabilities, 2006



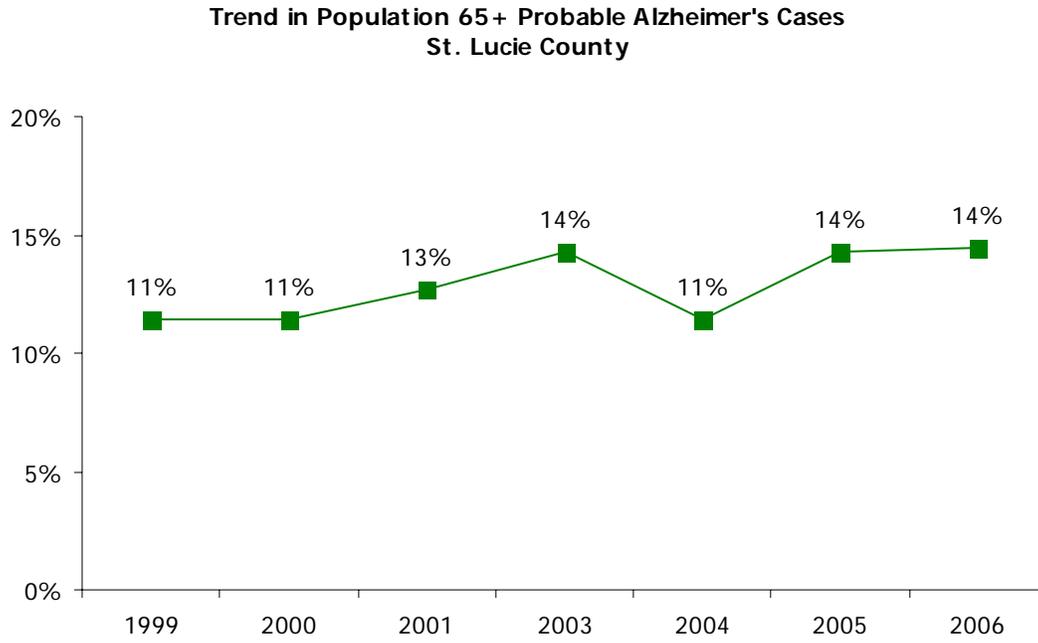
Source: Florida Department of Elder Affairs

Probable Alzheimers as Percent of Pop. 65+, 2006



Source: Florida Department of Elder Affairs

The proportion of the population 65+ with probable Alzheimer's has increased to 14 percent in 2006 from 11 percent in 1999.



Source: Florida Department of Elder Affairs

Needs Index

The Department of Elder Affairs developed an “Elders Needs Index” to rank geographical areas according to characteristics of the resident elder population. The index targets elder populations that are isolated, in poverty, or disabled. The index is a composite of the percent of the population (based on the 2000 Census) with Alzheimer’s Disease, living below 100 percent of the poverty level, with multiple disabilities, minority, and living in rural areas. The following map shows the needs index rate for St. Lucie County at the Census block level. The map is color-coded to show relative need, with high need area appearing in red. The high need areas in St. Lucie County are shown in the following table:

Zip Code	P.O. Name	All Ages	60 and Older	65 and Older	75 and Older	85 and Older	Percent Rural	Poverty Rate 65-74	Poverty Rate 75 and Older	65+ w/ 2 or more Disabilities (Any)	65+ w/ 2 or More Disabilities (Incl. Self Care)	65+ w/ Homebound
34947	Fort Pierce	10,443	1,427	1,049	470	124	1.31%	26.09%	29.03%	423	264	55
34950	Fort Pierce	17,739	2,898	2,248	1,120	319	0.00%	33.50%	35.40%	797	414	200
34951	Fort Pierce	12,792	5,370	4,565	2,043	266	24.93%	6.22%	3.99%	628	205	172
34952	Port Saint Lucie	31,367	12,496	10,673	5,682	1,420	4.20%	5.60%	9.09%	1,415	510	594
34953	Port Saint Lucie	25,705	3,489	2,508	883	134	0.77%	3.53%	8.39%	517	141	176
34981	Fort Pierce	3,263	396	276	126	26	13.73%	0.00%	15.85%	50	18	0
34982	Fort Pierce	23,018	6,047	4,906	2,380	456	2.66%	4.71%	4.65%	841	372	308
34983	Port Saint Lucie	27,079	6,077	4,861	2,324	453	0.82%	3.86%	8.56%	954	288	268

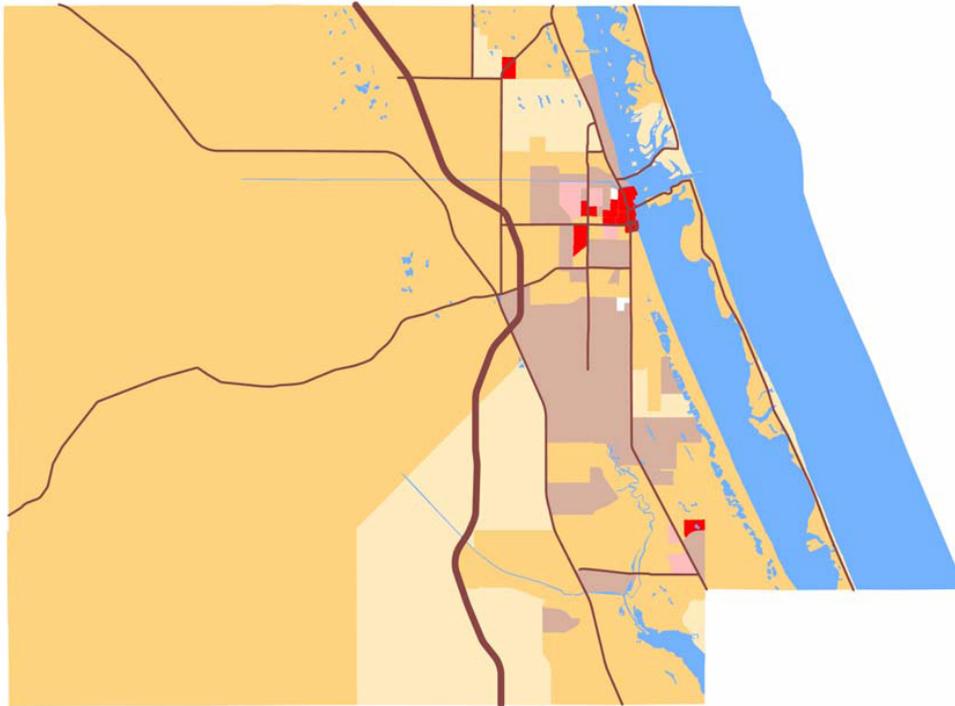
Source: Department of Elder Affairs, 2004

The five measures in the composite are weighted according to OAA funding allocations. Then the formula for the needs index is applied to the geographical area of the Census Block. The distribution of the Needs Index for Census Block Groups varies from 4.67 for the highest index to -1.34 for the lowest index. The following table provides an explanation of the level of need relative to the Needs Index as described by DOEA.

Percentile	Needs Index Range	Level
10	<-.62	Very Low
50	-.62 to -.09	Low
85	-.08 to .54	Moderate
95	.55 to 1.03	High
100	>1.03	Very High

Elders Needs Index in St. Lucie County

Census Block Groups 2000



Needs Index

-  Very Low
-  Low
-  Moderate
-  High
-  Very High



Source: Florida Department of Elder Affairs, *Assessing the Needs of Elder Floridians*, 2004

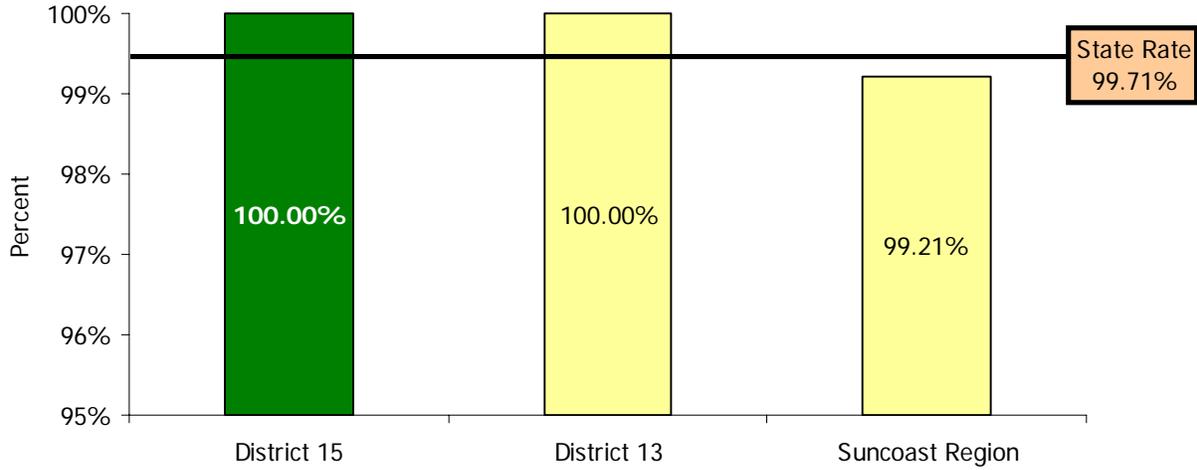
Disabled Adults

For disabled adults, the primary indicator is one that reflects avoidance of nursing home placement. If the level of community services is adequate, disabled adults may be able to stay in their own homes. The statistics give an indication of whether there are sufficient community services to help disabled adults stay in their own homes. When services are insufficient, these individuals are at-risk for nursing home placement to get the care and support that they need. The Department of Children and Families administers programs for disabled adults and monitors the following indicator:

- Adults with disabilities not placed in nursing home

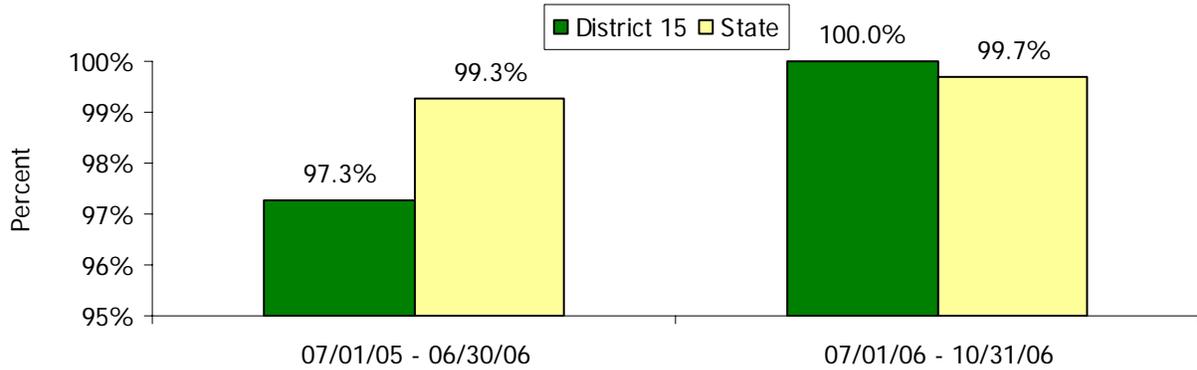
All St. Lucie County adults with disabilities who were receiving services through Elder Affairs were not placed in a nursing home. (The figure is for DCF District 15 which includes St. Lucie County. The peer counties are included in District 13 and the Suncoast Region). While the district was below the state rate last year, in the current fiscal year the district exceeds the state rate of 99.7 percent and exceeds the rate in one of the two peer districts.

Adults with Disabilities Not Placed in Nursing Home 06-07 (to date)



Source: Florida Department of Children and Families

Adults with Disabilities Not Placed in Nursing Home 05-06 and 06-07 (to date)



Source: Florida Department of Children and Families

COMMUNITY RESPONSE TO ELDERLY AND DISABLED ADULTS

Elderly

As the number of seniors increases in St. Lucie County, so will the need for additional services.

Seniors in St. Lucie County are dealing with many of the same issues as their younger counterparts such as affordable housing, health care, transportation, and the economic climate of the area. Therefore, it is not entirely surprising that issues relating specifically to residents over the age of 60 do not top the list of ones that need immediate attention.

Nonetheless, providers of senior services sound a warning that their current ability to meet demand for services is already overburdened and will only get worse in the future. Providers envision as increasing demand for senior services from the large number of baby boomers who are entering the senior market.

Seniors know how to access information about senior services.

Over half (61%) of seniors who participated in the community-wide survey believe that, if they need services, they know how to get information about the services that are available. This is not to imply that seniors understand or are aware of all services that are available to them. It does, however, suggest that many know where to start their search if the need arises.

Due, in part, to federally funded programs, many of the types of services that seniors need are in place. Unfortunately, service providers and community leaders are acutely aware that these programs are not adequately funded for the growing senior population.

The problem, therefore, is not creating new programs, but rather finding ways and funds to handle the increased need for services. This problem of supply not being adequate to meet demand is seen as one that will only get more severe. It was noted in the provider focus groups that there are waiting lists for all federally funded programs.

Lack of adequate funding for senior services may be a factor in explaining why one-quarter of residents over 60 in the community-wide survey disagree that the community is committed to providing services for residents over 60. As one provider commented in a focus group:

"I see that so many of these elderly folks are going without services because we don't have enough federally funded programs to help with this and there are waiting lists for every one of those federally funded programs." (Service provider)

Financial

Many seniors are living pay check to pay check.

Service providers are frequently more attuned to the financial situations of the elderly population. Providers mentioned that seniors are often unable to afford to pay for the services they need, with many living on very tight budgets.

"I live in a retirement community. I work at the recreation desk and come in contact with a lot of seniors. Some people in my community are very comfortable. However, there are some that live from check to check. They are really having a rough, rough time." (Service provider)

Maintaining their independence in the future is a concern for many seniors.

According to indicator data, 20% of St. Lucie County's 60 and over population lives alone. The results of a community-wide telephone survey supported this finding, with one-quarter of survey respondents over the age of 60 living in one-person households.

Albeit a small sample, just over one-third (36%) of telephone survey respondents over 60 years old have incomes under \$25,000. Among seniors who live in one-person households, the percent with incomes under \$25,000 jumps to over half (57%).

The large percent of senior "singles" increases the importance of communication to ensure that older residents are able to call for help when they need it, and perhaps as important that someone is checking on them to see how they are doing.

The community-wide telephone survey provides insight into how some issues are perceived by seniors.

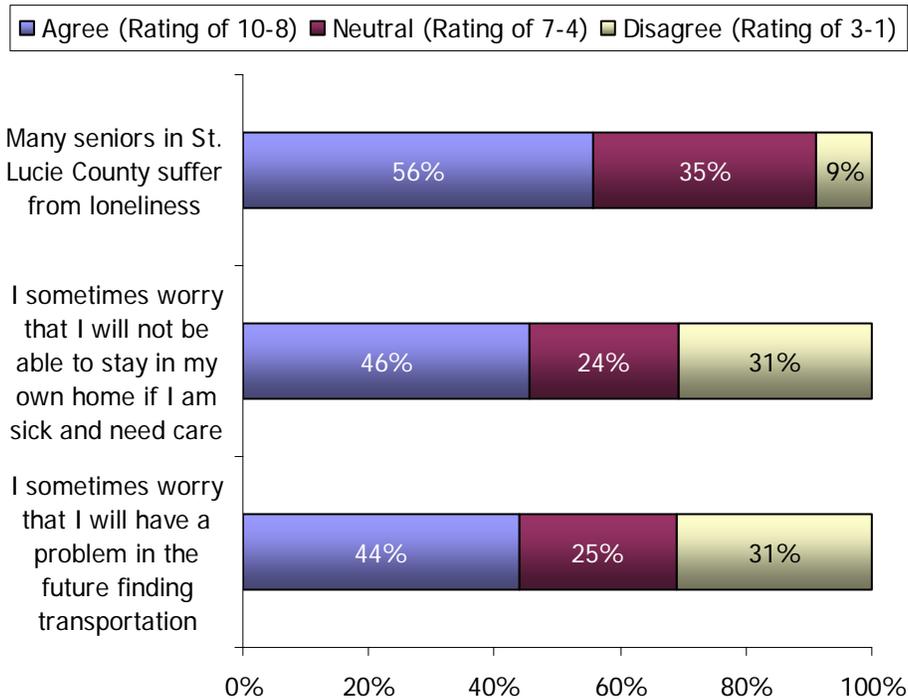
- 44% worry that they will not be able to remain in their home if they become sick and need care. Though the sample size was small, data also suggests that this is a much greater concern to seniors who live alone and seniors over 70 years old.
- 42% worry that they will be unable to find transportation in the future. Over two-thirds believe it is important that the county have an adequate transportation system. As with remaining in their own home if sick, transportation is a much greater concern to seniors who live alone.
- 30% have an issue with needing to make their home handicap accessible. Based on a small sample size, this issue appears to be much more common among those 65 years and over than those between 60 and 64 years old.

Living Situations

Loneliness is a problem for many seniors.

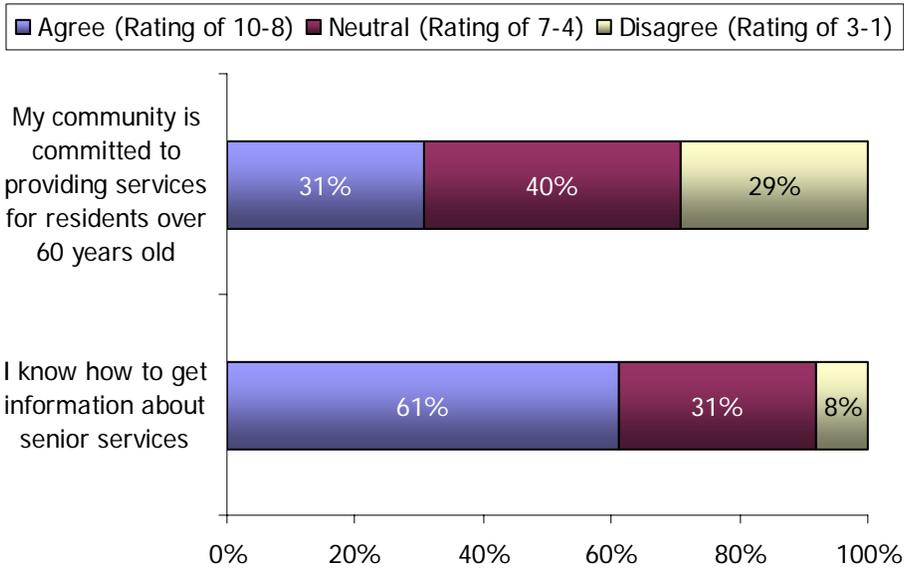
Over half (56%) of residents age 60 and over feel many seniors in St. Lucie County suffer from loneliness. Though this perception was strong among all seniors, it is not surprisingly a larger issue among those who live in one-person households. Nearly six in ten (59%) seniors who live alone agree with this statement compared to 44% who do not live alone.

Agreement with Statements related to Seniors



Data Source: Questions 46, 47, and 49 in community telephone survey

Agreement with Statements related to Available Information and Services

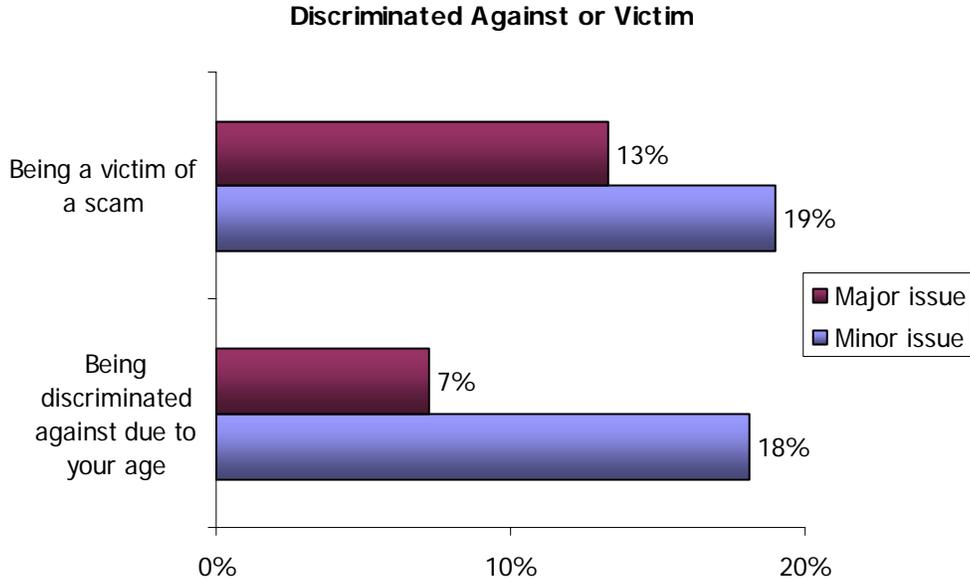


Data Source: Questions 48 and 50 in community telephone survey

One in ten St. Lucie seniors have been a victim of a scam.

It is not unusual to read or hear news stories of elderly residents being victimized by a scam. Unfortunately, the scams are very much alike and all play on the gullibility and trust of some seniors.

On the one hand, the percent of seniors in the community-wide survey that indicated being a victim of a crime is relatively small (13%). However, when this percent is applied to the total population of the county the number is startling.



Data Source: Questions 53 and 54 in community telephone survey

Health Status

Some seniors are dealing with problems associated with alcohol abuse.

St. Lucie County residents were asked if a series of common issues were a major, minor, or not an issue in their household. For many of the issues, the percent of seniors who felt an issue was a major issue was about the same as that for younger residents. This was true in terms of weight problems, finding affordable adult day care, and budgeting household income.

However, data suggests that alcohol abuse may be more of an issue among seniors than younger residents. Over one in ten (15%) residents age 60 plus indicated that drug and alcohol abuse was a major issue in their household.

This compares to less than one in ten (7%) of those under 60 years old that cited alcohol abuse as a major problem. (It must be noted that this is based on a small sample size and, therefore, is not statistically reliable.)

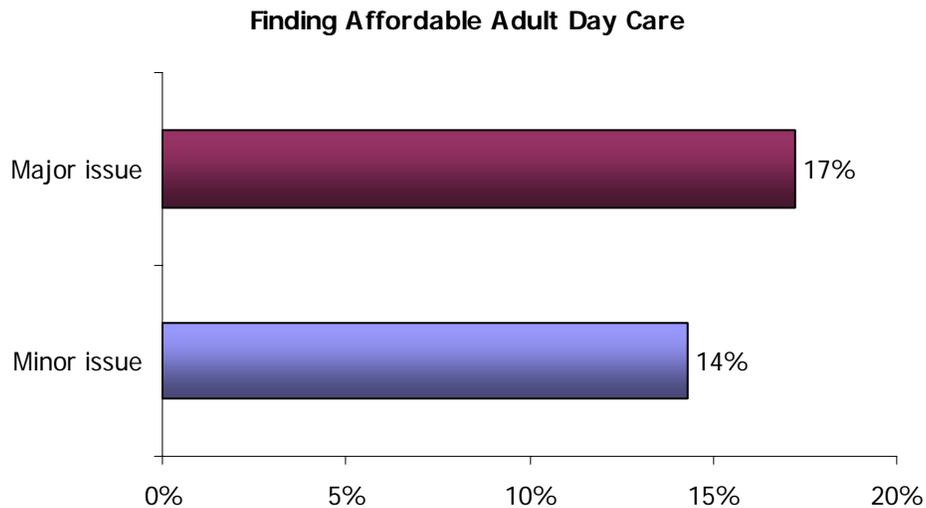
Finding affordable adult day care is an issue that impacts younger as well as older residents.

While the indicator data shows that Elder Affairs is having great success keeping seniors out of live-in care facilities, this does not discount the need for adult day care for residents who are living with families.

As one service provider commented in the focus group, the age group that also suffers because of a lack of adult day care is individuals who are acting as caregivers.

“In regards to the elderly, I have seen a lot more of the caregivers needing respite from care. They are in the workforce now. They aren’t in the position to stay at home and care for the elderly. We have two facilities, one in Fort Pierce and one in Port St. Lucie, and those caregivers are working caregivers.” (Service provider)

In St. Lucie County, for one in six (17%) residents, finding affordable adult day care is a major issue. This tends to be as much of an issue for residents age 40 to 59 who are caring for aging parents as it is for residents 60 and over. In addition, this is a greater problem for Black residents than White residents, which is not surprising due to generally lower income levels.



Data Source: Question 15 in community telephone survey

SAFETY AND SECURITY

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STRATEGIC DIRECTION FOR SAFETY AND SECURITY

The safety and security chapter includes the following:

- Overview
- Crime Rates
- Juvenile Delinquency
- Safety for Children and Families

Analysis

Data from the indicators on safety and security suggest that, while law enforcement is effective in reducing violent crime in many areas of the county, there is a problem in Fort Pierce, Port St. Lucie, and in communities along the U.S. 1 corridor. In addition, St. Lucie County has a very high rate of domestic violence. The rate of crime in high schools is improving, but still needs attention. The areas which pose the greatest levels for concern are:

Crime Rates

- Crime index – In St. Lucie County, the crime index is below the state rate and far below one peer county, but higher than two peer counties. In addition, the crime index in Fort Pierce is 2.5 times the county as a whole and double the state rate.
- Non-violent crimes – The rate of non-violent crime is below the state rate and far below one peer county. However, it is higher than two peer counties.
- Jail population – The incarceration rate is almost three times the state rate and much higher than all three peer counties. However, this may be due to more aggressive law enforcement rather than more crimes being committed.

Juvenile Delinquency

- Delinquency referrals – The rate of delinquency referrals is slightly above the state rate and similar to two peer counties, but well below the third peer county. After a drop in 2004-2005, the rate has returned to its previous level. This may be due to a tougher stance on juveniles by prosecutors and law enforcement rather than an actual increase in juvenile offences.
- Commitments to Department of Juvenile Justice – In St. Lucie County, this rate is almost double the state rate and is higher than the rate of all three peer counties. Again, this may not indicate a higher level of juvenile offences.
- Transfers to adult court – The rate of transfers to adult court for juveniles is higher than all three peer counties.

Safety for Children and Families

- Domestic violence – The rate of domestic violence is dramatically higher than the state level and above all three peer counties.
- Crime and violence in high schools – In St. Lucie County, this rate is higher than the state rate and is higher than all three peer counties. However, it is trending down.

Consider the following strategic directions to address these concerns:

1. Evaluate, improve, or expand law enforcement presence on the U.S. 1 corridor and in Fort Pierce (zip codes 34950 and 34947).
2. Develop, evaluate, improve, and expand community watch programs, particularly in Fort Pierce, and St. Lucie County communities abutting the U.S. 1 corridor.
3. Develop, evaluate, improve, and expand shelters for women and their children who are victims of domestic violence to provide a safe environment for separating from an abusive spouse/partner.
4. Develop, evaluate, improve, and expand safety and security in middle schools and high schools to further reduce crime and violence levels.
5. Develop, evaluate, improve, or expand after school programs to keep children from becoming involved in gangs.

INDICATORS

Safety and security in a community are generally defined in terms of a low crime rate, particularly for the crimes defined as index crimes, i.e., murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny, and motor vehicle theft. Rates of juvenile crime also contribute to the perception of safety and security in a community. Accidental deaths reflect safety and security as well. For children, the safety and security of their environment significantly impacts their growth and development. Violence experienced by children may include domestic violence and child abuse or threatened harm, as well as crime and violence in school. Parental neglect also undermines a child's security and healthy development. Indicators of safety and security for the general public, for children and families, and related to juvenile delinquency include the following:

- Crime rates
 - Index crime rate
 - Non-violent crime rates
 - Non-violent crimes (burglary, larceny, motor vehicle theft)
 - Violent crime rates
 - Violent crimes (aggravated assault, forcible sexual offenses, robbery, and murder)
 - Jail population
- Juvenile Delinquency
 - Youth referred for delinquency offenses
 - Youth committed for delinquency offenses
 - Youth referred to adult court for delinquency offenses
- Safety for Children and Families
 - Domestic violence
 - Deaths from unintentional injuries
 - Child abuse, neglect or threatened harm
 - Crime and violence in high schools

Crime Rates

St. Lucie County saw a 7.2 percent decrease in the rate of index crimes (murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny, and motor vehicle theft) from 2004 to 2005, while the population increased 6.1 percent. Total arrests during the time period increased by 15 percent, while rates for each category of offense dropped.

Crime in St. Lucie County, 2005

Summary of UCR Data			
St. Lucie County	2004	2005	% Change
Population	226,216	240,039	6.1
Total Arrests	13,595	15,643	15.1
Total Index Offenses	9,129	8,985	-1.6
Violent Rate	587.5	582.4	-0.9
Non-Violent Rate	3,448.0	3,160.7	-8.3
Index Rate	4,035.5	3,743.1	-7.2

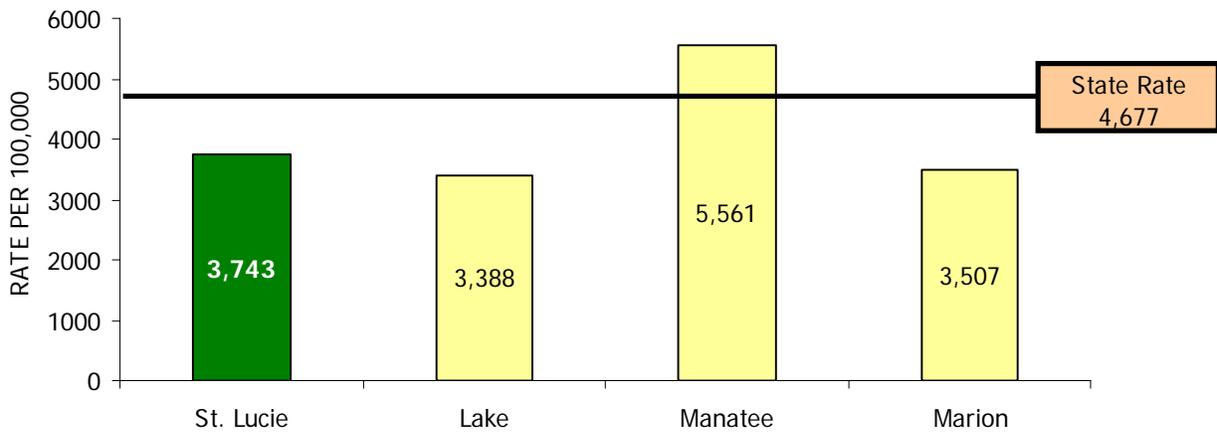
Source: Florida Department of Law Enforcement

St. Lucie County has lower rates than the state as a whole for index crimes, non-violent crimes, and violent crimes. Compared to peer counties, rates in St. Lucie County are fairly close to rates in two of the peer counties and considerably lower than the third.

Index Crimes

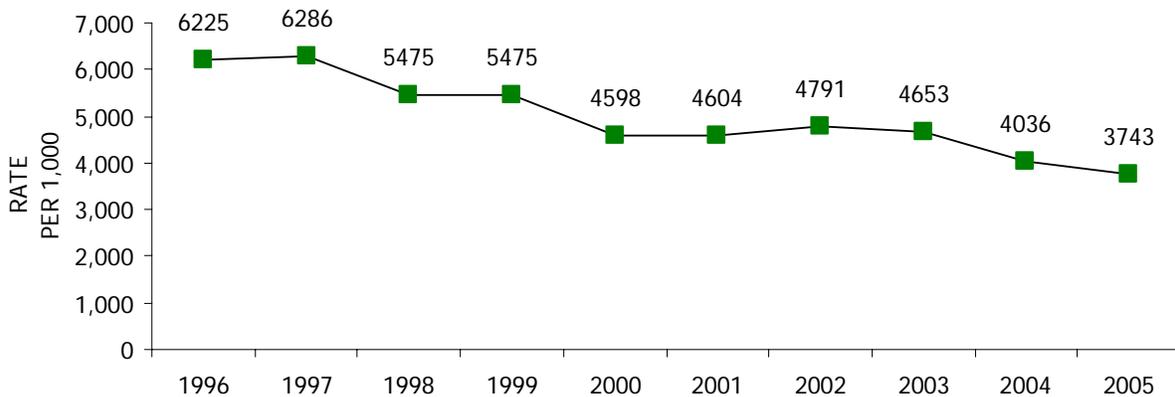
Index crime rates provide a summary measure of crime in a community. Index crimes are Part 1 crimes under the Uniform Crime Reporting System, including murder, sex offenses, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny, and motor vehicle theft as reported to law enforcement. St. Lucie County's rate of index crimes is slightly higher than two peer counties, but is far lower than one peer county and lower than the state rate. The county has an index crime rate for 2005 of 3,743 per 100,000 population compared to a state rate of 4,677. The index crime rate trended downward between 2002 and 2005.

Index Crime Rates, 2005



Source: Florida Department of Law Enforcement, Uniform Crime Report Data

**Trend in Index Crime Rate
St. Lucie, 1996 - 2005**



Source: Florida Department of Law Enforcement, Uniform Crime Report Data

Index crime rates within individual communities in St. Lucie County are below the state rate, with the exception of Fort Pierce which has a rate 2.5 times the county as a whole and twice the state rate. The Port St. Lucie Police Department reports the lowest crime rate for index crimes. The first table below shows the crime rate for index crimes for each of St. Lucie County's major communities. The second table shows the number of each index crime in each community as reported in 2005.

Index Crime Rate by St. Lucie County Jurisdiction, 2005

Florida	4,677.2
St. Lucie County	3,743.1
St. Lucie County Sheriffs Office	3,268.1
Fort Pierce Police Department	9,367.6
Port St. Lucie Police Department	2,310.8
St. Lucie-DEP Div of Law Enforce	0
St. Lucie-Florida Game Commission	0
FHP - Fort Pierce	0

Per 100,000

Source: Florida Department of Law Enforcement

Total Index Crime for St. Lucie County, Jurisdiction and Offense, 2005

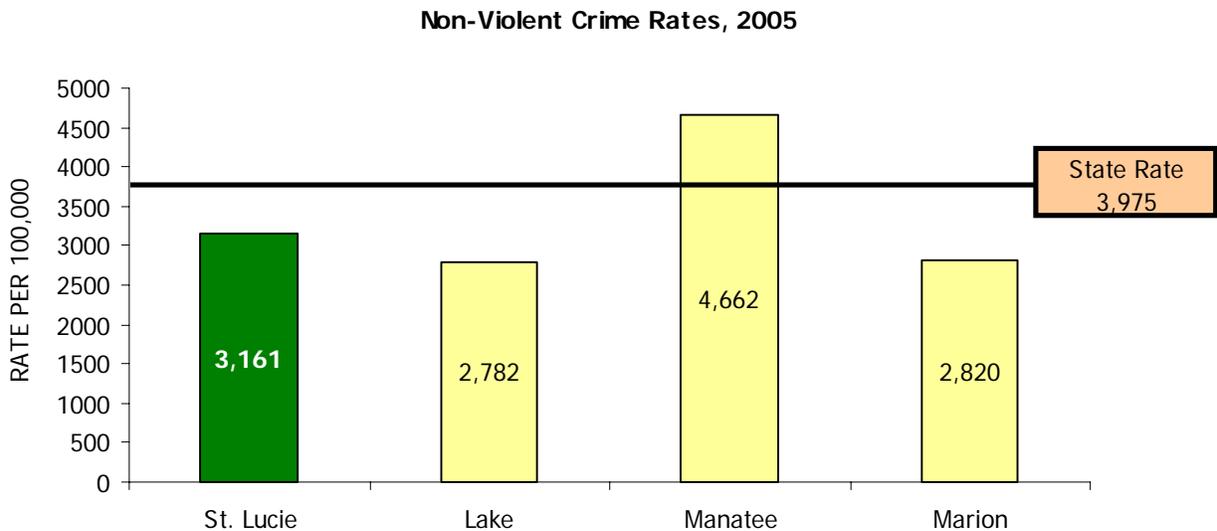
Jurisdiction	Population	Total Index Crime	Murder	Rape	Robbery	Aggravated Assault	Burglary	Larceny	Motor Vehicle Theft	Crime Rate/100,000	% Cleared
St. Lucie County	240,039	8,985	11	81	256	1,050	2,186	4,628	773	3,743.1	27.4
St. Lucie County Sheriffs Office	72,335	2,364	0	28	34	304	544	1,203	251	3,268.1	33.2
Fort Pierce Police Department	38,569	3,613	10	36	195	495	872	1,629	376	9,367.6	24.1
Port St. Lucie Police Department	129,135	2,984	1	17	27	242	770	1,783	144	2,310.8	26.6
St. Lucie-DEP Div of Law Enforce	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	100.0
St. Lucie-Florida Game Comm	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
FHP - Fort Pierce	0	19	0	0	0	9	0	8	2	0	15.8

Source: Florida Department of Law Enforcement

Non-violent Crimes

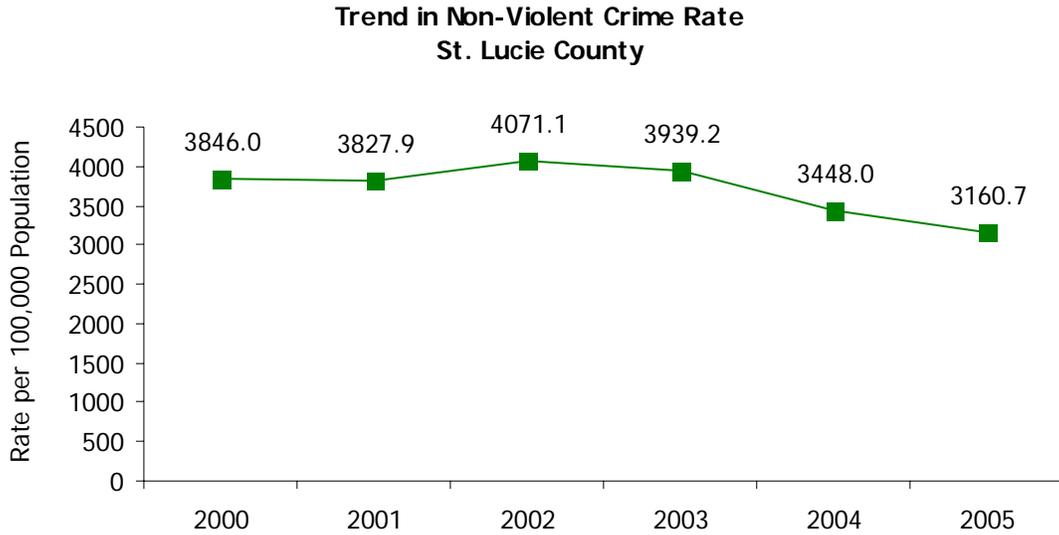
St. Lucie County has a non-violent crime rate of 3,161 per 100,000 population. For non-violent crimes, including burglary, larceny, and motor vehicle theft offenses, St. Lucie County again is below the state rate of 3,975 and substantially below one peer county (Manatee), but slightly higher than two of the peer counties.

- The highest rate is for **larceny**, with 1,928 per 100,000 population compared to a state rate of 2,636 for 2005. The rate for St. Lucie County is slightly higher than two of the peer counties, but substantially less than the third peer county (Manatee).
- The rate for **burglary** in St. Lucie County is 911 per 100,000 population, lower than the state rate of 920. The rate in St. Lucie County is slightly higher than two of the three peer counties, but lower than the third (Manatee).
- For **motor vehicle thefts**, the rate in St. Lucie County is 322 compared to the state rate of 420. The St. Lucie County rate is notably higher than two peer counties, but lower than the third (Manatee).



Source: Florida Department of Law Enforcement, Uniform Crime Report Data

The rates of non-violent crime have dropped steadily since 2002.



Source: Florida Department of Law Enforcement, Uniform Crime Report Data

Non-Violent Crimes By Jurisdiction

Jurisdiction	Population	Burglary	Larceny	Motor Vehicle Theft	Total	Rate per 100,000
St. Lucie County	240,039	2,186	4,628	773	7,587	3160.7
St. Lucie County Sheriffs Office	72,335	544	1,203	251	1,998	2762.1
Fort Pierce Police Department	38,569	872	1,629	376	2,877	7459.4
Port St. Lucie Police Department	129,135	770	1,783	144	2,697	2088.5
St. Lucie-DEP Div of Law Enforce	0	0	5	0	5	NA
St. Lucie-Florida Game Comm	0	0	0	0	0	NA
FHP - Fort Pierce	0	0	8	2	10	NA

Source: FDLE, rate calculated by PEI (number of incidents divided by the population)

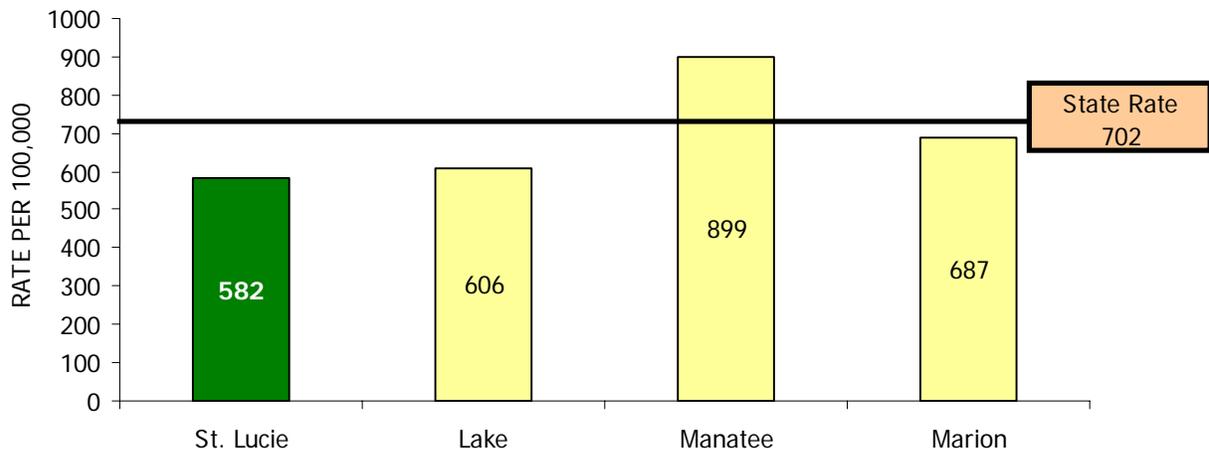
Violent Crimes

Violent crimes include murder, sexual offenses, robbery, and aggravated assault offenses. With a violent crime rate of 582, St. Lucie County is considerably below the statewide rate of 702 and below the rates in each of the three peer counties. In comparison to peer counties, St. Lucie rates are well below one peer and slightly below the other two peer counties.

For specific violent crimes, St. Lucie County's rate is lower than the state rate in three of the categories but higher than the state rate in sex offenses. In comparison to peer counties, St. Lucie County compares least favorably in robbery rates.

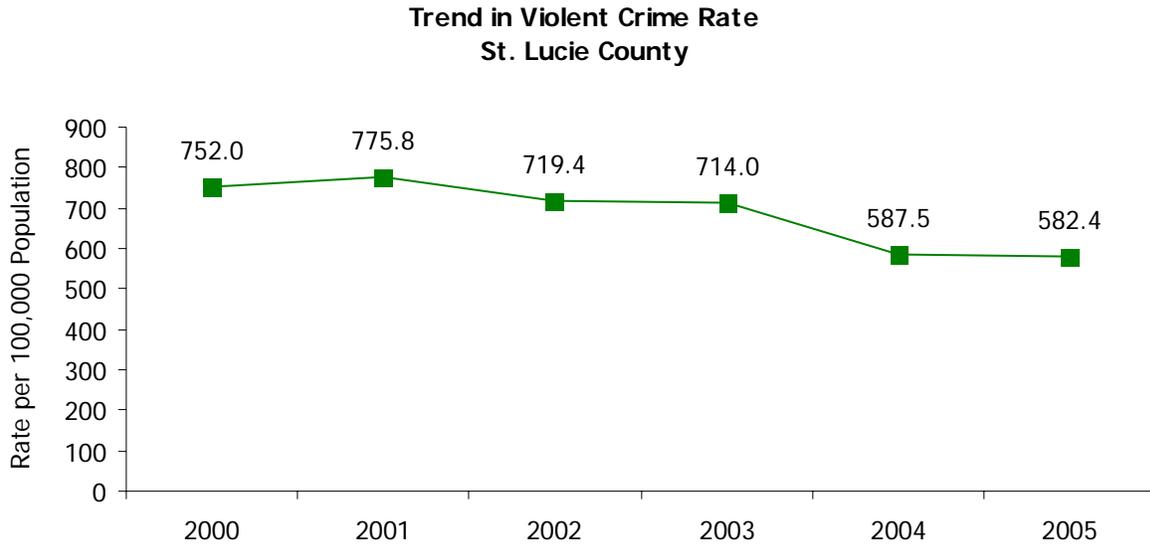
- The highest rate is for **aggravated assault**, with 398 per 100,000 population compared to a state rate of 461. The St. Lucie County rate is lower than each of the three peer counties.
- The rate for **forcible sex offenses** in St. Lucie County is 73 per 100,000 population, higher than the state rate of 68. The rate in St. Lucie County is lower than two peer counties, but higher than the third peer county.
- For **murder**, the rate in St. Lucie County is 4.6 compared to the state rate of 4.9. The St. Lucie County murder rate is slightly lower than two peer counties, but slightly higher than the third peer county.
- For **robbery**, the rate in St. Lucie County is 106 compared to the state rate of 168. The St. Lucie County rate is lower than one peer county, but is higher than two peer counties.

Violent Crime Rates, 2005



Source: Florida Department of Law Enforcement, Uniform Crime Report Data

The rates of violent crime for 2004 and 2005 dropped sharply from the rate for 2003.



Source: Florida Department of Law Enforcement, Uniform Crime Report Data

Violent Crimes By Jurisdiction

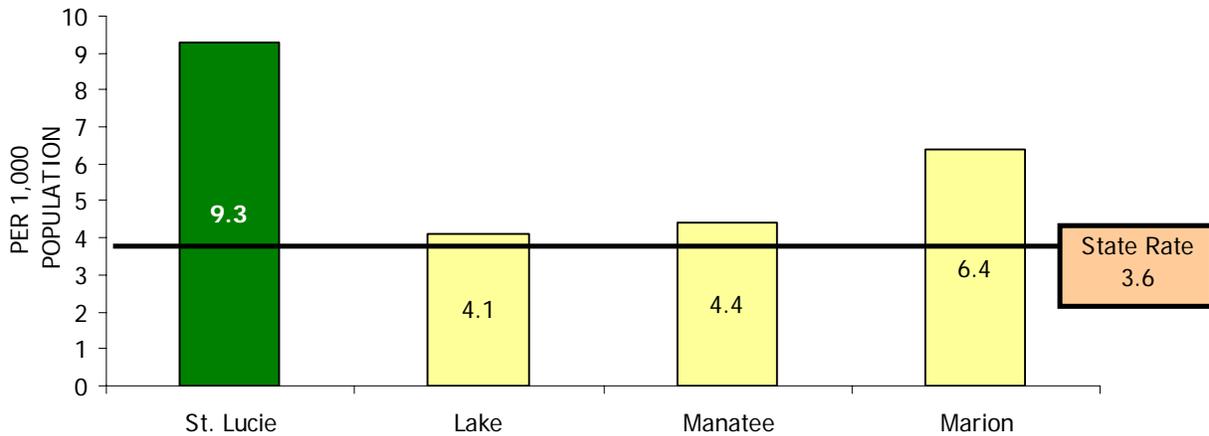
Jurisdiction	Population	Murder	Rape	Robbery	Aggravated Assault	Total	Rate per 100,000
St. Lucie County	240,039	11	81	256	1,050	1,398	582.4
St. Lucie County Sheriffs Office	72,335	0	28	34	304	366	506.0
Fort Pierce Police Department	38,569	10	36	195	495	736	1908.3
Port St. Lucie Police Department	129,135	1	17	27	242	287	222.2
St. Lucie-DEP Div of Law Enforce	0	0	0	0	0	0	NA
St. Lucie-Florida Game Comm	0	0	0	0	0	0	NA
FHP - Fort Pierce	0	0	0	0	9	9	NA

Source: FDLE, rate calculated by PEI (number of incidents divided by the population)

Jail Population

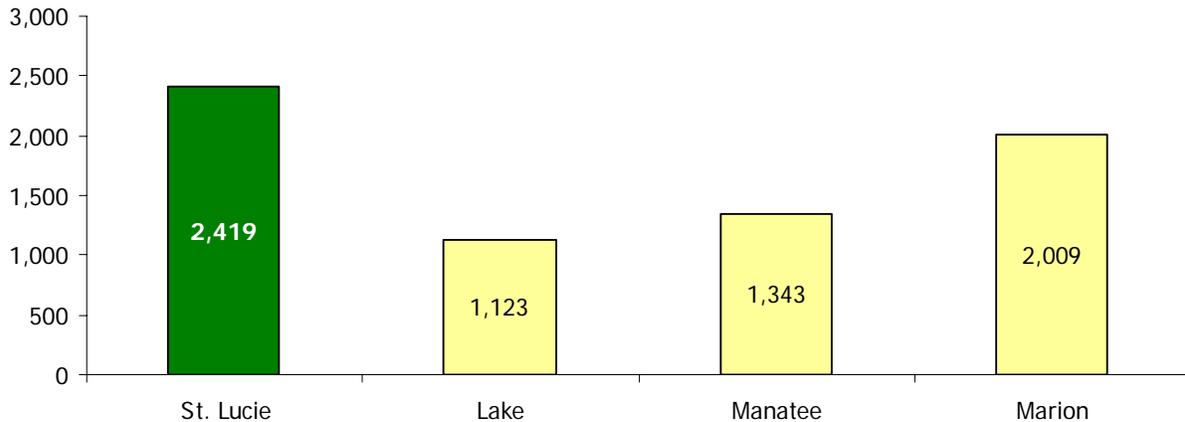
Using the most recent data, St. Lucie County has a much higher incarceration rate (per 1,000 population) than peer counties and the state. The county also has a higher average daily jail population than peer counties and the state. The daily jail population in St. Lucie County averages 2,419 and the most recent incarceration rate was 9.3, compared to the state rate of 3.6. Trend data for jail population was not available for St. Lucie County.

Jail Incarceration Rate, January 2007



Source: Florida Department of Corrections

Average Daily Jail Population, January 2007



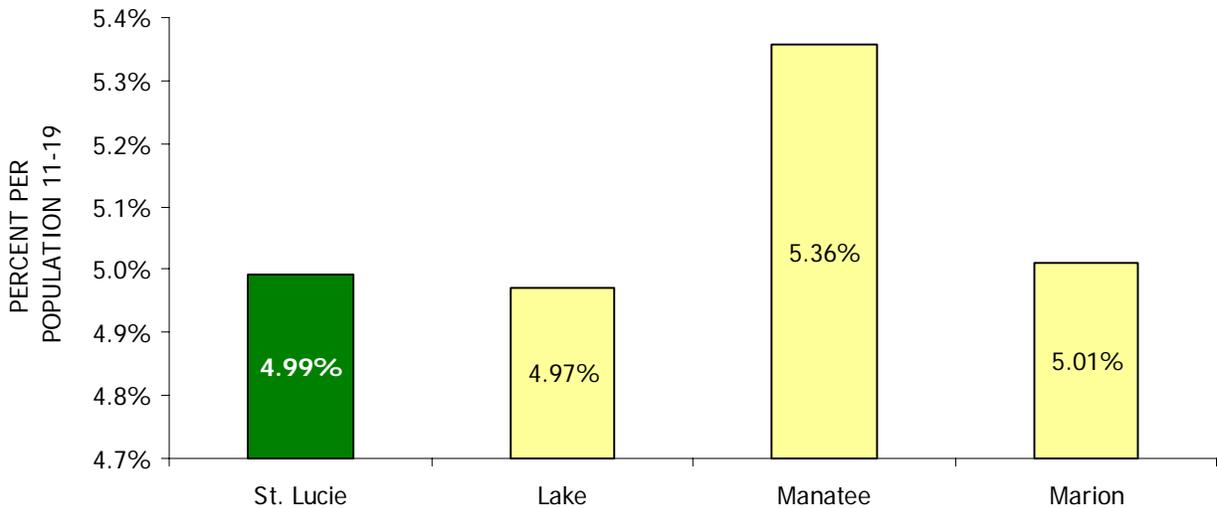
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Juvenile Crime

Delinquency Referrals

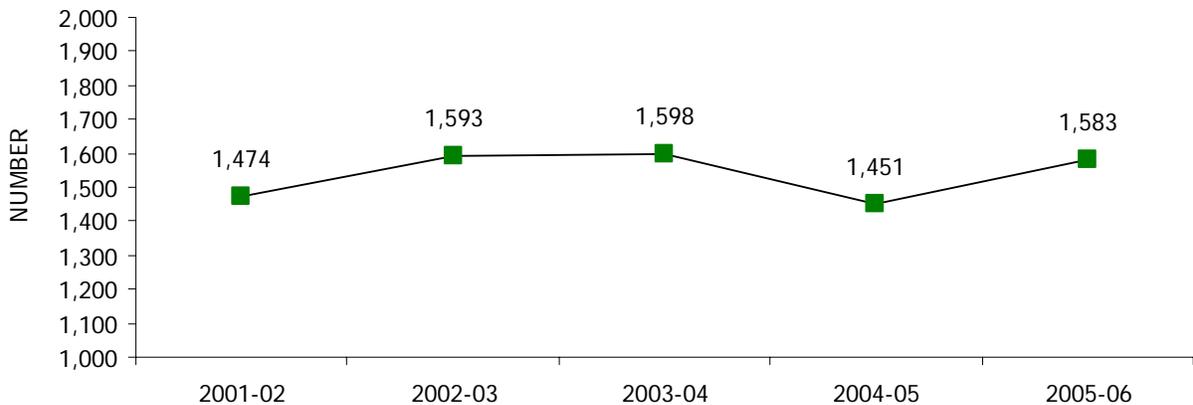
The delinquency rate based on referrals for delinquency in St. Lucie County was 4.99 per 100 age 11-19 population, slightly above the state rate of 4.02. This rate was similar to that in two of three peer counties, but considerably below the rate in the third peer county. After a nine percent decrease in 2004-2005, the number of referrals increased by nine percent in 2005-2006.

Rate of Youth Referred for Delinquency Offenses, 2005-06



Source: Florida Department of Juvenile Justice. Rate calculated by PEI (number of commitments divided by the population)

Trend in Number of Youth Referred for Delinquency Offenses, St. Lucie County 2001-2006



Source: Florida Department of Juvenile Justice

SAFETY AND SECURITY

Data on the number of charges, referrals to DJJ, and the number of youth involved are available by zip code for 2005-2006. The table below shows the number of charges, the number of referrals to DJJ, and the number of youth involved for each of the major zip code areas of St. Lucie County. Note that, in some zip code areas, data are not available for some months. The areas with the highest counts are the 34950 area of Ft. Pierce, and two of the zip code areas that include Port St. Lucie, Fort Pierce, and St. Lucie West (34953 and 34983).

Zip Code	Community	Data Available for:	CHARGES				REFERRALS				YOUTHS			
			Total	Felony	Misdem.	Other*	Total	Felony	Misdem.	Other*	Total	Felony	Misdem.	Other*
34945	Fort Pierce	August 2005-May 2006	25	12	12	1	17	7	9	1	13	4	8	1
34946	Fort Pierce	July 2005-June 2006	215	74	98	43	142	52	58	32	82	38	38	6
34947	Fort Pierce	July 2005-June 2006	473	157	248	68	301	114	139	48	174	79	80	15
34949	Fort Pierce, Hutchinson Island	Aug-Dec 05, Feb-Mar, May-Jun 06	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
34950	Fort Pierce	July 2005-June 2006	1,013	333	520	160	620	235	285	100	329	155	150	24
34951	Fort Pierce	July 2005-June 2006	186	62	85	39	107	35	50	22	68	27	35	6
34952	Port St. Lucie, Fort Pierce	July 2005-June 2006	340	114	169	57	205	58	104	43	124	47	65	12
34953	Port St. Lucie, Fort Pierce, St. Lucie West	July 2005-June 2006	692	180	369	143	439	119	233	87	279	98	145	36
34981	Fort Pierce	Jul-Aug 05, Oct 05-Jun 06	61	28	23	10	35	16	13	6	18	11	5	2
34982	Fort Pierce	July 2005-June 2006	339	100	190	49	220	65	120	35	150	51	86	13
34983	Port St. Lucie, Fort Pierce, St. Lucie West	July 2005-June 2006	556	166	296	94	344	102	169	73	219	75	124	20
34984	Port St. Lucie, Fort Pierce	July 2005-June 2006	143	46	88	9	89	21	59	9	65	19	44	2
34986	Port St. Lucie, Fort Pierce, St. Lucie West	Jul-Nov 05, Jan-Jun 06	90	39	44	7	52	17	30	5	38	15	21	2
34987	Port St. Lucie, Fort Pierce, St. Lucie West	Jul 05-Jan 06, Mar 06, Jun 06	24	6	9	9	16	5	6	5	13	4	5	4
Total			4,157	1,317	2,151	689	2,587	846	1,275	466	1,572	623	806	143

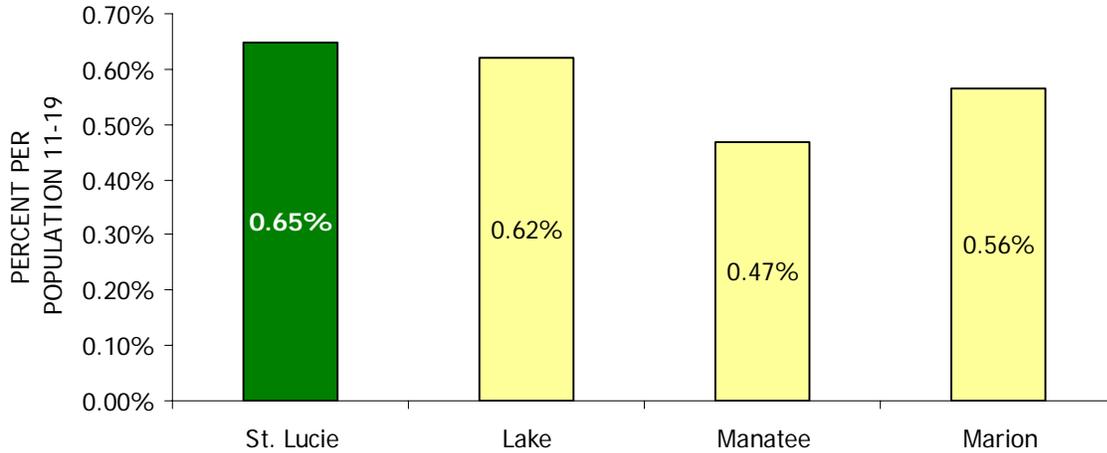
**"Other" includes:

- Contempt
- Violation Of Ordinance
- Non-Felony Traffic Offenses
- Interstate Compact
- Nonlaw Violation Of Probation
- Nonlaw Violation Of Aftercare
- Case Reopened
- Prosecution Previously Deferred
- Transfer From Other County

Commitments to DJJ

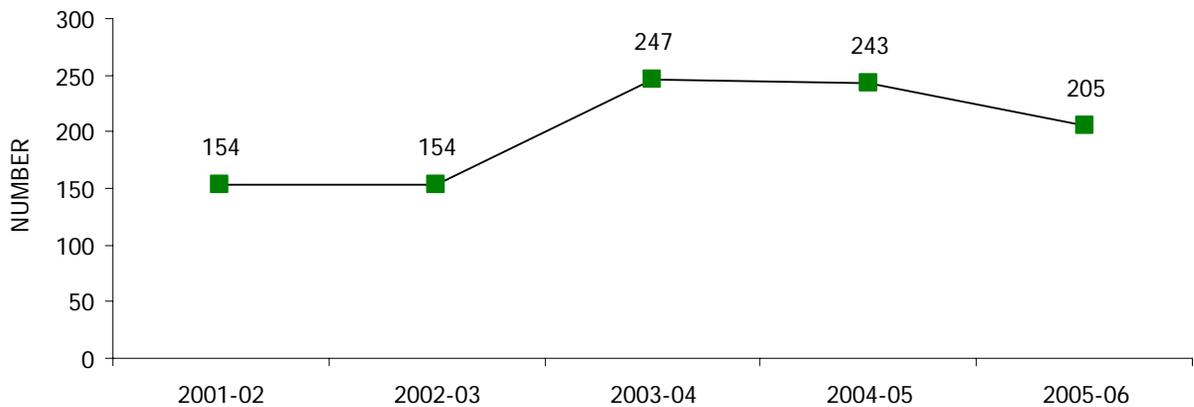
Youth in St. Lucie County were committed to the Department of Juvenile Justice at a rate of 0.65 per 100 age 11-19 population, compared to the state rate of 0.35. This exceeded the rate in each of the peer counties. After a 60 percent increase in 2003-2004, the number decreased by two percent in 2004-2005 and by 16 percent in 2005-2006.

Youth Committed for Delinquency Offenses FY 2005-06



Source: Florida Department of Juvenile Justice. Rate calculated by PEI (number of commitments divided by the population)

**Trend in Youth Committed for Delinquency Offenses
St. Lucie County 2001-2006**

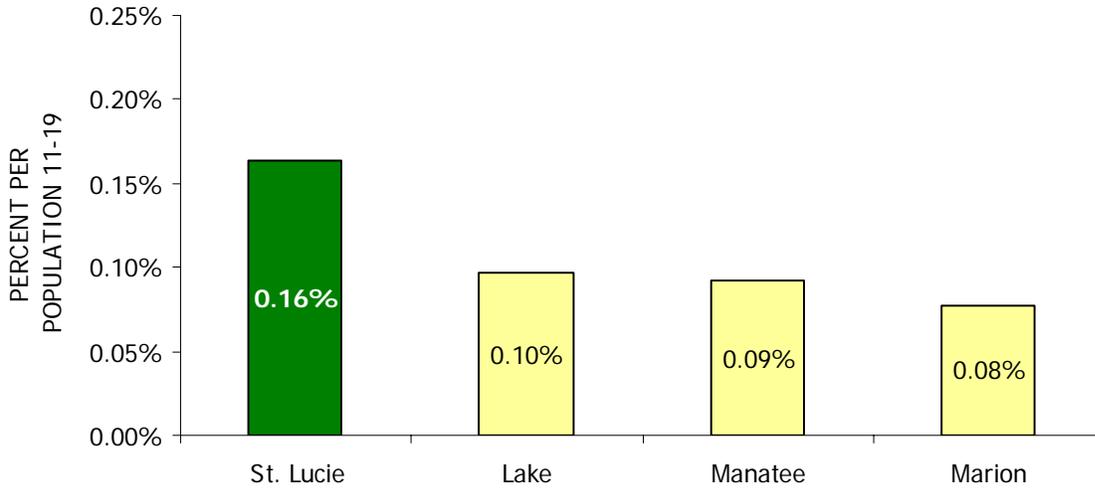


Source: Florida Department of Juvenile Justice

Transfers to Adult Court

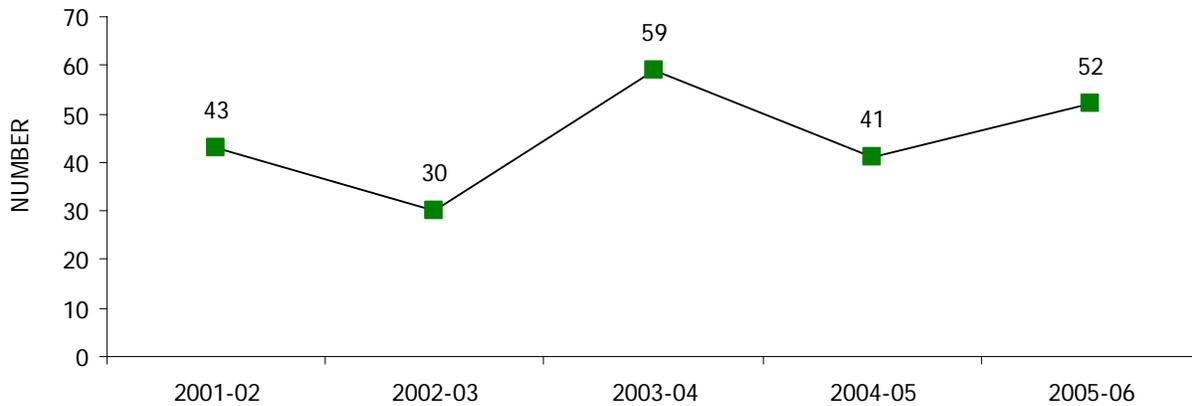
In terms of transfers to adult court, the rate in St. Lucie County was 0.16 per 100 age 11-19 population. Again, this exceeded the rate in each of the peer counties. The number of youth transferred to adult court has varied, with a 97 percent increase in 2003-2004, a 31 percent decrease in 2004-2005, and a 27 percent increase in 2005-2006.

Youth Transferred to Adult Court for Delinquency Offenses, FY 2005-06



Source: Florida Department of Juvenile Justice. Rate calculated by PEI (number of commitments divided by the population)

Trend in Youth Transferred to Adult Court for Delinquency Offenses, St. Lucie County, 2001-2006



Source: Florida Department of Juvenile Justice

Safety for Children and Families

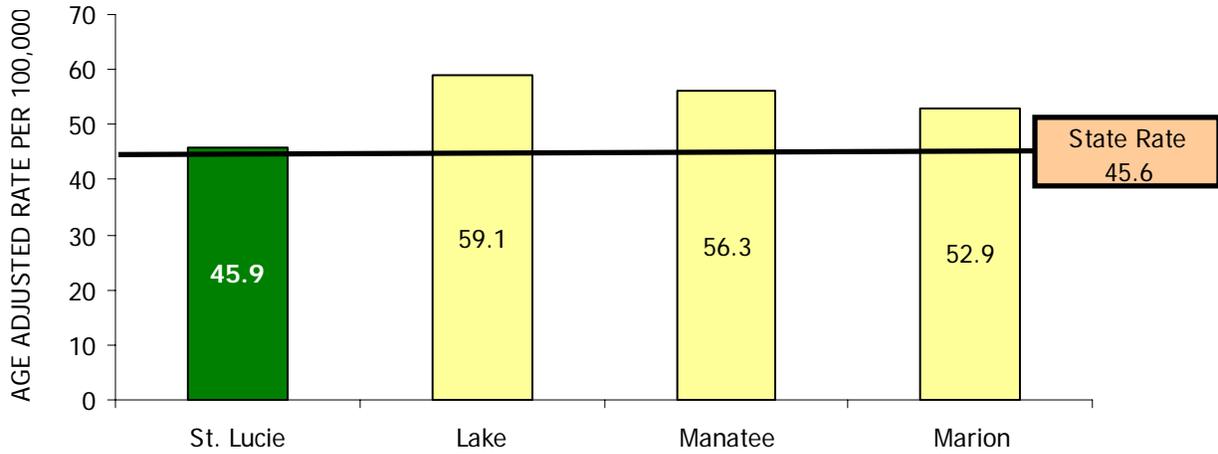
Unintentional Injuries

St. Lucie County has a lower death rate for unintentional injuries than each of the three peer counties and is at the state rate. Deaths from unintentional injuries occurred in St. Lucie County at rate of 45.9 per 100,000 population (age-adjusted), compared to a state rate of 45.6. In 2005, there were 117 deaths due to unintentional injuries in St. Lucie County. Of the 117 deaths, 43 percent were due to motor vehicle accidents. The causes of deaths from unintentional injuries in 2005 included:

- 43% from motor vehicle accidents (50)
- 22% from poisoning (26)
- 16% from falls (19)
- 5% drowning (6)

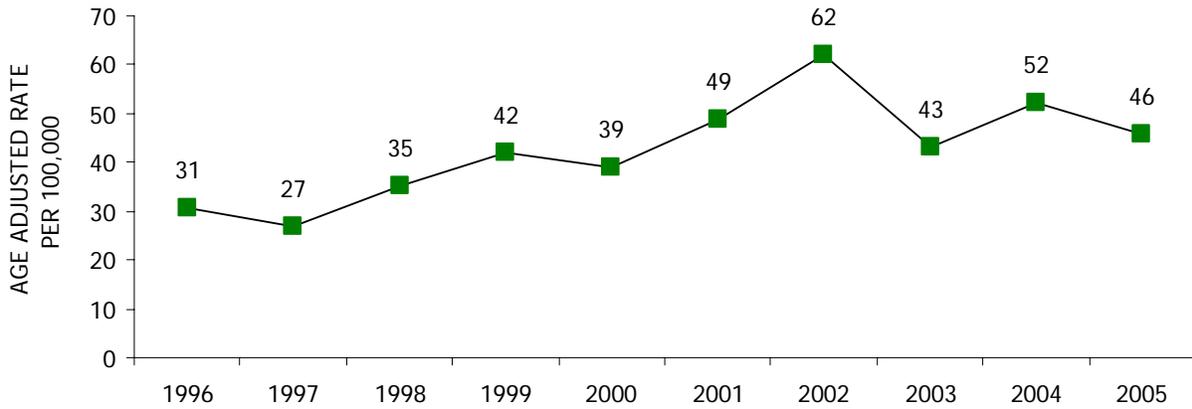
Except for a marked increase in 2002, the rate has ranged between 43 and 52 over the past five years, tracking the state rates.

Deaths from Unintentional Injuries, 2005



Source: Florida Department of Health, Office of Vital Statistics

**Trend in Deaths from Unintentional Injuries
St. Lucie, 1996 - 2005**



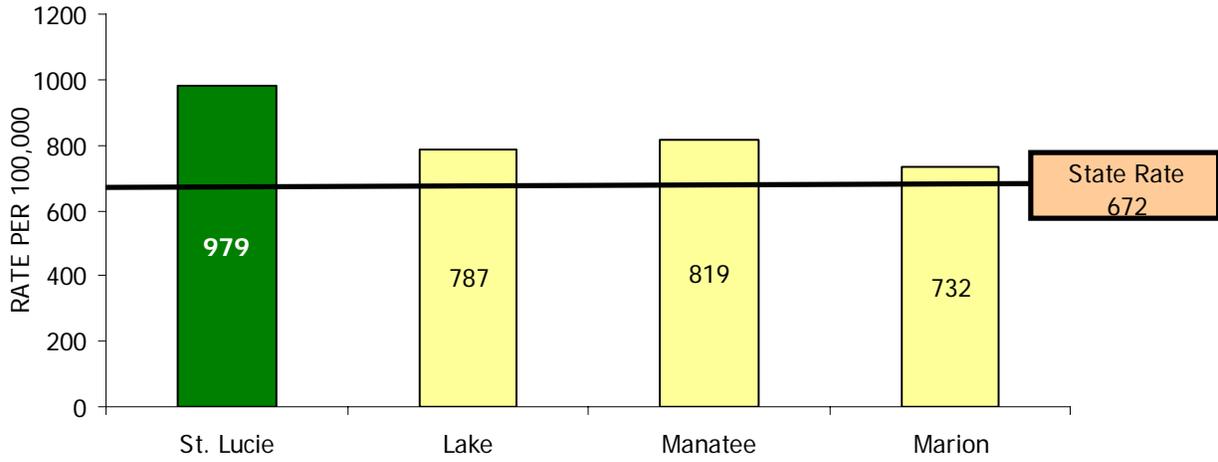
Source: Florida Department of Health, Office of Vital Statistics

Violence in Homes and Community

Indicators of safety and security related specifically to children and families include domestic violence, child abuse, neglect or threatened harm, and crime and violence in high schools. St. Lucie County compares favorably to the state and peer counties in terms of child abuse rates and is making progress in lowering rates of crime and violence in high schools. However, domestic violence is a concern given that the rate of incidents in St. Lucie County far exceeds the state rate and rates in peer counties.

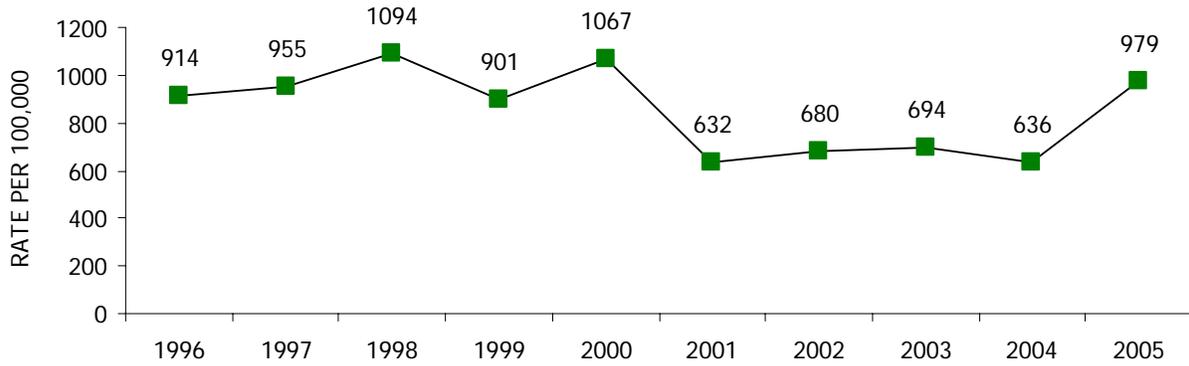
- In terms of **domestic violence**, the rate in St. Lucie County was 979 per 100,000 population in 2005, compared to 672 statewide. The rate was higher than all three peer counties. The trend had dropped and remained fairly level between 2001 and 2004, then jumped up again in 2005.
- In terms of **child abuse and neglect or threatened harm**, the rate in St. Lucie was 29.4 per 1,000 population, compared to 29.3 statewide. This rate was lower than the two peer districts (District 13 and Suncoast Region). The rate in St. Lucie County has dropped slightly relative to the previous fiscal year, while the state rate increased slightly.
- Considering **crime and violence in high schools**, the rate in St. Lucie County was 5.8 per 100 high school population. This was higher than the state rate of 5.0 and was higher than each of the three peer counties. The rate, however, has trended down over the past three years. The rate in middle schools was 15.6 per 100 middle school population. This was higher than the state rate of 14 and was higher than each of the three peer counties. The rate has trended down, as in high school, and dropped sharply in 2005-2006.

Domestic Violence Rates, 2005



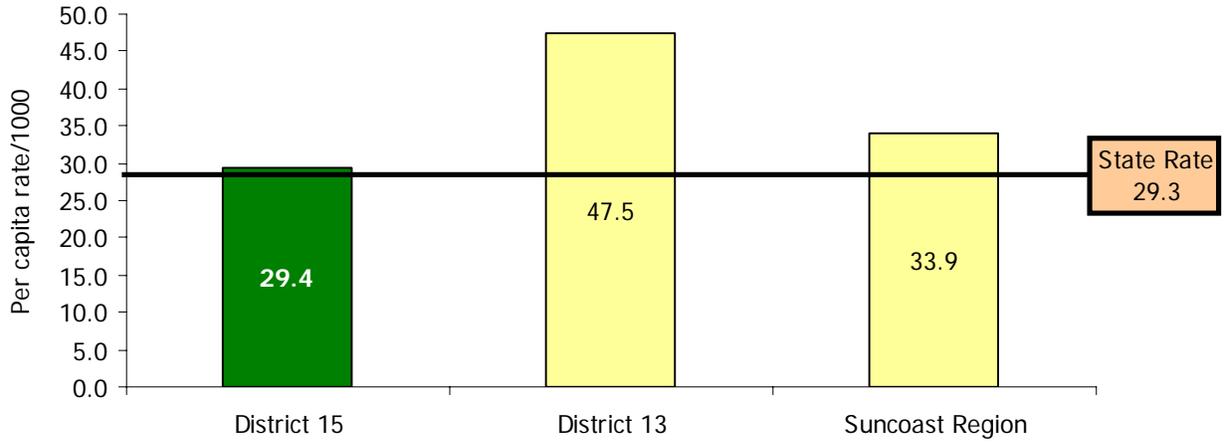
Source: Florida Department of Law Enforcement

**Trend in Domestic Violence Rates
St. Lucie County 1996-2005**



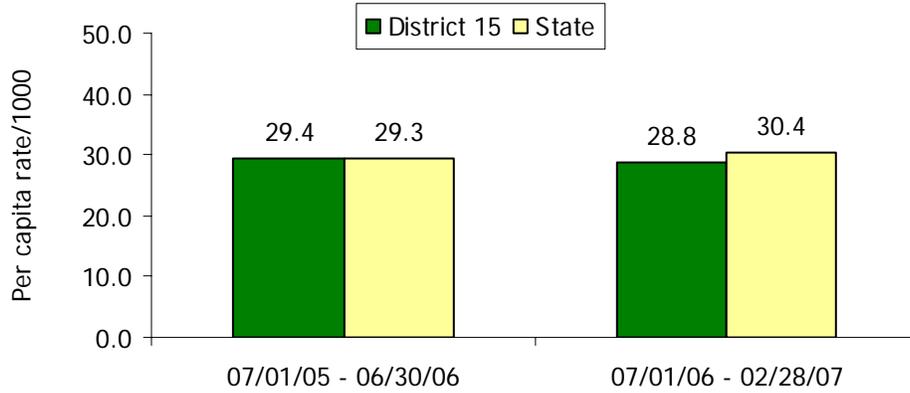
Source: Florida Department of Law Enforcement

Child Abuse Rate 06-07 (to date)



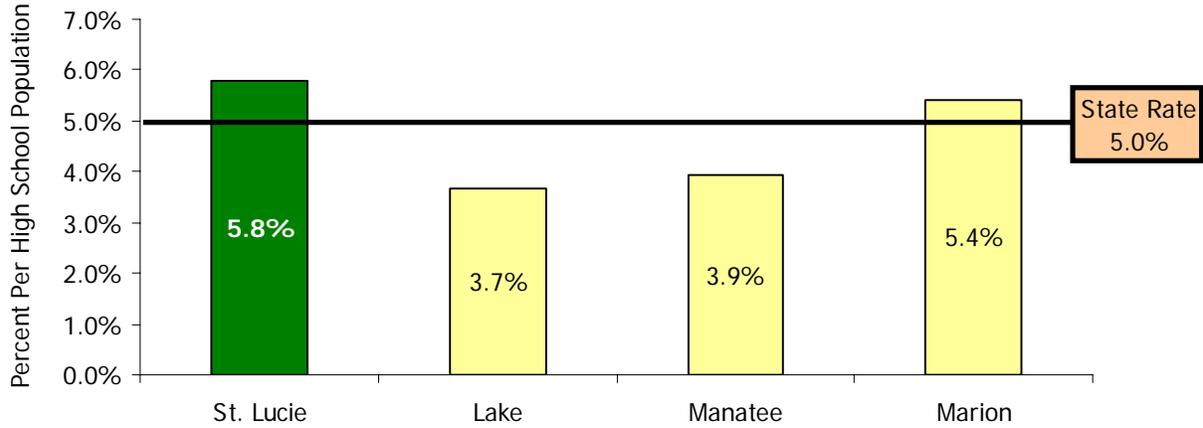
Source: Florida Department of Children and Families

**Child Abuse Rates
05-06 and 06-07 (to date)**



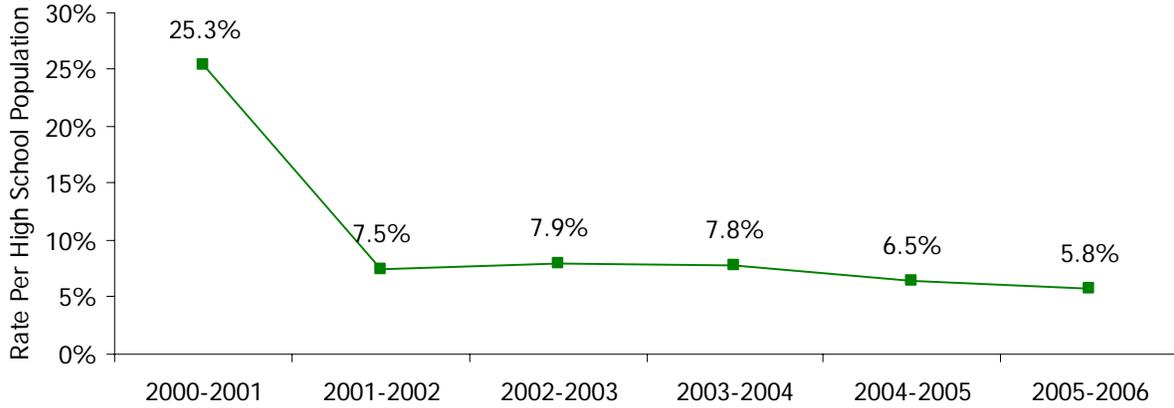
Source: Florida Department of Children and Families
Note: No comparable prior data available

Crime and Violence Incidents In High School, 2005-06



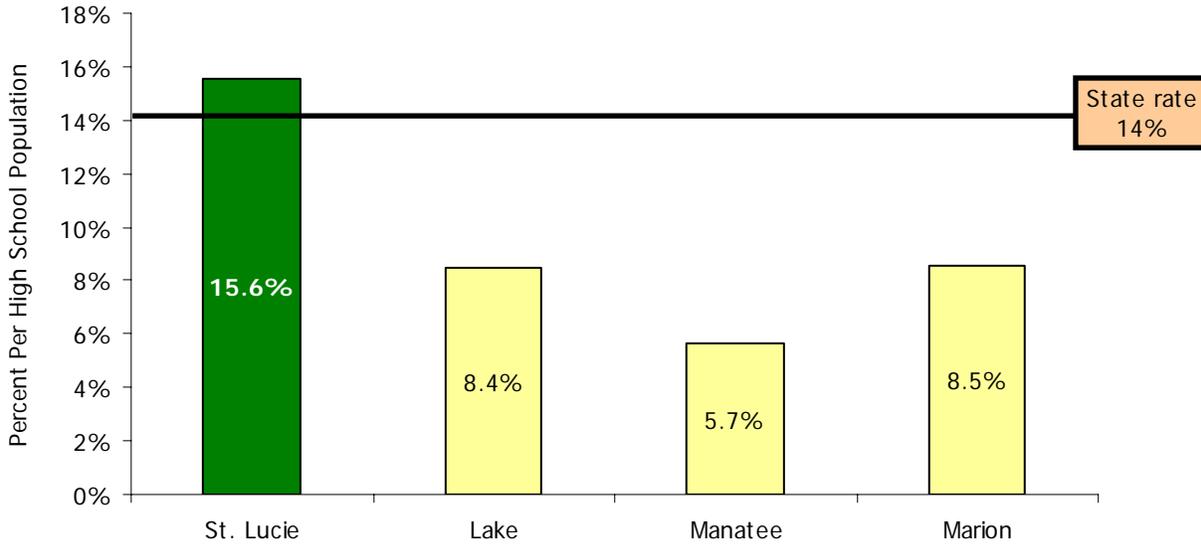
Source: Florida Department of Education. Rate calculated by PEI (number of incidents divided by the population)

**Trend in Crime and Violence in High Schools
St. Lucie County**



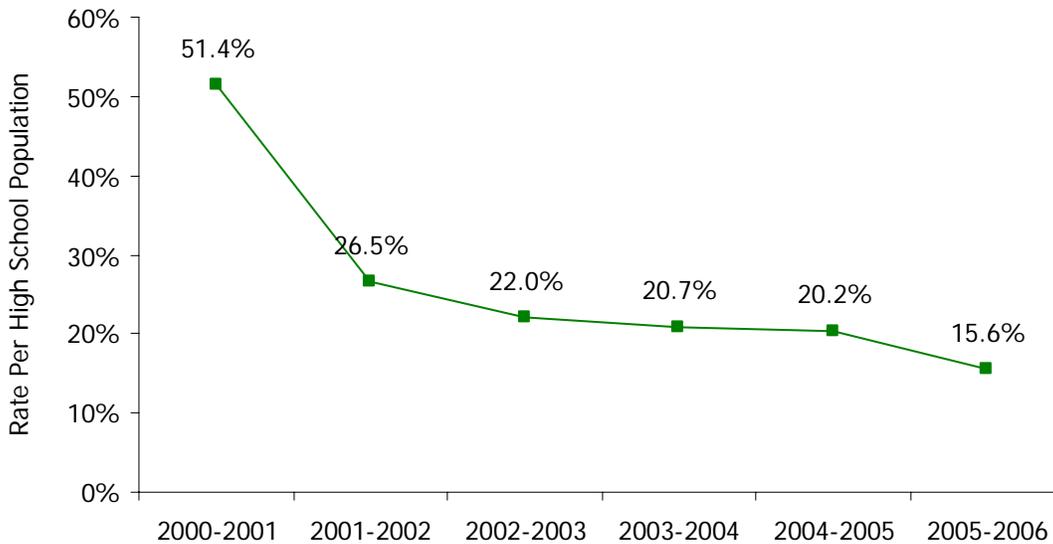
Source: Florida Department of Education. Rate calculated by PEI (number of incidents divided by the population)

Crime and Violence Incidents In Middle School, 2005-06



Source: Florida Department of Education. Rate calculated by PEI (number of incidents divided by the population)

**Trend in Crime and Violence in Middle Schools
St. Lucie County**



Source: Florida Department of Education. Rate calculated by PEI (number of incidents divided by the population)

COMMUNITY RESPONSE TO SAFETY AND SECURITY

Residents like the small town appeal of St. Lucie County.

Focus group respondents point to the friendliness and small town feeling of St. Lucie County as an aspect of the community they most value. Some respondents, particularly the Haitian and Hispanic residents, commented that one of the primary reasons they moved to St. Lucie County was to get away from the large cities and the problems that are associated with urban areas. When asked why they moved to St. Lucie County, one Haitian said:

"Less people. The community is closer than in Miami. I have family down in Miami and all they do is complain all the time about the government and schools. Here there's a lot to complain about, but we can do something to make things better."

To many, St. Lucie County is a safe place to live which is reflected in the responses of the telephone survey respondents. Two-thirds (66%) indicated they feel safe in their neighborhood.

This perception was strongest among residents with incomes over \$25,000 and residents who do not live in 34950 in Fort Pierce, 34982 at Midway Road, and 34952 near Spanish Lakes. The other area where residents feel less safe is 34953 between I-95 and the Florida Turnpike surrounding SW Gatlin Boulevard.

Indicators show most crime rates are down, but gangs remain a concern for many in St. Lucie County.

Among residents in the telephone survey and community leaders in the focus groups, crime is not a dominant concern in St. Lucie County. That is, except for gangs. It appears that the community has a fairly accurate perception of what is happening in the county.

As safety and security indicators clearly show, St. Lucie County has a lower crime rate than it did 20 years ago. Furthermore, St. Lucie County's adult crime rate is below the state level. However, when it comes to juvenile crime, the story is not as positive. Juvenile crime indicators are above state levels and definitely on the upswing compared to a couple of years ago.

To several of the focus group participants, gang activity is seen, in part, as coming from influences from the larger counties to the south, particularly Miami-Dade County. However, others point to the need for more parent involvement in their children's lives, as well as a need for the county to provide activities for teenagers which will help keep them out of trouble.

Ultimately, many, including law enforcement officers who participated in the focus groups, see gangs as part of the larger problem of families living in poverty, being uneducated, and with limited employment opportunities.

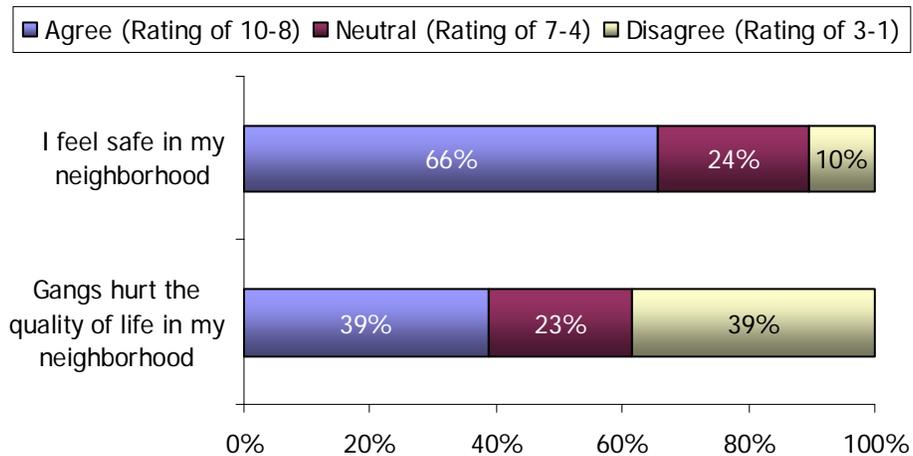
The following is a quote from the Fort Pierce Police Chief taken from the local newspaper related to gang activity in St. Lucie County.

“If we try to just attack the gangs it’s not going to work because you still have people that are living in poverty, people that haven’t been educated, people who don’t have the supervision. All the things that you need to grow up and live a healthy and happy life.”

Gang activity will continue to hurt the quality of life for residents.

The focus groups, particularly the session with community leaders, indicated a growing problem with gangs. Participants in the telephone survey agree. Overall, more than one-third (39%) agree that gangs hurt the quality of life in their neighborhood. While there is little difference in the levels of agreement by demographic subgroup, Black respondents are far more likely to agree with this statement (51%).

Agreement with Statements related to Gangs

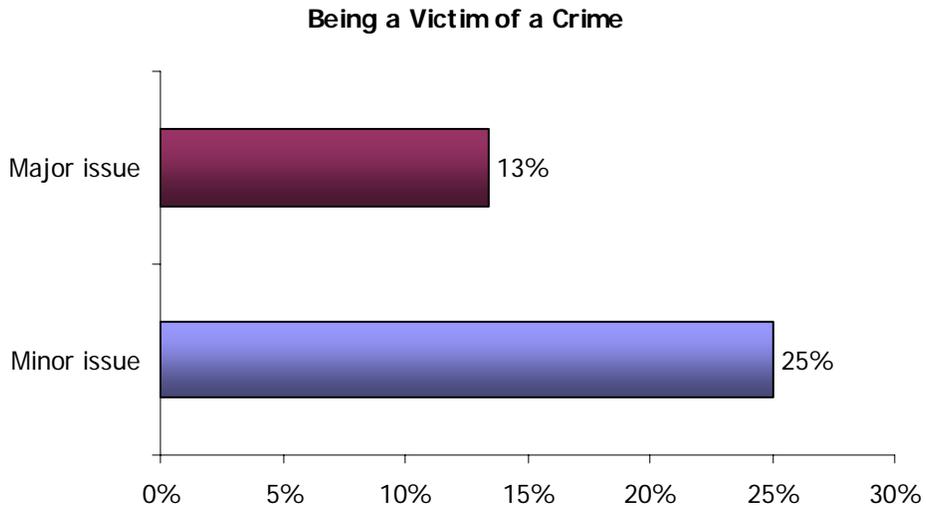


Data Source: Questions 8 and 12 in community telephone survey

Gang activity may correlate with some residents being crime victims.

With the growth of gangs, being a victim of crime was a major issue for 13% of St. Lucie County residents in the telephone survey. Respondents over age 65 and residents with lower incomes are more likely to report this as a major issue.

Not surprisingly, the location of those who are victims of crime correlates highly with the location of gang problems. Specifically, they follow the U.S. 1 corridor in zip codes 34950, 34983, and 34952.



Data Source: Question 14 in community telephone survey

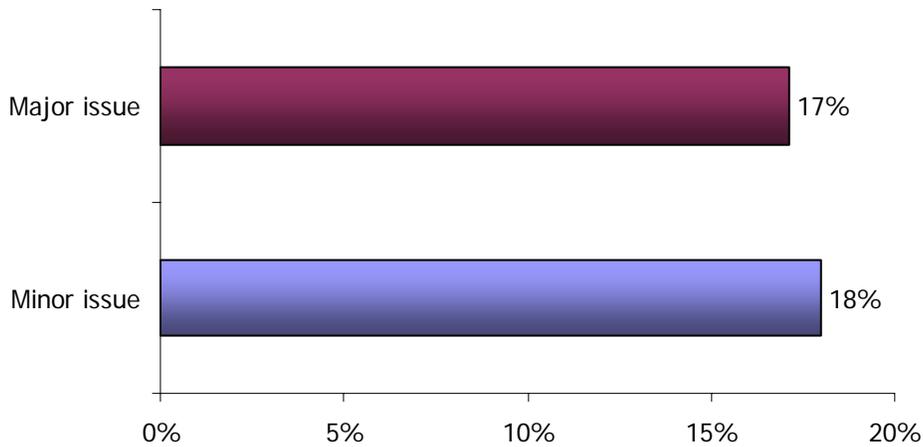
Juvenile Delinquency

Gang activity may be increasing teen criminal activity in St. Lucie County.

It is no surprise that one in six residents (17%) have had major problems with criminal activity by teens in the past 12 months, according to the telephone survey. Teen criminal activity is more of a major issue among Hispanic than non-Hispanic residents. In addition, it is much higher among Blacks than Whites. Further, lower income groups are more likely to report a major issue with teen criminal activity in their household during the past year.

Households with teen criminal activity are most likely to be located in Ft. Pierce in 34950 and 34947 or in 34953 between I-95 and the Florida Turnpike in Port St. Lucie.

Criminal Activity by Teens



Data Source: Question 45 in community telephone survey

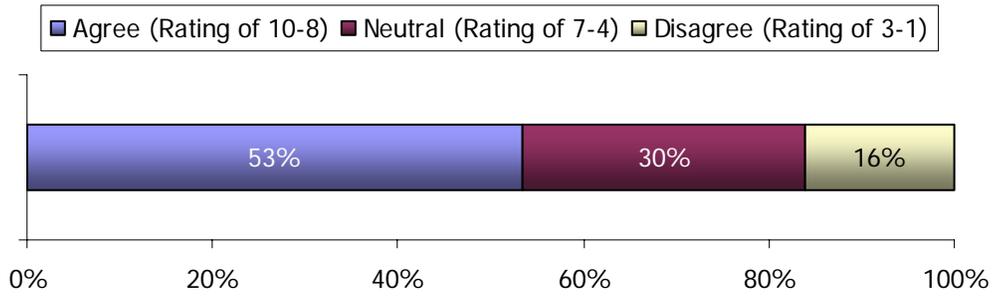
Safety for Children and Families

Feeling safe in school is a concern for many parents.

Overall, 53% of parents agree that their children feel safe in their schools. This finding crosses all demographic, ethnic, and racial lines.

Residents living in zip codes 34953 and 34983 are most likely to agree their children feel safe in school.

Agreement for Children Feeling Safe in School



Data Source: Question 33 in community telephone survey

OVERVIEW OF AGENCIES AND PROGRAMS

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PROGRAM INFORMATION

As part of the needs assessment, information from existing provider agencies were obtained through a web-based survey and then compiled into a program directory database. The result was an updated summary of available services. Chapters 9 and 10 present an overview of the information captured in the database.

The program directory survey was designed to describe the parent agency. The Agency Description worksheet captured the following information:

- Agency contact information
- Director/primary contact
- Location (main office)
- Location of satellite offices (if applicable)
- Primary mission of agency
- Primary funding sources
- Number of people served by the agency

The survey also captured information about individual programs operated by each agency. The Program Description worksheet included the following items:

- Program name
- Program contact information
- Program Director contact information
- Primary location where services are delivered
- Additional service locations (if applicable)
- Primary purpose of the program
- Settings for service delivery
- Languages spoken for services
- Target populations
- Problem behaviors addressed
- Where clients reside in the county
- Number on waiting list for program
- Primary services provided

To initiate data collection for the program directory, a list of 159 agencies was compiled from The Center for Information and Crisis Services which provides data for 2-1-1 and input from the task force. Of the 159 agencies, 68 completed program directory information for 169 programs.

For information on programs and services listed, contact 2-1-1.

Agency Types

A total of 68 agencies are listed in the program directory, although not all have completed the full agency and program descriptions. These represent at least 10 types of agencies, as noted in the following table.

Agency type	Number of agencies in Directory
City government	5
County government	4
State government	5
Private, not-for-profit	30
Private, for profit	1
Religious	4
Hospital/medical facility	1
Law enforcement	2
School district	3
College/university	1
Other	3
Unspecified*	9

* Did not indicate a type in the survey

Agencies and Programs

The 68 participating in the program directory had reported on 169 programs as of October 15, 2007. The table in Appendix A shows the agencies and associated programs that are included in the program directory and in the analysis reported in this chapter.

Agency Missions

The agencies provided a mission statement to describe the general nature of their services. The mission statements for the reporting agencies are presented in Appendix B.

Program Purpose

For each program reported, the agencies provided a description of the program purpose. The purpose statements for the programs reported are presented in Appendix C.

Target Populations

Each program included in the program directory serves one or more target populations. The table below shows the number of programs that address each of the listed populations as the primary target for services.

Children and Youth	Primary target population
Newborns and new parents	33
Toddlers (ages 1-3)	38
Preschoolers (ages 4-5)	49
Young children (age 6-10)	74
Early adolescents (ages 11-14)	74
Older adolescents (ages 15-18)	66
Special needs children	32
Children in shelter or foster care	35
Delinquent youth	32

Parents	Primary target population
Pregnant moms	26
Parents of infants and toddlers	37
Parents of young children	55
Parents of teens	48
Families, in general	74
Fathers	33

Other Adults	Primary target population
Adult without children	33
Elderly	42
Disabled adults	40

Special Conditions	Primary target population
Caregivers	28
Crime victims	20
Ex-offenders	9
Homebound	13
Homeless	17
Medically needy	26
Migrants	16
Military personnel/Veterans and their families	13
Unemployed	22

Services Provided

Each program included in the program directory provides one or more services. The table below shows the number of programs that address each of the listed services, organized by category.

Abuse/Neglect Prevention/Protection	
Adoption	5
Child abuse/neglect prevention	20
Child protective services	7
Domestic abuse	12
Elder abuse/neglect prevention	5
Elder protective services	5
Foster care	13
Prevention and education	35
Sexual assault prevention	6
Sexual assault treatment	5
Adult Day Care and Support	
Day care	6
Homemaker service	1
Personal care	3
Respite care	5
Sitter for adults	2
AIDS-related Services	
Caregivers	3
Counseling	11
Information/education	24
Prevention	10
Testing/screening	7
Alcohol Abuse Services	
Co-dependents	11
Information and education	23
Inpatient treatment	8
Outpatient treatment	11
Prevention	16
Arts, Leisure, and Recreation	
Athletics/sports – general	10
Camping	3
Cultural heritage	5
Day camps	9
Fitness	7
Leisure	6
Library	3
Museum/art	3
Museum/other	2
Parks	3

Arts, Leisure, and Recreation	
Recreation-adult	4
Recreation-facility	2
Recreation-general	5
Recreation-senior	2
Recreation-special	6
Recreation-youth	13
Summer camps	12
Swimming-adult	1
Swimming-youth	6
Theater	3
Child Care and Preschool	
Head start	5
Infant and toddler care	7
Preschool programs	11
Referrals-child care	13
Referrals-preschool	10
Clothing and Household Goods	
Baby clothing and/or supplies	5
Clothing	11
Clothing-maternity	5
Furniture	9
Household items	10
Personal goods	9
Thrift shop	6
Counseling	
Adolescent	20
Adult	18
Anger management	22
Bereavement	11
Caregivers	11
Child	22
Codependency	6
Crisis intervention	15
Divorce	6
Domestic abuse	14
Elder helplessness	3
Emotional distress	19
Family therapy	17
Grief/death	14
Group	24
Individual	30
Legal	6
Marital	4
Mental health	22
Money management	10
Parent counseling	18

Counseling	
Rape	5
Retirement	2
Substance abuse	12
Suicide	6
Telephone reassurance	6
Disabilities	
Developmental disabilities	9
Early intervention-center based	8
Education/training	14
Employment	5
Independent living	9
Information and referral	20
Mental retardation	8
Parking permits	2
Education/vocational	
Adult education	9
Caregiver training	5
Consumer education/information	7
Continuing education	5
Education-adult/basic	5
Education-community	5
Education-community college	4
Education-elementary	11
Education-secondary	5
ESOL	2
GED	3
Independent living skills	8
Learning disability	5
Literacy	6
Nutrition education/counseling	6
Parenting services	11
Parenting skills	15
Placement services	6
School supplies	4
Sex education	6
Sign language instruction	1
Skilled trades	3
Technology	5
Truancy	5
Tutoring	10
Vocational assessment	5
Vocational rehabilitation	4
Volunteer department	2
Emergency Assistance	
Ambulance	1
Disaster relief	15

Emergency Assistance	
Disaster preparedness	11
Emergency alert	3
Emergency management	2
Emergency medical care	1
Emergency rescue	2
Fire safety/protection	5
Hurricane	15
Paramedics	3
Psychiatric emergency room	4
Employment Assistance	
Disabled	7
Job coaching	12
Job search	13
One stop career centers	10
Financial Assistance	
Burials	1
Financial counseling	6
General	5
Housing	11
Income tax assistance	1
Medical	4
Money management	8
Social security	4
SSI	4
TANF	1
Utilities	8
Welfare Transition Program (WTP)	4
WIC	1
Food/Meals	
Community kitchens	3
Congregate meals	5
Food co-ops	2
Food pantry	11
Food stamps	5
Food vouchers	3
Home delivered meals	4
In-home meal preparation	1
Information and referral	19
Health Care Services	
Alzheimer's disease	4
Arthritis	2
Attention deficit disorder	5
Birth control	2
Birth defects	2
Blindness	2

Health Care Services	
Blood pressure	2
Cancer	4
Case management	17
Clinic-medical	4
Companion (home health)	2
Deaf/hearing impaired	3
Death/dying/grief	4
Dental care	5
Diabetes	3
Dialysis	2
Emergency	3
Eye exams	4
Family care coordination	2
Family planning	2
Flu shots	4
Geriatric care managers	2
Health education	8
Hearing impaired	2
Home health care	2
Hospice care	4
Hospital	3
Immunizations	5
Kidney	2
Lupus	2
Medicaid-application	8
Medicaid-information/counseling	5
Medical doctors	4
Medicare-application	6
Medicare-information/counseling	4
Nursing homes	3
Nursing services	3
Occupational therapy	2
Outpatient clinic	6
Outpatient rehabilitation	2
Parkinson's disease	2
Pediatrics	2
Physical therapy	2
Physician referral	5
Pneumonia shots	3
Prescription-expense assistance	7
Prescription-obtaining	7
Public health	4
Rehabilitation	4
Sexually transmitted infection	7
Skilled nursing facility	2
Speech and hearing therapy	2
Testing/screening	5
Vision screening	7
Visual impairment	2

Health Care Services	
Wound care	2
Children's insurance	1
HIV/AIDS	
Caregivers	1
Counseling	11
Housing	4
Info/education	17
Prevention	9
Support group	6
Testing/screening	8
Housing	
Affordable housing	12
Assisted living facility	4
Disabled	6
Home improvement	6
Homeless	11
HIV/AIDS-related	5
Independent living facility	4
Information and referral	12
Low income	13
Low income-elderly	9
Public housing	4
Pregnancy related	1
Rental assistance	7
Law Enforcement and Corrections	
Crime prevention	11
Follow-up programs	9
Juvenile delinquency prevention	10
Offenders with mental health issues	5
Probation/parole	4
Medical/Assistive Equipment or Supplies	
Artificial limbs	1
Assistive devices	2
Equipment	4
Hearing aids	2
Interpreting/translating	3
Mastectomy supplies	1
Medical stockings	1
Orthopedic shoes	1
Orthopedic supports/braces	1
Prosthetic devices	1
TDD equipment	1
TTY (teletypewriter)	1
Vocal relay	1

Mental Health Services	
Case management	20
Counseling	27
Day treatment	5
Depression/manic depression	10
Drop-in center	3
Dual diagnosis	13
Emergency services	2
Group home	7
Info/education	15
Inpatient	3
Medication	9
Outpatient	17
Residential	9
Screening/evaluation	18
Pregnancy Services	
Counseling	8
Medical services	3
Postpartum care	4
Pregnancy care coordination	4
Prenatal care/education	6
Testing	3
Shelter	
Disaster	9
Families	5
Homeless	7
Information and referral	16
Men	4
Pregnancy related	2
Victims of domestic violence	4
Women	4
Substance Abuse	
Co-dependents	9
Information and education	26
Inpatient treatment	8
Outpatient treatment	12
Prevention	14
Support Group	
AIDS	7
Alcoholism	2
Arthritis	1
Bereavement	2
Cancer	1
Caregivers	5
Crime victim	4
Domestic assault	4

Support Group	
Fibromyalgia	1
Lupus	1
Parenting	8
Parkinson's caregiver	1
Rape	1
Suicide survivors	1
Women	3
Other	1
Transportation	
Mass transit	2
Senior transportation	2
Special transportation	13
Travelers assistance	3
Youth Development	
Mentoring	22
Service clubs	9
Teen time	14
Other	
Advocacy-general	17
Errand running	1
Public awareness/education	14
Respite care	4

Problem Behaviors Addressed

As part of the program description, respondents were asked to indicate the problem behaviors that their program addresses. The table below shows the number of programs addressing each type of problem behavior.

Problem Behaviors Addressed	Number of programs addressing
Early developmental	29
Behavioral	65
Delinquency	35
Mental health	47
Parent-child communication	50
Parenting skills	51
Physical	23
Runaway	17
School dropout	29
Serious emotional disturbances	22
Substance abuse	36
Teen pregnancy	21
Violence	37
Other	37

Setting for Service Delivery

The services described take place in a variety of settings. The table below shows the various settings and the number of programs that use each setting.

Settings for Service Delivery	Number of programs
Agency office or program space	98
Home-based	42
School-based during school hours	30
School-based during non-school hours	14
Community center	28
Church	22
Other	40

Languages Spoken

Also included in the program description was an indication of the languages spoken by staff in the course of service delivery. The table below shows the number of programs that address each language listed.

Languages Spoken for Service Delivery	Number of programs reporting
English	147
Spanish	109
Creole	41
Other	9

Program Capacity

Of the 62 agencies responding about program capacity, 26 (42%) reported that they are able to serve all who come for services and 36 (58%) said they are not able to serve all who come.

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Economic Status

The series of tables below show the specific services provided by each of the programs that address the economic status of individuals or families. Services are categorized in terms of the following:

- Clothing and household goods
- Employment assistance
- Financial assistance
- Shelter
- Transportation

Services Provided by Number of Programs and Program Name: Economic Status

(Note: These charts are governed by those agencies that responded to the survey.)

Clothing and Household Goods		
Service Provided	# Programs	Agency/Program
Baby clothing and/or supplies	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Hibiscus Children's Center/Crisis Nursery ▪ Mustard Seed Ministries of Fort Pierce/ Mustard Seed Ministries of Fort Pierce ▪ ALPI/St. Lucie County Head Start Program ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ The Homeless Family Center/The Homeless Family Center
Clothing	11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Response/Project AIDS Care Waiver Program ▪ Hibiscus Children's Center/Crisis Nursery ▪ Mustard Seed Ministries of Fort Pierce/ Mustard Seed Ministries of Fort Pierce ▪ ALPI/St. Lucie County Head Start Program ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Girl's Group Home ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Transitional Living Program ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ The Homeless Family Center/The Homeless Family Center ▪ Plant A Seed Ministries/Plant A Seed Ministries ▪ Public Defender 19th Judicial Circuit/Circuit Re-entry Program ▪ Seventh-Day Adventist Church/Community Services Center

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Clothing and Household Goods		
Service Provided	# Programs	Agency/Program
Clothing-maternity	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Hibiscus Children's Center/Crisis Nursery ▪ Mustard Seed Ministries of Fort Pierce/ Mustard Seed Ministries of Fort Pierce ▪ ALPI/St. Lucie County Head Start Program ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ The Homeless Family Center/The Homeless Family Center
Furniture	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Response/Project AIDS Care Waiver Program ▪ Hibiscus Children's Center/Crisis Nursery ▪ Mustard Seed Ministries of Fort Pierce/ Mustard Seed Ministries of Fort Pierce ▪ ALPI/St. Lucie County Head Start Program ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Girl's Group Home ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Transitional Living Program ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ The Homeless Family Center/The Homeless Family Center ▪ Plant A Seed Ministries/Plant A Seed Ministries
Household items	10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Response/Project AIDS Care Waiver Program ▪ Hibiscus Children's Center/Crisis Nursery ▪ Mustard Seed Ministries of Fort Pierce/ Mustard Seed Ministries of Fort Pierce ▪ ALPI/St. Lucie County Head Start Program ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Girl's Group Home ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Transitional Living Program ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ The Homeless Family Center/The Homeless Family Center ▪ Plant A Seed Ministries/Plant A Seed Ministries ▪ Seventh-Day Adventist Church/Community Services Center
Personal goods	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Hibiscus Children's Center/Crisis Nursery ▪ Mustard Seed Ministries of Fort Pierce/ Mustard Seed Ministries of Fort Pierce ▪ ALPI/St. Lucie County Head Start Program ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Girl's Group Home ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Transitional Living Program ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ The Homeless Family Center/The Homeless Family Center ▪ Plant A Seed Ministries/Plant A Seed Ministries ▪ Public Defender 19th Judicial Circuit/Circuit Re-entry Program

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Clothing and Household Goods		
Service Provided	# Programs	Agency/Program
Thrift shop	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Response/Project AIDS Care Waiver Program ▪ Hibiscus Children's Center/Crisis Nursery ▪ Mustard Seed Ministries of Fort Pierce/ Mustard Seed Ministries of Fort Pierce ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ The Homeless Family Center/The Homeless Family Center ▪ Seventh-Day Adventist Church/Community Services Center

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Employment Assistance		
Service Provided	# Programs	Agency/Program
Disabled	7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Vocational Training and Employment ▪ Department of Education-Division of Vocational Rehabilitation/ Department of Education-Division of Vocational Rehabilitation ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Plant A Seed Ministries/Plant A Seed Ministries ▪ Treasure Coast Homeless Services Council/Treasure Coast Homeless Resource Center ▪ Workforce Development Board of the Treasure Coast/Wagner Peyser ▪ Workforce Development Board of the Treasure Coast/WTP WIA
Job coaching	12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Vocational Training and Employment ▪ New Horizons of the Treasure Coast/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services ▪ Department of Education-Division of Vocational Rehabilitation/ Department of Education-Division of Vocational Rehabilitation ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Independent Living Program ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Independent Living Program ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Transitional Living Program ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ The Homeless Family Center/The Homeless Family Center ▪ Plant A Seed Ministries/Plant A Seed Ministries ▪ Workforce Development Board of the Treasure Coast/Wagner Peyser ▪ Workforce Development Board of the Treasure Coast/Job Corps ▪ Workforce Development Board of the Treasure Coast/WTP WIA

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Employment Assistance		
Service Provided	# Programs	Agency/Program
Job search	13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Vocational Training and Employment ▪ Department of Education-Division of Vocational Rehabilitation/ Department of Education-Division of Vocational Rehabilitation ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Independent Living Program ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Independent Living Program ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Transitional Living Program ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ The Homeless Family Center/The Homeless Family Center ▪ Plant A Seed Ministries/Plant A Seed Ministries ▪ Public Defender 19th Judicial Circuit/Circuit Re-entry Program ▪ Treasure Coast Homeless Services Council/Shelter Plus Care ▪ Workforce Development Board of the Treasure Coast/Wagner Peyser ▪ Workforce Development Board of the Treasure Coast/Job Corps ▪ Workforce Development Board of the Treasure Coast/WTP WIA
One stop career centers	10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Response/Project AIDS Care Waiver Program ▪ Project Response/Ryan White ▪ Department of Education-Division of Vocational Rehabilitation/ Department of Education-Division of Vocational Rehabilitation ▪ ALPI/St. Lucie County Head Start Program ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Plant A Seed Ministries/Plant A Seed Ministries ▪ Public Defender 19th Judicial Circuit/Circuit Re-entry Program ▪ Workforce Development Board of the Treasure Coast/Wagner Peyser ▪ Workforce Development Board of the Treasure Coast/Job Corps ▪ Workforce Development Board of the Treasure Coast/WTP WIA

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Financial Assistance		
Service Provided	# Programs	Agency/Program
Burials	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ St. Lucie County Community Services/Social Services
Financial counseling	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Response/Housing Opportunities for Person's with AIDS ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Vocational Training and Employment ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Supported Living ▪ Fort Pierce Utilities Authority/Project Care ▪ St. Lucie County Community Services/Social Services ▪ Catholic Charities/Strengthening Families
General	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Response/Ryan White ▪ Boy Scouts of America/Traditional Scouting ▪ Hibiscus Children's Center/Crisis Nursery ▪ Plant A Seed Ministries/Plant A Seed Ministries ▪ St. Lucie County Community Services/Social Services
Housing	11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Response/Housing Opportunities for Person's with AIDS ▪ Mustard Seed Ministries of Fort Pierce/ Mustard Seed Ministries of Fort Pierce ▪ ALPI/St. Lucie County Head Start Program ▪ Plant A Seed Ministries/Plant A Seed Ministries ▪ Treasure Coast Homeless Services Council/Treasure Coast Homeless Resource Center ▪ Treasure Coast Homeless Services Council/Shelter Plus Care ▪ St. Lucie County Community Services/Housing ▪ St. Lucie County Community Services/Social Services ▪ St. Lucie INTACT/Disaster Repair ▪ City of Fort Pierce/Local Government Administration ▪ The Housing Authority of the City of Fort Pierce/Resident Services Programs
Income tax assistance	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ St. Lucie County Community Services/Social Services
Medical	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Response/Ryan White ▪ Mustard Seed Ministries of Fort Pierce/ Mustard Seed Ministries of Fort Pierce ▪ Florida Department of Children and Families/ACCESS ▪ Kids Connected by Design and Healthy Start Coalition/Healthy Kids

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Financial Assistance		
Service Provided	# Programs	Agency/Program
Money management	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Response/Housing Opportunities for Person's with AIDS ▪ Project Response/Project AIDS Care Waiver Program ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Vocational Training and Employment ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Residential Living ▪ Fort Pierce Utilities Authority/Budget Billing ▪ Workforce Development Board of the Treasure Coast/Job Corps ▪ St. Lucie County Community Services/Social Services ▪ Catholic Charities/Strengthening Families
Social security	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Response/Project AIDS Care Waiver Program ▪ Project Response/Ryan White ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Residential Living ▪ Treasure Coast Homeless Services Council/Treasure Coast Homeless Resource Center
SSI	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Response/Project AIDS Care Waiver Program ▪ Project Response/Ryan White ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Residential Living ▪ Treasure Coast Homeless Services Council/Treasure Coast Homeless Resource Center
TANF	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Florida Department of Children and Families/ACCESS
Utilities	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Response/Housing Opportunities for Person's with AIDS ▪ Mustard Seed Ministries of Fort Pierce/ Mustard Seed Ministries of Fort Pierce ▪ ALPI/St. Lucie County Head Start Program ▪ Fort Pierce Utilities Authority/Budget Billing ▪ Fort Pierce Utilities Authority/Project Care ▪ Treasure Coast Homeless Services Council/Treasure Coast Homeless Resource Center ▪ St. Lucie County Community Services/Social Services ▪ Council on Aging of St. Lucie County/ Emergency Home Energy Assistance for the Elderly Program
Welfare Transition Program (WTP)	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Response/Project AIDS Care Waiver Program ▪ Florida Department of Children and Families/ACCESS ▪ Workforce Development Board of the Treasure Coast/Wagner Peyser ▪ Workforce Development Board of the Treasure Coast/WTP WIA
WIC	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ St. Lucie County Health Department/St. Lucie County Health Department

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Shelter		
Service Provided	# Programs	Agency/Program
Disaster	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Vocational Training and Employment ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Residential Living ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Supported Living ▪ American Red Cross North Treasure Coast Chapter/Disaster Services ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ The Homeless Family Center/The Homeless Family Center ▪ Plant A Seed Ministries/Plant A Seed Ministries ▪ St. Lucie County Community Services/Housing ▪ St. Lucie INTACT/Disaster Repair
Families	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Children's Services Council of St. Lucie County ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ The Homeless Family Center/The Homeless Family Center ▪ Seventh-Day Adventist Church/Community Services Center ▪ Treasure Coast Homeless Services Council/Treasure Coast Homeless Resource Center
Homeless	7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Children in Need of Services, Families in Need of Services ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Transitional Living Program ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ The Homeless Family Center/The Homeless Family Center ▪ Plant A Seed Ministries/Plant A Seed Ministries ▪ Treasure Coast Homeless Services Council/Treasure Coast Homeless Resource Center ▪ St. Lucie County Community Services/Housing

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Shelter		
Service Provided	# Programs	Agency/Program
Information and referral	16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Response/Housing Opportunities for Person's with AIDS ▪ Project Response/AIDS Insurance Continuation Program ▪ Project Response/Project AIDS Care Waiver Program ▪ Project Response/Ryan White ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Residential Living ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Supported Living ▪ Mustard Seed Ministries of Fort Pierce/ Mustard Seed Ministries of Fort Pierce ▪ ALPI/St. Lucie County Head Start Program ▪ Children's Services Council of St. Lucie County ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ The Homeless Family Center/The Homeless Family Center ▪ St. Lucie County Community Services/Housing ▪ St. Lucie County Community Services/Social Services ▪ Kids Connected by Design and Healthy Start Coalition/Healthy Families ▪ Kids Connected by Design and Healthy Start Coalition/Healthy Start ▪ Kids Connected by Design and Healthy Start Coalition/Healthy Changes
Men	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ The Homeless Family Center/The Homeless Family Center ▪ Plant A Seed Ministries/Plant A Seed Ministries ▪ Treasure Coast Homeless Services Council/Treasure Coast Homeless Resource Center
Pregnancy related	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ The Homeless Family Center/The Homeless Family Center
Victims of domestic violence	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Victim Advocacy ▪ The Homeless Family Center/The Homeless Family Center ▪ Plant A Seed Ministries/Plant A Seed Ministries
Women	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ The Homeless Family Center/The Homeless Family Center ▪ Plant A Seed Ministries/Plant A Seed Ministries ▪ Treasure Coast Homeless Services Council/Treasure Coast Homeless Resource Center

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Transportation		
Service Provided	# Programs	Agency/Program
Mass transit	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Council on Aging of St. Lucie/Senior Services ▪ St. Lucie County Community Services/Transportation
Senior transportation	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Council on Aging of St. Lucie/Senior Services ▪ St. Lucie County Community Services/Transportation
Special transportation	13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Response/Project AIDS Care Waiver Program ▪ Project Response/Ryan White ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Vocational Training and Employment ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Residential Living ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Supported Living ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Adult Day Training ▪ Boy Scouts of America/Scout Reach ▪ Council on Aging of St. Lucie/Senior Services ▪ Plant A Seed Ministries/Plant A Seed Ministries ▪ St. Lucie County Community Services/Transportation ▪ City of Fort Pierce/Local Government Administration ▪ The Housing Authority of the City of Fort Pierce/Resident Services Programs ▪ St. Lucie County Veteran Services/Veterans Medical Transportation
Travelers assistance	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Response/Project AIDS Care Waiver Program ▪ Mustard Seed Ministries of Fort Pierce/ Mustard Seed Ministries of Fort Pierce ▪ Seventh-Day Adventist Church/Community Services Center

Family Stability

The series of tables below show the specific services provided by each of the programs that address family stability. Services are categorized in terms of the following:

- Child care and preschools
- Food/meals
- Housing
- Recreation, arts, and leisure

Services Provided by Number of Programs and Program Name: Family Stability

(Note: These charts are governed by those agencies that responded to the survey.)

Child Care and Preschool		
Service Provided	# Programs	Agency/Program
Head start	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ALPI/St. Lucie County Head Start Program ▪ Early Learning Coalition/Child Care Resource and Referral ▪ Florida Diagnostic Learning Resource System/Human Resources Development ▪ Florida Department of Children and Families/Child Care Licensing ▪ St. Lucie County Health Department/St. Lucie County Health Department
Infant and toddler care	7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Club Utilitas/Teencenter Childcare ▪ ALPI/St. Lucie County Head Start Program ▪ Early Learning Coalition/School Readiness Program ▪ Early Learning Coalition/Child Care Resource and Referral ▪ Florida Diagnostic Learning Resource System/Human Resources Development ▪ Florida Department of Children and Families/Child Care Licensing ▪ Seventh-Day Adventist Church/Starlight Christian Pre-school
Preschool programs	11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Club Utilitas/Teencenter Childcare ▪ ALPI/St. Lucie County Head Start Program ▪ Early Learning Coalition/School Readiness Program ▪ Early Learning Coalition/Voluntary Prekindergarten Program ▪ Early Learning Coalition/Child Care Resource and Referral ▪ Florida Diagnostic Learning Resource System/Child Find ▪ Florida Diagnostic Learning Resource System/Human Resources Development ▪ Florida Department of Children and Families/Child Care Licensing ▪ Literacy Launchers/Literacy Launchers ▪ Seventh-Day Adventist Church/Starlight Christian Pre-school ▪ The Daniel M. Foundation/Applied Behavior Concepts Early Childhood Development Center

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Child Care and Preschool		
Service Provided	# Programs	Agency/Program
Referrals-child care	13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Hibiscus Children's Center/Healthy Opportunities for Parenting Excellence (HOPE) ▪ Hibiscus Children's Center/Crisis Nursery ▪ ALPI/St. Lucie County Head Start Program ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Adoptions ▪ Early Learning Coalition/School Readiness Program ▪ Early Learning Coalition/Child Care Resource and Referral ▪ Florida Diagnostic Learning Resource System/Child Find ▪ Florida Diagnostic Learning Resource System/Human Resources Development ▪ Florida Department of Children and Families/Child Care Licensing ▪ The Homeless Family Center/The Homeless Family Center ▪ The Daniel M. Foundation/Camp Holiday Children's Respite Center ▪ Kids Connected by Design and Healthy Start Coalition/Healthy Families ▪ Kids Connected by Design and Healthy Start Coalition/Healthy Start
Referrals-preschool	10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Hibiscus Children's Center/Healthy Opportunities for Parenting Excellence (HOPE) ▪ ALPI/St. Lucie County Head Start Program ▪ Children's Services Council of St. Lucie County ▪ Early Learning Coalition/School Readiness Program ▪ Early Learning Coalition/Child Care Resource and Referral ▪ Florida Diagnostic Learning Resource System/Child Find ▪ Florida Diagnostic Learning Resource System/Human Resources Development ▪ Florida Department of Children and Families/Child Care Licensing ▪ Kids Connected by Design and Healthy Start Coalition/Healthy Families ▪ Kids Connected by Design and Healthy Start Coalition/Healthy Start

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Food/Meals		
Service Provided	# Programs	Agency/Program
Community kitchens	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Response/Project AIDS Care Waiver Program ▪ Plant A Seed Ministries/Plant A Seed Ministries ▪ Public Defender 19th Judicial Circuit/Circuit Re-entry Program
Congregate meals	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Council on Aging of St. Lucie/Senior Services ▪ The Homeless Family Center/The Homeless Family Center ▪ Treasure Coast Food Bank/Food Distribution Program ▪ Treasure Coast Food Bank/Orange Avenue Outreach Center ▪ The Housing Authority of the City of Fort Pierce/Resident Services Programs
Food co-ops	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Treasure Coast Food Bank/Food Distribution Program ▪ Treasure Coast Food Bank/Orange Avenue Outreach Center
Food pantry	11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Response/Housing Opportunities for Person's with AIDS ▪ Project Response/Project AIDS Care Waiver Program ▪ Project Response/Ryan White ▪ Boy Scouts of America/Traditional Scouting ▪ Boy Scouts of America/Scout Reach ▪ Mustard Seed Ministries of Fort Pierce/ Mustard Seed Ministries of Fort Pierce ▪ Seventh-Day Adventist Church/Community Services Center ▪ The Holy Place Family Fellowship Center/Food Pantry ▪ Treasure Coast Food Bank/Food Distribution Program ▪ Treasure Coast Food Bank/Orange Avenue Outreach Center ▪ Catholic Charities/Fort Pierce Outreach-After School
Food stamps	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Response/Project AIDS Care Waiver Program ▪ Project Response/Ryan White ▪ Florida Department of Children and Families/ACCESS ▪ Plant A Seed Ministries/Plant A Seed Ministries ▪ Public Defender 19th Judicial Circuit/Circuit Re-entry Program
Food vouchers	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Response/Project AIDS Care Waiver Program ▪ Project Response/Ryan White ▪ Kids Connected by Design and Healthy Start Coalition/Healthy Changes

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Food/Meals		
Service Provided	# Programs	Agency/Program
Home delivered meals	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Response/Project AIDS Care Waiver Program ▪ Council on Aging of St. Lucie/Senior Services ▪ Treasure Coast Food Bank/Food Distribution Program ▪ Treasure Coast Food Bank/Orange Avenue Outreach Center
In-home meal preparation	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Residential Living
Information and referral	19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Response/Project AIDS Care Waiver Program ▪ Project Response/Ryan White ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Vocational Training and Employment ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Supported Living ▪ Hibiscus Children's Center/Crisis Nursery ▪ Mustard Seed Ministries of Fort Pierce/ Mustard Seed Ministries of Fort Pierce ▪ ALPI/St. Lucie County Head Start Program ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Council on Aging of St. Lucie/Senior Services ▪ Early Learning Coalition/School Readiness Program ▪ The Homeless Family Center/The Homeless Family Center ▪ Plant A Seed Ministries/Plant A Seed Ministries ▪ Workforce Development Board of the Treasure Coast/Wagner Peyser ▪ St. Lucie County Community Services/Social Services ▪ Kids Connected by Design and Healthy Start Coalition/Healthy Families ▪ Kids Connected by Design and Healthy Start Coalition/Healthy Start ▪ Treasure Coast Food Bank/Food Distribution Program ▪ Treasure Coast Food Bank/Orange Avenue Outreach Center ▪ Catholic Charities/Fort Pierce Outreach-After School

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Housing		
Service Provided	# Programs	Agency/Program
Affordable housing	12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mustard Seed Ministries of Fort Pierce/ Mustard Seed Ministries of Fort Pierce ▪ ALPI/St. Lucie County Head Start Program ▪ City of Port St. Lucie/State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) Housing Program ▪ City of Port St. Lucie/Community Development Block Grand (CDBG) Program ▪ City of Port St. Lucie/Community Services Information and Referral ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Plant A Seed Ministries/Plant A Seed Ministries ▪ Treasure Coast Homeless Services Council/Treasure Coast Homeless Resource Center ▪ Treasure Coast Homeless Services Council/Shelter Plus Care ▪ St. Lucie County Community Services/Housing ▪ St. Lucie County Community Services/Social Services ▪ City of Fort Pierce/Local Government Administration
Assisted living facility	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Vocational Training and Employment ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Residential Living ▪ The Chateau at Lawnwood/Assisted Living Services ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion
Disabled	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Vocational Training and Employment ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Residential Living ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Treasure Coast Homeless Services Council/Treasure Coast Homeless Resource Center ▪ Treasure Coast Homeless Services Council/Shelter Plus Care ▪ St. Lucie County Community Services/Social Services
Home improvement	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City of Port St. Lucie/State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) Housing Program ▪ City of Port St. Lucie/Community Development Block Grand (CDBG) Program ▪ City of Port St. Lucie/Community Services Information and Referral ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Fort Pierce Utilities Authority/Home Utility Conservation Surveys ▪ City of Fort Pierce/Local Government Administration

AVAILABLE SERVICES

Housing		
Service Provided	# Programs	Agency/Program
Homeless	11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mustard Seed Ministries of Fort Pierce/ Mustard Seed Ministries of Fort Pierce ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Transitional Living Program ▪ City of Port St. Lucie/State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) Housing Program ▪ City of Port St. Lucie/Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program ▪ City of Port St. Lucie/Community Services Information and Referral ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ The Homeless Family Center/The Homeless Family Center ▪ Plant A Seed Ministries/Plant A Seed Ministries ▪ Treasure Coast Homeless Services Council/Treasure Coast Homeless Resource Center ▪ Treasure Coast Homeless Services Council/Shelter Plus Care ▪ St. Lucie County Community Services/Social Services
HIV/AIDS-related	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Response/Housing Opportunities for Person's with AIDS ▪ Project Response/Project AIDS Care Waiver Program ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Plant A Seed Ministries/Plant A Seed Ministries ▪ Treasure Coast Homeless Services Council/Shelter Plus Care
Independent living facility	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Girl's Group Home ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Transitional Living Program ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Plant A Seed Ministries/Plant A Seed Ministries

AVAILABLE SERVICES

Housing		
Service Provided	# Programs	Agency/Program
Information and referral	12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Supported Living ▪ Mustard Seed Ministries of Fort Pierce/ Mustard Seed Ministries of Fort Pierce ▪ ALPI/St. Lucie County Head Start Program ▪ City of Port St. Lucie/State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) Housing Program ▪ City of Port St. Lucie/Community Development Block Grand (CDBG) Program ▪ City of Port St. Lucie/Community Services Information and Referral ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ St. Lucie County Community Services/Housing ▪ St. Lucie County Community Services/Social Services ▪ Kids Connected by Design and Healthy Start Coalition/Healthy Families ▪ Kids Connected by Design and Healthy Start Coalition/Healthy Start ▪ City of Fort Pierce/Local Government Administration
Low income	13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Response/Housing Opportunities for Person's with AIDS ▪ ALPI/St. Lucie County Head Start Program ▪ City of Port St. Lucie/State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) Housing Program ▪ City of Port St. Lucie/Community Development Block Grand (CDBG) Program ▪ City of Port St. Lucie/Community Services Information and Referral ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Treasure Coast Homeless Services Council/Treasure Coast Homeless Resource Center ▪ Treasure Coast Homeless Services Council/Shelter Plus Care ▪ St. Lucie County Community Services/Housing ▪ St. Lucie County Community Services/Social Services ▪ St. Lucie INTACT/Disaster Repair ▪ City of Fort Pierce/Local Government Administration ▪ The Housing Authority of the City of Fort Pierce/Resident Services Programs

AVAILABLE SERVICES

Housing		
Service Provided	# Programs	Agency/Program
Low income-elderly	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ALPI/St. Lucie County Head Start Program ▪ City of Port St. Lucie/State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) Housing Program ▪ City of Port St. Lucie/Community Development Block Grand (CDBG) Program ▪ City of Port St. Lucie/Community Services Information and Referral ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ St. Lucie County Community Services/ Housing ▪ St. Lucie County Community Services/Social Services ▪ St. Lucie INTACT/Disaster Repair ▪ The Housing Authority of the City of Fort Pierce/Resident Services Programs
Public housing	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Treasure Coast Homeless Services Council/Treasure Coast Homeless Resource Center ▪ City of Fort Pierce/Local Government Administration ▪ The Housing Authority of the City of Fort Pierce/Resident Services Programs
Pregnancy related	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion
Rental assistance	7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mustard Seed Ministries of Fort Pierce/ Mustard Seed Ministries of Fort Pierce ▪ City of Port St. Lucie/State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) Housing Program ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Treasure Coast Homeless Services Council/Treasure Coast Homeless Resource Center ▪ St. Lucie County Community Services/Social Services ▪ City of Fort Pierce/Local Government Administration ▪ The Housing Authority of the City of Fort Pierce/Resident Services Programs

AVAILABLE SERVICES

Arts, Leisure, and Recreation		
Service Provided	# Programs	Agency/Program
Athletics/sports – general	10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Boys & Girls Club of St. Lucie County/Kidstop ▪ Children's Services Council of St. Lucie County ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Police Athletic League (PAL) ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ City of Port St. Lucie Police Department/Community Programs ▪ Drug Abuse Treatment Association/Hayslip Residential Treatment ▪ Plant A Seed Ministries/Plant A Seed Ministries ▪ YMCA of the Treasure Coast/YMCA of the Treasure Coast – Fort Pierce ▪ YMCA of the Treasure Coast/YMCA of the Treasure Coast – Program Center @ JayCee Park ▪ YMCA of the Treasure Coast/YMCA of the Treasure Coast – Tiffany Avenue Program Center
Camping	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office ▪ Project Response/Camp Heartland ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion
Cultural heritage	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Boys & Girls Club of St. Lucie County/ Kidstop ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Girl's Group Home ▪ Children's Services Council of St. Lucie County ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Drug Abuse Treatment Association/AfterCare Services
Day camps	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/After School and Summer Camp ▪ Boys & Girls Club of St. Lucie County/Kidstop ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ The Daniel M. Foundation/Camp Holiday Children's Respite Center ▪ YMCA of the Treasure Coast/YMCA Child Care Activities ▪ YMCA of the Treasure Coast/YMCA of the Treasure Coast – Fort Pierce ▪ YMCA of the Treasure Coast/YMCA of the Treasure Coast – Program Center @ JayCee Park ▪ YMCA of the Treasure Coast/YMCA of the Treasure Coast – Tiffany Avenue Program Center ▪ Catholic Charities/Fort Pierce Outreach-After School

AVAILABLE SERVICES

Arts, Leisure, and Recreation		
Service Provided	# Programs	Agency/Program
Fitness	7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Boys & Girls Club of St. Lucie County/Kidstop ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Girl's Group Home ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Police Athletic League (PAL) ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Plant A Seed Ministries/Plant A Seed Ministries ▪ The Daniel M. Foundation/Camp Holiday Children's Respite Center ▪ YMCA of the Treasure Coast/YMCA of the Treasure Coast – Fort Pierce
Leisure	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Boys & Girls Club of St. Lucie County/Kidstop ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Police Athletic League (PAL) ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Drug Abuse Treatment Association/AfterCare Services ▪ Plant A Seed Ministries/Plant A Seed Ministries ▪ The Daniel M. Foundation/Camp Holiday Children's Respite Center
Library	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Girl's Group Home ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ The Daniel M. Foundation/Camp Holiday Children's Respite Center
Museum/art	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Girl's Group Home ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ The Daniel M. Foundation/Camp Holiday Children's Respite Center
Museum/other	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ The Daniel M. Foundation/Camp Holiday Children's Respite Center
Parks	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Girl's Group Home ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ The Daniel M. Foundation/Camp Holiday Children's Respite Center
Recreation-adult	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Residential Living ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Plant A Seed Ministries/Plant A Seed Ministries ▪ YMCA of the Treasure Coast/YMCA of the Treasure Coast – Fort Pierce
Recreation-facility	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ YMCA of the Treasure Coast/YMCA of the Treasure Coast – Fort Pierce

AVAILABLE SERVICES

Arts, Leisure, and Recreation		
Service Provided	# Programs	Agency/Program
Recreation-general	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Boys & Girls Club of St. Lucie County/CORE Program ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Drug Abuse Treatment Association/AfterCare Services ▪ YMCA of the Treasure Coast/YMCA of the Treasure Coast – Fort Pierce ▪ YMCA of the Treasure Coast/YMCA of the Treasure Coast – Program Center @ JayCee Park
Recreation-senior	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Council on Aging of St. Lucie/Senior Services
Recreation-special	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Response/Camp Heartland ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/After School and Summer Camp ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Adult Day Training ▪ Children's Services Council of St. Lucie County ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ The Daniel M. Foundation/Camp Holiday Children's Respite Center
Recreation-youth	13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Response/Camp Heartland ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/After School and Summer Camp ▪ Boys & Girls Club of St. Lucie County/CORE Program ▪ Boys & Girls Club of St. Lucie County/Kidstop ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Girl's Group Home ▪ Children's Services Council of St. Lucie County ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Drug Abuse Treatment Association/AfterCare Services ▪ The Daniel M. Foundation/Camp Holiday Children's Respite Center ▪ YMCA of the Treasure Coast/YMCA of the Treasure Coast – Fort Pierce ▪ YMCA of the Treasure Coast/YMCA of the Treasure Coast – Program Center @ JayCee Park ▪ YMCA of the Treasure Coast/YMCA of the Treasure Coast – Tiffany Avenue Program Center ▪ Catholic Charities/Fort Pierce Outreach-After School

AVAILABLE SERVICES

Arts, Leisure, and Recreation		
Service Provided	# Programs	Agency/Program
Summer camps	12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Response/Camp Heartland ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/After School and Summer Camp ▪ Boys & Girls Club of St. Lucie County/CORE Program ▪ Boys & Girls Club of St. Lucie County/Kidstop ▪ Children's Services Council of St. Lucie County ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Police Athletic League (PAL) ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ The Daniel M. Foundation/Camp Holiday Children's Respite Center ▪ YMCA of the Treasure Coast/YMCA of the Treasure Coast - Fort Pierce ▪ YMCA of the Treasure Coast/YMCA of the Treasure Coast - Program Center @ JayCee Park ▪ YMCA of the Treasure Coast/YMCA of the Treasure Coast - Tiffany Avenue Program Center ▪ The Housing Authority of the City of Fort Pierce/Resident Services Programs
Swimming-adult	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion
Swimming-youth	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/After School and Summer Camp ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Girl's Group Home ▪ Children's Services Council of St. Lucie County ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ The Daniel M. Foundation/Camp Holiday Children's Respite Center ▪ YMCA of the Treasure Coast/YMCA of the Treasure Coast - Fort Pierce
Theater	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Girl's Group Home ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Police Athletic League (PAL) ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion

Health

The series of tables below show the specific services that address health. Services are categorized in terms of the following:

- Health care services
- Pregnancy services
- Youth development

Services Provided by Number of Programs and Program Name: Health

(Note: These charts are governed by those agencies that responded to the survey.)

Health Care		
Service Provided	# Programs	Agency/Program
Alzheimer's disease	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Alzheimer's Community Care/Family Nurse Consultant ▪ Alzheimer's Community Care/Specialized Alzheimer's Day Care ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Treasure Coast Hospices/Treasure Coast Hospices
Arthritis	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Treasure Coast Hospices/Treasure Coast Hospices
Attention deficit disorder	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Suncoast Mental Health Center/Children's Mental Health Services ▪ The Daniel M. Foundation/Camp Holiday Children's Respite Center ▪ The Daniel M. Foundation/Applied Behavior Concepts Early Childhood Development Center ▪ Treasure Coast Hospices/Treasure Coast Hospices
Birth control	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Treasure Coast Hospices/Treasure Coast Hospices
Birth defects	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Treasure Coast Hospices/Treasure Coast Hospices
Blindness	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Treasure Coast Hospices/Treasure Coast Hospices
Blood pressure	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Treasure Coast Hospices/Treasure Coast Hospices

AVAILABLE SERVICES

Health Care		
Service Provided	# Programs	Agency/Program
Cancer	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Treasure Coast Hospices/Health and Activities Center ▪ Treasure Coast Hospices/Transitions ▪ Treasure Coast Hospices/Treasure Coast Hospices
Case management	17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Response/Project AIDS Care Waiver Program ▪ Project Response/HIV Navigators Program ▪ Project Response/Ryan White ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Vocational Training and Employment ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Supported Living ▪ New Horizons of the Treasure Coast/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services ▪ ALPI/St. Lucie County Head Start Program ▪ Alzheimer's Community Care/Family Nurse Consultant ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Council on Aging of St. Lucie/Senior Services ▪ The Homeless Family Center/The Homeless Family Center ▪ Suncoast Mental Health Center/Children's Mental Health Services ▪ St. Lucie County Health Department/St. Lucie County Health Department ▪ St. Lucie County Community Services/Social Services ▪ Kids Connected by Design and Healthy Start Coalition/Healthy Changes ▪ Epilepsy Foundation/Medical Services ▪ Treasure Coast Hospices/Treasure Coast Hospices
Clinic-medical	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Response/Project AIDS Care Waiver Program ▪ Project Response/Ryan White ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Treasure Coast Hospices/Treasure Coast Hospices
Companion (home health)	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Treasure Coast Hospices/Treasure Coast Hospices
Deaf/hearing impaired	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services of the Treasure Coast/Services for Individuals with Hearing Loss ▪ Treasure Coast Hospices/Treasure Coast Hospices

AVAILABLE SERVICES

Health Care		
Service Provided	# Programs	Agency/Program
Death/dying/grief	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Treasure Coast Hospices/Health and Activities Center ▪ Treasure Coast Hospices/Transitions ▪ Treasure Coast Hospices/Treasure Coast Hospices
Dental care	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Response/Project AIDS Care Waiver Program ▪ Project Response/Ryan White ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ St. Lucie County Health Department/St. Lucie County Health Department ▪ Treasure Coast Hospices/Treasure Coast Hospices
Diabetes	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Response/Project AIDS Care Waiver Program ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Treasure Coast Hospices/Treasure Coast Hospices
Dialysis	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Treasure Coast Hospices/Treasure Coast Hospices
Emergency	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Response/Project AIDS Care Waiver Program ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Treasure Coast Hospices/Treasure Coast Hospices
Eye exams	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Response/Project AIDS Care Waiver Program ▪ Project Response/Ryan White ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Treasure Coast Hospices/Treasure Coast Hospices
Family care coordination	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Treasure Coast Hospices/Treasure Coast Hospices
Family planning	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Treasure Coast Hospices/Treasure Coast Hospices
Flu shots	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Response/Project AIDS Care Waiver Program ▪ Project Response/Ryan White ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Treasure Coast Hospices/Treasure Coast Hospices

AVAILABLE SERVICES

Health Care		
Service Provided	# Programs	Agency/Program
Geriatric care managers	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Treasure Coast Hospices/Treasure Coast Hospices
Health education	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Response/Project AIDS Care Waiver Program ▪ Project Response/HIV Navigators Program ▪ ALPI/St. Lucie County Head Start Program ▪ Alzheimer's Community Care/Family Nurse Consultant ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Early Learning Coalition/School Readiness Program ▪ St. Lucie County Health Department/St. Lucie County Health Department ▪ Treasure Coast Hospices/Treasure Coast Hospices
Hearing impaired	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Treasure Coast Hospices/Treasure Coast Hospices
Home health care	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Treasure Coast Hospices/Treasure Coast Hospices
Hospice care	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Response/Project AIDS Care Waiver Program ▪ Project Response/Ryan White ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Treasure Coast Hospices/Treasure Coast Hospices
Hospital	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Response/Ryan White ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Treasure Coast Hospices/Treasure Coast Hospices
Immunizations	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Response/Project AIDS Care Waiver Program ▪ Project Response/Ryan White ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ St. Lucie County Health Department/St. Lucie County Health Department ▪ Treasure Coast Hospices/Treasure Coast Hospices
Kidney	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Treasure Coast Hospices/Treasure Coast Hospices
Lupus	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Treasure Coast Hospices/Treasure Coast Hospices

AVAILABLE SERVICES

Health Care		
Service Provided	# Programs	Agency/Program
Medicaid-application	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Response/Project AIDS Care Waiver Program ▪ Project Response/HIV Navigators Program ▪ Project Response/Ryan White ▪ ALPI/St. Lucie County Head Start Program ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ St. Lucie County Community Services/Social Services ▪ Treasure Coast Hospices/Treasure Coast Hospices ▪ United for Families/Family Preservation Services
Medicaid-information/counseling	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Vocational Training and Employment ▪ ALPI/St. Lucie County Head Start Program ▪ Alzheimer's Community Care/Family Nurse Consultant ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Treasure Coast Hospices/Treasure Coast Hospices
Medical doctors	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Response/Ryan White ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ St. Lucie County Health Department/St. Lucie County Health Department ▪ Treasure Coast Hospices/Treasure Coast Hospices
Medicare-application	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Response/Ryan White ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Vocational Training and Employment ▪ Area Agency on Aging/Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ St. Lucie County Community Services/Social Services ▪ Treasure Coast Hospices/Treasure Coast Hospices
Medicare-information/counseling	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Vocational Training and Employment ▪ Area Agency on Aging/Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Treasure Coast Hospices/Treasure Coast Hospices
Nursing homes	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Response/Project AIDS Care Waiver Program ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Treasure Coast Hospices/Treasure Coast Hospices

AVAILABLE SERVICES

Health Care		
Service Provided	# Programs	Agency/Program
Nursing services	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Kids Connected by Design and Healthy Start Coalition/Home Visitation Nurse ▪ Treasure Coast Hospices/Treasure Coast Hospices
Occupational therapy	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Treasure Coast Hospices/Treasure Coast Hospices
Outpatient clinic	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Response/Project AIDS Care Waiver Program ▪ Project Response/Ryan White ▪ New Horizons of the Treasure Coast/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ St. Lucie County Health Department/St. Lucie County Health Department ▪ Treasure Coast Hospices/Treasure Coast Hospices
Outpatient rehabilitation	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Treasure Coast Hospices/Treasure Coast Hospices
Parkinson's disease	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Treasure Coast Hospices/Treasure Coast Hospices
Pediatrics	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Treasure Coast Hospices/Treasure Coast Hospices
Physical therapy	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Treasure Coast Hospices/Treasure Coast Hospices
Physician referral	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Response/HIV Navigators Program ▪ Project Response/Ryan White ▪ Alzheimer's Community Care/Family Nurse Consultant ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Treasure Coast Hospices/Treasure Coast Hospices
Pneumonia shots	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Response/Project AIDS Care Waiver Program ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Treasure Coast Hospices/Treasure Coast Hospices

AVAILABLE SERVICES

Health Care		
Service Provided	# Programs	Agency/Program
Prescription-expense assistance	7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Response/Project AIDS Care Waiver Program ▪ Project Response/HIV Navigators Program ▪ Project Response/Ryan White ▪ Mustard Seed Ministries of Fort Pierce/ Mustard Seed Ministries of Fort Pierce ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ St. Lucie County Community Services/Social Services ▪ Treasure Coast Hospices/Treasure Coast Hospices
Prescription-obtaining	7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Response/Project AIDS Care Waiver Program ▪ Project Response/HIV Navigators Program ▪ Project Response/Ryan White ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Vocational Training and Employment ▪ Mustard Seed Ministries of Fort Pierce/ Mustard Seed Ministries of Fort Pierce ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Treasure Coast Hospices/Treasure Coast Hospices
Public health	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Response/Ryan White ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ St. Lucie County Health Department/St. Lucie County Health Department ▪ Treasure Coast Hospices/Treasure Coast Hospices
Rehabilitation	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Vocational Training and Employment ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Residential Living ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Treasure Coast Hospices/Treasure Coast Hospices
Sexually transmitted infection	7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Response/Project AIDS Care Waiver Program ▪ Project Response/HIV Navigators Program ▪ Project Response/Counseling Testing and Linkage ▪ Project Response/Ryan White ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ St. Lucie County Health Department/St. Lucie County Health Department ▪ Treasure Coast Hospices/Treasure Coast Hospices
Skilled nursing facility	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Treasure Coast Hospices/Treasure Coast Hospices

AVAILABLE SERVICES

Health Care		
Service Provided	# Programs	Agency/Program
Speech and hearing therapy	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Treasure Coast Hospices/Treasure Coast Hospices
Testing/screening	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Response/Counseling Testing and Linkage ▪ ALPI/St. Lucie County Head Start Program ▪ Area Agency on Aging/Wellness Outreach ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Treasure Coast Hospices/Treasure Coast Hospices
Vision screening	7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Response/Project AIDS Care Waiver Program ▪ Project Response/Ryan White ▪ ALPI/St. Lucie County Head Start Program ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Florida Diagnostic Learning Resource System/Child Find ▪ St. Lucie County Health Department/St. Lucie County Health Department ▪ Treasure Coast Hospices/Treasure Coast Hospices
Visual impairment	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Treasure Coast Hospices/Treasure Coast Hospices
Wound care	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Treasure Coast Hospices/Treasure Coast Hospices
Children's insurance	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Kids Connected by Design and Healthy Start Coalition/Healthy Kids

AVAILABLE SERVICES

Pregnancy		
Service Provided	# Programs	Agency/Program
Counseling	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ALPI/St. Lucie County Head Start Program ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Adoptions ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ St. Lucie County Health Department/St. Lucie County Health Department ▪ Kids Connected by Design and Healthy Start Coalition/Healthy Start ▪ Kids Connected by Design and Healthy Start Coalition/Healthy Changes ▪ Kids Connected by Design and Healthy Start Coalition/Teen Case Management ▪ Kids Connected by Design and Healthy Start Coalition/Home Visitation Nurse
Medical services	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ St. Lucie County Health Department/St. Lucie County Health Department ▪ Kids Connected by Design and Healthy Start Coalition/Healthy Start
Postpartum care	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ALPI/St. Lucie County Head Start Program ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Adoptions ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Kids Connected by Design and Healthy Start Coalition/Healthy Start
Pregnancy care coordination	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ALPI/St. Lucie County Head Start Program ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Adoptions ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Kids Connected by Design and Healthy Start Coalition/Healthy Start
Prenatal care/education	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ALPI/St. Lucie County Head Start Program ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Adoptions ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ St. Lucie County Health Department/St. Lucie County Health Department ▪ Kids Connected by Design and Healthy Start Coalition/Healthy Families ▪ Kids Connected by Design and Healthy Start Coalition/Healthy Start
Testing	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Kids Connected by Design and Healthy Start Coalition/Healthy Start ▪ Kids Connected by Design and Healthy Start Coalition/Healthy Changes

Youth Development		
Service Provided	# Programs	Agency/Program
Mentoring	22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Boys & Girls Club of St. Lucie County/CORE Program ▪ Boys & Girls Club of St. Lucie County/Kidstop ▪ Boy Scouts of America/Traditional Scouting ▪ Boy Scouts of America/Scout Reach ▪ Big Brothers Big Sisters of St. Lucie County/Community-based Mentoring ▪ Big Brothers Big Sisters of St. Lucie County/School-based Mentoring ▪ Big Brothers Big Sisters of St. Lucie County/AmeriCorps St. Lucie Reads ▪ Big Brothers Big Sisters of St. Lucie County/Mentoring Children of Prisoners ▪ Children's Services Council of St. Lucie County ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Police Athletic League (PAL) ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Port St. Lucie New Testament Church of God Project R.O.C.K. South/School Suspension Program ▪ Workforce Development Board of the Treasure Coast/Wagner Peyser ▪ Workforce Development Board of the Treasure Coast/Job Corps ▪ Workforce Development Board of the Treasure Coast/WTP WIA ▪ YMCA of the Treasure Coast/YMCA Child Care Activities ▪ YMCA of the Treasure Coast/YMCA of the Treasure Coast – Fort Pierce ▪ YMCA of the Treasure Coast/YMCA of the Treasure Coast – Program Center @ JayCee Park ▪ YMCA of the Treasure Coast/YMCA of the Treasure Coast – Tiffany Avenue Program Center ▪ Kids Connected by Design and Healthy Start Coalition/Teen Case Management ▪ City of Fort Pierce/Local Government Administration ▪ The Housing Authority of the City of Fort Pierce/Resident Services Programs

AVAILABLE SERVICES

Youth Development		
Service Provided	# Programs	Agency/Program
Service clubs	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Boys & Girls Club of St. Lucie County/CORE Program ▪ Boys & Girls Club of St. Lucie County/Kidstop ▪ Boy Scouts of America/Traditional Scouting ▪ Boy Scouts of America/Scout Reach ▪ Children's Services Council of St. Lucie County ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Workforce Development Board of the Treasure Coast/Wagner Peyser ▪ Workforce Development Board of the Treasure Coast/Job Corps ▪ YMCA of the Treasure Coast/YMCA Child Care Activities
Teen time	14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Boys & Girls Club of St. Lucie County/CORE Program ▪ Boys & Girls Club of St. Lucie County/Kidstop ▪ Boy Scouts of America/Traditional Scouting ▪ Boy Scouts of America/Scout Reach ▪ Children's Services Council of St. Lucie County ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Workforce Development Board of the Treasure Coast/Wagner Peyser ▪ Workforce Development Board of the Treasure Coast/Job Corps ▪ YMCA of the Treasure Coast/YMCA Child Care Activities ▪ YMCA of the Treasure Coast/YMCA of the Treasure Coast – Fort Pierce ▪ YMCA of the Treasure Coast/YMCA of the Treasure Coast – Program Center @ JayCee Park ▪ YMCA of the Treasure Coast/YMCA of the Treasure Coast – Tiffany Avenue Program Center ▪ Kids Connected by Design and Healthy Start Coalition/Teen Case Management ▪ City of Fort Pierce/Local Government Administration

Mental Health and Substance Abuse

The series of tables below show the specific services that address mental health and substance abuse. Services are categorized in terms of the following:

- Alcohol abuse services
- Counseling
- Mental health

Services Provided by Number of Programs and Program Name: Mental Health and Substance Abuse

(Note: These charts are governed by those agencies that responded to the survey.)

Alcohol Abuse		
Service Provided	# Programs	Agency/Program
Co-dependents	11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Drug Abuse Treatment Association/Hayslip Residential Treatment ▪ Florida Department of Children and Families/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services ▪ Plant A Seed Ministries/Plant A Seed Ministries ▪ Kids Connected by Design and Healthy Start Coalition/Healthy Changes ▪ School Board of St. Lucie County/St. Lucie County Mental Health Collaborative ▪ School Board of St. Lucie County/SEDNET-The Network for the Severely Emotionally Disturbed ▪ Counseling and Recovery Center/Support Services ▪ Counseling and Recovery Center/Treatment Services ▪ Counseling and Recovery Center/Relapse Prevention Program ▪ New Horizons of the Treasure Coast

AVAILABLE SERVICES

Alcohol Abuse		
Service Provided	# Programs	Agency/Program
Information and education	23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Response/Project AIDS Care Waiver Program ▪ Project Response/Ryan White ▪ Hibiscus Children's Center/Healthy Opportunities for Parenting Excellence (HOPE) ▪ Hibiscus Children's Center/Crisis Nursery ▪ Children's Services Council of St. Lucie County ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Drug Abuse Treatment Association/Hayslip Residential Treatment ▪ Drug Abuse Treatment Association/Outpatient Services ▪ Drug Abuse Treatment Association/AfterCare Services ▪ Drug Abuse Treatment Association/Prevention Services (Alpha, LifeSkills) ▪ Drug Abuse Treatment Association/TASC – Treatment Alternatives for Safer Communities ▪ Florida Department of Children and Families/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services ▪ The Homeless Family Center/The Homeless Family Center ▪ Plant A Seed Ministries/Plant A Seed Ministries ▪ Public Defender 19th Judicial Circuit/Circuit Re-entry Program ▪ YMCA of the Treasure Coast/YMCA Child Care Activities ▪ Kids Connected by Design and Healthy Start Coalition/Healthy Families ▪ Kids Connected by Design and Healthy Start Coalition/Healthy Changes ▪ Kids Connected by Design and Healthy Start Coalition/Teen Case Management ▪ School Board of St. Lucie County/St. Lucie County Mental Health Collaborative ▪ Counseling and Recovery Center/Support Services ▪ Counseling and Recovery Center/Treatment Services ▪ Counseling and Recovery Center/Relapse Prevention Program

AVAILABLE SERVICES

Alcohol Abuse		
Service Provided	# Programs	Agency/Program
Inpatient treatment	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ New Horizons of the Treasure Coast/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Drug Abuse Treatment Association/Hayslip Residential Treatment ▪ Florida Department of Children and Families/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services ▪ Plant A Seed Ministries/Plant A Seed Ministries ▪ Counseling and Recovery Center/Support Services ▪ Counseling and Recovery Center/Treatment Services ▪ Counseling and Recovery Center/Relapse Prevention Program
Outpatient treatment	11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Response/Project AIDS Care Waiver Program ▪ New Horizons of the Treasure Coast/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Drug Abuse Treatment Association/Hayslip Residential Treatment ▪ Drug Abuse Treatment Association/Outpatient Services ▪ Florida Department of Children and Families/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services ▪ Plant A Seed Ministries/Plant A Seed Ministries ▪ School Board of St. Lucie County/SEDNET-The Network for the Severely Emotionally Disturbed ▪ Counseling and Recovery Center/Support Services ▪ Counseling and Recovery Center/Treatment Services ▪ Counseling and Recovery Center/Relapse Prevention Program

AVAILABLE SERVICES

Alcohol Abuse		
Service Provided	# Programs	Agency/Program
Prevention	16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Response/Project AIDS Care Waiver Program ▪ Boys & Girls Club of St. Lucie County/CORE Program ▪ Boys & Girls Club of St. Lucie County/Kidstop ▪ New Horizons of the Treasure Coast/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services ▪ Children's Services Council of St. Lucie County ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Drug Abuse Treatment Association/Hayslip Residential Treatment ▪ Drug Abuse Treatment Association/AfterCare Services ▪ Florida Department of Children and Families/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services ▪ Plant A Seed Ministries/Plant A Seed Ministries ▪ Public Defender 19th Judicial Circuit/Circuit Re-entry Program ▪ School Board of St. Lucie County/St. Lucie County Mental Health Collaborative ▪ School Board of St. Lucie County/SEDNET-The Network for the Severely Emotionally Disturbed ▪ Counseling and Recovery Center/Support Services ▪ Counseling and Recovery Center/Treatment Services ▪ Counseling and Recovery Center/Relapse Prevention Program

AVAILABLE SERVICES

Counseling		
Service Provided	# Programs	Agency/Program
Adolescent	20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Response/Counseling Testing and Linkage ▪ New Horizons of the Treasure Coast/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services ▪ Big Brothers Big Sisters of St. Lucie County/Family Support Services ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Adoptions ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Children in Need of Services, Families in Need of Services ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Child Protection Team ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Girl's Group Home ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Transitional Living Program ▪ Children's Services Council of St. Lucie County ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Drug Abuse Treatment Association/Hayslip Residential Treatment ▪ Drug Abuse Treatment Association/Outpatient Services ▪ Drug Abuse Treatment Association/TASC – Treatment Alternatives for Safer Communities ▪ Florida Department of Children and Families/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services ▪ Suncoast Mental Health Center/Children's Mental Health Services ▪ Tykes & Teens/Family Abuse Treatment Program ▪ Workforce Development Board of the Treasure Coast/Job Corps ▪ School Board of St. Lucie County/St. Lucie County Mental Health Collaborative ▪ School Board of St. Lucie County/SEDNET-The Network for the Severely Emotionally Disturbed ▪ Catholic Charities/Counseling-Treasure Coast Kids

AVAILABLE SERVICES

Counseling		
Service Provided	# Programs	Agency/Program
Adult	18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Response/Counseling Testing and Linkage ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Residential Living ▪ New Horizons of the Treasure Coast/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services ▪ Big Brothers Big Sisters of St. Lucie County/Family Support Services ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Adoptions ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Children in Need of Services, Families in Need of Services ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Child Protection Team ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Florida Department of Children and Families/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services ▪ Mental Health Association in Indian River County/Living Without Violence ▪ Plant A Seed Ministries/Plant A Seed Ministries ▪ Public Defender 19th Judicial Circuit/Circuit Re-entry Program ▪ Kids Connected by Design and Healthy Start Coalition/Healthy Changes ▪ Catholic Charities/Counseling-Treasure Coast Kids ▪ St. Lucie County Veteran Services/Veterans Medical Transportation ▪ Counseling and Recovery Center/Support Services ▪ Counseling and Recovery Center/Treatment Services ▪ Counseling and Recovery Center/Relapse Prevention Program

AVAILABLE SERVICES

Counseling		
Service Provided	# Programs	Agency/Program
Anger management	22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Residential Living ▪ New Horizons of the Treasure Coast/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services ▪ Big Brothers Big Sisters of St. Lucie County/Family Support Services ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Adoptions ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Children in Need of Services, Families in Need of Services ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Girl's Group Home ▪ Children's Services Council of St. Lucie County ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Drug Abuse Treatment Association/Hayslip Residential Treatment ▪ Drug Abuse Treatment Association/Outpatient Services ▪ Florida Department of Children and Families/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services ▪ Mental Health Association in Indian River County/Living Without Violence ▪ Plant A Seed Ministries/Plant A Seed Ministries ▪ Port St. Lucie New Testament Church of God Project R.O.C.K. South/School Suspension Program ▪ Project R.O.C.K. Reaching Our Community Kids/Project R.O.C.K. North ▪ Public Defender 19th Judicial Circuit/Circuit Re-entry Program ▪ Suncoast Mental Health Center/Children's Mental Health Services ▪ School Board of St. Lucie County/St. Lucie County Mental Health Collaborative ▪ School Board of St. Lucie County/SEDNET-The Network for the Severely Emotionally Disturbed ▪ Catholic Charities/Counseling-Treasure Coast Kids ▪ Counseling and Recovery Center/Treatment Services ▪ New Horizons of the Treasure Coast

AVAILABLE SERVICES

Counseling		
Service Provided	# Programs	Agency/Program
Bereavement	11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mustard Seed Ministries of Fort Pierce/ Mustard Seed Ministries of Fort Pierce ▪ Big Brothers Big Sisters of St. Lucie County/Family Support Services ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Adoptions ▪ Children's Services Council of St. Lucie County ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Florida Department of Children and Families/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services ▪ Plant A Seed Ministries/Plant A Seed Ministries ▪ Suncoast Mental Health Center/Children's Mental Health Services ▪ Treasure Coast Hospices/Harbors Community Grief Support Center ▪ Treasure Coast Hospices/Health and Activities Center ▪ Treasure Coast Hospices/Transitions
Caregivers	11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Hibiscus Children's Center/Healthy Opportunities for Parenting Excellence (HOPE) ▪ Alzheimer's Community Care/Family Nurse Consultant ▪ Big Brothers Big Sisters of St. Lucie County/Family Support Services ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Adoptions ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Children in Need of Services, Families in Need of Services ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Child Protection Team ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Drug Abuse Treatment Association/Hayslip Residential Treatment ▪ Florida Department of Children and Families/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services ▪ Treasure Coast Hospices/Health and Activities Center ▪ Treasure Coast Hospices/Transitions

AVAILABLE SERVICES

Counseling		
Service Provided	# Programs	Agency/Program
Child	22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Boys & Girls Club of St. Lucie County/CORE Program ▪ Boys & Girls Club of St. Lucie County/Kidstop ▪ Boys & Girls Club of St. Lucie County/Truancy Program ▪ Hibiscus Children's Center/Healthy Opportunities for Parenting Excellence (HOPE) ▪ ALPI/St. Lucie County Head Start Program ▪ Big Brothers Big Sisters of St. Lucie County/Family Support Services ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Adoptions ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Children in Need of Services, Families in Need of Services ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Child Protection Team ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Girl's Group Home ▪ Children's Services Council of St. Lucie County ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Drug Abuse Treatment Association/Hayslip Residential Treatment ▪ Drug Abuse Treatment Association/Outpatient Services ▪ Florida Diagnostic Learning Resource System/Child Find ▪ Florida Department of Children and Families/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services ▪ Suncoast Mental Health Center/Children's Mental Health Services ▪ Tykes & Teens/Family Abuse Treatment Program ▪ School Board of St. Lucie County/St. Lucie County Mental Health Collaborative ▪ School Board of St. Lucie County/SEDNET-The Network for the Severely Emotionally Disturbed ▪ Catholic Charities/Counseling-Treasure Coast Kids ▪ New Horizons of the Treasure Coast
Codependency	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Drug Abuse Treatment Association/Hayslip Residential Treatment ▪ Drug Abuse Treatment Association/Outpatient Services ▪ Florida Department of Children and Families/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services ▪ Plant A Seed Ministries/Plant A Seed Ministries ▪ Counseling and Recovery Center/Treatment Services

AVAILABLE SERVICES

Counseling		
Service Provided	# Programs	Agency/Program
Crisis intervention	15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Boys & Girls Club of St. Lucie County/CORE Program ▪ Big Brothers Big Sisters of St. Lucie County/Family Support Services ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Adoptions ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Children in Need of Services, Families in Need of Services ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Child Protection Team ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Victim Advocacy ▪ Drug Abuse Treatment Association/Hayslip Residential Treatment ▪ Drug Abuse Treatment Association/Outpatient Services ▪ Florida Department of Children and Families/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services ▪ Plant A Seed Ministries/Plant A Seed Ministries ▪ Treasure Coast Hospices/Harbors Community Grief Support Center ▪ School Board of St. Lucie County/St. Lucie County Mental Health Collaborative ▪ School Board of St. Lucie County/SEDNET-The Network for the Severely Emotionally Disturbed ▪ New Horizons of the Treasure Coast
Divorce	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Big Brothers Big Sisters of St. Lucie County/Family Support Services ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Florida Department of Children and Families/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services ▪ Plant A Seed Ministries/Plant A Seed Ministries ▪ School Board of St. Lucie County/St. Lucie County Mental Health Collaborative ▪ School Board of St. Lucie County/SEDNET-The Network for the Severely Emotionally Disturbed

AVAILABLE SERVICES

Counseling		
Service Provided	# Programs	Agency/Program
Domestic abuse	14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Big Brothers Big Sisters of St. Lucie County/Family Support Services ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Children in Need of Services, Families in Need of Services ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Victim Advocacy ▪ City of Port St. Lucie Police Department/Community Programs ▪ Drug Abuse Treatment Association/Hayslip Residential Treatment ▪ Drug Abuse Treatment Association/Outpatient Services ▪ Florida Department of Children and Families/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services ▪ Mental Health Association in Indian River County/Living Without Violence ▪ Plant A Seed Ministries/Plant A Seed Ministries ▪ Public Defender 19th Judicial Circuit/Circuit Re-entry Program ▪ School Board of St. Lucie County/St. Lucie County Mental Health Collaborative ▪ School Board of St. Lucie County/SEDNET-The Network for the Severely Emotionally Disturbed ▪ Counseling and Recovery Center/Treatment Services
Elder helplessness	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Alzheimer's Community Care/Family Nurse Consultant ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Florida Department of Children and Families/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services

AVAILABLE SERVICES

Counseling		
Service Provided	# Programs	Agency/Program
Emotional distress	19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Response/Camp Heartland ▪ New Horizons of the Treasure Coast/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services ▪ Alzheimer's Community Care/Family Nurse Consultant ▪ Big Brothers Big Sisters of St. Lucie County/Family Support Services ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Adoptions ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Children in Need of Services, Families in Need of Services ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Victim Advocacy ▪ Drug Abuse Treatment Association/Hayslip Residential Treatment ▪ Drug Abuse Treatment Association/Outpatient Services ▪ Florida Department of Children and Families/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services ▪ Mental Health Association in Indian River County/Living Without Violence ▪ Plant A Seed Ministries/Plant A Seed Ministries ▪ Public Defender 19th Judicial Circuit/Circuit Re-entry Program ▪ Suncoast Mental Health Center/Children's Mental Health Services ▪ Kids Connected by Design and Healthy Start Coalition/Healthy Changes ▪ School Board of St. Lucie County/St. Lucie County Mental Health Collaborative ▪ School Board of St. Lucie County/SEDNET-The Network for the Severely Emotionally Disturbed ▪ Counseling and Recovery Center/Treatment Services

AVAILABLE SERVICES

Counseling		
Service Provided	# Programs	Agency/Program
Family therapy	17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ New Horizons of the Treasure Coast/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services ▪ Big Brothers Big Sisters of St. Lucie County/Family Support Services ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Adoptions ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Children in Need of Services, Families in Need of Services ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Child Protection Team ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Drug Abuse Treatment Association/Hayslip Residential Treatment ▪ Drug Abuse Treatment Association/Outpatient Services ▪ Florida Department of Children and Families/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services ▪ Plant A Seed Ministries/Plant A Seed Ministries ▪ Suncoast Mental Health Center/Children's Mental Health Services ▪ Tykes & Teens/Family Abuse Treatment Program ▪ School Board of St. Lucie County/St. Lucie County Mental Health Collaborative ▪ School Board of St. Lucie County/Elementary Truancy Night Court ▪ School Board of St. Lucie County/SEDNET-The Network for the Severely Emotionally Disturbed ▪ Catholic Charities/Counseling-Treasure Coast Kids ▪ Counseling and Recovery Center/Treatment Services

AVAILABLE SERVICES

Counseling		
Service Provided	# Programs	Agency/Program
Grief/death	14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Response/Camp Heartland ▪ Mustard Seed Ministries of Fort Pierce/ Mustard Seed Ministries of Fort Pierce ▪ Big Brothers Big Sisters of St. Lucie County/Family Support Services ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Adoptions ▪ Children's Services Council of St. Lucie County ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Victim Advocacy ▪ Drug Abuse Treatment Association/Hayslip Residential Treatment ▪ Drug Abuse Treatment Association/Outpatient Services ▪ Florida Department of Children and Families/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services ▪ Suncoast Mental Health Center/Children's Mental Health Services ▪ Treasure Coast Hospices/Harbors Community Grief Support Center ▪ School Board of St. Lucie County/St. Lucie County Mental Health Collaborative ▪ School Board of St. Lucie County/SEDNET-The Network for the Severely Emotionally Disturbed

AVAILABLE SERVICES

Counseling		
Service Provided	# Programs	Agency/Program
Group	24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Response/Project AIDS Care Waiver Program ▪ Boys & Girls Club of St. Lucie County/CORE Program ▪ Boys & Girls Club of St. Lucie County/Kidstop ▪ New Horizons of the Treasure Coast/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services ▪ Alzheimer's Community Care/Family Nurse Consultant ▪ Big Brothers Big Sisters of St. Lucie County/Family Support Services ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Adoptions ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Children in Need of Services, Families in Need of Services ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Child Protection Team ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Girl's Group Home ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Drug Abuse Treatment Association/Hayslip Residential Treatment ▪ Drug Abuse Treatment Association/Outpatient Services ▪ Florida Department of Children and Families/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services ▪ Mental Health Association in Indian River County/Batterer's Intervention Program ▪ Mental Health Association in Indian River County/Living Without Violence ▪ Public Defender 19th Judicial Circuit/Circuit Re-entry Program ▪ Suncoast Mental Health Center/Children's Mental Health Services ▪ Treasure Coast Hospices/Harbors Community Grief Support Center ▪ School Board of St. Lucie County/St. Lucie County Mental Health Collaborative ▪ School Board of St. Lucie County/SEDNET-The Network for the Severely Emotionally Disturbed ▪ Counseling and Recovery Center/Support Services ▪ Counseling and Recovery Center/Treatment Services ▪ Counseling and Recovery Center/Relapse Prevention Program

AVAILABLE SERVICES

Counseling		
Service Provided	# Programs	Agency/Program
Individual	30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Response/Project AIDS Care Waiver Program ▪ Project Response/Counseling Testing and Linkage ▪ Project Response/Ryan White ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Adult Day Training ▪ Boys & Girls Club of St. Lucie County/CORE Program ▪ Boys & Girls Club of St. Lucie County/Kidstop ▪ Boys & Girls Club of St. Lucie County/Truancy Program ▪ New Horizons of the Treasure Coast/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services ▪ Big Brothers Big Sisters of St. Lucie County/Family Support Services ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Adoptions ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Children in Need of Services, Families in Need of Services ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Child Protection Team ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Girl's Group Home ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Transitional Living Program ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Drug Abuse Treatment Association/Hayslip Residential Treatment ▪ Drug Abuse Treatment Association/Outpatient Services ▪ Drug Abuse Treatment Association/AfterCare Services ▪ Florida Department of Children and Families/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services ▪ Public Defender 19th Judicial Circuit/Circuit Re-entry Program ▪ Suncoast Mental Health Center/Children's Mental Health Services ▪ Tykes & Teens/Family Abuse Treatment Program ▪ Kids Connected by Design and Healthy Start Coalition/Healthy Changes ▪ Treasure Coast Hospices/Harbors Community Grief Support Center ▪ School Board of St. Lucie County/St. Lucie County Mental Health Collaborative ▪ School Board of St. Lucie County/SEDNET-The Network for the Severely Emotionally Disturbed ▪ Catholic Charities/Counseling-Treasure Coast Kids ▪ Counseling and Recovery Center/Support Services

AVAILABLE SERVICES

		<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Counseling and Recovery Center/Treatment Services▪ Counseling and Recovery Center/Relapse Prevention Program
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AVAILABLE SERVICES

Counseling		
Service Provided	# Programs	Agency/Program
Legal	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Response/Project AIDS Care Waiver Program ▪ Project Response/Ryan White ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Victim Advocacy ▪ Drug Abuse Treatment Association/Outpatient Services ▪ Florida Department of Children and Families/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services
Marital	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Florida Department of Children and Families/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services ▪ Plant A Seed Ministries/Plant A Seed Ministries ▪ Catholic Charities/Counseling-Treasure Coast Kids

AVAILABLE SERVICES

Counseling		
Service Provided	# Programs	Agency/Program
Mental health	22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Response/Project AIDS Care Waiver Program ▪ Project Response/Ryan White ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Residential Living ▪ New Horizons of the Treasure Coast/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services ▪ ALPI/St. Lucie County Head Start Program ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Children in Need of Services, Families in Need of Services ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Child Protection Team ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Girl's Group Home ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Florida Department of Children and Families/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services ▪ Mental Health Association in Indian River County/Batterer's Intervention Program ▪ Mental Health Association in Indian River County/Living Without Violence ▪ Plant A Seed Ministries/Plant A Seed Ministries ▪ Public Defender 19th Judicial Circuit/Circuit Re-entry Program ▪ Suncoast Mental Health Center/Children's Mental Health Services ▪ Tykes & Teens/Family Abuse Treatment Program ▪ School Board of St. Lucie County/St. Lucie County Mental Health Collaborative ▪ School Board of St. Lucie County/SEDNET-The Network for the Severely Emotionally Disturbed ▪ Catholic Charities/Counseling-Treasure Coast Kids ▪ Counseling and Recovery Center/Support Services ▪ Counseling and Recovery Center/Treatment Services ▪ Counseling and Recovery Center/Relapse Prevention Program

AVAILABLE SERVICES

Counseling		
Service Provided	# Programs	Agency/Program
Money management	10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Response/Housing Opportunities for Person's with AIDS ▪ Project Response/Project AIDS Care Waiver Program ▪ ALPI/St. Lucie County Head Start Program ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Transitional Living Program ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Florida Department of Children and Families/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services ▪ The Homeless Family Center/The Homeless Family Center ▪ Plant A Seed Ministries/Plant A Seed Ministries ▪ St. Lucie County Community Services/Social Services ▪ Counseling and Recovery Center/Treatment Services
Parent counseling	18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ALPI/St. Lucie County Head Start Program ▪ Big Brothers Big Sisters of St. Lucie County/Family Support Services ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Adoptions ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Children in Need of Services, Families in Need of Services ▪ Children's Services Council of St. Lucie County ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Drug Abuse Treatment Association/Hayslip Residential Treatment ▪ Drug Abuse Treatment Association/Outpatient Services ▪ Florida Department of Children and Families/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services ▪ Plant A Seed Ministries/Plant A Seed Ministries ▪ Public Defender 19th Judicial Circuit/Circuit Re-entry Program ▪ The Daniel M. Foundation/Camp Holiday Children's Respite Center ▪ Kids Connected by Design and Healthy Start Coalition/Healthy Start ▪ Kids Connected by Design and Healthy Start Coalition/Healthy Changes ▪ School Board of St. Lucie County/St. Lucie County Mental Health Collaborative ▪ School Board of St. Lucie County/SEDNET-The Network for the Severely Emotionally Disturbed ▪ Catholic Charities/Counseling-Treasure Coast Kids ▪ Counseling and Recovery Center/Treatment Services

AVAILABLE SERVICES

Counseling		
Service Provided	# Programs	Agency/Program
Rape	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Victim Advocacy ▪ Florida Department of Children and Families/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services ▪ Tykes & Teens/Family Abuse Treatment Program ▪ Kids Connected by Design and Healthy Start Coalition/Healthy Changes
Retirement	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Florida Department of Children and Families/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services
Substance abuse	12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ New Horizons of the Treasure Coast/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Drug Abuse Treatment Association/Hayslip Residential Treatment ▪ Drug Abuse Treatment Association/Outpatient Services ▪ Drug Abuse Treatment Association/AfterCare Services ▪ Florida Department of Children and Families/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services ▪ Plant A Seed Ministries/Plant A Seed Ministries ▪ Public Defender 19th Judicial Circuit/Circuit Re-entry Program ▪ Kids Connected by Design and Healthy Start Coalition/Healthy Changes ▪ School Board of St. Lucie County/St. Lucie County Mental Health Collaborative ▪ School Board of St. Lucie County/SEDNET-The Network for the Severely Emotionally Disturbed ▪ Counseling and Recovery Center/Treatment Services
Suicide	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Florida Department of Children and Families/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services ▪ Treasure Coast Hospices/Harbors Community Grief Support Center ▪ School Board of St. Lucie County/St. Lucie County Mental Health Collaborative ▪ School Board of St. Lucie County/SEDNET-The Network for the Severely Emotionally Disturbed ▪ New Horizons of the Treasure Coast

AVAILABLE SERVICES

Counseling		
Service Provided	# Programs	Agency/Program
Telephone reassurance	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Children in Need of Services, Families in Need of Services ▪ Children's Services Council of St. Lucie County ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Victim Advocacy ▪ Florida Department of Children and Families/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services ▪ Plant A Seed Ministries/Plant A Seed Ministries

AVAILABLE SERVICES

Mental Health		
Service Provided	# Programs	Agency/Program
Case management	20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ New Horizons of the Treasure Coast/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services ▪ Big Brothers Big Sisters of St. Lucie County/Community-based Mentoring ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Adoptions ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Children in Need of Services, Families in Need of Services ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Child Protection Team ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Dependency Case Management ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Girl's Group Home ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Independent Living Program ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Transitional Living Program ▪ Drug Abuse Treatment Association/Outpatient Services ▪ Florida Department of Children and Families/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services ▪ Plant A Seed Ministries/Plant A Seed Ministries ▪ Public Defender 19th Judicial Circuit/Circuit Re-entry Program ▪ Suncoast Mental Health Center/Children's Mental Health Services ▪ Treasure Coast Homeless Services Council/Treasure Coast Homeless Resource Center ▪ Treasure Coast Homeless Services Council/Shelter Plus Care ▪ Kids Connected by Design and Healthy Start Coalition/Healthy Changes ▪ School Board of St. Lucie County/St. Lucie County Mental Health Collaborative ▪ School Board of St. Lucie County/SEDNET-The Network for the Severely Emotionally Disturbed ▪ Catholic Charities/Fort Pierce Outreach-After School

Mental Health		
Service Provided	# Programs	Agency/Program
Counseling	27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Vocational Training and Employment ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Residential Living ▪ Hibiscus Children's Center/Healthy Opportunities for Parenting Excellence (HOPE) ▪ Hibiscus Children's Center/Emergency Shelter ▪ New Horizons of the Treasure Coast/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services ▪ Big Brothers Big Sisters of St. Lucie County/Family Support Services ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Adoptions ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Children in Need of Services, Families in Need of Services ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Child Protection Team ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Girl's Group Home ▪ Drug Abuse Treatment Association/Outpatient Services ▪ Drug Abuse Treatment Association/TASC – Treatment Alternatives for Safer Communities ▪ Florida Department of Children and Families/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services ▪ Mental Health Association in Indian River County/Batterer's Intervention Program ▪ Mental Health Association in Indian River County/Living Without Violence ▪ Plant A Seed Ministries/Plant A Seed Ministries ▪ Public Defender 19th Judicial Circuit/Circuit Re-entry Program ▪ Seventh-Day Adventist Church/Community Services Center ▪ Suncoast Mental Health Center/Children's Mental Health Services ▪ Tykes & Teens/General Mental Health ▪ Tykes & Teens/Family Abuse Treatment Program ▪ School Board of St. Lucie County/St. Lucie County Mental Health Collaborative ▪ School Board of St. Lucie County/SEDNET-The Network for the Severely Emotionally Disturbed ▪ Catholic Charities/Counseling-Treasure Coast Kids ▪ Counseling and Recovery Center/Support Services ▪ Counseling and Recovery Center/Treatment Services ▪ Counseling and Recovery Center/Relapse Prevention Program

AVAILABLE SERVICES

Mental Health		
Service Provided	# Programs	Agency/Program
Day treatment	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Vocational Training and Employment ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Residential Living ▪ Florida Department of Children and Families/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services ▪ Mental Health Association in Indian River County/Jean Sloan Drop-In Center ▪ Plant A Seed Ministries/Plant A Seed Ministries
Depression/manic depression	10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ New Horizons of the Treasure Coast/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services ▪ Florida Department of Children and Families/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services ▪ Mental Health Association in Indian River County/Jean Sloan Drop-In Center ▪ Plant A Seed Ministries/Plant A Seed Ministries ▪ Suncoast Mental Health Center/Children's Mental Health Services ▪ The Daniel M. Foundation/Camp Holiday Children's Respite Center ▪ Tykes & Teens/General Mental Health ▪ School Board of St. Lucie County/St. Lucie County Mental Health Collaborative ▪ School Board of St. Lucie County/SEDNET-The Network for the Severely Emotionally Disturbed ▪ Catholic Charities/Counseling-Treasure Coast Kids
Drop-in center	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Florida Department of Children and Families/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services ▪ Mental Health Association in Indian River County/Jean Sloan Drop-In Center ▪ Plant A Seed Ministries/Plant A Seed Ministries

AVAILABLE SERVICES

Mental Health		
Service Provided	# Programs	Agency/Program
Dual diagnosis	13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Vocational Training and Employment ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Residential Living ▪ New Horizons of the Treasure Coast/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services ▪ Florida Department of Children and Families/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services ▪ Mental Health Association in Indian River County/Jean Sloan Drop-In Center ▪ Plant A Seed Ministries/Plant A Seed Ministries ▪ Treasure Coast Homeless Services Council/Shelter Plus Care ▪ Tykes & Teens/General Mental Health ▪ School Board of St. Lucie County/St. Lucie County Mental Health Collaborative ▪ School Board of St. Lucie County/SEDNET-The Network for the Severely Emotionally Disturbed ▪ Counseling and Recovery Center/Support Services ▪ Counseling and Recovery Center/Treatment Services ▪ Counseling and Recovery Center/Relapse Prevention Program
Emergency services	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ New Horizons of the Treasure Coast/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services ▪ Florida Department of Children and Families/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services
Group home	7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Vocational Training and Employment ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Residential Living ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Children in Need of Services, Families in Need of Services ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Dependency Case Management ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Girl's Group Home ▪ Florida Department of Children and Families/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services ▪ Plant A Seed Ministries/Plant A Seed Ministries

AVAILABLE SERVICES

Mental Health		
Service Provided	# Programs	Agency/Program
Info/education	15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Vocational Training and Employment ▪ Hibiscus Children's Center/Crisis Nursery ▪ New Horizons of the Treasure Coast/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services ▪ Big Brothers Big Sisters of St. Lucie County/Community-based Mentoring ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Children in Need of Services, Families in Need of Services ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Dependency Case Management ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Florida Department of Children and Families/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services ▪ Mental Health Association in Indian River County/Batterer's Intervention Program ▪ Mental Health Association in Indian River County/Jean Sloan Drop-In Center ▪ Plant A Seed Ministries/Plant A Seed Ministries ▪ The Daniel M. Foundation/Camp Holiday Children's Respite Center ▪ Tykes & Teens/General Mental Health ▪ School Board of St. Lucie County/SEDNET-The Network for the Severely Emotionally Disturbed ▪ Counseling and Recovery Center/Support Services
Inpatient	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ New Horizons of the Treasure Coast/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services ▪ Florida Department of Children and Families/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services ▪ Plant A Seed Ministries/Plant A Seed Ministries

AVAILABLE SERVICES

Mental Health		
Service Provided	# Programs	Agency/Program
Medication	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ New Horizons of the Treasure Coast/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services ▪ Department of Education-Division of Vocational Rehabilitation/ Department of Education-Division of Vocational Rehabilitation ▪ Florida Department of Children and Families/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services ▪ Suncoast Mental Health Center/Children's Mental Health Services ▪ School Board of St. Lucie County/St. Lucie County Mental Health Collaborative ▪ School Board of St. Lucie County/SEDNET-The Network for the Severely Emotionally Disturbed ▪ Counseling and Recovery Center/Support Services ▪ Counseling and Recovery Center/Treatment Services ▪ Counseling and Recovery Center/Relapse Prevention Program

AVAILABLE SERVICES

Mental Health		
Service Provided	# Programs	Agency/Program
Outpatient	17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Response/Project AIDS Care Waiver Program ▪ Hibiscus Children's Center/Clinical Services ▪ New Horizons of the Treasure Coast/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services ▪ Department of Education-Division of Vocational Rehabilitation/ Department of Education-Division of Vocational Rehabilitation ▪ Drug Abuse Treatment Association/Outpatient Services ▪ Florida Department of Children and Families/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services ▪ Mental Health Association in Indian River County/Batterer's Intervention Program ▪ Mental Health Association in Indian River County/Living Without Violence ▪ Plant A Seed Ministries/Plant A Seed Ministries ▪ Suncoast Mental Health Center/Children's Mental Health Services ▪ Tykes & Teens/General Mental Health ▪ Tykes & Teens/Family Abuse Treatment Program ▪ School Board of St. Lucie County/St. Lucie County Mental Health Collaborative ▪ School Board of St. Lucie County/SEDNET-The Network for the Severely Emotionally Disturbed ▪ Counseling and Recovery Center/Support Services ▪ Counseling and Recovery Center/Treatment Services ▪ Counseling and Recovery Center/Relapse Prevention Program
Residential	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Vocational Training and Employment ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Residential Living ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Children in Need of Services, Families in Need of Services ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Girl's Group Home ▪ Florida Department of Children and Families/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services ▪ Plant A Seed Ministries/Plant A Seed Ministries ▪ Counseling and Recovery Center/Support Services ▪ Counseling and Recovery Center/Treatment Services ▪ Counseling and Recovery Center/Relapse Prevention Program

AVAILABLE SERVICES

Mental Health		
Service Provided	# Programs	Agency/Program
Screening/evaluation	18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Response/Project AIDS Care Waiver Program ▪ Project Response/Ryan White ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Vocational Training and Employment ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Residential Living ▪ New Horizons of the Treasure Coast/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services ▪ Department of Education-Division of Vocational Rehabilitation/ Department of Education-Division of Vocational Rehabilitation ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Children in Need of Services, Families in Need of Services ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Child Protection Team ▪ Drug Abuse Treatment Association/Outpatient Services ▪ Florida Department of Children and Families/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services ▪ Mental Health Association in Indian River County/Batterer's Intervention Program ▪ Suncoast Mental Health Center/Children's Mental Health Services ▪ Tykes & Teens/General Mental Health ▪ School Board of St. Lucie County/St. Lucie County Mental Health Collaborative ▪ School Board of St. Lucie County/SEDNET-The Network for the Severely Emotionally Disturbed ▪ Counseling and Recovery Center/Support Services ▪ Counseling and Recovery Center/Treatment Services ▪ Counseling and Recovery Center/Relapse Prevention Program

Education/Vocational

The series of tables below show the specific services that address education/vocational. Services are categorized in terms of the following:

- Education/Vocational

Services Provided by Number of Programs and Program Name: Education/Vocational

(Note: These charts are governed by those agencies that responded to the survey.)

Education/vocational		
Service Provided	# Programs	Agency/Program
Adult education	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The ARC of St. Lucie County/Vocational Training and Employment City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion The Homeless Family Center/The Homeless Family Center Indian River Community College/Indian River Community College Career Development Program Indian River Community College/Over 100 degree and certificate programs Public Defender 19th Judicial Circuit/Circuit Re-entry Program Workforce Development Board of the Treasure Coast/Job Corps St. Lucie County Community Services/Social Services Kids Connected by Design and Healthy Start Coalition/Healthy Changes
Caregiver training	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> American Red Cross North Treasure Coast Chapter/Health and Safety Training City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion Early Learning Coalition/School Readiness Program Florida Department of Children and Families/Child Care Licensing The Daniel M. Foundation/Camp Holiday Children's Respite Center
Consumer education/information	7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The ARC of St. Lucie County/Residential Living The ARC of St. Lucie County/Vocational Training and Employment The ARC of St. Lucie County/Supported Living Hibiscus Children's Center/Crisis Nursery City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services of the Treasure Coast/Services for Individuals with Hearing Loss Early Learning Coalition/School Readiness Program

AVAILABLE SERVICES

Education/vocational		
Service Provided	# Programs	Agency/Program
Continuing education	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Vocational Training and Employment ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Supported Living ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Workforce Development Board of the Treasure Coast/Job Corps ▪ St. Lucie County Community Services/Social Services
Education-adult/basic	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Vocational Training and Employment ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ The Homeless Family Center/The Homeless Family Center ▪ Workforce Development Board of the Treasure Coast/Job Corps ▪ St. Lucie County Community Services/Social Services
Education-community	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Vocational Training and Employment ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Adult Day Training ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Teen Life Choices ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Epilepsy Foundation/Prevention and Education Program
Education-community college	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Vocational Training and Employment ▪ Department of Education-Division of Vocational Rehabilitation/ Department of Education-Division of Vocational Rehabilitation ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ St. Lucie County Community Services/Social Services

AVAILABLE SERVICES

Education/vocational		
Service Provided	# Programs	Agency/Program
Education-elementary	11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Boy Scouts of America/Scout Reach ▪ Big Brothers Big Sisters of St. Lucie County/School-based Mentoring ▪ Big Brothers Big Sisters of St. Lucie County/AmeriCorps St. Lucie Reads ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Florida Diagnostic Learning Resource System/Florida Diagnostic ▪ Literacy Launchers/Literacy Launchers ▪ Seventh-Day Adventist Church/James E. Sampson Memorial School ▪ The Daniel M. Foundation/Camp Holiday Children's Respite Center ▪ School Board of St. Lucie County/Elementary Truancy Night Court ▪ School Board of St. Lucie County/SEDNET-The Network for the Severely Emotionally Disturbed ▪ Catholic Charities/Fort Pierce Outreach-After School
Education-secondary	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Boy Scouts of America/Scout Reach ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Drug Abuse Treatment Association/Hayslip Residential Treatment ▪ Florida Diagnostic Learning Resource System/Florida Diagnostic ▪ School Board of St. Lucie County/SEDNET-The Network for the Severely Emotionally Disturbed
ESOL	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Workforce Development Board of the Treasure Coast/Job Corps
GED	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Plant A Seed Ministries/Plant A Seed Ministries ▪ Workforce Development Board of the Treasure Coast/Job Corps
Independent living skills	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Residential Living ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Supported Living ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Girl's Group Home ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Independent Living Program ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Teen Life Choices ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Transitional Living Program ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Workforce Development Board of the Treasure Coast/Job Corps

AVAILABLE SERVICES

Education/vocational		
Service Provided	# Programs	Agency/Program
Learning disability	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Residential Living ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Supported Living ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Florida Diagnostic Learning Resource System/Human Resources Development ▪ The Daniel M. Foundation/Camp Holiday Children's Respite Center
Literacy	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Big Brothers Big Sisters of St. Lucie County/AmeriCorps St. Lucie Reads ▪ Big Brothers Big Sisters of St. Lucie County/Jump into Reading ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Florida Diagnostic Learning Resource System/Human Resources Development ▪ Workforce Development Board of the Treasure Coast/Job Corps ▪ YMCA of the Treasure Coast/YMCA Child Care Activities
Nutrition education/counseling	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Residential Living ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Supported Living ▪ Hibiscus Children's Center/Healthy Opportunities for Parenting Excellence (HOPE) ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Drug Abuse Treatment Association/Hayslip Residential Treatment ▪ Catholic Charities/Strengthening Families
Parenting services	11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Hibiscus Children's Center/Healthy Opportunities for Parenting Excellence (HOPE) ▪ ALPI/St. Lucie County Head Start Program ▪ Children's Services Council of St. Lucie County ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Early Learning Coalition/School Readiness Program ▪ Florida Diagnostic Learning Resource System/Child Find ▪ Florida Diagnostic Learning Resource System/Human Resources Development ▪ The Daniel M. Foundation/Camp Holiday Children's Respite Center ▪ The Daniel M. Foundation/Applied Behavior Concepts Early Childhood Development Center ▪ Catholic Charities/Strengthening Families ▪ Early Learning Coalition/Father and Child Connection Program

AVAILABLE SERVICES

Education/vocational		
Service Provided	# Programs	Agency/Program
Parenting skills	15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Hibiscus Children's Center/Healthy Opportunities for Parenting Excellence (HOPE) ▪ ALPI/St. Lucie County Head Start Program ▪ American Red Cross North Treasure Coast Chapter/Health and Safety Training ▪ Children's Services Council of St. Lucie County ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Early Learning Coalition/School Readiness Program ▪ Early Learning Coalition/Father and Child Connection Program ▪ The Homeless Family Center/The Homeless Family Center ▪ Plant A Seed Ministries/Plant A Seed Ministries ▪ The Daniel M. Foundation/Camp Holiday Children's Respite Center ▪ The Daniel M. Foundation/Applied Behavior Concepts Early Childhood Development Center ▪ Workforce Development Board of the Treasure Coast/Job Corps ▪ Kids Connected by Design and Healthy Start Coalition/Healthy Families ▪ Catholic Charities/Counseling-Treasure Coast Kids ▪ Catholic Charities/Strengthening Families
Placement services	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Department of Education-Division of Vocational Rehabilitation/ Department of Education-Division of Vocational Rehabilitation ▪ ALPI/St. Lucie County Head Start Program ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ The Homeless Family Center/The Homeless Family Center ▪ Plant A Seed Ministries/Plant A Seed Ministries ▪ Workforce Development Board of the Treasure Coast/Job Corps
School supplies	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Police Athletic League (PAL) ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Drug Abuse Treatment Association/Hayslip Residential Treatment ▪ Workforce Development Board of the Treasure Coast/Job Corps
Sex education	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Response/Counseling Testing and Linkage ▪ Project Response/Ryan White ▪ Boys & Girls Club of St. Lucie County/CORE Program ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Teen Life Choices ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Workforce Development Board of the Treasure Coast/Job Corps

AVAILABLE SERVICES

Education/vocational		
Service Provided	# Programs	Agency/Program
Sign language instruction	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion
Skilled trades	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Department of Education-Division of Vocational Rehabilitation/ Department of Education-Division of Vocational Rehabilitation City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion Workforce Development Board of the Treasure Coast/Job Corps
Technology	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Boys & Girls Club of St. Lucie County/CORE Program Boys & Girls Club of St. Lucie County/Kidstop City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion Florida Diagnostic Learning Resource System/Human Resources Development Workforce Development Board of the Treasure Coast/Job Corps
Truancy	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Boys & Girls Club of St. Lucie County/Truancy Program Children's Services Council of St. Lucie County City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion School Board of St. Lucie County/Elementary Truancy Night Court School Board of St. Lucie County/SEDNET-The Network for the Severely Emotionally Disturbed
Tutoring	10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Area Agency on Aging/Foster Grandparent Program Big Brothers Big Sisters of St. Lucie County/AmeriCorps St. Lucie Reads Big Brothers Big Sisters of St. Lucie County/Jump into Reading Children's Services Council of St. Lucie County City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Police Athletic League (PAL) City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion Drug Abuse Treatment Association/Prevention Services (Alpha, LifeSkills) The Daniel M. Foundation/Camp Holiday Children's Respite Center Workforce Development Board of the Treasure Coast/Job Corps YMCA of the Treasure Coast/YMCA Child Care Activities

AVAILABLE SERVICES

Education/vocational		
Service Provided	# Programs	Agency/Program
Vocational assessment	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Department of Education-Division of Vocational Rehabilitation/ Department of Education-Division of Vocational Rehabilitation ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ The Homeless Family Center/The Homeless Family Center ▪ Workforce Development Board of the Treasure Coast/Job Corps ▪ Epilepsy Foundation/Prevention and Education Program
Vocational rehabilitation	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Department of Education-Division of Vocational Rehabilitation/ Department of Education-Division of Vocational Rehabilitation ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Plant A Seed Ministries/Plant A Seed Ministries ▪ Epilepsy Foundation/Prevention and Education Program
Volunteer department	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ St. Lucie County Community Services/Social Services

Adult Health and Functioning

The series of tables below show the specific services that address adult health and functioning. Services are categorized in terms of the following:

- AIDS-related services
- Alcohol abuse services
- Counseling
- Education/vocational
- Health care services
- HIV/AIDS
- Medical/assistive equipment or supplies
- Mental health services
- Substance abuse services
- Support group
- Other

Services Provided by Number of Programs and Program Name: Adult Health and Functioning

(Note: These charts are governed by those agencies that responded to the survey.)

AIDS-related		
Service Provided	# Programs	Agency/Program
Caregivers	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Response/Camp Heartland ▪ St. Lucie County Health Department/St. Lucie County Health Department ▪ Kids Connected by Design and Healthy Start Coalition/Home Visitation Nurse
Counseling	11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Response/Housing Opportunities for Person's with AIDS ▪ Project Response/AIDS Insurance Continuation Program ▪ Project Response/Camp Heartland ▪ Project Response/HIV Navigators Program ▪ Project Response/Counseling Testing and Linkage ▪ Project Response/Ryan White ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Plant A Seed Ministries/Plant A Seed Ministries ▪ St. Lucie County Health Department/St. Lucie County Health Department ▪ Kids Connected by Design and Healthy Start Coalition/Healthy Changes ▪ Kids Connected by Design and Healthy Start Coalition/Home Visitation Nurse

AVAILABLE SERVICES

AIDS-related		
Service Provided	# Programs	Agency/Program
Information/education	24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office ▪ Project Response/Housing Opportunities for Person's with AIDS ▪ Project Response/AIDS Insurance Continuation Program ▪ Project Response/Project AIDS Care Waiver Program ▪ Project Response/HIV Navigators Program ▪ Project Response/Counseling Testing and Linkage ▪ Project Response/Ryan White ▪ Boys & Girls Club of St. Lucie County/CORE Program ▪ ALPI/St. Lucie County Head Start Program ▪ American Red Cross North Treasure Coast Chapter/Health and Safety Training ▪ Children's Services Council of St. Lucie County ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Drug Abuse Treatment Association/Hayslip Residential Treatment ▪ Drug Abuse Treatment Association/AfterCare Services ▪ The Homeless Family Center/The Homeless Family Center ▪ Plant A Seed Ministries/Plant A Seed Ministries ▪ YMCA of the Treasure Coast/YMCA Child Care Activities ▪ YMCA of the Treasure Coast/YMCA of the Treasure Coast – Fort Pierce ▪ St. Lucie County Health Department/St. Lucie County Health Department ▪ Kids Connected by Design and Healthy Start Coalition/Healthy Families ▪ Kids Connected by Design and Healthy Start Coalition/Healthy Changes ▪ Kids Connected by Design and Healthy Start Coalition/Teen Case Management ▪ Kids Connected by Design and Healthy Start Coalition/Home Visitation Nurse ▪ The Housing Authority of the City of Fort Pierce/Resident Services Programs

AVAILABLE SERVICES

AIDS-related		
Service Provided	# Programs	Agency/Program
Prevention	10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Response/Project AIDS Care Waiver Program ▪ Project Response/HIV Navigators Program ▪ Project Response/Counseling Testing and Linkage ▪ Project Response/Ryan White ▪ Boys & Girls Club of St. Lucie County/CORE Program ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Plant A Seed Ministries/Plant A Seed Ministries ▪ St. Lucie County Health Department/St. Lucie County Health Department ▪ Kids Connected by Design and Healthy Start Coalition/Healthy Changes ▪ Kids Connected by Design and Healthy Start Coalition/Home Visitation Nurse
Testing/screening	7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Response/Project AIDS Care Waiver Program ▪ Project Response/Counseling Testing and Linkage ▪ Project Response/Ryan White ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ St. Lucie County Health Department/St. Lucie County Health Department ▪ Kids Connected by Design and Healthy Start Coalition/Healthy Changes ▪ The Housing Authority of the City of Fort Pierce/Resident Services Programs

AVAILABLE SERVICES

Alcohol Abuse		
Service Provided	# Programs	Agency/Program
Co-dependents	11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Drug Abuse Treatment Association/Hayslip Residential Treatment ▪ Florida Department of Children and Families/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services ▪ Plant A Seed Ministries/Plant A Seed Ministries ▪ Kids Connected by Design and Healthy Start Coalition/Healthy Changes ▪ School Board of St. Lucie County/St. Lucie County Mental Health Collaborative ▪ School Board of St. Lucie County/SEDNET-The Network for the Severely Emotionally Disturbed ▪ Counseling and Recovery Center/Support Services ▪ Counseling and Recovery Center/Treatment Services ▪ Counseling and Recovery Center/Relapse Prevention Program ▪ New Horizons of the Treasure Coast

AVAILABLE SERVICES

Alcohol Abuse		
Service Provided	# Programs	Agency/Program
Information and education	23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Response/Project AIDS Care Waiver Program ▪ Project Response/Ryan White ▪ Hibiscus Children's Center/Healthy Opportunities for Parenting Excellence (HOPE) ▪ Hibiscus Children's Center/Crisis Nursery ▪ Children's Services Council of St. Lucie County ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Drug Abuse Treatment Association/Hayslip Residential Treatment ▪ Drug Abuse Treatment Association/Outpatient Services ▪ Drug Abuse Treatment Association/AfterCare Services ▪ Drug Abuse Treatment Association/Prevention Services (Alpha, LifeSkills) ▪ Drug Abuse Treatment Association/TASC – Treatment Alternatives for Safer Communities ▪ Florida Department of Children and Families/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services ▪ The Homeless Family Center/The Homeless Family Center ▪ Plant A Seed Ministries/Plant A Seed Ministries ▪ Public Defender 19th Judicial Circuit/Circuit Re-entry Program ▪ YMCA of the Treasure Coast/YMCA Child Care Activities ▪ Kids Connected by Design and Healthy Start Coalition/Healthy Families ▪ Kids Connected by Design and Healthy Start Coalition/Healthy Changes ▪ Kids Connected by Design and Healthy Start Coalition/Teen Case Management ▪ School Board of St. Lucie County/St. Lucie County Mental Health Collaborative ▪ Counseling and Recovery Center/Support Services ▪ Counseling and Recovery Center/Treatment Services ▪ Counseling and Recovery Center/Relapse Prevention Program

AVAILABLE SERVICES

Alcohol Abuse		
Service Provided	# Programs	Agency/Program
Inpatient treatment	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ New Horizons of the Treasure Coast/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Drug Abuse Treatment Association/Hayslip Residential Treatment ▪ Florida Department of Children and Families/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services ▪ Plant A Seed Ministries/Plant A Seed Ministries ▪ Counseling and Recovery Center/Support Services ▪ Counseling and Recovery Center/Treatment Services ▪ Counseling and Recovery Center/Relapse Prevention Program
Outpatient treatment	11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Response/Project AIDS Care Waiver Program ▪ New Horizons of the Treasure Coast/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Drug Abuse Treatment Association/Hayslip Residential Treatment ▪ Drug Abuse Treatment Association/Outpatient Services ▪ Florida Department of Children and Families/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services ▪ Plant A Seed Ministries/Plant A Seed Ministries ▪ School Board of St. Lucie County/SEDNET-The Network for the Severely Emotionally Disturbed ▪ Counseling and Recovery Center/Support Services ▪ Counseling and Recovery Center/Treatment Services ▪ Counseling and Recovery Center/Relapse Prevention Program

AVAILABLE SERVICES

Alcohol Abuse		
Service Provided	# Programs	Agency/Program
Prevention	16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Response/Project AIDS Care Waiver Program ▪ Boys & Girls Club of St. Lucie County/CORE Program ▪ Boys & Girls Club of St. Lucie County/Kidstop ▪ New Horizons of the Treasure Coast/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services ▪ Children's Services Council of St. Lucie County ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Drug Abuse Treatment Association/Hayslip Residential Treatment ▪ Drug Abuse Treatment Association/AfterCare Services ▪ Florida Department of Children and Families/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services ▪ Plant A Seed Ministries/Plant A Seed Ministries ▪ Public Defender 19th Judicial Circuit/Circuit Re-entry Program ▪ School Board of St. Lucie County/St. Lucie County Mental Health Collaborative ▪ School Board of St. Lucie County/SEDNET-The Network for the Severely Emotionally Disturbed ▪ Counseling and Recovery Center/Support Services ▪ Counseling and Recovery Center/Treatment Services ▪ Counseling and Recovery Center/Relapse Prevention Program

AVAILABLE SERVICES

Counseling		
Service Provided	# Programs	Agency/Program
Adolescent	20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Response/Counseling Testing and Linkage ▪ New Horizons of the Treasure Coast/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services ▪ Big Brothers Big Sisters of St. Lucie County/Family Support Services ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Adoptions ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Children in Need of Services, Families in Need of Services ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Child Protection Team ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Girl's Group Home ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Transitional Living Program ▪ Children's Services Council of St. Lucie County ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Drug Abuse Treatment Association/Hayslip Residential Treatment ▪ Drug Abuse Treatment Association/Outpatient Services ▪ Drug Abuse Treatment Association/TASC – Treatment Alternatives for Safer Communities ▪ Florida Department of Children and Families/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services ▪ Suncoast Mental Health Center/Children's Mental Health Services ▪ Tykes & Teens/Family Abuse Treatment Program ▪ Workforce Development Board of the Treasure Coast/Job Corps ▪ School Board of St. Lucie County/St. Lucie County Mental Health Collaborative ▪ School Board of St. Lucie County/SEDNET-The Network for the Severely Emotionally Disturbed ▪ Catholic Charities/Counseling-Treasure Coast Kids

AVAILABLE SERVICES

Counseling		
Service Provided	# Programs	Agency/Program
Adult	18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Response/Counseling Testing and Linkage ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Residential Living ▪ New Horizons of the Treasure Coast/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services ▪ Big Brothers Big Sisters of St. Lucie County/Family Support Services ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Adoptions ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Children in Need of Services, Families in Need of Services ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Child Protection Team ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Florida Department of Children and Families/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services ▪ Mental Health Association in Indian River County/Living Without Violence ▪ Plant A Seed Ministries/Plant A Seed Ministries ▪ Public Defender 19th Judicial Circuit/Circuit Re-entry Program ▪ Kids Connected by Design and Healthy Start Coalition/Healthy Changes ▪ Catholic Charities/Counseling-Treasure Coast Kids ▪ St. Lucie County Veteran Services/Veterans Medical Transportation ▪ Counseling and Recovery Center/Support Services ▪ Counseling and Recovery Center/Treatment Services ▪ Counseling and Recovery Center/Relapse Prevention Program

AVAILABLE SERVICES

Counseling		
Service Provided	# Programs	Agency/Program
Anger management	22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Residential Living ▪ New Horizons of the Treasure Coast/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services ▪ Big Brothers Big Sisters of St. Lucie County/Family Support Services ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Adoptions ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Children in Need of Services, Families in Need of Services ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Girl's Group Home ▪ Children's Services Council of St. Lucie County ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Drug Abuse Treatment Association/Hayslip Residential Treatment ▪ Drug Abuse Treatment Association/Outpatient Services ▪ Florida Department of Children and Families/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services ▪ Mental Health Association in Indian River County/Living Without Violence ▪ Plant A Seed Ministries/Plant A Seed Ministries ▪ Port St. Lucie New Testament Church of God Project R.O.C.K. South/School Suspension Program ▪ Project R.O.C.K. Reaching Our Community Kids/Project R.O.C.K. North ▪ Public Defender 19th Judicial Circuit/Circuit Re-entry Program ▪ Suncoast Mental Health Center/Children's Mental Health Services ▪ School Board of St. Lucie County/St. Lucie County Mental Health Collaborative ▪ School Board of St. Lucie County/SEDNET-The Network for the Severely Emotionally Disturbed ▪ Catholic Charities/Counseling-Treasure Coast Kids ▪ Counseling and Recovery Center/Treatment Services ▪ New Horizons of the Treasure Coast

AVAILABLE SERVICES

Counseling		
Service Provided	# Programs	Agency/Program
Bereavement	11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mustard Seed Ministries of Fort Pierce/ Mustard Seed Ministries of Fort Pierce ▪ Big Brothers Big Sisters of St. Lucie County/Family Support Services ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Adoptions ▪ Children's Services Council of St. Lucie County ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Florida Department of Children and Families/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services ▪ Plant A Seed Ministries/Plant A Seed Ministries ▪ Suncoast Mental Health Center/Children's Mental Health Services ▪ Treasure Coast Hospices/Harbors Community Grief Support Center ▪ Treasure Coast Hospices/Health and Activities Center ▪ Treasure Coast Hospices/Transitions
Caregivers	11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Hibiscus Children's Center/Healthy Opportunities for Parenting Excellence (HOPE) ▪ Alzheimer's Community Care/Family Nurse Consultant ▪ Big Brothers Big Sisters of St. Lucie County/Family Support Services ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Adoptions ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Children in Need of Services, Families in Need of Services ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Child Protection Team ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Drug Abuse Treatment Association/Hayslip Residential Treatment ▪ Florida Department of Children and Families/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services ▪ Treasure Coast Hospices/Health and Activities Center ▪ Treasure Coast Hospices/Transitions

AVAILABLE SERVICES

Counseling		
Service Provided	# Programs	Agency/Program
Child	22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Boys & Girls Club of St. Lucie County/CORE Program ▪ Boys & Girls Club of St. Lucie County/Kidstop ▪ Boys & Girls Club of St. Lucie County/Truancy Program ▪ Hibiscus Children's Center/Healthy Opportunities for Parenting Excellence (HOPE) ▪ ALPI/St. Lucie County Head Start Program ▪ Big Brothers Big Sisters of St. Lucie County/Family Support Services ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Adoptions ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Children in Need of Services, Families in Need of Services ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Child Protection Team ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Girl's Group Home ▪ Children's Services Council of St. Lucie County ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Drug Abuse Treatment Association/Hayslip Residential Treatment ▪ Drug Abuse Treatment Association/Outpatient Services ▪ Florida Diagnostic Learning Resource System/Child Find ▪ Florida Department of Children and Families/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services ▪ Suncoast Mental Health Center/Children's Mental Health Services ▪ Tykes & Teens/Family Abuse Treatment Program ▪ School Board of St. Lucie County/St. Lucie County Mental Health Collaborative ▪ School Board of St. Lucie County/SEDNET-The Network for the Severely Emotionally Disturbed ▪ Catholic Charities/Counseling-Treasure Coast Kids ▪ New Horizons of the Treasure Coast
Codependency	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Drug Abuse Treatment Association/Hayslip Residential Treatment ▪ Drug Abuse Treatment Association/Outpatient Services ▪ Florida Department of Children and Families/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services ▪ Plant A Seed Ministries/Plant A Seed Ministries ▪ Counseling and Recovery Center/Treatment Services

AVAILABLE SERVICES

Counseling		
Service Provided	# Programs	Agency/Program
Crisis intervention	15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Boys & Girls Club of St. Lucie County/CORE Program ▪ Big Brothers Big Sisters of St. Lucie County/Family Support Services ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Adoptions ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Children in Need of Services, Families in Need of Services ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Child Protection Team ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Victim Advocacy ▪ Drug Abuse Treatment Association/Hayslip Residential Treatment ▪ Drug Abuse Treatment Association/Outpatient Services ▪ Florida Department of Children and Families/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services ▪ Plant A Seed Ministries/Plant A Seed Ministries ▪ Treasure Coast Hospices/Harbors Community Grief Support Center ▪ School Board of St. Lucie County/St. Lucie County Mental Health Collaborative ▪ School Board of St. Lucie County/SEDNET-The Network for the Severely Emotionally Disturbed ▪ New Horizons of the Treasure Coast
Divorce	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Big Brothers Big Sisters of St. Lucie County/Family Support Services ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Florida Department of Children and Families/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services ▪ Plant A Seed Ministries/Plant A Seed Ministries ▪ School Board of St. Lucie County/St. Lucie County Mental Health Collaborative ▪ School Board of St. Lucie County/SEDNET-The Network for the Severely Emotionally Disturbed

AVAILABLE SERVICES

Counseling		
Service Provided	# Programs	Agency/Program
Domestic abuse	14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Big Brothers Big Sisters of St. Lucie County/Family Support Services ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Children in Need of Services, Families in Need of Services ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Victim Advocacy ▪ City of Port St. Lucie Police Department/Community Programs ▪ Drug Abuse Treatment Association/Hayslip Residential Treatment ▪ Drug Abuse Treatment Association/Outpatient Services ▪ Florida Department of Children and Families/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services ▪ Mental Health Association in Indian River County/Living Without Violence ▪ Plant A Seed Ministries/Plant A Seed Ministries ▪ Public Defender 19th Judicial Circuit/Circuit Re-entry Program ▪ School Board of St. Lucie County/St. Lucie County Mental Health Collaborative ▪ School Board of St. Lucie County/SEDNET-The Network for the Severely Emotionally Disturbed ▪ Counseling and Recovery Center/Treatment Services
Elder helplessness	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Alzheimer's Community Care/Family Nurse Consultant ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Florida Department of Children and Families/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services

AVAILABLE SERVICES

Counseling		
Service Provided	# Programs	Agency/Program
Emotional distress	19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Response/Camp Heartland ▪ New Horizons of the Treasure Coast/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services ▪ Alzheimer's Community Care/Family Nurse Consultant ▪ Big Brothers Big Sisters of St. Lucie County/Family Support Services ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Adoptions ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Children in Need of Services, Families in Need of Services ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Victim Advocacy ▪ Drug Abuse Treatment Association/Hayslip Residential Treatment ▪ Drug Abuse Treatment Association/Outpatient Services ▪ Florida Department of Children and Families/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services ▪ Mental Health Association in Indian River County/Living Without Violence ▪ Plant A Seed Ministries/Plant A Seed Ministries ▪ Public Defender 19th Judicial Circuit/Circuit Re-entry Program ▪ Suncoast Mental Health Center/Children's Mental Health Services ▪ Kids Connected by Design and Healthy Start Coalition/Healthy Changes ▪ School Board of St. Lucie County/St. Lucie County Mental Health Collaborative ▪ School Board of St. Lucie County/SEDNET-The Network for the Severely Emotionally Disturbed ▪ Counseling and Recovery Center/Treatment Services

AVAILABLE SERVICES

Counseling		
Service Provided	# Programs	Agency/Program
Family therapy	17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ New Horizons of the Treasure Coast/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services ▪ Big Brothers Big Sisters of St. Lucie County/Family Support Services ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Adoptions ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Children in Need of Services, Families in Need of Services ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Child Protection Team ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Drug Abuse Treatment Association/Hayslip Residential Treatment ▪ Drug Abuse Treatment Association/Outpatient Services ▪ Florida Department of Children and Families/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services ▪ Plant A Seed Ministries/Plant A Seed Ministries ▪ Suncoast Mental Health Center/Children's Mental Health Services ▪ Tykes & Teens/Family Abuse Treatment Program ▪ School Board of St. Lucie County/St. Lucie County Mental Health Collaborative ▪ School Board of St. Lucie County/Elementary Truancy Night Court ▪ School Board of St. Lucie County/SEDNET-The Network for the Severely Emotionally Disturbed ▪ Catholic Charities/Counseling-Treasure Coast Kids ▪ Counseling and Recovery Center/Treatment Services

AVAILABLE SERVICES

Counseling		
Service Provided	# Programs	Agency/Program
Grief/death	14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Response/Camp Heartland ▪ Mustard Seed Ministries of Fort Pierce/ Mustard Seed Ministries of Fort Pierce ▪ Big Brothers Big Sisters of St. Lucie County/Family Support Services ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Adoptions ▪ Children's Services Council of St. Lucie County ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Victim Advocacy ▪ Drug Abuse Treatment Association/Hayslip Residential Treatment ▪ Drug Abuse Treatment Association/Outpatient Services ▪ Florida Department of Children and Families/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services ▪ Suncoast Mental Health Center/Children's Mental Health Services ▪ Treasure Coast Hospices/Harbors Community Grief Support Center ▪ School Board of St. Lucie County/St. Lucie County Mental Health Collaborative ▪ School Board of St. Lucie County/SEDNET-The Network for the Severely Emotionally Disturbed

AVAILABLE SERVICES

Counseling		
Service Provided	# Programs	Agency/Program
Group	24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Response/Project AIDS Care Waiver Program ▪ Boys & Girls Club of St. Lucie County/CORE Program ▪ Boys & Girls Club of St. Lucie County/Kidstop ▪ New Horizons of the Treasure Coast/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services ▪ Alzheimer's Community Care/Family Nurse Consultant ▪ Big Brothers Big Sisters of St. Lucie County/Family Support Services ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Adoptions ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Children in Need of Services, Families in Need of Services ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Child Protection Team ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Girl's Group Home ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Drug Abuse Treatment Association/Hayslip Residential Treatment ▪ Drug Abuse Treatment Association/Outpatient Services ▪ Florida Department of Children and Families/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services ▪ Mental Health Association in Indian River County/Batterer's Intervention Program ▪ Mental Health Association in Indian River County/Living Without Violence ▪ Public Defender 19th Judicial Circuit/Circuit Re-entry Program ▪ Suncoast Mental Health Center/Children's Mental Health Services ▪ Treasure Coast Hospices/Harbors Community Grief Support Center ▪ School Board of St. Lucie County/St. Lucie County Mental Health Collaborative ▪ School Board of St. Lucie County/SEDNET-The Network for the Severely Emotionally Disturbed ▪ Counseling and Recovery Center/Support Services ▪ Counseling and Recovery Center/Treatment Services ▪ Counseling and Recovery Center/Relapse Prevention Program

AVAILABLE SERVICES

Counseling		
Service Provided	# Programs	Agency/Program
Individual	30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Response/Project AIDS Care Waiver Program ▪ Project Response/Counseling Testing and Linkage ▪ Project Response/Ryan White ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Adult Day Training ▪ Boys & Girls Club of St. Lucie County/CORE Program ▪ Boys & Girls Club of St. Lucie County/Kidstop ▪ Boys & Girls Club of St. Lucie County/Truancy Program ▪ New Horizons of the Treasure Coast/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services ▪ Big Brothers Big Sisters of St. Lucie County/Family Support Services ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Adoptions ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Children in Need of Services, Families in Need of Services ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Child Protection Team ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Girl's Group Home ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Transitional Living Program ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Drug Abuse Treatment Association/Hayslip Residential Treatment ▪ Drug Abuse Treatment Association/Outpatient Services ▪ Drug Abuse Treatment Association/AfterCare Services ▪ Florida Department of Children and Families/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services ▪ Public Defender 19th Judicial Circuit/Circuit Re-entry Program ▪ Suncoast Mental Health Center/Children's Mental Health Services ▪ Tykes & Teens/Family Abuse Treatment Program ▪ Kids Connected by Design and Healthy Start Coalition/Healthy Changes ▪ Treasure Coast Hospices/Harbors Community Grief Support Center ▪ School Board of St. Lucie County/St. Lucie County Mental Health Collaborative ▪ School Board of St. Lucie County/SEDNET-The Network for the Severely Emotionally Disturbed ▪ Catholic Charities/Counseling-Treasure Coast Kids ▪ Counseling and Recovery Center/Support

AVAILABLE SERVICES

		<p>Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Counseling and Recovery Center/Treatment Services▪ Counseling and Recovery Center/Relapse Prevention Program
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Counseling		
Service Provided	# Programs	Agency/Program
Legal	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Response/Project AIDS Care Waiver Program ▪ Project Response/Ryan White ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Victim Advocacy ▪ Drug Abuse Treatment Association/Outpatient Services ▪ Florida Department of Children and Families/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services
Marital	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Florida Department of Children and Families/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services ▪ Plant A Seed Ministries/Plant A Seed Ministries ▪ Catholic Charities/Counseling-Treasure Coast Kids

AVAILABLE SERVICES

Counseling		
Service Provided	# Programs	Agency/Program
Mental health	22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Response/Project AIDS Care Waiver Program ▪ Project Response/Ryan White ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Residential Living ▪ New Horizons of the Treasure Coast/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services ▪ ALPI/St. Lucie County Head Start Program ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Children in Need of Services, Families in Need of Services ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Child Protection Team ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Girl's Group Home ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Florida Department of Children and Families/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services ▪ Mental Health Association in Indian River County/Batterer's Intervention Program ▪ Mental Health Association in Indian River County/Living Without Violence ▪ Plant A Seed Ministries/Plant A Seed Ministries ▪ Public Defender 19th Judicial Circuit/Circuit Re-entry Program ▪ Suncoast Mental Health Center/Children's Mental Health Services ▪ Tykes & Teens/Family Abuse Treatment Program ▪ School Board of St. Lucie County/St. Lucie County Mental Health Collaborative ▪ School Board of St. Lucie County/SEDNET-The Network for the Severely Emotionally Disturbed ▪ Catholic Charities/Counseling-Treasure Coast Kids ▪ Counseling and Recovery Center/Support Services ▪ Counseling and Recovery Center/Treatment Services ▪ Counseling and Recovery Center/Relapse Prevention Program

AVAILABLE SERVICES

Counseling		
Service Provided	# Programs	Agency/Program
Money management	10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Response/Housing Opportunities for Person's with AIDS ▪ Project Response/Project AIDS Care Waiver Program ▪ ALPI/St. Lucie County Head Start Program ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Transitional Living Program ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Florida Department of Children and Families/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services ▪ The Homeless Family Center/The Homeless Family Center ▪ Plant A Seed Ministries/Plant A Seed Ministries ▪ St. Lucie County Community Services/Social Services ▪ Counseling and Recovery Center/Treatment Services
Parent counseling	18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ALPI/St. Lucie County Head Start Program ▪ Big Brothers Big Sisters of St. Lucie County/Family Support Services ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Adoptions ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Children in Need of Services, Families in Need of Services ▪ Children's Services Council of St. Lucie County ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Drug Abuse Treatment Association/Hayslip Residential Treatment ▪ Drug Abuse Treatment Association/Outpatient Services ▪ Florida Department of Children and Families/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services ▪ Plant A Seed Ministries/Plant A Seed Ministries ▪ Public Defender 19th Judicial Circuit/Circuit Re-entry Program ▪ The Daniel M. Foundation/Camp Holiday Children's Respite Center ▪ Kids Connected by Design and Healthy Start Coalition/Healthy Start ▪ Kids Connected by Design and Healthy Start Coalition/Healthy Changes ▪ School Board of St. Lucie County/St. Lucie County Mental Health Collaborative ▪ School Board of St. Lucie County/SEDNET-The Network for the Severely Emotionally Disturbed ▪ Catholic Charities/Counseling-Treasure Coast Kids ▪ Counseling and Recovery Center/Treatment Services

AVAILABLE SERVICES

Counseling		
Service Provided	# Programs	Agency/Program
Rape	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Victim Advocacy ▪ Florida Department of Children and Families/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services ▪ Tykes & Teens/Family Abuse Treatment Program ▪ Kids Connected by Design and Healthy Start Coalition/Healthy Changes
Retirement	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Florida Department of Children and Families/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services
Substance abuse	12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ New Horizons of the Treasure Coast/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Drug Abuse Treatment Association/Hayslip Residential Treatment ▪ Drug Abuse Treatment Association/Outpatient Services ▪ Drug Abuse Treatment Association/AfterCare Services ▪ Florida Department of Children and Families/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services ▪ Plant A Seed Ministries/Plant A Seed Ministries ▪ Public Defender 19th Judicial Circuit/Circuit Re-entry Program ▪ Kids Connected by Design and Healthy Start Coalition/Healthy Changes ▪ School Board of St. Lucie County/St. Lucie County Mental Health Collaborative ▪ School Board of St. Lucie County/SEDNET-The Network for the Severely Emotionally Disturbed ▪ Counseling and Recovery Center/Treatment Services
Suicide	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Florida Department of Children and Families/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services ▪ Treasure Coast Hospices/Harbors Community Grief Support Center ▪ School Board of St. Lucie County/St. Lucie County Mental Health Collaborative ▪ School Board of St. Lucie County/SEDNET-The Network for the Severely Emotionally Disturbed ▪ New Horizons of the Treasure Coast

AVAILABLE SERVICES

Counseling		
Service Provided	# Programs	Agency/Program
Telephone reassurance	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Children in Need of Services, Families in Need of Services ▪ Children's Services Council of St. Lucie County ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Victim Advocacy ▪ Florida Department of Children and Families/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services ▪ Plant A Seed Ministries/Plant A Seed Ministries

AVAILABLE SERVICES

Education/vocational		
Service Provided	# Programs	Agency/Program
Adult education	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Vocational Training and Employment ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ The Homeless Family Center/The Homeless Family Center ▪ Indian River Community College/Indian River Community College Career Development Program ▪ Indian River Community College/Over 100 degree and certificate programs ▪ Public Defender 19th Judicial Circuit/Circuit Re-entry Program ▪ Workforce Development Board of the Treasure Coast/Job Corps ▪ St. Lucie County Community Services/Social Services ▪ Kids Connected by Design and Healthy Start Coalition/Healthy Changes
Caregiver training	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ American Red Cross North Treasure Coast Chapter/Health and Safety Training ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Early Learning Coalition/School Readiness Program ▪ Florida Department of Children and Families/Child Care Licensing ▪ The Daniel M. Foundation/Camp Holiday Children's Respite Center
Consumer education/information	7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Residential Living ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Vocational Training and Employment ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Supported Living ▪ Hibiscus Children's Center/Crisis Nursery ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services of the Treasure Coast/Services for Individuals with Hearing Loss ▪ Early Learning Coalition/School Readiness Program
Continuing education	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Vocational Training and Employment ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Supported Living ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Workforce Development Board of the Treasure Coast/Job Corps ▪ St. Lucie County Community Services/Social Services

AVAILABLE SERVICES

Education/vocational		
Service Provided	# Programs	Agency/Program
Education-adult/basic	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Vocational Training and Employment ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ The Homeless Family Center/The Homeless Family Center ▪ Workforce Development Board of the Treasure Coast/Job Corps ▪ St. Lucie County Community Services/Social Services
Education-community	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Vocational Training and Employment ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Adult Day Training ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Teen Life Choices ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Epilepsy Foundation/Prevention and Education Program
Education-community college	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Vocational Training and Employment ▪ Department of Education-Division of Vocational Rehabilitation/ Department of Education-Division of Vocational Rehabilitation ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ St. Lucie County Community Services/Social Services
Education-elementary	11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Boy Scouts of America/Scout Reach ▪ Big Brothers Big Sisters of St. Lucie County/School-based Mentoring ▪ Big Brothers Big Sisters of St. Lucie County/AmeriCorps St. Lucie Reads ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Florida Diagnostic Learning Resource System/Florida Diagnostic ▪ Literacy Launchers/Literacy Launchers ▪ Seventh-Day Adventist Church/James E. Sampson Memorial School ▪ The Daniel M. Foundation/Camp Holiday Children's Respite Center ▪ School Board of St. Lucie County/Elementary Truancy Night Court ▪ School Board of St. Lucie County/SEDNET-The Network for the Severely Emotionally Disturbed ▪ Catholic Charities/Fort Pierce Outreach-After School

AVAILABLE SERVICES

Education/vocational		
Service Provided	# Programs	Agency/Program
Education-secondary	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Boy Scouts of America/Scout Reach ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Drug Abuse Treatment Association/Hayslip Residential Treatment ▪ Florida Diagnostic Learning Resource System/Florida Diagnostic ▪ School Board of St. Lucie County/SEDNET-The Network for the Severely Emotionally Disturbed
ESOL	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Workforce Development Board of the Treasure Coast/Job Corps
GED	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Plant A Seed Ministries/Plant A Seed Ministries ▪ Workforce Development Board of the Treasure Coast/Job Corps
Independent living skills	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Residential Living ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Supported Living ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Girl's Group Home ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Independent Living Program ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Teen Life Choices ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Transitional Living Program ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Workforce Development Board of the Treasure Coast/Job Corps
Learning disability	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Residential Living ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Supported Living ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Florida Diagnostic Learning Resource System/Human Resources Development ▪ The Daniel M. Foundation/Camp Holiday Children's Respite Center
Literacy	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Big Brothers Big Sisters of St. Lucie County/AmeriCorps St. Lucie Reads ▪ Big Brothers Big Sisters of St. Lucie County/Jump into Reading ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Florida Diagnostic Learning Resource System/Human Resources Development ▪ Workforce Development Board of the Treasure Coast/Job Corps ▪ YMCA of the Treasure Coast/YMCA Child Care Activities

AVAILABLE SERVICES

Education/vocational		
Service Provided	# Programs	Agency/Program
Nutrition education/counseling	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Residential Living ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Supported Living ▪ Hibiscus Children's Center/Healthy Opportunities for Parenting Excellence (HOPE) ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Drug Abuse Treatment Association/Hayslip Residential Treatment ▪ Catholic Charities/Strengthening Families
Parenting services	11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Hibiscus Children's Center/Healthy Opportunities for Parenting Excellence (HOPE) ▪ ALPI/St. Lucie County Head Start Program ▪ Children's Services Council of St. Lucie County ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Early Learning Coalition/School Readiness Program ▪ Florida Diagnostic Learning Resource System/Child Find ▪ Florida Diagnostic Learning Resource System/Human Resources Development ▪ The Daniel M. Foundation/Camp Holiday Children's Respite Center ▪ The Daniel M. Foundation/Applied Behavior Concepts Early Childhood Development Center ▪ Catholic Charities/Strengthening Families ▪ Early Learning Coalition/Father and Child Connection Program

AVAILABLE SERVICES

Education/vocational		
Service Provided	# Programs	Agency/Program
Parenting skills	15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Hibiscus Children's Center/Healthy Opportunities for Parenting Excellence (HOPE) ▪ ALPI/St. Lucie County Head Start Program ▪ American Red Cross North Treasure Coast Chapter/Health and Safety Training ▪ Children's Services Council of St. Lucie County ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Early Learning Coalition/School Readiness Program ▪ Early Learning Coalition/Father and Child Connection Program ▪ The Homeless Family Center/The Homeless Family Center ▪ Plant A Seed Ministries/Plant A Seed Ministries ▪ The Daniel M. Foundation/Camp Holiday Children's Respite Center ▪ The Daniel M. Foundation/Applied Behavior Concepts Early Childhood Development Center ▪ Workforce Development Board of the Treasure Coast/Job Corps ▪ Kids Connected by Design and Healthy Start Coalition/Healthy Families ▪ Catholic Charities/Counseling-Treasure Coast Kids ▪ Catholic Charities/Strengthening Families
Placement services	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Department of Education-Division of Vocational Rehabilitation/ Department of Education-Division of Vocational Rehabilitation ▪ ALPI/St. Lucie County Head Start Program ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ The Homeless Family Center/The Homeless Family Center ▪ Plant A Seed Ministries/Plant A Seed Ministries ▪ Workforce Development Board of the Treasure Coast/Job Corps
School supplies	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Police Athletic League (PAL) ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Drug Abuse Treatment Association/Hayslip Residential Treatment ▪ Workforce Development Board of the Treasure Coast/Job Corps

AVAILABLE SERVICES

Education/vocational		
Service Provided	# Programs	Agency/Program
Sex education	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Response/Counseling Testing and Linkage ▪ Project Response/Ryan White ▪ Boys & Girls Club of St. Lucie County/CORE Program ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Teen Life Choices ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Workforce Development Board of the Treasure Coast/Job Corps
Sign language instruction	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion
Skilled trades	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Department of Education-Division of Vocational Rehabilitation/ Department of Education-Division of Vocational Rehabilitation ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Workforce Development Board of the Treasure Coast/Job Corps
Technology	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Boys & Girls Club of St. Lucie County/CORE Program ▪ Boys & Girls Club of St. Lucie County/Kidstop ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Florida Diagnostic Learning Resource System/Human Resources Development ▪ Workforce Development Board of the Treasure Coast/Job Corps
Truancy	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Boys & Girls Club of St. Lucie County/Truancy Program ▪ Children's Services Council of St. Lucie County ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ School Board of St. Lucie County/Elementary Truancy Night Court ▪ School Board of St. Lucie County/SEDNET-The Network for the Severely Emotionally Disturbed

AVAILABLE SERVICES

Education/vocational		
Service Provided	# Programs	Agency/Program
Tutoring	10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Area Agency on Aging/Foster Grandparent Program ▪ Big Brothers Big Sisters of St. Lucie County/AmeriCorps St. Lucie Reads ▪ Big Brothers Big Sisters of St. Lucie County/Jump into Reading ▪ Children's Services Council of St. Lucie County ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Police Athletic League (PAL) ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Drug Abuse Treatment Association/Prevention Services (Alpha, LifeSkills) ▪ The Daniel M. Foundation/Camp Holiday Children's Respite Center ▪ Workforce Development Board of the Treasure Coast/Job Corps ▪ YMCA of the Treasure Coast/YMCA Child Care Activities
Vocational assessment	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Department of Education-Division of Vocational Rehabilitation/ Department of Education-Division of Vocational Rehabilitation ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ The Homeless Family Center/The Homeless Family Center ▪ Workforce Development Board of the Treasure Coast/Job Corps ▪ Epilepsy Foundation/Prevention and Education Program
Vocational rehabilitation	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Department of Education-Division of Vocational Rehabilitation/ Department of Education-Division of Vocational Rehabilitation ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Plant A Seed Ministries/Plant A Seed Ministries ▪ Epilepsy Foundation/Prevention and Education Program
Volunteer department	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ St. Lucie County Community Services/Social Services

AVAILABLE SERVICES

Health Care		
Service Provided	# Programs	Agency/Program
Alzheimer's disease	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Alzheimer's Community Care/Family Nurse Consultant ▪ Alzheimer's Community Care/Specialized Alzheimer's Day Care ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Treasure Coast Hospices/Treasure Coast Hospices
Arthritis	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Treasure Coast Hospices/Treasure Coast Hospices
Attention deficit disorder	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Suncoast Mental Health Center/Children's Mental Health Services ▪ The Daniel M. Foundation/Camp Holiday Children's Respite Center ▪ The Daniel M. Foundation/Applied Behavior Concepts Early Childhood Development Center ▪ Treasure Coast Hospices/Treasure Coast Hospices
Birth control	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Treasure Coast Hospices/Treasure Coast Hospices
Birth defects	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Treasure Coast Hospices/Treasure Coast Hospices
Blindness	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Treasure Coast Hospices/Treasure Coast Hospices
Blood pressure	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Treasure Coast Hospices/Treasure Coast Hospices
Cancer	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Treasure Coast Hospices/Health and Activities Center ▪ Treasure Coast Hospices/Transitions ▪ Treasure Coast Hospices/Treasure Coast Hospices

AVAILABLE SERVICES

Health Care		
Service Provided	# Programs	Agency/Program
Case management	17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Response/Project AIDS Care Waiver Program ▪ Project Response/HIV Navigators Program ▪ Project Response/Ryan White ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Vocational Training and Employment ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Supported Living ▪ New Horizons of the Treasure Coast/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services ▪ ALPI/St. Lucie County Head Start Program ▪ Alzheimer's Community Care/Family Nurse Consultant ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Council on Aging of St. Lucie/Senior Services ▪ The Homeless Family Center/The Homeless Family Center ▪ Suncoast Mental Health Center/Children's Mental Health Services ▪ St. Lucie County Health Department/St. Lucie County Health Department ▪ St. Lucie County Community Services/Social Services ▪ Kids Connected by Design and Healthy Start Coalition/Healthy Changes ▪ Epilepsy Foundation/Medical Services ▪ Treasure Coast Hospices/Treasure Coast Hospices
Clinic-medical	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Response/Project AIDS Care Waiver Program ▪ Project Response/Ryan White ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Treasure Coast Hospices/Treasure Coast Hospices
Companion (home health)	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Treasure Coast Hospices/Treasure Coast Hospices
Deaf/hearing impaired	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services of the Treasure Coast/Services for Individuals with Hearing Loss ▪ Treasure Coast Hospices/Treasure Coast Hospices

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Health Care		
Service Provided	# Programs	Agency/Program
Death/dying/grief	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Treasure Coast Hospices/Health and Activities Center ▪ Treasure Coast Hospices/Transitions ▪ Treasure Coast Hospices/Treasure Coast Hospices
Dental care	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Response/Project AIDS Care Waiver Program ▪ Project Response/Ryan White ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ St. Lucie County Health Department/St. Lucie County Health Department ▪ Treasure Coast Hospices/Treasure Coast Hospices
Diabetes	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Response/Project AIDS Care Waiver Program ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Treasure Coast Hospices/Treasure Coast Hospices
Dialysis	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Treasure Coast Hospices/Treasure Coast Hospices
Emergency	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Response/Project AIDS Care Waiver Program ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Treasure Coast Hospices/Treasure Coast Hospices
Eye exams	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Response/Project AIDS Care Waiver Program ▪ Project Response/Ryan White ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Treasure Coast Hospices/Treasure Coast Hospices
Family care coordination	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Treasure Coast Hospices/Treasure Coast Hospices
Family planning	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Treasure Coast Hospices/Treasure Coast Hospices

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Health Care		
Service Provided	# Programs	Agency/Program
Flu shots	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Response/Project AIDS Care Waiver Program ▪ Project Response/Ryan White ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Treasure Coast Hospices/Treasure Coast Hospices
Geriatric care managers	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Treasure Coast Hospices/Treasure Coast Hospices
Health education	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Response/Project AIDS Care Waiver Program ▪ Project Response/HIV Navigators Program ▪ ALPI/St. Lucie County Head Start Program ▪ Alzheimer's Community Care/Family Nurse Consultant ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Early Learning Coalition/School Readiness Program ▪ St. Lucie County Health Department/St. Lucie County Health Department ▪ Treasure Coast Hospices/Treasure Coast Hospices
Hearing impaired	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Treasure Coast Hospices/Treasure Coast Hospices
Home health care	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Treasure Coast Hospices/Treasure Coast Hospices
Hospice care	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Response/Project AIDS Care Waiver Program ▪ Project Response/Ryan White ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Treasure Coast Hospices/Treasure Coast Hospices
Hospital	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Response/Ryan White ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Treasure Coast Hospices/Treasure Coast Hospices

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Health Care		
Service Provided	# Programs	Agency/Program
Immunizations	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Response/Project AIDS Care Waiver Program ▪ Project Response/Ryan White ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ St. Lucie County Health Department/St. Lucie County Health Department ▪ Treasure Coast Hospices/Treasure Coast Hospices
Kidney	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Treasure Coast Hospices/Treasure Coast Hospices
Lupus	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Treasure Coast Hospices/Treasure Coast Hospices
Medicaid-application	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Response/Project AIDS Care Waiver Program ▪ Project Response/HIV Navigators Program ▪ Project Response/Ryan White ▪ ALPI/St. Lucie County Head Start Program ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ St. Lucie County Community Services/Social Services ▪ Treasure Coast Hospices/Treasure Coast Hospices ▪ United for Families/Family Preservation Services
Medicaid-information/counseling	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Vocational Training and Employment ▪ ALPI/St. Lucie County Head Start Program ▪ Alzheimer's Community Care/Family Nurse Consultant ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Treasure Coast Hospices/Treasure Coast Hospices
Medical doctors	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Response/Ryan White ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ St. Lucie County Health Department/St. Lucie County Health Department ▪ Treasure Coast Hospices/Treasure Coast Hospices

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Health Care		
Service Provided	# Programs	Agency/Program
Medicare-application	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Response/Ryan White ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Vocational Training and Employment ▪ Area Agency on Aging/Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ St. Lucie County Community Services/Social Services ▪ Treasure Coast Hospices/Treasure Coast Hospices
Medicare-information/counseling	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Vocational Training and Employment ▪ Area Agency on Aging/Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Treasure Coast Hospices/Treasure Coast Hospices
Nursing homes	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Response/Project AIDS Care Waiver Program ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Treasure Coast Hospices/Treasure Coast Hospices
Nursing services	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Kids Connected by Design and Healthy Start Coalition/Home Visitation Nurse ▪ Treasure Coast Hospices/Treasure Coast Hospices
Occupational therapy	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Treasure Coast Hospices/Treasure Coast Hospices
Outpatient clinic	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Response/Project AIDS Care Waiver Program ▪ Project Response/Ryan White ▪ New Horizons of the Treasure Coast/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ St. Lucie County Health Department/St. Lucie County Health Department ▪ Treasure Coast Hospices/Treasure Coast Hospices
Outpatient rehabilitation	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Treasure Coast Hospices/Treasure Coast Hospices

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Health Care		
Service Provided	# Programs	Agency/Program
Parkinson's disease	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Treasure Coast Hospices/Treasure Coast Hospices
Pediatrics	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Treasure Coast Hospices/Treasure Coast Hospices
Physical therapy	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Treasure Coast Hospices/Treasure Coast Hospices
Physician referral	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Response/HIV Navigators Program ▪ Project Response/Ryan White ▪ Alzheimer's Community Care/Family Nurse Consultant ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Treasure Coast Hospices/Treasure Coast Hospices
Pneumonia shots	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Response/Project AIDS Care Waiver Program ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Treasure Coast Hospices/Treasure Coast Hospices
Prescription-expense assistance	7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Response/Project AIDS Care Waiver Program ▪ Project Response/HIV Navigators Program ▪ Project Response/Ryan White ▪ Mustard Seed Ministries of Fort Pierce/ Mustard Seed Ministries of Fort Pierce ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ St. Lucie County Community Services/Social Services ▪ Treasure Coast Hospices/Treasure Coast Hospices
Prescription-obtaining	7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Response/Project AIDS Care Waiver Program ▪ Project Response/HIV Navigators Program ▪ Project Response/Ryan White ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Vocational Training and Employment ▪ Mustard Seed Ministries of Fort Pierce/ Mustard Seed Ministries of Fort Pierce ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Treasure Coast Hospices/Treasure Coast Hospices

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Health Care		
Service Provided	# Programs	Agency/Program
Public health	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Response/Ryan White ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ St. Lucie County Health Department/St. Lucie County Health Department ▪ Treasure Coast Hospices/Treasure Coast Hospices
Rehabilitation	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Vocational Training and Employment ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Residential Living ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Treasure Coast Hospices/Treasure Coast Hospices
Sexually transmitted infection	7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Response/Project AIDS Care Waiver Program ▪ Project Response/HIV Navigators Program ▪ Project Response/Counseling Testing and Linkage ▪ Project Response/Ryan White ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ St. Lucie County Health Department/St. Lucie County Health Department ▪ Treasure Coast Hospices/Treasure Coast Hospices
Skilled nursing facility	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Treasure Coast Hospices/Treasure Coast Hospices
Speech and hearing therapy	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Treasure Coast Hospices/Treasure Coast Hospices
Testing/screening	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Response/Counseling Testing and Linkage ▪ ALPI/St. Lucie County Head Start Program ▪ Area Agency on Aging/Wellness Outreach ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Treasure Coast Hospices/Treasure Coast Hospices
Vision screening	7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Response/Project AIDS Care Waiver Program ▪ Project Response/Ryan White ▪ ALPI/St. Lucie County Head Start Program ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Florida Diagnostic Learning Resource System/Child Find ▪ St. Lucie County Health Department/St. Lucie County Health Department ▪ Treasure Coast Hospices/Treasure Coast Hospices

AVAILABLE SERVICES

Health Care		
Service Provided	# Programs	Agency/Program
Visual impairment	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Treasure Coast Hospices/Treasure Coast Hospices
Wound care	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Treasure Coast Hospices/Treasure Coast Hospices
Children's insurance	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Kids Connected by Design and Healthy Start Coalition/Healthy Kids

AVAILABLE SERVICES

HIV/AIDS		
Service Provided	# Programs	Agency/Program
Caregivers	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion
Counseling	11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Response/Project AIDS Care Waiver Program ▪ Project Response/Camp Heartland ▪ Project Response/HIV Navigators Program ▪ Project Response/Counseling Testing and Linkage ▪ Project Response/Ryan White ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Drug Abuse Treatment Association/Hayslip Residential Treatment ▪ Drug Abuse Treatment Association/Outpatient Services ▪ Plant A Seed Ministries/Plant A Seed Ministries ▪ St. Lucie County Health Department/St. Lucie County Health Department ▪ Kids Connected by Design and Healthy Start Coalition/Healthy Changes
Housing	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Response/Housing Opportunities for Person's with AIDS ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Plant A Seed Ministries/Plant A Seed Ministries ▪ Treasure Coast Homeless Services Council/Shelter Plus Care

AVAILABLE SERVICES

HIV/AIDS		
Service Provided	# Programs	Agency/Program
Info/education	17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Response/Project AIDS Care Waiver Program ▪ Project Response/HIV Navigators Program ▪ Project Response/Counseling Testing and Linkage ▪ Project Response/Ryan White ▪ ALPI/St. Lucie County Head Start Program ▪ American Red Cross North Treasure Coast Chapter/Health and Safety Training ▪ Children's Services Council of St. Lucie County ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Drug Abuse Treatment Association/Hayslip Residential Treatment ▪ Drug Abuse Treatment Association/Outpatient Services ▪ The Homeless Family Center/The Homeless Family Center ▪ St. Lucie County Health Department/St. Lucie County Health Department ▪ Kids Connected by Design and Healthy Start Coalition/Healthy Families ▪ Kids Connected by Design and Healthy Start Coalition/Healthy Start ▪ Kids Connected by Design and Healthy Start Coalition/Healthy Changes ▪ Kids Connected by Design and Healthy Start Coalition/Teen Case Management ▪ Kids Connected by Design and Healthy Start Coalition/Home Visitation Nurse
Prevention	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Response/HIV Navigators Program ▪ Project Response/Counseling Testing and Linkage ▪ Project Response/Ryan White ▪ Boys & Girls Club of St. Lucie County/CORE Program ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Drug Abuse Treatment Association/Hayslip Residential Treatment ▪ Drug Abuse Treatment Association/Outpatient Services ▪ St. Lucie County Health Department/St. Lucie County Health Department ▪ Kids Connected by Design and Healthy Start Coalition/Healthy Changes
Support group	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Response/Project AIDS Care Waiver Program ▪ Project Response/Camp Heartland ▪ Project Response/Ryan White ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Drug Abuse Treatment Association/Outpatient Services ▪ Plant A Seed Ministries/Plant A Seed Ministries

AVAILABLE SERVICES

HIV/AIDS		
Service Provided	# Programs	Agency/Program
Testing/screening	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Response/Counseling Testing and Linkage ▪ Project Response/Ryan White ▪ ALPI/St. Lucie County Head Start Program ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Drug Abuse Treatment Association/Hayslip Residential Treatment ▪ Drug Abuse Treatment Association/Outpatient Services ▪ St. Lucie County Health Department/St. Lucie County Health Department ▪ Kids Connected by Design and Healthy Start Coalition/Healthy Changes

AVAILABLE SERVICES

Medical/assistive Equipment or Supplies		
Service Provided	# Programs	Agency/Program
Artificial limbs	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Department of Education-Division of Vocational Rehabilitation/ Department of Education-Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
Assistive devices	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mustard Seed Ministries of Fort Pierce/ Mustard Seed Ministries of Fort Pierce Department of Education-Division of Vocational Rehabilitation/ Department of Education-Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
Equipment	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project Response/Project AIDS Care Waiver Program The ARC of St. Lucie County/Vocational Training and Employment Mustard Seed Ministries of Fort Pierce/ Mustard Seed Ministries of Fort Pierce Department of Education-Division of Vocational Rehabilitation/ Department of Education-Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
Hearing aids	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Department of Education-Division of Vocational Rehabilitation/ Department of Education-Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services of the Treasure Coast/Services for Individuals with Hearing Loss
Interpreting/translating	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project Response/Project AIDS Care Waiver Program Department of Education-Division of Vocational Rehabilitation/ Department of Education-Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services of the Treasure Coast/Services for Individuals with Hearing Loss
Mastectomy supplies	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mustard Seed Ministries of Fort Pierce/ Mustard Seed Ministries of Fort Pierce
Medical stockings	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project Response/Project AIDS Care Waiver Program
Orthopedic shoes	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Department of Education-Division of Vocational Rehabilitation/ Department of Education-Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
Orthopedic supports/braces	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Department of Education-Division of Vocational Rehabilitation/ Department of Education-Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
Prosthetic devices	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Department of Education-Division of Vocational Rehabilitation/ Department of Education-Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
TDD equipment	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services of the Treasure Coast/Services for Individuals with Hearing Loss
TTY (teletypewriter)	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services of the Treasure Coast/Services for Individuals with Hearing Loss
Vocal relay	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services of the Treasure Coast/Services for Individuals with Hearing Loss

AVAILABLE SERVICES

Mental Health		
Service Provided	# Programs	Agency/Program
Case management	20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ New Horizons of the Treasure Coast/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services ▪ Big Brothers Big Sisters of St. Lucie County/Community-based Mentoring ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Adoptions ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Children in Need of Services, Families in Need of Services ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Child Protection Team ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Dependency Case Management ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Girl's Group Home ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Independent Living Program ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Transitional Living Program ▪ Drug Abuse Treatment Association/Outpatient Services ▪ Florida Department of Children and Families/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services ▪ Plant A Seed Ministries/Plant A Seed Ministries ▪ Public Defender 19th Judicial Circuit/Circuit Re-entry Program ▪ Suncoast Mental Health Center/Children's Mental Health Services ▪ Treasure Coast Homeless Services Council/Treasure Coast Homeless Resource Center ▪ Treasure Coast Homeless Services Council/Shelter Plus Care ▪ Kids Connected by Design and Healthy Start Coalition/Healthy Changes ▪ School Board of St. Lucie County/St. Lucie County Mental Health Collaborative ▪ School Board of St. Lucie County/SEDNET-The Network for the Severely Emotionally Disturbed ▪ Catholic Charities/Fort Pierce Outreach-After School

Mental Health		
Service Provided	# Programs	Agency/Program
Counseling	27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Vocational Training and Employment ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Residential Living ▪ Hibiscus Children's Center/Healthy Opportunities for Parenting Excellence (HOPE) ▪ Hibiscus Children's Center/Emergency Shelter ▪ New Horizons of the Treasure Coast/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services ▪ Big Brothers Big Sisters of St. Lucie County/Family Support Services ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Adoptions ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Children in Need of Services, Families in Need of Services ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Child Protection Team ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Girl's Group Home ▪ Drug Abuse Treatment Association/Outpatient Services ▪ Drug Abuse Treatment Association/TASC – Treatment Alternatives for Safer Communities ▪ Florida Department of Children and Families/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services ▪ Mental Health Association in Indian River County/Batterer's Intervention Program ▪ Mental Health Association in Indian River County/Living Without Violence ▪ Plant A Seed Ministries/Plant A Seed Ministries ▪ Public Defender 19th Judicial Circuit/Circuit Re-entry Program ▪ Seventh-Day Adventist Church/Community Services Center ▪ Suncoast Mental Health Center/Children's Mental Health Services ▪ Tykes & Teens/General Mental Health ▪ Tykes & Teens/Family Abuse Treatment Program ▪ School Board of St. Lucie County/St. Lucie County Mental Health Collaborative ▪ School Board of St. Lucie County/SEDNET-The Network for the Severely Emotionally Disturbed ▪ Catholic Charities/Counseling-Treasure Coast Kids ▪ Counseling and Recovery Center/Support Services ▪ Counseling and Recovery Center/Treatment Services ▪ Counseling and Recovery Center/Relapse Prevention Program

AVAILABLE SERVICES

Mental Health		
Service Provided	# Programs	Agency/Program
Day treatment	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Vocational Training and Employment ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Residential Living ▪ Florida Department of Children and Families/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services ▪ Mental Health Association in Indian River County/Jean Sloan Drop-In Center ▪ Plant A Seed Ministries/Plant A Seed Ministries
Depression/manic depression	10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ New Horizons of the Treasure Coast/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services ▪ Florida Department of Children and Families/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services ▪ Mental Health Association in Indian River County/Jean Sloan Drop-In Center ▪ Plant A Seed Ministries/Plant A Seed Ministries ▪ Suncoast Mental Health Center/Children's Mental Health Services ▪ The Daniel M. Foundation/Camp Holiday Children's Respite Center ▪ Tykes & Teens/General Mental Health ▪ School Board of St. Lucie County/St. Lucie County Mental Health Collaborative ▪ School Board of St. Lucie County/SEDNET-The Network for the Severely Emotionally Disturbed ▪ Catholic Charities/Counseling-Treasure Coast Kids
Drop-in center	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Florida Department of Children and Families/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services ▪ Mental Health Association in Indian River County/Jean Sloan Drop-In Center ▪ Plant A Seed Ministries/Plant A Seed Ministries

AVAILABLE SERVICES

Mental Health		
Service Provided	# Programs	Agency/Program
Dual diagnosis	13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Vocational Training and Employment ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Residential Living ▪ New Horizons of the Treasure Coast/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services ▪ Florida Department of Children and Families/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services ▪ Mental Health Association in Indian River County/Jean Sloan Drop-In Center ▪ Plant A Seed Ministries/Plant A Seed Ministries ▪ Treasure Coast Homeless Services Council/Shelter Plus Care ▪ Tykes & Teens/General Mental Health ▪ School Board of St. Lucie County/St. Lucie County Mental Health Collaborative ▪ School Board of St. Lucie County/SEDNET-The Network for the Severely Emotionally Disturbed ▪ Counseling and Recovery Center/Support Services ▪ Counseling and Recovery Center/Treatment Services ▪ Counseling and Recovery Center/Relapse Prevention Program
Emergency services	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ New Horizons of the Treasure Coast/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services ▪ Florida Department of Children and Families/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services
Group home	7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Vocational Training and Employment ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Residential Living ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Children in Need of Services, Families in Need of Services ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Dependency Case Management ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Girl's Group Home ▪ Florida Department of Children and Families/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services ▪ Plant A Seed Ministries/Plant A Seed Ministries

AVAILABLE SERVICES

Mental Health		
Service Provided	# Programs	Agency/Program
Info/education	15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Vocational Training and Employment ▪ Hibiscus Children's Center/Crisis Nursery ▪ New Horizons of the Treasure Coast/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services ▪ Big Brothers Big Sisters of St. Lucie County/Community-based Mentoring ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Children in Need of Services, Families in Need of Services ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Dependency Case Management ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Florida Department of Children and Families/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services ▪ Mental Health Association in Indian River County/Batterer's Intervention Program ▪ Mental Health Association in Indian River County/Jean Sloan Drop-In Center ▪ Plant A Seed Ministries/Plant A Seed Ministries ▪ The Daniel M. Foundation/Camp Holiday Children's Respite Center ▪ Tykes & Teens/General Mental Health ▪ School Board of St. Lucie County/SEDNET-The Network for the Severely Emotionally Disturbed ▪ Counseling and Recovery Center/Support Services
Inpatient	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ New Horizons of the Treasure Coast/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services ▪ Florida Department of Children and Families/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services ▪ Plant A Seed Ministries/Plant A Seed Ministries

AVAILABLE SERVICES

Mental Health		
Service Provided	# Programs	Agency/Program
Medication	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ New Horizons of the Treasure Coast/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services ▪ Department of Education-Division of Vocational Rehabilitation/ Department of Education-Division of Vocational Rehabilitation ▪ Florida Department of Children and Families/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services ▪ Suncoast Mental Health Center/Children's Mental Health Services ▪ School Board of St. Lucie County/St. Lucie County Mental Health Collaborative ▪ School Board of St. Lucie County/SEDNET-The Network for the Severely Emotionally Disturbed ▪ Counseling and Recovery Center/Support Services ▪ Counseling and Recovery Center/Treatment Services ▪ Counseling and Recovery Center/Relapse Prevention Program

AVAILABLE SERVICES

Mental Health		
Service Provided	# Programs	Agency/Program
Outpatient	17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Response/Project AIDS Care Waiver Program ▪ Hibiscus Children's Center/Clinical Services ▪ New Horizons of the Treasure Coast/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services ▪ Department of Education-Division of Vocational Rehabilitation/ Department of Education-Division of Vocational Rehabilitation ▪ Drug Abuse Treatment Association/Outpatient Services ▪ Florida Department of Children and Families/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services ▪ Mental Health Association in Indian River County/Batterer's Intervention Program ▪ Mental Health Association in Indian River County/Living Without Violence ▪ Plant A Seed Ministries/Plant A Seed Ministries ▪ Suncoast Mental Health Center/Children's Mental Health Services ▪ Tykes & Teens/General Mental Health ▪ Tykes & Teens/Family Abuse Treatment Program ▪ School Board of St. Lucie County/St. Lucie County Mental Health Collaborative ▪ School Board of St. Lucie County/SEDNET-The Network for the Severely Emotionally Disturbed ▪ Counseling and Recovery Center/Support Services ▪ Counseling and Recovery Center/Treatment Services ▪ Counseling and Recovery Center/Relapse Prevention Program
Residential	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Vocational Training and Employment ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Residential Living ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Children in Need of Services, Families in Need of Services ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Girl's Group Home ▪ Florida Department of Children and Families/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services ▪ Plant A Seed Ministries/Plant A Seed Ministries ▪ Counseling and Recovery Center/Support Services ▪ Counseling and Recovery Center/Treatment Services ▪ Counseling and Recovery Center/Relapse Prevention Program

AVAILABLE SERVICES

Mental Health		
Service Provided	# Programs	Agency/Program
Screening/evaluation	18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Response/Project AIDS Care Waiver Program ▪ Project Response/Ryan White ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Vocational Training and Employment ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Residential Living ▪ New Horizons of the Treasure Coast/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services ▪ Department of Education-Division of Vocational Rehabilitation/ Department of Education-Division of Vocational Rehabilitation ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Children in Need of Services, Families in Need of Services ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Child Protection Team ▪ Drug Abuse Treatment Association/Outpatient Services ▪ Florida Department of Children and Families/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services ▪ Mental Health Association in Indian River County/Batterer's Intervention Program ▪ Suncoast Mental Health Center/Children's Mental Health Services ▪ Tykes & Teens/General Mental Health ▪ School Board of St. Lucie County/St. Lucie County Mental Health Collaborative ▪ School Board of St. Lucie County/SEDNET-The Network for the Severely Emotionally Disturbed ▪ Counseling and Recovery Center/Support Services ▪ Counseling and Recovery Center/Treatment Services ▪ Counseling and Recovery Center/Relapse Prevention Program

AVAILABLE SERVICES

Substance Abuse		
Service Provided	# Programs	Agency/Program
Co-dependents	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Drug Abuse Treatment Association/Hayslip Residential Treatment ▪ Drug Abuse Treatment Association/Outpatient Services ▪ Plant A Seed Ministries/Plant A Seed Ministries ▪ School Board of St. Lucie County/St. Lucie County Mental Health Collaborative ▪ School Board of St. Lucie County/SEDNET-The Network for the Severely Emotionally Disturbed ▪ Counseling and Recovery Center/Support Services ▪ Counseling and Recovery Center/Treatment Services ▪ Counseling and Recovery Center/Relapse Prevention Program

Substance Abuse		
Service Provided	# Programs	Agency/Program
Information and education	26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Response/Project AIDS Care Waiver Program ▪ Project Response/Ryan White ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Vocational Training and Employment ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Residential Living ▪ Exchange Club CASTLE/Strengthening Families ▪ Boys & Girls Club of St. Lucie County/CORE Program ▪ Hibiscus Children's Center/Healthy Opportunities for Parenting Excellence (HOPE) ▪ New Horizons of the Treasure Coast/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services ▪ ALPI/St. Lucie County Head Start Program ▪ Children's Services Council of St. Lucie County ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Drug Abuse Treatment Association/Hayslip Residential Treatment ▪ Drug Abuse Treatment Association/Outpatient Services ▪ Drug Abuse Treatment Association/AfterCare Services ▪ Drug Abuse Treatment Association/Prevention Services (Alpha, LifeSkills) ▪ Drug Abuse Treatment Association/TASC – Treatment Alternatives for Safer Communities ▪ The Homeless Family Center/The Homeless Family Center ▪ Plant A Seed Ministries/Plant A Seed Ministries ▪ Public Defender 19th Judicial Circuit/Circuit Re-entry Program ▪ Tykes & Teens/Adolescent Substance Abuse Program ▪ Kids Connected by Design and Healthy Start Coalition/Healthy Changes ▪ School Board of St. Lucie County/St. Lucie County Mental Health Collaborative ▪ School Board of St. Lucie County/SEDNET-The Network for the Severely Emotionally Disturbed ▪ Counseling and Recovery Center/Support Services ▪ Counseling and Recovery Center/Treatment Services ▪ Counseling and Recovery Center/Relapse Prevention Program

AVAILABLE SERVICES

Substance Abuse		
Service Provided	# Programs	Agency/Program
Inpatient treatment	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Response/Project AIDS Care Waiver Program ▪ New Horizons of the Treasure Coast/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Drug Abuse Treatment Association/Hayslip Residential Treatment ▪ Plant A Seed Ministries/Plant A Seed Ministries ▪ Counseling and Recovery Center/Support Services ▪ Counseling and Recovery Center/Treatment Services ▪ Counseling and Recovery Center/Relapse Prevention Program
Outpatient treatment	12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Response/Project AIDS Care Waiver Program ▪ New Horizons of the Treasure Coast/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Drug Abuse Treatment Association/Hayslip Residential Treatment ▪ Drug Abuse Treatment Association/Outpatient Services ▪ Plant A Seed Ministries/Plant A Seed Ministries ▪ Tykes & Teens/Adolescent Substance Abuse Program ▪ School Board of St. Lucie County/St. Lucie County Mental Health Collaborative ▪ School Board of St. Lucie County/SEDNET-The Network for the Severely Emotionally Disturbed ▪ Counseling and Recovery Center/Support Services ▪ Counseling and Recovery Center/Treatment Services ▪ Counseling and Recovery Center/Relapse Prevention Program

AVAILABLE SERVICES

Substance Abuse		
Service Provided	# Programs	Agency/Program
Prevention	14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Boys & Girls Club of St. Lucie County/CORE Program ▪ Boys & Girls Club of St. Lucie County/Kidstop ▪ Children's Services Council of St. Lucie County ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Drug Abuse Treatment Association/Hayslip Residential Treatment ▪ Drug Abuse Treatment Association/Outpatient Services ▪ Drug Abuse Treatment Association/AfterCare Services ▪ Plant A Seed Ministries/Plant A Seed Ministries ▪ Public Defender 19th Judicial Circuit/Circuit Re-entry Program ▪ Tykes & Teens/Adolescent Substance Abuse Program ▪ School Board of St. Lucie County/SEDNET-The Network for the Severely Emotionally Disturbed ▪ Counseling and Recovery Center/Support Services ▪ Counseling and Recovery Center/Treatment Services ▪ Counseling and Recovery Center/Relapse Prevention Program

AVAILABLE SERVICES

Support Group		
Service Provided	# Programs	Agency/Program
AIDS	7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Response/Housing Opportunities for Person's with AIDS ▪ Project Response/AIDS Insurance Continuation Program ▪ Project Response/Project AIDS Care Waiver Program ▪ Project Response/Camp Heartland ▪ Project Response/Ryan White ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Plant A Seed Ministries/Plant A Seed Ministries
Alcoholism	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Plant A Seed Ministries/Plant A Seed Ministries
Arthritis	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion
Bereavement	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Treasure Coast Hospices/Harbors Community Grief Support Center
Cancer	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion
Caregivers	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Alzheimer's Community Care/Family Nurse Consultant ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Epilepsy Foundation/Medical Services ▪ Epilepsy Foundation/Prevention and Education Program ▪ United for Families/Family Preservation Services
Crime victim	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ City of Port St. Lucie Police Department/Community Programs ▪ Plant A Seed Ministries/Plant A Seed Ministries ▪ Treasure Coast Hospices/Harbors Community Grief Support Center
Domestic assault	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ City of Port St. Lucie Police Department/Community Programs ▪ Mental Health Association in Indian River County/Batterer's Intervention Program ▪ Plant A Seed Ministries/Plant A Seed Ministries
Fibromyalgia	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion
Lupus	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion

AVAILABLE SERVICES

Support Group		
Service Provided	# Programs	Agency/Program
Parenting	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Adoptions ▪ Children's Services Council of St. Lucie County ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ The Homeless Family Center/The Homeless Family Center ▪ Plant A Seed Ministries/Plant A Seed Ministries ▪ The Daniel M. Foundation/Camp Holiday Children's Respite Center ▪ The Daniel M. Foundation/Applied Behavior Concepts Early Childhood Development Center ▪ Catholic Charities/Strengthening Families
Parkinson's caregiver	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion
Rape	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion
Suicide survivors	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion
Women	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Adoptions ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Plant A Seed Ministries/Plant A Seed Ministries
Other	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services of the Treasure Coast/Services for Individuals with Hearing Loss

AVAILABLE SERVICES

Other		
Service Provided	# Programs	Agency/Program
Advocacy-general	17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office ▪ Project Response/Project AIDS Care Waiver Program ▪ Project Response/HIV Navigators Program ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Vocational Training and Employment ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Residential Living ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Supported Living ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Adult Day Training ▪ Department of Education-Division of Vocational Rehabilitation/ Department of Education-Division of Vocational Rehabilitation ▪ ALPI/St. Lucie County Head Start Program ▪ Big Brothers Big Sisters of St. Lucie County/Community-based Mentoring ▪ Big Brothers Big Sisters of St. Lucie County/School-based Mentoring ▪ Children's Services Council of St. Lucie County ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services of the Treasure Coast/Services for Individuals with Hearing Loss ▪ Executive Roundtable of St. Lucie County/Executive Roundtable of St. Lucie County ▪ St. Lucie County Community Services/Social Services ▪ St. Lucie County Veteran Services/Veterans Medical Transportation
Errand running	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Supported Living

AVAILABLE SERVICES

Other		
Service Provided	# Programs	Agency/Program
Public awareness/education	14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Response/Ryan White ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Vocational Training and Employment ▪ Mustard Seed Ministries of Fort Pierce/ Mustard Seed Ministries of Fort Pierce ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Adoptions ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Teen Life Choices ▪ Children's Services Council of St. Lucie County ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Early Learning Coalition/School Readiness Program ▪ Early Learning Coalition/Child Care Resource and Referral ▪ Florida Diagnostic Learning Resource System/Child Find ▪ The Homeless Family Center/The Homeless Family Center ▪ Workforce Development Board of the Treasure Coast/Wagner Peyser ▪ Workforce Development Board of the Treasure Coast/Job Corps ▪ St. Lucie County Community Services/Social Services
Respite care	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Hibiscus Children's Center/Crisis Nursery ▪ Council on Aging of St. Lucie/Senior Services ▪ The Daniel M. Foundation/Camp Holiday Children's Respite Center ▪ The Daniel M. Foundation/Applied Behavior Concepts Early Childhood Development Center

Elderly and Disabled Adults

The series of tables below show the specific services by each of the programs that address the needs of the elderly and disabled adults. Services are categorized in terms of the following:

- Abuse/neglect prevention/protection
- Adult day care and support
- Disabilities
- Financial assistance
- Shelter
- Transportation

Services Provided by Number of Programs and Program Name: Elderly and Disabled Adults

(Note: These charts are governed by those agencies that responded to the survey.)

Abuse/Neglect Prevention/Protection		
Service Provided	# Programs	Agency/Program
Elder abuse/neglect prevention	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Alzheimer's Community Care/Family Nurse Consultant ▪ Area Agency on Aging/Victims of Crime Advocacy ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Victim Advocacy ▪ Council on Aging of St. Lucie/Senior Services ▪ Florida Department of Children and Families/Adult Protective Services
Elder protective services	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Alzheimer's Community Care/Family Nurse Consultant ▪ Area Agency on Aging/Victims of Crime Advocacy ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Victim Advocacy ▪ Council on Aging of St. Lucie/Senior Services ▪ Florida Department of Children and Families/Adult Protective Services

AVAILABLE SERVICES

Adult Day Care and Support		
Service Provided	# Programs	Agency/Program
Day care	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Adult Day Training ▪ Alzheimer's Community Care/Specialized Alzheimer's Day Care ▪ The Chateau at Lawnwood/Assisted Living Services ▪ Council on Aging of St. Lucie/Senior Services ▪ Treasure Coast Hospices/Health and Activities Center ▪ Treasure Coast Hospices/Transitions
Homemaker service	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Council on Aging of St. Lucie/Senior Services
Personal care	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Vocational Training and Employment ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Adult Day Training ▪ Council on Aging of St. Lucie/Senior Services
Respite care	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Response/Project AIDS Care Waiver Program ▪ The Chateau at Lawnwood/Assisted Living Services ▪ Council on Aging of St. Lucie/Senior Services ▪ Treasure Coast Hospices/Health and Activities Center ▪ Treasure Coast Hospices/Transitions
Sitter for adults	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Adult Day Training ▪ Council on Aging of St. Lucie/Senior Services

AVAILABLE SERVICES

Disabilities		
Service Provided	# Programs	Agency/Program
Developmental disabilities	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Vocational Training and Employment ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/After School and Summer Camp ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Residential Living ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Supported Living ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Adult Day Training ▪ Florida Diagnostic Learning Resource System/Child Find ▪ Florida Diagnostic Learning Resource System/Human Resources Development ▪ Florida Diagnostic Learning Resource System/Florida Diagnostic ▪ School Board of St. Lucie County/Elementary Truancy Night Court
Early intervention-center based	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ALPI/St. Lucie County Head Start Program ▪ Children's Services Council of St. Lucie County ▪ Florida Diagnostic Learning Resource System/Child Find ▪ Florida Diagnostic Learning Resource System/Human Resources Development ▪ Florida Diagnostic Learning Resource System/Florida Diagnostic ▪ The Daniel M. Foundation/Applied Behavior Concepts Early Childhood Development Center ▪ School Board of St. Lucie County/Elementary Truancy Night Court ▪ School Board of St. Lucie County/SEDNET-The Network for the Severely Emotionally Disturbed

AVAILABLE SERVICES

Disabilities		
Service Provided	# Programs	Agency/Program
Education/training	14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Response/Project AIDS Care Waiver Program ▪ Project Response/Ryan White ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Vocational Training and Employment ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Supported Living ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Adult Day Training ▪ ALPI/St. Lucie County Head Start Program ▪ Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services of the Treasure Coast/Services for Individuals with Hearing Loss ▪ Florida Diagnostic Learning Resource System/Child Find ▪ Florida Diagnostic Learning Resource System/Human Resources Development ▪ Florida Diagnostic Learning Resource System/Florida Diagnostic ▪ Plant A Seed Ministries/Plant A Seed Ministries ▪ The Daniel M. Foundation/Camp Holiday Children's Respite Center ▪ The Daniel M. Foundation/Applied Behavior Concepts Early Childhood Development Center ▪ School Board of St. Lucie County/SEDNET-The Network for the Severely Emotionally Disturbed
Employment	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Response/Project AIDS Care Waiver Program ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Vocational Training and Employment ▪ Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services of the Treasure Coast/Services for Individuals with Hearing Loss ▪ Plant A Seed Ministries/Plant A Seed Ministries ▪ The Daniel M. Foundation/Applied Behavior Concepts Early Childhood Development Center
Independent living	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Vocational Training and Employment ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Supported Living ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Girl's Group Home ▪ Council on Aging of St. Lucie/Senior Services ▪ Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services of the Treasure Coast/Services for Individuals with Hearing Loss ▪ Florida Diagnostic Learning Resource System/Florida Diagnostic ▪ The Daniel M. Foundation/Applied Behavior Concepts Early Childhood Development Center ▪ Treasure Coast Homeless Services Council/Shelter Plus Care ▪ The Housing Authority of the City of Fort Pierce/Resident Services Programs

AVAILABLE SERVICES

Disabilities		
Service Provided	# Programs	Agency/Program
Information and referral	20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Response/Project AIDS Care Waiver Program ▪ Project Response/Ryan White ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Vocational Training and Employment ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Supported Living ▪ Mustard Seed Ministries of Fort Pierce/ Mustard Seed Ministries of Fort Pierce ▪ Children's Services Council of St. Lucie County ▪ Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services of the Treasure Coast/Services for Individuals with Hearing Loss ▪ Florida Diagnostic Learning Resource System/Child Find ▪ Florida Diagnostic Learning Resource System/Human Resources Development ▪ Florida Diagnostic Learning Resource System/Florida Diagnostic ▪ The Homeless Family Center/The Homeless Family Center ▪ Plant A Seed Ministries/Plant A Seed Ministries ▪ The Daniel M. Foundation/Camp Holiday Children's Respite Center ▪ The Daniel M. Foundation/Applied Behavior Concepts Early Childhood Development Center ▪ Treasure Coast Homeless Services Council/Shelter Plus Care ▪ St. Lucie County Community Services/Social Services ▪ Kids Connected by Design and Healthy Start Coalition/Healthy Families ▪ Kids Connected by Design and Healthy Start Coalition/Healthy Kids ▪ Kids Connected by Design and Healthy Start Coalition/Healthy Start ▪ School Board of St. Lucie County/SEDNET-The Network for the Severely Emotionally Disturbed
Mental retardation	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Vocational Training and Employment ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/After School and Summer Camp ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Residential Living ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Supported Living ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Adult Day Training ▪ Florida Diagnostic Learning Resource System/Child Find ▪ Florida Diagnostic Learning Resource System/Florida Diagnostic ▪ School Board of St. Lucie County/Elementary Truancy Night Court
Parking permits	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Response/Project AIDS Care Waiver Program ▪ Project Response/Ryan White

AVAILABLE SERVICES

Financial Assistance		
Service Provided	# Programs	Agency/Program
Burials	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ St. Lucie County Community Services/Social Services
Financial counseling	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Response/Housing Opportunities for Person's with AIDS ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Vocational Training and Employment ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Supported Living ▪ Fort Pierce Utilities Authority/Project Care ▪ St. Lucie County Community Services/Social Services ▪ Catholic Charities/Strengthening Families
General	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Response/Ryan White ▪ Boy Scouts of America/Traditional Scouting ▪ Hibiscus Children's Center/Crisis Nursery ▪ Plant A Seed Ministries/Plant A Seed Ministries ▪ St. Lucie County Community Services/Social Services
Housing	11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Response/Housing Opportunities for Person's with AIDS ▪ Mustard Seed Ministries of Fort Pierce/ Mustard Seed Ministries of Fort Pierce ▪ ALPI/St. Lucie County Head Start Program ▪ Plant A Seed Ministries/Plant A Seed Ministries ▪ Treasure Coast Homeless Services Council/Treasure Coast Homeless Resource Center ▪ Treasure Coast Homeless Services Council/Shelter Plus Care ▪ St. Lucie County Community Services/Housing ▪ St. Lucie County Community Services/Social Services ▪ St. Lucie INTACT/Disaster Repair ▪ City of Fort Pierce/Local Government Administration ▪ The Housing Authority of the City of Fort Pierce/Resident Services Programs
Income tax assistance	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ St. Lucie County Community Services/Social Services
Medical	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Response/Ryan White ▪ Mustard Seed Ministries of Fort Pierce/ Mustard Seed Ministries of Fort Pierce ▪ Florida Department of Children and Families/ACCESS ▪ Kids Connected by Design and Healthy Start Coalition/Healthy Kids

AVAILABLE SERVICES

Financial Assistance		
Service Provided	# Programs	Agency/Program
Money management	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Response/Housing Opportunities for Person's with AIDS ▪ Project Response/Project AIDS Care Waiver Program ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Vocational Training and Employment ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Residential Living ▪ Fort Pierce Utilities Authority/Budget Billing ▪ Workforce Development Board of the Treasure Coast/Job Corps ▪ St. Lucie County Community Services/Social Services ▪ Catholic Charities/Strengthening Families
Social security	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Response/Project AIDS Care Waiver Program ▪ Project Response/Ryan White ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Residential Living ▪ Treasure Coast Homeless Services Council/Treasure Coast Homeless Resource Center
SSI	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Response/Project AIDS Care Waiver Program ▪ Project Response/Ryan White ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Residential Living ▪ Treasure Coast Homeless Services Council/Treasure Coast Homeless Resource Center
TANF	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Florida Department of Children and Families/ACCESS
Utilities	7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Response/Housing Opportunities for Person's with AIDS ▪ Mustard Seed Ministries of Fort Pierce/ Mustard Seed Ministries of Fort Pierce ▪ ALPI/St. Lucie County Head Start Program ▪ Fort Pierce Utilities Authority/Budget Billing ▪ Fort Pierce Utilities Authority/Project Care ▪ Treasure Coast Homeless Services Council/Treasure Coast Homeless Resource Center ▪ St. Lucie County Community Services/Social Services
Welfare Transition Program (WTP)	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Response/Project AIDS Care Waiver Program ▪ Florida Department of Children and Families/ACCESS ▪ Workforce Development Board of the Treasure Coast/Wagner Peyser ▪ Workforce Development Board of the Treasure Coast/WTP WIA
WIC	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ St. Lucie County Health Department/St. Lucie County Health Department

AVAILABLE SERVICES

Shelter		
Service Provided	# Programs	Agency/Program
Disaster	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Vocational Training and Employment ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Residential Living ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Supported Living ▪ American Red Cross North Treasure Coast Chapter/Disaster Services ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ The Homeless Family Center/The Homeless Family Center ▪ Plant A Seed Ministries/Plant A Seed Ministries ▪ St. Lucie County Community Services/Housing ▪ St. Lucie INTACT/Disaster Repair
Families	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Children's Services Council of St. Lucie County ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ The Homeless Family Center/The Homeless Family Center ▪ Seventh-Day Adventist Church/Community Services Center ▪ Treasure Coast Homeless Services Council/Treasure Coast Homeless Resource Center
Homeless	7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Children in Need of Services, Families in Need of Services ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Transitional Living Program ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ The Homeless Family Center/The Homeless Family Center ▪ Plant A Seed Ministries/Plant A Seed Ministries ▪ Treasure Coast Homeless Services Council/Treasure Coast Homeless Resource Center ▪ St. Lucie County Community Services/Housing

AVAILABLE SERVICES

Shelter		
Service Provided	# Programs	Agency/Program
Information and referral	16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Response/Housing Opportunities for Person's with AIDS ▪ Project Response/AIDS Insurance Continuation Program ▪ Project Response/Project AIDS Care Waiver Program ▪ Project Response/Ryan White ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Residential Living ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Supported Living ▪ Mustard Seed Ministries of Fort Pierce/ Mustard Seed Ministries of Fort Pierce ▪ ALPI/St. Lucie County Head Start Program ▪ Children's Services Council of St. Lucie County ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ The Homeless Family Center/The Homeless Family Center ▪ St. Lucie County Community Services/Housing ▪ St. Lucie County Community Services/Social Services ▪ Kids Connected by Design and Healthy Start Coalition/Healthy Families ▪ Kids Connected by Design and Healthy Start Coalition/Healthy Start ▪ Kids Connected by Design and Healthy Start Coalition/Healthy Changes
Men	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ The Homeless Family Center/The Homeless Family Center ▪ Plant A Seed Ministries/Plant A Seed Ministries ▪ Treasure Coast Homeless Services Council/Treasure Coast Homeless Resource Center
Pregnancy related	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ The Homeless Family Center/The Homeless Family Center
Victims of domestic violence	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Victim Advocacy ▪ The Homeless Family Center/The Homeless Family Center ▪ Plant A Seed Ministries/Plant A Seed Ministries
Women	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ The Homeless Family Center/The Homeless Family Center ▪ Plant A Seed Ministries/Plant A Seed Ministries ▪ Treasure Coast Homeless Services Council/Treasure Coast Homeless Resource Center

AVAILABLE SERVICES

Transportation		
Service Provided	# Programs	Agency/Program
Mass transit	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Council on Aging of St. Lucie/Senior Services ▪ St. Lucie County Community Services/Transportation
Senior transportation	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Council on Aging of St. Lucie/Senior Services ▪ St. Lucie County Community Services/Transportation
Special transportation	13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Response/Project AIDS Care Waiver Program ▪ Project Response/Ryan White ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Vocational Training and Employment ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Residential Living ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Supported Living ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Adult Day Training ▪ Boy Scouts of America/Scout Reach ▪ Council on Aging of St. Lucie/Senior Services ▪ Plant A Seed Ministries/Plant A Seed Ministries ▪ St. Lucie County Community Services/Transportation ▪ City of Fort Pierce/Local Government Administration ▪ The Housing Authority of the City of Fort Pierce/Resident Services Programs ▪ St. Lucie County Veteran Services/Veterans Medical Transportation
Travelers assistance	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Response/Project AIDS Care Waiver Program ▪ Mustard Seed Ministries of Fort Pierce/ Mustard Seed Ministries of Fort Pierce ▪ Seventh-Day Adventist Church/Community Services Center

Public Safety

The series of tables below show the specific services that address public safety. Services are categorized in terms of the following:

- Law enforcement and corrections, including juvenile delinquency prevention
- Emergency assistance

Services Provided by Number of Programs and Program Name: Public Safety

(Note: These charts are governed by those agencies that responded to the survey.)

Law Enforcement and Corrections		
Service Provided	# Programs	Agency/Program
Crime prevention	11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Treasure Coast Crime Stoppers ▪ St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office ▪ Boy Scouts of America/Traditional Scouting ▪ Boy Scouts of America/Scout Reach ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Police Athletic League (PAL) ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Crime Prevention ▪ City of Port St. Lucie Police Department/Community Programs ▪ YMCA of the Treasure Coast/YMCA Child Care Activities ▪ YMCA of the Treasure Coast/YMCA of the Treasure Coast – Fort Pierce ▪ City of Fort Pierce/Local Government Administration
Follow-up programs	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Treasure Coast Crime Stoppers ▪ Boy Scouts of America/Traditional Scouting ▪ Boy Scouts of America/Scout Reach ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Crime Prevention ▪ City of Port St. Lucie Police Department/Community Programs ▪ Drug Abuse Treatment Association/TASC – Treatment Alternatives for Safer Communities ▪ Plant A Seed Ministries/Plant A Seed Ministries ▪ City of Fort Pierce/Local Government Administration

AVAILABLE SERVICES

Law Enforcement and Corrections		
Service Provided	# Programs	Agency/Program
Juvenile delinquency prevention	10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Treasure Coast Crime Stoppers ▪ St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office ▪ Boy Scouts of America/Traditional Scouting ▪ Boy Scouts of America/Scout Reach ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Children in Need of Services, Families in Need of Services ▪ Children's Services Council of St. Lucie County ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Police Athletic League (PAL) ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ City of Port St. Lucie Police Department/Community Programs ▪ City of Fort Pierce/Local Government Administration
Offenders with mental health issues	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Treasure Coast Crime Stoppers ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Plant A Seed Ministries/Plant A Seed Ministries ▪ Public Defender 19th Judicial Circuit/Circuit Re-entry Program ▪ City of Fort Pierce/Local Government Administration
Probation/parole	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Treasure Coast Crime Stoppers ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ Plant A Seed Ministries/Plant A Seed Ministries ▪ City of Fort Pierce/Local Government Administration

AVAILABLE SERVICES

Emergency Assistance		
Service Provided	# Programs	Agency/Program
Ambulance	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Holy Place Family Fellowship Center/Food Pantry
Disaster relief	15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Vocational Training and Employment ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Supported Living ▪ Boy Scouts of America/Traditional Scouting ▪ Mustard Seed Ministries of Fort Pierce/ Mustard Seed Ministries of Fort Pierce ▪ ALPI/St. Lucie County Head Start Program ▪ American Red Cross North Treasure Coast Chapter/Disaster Services ▪ Seventh-Day Adventist Church/Community Services Center ▪ The Holy Place Family Fellowship Center/Food Pantry ▪ Treasure Coast Homeless Services Council/Treasure Coast Homeless Resource Center ▪ St. Lucie County Community Services/Social Services ▪ St. Lucie County Community Services/Housing ▪ St. Lucie INTACT/Disaster Repair ▪ Treasure Coast Food Bank/Food Distribution Program ▪ Treasure Coast Food Bank/Orange Avenue Outreach Center ▪ City of Fort Pierce/Local Government Administration
Disaster preparedness	11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Vocational Training and Employment ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Supported Living ▪ Mustard Seed Ministries of Fort Pierce/ Mustard Seed Ministries of Fort Pierce ▪ Alzheimer's Community Care/Family Nurse Consultant ▪ American Red Cross North Treasure Coast Chapter/Disaster Services ▪ Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services of the Treasure Coast/Services for Individuals with Hearing Loss ▪ The Holy Place Family Fellowship Center/Food Pantry ▪ St. Lucie County Health Department/St. Lucie County Health Department ▪ St. Lucie County Community Services/Social Services ▪ St. Lucie INTACT/Disaster Education ▪ City of Fort Pierce/Local Government Administration
Emergency alert	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Supported Living ▪ Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services of the Treasure Coast/Services for Individuals with Hearing Loss ▪ The Holy Place Family Fellowship Center/Food Pantry

AVAILABLE SERVICES

Emergency Assistance		
Service Provided	# Programs	Agency/Program
Emergency management	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Holy Place Family Fellowship Center/Food Pantry ▪ City of Fort Pierce/Local Government Administration
Emergency medical care	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Holy Place Family Fellowship Center/Food Pantry
Emergency rescue	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Boy Scouts of America/Traditional Scouting ▪ The Holy Place Family Fellowship Center/Food Pantry
Fire safety/protection	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Vocational Training and Employment ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Residential Living ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Supported Living ▪ The Holy Place Family Fellowship Center/Food Pantry ▪ Catholic Charities/Strengthening Families
Hurricane	15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Vocational Training and Employment ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Residential Living ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Supported Living ▪ Boy Scouts of America/Traditional Scouting ▪ Mustard Seed Ministries of Fort Pierce/ Mustard Seed Ministries of Fort Pierce ▪ ALPI/St. Lucie County Head Start Program ▪ American Red Cross North Treasure Coast Chapter/Disaster Services ▪ Seventh-Day Adventist Church/Community Services Center ▪ The Holy Place Family Fellowship Center/Food Pantry ▪ Treasure Coast Homeless Services Council/Treasure Coast Homeless Resource Center ▪ St. Lucie County Community Services/Social Services ▪ Treasure Coast Food Bank/Food Distribution Program ▪ Treasure Coast Food Bank/Orange Avenue Outreach Center ▪ City of Fort Pierce/Local Government Administration
Paramedics	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Response/Project AIDS Care Waiver Program ▪ Project Response/Ryan White ▪ The Holy Place Family Fellowship Center/Food Pantry
Psychiatric emergency room	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Response/Project AIDS Care Waiver Program ▪ Project Response/Ryan White ▪ New Horizons of the Treasure Coast/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services ▪ The Holy Place Family Fellowship Center/Food Pantry

Safety for Children and Families

The series of tables below show the specific services that address safety for children and families. Services are categorized in terms of the following:

- Abuse/neglect prevention/protection

Services Provided by Number of Programs and Program Name: Safety for Children and Families

(Note: These charts are governed by those agencies that responded to the survey.)

Abuse/Neglect Prevention/Protection		
Service Provided	# Programs	Agency/Program
Adoption	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Adoptions ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Dependency Case Management ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Girl's Group Home ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Victim Advocacy ▪ United for Families/Family Preservation Services
Child abuse/neglect prevention	20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Exchange Club CASTLE/Positive Parenting ▪ Boys & Girls Club of St. Lucie County/Kidstop ▪ Boys & Girls Club of St. Lucie County/Truancy Program ▪ Hibiscus Children's Center/Healthy Opportunities for Parenting Excellence (HOPE) ▪ Hibiscus Children's Center/Crisis Nursery ▪ Hibiscus Children's Center/Emergency Shelter ▪ Hibiscus Children's Center/Village Group Homes ▪ ALPI/St. Lucie County Head Start Program ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Child Protection Team ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Dependency Case Management ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Girl's Group Home ▪ Children's Services Council of St. Lucie County ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Victim Advocacy ▪ Florida Department of Children and Families/Child Protective Investigations ▪ Tykes & Teens/Family Abuse Treatment Program ▪ Kids Connected by Design and Healthy Start Coalition/Healthy Families ▪ School Board of St. Lucie County/St. Lucie County Mental Health Collaborative ▪ Catholic Charities/Strengthening Families ▪ United for Families/Family Preservation Services

AVAILABLE SERVICES

Abuse/Neglect Prevention/Protection		
Service Provided	# Programs	Agency/Program
Child protective services	7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Child Protection Team ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Dependency Case Management ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Girl's Group Home ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Victim Advocacy ▪ Florida Department of Children and Families/Child Protective Investigations ▪ United for Families/Family Preservation Services
Domestic abuse	12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Exchange Club CASTLE/Valued Visits ▪ Exchange Club CASTLE/Positive Parenting ▪ Area Agency on Aging/Victims of Crime Advocacy ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Victim Advocacy ▪ City of Port St. Lucie Police Department/Community Programs ▪ Florida Department of Children and Families/Child Protective Investigations ▪ Mental Health Association in Indian River County/Batterer's Intervention Program ▪ Mental Health Association in Indian River County/Living Without Violence ▪ Public Defender 19th Judicial Circuit/Circuit Re-entry Program ▪ Tykes & Teens/Family Abuse Treatment Program ▪ Kids Connected by Design and Healthy Start Coalition/Healthy Changes
Elder abuse/neglect prevention	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Alzheimer's Community Care/Family Nurse Consultant ▪ Area Agency on Aging/Victims of Crime Advocacy ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Victim Advocacy ▪ Council on Aging of St. Lucie/Senior Services ▪ Florida Department of Children and Families/Adult Protective Services
Elder protective services	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Alzheimer's Community Care/Family Nurse Consultant ▪ Area Agency on Aging/Victims of Crime Advocacy ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Victim Advocacy ▪ Council on Aging of St. Lucie/Senior Services ▪ Florida Department of Children and Families/Adult Protective Services

Abuse/Neglect Prevention/Protection		
Service Provided	# Programs	Agency/Program
Foster care	13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Hibiscus Children's Center/Foster Care ▪ Big Brothers Big Sisters of St. Lucie County/Community-based Mentoring ▪ Big Brothers Big Sisters of St. Lucie County/School-based Mentoring ▪ Big Brothers Big Sisters of St. Lucie County/AmeriCorps St. Lucie Reads ▪ Big Brothers Big Sisters of St. Lucie County/Jump into Reading ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Children in Need of Services, Families in Need of Services ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Child Protection Team ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Dependency Case Management ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Girl's Group Home ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Victim Advocacy ▪ Florida Department of Children and Families/Child Protective Investigations ▪ Tykes & Teens/Family Abuse Treatment Program ▪ United for Families/Family Preservation Services

Abuse/Neglect Prevention/Protection		
Service Provided	# Programs	Agency/Program
Prevention and education	35	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Response/Project AIDS Care Waiver Program ▪ Project Response/Ryan White ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Residential Living ▪ The ARC of St. Lucie County/Adult Day Training ▪ Exchange Club CASTLE/Safe Families ▪ Exchange Club CASTLE/Strengthening Families ▪ Exchange Club CASTLE/High Hopes ▪ Exchange Club CASTLE/Positive Parenting ▪ Exchange Club CASTLE/Families First ▪ Boys & Girls Club of St. Lucie County/CORE Program ▪ Boys & Girls Club of St. Lucie County/Kidstop ▪ Boys & Girls Club of St. Lucie County/Truancy Program ▪ New Horizons of the Treasure Coast/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services ▪ Alzheimer's Community Care/Family Nurse Consultant ▪ Area Agency on Aging/Foster Grandparent Program ▪ Big Brothers Big Sisters of St. Lucie County/Community-based Mentoring ▪ Big Brothers Big Sisters of St. Lucie County/School-based Mentoring ▪ Big Brothers Big Sisters of St. Lucie County/Family Support Services ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Child Protection Team ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Teen Life Choices ▪ Children's Services Council of St. Lucie County ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Juvenile Diversion ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Victim Advocacy ▪ Florida Diagnostic Learning Resource System/Child Find ▪ Florida Department of Children and Families/Child Protective Investigations ▪ The Homeless Family Center/The Homeless Family Center ▪ Mental Health Association in Indian River County/Living Without Violence ▪ Project R.O.C.K. Reaching Our Community Kids/Project R.O.C.K. North ▪ Public Defender 19th Judicial Circuit/Circuit Re-entry Program ▪ The Daniel M. Foundation/Camp Holiday Children's Respite Center ▪ The Daniel M. Foundation/Applied Behavior Concepts Early Childhood Development Center ▪ Tykes & Teens/Family Abuse Treatment

AVAILABLE SERVICES

		<p>Program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ YMCA of the Treasure Coast/YMCA Child Care Activities▪ Kids Connected by Design and Healthy Start Coalition/Healthy Families▪ Kids Connected by Design and Healthy Start Coalition/Healthy Changes
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AVAILABLE SERVICES

Abuse/Neglect Prevention/Protection		
Service Provided	# Programs	Agency/Program
Sexual assault prevention	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Child Protection Team ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Victim Advocacy ▪ Florida Department of Children and Families/Child Protective Investigations ▪ Tykes & Teens/Family Abuse Treatment Program ▪ Kids Connected by Design and Healthy Start Coalition/Healthy Changes
Sexual assault treatment	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Children's Home Society of Florida/Child Protection Team ▪ City of Fort Pierce Police Department/Victim Advocacy ▪ Florida Department of Children and Families/Child Protective Investigations ▪ Tykes & Teens/Family Abuse Treatment Program ▪ Kids Connected by Design and Healthy Start Coalition/Healthy Changes

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Agency	Program
Alzheimer's Community Care, Inc.	Family Nurse Consultant
Alzheimer's Community Care, Inc.	Specialized Alzheimer's Day Care
American Red Cross – North Treasure Coast Chapter	Disaster Services
American Red Cross – North Treasure Coast Chapter	Health and Safety Training
Area Agency on Aging Palm Beach/Treasure Coast, Inc.	Foster Grandparent Program
Area Agency on Aging Palm Beach/Treasure Coast, Inc.	Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders
Area Agency on Aging Palm Beach/Treasure Coast, Inc.	Victims of Crime Advocacy
Area Agency on Aging Palm Beach/Treasure Coast, Inc.	Wellness Outreach
Big Brothers Big Sisters of St. Lucie County, Inc.	Community-based Mentoring
Big Brothers Big Sisters of St. Lucie County, Inc.	School-based Mentoring
Big Brothers Big Sisters of St. Lucie County, Inc.	Family Support Services
Big Brothers Big Sisters of St. Lucie County, Inc.	AmeriCorps St. Lucie Reads
Big Brothers Big Sisters of St. Lucie County, Inc.	Mentoring Children of Prisoners
Big Brothers Big Sisters of St. Lucie County, Inc.	Jump into Reading
Boys & Girls Clubs of St. Lucie County, Inc.	CORE Program
Boys & Girls Clubs of St. Lucie County, Inc.	Kidstop
Boys & Girls Clubs of St. Lucie County, Inc.	Truancy Program
Catholic Charities	Treasure Coast Kids
Catholic Charities	Strengthening Families
Catholic Charities	Fort Pierce Outreach/After-school
Children's Home Society of Florida	Adoptions
Children's Home Society of Florida	Children in Need of Services/Families in Need of Services
Children's Home Society of Florida	Children Protection Team
Children's Home Society of Florida	Dependency Case Management
Children's Home Society of Florida	Girl's Group Home
Children's Home Society of Florida	Independent Living Program
Children's Home Society of Florida	Teen Life Choices
Children's Home Society of Florida	Transitional Living Program
Children's Services Council of St. Lucie County	55 PROGRAMS FUNDED
City of Fort Pierce	Local Government Administration
City of Port St. Lucie	State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) Housing Program
City of Port St. Lucie	Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program
City of Port St. Lucie	Community Services Information and Referral
Club Utilitas, Inc.	Teencenter Childcare
Council on Aging of St. Lucie, Inc.	Senior Services
Counseling and Recovery Center	Support Services
Counseling and Recovery Center	Treatment Services
Counseling and Recovery Center	Relapse Prevention Program
Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services of the Treasure Coast, Inc.	Services for Individuals with Hearing Loss
Department of Education-Division of Vocational Rehabilitation	Department of Education-Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
Drug Abuse Treatment Association, Inc. (DATA, Inc.)	Hayslip Residential Treatment
Drug Abuse Treatment Association, Inc. (DATA, Inc.)	Outpatient Services
Drug Abuse Treatment Association, Inc. (DATA, Inc.)	AfterCare Services
Drug Abuse Treatment Association, Inc. (DATA, Inc.)	Prevention Services (Alpha, LifeSkills)

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Agency	Program
Drug Abuse Treatment Association, Inc. (DATA, Inc.)	TASC - Treatment Alternatives for Safer Communities
Early Learning Coalition of St. Lucie County, Inc.	School Readiness Program
Early Learning Coalition of St. Lucie County, Inc.	Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten Program
Early Learning Coalition of St. Lucie County, Inc.	Child Care Resources & Referral
Early Learning Coalition of St. Lucie County, Inc.	Father and Child Connection Program
Epilepsy Foundation of Florida	Medical Services Program
Epilepsy Foundation of Florida	Prevention/Education Program
Exchange Club CASTLE	Safe Families
Exchange Club CASTLE	Strengthening Families
Exchange Club CASTLE	High Hopes
Exchange Club CASTLE	Valued Visits
Exchange Club CASTLE	Positive Parenting
Exchange Club CASTLE	Families First
Executive Roundtable of St. Lucie County, Inc.	Executive Roundtable of St. Lucie County, Inc.
Florida Diagnostic Learning Resource System	Child Find
Florida Diagnostic Learning Resource System	Human Resources Development
Florida Diagnostic Learning Resource System	Florida Diagnostic
Fort Pierce Police Department	Police Athletic League (PAL)
Fort Pierce Police Department	Juvenile Diversion
Fort Pierce Police Department	Victim Advocacy
Fort Pierce Police Department	Crime Prevention
Fort Pierce Seventh-day Adventist Church	Community Services Center
Fort Pierce Seventh-day Adventist Church	Starlight Christian Pre-school
Fort Pierce Seventh-day Adventist Church	James E Sampson Memorial School
Fort Pierce Utilities Authority	Budget Billing
Fort Pierce Utilities Authority	Home Utility Conservation Surveys
Fort Pierce Utilities Authority	Project Care
Hibiscus Children's Center	Healthy Opportunities for Parenting Excellence (HOPE)
Hibiscus Children's Center	Crisis Nursery
Hibiscus Children's Center	Emergency Shelter
Hibiscus Children's Center	Village Group Homes
Hibiscus Children's Center	Foster Care
Hibiscus Children's Center	Clinical Services
Indian River Community College	Indian River Community College Career Development Program
Indian River Community College	Over 100 degree and certificate programs
Kids Connected by Design and Healthy Start Coalition of St. Lucie County	Healthy Families
Kids Connected by Design and Healthy Start Coalition of St. Lucie County	Healthy Kids
Kids Connected by Design and Healthy Start Coalition of St. Lucie County	Healthy Start
Kids Connected by Design and Healthy Start Coalition of St. Lucie County	Healthy Changes
Kids Connected by Design and Healthy Start Coalition of St. Lucie County	Teen Case Management
Kids Connected by Design and Healthy Start Coalition of St. Lucie County	Home Visitation Nurse
Lawnwood Regional Medical Center and Heart Institute	Lawnwood Regional Medical Center and Heart Institute

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Agency	Program
Literacy Launchers, Inc.	Literacy Launchers, Inc.
Mental Health Association in Indian River County, Inc.	Batterer's Intervention Program
Mental Health Association in Indian River County, Inc.	Jean Sloan Drop-In Center
Mental Health Association in Indian River County, Inc.	Living Without Violence
Mustard Seed Ministries of Fort Pierce, Inc.	Mustard Seed Ministries of Fort Pierce, Inc.
New Horizons of the Treasure Coast, Inc.	Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services
Plant A Seed Ministry	Plant A Seed Ministry
Port St. Lucie Police Department	Community Programs
Project R.O.C.K. South	School Suspension Program
Project Response, Inc.	Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS
Project Response, Inc.	AIDS Insurance Continuation Program
Project Response, Inc.	Project Aids Care Program - PAC Waiver Program
Project Response, Inc.	Camp Heartland
Project Response, Inc.	HIV Navigators Program
Project Response, Inc.	Counseling Testing and Linkage
Project Response, Inc.	Ryan White
Public Defender's Re-entry Program	Circuit Re-entry Program
Reaching Our Community Kids	Project R.O.C.K. North
School Board of St. Lucie County	SEDNET/The Network for the Severely Emotionally Disturbed
School Board of St. Lucie County	Elementary Truancy Night Court
School Board of St. Lucie County	St. Lucie County Mental Health Collaborative
St. Lucie County Community Services	Housing
St. Lucie County Community Services	Social Services
St. Lucie County Community Services	Transportation
St. Lucie County INTACT	Disaster Repair
St. Lucie County INTACT	Disaster Education
St. Lucie County Health Department	WIC and Nutrition
St. Lucie County Health Department	Tuberculosis
St. Lucie County Health Department	Dental
St. Lucie County Health Department	HIV/AIDS
St. Lucie County Health Department	Sexually Transmitted Diseases
St. Lucie County Health Department	Healthy Start
St. Lucie County Health Department	Epidemiology
St. Lucie County Health Department	Vital Statistics
St. Lucie County Health Department	Environmental Health
St. Lucie County Health Department	School Health
St. Lucie County Health Department	Public Health Preparedness/Response
St. Lucie County Health Department	Laboratory
St. Lucie County Health Department	Primary Clinical Services
St. Lucie County Health Department	Health Education
St. Lucie County Health Department	Administration
St. Lucie County Veteran Services	Veterans Medical Transportation
State of Florida, Department of Children & Families	ACCESS
State of Florida, Department of Children & Families	Child Care Licensing
State of Florida, Department of Children & Families	Adult Protective Services
State of Florida, Department of Children & Families	Child Protective Investigations

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Agency	Program
State of Florida, Department of Children & Families	Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services
Suncoast Mental Health Center, Inc.	Children's Mental Health Services
The Agricultural and Labor Program, Inc.	Village Green Head Start
The Agricultural and Labor Program, Inc.	Morningside Head Start
The Agricultural and Labor Program, Inc.	Hill Haven Head Start
The Agricultural and Labor Program, Inc.	Lincoln Park Head Start
The Agricultural and Labor Program, Inc.	Garden Terrace Head Start
The Agricultural and Labor Program, Inc.	George W. Truitt Head Start
The Agricultural and Labor Program, Inc.	Francina Duval Head Start
The Arc of St. Lucie County, Inc.	Vocational Training and Employment
The Arc of St. Lucie County, Inc.	After School and Summer Camp
The Arc of St. Lucie County, Inc.	Residential Living
The Arc of St. Lucie County, Inc.	Supported Living
The Arc of St. Lucie County, Inc.	Adult Day Training
The Chateau at Lawnwood	Assisted Living Services
The Daniel M Foundation, Inc./Camp Holiday Children's Respite Center	Camp Holiday Children's Respite Center
The Daniel M Foundation, Inc./Camp Holiday Children's Respite Center	Applied Behavior Concepts Early Childhood Development Center
The Holy Place Family Fellowship Center	Food Pantry
The Homeless Family Center, Inc.	The Homeless Family Center, Inc.
The Housing Authority of the City of Fort Pierce	Resident Services Programs
Treasure Coast District, Gulf Stream Council, Boy Scouts of America	Traditional Scouting
Treasure Coast District, Gulf Stream Council, Boy Scouts of America	Scout Reach
Treasure Coast Food Bank	Food Distribution Program
Treasure Coast Food Bank	Orange Avenue Outreach Center
Treasure Coast Homeless Services Council, Inc.	Treasure Coast Homeless Resource Center
Treasure Coast Homeless Services Council, Inc.	Shelter Plus Care
Treasure Coast Hospices	Harbors Community Grief Support Center
Treasure Coast Hospices	Health and Activities Center
Treasure Coast Hospices	Transitions
Treasure Coast Hospices	Treasure Coast Hospices
Tykes & Teens, Inc.	General Mental Health
Tykes & Teens, Inc.	Family Abuse Treatment Program
Tykes & Teens, Inc.	Adolescent Substance Abuse Program
United for Families	Family Preservation Services
Workforce Development Board of the Treasure Coast	Wagner Peyser
Workforce Development Board of the Treasure Coast	Job Corps
Workforce Development Board of the Treasure Coast	WTP/WIA
YMCA of the Treasure Coast	YMCA Child Care Activities
YMCA of the Treasure Coast	YMCA of the Treasure Coast - Fort Pierce
YMCA of the Treasure Coast	YMCA of the Treasure Coast - Program Center @ JayCee Park
YMCA of the Treasure Coast	YMCA of the Treasure Coast - Tiffany Avenue Program Center

Agency Name	Agency Mission
Alzheimer's Community Care, Inc.	The mission of Alzheimer's Community Care, Inc. is to promote and provide specialized, compassionate, quality care to Alzheimer's disease and related disorders patients and their caregivers and insure their safety, health, and well-being while preserving their dignity within a community-based environment. The organization serves as an innovative model of care which advocates for services and resources which are accessible, affordable, individualized, and evidence-based.
American Red Cross - North Treasure Coast Chapter	The American Red Cross, a humanitarian organization led by volunteers, guided by its Congressional Charter and the Fundamental Principles of the International Red Cross Movement, will provide relief to victims of disaster and help people prevent, prepare for and respond to emergencies.
Area Agency on Aging Palm Beach/Treasure Coast, Inc.	To advocate, plan and promote the independence, dignity, health and well-being of seniors and their caregivers in a manner that embraces diversity and reflects the communities we serve.
Big Brothers Big Sisters of St. Lucie County, Inc.	The mission is to foster positive mentoring, relationships, and bonding with caring adult volunteers so that children grow to be capable, confident, caring, responsible men and women who meet their full potential.
Boys & Girls Club of St. Lucie County, Inc.	To inspire and enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, responsible, and caring citizens.
Catholic Charities	Catholic Charities, inspired by God's love for all, serves people in need, advocates for justice, and collaborates with others to build just compassionate communities.
Children's Home Society of Florida	
Children's Services Council of St. Lucie County	To improve the quality of life for all children in St. Lucie County.
City of Fort Pierce	To provide community leadership, quality public service, and a safe environment for all citizens, by an empowered team of employees motivated by pride in themselves and in their work.
City of Port St. Lucie	Provide affordable housing opportunities and social service referrals and to increase economic and community development services for the residents of Port St. Lucie through the use of local, state, and federal grants and private partnerships.
Club Utilitas, Inc.	The program is designed to increase parental involvement and academic success of "At-Risk" students in Computer Assisted Tutorial Program.

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Community United Methodist Church	Our mission is to reach people and help them develop into fully devoted followers of the Lord Jesus Christ. We are here in Fort Pierce for: WORSHIP, FELLOWSHIP, DISCIPLESHIP, MISSIONS and MINISTRY and EVANGELISM
Council on Aging of St. Lucie, Inc.	The mission of the Council on Aging of St. Lucie, Inc. is to seek, develop, coordinate, and administer home and community based programs and services for senior persons of St. Lucie County and adjoining areas.
Counseling and Recovery Center	To provide effective substance abuse and mental health treatment services and to demonstrate an alternative way of living where one can embrace life without dependency on alcohol or drugs.
Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services of the Treasure Coast, Inc.	Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services of the Treasure Coast, Inc. is a private not-for-profit organization whose mission is to establish links between those with hearing loss and the hearing world through sponsorship of activities which enhance the quality of life and provide for the "equalization of opportunities" for those with hearing loss in our community.
Department of Education-Division of Vocational Rehabilitation	The Division of Vocational Rehabilitation mission is employment and increased independence for people with disabilities.
Drug Abuse Treatment Association, Inc. (DATA)	Our mission is to provide effective quality programs for children and adolescents, and their families experiencing problems with substance abuse and/or juvenile delinquency. We provide services in Palm Beach, St. Lucie, Martin, Indian River and Okeechobee Counties without regard for the individual's ability to pay. We are committed to providing programs which foster the skills necessary for individuals to be responsible, productive members of their communities.
Early Learning Coalition of St. Lucie County, Inc.	The mission of the Early Learning Coalition of St. Lucie County is to provide quality child care and educational programs for eligible children.
Epilepsy Foundation of Florida	Epilepsy Foundation of Florida is a voluntary, non-profit health organization dedicated to the prevention and control of seizure disorders, the alleviation of their effects, and the promotion of independence and an optimal quality of life for people who have these disorders and live in the five (5) county territory that we serve. We seek to accomplish this mission through neurological treatment, education, advocacy and service.

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Exchange Club CASTLE	To improve the quality of family life and prevent child abuse and neglect by providing community education, support, and resources for parents in need of assistance.
Executive Roundtable of St. Lucie County, Inc.	To accomplish system change that result in improved outcomes for youth in our schools and community.
Florida Diagnostic Learning Resource System	Locate children ages 3-5 who may have disabilities, Provide professional development for educators in the areas of compliance and curriculum and assessment, provide information on assistive technology, act as a resource for parents of students with disabilities.
Fort Pierce Police Department	Protecting the community we serve.
Fort Pierce Seventh-day Adventist Church	Spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ and prepare men and women for Jesus second Coming. We also believe in a holistic approach to people including the promotion of physical, mental, social and spiritual health.
Fort Pierce Utilities Authority	Fort Pierce Utilities Authority provides electricity, water, wastewater, natural gas, and Internet services to the community.
Hibiscus Children's Center	The mission of Hibiscus Children's Center is to provide services to children and families to prevent and reduce child abuse.
Indian River Community College	As a leader in education and innovation, Indian River Community College positively impacts lives by making possibilities a reality.
Kids Connected by Design and Healthy Start	
Lawnwood Regional Medical Center and Heart Institute	
Literacy Launchers, Inc.	Providing supplementary emergent literacy instruction to at-risk preschool children.
Mental Health Association in Indian River County, Inc.	To promote good mental health in the community by providing and/or promoting programs and services for support, research, and education.
Mustard Seed Ministries of Fort Pierce, Inc.	To co-ordinate the energies of the Christian Churches of Saint Lucie County, Florida, to meet the spiritual and material needs of the whole person and to make referrals to all available relief agencies in our community to take care of those in need.
New Horizons of the Treasure Coast, Inc.	To improve the quality of life in the community through the provision of accessible, person-centered behavioral health resources.
PACE Center for Girls	PACE provides girls and young women an opportunity for a better future through education, counseling, training, and advocacy.

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Plant A Seed Ministry	Transitional housing for substance abuse and alcohol abuse. Recovery houses with 60 beds for men and 20 for women.
Port St. Lucie Police Department	The Mission of the Port St. Lucie Police Department is to provide safety and security to our citizens.
Project R.O.C.K. South	Reaching Our Community Kids (Project R.O.C.K.) is a neighborhood project providing a supervised, nurturing environment for youths who have been suspended from school, taking them off the streets and into a positive environment.
Project Response, Inc.	1) We work to enhance the lives of people living with HIV and AIDS. Building upon a foundation of quality case management, we strive to open all available avenues to improved health, well-being, and personal development for our clients. 2) We work to prevent further spread of the disease; reduce the fear, ignorance, and discrimination surrounding HIV and AIDS; and increase community support and compassion for those affected by AIDS.
Public Defender 19 th Judicial Circuit	By seeking Equality for all within the Justice System, we find a better path for those who falter, making the journey better for us all. Our commitment to you and the community reaches past the courtroom.
Reaching Our Community Kids	Project "R.O.C.K.", a program supported by community leaders and funded by the Children Services Council of St. Lucie County, provides a safe, nurturing and spiritual environment for youth who have been suspended from school.
School Board of St. Lucie County	To ensure all students graduate from safe and caring schools, equipped with knowledge, skills, and the desire to succeed.
St. Andrew's Episcopal Church	To make, nurture and send forth disciples of Jesus Christ.
St. Lucie INTACT	The mission of St. Lucie INTACT is to strengthen disaster coordination by sharing information, simplifying resident access to services, and by bringing together collaborative leadership to address the long-term needs for recovery and rehabilitation of individuals and families vulnerable to disaster events.
St. Lucie County Community Services	The Mission of Community Services is to assist the citizens of St. Lucie County toward self-sufficiency in a dignified and cost effective manner.

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St. Lucie County Division of Emergency Management	Provides a coordinating point for the effective management of local emergencies to catastrophic events in and around St. Lucie County. It is the lead organization in coordinating disaster response from a municipal level to state and federal. Recovery planning and financial assistance from the State of Florida and FEMA are established through the Division's emergency operations center.
St. Lucie County Health Department	The St. Lucie County health department is dedicated to providing leadership in health promotion, disease prevention and control, and environmental protection for all residents and visitors.
St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office	Pledges to protect life and property and maintain order through a continuing commitment to service, integrity, the highest standard of ethics and respect for individual rights in a diverse population.
St. Lucie County Veteran Services	To provide our services with the highest level of sensitivity, compassion, and understanding to Veterans and their families. To assist St. Lucie County veterans and their families by providing counseling and assistance in order to establish VA benefits under Federal and State laws which may result in monetary gain and medical care. To provide transportation for disabled and disadvantaged veterans to the West Palm Beach VA Medical Center, at no cost to veterans, in order to receive VA medical care. To maintain a network with other social agencies in St. Lucie County in order to provide a larger base of benefits which may be available to veterans and their families, thereby offering them a better quality of life.
St. Lucie Medical Center	St. Lucie Medical Center is dedicated to being the premier provider of health care services by exceeding the expectations of those it serves, and by making positive contributions through active involvement in the life and health and welfare of its patients.
State of Florida, Department of Children and Families	Our mission is to protect the vulnerable, promote strong and economically self-sufficient families, and advance personal and family recovery and resiliency.
Suncoast Mental Health Center, Inc.	Our mission is to provide professional and comprehensive therapeutic services for children and adolescents with emotional and behavioral problems.

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The Agricultural and Labor Program, Inc. (ALPI)	To propose, implement, and advocate developmental and human service delivery programs for the socially and economically disadvantage; children and families; and farm workers.
The ARC of St. Lucie County, Inc.	The ARC of St. Lucie County is dedicated to improving the quality of life for individuals with disabilities. We believe that every person should be given the continuing opportunity for development and extension of his/her skills.
The Chateau at Lawnwood	A full-service assisted living community that specializes in the care of Alzheimer's and dementia residents.
The Daniel M. Foundation, Inc./Camp Holiday Children's Respite Center	The mission of The Daniel M. Foundation, Inc. is to enhance the quality of life for children and families struggling with emotional and behavioral health issues.
The Holy Place Family Fellowship Center	To help the needy in the area.
The Homeless Family Center, Inc.	The mission of the Homeless Family Center, Inc. (HFC) is to provide opportunities for homeless individuals and families to end their homelessness by achieving self-sufficiency through improved education, living wages, and permanent housing.
The Housing Authority of the City of Fort Pierce	To provide decent, safe, and sanitary housing, to provide guidance that lends to self-empowerment, provide assistance in delivering health, personal, and social services to residents and to remove barriers to their independence. We will operate with other agencies to provide educational assistance toward GED certification and matriculation in institutions of higher learning in academic and trade schools, provide pre-employment training for particular jobs and provide opportunities for entry level employment in industries and disciplines, which will provide economic stability and rewards to ensure self-sufficiency and to provide affordable housing opportunities and promote homeownership.
Treasure Coast Crime Stoppers	Crime fighting assistant to law enforcement agencies.
Treasure Coast District, Gulf Stream Council, Boy Scouts of America	The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.

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Treasure Coast Food Bank	The mission of the Treasure Coast Food Bank, Inc. is to improve the quality of life within the service district of Indian River, Martin, Okeechobee and St. Lucie Counties. The Food Bank obtains, warehouses, and distributes food and personal items to targeted individuals, non-profit 501c3 agencies and recognized denominations that feed people at no charge. Additionally, the Treasure Coast Food Bank is a partner in disaster services for the service district.
Treasure Coast Homeless Services Council, Inc.	Develop, design and deliver a coordinated service delivery system on the Treasure Coast that prevents homelessness and addresses the needs of those who are homeless in a cost effective manner.
Treasure Coast Hospices	To provide comprehensive, high quality, compassionate care to patients with life-limiting and/or life-threatening illnesses and those who share their lives.
Tykes & Teens, Inc.	Enriching the lives of children and their families through mental health counseling and substance abuse prevention and treatment.
United for Families	To break the cycle of child abuse through a diverse network of community partners and innovative services.
United Way of St. Lucie County	To increase the organized capacity of people to care for one another.
Workforce Development Board of the Treasure Coast	We IDENTIFY workforce issues and bring together the resources to RESOLVE them.
YMCA of the Treasure Coast	To put Christian principles into practice through programs that build healthy spirit, mind, and body for all.

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Program Name	Program Purpose
ACCESS	Determination of eligibility for food stamps, temporary Assistance to needy families, and Medicaid.
Adolescent Substance Abuse Program	To provide early intervention outpatient services (license for outpatient and prevention 2 by the State) for youth who are actively using drugs and prevention services for youth who are at-risk for using (family history).
Adoptions	Provides foster care/dependency adoptions, therapeutic services, recruitment activities, and private/international adoptions. Fees are only associated with private/international adoptions.
Adult Day Training	To build daily living skills, promote self esteem, encourage communication and socialization, and enhance opportunities for people with disabilities to be involved in the community.
Adult Protective Services	
After School and Summer Camp	An educational, recreational after school and summer camp program that cares for special needs children and supports family stability by allowing families to continue their established work routines when public school is not available.
AfterCare Services	Aftercare, including but not limited to relapse prevention, is a vital part of recovery in every level of treatment. Aftercare activities include client participation in daily activity functions that were adversely affected by mental illness and/or substance abuse impairments. New directional goals like vocational education and rebuilding relationships are often priorities. Relapse prevention issues are key in assisting the client to recognize triggers and warning signs.
AIDS Insurance Continuation Program	To provide continuing private health insurance coverage to qualified clients. The program allows clients with existing coverage through an employer or COBRA to continue being covered by paying the monthly insurance premium. The program also provides funding to providers to cover medicine and physician co-payments and deductibles. The program is administered and funded by the state.
Applied Behavior Concepts Early Childhood Development Center	Provide behavioral intervention and educational support and daily care for children ages 3-5 that are experiencing difficulty in regular pre-k settings with emotional and behavioral health issues. These children have been removed or asked to leave their regular programs due to behavioral and social difficulties, usually these children have not been diagnosed with a mental health disability at this point.

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Batterer's Intervention Program	An intense 26 week program for males convicted of domestic violence, certified by the Florida Department of Children & Families. Meets one evening a week. This program also provides victim support by a certified professional.
Budget Billing	In an effort to make paying bills easier, FPUA has made a Budget Billing program available to our customers. Budget billing levels payments over a 12-month period so there are less fluctuations month to month.
Camp Heartland	Camp Heartland is a week-long summer camping program for children impacted by HIV/AIDS. The camp is located in Willow River, Minnesota. Project Response sends 25 children aged 7-15 each summer.
Camp Holiday Children's Respite Care	This program provides respite to children with emotional and behavioral health issues through after school care, Saturday care and summer camp we provide behavioral, social and tutorial (FCAT, Math, Reading) support to enhance the children's ability to be successful in other settings as well as learn to develop their coping abilities.
Child Care Licensing	Assisting parents in finding quality child care by providing information on child care regulation and quality care.

Program Name	Program Purpose
Child Care Resource and Referral	<p>By offering a unique blend of direct services and planning expertise, CCR&R helps families and communities ensure that their children arrive at Kindergarten ready to succeed. Child Care Resource & Referral meets a need that no one else does.</p> <p>CCR&R helps create childcare solutions for the community by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Conducting community needs assessments regarding child care. ● Analyzing and reporting on supply and demand of child care. ● Providing warm line services to child care providers who have concerns about serving children with special needs. <p>CCR&R takes the guesswork out of finding and paying for child care by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Offering referrals to over 3,600 parents requesting information about child care providers and community services. ● Maintaining a database of legally operating childcare providers including 80 child care centers, 87 family child care homes, and 36 school age programs. ● Assisting in the delivery of the subsidized child care program. <p>CCR&R increases the supply of quality child care by offering providers technical assistance and training information.</p>
Child Find	<p>Locate students ages 3-5 who may have special needs. Provide screenings and evaluations if necessary. Provide information to providers of pre-k programs about developmental milestones, curriculum and including students with special needs in the classrooms.</p>
Child Protection Team	<p>Provides assessments and referrals for child victims of physical and sexual abuse. Assessment includes medical and psychological components.</p>
Child Protective Investigations	<p>Help for children who are victims of abuse and neglect in partnership with community based care.</p>
Children in Need of Services/Families in Need of Services	<p>Services for truant and ungovernable children and their families including case management, supportive counseling, and a runaway shelter (WaveCREST) for teens.</p>

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Children's Mental Health Services	To provide mental health services to children and adolescents age 4 to 17. Our mental health services include outpatient counseling, school-based counseling, in-home counseling, targeted case management services, psychiatric evaluation/medication management, and comprehensive assessments.
Children's Services Council of St. Lucie County	Prevention and early intervention services to children and families to help improve the priority areas of healthy families and babies, school readiness and school success, family building and strengthening, recreational activities and youth development, and healthy lifestyles and teen pregnancy prevention.
Circuit Re-entry Program	To reduce recidivism among offenders having served time in the county jail by offering support and access to community resources.
Clinical Services	The Hibiscus Children's Center Clinical Department provides Residential and Outpatient Mental Health Services to children, 0-18, and their families through our Community Mental Health Program.
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program	Provide funding for projects that assist clients whose income does not exceed 80% of median income. Projects may be housing assistance, infrastructure development (streets, drainage, etc.), economic development (small business assistance for low income), or direct public service assistance to non-profit organizations service low income clients.
Community Programs	School Resource Officers, Citizen's Police Academy, National Night Out, DARE, GREAT Families, Junior Police Academy, RAD Kids, PAL, SAFE, Crime Prevention, Explorers, Blue Angel's and Volunteer patrol.
Community Services Center	Help needy people in the community to get basic assistance such as food and clothing. Center is opened one day a week and offers once a month food baskets to families in need as well clothing and household items for a minimal charge. We also provide emergency gas and lodging to those in need.
Community Services Information and Referral	Provide referrals for low income clients, primarily for housing assistance, however, all referrals are made where possible. Disaster recovery assistance referrals are not income based.

Program Name	Program Purpose
Community-based Mentoring	This program matches an approved adult volunteer with a child between the ages of 6-14 from a single parent home (matches may continue thru 18 years of age.) The volunteer becomes a friend, mentor, and role model making a commitment to spend 3 to 5 hours per week doing shared activities with their "little." Matches are professionally screened, assigned, and monitored.
CORE Program	Youth Development programs in the areas of Education & Career Development, Character & Leadership Development, Health & Life Skills, The Arts, Sports Fitness & Recreation.
Counseling and Recovery Center Support Services	The purpose of the Support Program is to provide additional services that support the core treatment program and offer a comprehensive approach to clients to increase the likelihood of successful treatment. Support services also address barriers to treatment including transportation and housing. All programs have a common goal of providing recovery from mood altering substances and assisting clients in overcoming or stabilization of co-occurring mental health disorders.
Counseling and Recovery Center Treatment Services	The purpose of the Treatment Program is to provide comprehensive clinical recovery services that address the specific clinical needs of clients in the various stages of addiction/dependency. Services provide treatment for co-occurring mental health disorders.
Counseling and Recovery Center Relapse Prevention Program	The purpose of the Relapse Prevention Program is to provide additional services to assist the clients in remaining free from mood altering substances and continued stabilization from co-occurring mental health disorders. These services assist the clients in making successful transition back into the community and into self-sufficiency and independent living. Clients are enrolled in Aftercare services for up to two years.
Counseling Testing and Linkage	The primary purpose of program is to change high risk behaviors of heterosexual Black males and females through providing HIV education, HIV testing, and linkages to community services.
Counseling/Treasure Coast Kids	Individual, marital, family counseling. Special focus on children/teens with emotional/behavioral problems.

Program Name	Program Purpose
Crime Prevention	The functions will include, but not limited to, Crime prevention through environmental design, personal safety, residential and commercial property security surveys, community and crime prevention awareness lectures, coordinate all crime watch and related community liaison activities. To provide, through established programs and the media, crime awareness information and crime prevention procedures that will assist the public in lessening its victimization rate and fear of crime.
Crisis Nursery	A nationally recognized abuse prevention program for families who seek help voluntarily. Crisis Nursery offers respite care, counseling, housing and mental health services. Over the past year, a vast majority of the families we served resolved their crises – without having to enter the child welfare system.
Department of Education-Division of Vocational Rehabilitation	The Division of Vocational Rehabilitation mission is employment and increased independence for people with disabilities.
Dependency Case Management	Provides services to children and families who have been abused, neglected, or abandoned including working with families with children in their homes, relative and non-relative placements, group homes, etc. to ensure the well-being of the children.
Disaster Education	INTACT is the Long Term Recovery Organization for St. Lucie County and works with community homeowners to provide education about mitigation and preparedness and how to develop a plan to minimize damage as a result of hurricanes.
Disaster Repair	INTACT is the Long Term Recovery Organization for St. Lucie County and brings together organizations providing goods, services, and resources to assist those with unmet needs in recovering from a disaster and in preparing their homes to withstand future disasters.
Disaster Services	Each year, the American Red Cross responds immediately to disasters, including house or apartment fires (the majority of disaster responses), hurricanes, floods, earthquakes, tornadoes, hazardous materials spills, transportation accidents, explosions, and other natural and man-made disasters. Red Cross disaster relief focuses on meeting people's immediate emergency disaster-caused needs. The Red Cross provides shelter, food, and health and mental health services.

Program Name	Program Purpose
Elementary Truancy Night Court	To reduce the rate of unexcused absences in identified elementary truants. Program is a partnership between the judicial, school, and community agencies. The Children's Services Council funds two agencies to serve some of the schools and the school district serves the others. The Clerk of Court funds the clerks and a circuit judge volunteers his time.
Emergency Shelter	Hibiscus Children's Shelter provides a safe environment for newborns to 12-year olds with 24-hour "awake" supervision, medical and dental care, plus psychological counseling.
Executive Roundtable of St. Lucie County	
Families First	Families First is a five hour educational class for adults engaging in dissolution of marriage. The focus is to eliminate emotional trauma to children.
Family Abuse Treatment Program	To eliminate effects of physical and sexual abuse within the family system.
Family Nurse Consultant	The Family Nurse Consultant Program provides community-based support for individuals with Alzheimer's disease and related dementia disorders and their caregivers. The nurse, an RN with special training in dementia, acts as an advocate within the healthcare system, links families to available services, and guides caregivers through each new challenge of the disease, helping to delay or avoid nursing home placement.
Family Preservation Services	To assure child safety and no further incidents of abuse and neglect. Case management coordinates and leads family safety plans. Every child who enters care is assigned a case manager and every family is given a case plan. These plans are driven by the service needs of the family and usually approved by the court.
Family Support Services	This collaborative partnership provides individual/family counseling and group mentoring to children and families from Big Brothers Big Sisters and Boys and Girls Club to develop healthy beliefs, clear standards of behavior, family bonding, and opportunities for skills development.
Father and Child Connection Program	Offers activities to help fathers build stronger relationships with their children.

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Florida Diagnostic	Promotes local awareness, identification, acquisition, and effective integration of assistive and adaptive technologies, including FCAT accommodations. Facilitates the identification and use of augmentative communication systems. Promotes integration of instructional technology with effective teaching, leading to improved learner outcomes. Supports the use of technology to help students manage their behavior to be successful in the classroom and community. Provides opportunities to explore equipment.
Food Distribution Program	
Food Pantry	To give food to the needy.
Fort Pierce Outreach/After-school	After-school program for 60 elementary students – homework assistance, socialization skills, enrichment activities. Three-week summer camp program. Case management services – primarily for area Haitian population.
Foster Care	This program provides a full continuum of services, including recruiting, training, licensing, and re-licensing foster families. Hibiscus has trained and licensed 80% of all foster parents throughout the four counties that make up the Treasure Coast. We are filling the enormous gap that exists for the hundreds of vulnerable children who are not safe in their own homes and do not have a loving family to care for them.
Foster Grandparent Program	The Foster Grandparent Program recruits and trains limited income seniors to volunteer in Pre-K through 3 rd grade assisting children who may be struggling either academically or socially.
General Mental Health	Provide mental health services to children and their families.
Girl's Group Home	Provides a home for girls who have had difficulties in other settings and prepares them for independence.
Harbors Community Grief Support Center	To provide anticipatory and bereavement counseling to children, teens, adults, and their families. Crisis intervention and educational seminars. Caregiver support and special events.

Program Name	Program Purpose
Hayslip Residential Treatment	Hayslip Residential is a 19 bed licensed, structured rehabilitation-oriented group facility which has 24-hour, seven days per week, supervision. This is a level II, co-ed adolescent residential substance abuse treatment program. Level II facilities are for persons who have significant deficits in independent living skills and need extensive support and supervision. Level II facilities have 24-hour, seven days per week, supervision. Treatment is provided to adolescents, ages 13 – 18.
Health and Activities Center	To provide respite care for caregivers and to provide recreation activities for Hospice patients.
Health and Safety Training	Training classes such as first aid, CPR, HIV/AIDS, pet first aid, nurse assistant training, babysitting, and family caregiving.
Healthy Changes	Educating and supporting women to live healthier life styles.
Healthy Families	Positive parenting.
Healthy Kids	Children's health insurance.
Healthy Opportunities for Parenting Excellence (HOPE)	HOPE provides in-home reunification services to high risk families reunifying after their children were removed due to abuse or neglect so that the integration process back into the family and community is successful. Through these services, HOPE counselors help hundreds of families each year to understand the underlying causes of abusive behavior and find constructive ways to resolve their conflicts and keep children safe in their own homes.
Healthy Start	The Healthy Start Coalition of St. Lucie County, Inc. is dedicated to improving birth outcomes by ensuring that all services needed to maintain a state of well-being are available and accessible to pregnant women, infants and children up to age three.
High Hopes	High Hopes is a support group for children whose parents are divorcing or separating. Delivered in 12 weekly sessions, children learn to identify and communicate their feelings, anger management, and problem solving skills.
HIV Navigators Program	To provide translation, medical adherence, and advocacy services to Creole speaking Haitians with HIV/AIDS.
Home Utility Conservation Surveys	FPUA offers home utility conservation surveys which show problems that may, when corrected, save the customer significant amounts of money over time on electric, water, and natural gas bills.

Program Name	Program Purpose
Home Visitation Nurse	This program is designed to provide mothers with new babies in St. Lucie County the opportunity to access a medical professional after the mother and baby have left the hospital. It provides a link from the hospital to the community. It encourages and facilitates mothers to provide and receive optimum medical care for themselves and their newborn through the physical assessment provided by the Home Visitation Nurse and the instruction and supervision she provides during her visit with the mother and baby in the home.
Housing	The Housing Department administers the state and federal housing programs for down payment/closing cost assistance to purchase a home and to rehabilitate existing homes for low income families. It also manages the County's Housing Disaster Plan. St Lucie County also has programs designed to assist homeowners with home repairs in order to resolve code violations or health and safety concerns. The County provides repairs to homes owned by eligible households in the unincorporated areas of the county.
Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS	To provide emergency housing assistance to qualified clients living with HIV/AIDS. Using funding provided to the state DOH by HUD, we provide assistance in paying rent, utility bills, and mortgages on behalf of clients temporarily unable to meet these obligations because of loss of income or unexpected payments related to their HIV. The program can also pay for short-term transitional housing for homeless at motels, boarding houses, halfway houses, an individual's home or other appropriate location.
Human Resources Development	Identifies and plans for meeting individual personnel development needs within the service area. Identifies and provides information about training/development, resources, and promising practices to respond to the identified personnel development needs. Provides multi-level training designed to meet individual district training needs at the awareness, comprehensive (in-depth), integration/application, and follow-up levels.
Independent Living Program	Provides guidance and experiences to teens in Foster Care placements to assist them in becoming increasingly independent and responsible by improving socialization skills, employment related skills and daily living skills.
Indian River Community College Career Development Program	Career training.

Program Name	Program Purpose
James E. Sampson Memorial School	Provide Christian based elementary school education for children in the community.
Jean Sloan Drop-In Center	To offer socialization, education, and information services to individuals recovering from mental illness. On-site directors and members manage day to day operations at the centers. The environment is non-judgmental. A variety of volunteer activities, such as computer classes, music, outings, arts and crafts, speakers and social events are offered to members. Focus is on networking and peer support.
Job Corps	Job Corps is the nation's largest and most comprehensive residential education and job training programs for economically disadvantaged at-risk youth, ages 16 through 24. Enrollment services for the jobs corps program is provided at the one stop career center.
Juvenile Diversion	The Juvenile Diversion Program is a pre-arrest diversion program for first time misdemeanor juvenile offenders. In lieu of being arrested for the offense and placed in the Juvenile Justice System where they obtain a permanent criminal record, youth are provided an opportunity to speak in front of a group of their peers during a Peer Review. Peer panel members then decide on the youth's sanctions. If completed within 30 days, the case is closed. If youth violate, the case is forwarded to court.
Kidstop	
Lawnwood Regional Medical Center and Heart Institute	
Literacy Launchers	
Living Without Violence	A 12-week anger management program that teaches new ways to deal with stress and anger in daily life.
Local Government Administration	To provide community leadership, quality public service, and a safe environment for all citizens, by an empowered team of employees motivated by pride in themselves and in their work.
Medical Services Program	This is a comprehensive case management and medical program providing services to Palm Beach, Martin, St. Lucie, Indian River and Okeechobee Counties. Neurological, counseling and referral services as well as lab work are provided annually to over 400 clients who qualify for access to this service.

Program Name	Program Purpose
Mustard Seed Ministries of Fort Pierce	Mustard Seed Ministries of Fort Pierce, Inc. provides emergency services, such as assistance with utilities, rent, food, furniture, travel, emergency shelter, prescriptions, clothing, gasoline, cold night shelter, and medical care to residents of St. Lucie County.
Orange Avenue Outreach Center	The Orange Avenue Community Outreach Center is an emergency food pantry in downtown Fort Pierce. The goal of the program is to provide emergency food assistance and self sufficiency resources to qualified low-income individuals/households. Clients represent a diverse cross-section of the community, including children, seniors, working families, individuals with disabilities, the homeless and other qualified individuals.
Outpatient Services	Outpatient services provide a therapeutic environment which is designed to improve the functioning or prevent deterioration of persons with substance abuse problems. They are usually provided on a regularly scheduled basis by appointment with arrangements made for non-scheduled visits during times of increased stress or crisis.
Over 100 degree and certificate programs	Education and career training.
Plant A Seed Ministries	To help those who have substance abuse and alcohol problems that are homeless.
Police Athletic League (PAL)	The Police Athletic League is a nationally approved juvenile crime prevention program that provides youth wholesome alternative activities by establishing a bond between police officers and at-risk youth. The purpose of this corporation is to educate, mentor and provide recreational activities to reduce the number of Fort Pierce Florida youth who enter the Juvenile Justice system.
Positive Parenting	Positive Parenting offers educational workshops, seminars, and classes for parents who want to learn new parenting skills, and improve their ability to raise and discipline their children.
Prevention Services (Alpha, LifeSkills)	LEVEL I programs target the general populations or specific sub-populations and seeks to reduce the overall prevalence of problem behaviors, and include comprehensive, well-coordinated components for individuals, families, schools, communities, and organizations. Our prevention program that fits within these parameters is the LifeSkills Program.
Prevention/Education Program	

Program Name	Program Purpose
Project AIDS Care Waiver Program	Project AIDS Care is a Medicaid funded program – home based services. Upon referral, case manager is to access and establish services covered by funds from Medicaid. By providing at centered service coordination and support.
Project Care	FPUA initiated a major campaign to promote Project Care. Administered by Mustard Seed, Project Care helps those who are in a crisis and can't pay their utility bills. Those who would like to help can now elect to round up their bill with proceeds going to Project Care, make a one-time contribution, or make a set monthly contribution.
Project R.O.C.K. North	Project "R.O.C.K.", a program supported by community leaders and funded by the Children Services Council of St. Lucie County, provides a safe, nurturing and spiritual environment for youth who have been suspended from school. Project "R.O.C.K." crosses denominational, cultural and racial lines to make a significant difference in the lives of youth through the provision of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supervision • Mentoring • Academic tutoring • Counseling.
Resident Services Programs	There are several programs that the Housing Authority have that assist families to become self-sufficient. Programs are in place to assist families to receive subsidy to help them to maintain their housing. We have the Family Self Sufficiency Program that offers assistance to families who have established goals. The program work to remove barriers for families through assistance with finances, school, and child care subsidy. We operate a homeownership program to assist families who have decided they want to purchase a home. The program is set up to assist clients to become home owners through the necessary council from staff.
Residential Living	Supervised group homes for people with disabilities. Training in activities of daily living, medication management, meals, furnished rooms, utilities, cable, and transportation.
Ryan White	Case managers linking clients to service providers, including medical, dental, transportation, and medications.
Safe Families	Safe Families is an in-home program that offers parent education, support and role modeling so that children can live in safe, healthy home environments. Service locations are Indian River, St. Lucie, Okeechobee, and Martin counties.

Program Name	Program Purpose
School Readiness Program	The Early Learning Coalition of St. Lucie County is a not-for-profit 501©(3) organization formed in 1999 in response to Legislative mandates responsible for over-seeing and funding early childhood and child care programs. The Coalition works to cultivate a child care/school readiness delivery system that is developmentally appropriate and research-based. The Coalition also strives to involve parents as their child’s first teacher, supports family health and involvement, serves as a preventative measure for children at-risk of school failure and enhances the educational readiness of eligible children throughout the community.
School Suspension Program	
School-based Mentoring	This one-to-one school based mentoring program is designed to address early academic failure through reading, mentoring that promotes school success and healthy behaviors. “Jump into reading” builds literacy skills and resiliency in young children with the help of caring adult volunteers who become mentors and role models to encourage academic achievement, school attendance, and healthy beliefs.
Scout Reach	To teach character building, citizenship training, self reliance, outdoor adventure, patriotism, and respect for others to at-risk youth.
SEDNET-The Network for the Severely Emotionally Disturbed	Promotes a high-quality, comprehensive system of care for children who have, or are at-risk of, severe emotional disturbance.
Senior Services	To serve the needs of seniors by providing in home services that promote independent living and Aging with dignity.
Services for Individuals with Hearing Loss	Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services is presently in its eighteenth year of existence. Organized as a 501©(3) not-for-profit organization in 1989, it provides service to a four-county area including Martin, Indian River, Okeechobee and St. Lucie. The services that we provide include: 1. Sign language interpreting; 2. Children’s Hearing Aid Fund; 3. Distribution and training of telecommunications devices for the deaf and hard of hearing provided by the State through the “Phones on Loan” Program.
Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elder	To assist seniors who may be need help in completing application or requests from Medicare and other insurance companies. Counseling may be provided concerning long-term care insurance and prescription drug assistance.

Program Name	Program Purpose
Shelter Plus Care	To provide sustainable long term housing for disabled homeless adults in fair market rental apartments in the counties.
Social services	The Social Services Department is allocated funds annually to assist low income residents who meet the eligibility criteria. This program helps residents attain the skills, knowledge and motivation necessary to achieve self-sufficiency, as well as immediate life necessities such as food, shelter, medicine, etc.
Specialized Alzheimer's Day Care	
St. Lucie County Head Start Program	Provide comprehensive child development serves to 691 preschoolers, 36 infants and toddlers and 4 pregnant women. Services include prenatal care and education, medical, dental, mental health, disabilities, nutrition, parent involvement, and transportation; as well as energy assistance and emergency assistance.
St. Lucie County Mental Health Collaborative	To provide mental health services to students with a mental health diagnosis or who have symptoms of a diagnosis.
Starlight Christian Pre-school	
State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) Housing Program	Provide funding to extremely-low, very-low, low and moderate income households for down payment assistance to purchase a home, repair rehab assistance for their primary residence, hazard mitigation assistance, disaster recovery funding assistance and assistance for rental and low income housing developments.
Strengthening Families	Strengthening Families is a family strengthening program for high risk families. It is a family skills training program that significantly reduces problem behaviors and improves social competencies and school performances. Parents and children first meet together to practice their newly learned lessons.
Strengthening Families	Strengthening families by providing education/ demonstration of healthy parenting skills and family life. Parents and children participate in a meal and joint activities.
Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services	
Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services	Services for people with alcohol and drug related dependencies.
Supported Living	A residential service to support individuals with disabilities to live independently in the community. Services include training in apartment living, transportation to and from doctor appointments, assistance with shopping, banking, paying bills, and other essential life sustaining activities.

Program Name	Program Purpose
TASC – Treatment Alternatives for Safer Communities	TASC Specialists provide early identification, in-depth assessment, recommendations, facilitates placement of, monitors progress of, and reports on all clients referred via the Juvenile Justice System that are in need of either substance abuse or mental health services. TASC Specialists are co-located with Juvenile Justice Case Managers in three (3) Juvenile Justice sites. In addition to these sites, TASC specialists complete assessments at the St. Lucie Detention Center.
Teen Case Management	This program offers teenagers accurate information regarding physical and emotional issues surrounding their sexuality. Although the program encourages abstinence it provides information regarding methods of protection against unintended pregnancies as well health risks involved with sexual activities such as Sexually Transmitted Diseases. The program has a group and individual component. The <i>Teen Choices Program</i> is a seven week course which is offered to groups. Individual sexually active teens receives one to one case management. The goals in working with the male and female teenage population are, but are not limited to, 1) the avoidance of unintended as well as repeat pregnancies 2) the development of responsible parenting should there be a pregnancy. Data collected over the past three years support the success of this program in meeting these goals.
Teen Life Choices	Provides educational services to teens and community members to prevent teen pregnancy, provides intensive case management and education to pregnant teens.
Teencenter Childcare	Child development and care.
The Chateau at Lawnwood	
The Homeless Family Center	Provide Emergency and Transitional housing for homeless individuals and families within the Treasure Coast area. Offer food, shelter, clothing and assistance in establishing proper resources through work with the Case manager and employment specialist.
Traditional Scouting	To teach youth from 6-21 the values of Scouting including character building, citizenship training, self reliance, outdoor adventure, patriotism, and respect for others.
Transitional Living Program	Provides aftercare services for youth aging out of the foster care system in order to promote independence and prevent homelessness. Case management services are offered, as well as life skills training and temporary housing.

APPENDIX C: PROGRAM PURPOSES

Program Name	Program Purpose
Transitions	To provide voluntary support and medical care to people with life-limiting illnesses.
Transportation	The Transportation Division functions as the Community Transportation Coordinator for St. Lucie County and works with St. Lucie County Community Transit to provide public transportation, Medicaid transportation to medical appointments, disadvantaged transportation for area residents, and transportation for seniors.
Treasure Coast Homeless Resource Center	To provide direct financial assistance, case management and referral to indigent, homeless and near homeless individuals and families. Primary services include rental and housing assistance, eviction prevention, utilities and assistance in securing social services and entitlements when eligible.
Treasure Coast Hospices	Provide hospice and palliative care to patients with life-limiting and/or life threatening illnesses.
Truancy Program	
Valued Visits	Valued Visits is a supervised visitation and monitored exchange program that provides a safe, recreational setting for children and non-residential parent to visit safely.
Veterans Medical Transportation	St. Lucie County Veteran Services provides free transportation for veterans to and from the West Palm Beach VA Medical Center. We provide a safe and comfortable ride for veterans who do not have other means of travel and/or can no longer drive. This service is available Monday through Friday. Veterans calling with transportation needs must have a confirmed medical appointment between 8:30 am and 12:30 pm prior to calling the office to request a ride.
Victim Advocacy	The primary function is to provide approved direct services, and to provide information on available services and referrals when appropriate to victims of crime in accordance with State Statutes and Fort Pierce Police Department Policies and Procedures. To act as a liaison for victims with the criminal justice system and social service agencies available on a national, state and local level.
Victims of Crime Advocacy	
Village Group Homes	Hibiscus Children's Village provides a loving home for children removed from their homes due to egregious abuse and neglect. Children live in homes where they receive nurturing, love and encouragement in a family-like environment. The Village is a safe haven where children can more naturally prepare for a successful transition into foster or adoptive homes.

Program Name	Program Purpose
Vocational Training and Employment	Provide individuals with disabilities classroom and workplace experience to train and prepare for work in various trades and occupations, as well as job placement and follow-up services necessary to secure and maintain a job in the community.
Voluntary Prekindergarten Program	<p>FREE for all children 4 years old on or before September 1, who reside in Florida.</p> <p>The Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) legislation was signed into law by Governor Bush on January 2, 2005. This law creates a program to prepare every Florida four-year-old for Kindergarten and build a strong foundation for their continued educational success. The VPK program provides each child the opportunity to perform better in school and throughout life with quality programs that include high literacy standards, accountability, appropriate curricula, substantial instruction periods, manageable class sizes and qualified instructors.</p> <p>VPK Program Options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Year Program – 540 instructional hours • Summer Program – 300 instructional hours beginning summer 2006
Wagner Peyser	Connect people with jobs and to help employers find qualified candidates for their jobs.
Wellness Outreach	
WTP/WIA	<p>WIA - Customer focused to help Americans access the tools they need to manage their careers through information and high quality services, and to help U.S. companies find skilled workers.</p> <p>WTP - The Welfare Transition Program helps people go from welfare to work.</p>
YMCA Child Care Activities	To provide after school care to children in a safe and supervised program while offering opportunities for homework assistance, recreation, and character building activities.
YMCA of the Treasure Coast - Fort Pierce	
YMCA of the Treasure Coast - Program Center @ JayCee Park	
YMCA of the Treasure Coast - Tiffany Avenue Program Center	

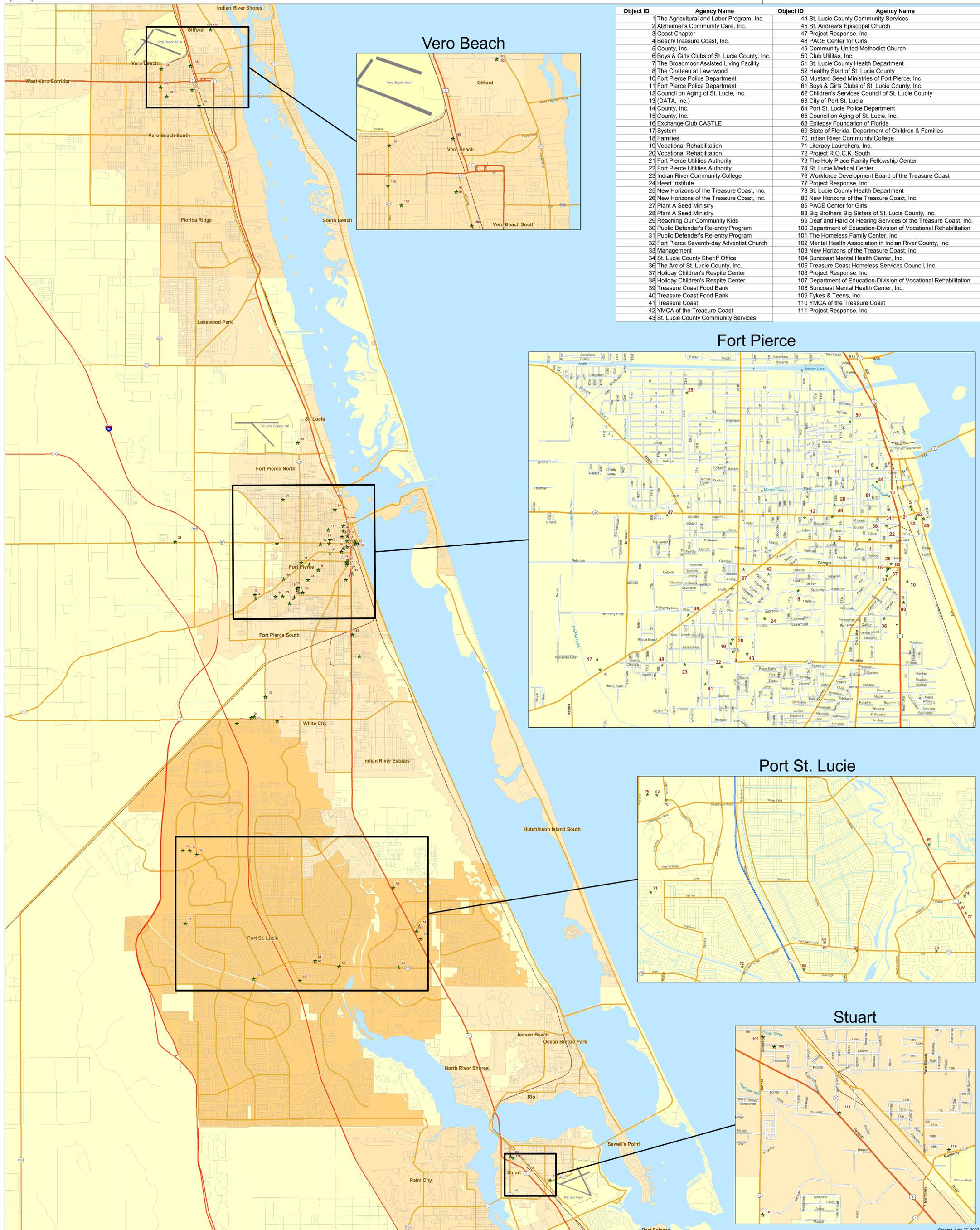
Term	Definition
Child Care Affordability	Prices for child care vary considerably, by such factors as geographic area, type of provider, and age of child. For comparison purposes, expressed as "What percent would a family with a gross income of \$38,700 (200% of Federal Poverty Level) spend on child care for an infant and a 3-year old in a child care center?"
Child Care Center, Gold Seal Accredited	The Department of Children and Families (DCF) is responsible for approving accrediting agencies for participation in the Gold Seal Program. These agencies must meet or exceed the National Association for the Education of Young Child Care standards, the standards of the National Association of Family Child Care, or the standards of the National Early Childhood Accreditation Commission. The Gold Seal Quality Care Program does not contain a set of independent standards. Rather, it is a level of care that meets the minimum child care licensing standards.
District 15	Is Circuit 19 as of July 1, 2007
Elders Needs Index	The Index was developed by the Florida Department of Elder Affairs (DOEA) in order to rank geographical areas according to the characteristics of the resident elder population. The elements of the index are: age structure of the population 60 years old and over, poverty level, minority population, population over age 60 with disabilities, and rural population over age 60.
FCAT	The Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT) is part of Florida's overall plan to increase student achievement by implementing higher standards. The FCAT, administered to students in Grades 3-11, contains two basic components: criterion-referenced tests (CRT), measuring selected benchmarks in Mathematics, Reading, Science, and Writing from the Sunshine State Standards (SSS); and norm-referenced tests (NRT) in Reading and Mathematics, measuring individual student performance against national norms.
FCAT Standards (proficiency)	The Sunshine State Standards were approved by the State Board of Education in 1996 to provide expectations for student achievement in Florida. The Standards approved in 1996 were written in seven subject areas, each divided into four separate grade clusters (PreK-2, 3-5, 6-8, and 9-12). This format was chosen to provide flexibility to school districts in designing curriculum based on local needs. However, as Florida moves toward greater accountability for student achievement at each grade level, the Sunshine State Standards have been further defined. In the subject areas of language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies, the Sunshine State Standards have been expanded to include Grade Level Expectations. These Grade Level Expectations will eventually become the basis for state assessments at each grade 3-10 in language arts and mathematics--and may eventually be used in state assessments in science and social studies. In addition to the Grade Level Expectations, course specific information for students in grades 6-12 can be found in the Florida Course Descriptions.

Term	Definition
Food Insecure	Lack of assured access at all times to enough food for an active, healthy life, with no need for recourse to emergency food sources or other extraordinary coping behaviors to meet basic food needs.
Hispanic	Individuals whose ancestry includes countries in South America, Central America, Puerto Rico, and Cuba.
Housing, affordable	No specific standard has been met in terms of home purchase. The State does have guidelines established in terms of subsidized housing eligibility which is based on a percent of the poverty level. Households are considered cost-burdened if they pay 30-50% of income for housing and severely cost-burdened if they pay 50% or greater of income for housing.
Hunger	Defined as the uneasy or painful sensation caused by lack of food. Hunger in America refers to the ability of people to obtain sufficient food for their household. According to the United States Department of Agriculture (USD), consequences of chronic hunger in children include infant mortality, poor cognitive development, and increased risk of disease.
Income, Adjusted Gross	Defined as taxpayer's taxable income from all sources (including wages, interest, capital gains, income from retirement accounts, alimony paid to you) minus specific deductions (including, but not limited to, contributions to deductible retirement accounts, alimony paid by taxpayer, tuition, moving expenses)
Income, Household	Defined as the sum of receipts from the following for an individual, family, or household: wages or salaries; net self-employment income; interest, dividends, or net rental or royalty income or income from estates and trusts; social security or railroad retirement income; Supplemental Security Income (SSI); public assistance or welfare payments; retirement, survivor, or disability pensions; and all other sources.
Income, Per Capita	Per capita income means how much each individual receives, in monetary terms, of the yearly income that is generated in their country through productive activities. That is what each citizen would receive if the yearly income generated by a country from its productive activities were divided equally among everyone. Per capita income is usually reported in units of currency per year. While per capita income reflects gross national product when comparing nations, it is also used to compare municipalities within nations. When determining the per capita income of a community, however, it is not economic activity that is divided by the population, but the total personal income.
Needs Assessment Indicators	List of topics used to measure the strengths and weaknesses of services within St. Lucie County. The list of indicators by topic was determined by the sponsors of this assessment and the consultants.

Term	Definition
Peer Counties	Data for the most recent year available are presented for St. Lucie County and for three peer counties – Lake, Manatee, and Marion. These counties were selected as peers based on population size, proximity to St. Lucie County, and the similarity in population and economic characteristics. Lake County includes Clermont, Leesburg, Eustis, Lady Lake, Tavares, and Mount Dora. Manatee County includes Bradenton, Palmetto, and Holmes Beach. Marion County includes Ocala, Belleview, and Dunnellon.
Poverty level	Following the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB's) Directive 14, the Census Bureau uses a set of money income thresholds that vary by family size and composition to detect who is poor. If the total income for a family or unrelated individual falls below the relevant poverty threshold, then the family or unrelated individual is classified as being "below the poverty level."
State of Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF) District 15	St. Lucie County is part of DCF District 15 that also includes Martin, Indian River, and Okeechobee counties.
Statistical level of confidence 95%, +/- 5%	Refers to the projected reliability of survey data. A confidence level of 95%, +/- 5% means that if a study were repeated, 95% of the time the results would fall within a plus or minus range of 5%.
Unintentional injury	Accidents, excluding all assaults, homicides, and suicides. Could include falls, fires, poisoning, and other accidents.
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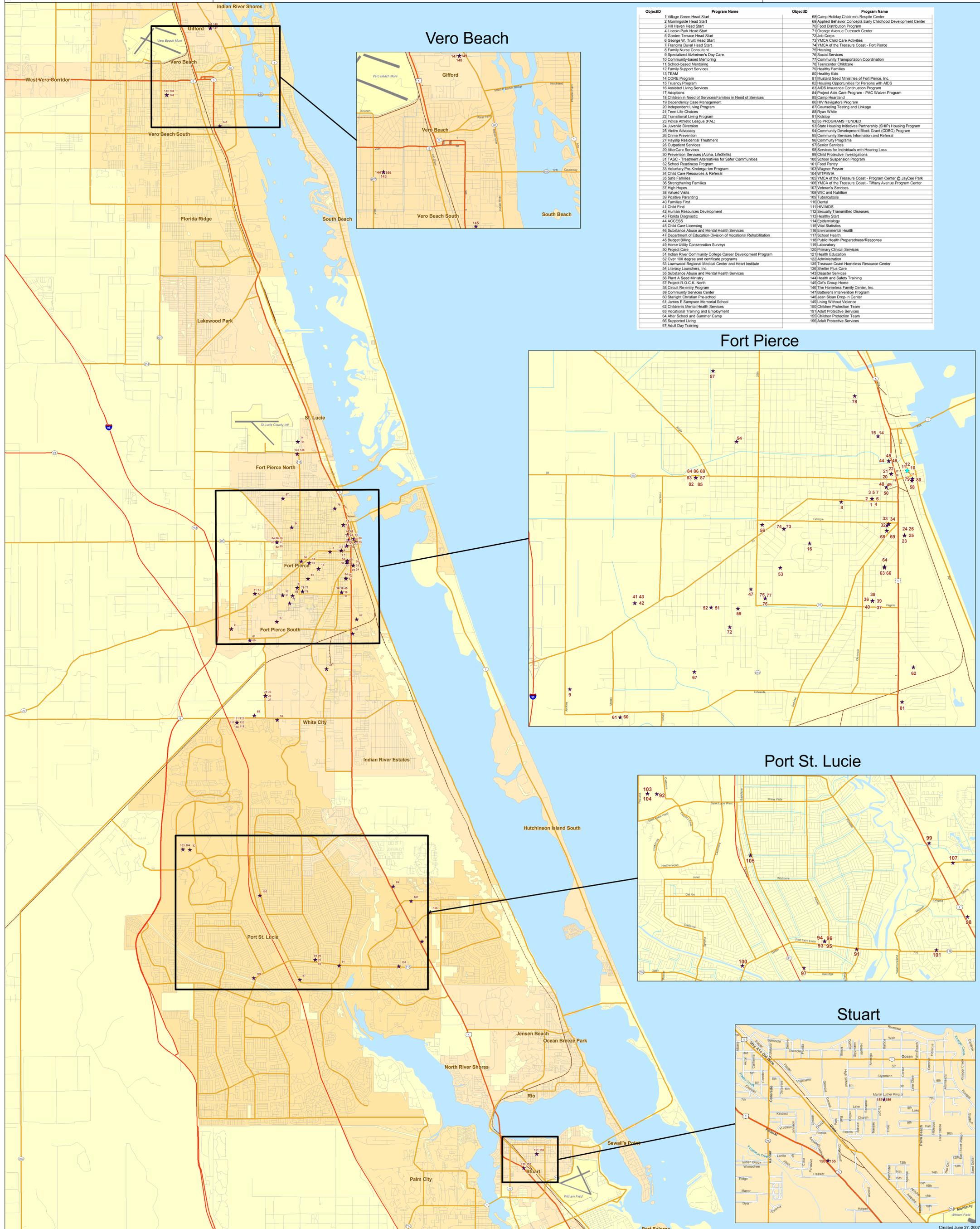


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35	Safe Families	102	WTPHMA
36	Strengthening Families	103	YMCA of the Treasure Coast - Program Center @ JayCee Park
37	High Hopes	104	YMCA of the Treasure Coast - Tiffany Avenue Program Center
38	Valued Visits	105	Veteran's Services
39	Positive Parenting	106	WIC and Nutrition
40	Families First	107	Tuberculosis
41	Child Find	108	Dental
42	Human Resources Development	109	HIV/AIDS
43	Florida Diagnostic	110	Sexually Transmitted Diseases
44	ACCESS	111	Healthy Start
45	Child Care Licensing	112	Epidemiology
46	Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services	113	Vital Statistics
47	Department of Education-Division of Vocational Rehabilitation	114	Environmental Health
48	Budget Billing	115	School Health
49	Home Utility Conservation Surveys	116	Public Health Preparedness/Response
50	Project Care	117	Laboratory
51	Indian River Community College Career Development Program	118	Primary Clinical Services
52	Over 100 degree and certificate programs	119	Health Education
53	Lawwood Regional Medical Center and Heart Institute	120	Administration
54	Literacy Launchers, Inc.	121	Treasure Coast Homeless Resource Center
55	Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services	122	Shelter Plus Care
56	Plant A Seed Ministry	123	Disaster Services
57	Project E.O.C.K. North	124	Health and Safety Training
58	Circuit Re-entry Program	125	Girls' Group Home
59	Community Services Center	126	The Homeless Family Center, Inc.
60	Starlight Christian Pre-school	127	Batterer's Intervention Program
61	James E. Sampson Memorial School	128	Jean Slean Drop-In Center
62	Children's Mental Health Services	129	Living Without Violence
63	Vocational Training and Employment	130	Children Protection Team
64	After School and Summer Camp	131	Adult Protective Services
65	Supported Living	132	Adult Protective Services
66	Adult Day Training	133	Adult Protective Services
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