Total Population

Description: The total population for the circuit area, including all ages.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau. The population estimates are released on a flow basis throughout the year. Each new series of data incorporates the latest administrative record data, geographic boundaries, and methodology. Therefore, the entire time series of estimates beginning with the most recent decennial census is revised annually. The data reported are the annual estimates of the resident population for counties, summed into circuits, for the time period April 1, 2020 to July 1, 2021. The release date of this information was July 2022.

Data Source Location: https://www.census.gov/topics/population.html

Methodology Documentation: https://www2.census.gov/programs-surveys/popest/technical-documentation/methodology/2020-2021/methods-statement-v2021.pdf

Population Under 18

Description: The population of children, under the age of 18, for the circuit area.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau. The population by age are released on a flow basis throughout the year. Similar to total population calculations, the process follows the cohort-component approach, aging the population forward and is revised annually. The data reported are the annual estimates of the resident population for counties, summed into circuits, for the time period April 1, 2020 to July 1, 2021. The release date of this information was July 2022.

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Investigations

Description: The total number of child intake investigations initiated during the state fiscal year. This only includes initial intakes and excludes additional and subsequent intakes. To be included in the count, the intake decision date must have occurred during State Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

Source: FSFN ad hoc report.

Removals

Description: The total number of children who were removed as a result of an investigation during the state fiscal year. The child must have been removed and placed in out-of-home care for at least three days to be included in the count. If a child was removed multiple times during the course of the fiscal year, each removal episode is counted in the total.

Source: Florida Safe Families Network (FSFN) ad hoc report.

Removal Rate Per 1,000 Investigations

Description: The rate of removals as compared to the total number of investigations.

Methodology: Rates are normalized by multiplying the dividend by a base of ten, usually either 100 or 1,000, depending on the factors being compared. For removal rates per investigations, 1,000 was chosen to mirror calculations similar to the Child Welfare Outcomes Report to Congress, prepared by the Children's Bureau of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and displayed on the Children's Bureau's Child Welfare Outcomes Report Data dashboard.

Methodology Source Locations:

https://www.acf.hhs.gov/cb/data-research/child-welfare-outcomes
https://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/cwodatasite/enteredCare/index

Calculation: The removal rate is equal to total removals divided by total investigations, multiplied by 1,000.

$$\left(\frac{\textit{The total number of removals during the state fiscal year}}{\textit{The total number of invesitgations initiated during the state fiscal year}}\right)*\textbf{1,000}$$

Children Receiving Services

Description: The total number of children who received in-home or out-of-home during the state fiscal year. This includes both children who were already in care before the beginning of the fiscal year and children who entered care during the fiscal year.

Source: FSFN ad hoc report

Children Entering Care

Description: The total number of children who entered into the system during the state fiscal year. This includes all case-managed services, both children who entered into out-of-home care and those who received in-home services.

Source: FSFN ad hoc report

Children Exiting Care

Description: The total number of children who exited the system during the state fiscal year. This includes all children who had a case management end date listed, thus both children in out-of-home care who exited out of the system due to achieving permanency or because of aging out of the system or death and children who were no longer receiving in-home case managed supervision.

Source: FSFN ad hoc report

Entry Rate Per 1,000 in the General Population

Description: The number of children who entered care, either in-home or out-of-home care, compared to the total population of children under the age of 18.

Methodology: The total number of children who entered care during the state fiscal year divided by the total population of children under the age of 18, multiplied by 1,000.

Calculation:

$$\left(\frac{\textit{The total number of children who entered care during the fiscal year}}{\textit{The total population of children under the age of 18}}\right)*\textbf{1,000}$$

Graduation Rate

Description: The percentage of students who graduated with a standard diploma within four years of their initial enrollment in ninth grade. Graduation rates provide information about performance of schools and future employability of students. Higher salaries are typically available to high school graduates, as most employers consider a high school graduate as someone who remained committed to finishing school and pursuing their education. Receiving a high school diploma enables someone to pursue a higher education, including vocational school, trade programs, a certified work-program or college. A high school diploma is simply the doorway to even more available long-term career opportunities.

Source: FLHealth Charts

Suicide Rate

Description: Suicide is death caused by injuring oneself with the intent to die. Suicide is among the top 10 leading causes of death in the United States, resulting in about one death every 11 minutes. Additionally, suicide attempts result in an even larger number of non-fatal, intentional self-harm injuries. Suicide is a problem throughout the life span. In the US, it is the second leading cause of death for people 10 to 34 years of age, the fourth leading cause among people 35 to 54 years of age, and the eighth leading cause among people 55 to 64 years of age.

Source: FLHealth Charts

Families Below Poverty Level

Description: The percentage of families whose combined income from all family members aged 15 or older is below the federal poverty level. Poverty is a social determinant of health. Families and individuals with incomes below the poverty level have difficulty meeting basic needs such as housing, food, clothing, transportation, etc. A higher percentage of families below poverty level indicates a greater need for assistance such as that provided by government and community-based services and programs.

Source: FLHealth Charts