The Children's Movement of Florida



Early Childhood **Impacts Florida's Future**

Key facts every leader should know

A child's brain is

85%

of its adult size by age 3
—making the first three years a critical window for building the foundation for lifelong learning, health, and success.

68%

of Florida children under age five live in homes where all adults work.
Parents need child care to join and stay in the workforce.

75%

of children who start kindergarten behind never catch up. This shows up in 3rd grade reading and beyond.

When children have the support they need in their first five years, they are more likely to **succeed in school, contribute to the workforce, and strengthen our communities**.

FLORIDA INVESTS NEARLY

$1.6 billion

annually in early learning through state, federal, and local dollars. **Yet many families still struggle to access affordable care.**

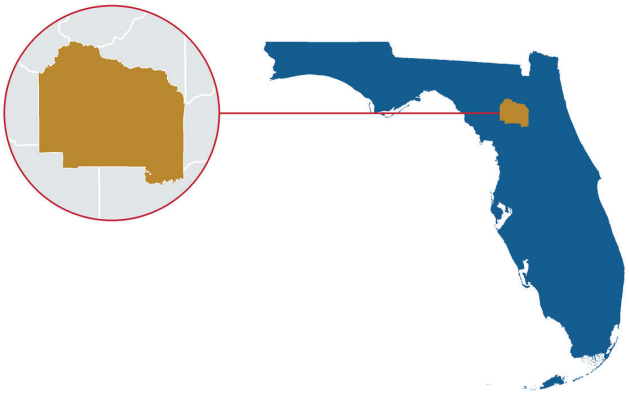
Strong foundations. Brighter futures.



Strong Families + Quality Early Learning + Healthy Children = Kindergarten Ready Children

Children & Families Snapshot

Alachua County



Local county data

13,611
Children under age 5 (2025 estimate)

82%
of children under age five live in homes where all adults work

$61,949
Median household income

$14,417
Average annual cost of center-based infant care

CHILD CARE ACCESS



Only 60% of children under 5 have a licensed child care slot available.

Early Learning Options

- Child care centers
- Family child care homes
- School-based early learning programs
- Head Start and Early Head Start

EARLY LEARNING PROGRAMS

SCHOOL READINESS (SR)

19%

of potentially eligible families receive early learning tuition assistance (2,546 children)

VOLUNTARY PRE-KINDERGARTEN (VPK)

47%

of 4-year-olds participated in VPK (1,531 children)

State Avg: 66%

OUTCOMES THAT MATTER

KINDERGARTEN READINESS

44%

of children are ready for kindergarten

State Avg: 44% | 2030 Goal: 100%

3RD GRADE READING SCORES

60%

of children scoring at or above grade level

State Avg: 60% | 2030 Goal: 100%

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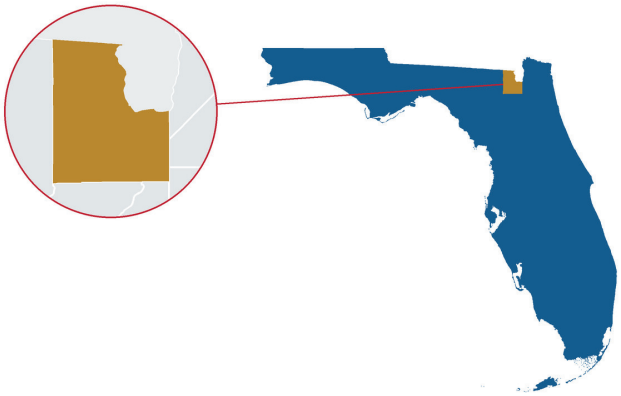
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Baker County



Local county data

1,844
Children under age 5 (2025 estimate)

87%
of children ages five and under have all available parents in the labor force.

$79,836
Median household income

$8,074
Annual cost of center-based infant care

CHILD CARE ACCESS



Only 60% of children under 5 have a licensed child care slot available.

Early Learning Options

- Child care centers
- Family child care homes
- School-based early learning programs
- Head Start and Early Head Start

EARLY LEARNING PROGRAMS

SCHOOL READINESS (SR)

13%

of potentially eligible families receive early learning tuition assistance
(240 children)

VOLUNTARY PRE-KINDERGARTEN (VPK)

79%

of 4-year-olds participated in VPK
(292 children)
State Avg: 66%

OUTCOMES THAT MATTER

KINDERGARTEN READINESS

42%

ready for kindergarten

State Avg: 44% | 2030 Goal: 100%

3RD GRADE READING SCORES

61%

scoring at or above grade level

State Avg: 60% | 2030 Goal: 100%

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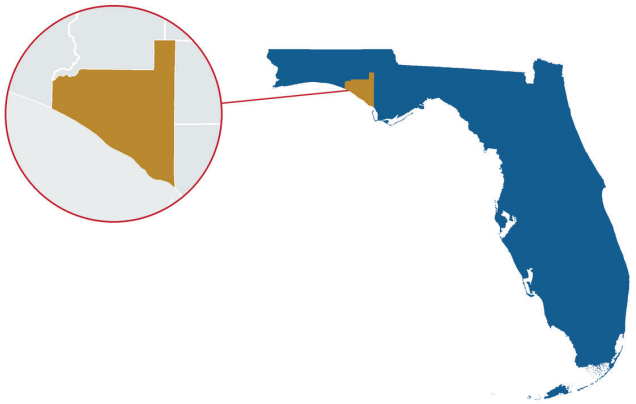
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Bay County



Local county data

10,856
Children under age 5 (2025 estimate)

76%
of children ages five and under have all available parents in the labor force.

$73,533
Median household income

$12,399
Annual cost of center-based infant care

CHILD CARE ACCESS



Only 65% of children under 5 have a licensed child care slot available.

Early Learning Options

- Child care centers
- Family child care homes
- School-based early learning programs
- Head Start and Early Head Start

EARLY LEARNING PROGRAMS

SCHOOL READINESS (SR)

21%

of potentially eligible families receive early learning tuition assistance
(2,157 children)

VOLUNTARY PRE-KINDERGARTEN (VPK)

48%

of 4-year-olds participated in VPK
(982 children)
State Avg: 66%

OUTCOMES THAT MATTER

KINDERGARTEN READINESS

40%

ready for kindergarten

State Avg: 44% | 2030 Goal: 100%

3RD GRADE READING SCORES

58%

scoring at or above grade level

State Avg: 60% | 2030 Goal: 100%

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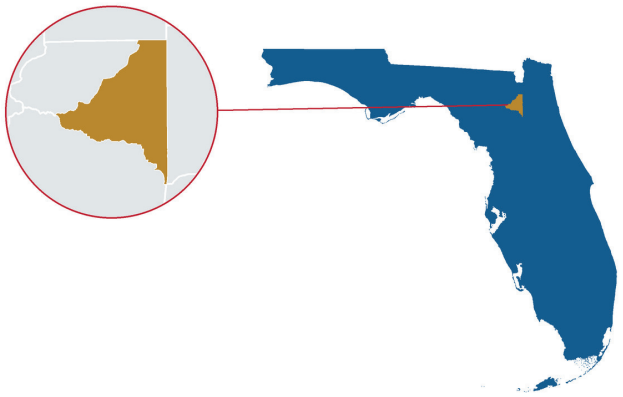
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Bradford County



Local county data

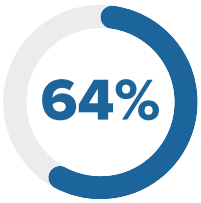
1,492
Children under age 5 (2025 estimate)

81%
of children ages five and under have all available parents in the labor force.

$63,050
Median household income

$10,092
Annual cost of center-based infant care

CHILD CARE ACCESS



Only 64% of children under 5 have a licensed child care slot available.

Early Learning Options

- Child care centers
- Family child care homes
- School-based early learning programs
- Head Start and Early Head Start

EARLY LEARNING PROGRAMS

SCHOOL READINESS (SR)

11%

of potentially eligible families receive early learning tuition assistance
(155 children)

VOLUNTARY PRE-KINDERGARTEN (VPK)

76%

of 4-year-olds participated in VPK
(219 children)
State Avg: 66%

OUTCOMES THAT MATTER

KINDERGARTEN READINESS

40%

ready for kindergarten

State Avg: 44% | 2030 Goal: 100%

3RD GRADE READING SCORES

59%

scoring at or above grade level

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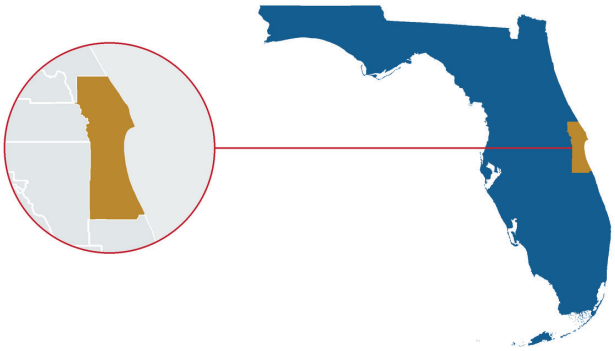
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Brevard County



Local county data

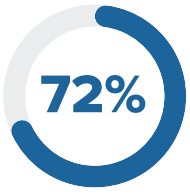
28,276
Children under age 5 (2025 estimate)

80%
of children ages five and under have all available parents in the labor force.

$78,476
Median household income

$11,534
Annual cost of center-based infant care

CHILD CARE ACCESS



Only 72% of children under 5 have a licensed child care slot available.

Early Learning Options

- Child care centers
- Family child care homes
- School-based early learning programs
- Head Start and Early Head Start

EARLY LEARNING PROGRAMS

SCHOOL READINESS (SR)

21%

of potentially eligible families receive early learning tuition assistance
(5,723 children)

VOLUNTARY PRE-KINDERGARTEN (VPK)

80%

of 4-year-olds participated in VPK
(4,442 children)
State Avg: 66%

OUTCOMES THAT MATTER

KINDERGARTEN READINESS

52%

ready for kindergarten

State Avg: 44% | 2030 Goal: 100%

3RD GRADE READING SCORES

63%

scoring at or above grade level

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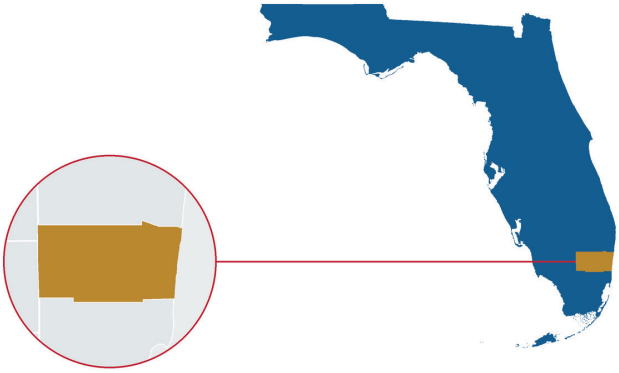
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Broward County



Local county data

106,090
Children under age 5 (2025 estimate)

87%
of children ages five and under have all available parents in the labor force.

$77,633
Median household income

$13,437
Annual cost of center-based infant care

CHILD CARE ACCESS



Only 84% of children under 5 have a licensed child care slot available.

Early Learning Options

- Child care centers
- Family child care homes
- School-based early learning programs
- Head Start and Early Head Start

EARLY LEARNING PROGRAMS

SCHOOL READINESS (SR)

19%

of potentially eligible families receive early learning tuition assistance
(20,406 children)

VOLUNTARY PRE-KINDERGARTEN (VPK)

58%

of 4-year-olds participated in VPK
(12,668 children)
State Avg: 66%

OUTCOMES THAT MATTER

KINDERGARTEN READINESS

45%

ready for kindergarten

State Avg: 44% | 2030 Goal: 100%

3RD GRADE READING SCORES

64%

scoring at or above grade level

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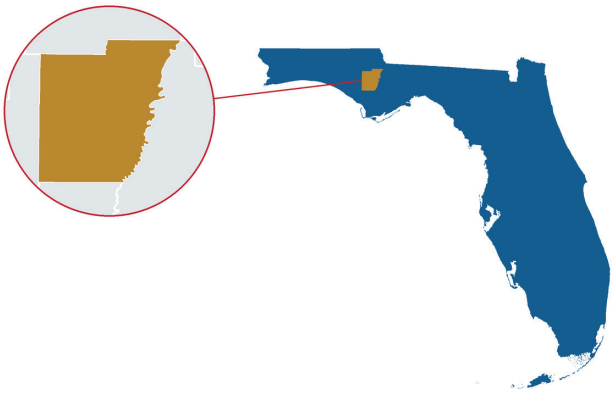
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Calhoun County



Local county data

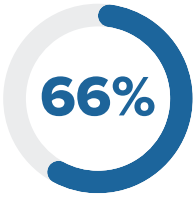
673
Children under age 5 (2025 estimate)

66%
of children ages five and under have all available parents in the labor force.

$50,517
Median household income

$11,534
Annual cost of center-based infant care

CHILD CARE ACCESS



Only 66% of children under 5 have a licensed child care slot available.

Early Learning Options

- Child care centers
- Family child care homes
- School-based early learning programs
- Head Start and Early Head Start

EARLY LEARNING PROGRAMS

SCHOOL READINESS (SR)

25%

of potentially eligible families receive early learning tuition assistance
(160 children)

VOLUNTARY PRE-KINDERGARTEN (VPK)

56%

of 4-year-olds participated in VPK
(73 children)
State Avg: 66%

OUTCOMES THAT MATTER

KINDERGARTEN READINESS

45%

ready for kindergarten

State Avg: 44% | 2030 Goal: 100%

3RD GRADE READING SCORES

58%

scoring at or above grade level

State Avg: 60% | 2030 Goal: 100%

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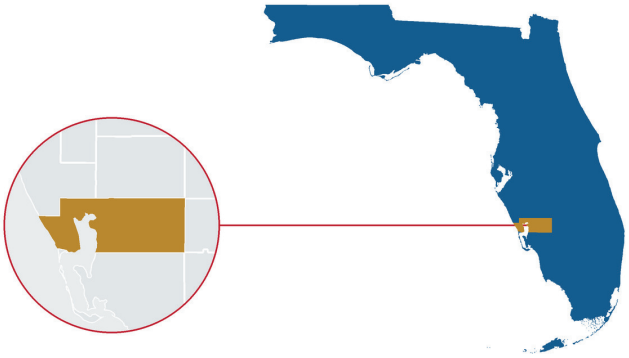
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Charlotte County



Local county data

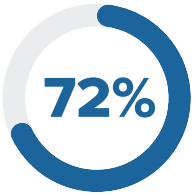
6,034
Children under age 5 (2025 estimate)

85%
of children ages five and under have all available parents in the labor force.

$69,952
Median household income

$11,476
Annual cost of center-based infant care

CHILD CARE ACCESS



Only 72% of children under 5 have a licensed child care slot available.

Early Learning Options

- Child care centers
- Family child care homes
- School-based early learning programs
- Head Start and Early Head Start

EARLY LEARNING PROGRAMS

SCHOOL READINESS (SR)

16%

of potentially eligible families receive early learning tuition assistance
(910 children)

VOLUNTARY PRE-KINDERGARTEN (VPK)

79%

of 4-year-olds participated in VPK
(877 children)
State Avg: 66%

OUTCOMES THAT MATTER

KINDERGARTEN READINESS

45%

ready for kindergarten

State Avg: 44% | 2030 Goal: 100%

3RD GRADE READING SCORES

61%

scoring at or above grade level

State Avg: 60% | 2030 Goal: 100%

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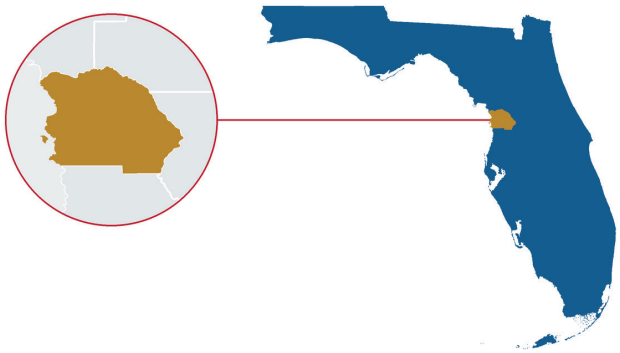
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Citrus County



Local county data

5,493
Children under age 5 (2025 estimate)

66%
of children ages five and under have all available parents in the labor force.

$56,546
Median household income

$10,092
Annual cost of center-based infant care

CHILD CARE ACCESS



Only 45% of children under 5 have a licensed child care slot available.

Early Learning Options

- Child care centers
- Family child care homes
- School-based early learning programs
- Head Start and Early Head Start

EARLY LEARNING PROGRAMS

SCHOOL READINESS (SR)

18%

of potentially eligible families receive early learning tuition assistance
(947 children)

VOLUNTARY PRE-KINDERGARTEN (VPK)

78%

of 4-year-olds participated in VPK
(850 children)
State Avg: 66%

OUTCOMES THAT MATTER

KINDERGARTEN READINESS

36%

ready for kindergarten

State Avg: 44% | 2030 Goal: 100%

3RD GRADE READING SCORES

56%

scoring at or above grade level

State Avg: 60% | 2030 Goal: 100%

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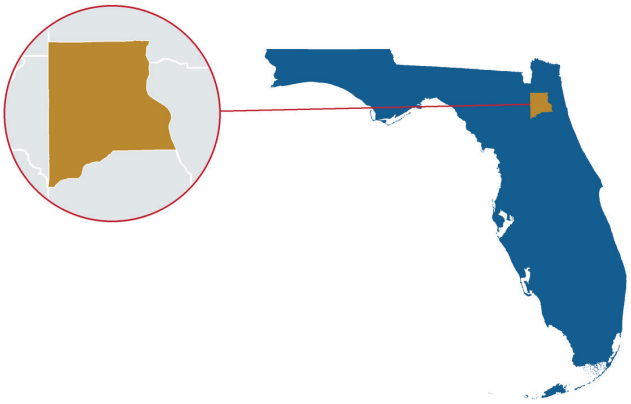
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Children & Families Snapshot

Clay County



Local county data

12,210
Children under age 5 (2025 estimate)

80%
of children ages five and under have all available parents in the labor force.

$87,820
Median household income

$11,534
Annual cost of center-based infant care

CHILD CARE ACCESS



Only 66% of children under 5 have a licensed child care slot available.

Early Learning Options

- Child care centers
- Family child care homes
- School-based early learning programs
- Head Start and Early Head Start

EARLY LEARNING PROGRAMS

SCHOOL READINESS (SR)

14%

of potentially eligible families receive early learning tuition assistance
(1,618 children)

VOLUNTARY PRE-KINDERGARTEN (VPK)

70%

of 4-year-olds participated in VPK
(1,666 children)
State Avg: 66%

OUTCOMES THAT MATTER

KINDERGARTEN READINESS

49%

ready for kindergarten

State Avg: 41% | 2030 Goal: 100%

3RD GRADE READING SCORES

65%

scoring at or above grade level

State Avg: 60% | 2030 Goal: 100%

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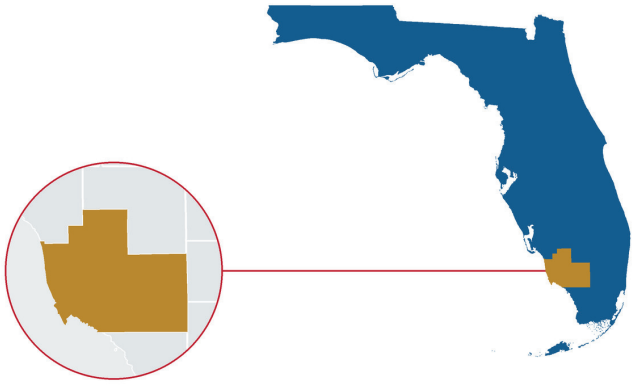
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Collier County



Local county data

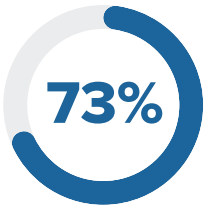
17,295
Children under age 5 (2025 estimate)

83%
of children ages five and under have all available parents in the labor force.

$90,045
Median household income

$12,984
Annual cost of center-based infant care

CHILD CARE ACCESS



Only 73% of children under 5 have a licensed child care slot available.

Early Learning Options

- Child care centers
- Family child care homes
- School-based early learning programs
- Head Start and Early Head Start

EARLY LEARNING PROGRAMS

SCHOOL READINESS (SR)

12%

of potentially eligible families receive early learning tuition assistance
(1,968 children)

VOLUNTARY PRE-KINDERGARTEN (VPK)

59%

of 4-year-olds participated in VPK
(1,924 children)
State Avg: 66%

OUTCOMES THAT MATTER

KINDERGARTEN READINESS

46%

ready for kindergarten

State Avg: 44% | 2030 Goal: 100%

3RD GRADE READING SCORES

65%

scoring at or above grade level

State Avg: 60% | 2030 Goal: 100%

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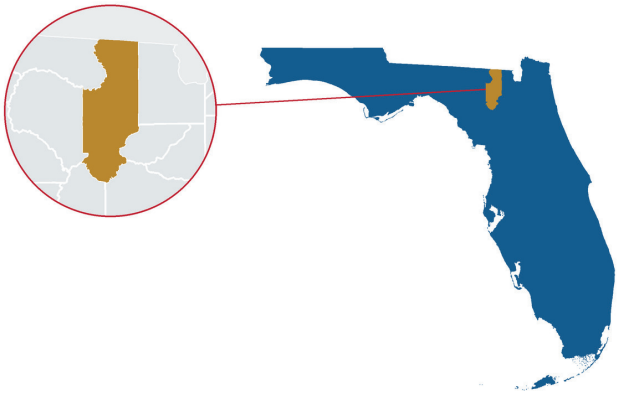
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Columbia County



Local county data

3,856
Children under age 5 (2025 estimate)

65%
of children ages five and under have all available parents in the labor force.

$59,205
Median household income

$8,996
Annual cost of center-based infant care

CHILD CARE ACCESS



Only 70% of children under 5 have a licensed child care slot available.

Early Learning Options

- Child care centers
- Family child care homes
- School-based early learning programs
- Head Start and Early Head Start

EARLY LEARNING PROGRAMS

SCHOOL READINESS (SR)

31%

of potentially eligible families receive early learning tuition assistance
(1,246 children)

VOLUNTARY PRE-KINDERGARTEN (VPK)

73%

of 4-year-olds participated in VPK
(594 children)
State Avg: 66%

OUTCOMES THAT MATTER

KINDERGARTEN READINESS

44%

ready for kindergarten

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3RD GRADE READING SCORES

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scoring at or above grade level

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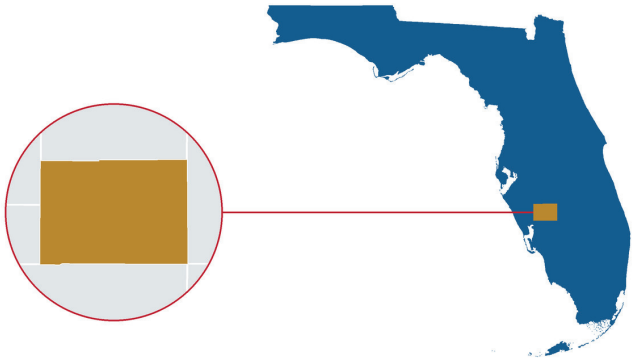
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Children & Families Snapshot

DeSoto County



Local county data

1,906
Children under age 5 (2025 estimate)

80%
of children ages five and under have all available parents in the labor force.

$54,417
Median household income

$6,693
Annual cost of center-based infant care

CHILD CARE ACCESS



Only 57% of children under 5 have a licensed child care slot available.

Early Learning Options

- Child care centers
- Family child care homes
- School-based early learning programs
- Head Start and Early Head Start

EARLY LEARNING PROGRAMS

SCHOOL READINESS (SR)

14%

of potentially eligible families receive early learning tuition assistance
(248 children)

VOLUNTARY PRE-KINDERGARTEN (VPK)

51%

of 4-year-olds participated in VPK
(179 children)
State Avg: 66%

OUTCOMES THAT MATTER

KINDERGARTEN READINESS

16%

ready for kindergarten

State Avg: 44% | 2030 Goal: 100%

3RD GRADE READING SCORES

43%

scoring at or above grade level

State Avg: 60% | 2030 Goal: 100%

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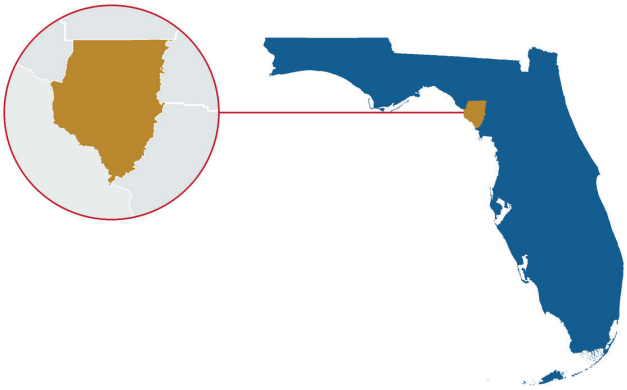
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Dixie County



Local county data

753
Children under age 5 (2025 estimate)

70%
of children ages five and under have all available parents in the labor force.

$50,110
Median household income

$9,240
Annual cost of center-based infant care

CHILD CARE ACCESS



Only 69% of children under 5 have a licensed child care slot available.

Early Learning Options

- Child care centers
- Family child care homes
- School-based early learning programs
- Head Start and Early Head Start

EARLY LEARNING PROGRAMS

SCHOOL READINESS (SR)

26%

of potentially eligible families receive early learning tuition assistance
(188 children)

VOLUNTARY PRE-KINDERGARTEN (VPK)

66%

of 4-year-olds participated in VPK
(97 children)
State Avg: 66%

OUTCOMES THAT MATTER

KINDERGARTEN READINESS

49%

ready for kindergarten

State Avg: 44% | 2030 Goal: 100%

3RD GRADE READING SCORES

58%

scoring at or above grade level

State Avg: 60% | 2030 Goal: 100%

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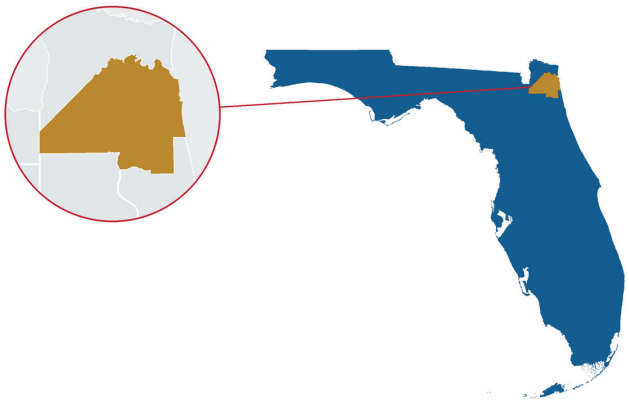
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Duval County



Local county data

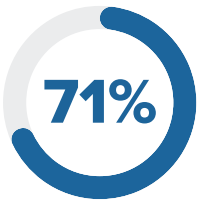
65,515
Children under age 5 (2025 estimate)

74%
of children ages five and under have all available parents in the labor force.

$71,277
Median household income

$12,975
Annual cost of center-based infant care

CHILD CARE ACCESS



Only 71% of children under 5 have a licensed child care slot available.

Early Learning Options

- Child care centers
- Family child care homes
- School-based early learning programs
- Head Start and Early Head Start

EARLY LEARNING PROGRAMS

SCHOOL READINESS (SR)

20%

of potentially eligible families receive early learning tuition assistance
(12,981 children)

VOLUNTARY PRE-KINDERGARTEN (VPK)

65%

of 4-year-olds participated in VPK
(8,522 children)
State Avg: 66%

OUTCOMES THAT MATTER

KINDERGARTEN READINESS

37%

ready for kindergarten

State Avg: 44% | 2030 Goal: 100%

3RD GRADE READING SCORES

51%

scoring at or above grade level

State Avg: 60% | 2030 Goal: 100%

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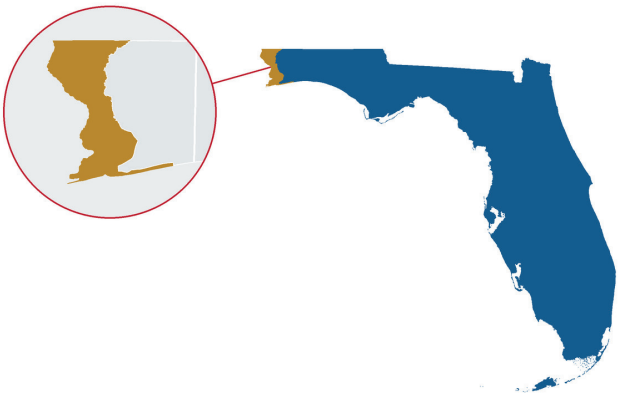
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Escambia County



Local county data

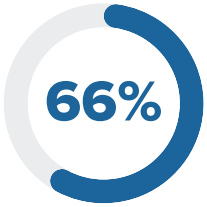
18,636
Children under age 5 (2025 estimate)

77%
of children ages five and under have all available parents in the labor force.

$67,500
Median household income

$10,669
Annual cost of center-based infant care

CHILD CARE ACCESS



Only 66% of children under 5 have a licensed child care slot available.

Early Learning Options

- Child care centers
- Family child care homes
- School-based early learning programs
- Head Start and Early Head Start

EARLY LEARNING PROGRAMS

SCHOOL READINESS (SR)

19%

of potentially eligible families receive early learning tuition assistance
(3,555 children)

VOLUNTARY PRE-KINDERGARTEN (VPK)

46%

of 4-year-olds participated in VPK
(1,758 children)
State Avg: 66%

OUTCOMES THAT MATTER

KINDERGARTEN READINESS

36%

ready for kindergarten

State Avg: 44% | 2030 Goal: 100%

3RD GRADE READING SCORES

57%

scoring at or above grade level

State Avg: 60% | 2030 Goal: 100%

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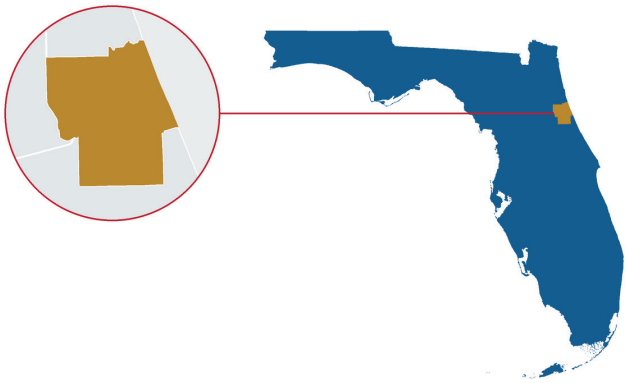
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Flagler County



Local county data

4,914
Children under age 5 (2025 estimate)

64%
of children ages five and under have all available parents in the labor force.

$77,363
Median household income

$12,687
Annual cost of center-based infant care

CHILD CARE ACCESS



Only 57% of children under 5 have a licensed child care slot available.

Early Learning Options

- Child care centers
- Family child care homes
- School-based early learning programs
- Head Start and Early Head Start

EARLY LEARNING PROGRAMS

SCHOOL READINESS (SR)

23%

of potentially eligible families receive early learning tuition assistance
(1,022 children)

VOLUNTARY PRE-KINDERGARTEN (VPK)

81%

of 4-year-olds participated in VPK
(719 children)
State Avg: 66%

OUTCOMES THAT MATTER

KINDERGARTEN READINESS

37%

ready for kindergarten

State Avg: 44% | 2030 Goal: 100%

3RD GRADE READING SCORES

66%

scoring at or above grade level

State Avg: 60% | 2030 Goal: 100%

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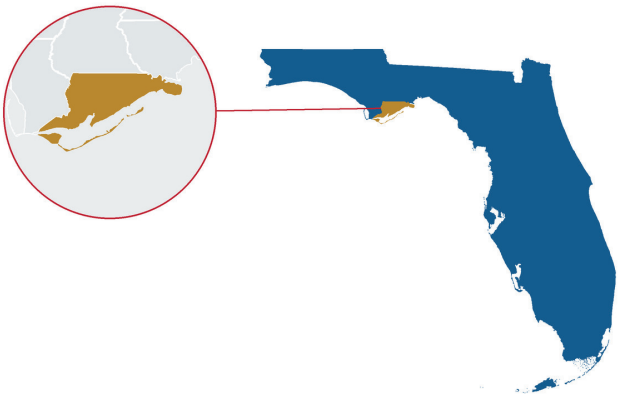
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Franklin County



Local county data

499
Children under age 5 (2025 estimate)

90%
of children ages five and under have all available parents in the labor force.

$64,105
Median household income

$6,760
Annual cost of center-based infant care

CHILD CARE ACCESS



Only 70% of children under 5 have a licensed child care slot available.

Early Learning Options

- Child care centers
- Family child care homes
- School-based early learning programs
- Head Start and Early Head Start

EARLY LEARNING PROGRAMS

SCHOOL READINESS (SR)

22%

of potentially eligible families receive early learning tuition assistance
(99 children)

VOLUNTARY PRE-KINDERGARTEN (VPK)

70%

of 4-year-olds participated in VPK
(65 children)
State Avg: 66%

OUTCOMES THAT MATTER

KINDERGARTEN READINESS

34%

ready for kindergarten

State Avg: 44% | 2030 Goal: 100%

3RD GRADE READING SCORES

51%

scoring at or above grade level

State Avg: 60% | 2030 Goal: 100%

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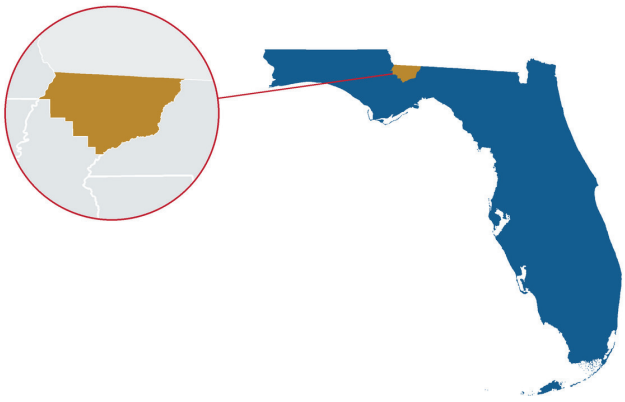
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Gadsden County



Local county data

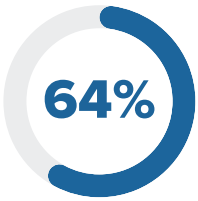
2,491
Children under age 5 (2025 estimate)

68%
of children ages five and under have all available parents in the labor force.

$48,801
Median household income

$7,150
Annual cost of center-based infant care

CHILD CARE ACCESS



Only 64% of children under 5 have a licensed child care slot available.

Early Learning Options

- Child care centers
- Family child care homes
- School-based early learning programs
- Head Start and Early Head Start

EARLY LEARNING PROGRAMS

SCHOOL READINESS (SR)

21%

of potentially eligible families receive early learning tuition assistance
(531 children)

VOLUNTARY PRE-KINDERGARTEN (VPK)

55%

of 4-year-olds participated in VPK
(285 children)
State Avg: 66%

OUTCOMES THAT MATTER

KINDERGARTEN READINESS

34%

ready for kindergarten

State Avg: 44% | 2030 Goal: 100%

3RD GRADE READING SCORES

43%

scoring at or above grade level

State Avg: 60% | 2030 Goal: 100%

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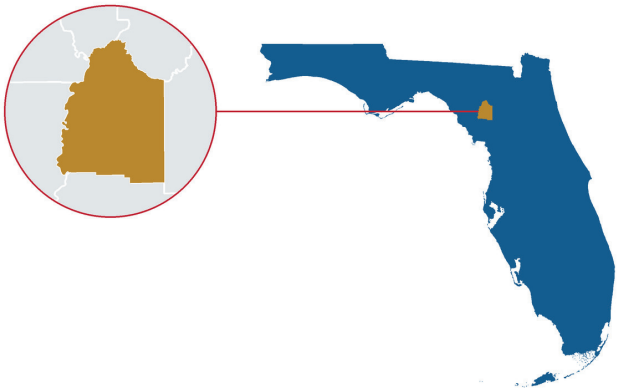
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Gilchrist County



Local county data

1,108
Children under age 5 (2025 estimate)

57%
of children ages five and under have all available parents in the labor force.

$63,523
Median household income

$6,889
Annual cost of center-based infant care

CHILD CARE ACCESS



Only 44% of children under 5 have a licensed child care slot available.

Early Learning Options

- Child care centers
- Family child care homes
- School-based early learning programs
- Head Start and Early Head Start

EARLY LEARNING PROGRAMS

SCHOOL READINESS (SR)

19%

of potentially eligible families receive early learning tuition assistance
(191 children)

VOLUNTARY PRE-KINDERGARTEN (VPK)

57%

of 4-year-olds participated in VPK
(115 children)
State Avg: 66%

OUTCOMES THAT MATTER

KINDERGARTEN READINESS

46%

ready for kindergarten

State Avg: 44% | 2030 Goal: 100%

3RD GRADE READING SCORES

71%

scoring at or above grade level

State Avg: 60% | 2030 Goal: 100%

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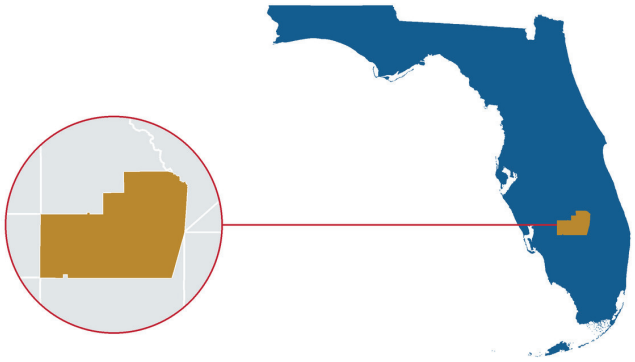
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Children & Families Snapshot

Glades County



Local county data

392
Children under age 5 (2025 estimate)

70%
of children ages five and under have all available parents in the labor force.

$45,870
Median household income

$7,020
Annual cost of center-based infant care

CHILD CARE ACCESS



Only 52% of children under 5 have a licensed child care slot available.

Early Learning Options

- Child care centers
- Family child care homes
- School-based early learning programs
- Head Start and Early Head Start

EARLY LEARNING PROGRAMS

SCHOOL READINESS (SR)

25%

of potentially eligible families receive early learning tuition assistance
(92 children)

VOLUNTARY PRE-KINDERGARTEN (VPK)

91%

of 4-year-olds participated in VPK
(67 children)
State Avg: 66%

OUTCOMES THAT MATTER

KINDERGARTEN READINESS

37%

ready for kindergarten

State Avg: 44% | 2030 Goal: 100%

3RD GRADE READING SCORES

83%

scoring at or above grade level

State Avg: 60% | 2030 Goal: 100%

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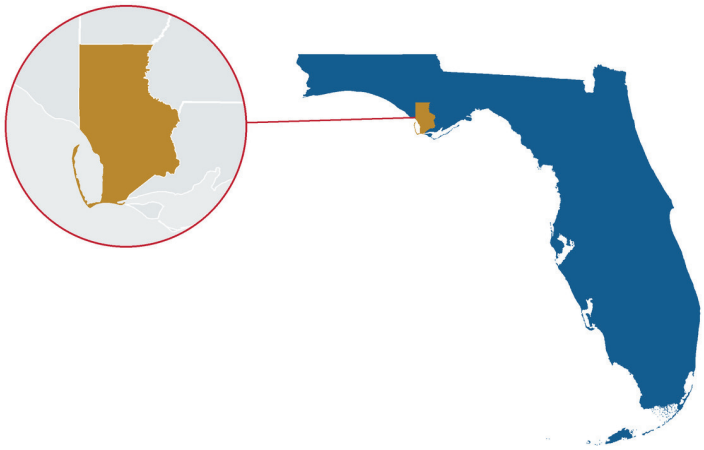
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Gulf County



Local county data

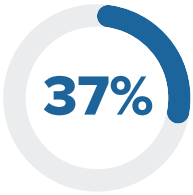
555
Children under age 5 (2025 estimate)

72%
of children ages five and under have all available parents in the labor force.

$61,179
Median household income

$6,994
Annual cost of center-based infant care

CHILD CARE ACCESS



Only 37% of children under 5 have a licensed child care slot available.

Early Learning Options

- Child care centers
- Family child care homes
- School-based early learning programs
- Head Start and Early Head Start

EARLY LEARNING PROGRAMS

SCHOOL READINESS (SR)

26%

of potentially eligible families receive early learning tuition assistance
(137 children)

VOLUNTARY PRE-KINDERGARTEN (VPK)

61%

of 4-year-olds participated in VPK
(65 children)
State Avg: 66%

OUTCOMES THAT MATTER

KINDERGARTEN READINESS

29%

ready for kindergarten

State Avg: 44% | 2030 Goal: 100%

3RD GRADE READING SCORES

51%

scoring at or above grade level

State Avg: 60% | 2030 Goal: 100%

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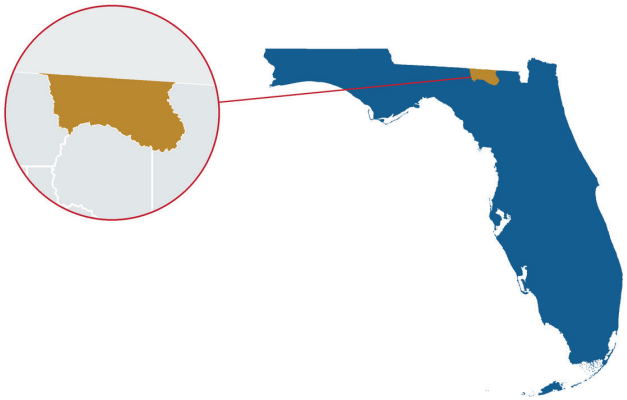
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Hamilton County



Local county data

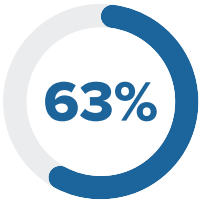
854
Children under age 5 (2025 estimate)

62%
of children ages five and under have all available parents in the labor force.

$50,144
Median household income

$9,360
Annual cost of family child care home infant care

CHILD CARE ACCESS



Only 63% of children under 5 have a licensed child care slot available.

Early Learning Options

- Child care centers
- Family child care homes
- School-based early learning programs
- Head Start and Early Head Start

EARLY LEARNING PROGRAMS

SCHOOL READINESS (SR)

33%

of potentially eligible families receive early learning tuition assistance
(218 children)

VOLUNTARY PRE-KINDERGARTEN (VPK)

66%

of 4-year-olds participated in VPK
(88 children)
State Avg: 66%

OUTCOMES THAT MATTER

KINDERGARTEN READINESS

37%

ready for kindergarten

State Avg: 44% | 2030 Goal: 100%

3RD GRADE READING SCORES

50%

scoring at or above grade level

State Avg: 60% | 2030 Goal: 100%

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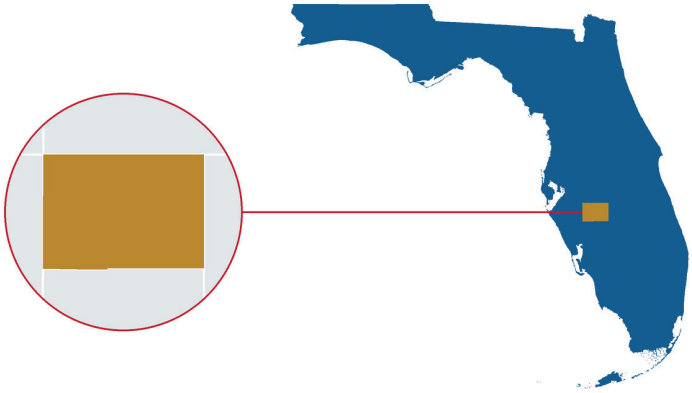
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Children & Families Snapshot

Hardee County



Local county data

1,700
Children under age 5 (2025 estimate)

66%
of children ages five and under have all available parents in the labor force.

$60,489
Median household income

$8,650
Annual cost of center-based infant care

CHILD CARE ACCESS



99% of children under 5 have a licensed child care slot available.

Early Learning Options

- Child care centers
- Family child care homes
- School-based early learning programs
- Head Start and Early Head Start

EARLY LEARNING PROGRAMS

SCHOOL READINESS (SR)

18%

of potentially eligible families receive early learning tuition assistance
(285 children)

VOLUNTARY PRE-KINDERGARTEN (VPK)

53%

of 4-year-olds participated in VPK
(174 children)
State Avg: 66%

OUTCOMES THAT MATTER

KINDERGARTEN READINESS

27%

ready for kindergarten

State Avg: 44% | 2030 Goal: 100%

3RD GRADE READING SCORES

53%

scoring at or above grade level

State Avg: 60% | 2030 Goal: 100%

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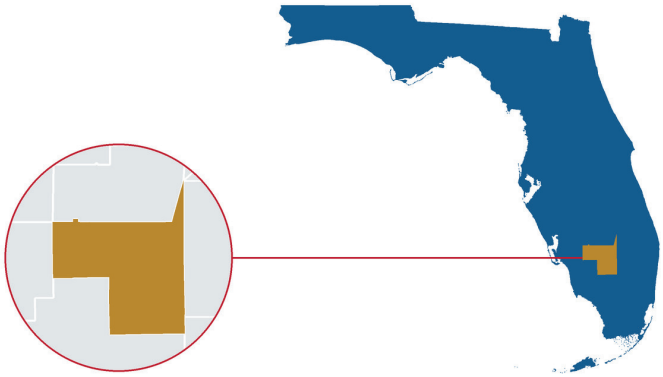
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Children & Families Snapshot

Hendry County



Local county data

2,941
Children under age 5 (2025 estimate)

75%
of children ages five and under have all available parents in the labor force.

$56,393
Median household income

$10,092
Annual cost of center-based infant care

CHILD CARE ACCESS



Only 42% of children under 5 have a licensed child care slot available.

Early Learning Options

- Child care centers
- Family child care homes
- School-based early learning programs
- Head Start and Early Head Start

EARLY LEARNING PROGRAMS

SCHOOL READINESS (SR)

17%

of potentially eligible families receive early learning tuition assistance
(502 children)

VOLUNTARY PRE-KINDERGARTEN (VPK)

67%

of 4-year-olds participated in VPK
(410 children)
State Avg: 66%

OUTCOMES THAT MATTER

KINDERGARTEN READINESS

41%

ready for kindergarten

State Avg: 44% | 2030 Goal: 100%

3RD GRADE READING SCORES

52%

scoring at or above grade level

State Avg: 60% | 2030 Goal: 100%

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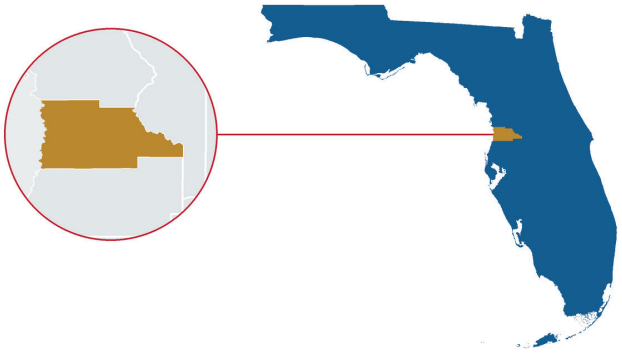
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Hernando County



Local county data

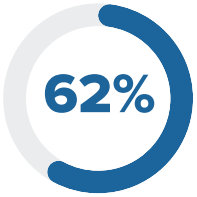
8,961
Children under age 5 (2025 estimate)

73%
of children ages five and under have all available parents in the labor force.

$66,058
Median household income

$9,515
Annual cost of center-based infant care

CHILD CARE ACCESS



Only 62% of children under 5 have a licensed child care slot available.

Early Learning Options

- Child care centers
- Family child care homes
- School-based early learning programs
- Head Start and Early Head Start

EARLY LEARNING PROGRAMS

SCHOOL READINESS (SR)

13%

of potentially eligible families receive early learning tuition assistance
(1,163 children)

VOLUNTARY PRE-KINDERGARTEN (VPK)

65%

of 4-year-olds participated in VPK
(1,159 children)
State Avg: 66%

OUTCOMES THAT MATTER

KINDERGARTEN READINESS

39%

ready for kindergarten

State Avg: 44% | 2030 Goal: 100%

3RD GRADE READING SCORES

61%

scoring at or above grade level

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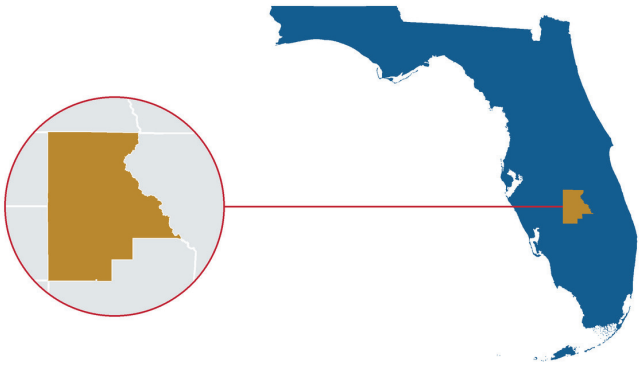
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Highlands County



Local county data

4,365
Children under age 5 (2025 estimate)

73%
of children ages five and under have all available parents in the labor force.

$54,897
Median household income

$9,804
Annual cost of center-based infant care

CHILD CARE ACCESS



Only 66% of children under 5 have a licensed child care slot available.

Early Learning Options

- Child care centers
- Family child care homes
- School-based early learning programs
- Head Start and Early Head Start

EARLY LEARNING PROGRAMS

SCHOOL READINESS (SR)

17%

of potentially eligible families receive early learning tuition assistance
(720 children)

VOLUNTARY PRE-KINDERGARTEN (VPK)

59%

of 4-year-olds participated in VPK
(517 children)
State Avg: 66%

OUTCOMES THAT MATTER

KINDERGARTEN READINESS

35%

ready for kindergarten

State Avg: 44% | 2030 Goal: 100%

3RD GRADE READING SCORES

59%

scoring at or above grade level

State Avg: 60% | 2030 Goal: 100%

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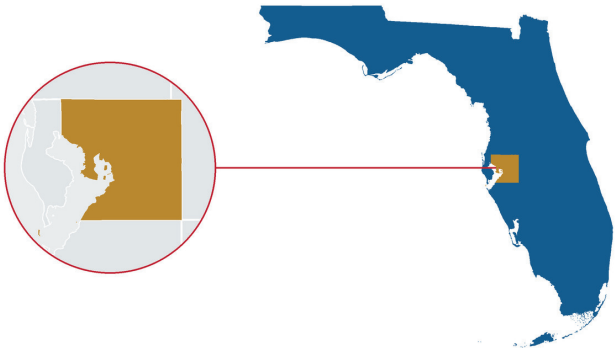
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Hillsborough County



Local county data

86,832
Children under age 5 (2025 estimate)

82%
of children ages five and under have all available parents in the labor force.

$79,540
Median household income

$13,840
Annual cost of center-based infant care

CHILD CARE ACCESS



Only 70% of children under 5 have a licensed child care slot available.

Early Learning Options

- Child care centers
- Family child care homes
- School-based early learning programs
- Head Start and Early Head Start

EARLY LEARNING PROGRAMS

SCHOOL READINESS (SR)

21%

of potentially eligible families receive early learning tuition assistance
(17,988 children)

VOLUNTARY PRE-KINDERGARTEN (VPK)

61%

of 4-year-olds participated in VPK
(10,726 children)
State Avg: 66%

OUTCOMES THAT MATTER

KINDERGARTEN READINESS

40%

ready for kindergarten

State Avg: 44% | 2030 Goal: 100%

3RD GRADE READING SCORES

55%

scoring at or above grade level

State Avg: 60% | 2030 Goal: 100%

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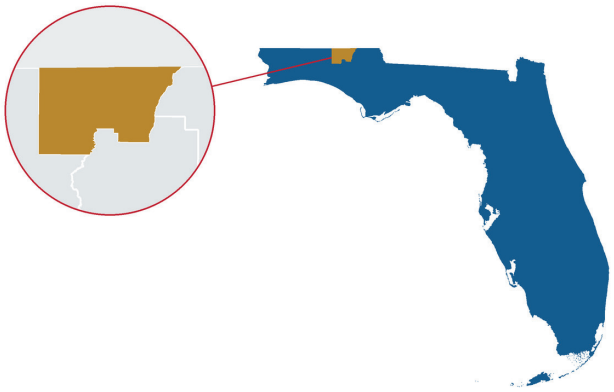
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Holmes County



Local county data

1,019
Children under age 5 (2025 estimate)

86%
of children ages five and under have all available parents in the labor force.

$49,343
Median household income

$8,320
Annual cost of center-based toddler care

CHILD CARE ACCESS



Only 56% of children under 5 have a licensed child care slot available.

Early Learning Options

- Child care centers
- Family child care homes
- School-based early learning programs
- Head Start and Early Head Start

EARLY LEARNING PROGRAMS

SCHOOL READINESS (SR)
21%
of potentially eligible families receive early learning tuition assistance
(207 children)

VOLUNTARY PRE-KINDERGARTEN (VPK)
59%
of 4-year-olds participated in VPK
(120 children)
State Avg: 66%

OUTCOMES THAT MATTER

KINDERGARTEN READINESS
37%
ready for kindergarten

State Avg: 44% | 2030 Goal: 100%

3RD GRADE READING SCORES
48%
scoring at or above grade level

State Avg: 60% | 2030 Goal: 100%

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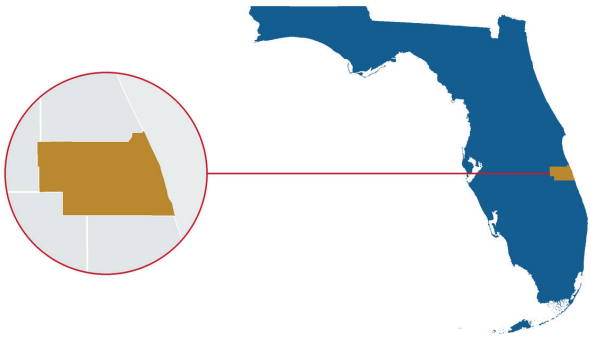
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Indian River County



Local county data

6,382
Children under age 5 (2025 estimate)

77%
of children ages five and under have all available parents in the labor force.

$73,491
Median household income

$10,669
Annual cost of center-based infant care

CHILD CARE ACCESS



Only 75% of children under 5 have a licensed child care slot available.

Early Learning Options

- Child care centers
- Family child care homes
- School-based early learning programs
- Head Start and Early Head Start

EARLY LEARNING PROGRAMS

SCHOOL READINESS (SR)

15%

of potentially eligible families receive early learning tuition assistance
(958 children)

VOLUNTARY PRE-KINDERGARTEN (VPK)

71%

of 4-year-olds participated in VPK
(915 children)
State Avg: 66%

OUTCOMES THAT MATTER

KINDERGARTEN READINESS

45%

ready for kindergarten

State Avg: 44% | 2030 Goal: 100%

3RD GRADE READING SCORES

75%

scoring at or above grade level

State Avg: 60% | 2030 Goal: 100%

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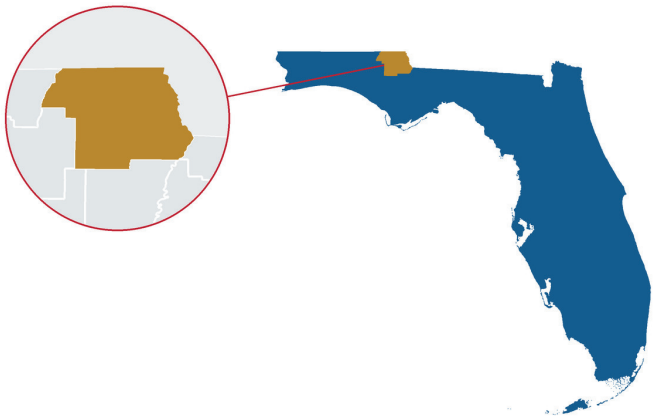
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Jackson County



Local county data

2,469
Children under age 5 (2025 estimate)

68%
of children ages five and under have all available parents in the labor force.

$49,149
Median household income

$11,534
Annual cost of center-based infant care

CHILD CARE ACCESS



Only 56% of children under 5 have a licensed child care slot available.

Early Learning Options

- Child care centers
- Family child care homes
- School-based early learning programs
- Head Start and Early Head Start

EARLY LEARNING PROGRAMS

SCHOOL READINESS (SR)

20%

of potentially eligible families receive early learning tuition assistance
(477 children)

VOLUNTARY PRE-KINDERGARTEN (VPK)

62%

of 4-year-olds participated in VPK
(306 children)
State Avg: 66%

OUTCOMES THAT MATTER

KINDERGARTEN READINESS

30%

ready for kindergarten

State Avg: 44% | 2030 Goal: 100%

3RD GRADE READING SCORES

57%

scoring at or above grade level

State Avg: 60% | 2030 Goal: 100%

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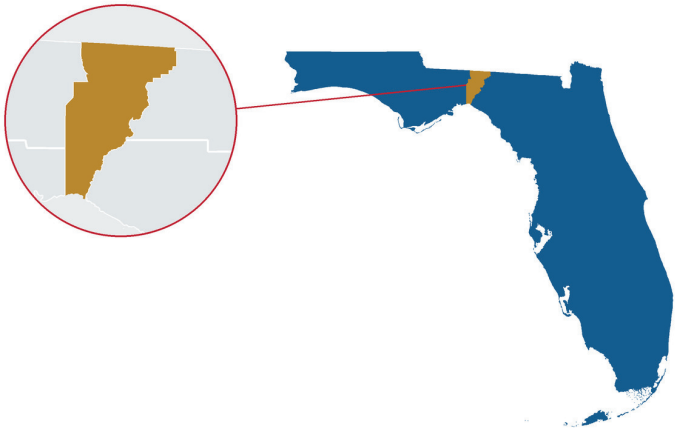
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Jefferson County



Local county data

672
Children under age 5 (2025 estimate)

65%
of children ages five and under have all available parents in the labor force.

$61,212
Median household income

$8,650
Annual cost of center-based infant care

CHILD CARE ACCESS



Only 51% of children under 5 have a licensed child care slot available.

Early Learning Options

- Child care centers
- Family child care homes
- School-based early learning programs
- Head Start and Early Head Start

EARLY LEARNING PROGRAMS

SCHOOL READINESS (SR)

14%

of potentially eligible families receive early learning tuition assistance
(85 children)

VOLUNTARY PRE-KINDERGARTEN (VPK)

31%

of 4-year-olds participated in VPK
(38 children)
State Avg: 66%

OUTCOMES THAT MATTER

KINDERGARTEN READINESS

13%

ready for kindergarten

State Avg: 44% | 2030 Goal: 100%

3RD GRADE READING SCORES

54%

scoring at or above grade level

State Avg: 60% | 2030 Goal: 100%

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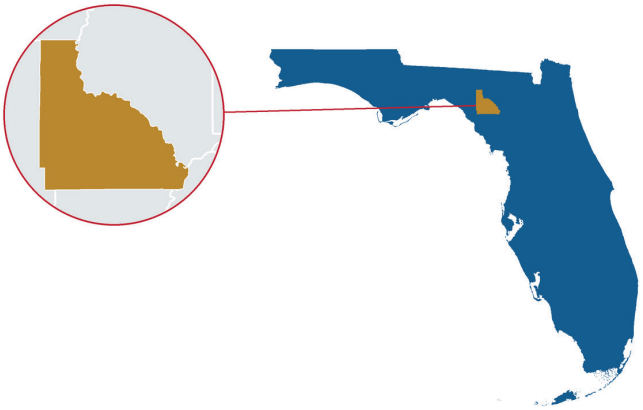
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Lafayette County



Local county data

391
Children under age 5 (2025 estimate)

53%
of children ages five and under have all available parents in the labor force.

$62,757
Median household income

$8,022
Annual cost of center-based infant care

CHILD CARE ACCESS



Only 24% of children under 5 have a licensed child care slot available.

Early Learning Options

- Child care centers
- Family child care homes
- School-based early learning programs
- Head Start and Early Head Start

EARLY LEARNING PROGRAMS

SCHOOL READINESS (SR)
36%
of potentially eligible families receive early learning tuition assistance
(116 children)

VOLUNTARY PRE-KINDERGARTEN (VPK)
77%
of 4-year-olds participated in VPK
(51 children)
State Avg: 66%

OUTCOMES THAT MATTER

KINDERGARTEN READINESS
38%
ready for kindergarten

State Avg: 44% | 2030 Goal: 100%

3RD GRADE READING SCORES
59%
scoring at or above grade level

State Avg: 60% | 2030 Goal: 100%

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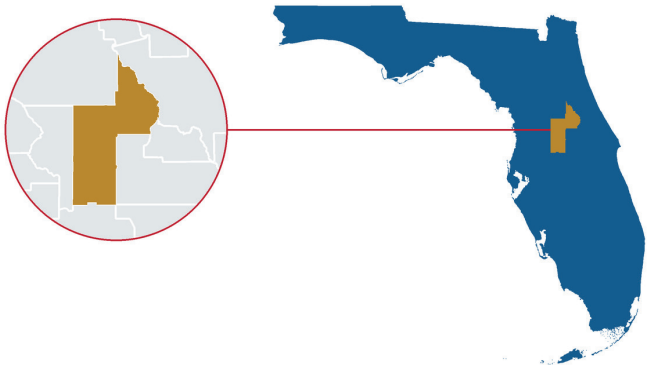
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Lake County



Local county data

20,466
Children under age 5 (2025 estimate)

73%
of children ages five and under have all available parents in the labor force.

$73,161
Median household income

$11,534
Annual cost of center-based infant care

CHILD CARE ACCESS



Only 52% of children under 5 have a licensed child care slot available.

Early Learning Options

- Child care centers
- Family child care homes
- School-based early learning programs
- Head Start and Early Head Start

EARLY LEARNING PROGRAMS

SCHOOL READINESS (SR)
16%
of potentially eligible families receive early learning tuition assistance
(2,983 children)

VOLUNTARY PRE-KINDERGARTEN (VPK)
70%
of 4-year-olds participated in VPK
(2,675 children)
State Avg: 66%

OUTCOMES THAT MATTER

KINDERGARTEN READINESS
48%
ready for kindergarten

State Avg: 44% | 2030 Goal: 100%

3RD GRADE READING SCORES
62%
scoring at or above grade level

State Avg: 60% | 2030 Goal: 100%

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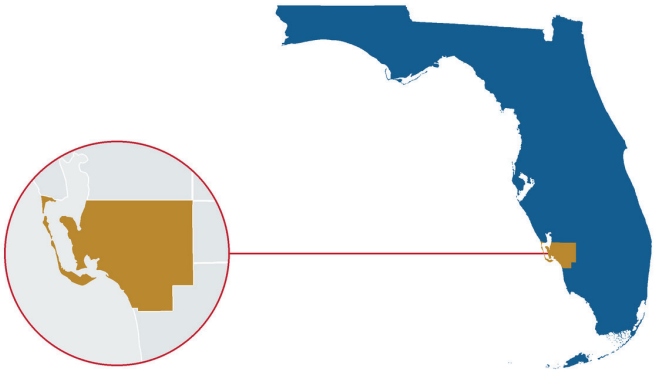
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Lee County



Local county data

37,809
Children under age 5 (2025 estimate)

76%
of children ages five and under have all available parents in the labor force.

$76,107
Median household income

$11,534
Annual cost of center-based infant care

CHILD CARE ACCESS



Only 66% of children under 5 have a licensed child care slot available.

Early Learning Options

- Child care centers
- Family child care homes
- School-based early learning programs
- Head Start and Early Head Start

EARLY LEARNING PROGRAMS

SCHOOL READINESS (SR)

13%

of potentially eligible families receive early learning tuition assistance
(4,571 children)

VOLUNTARY PRE-KINDERGARTEN (VPK)

71%

of 4-year-olds participated in VPK
(5,125 children)
State Avg: 66%

OUTCOMES THAT MATTER

KINDERGARTEN READINESS

38%

ready for kindergarten

State Avg: 44% | 2030 Goal: 100%

3RD GRADE READING SCORES

52%

scoring at or above grade level

State Avg: 60% | 2030 Goal: 100%

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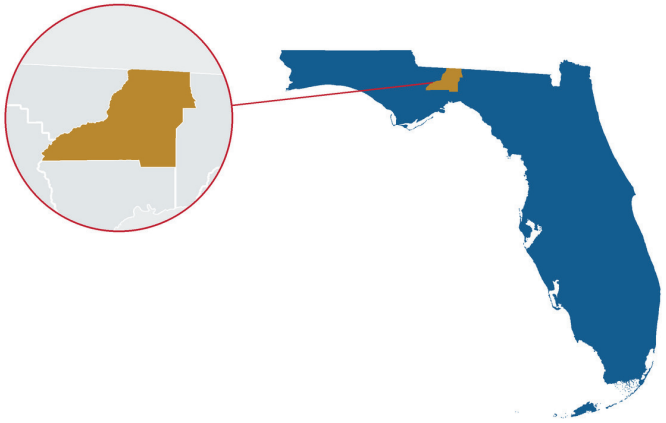
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Leon County



Local county data

14,073
Children under age 5 (2025 estimate)

84%
of children ages five and under have all available parents in the labor force.

$66,287
Median household income

$10,380
Annual cost of center-based infant care

CHILD CARE ACCESS



94% of children under 5 have a licensed child care slot available.

Early Learning Options

- Child care centers
- Family child care homes
- School-based early learning programs
- Head Start and Early Head Start

EARLY LEARNING PROGRAMS

SCHOOL READINESS (SR)

24%

of potentially eligible families receive early learning tuition assistance
(3,572 children)

VOLUNTARY PRE-KINDERGARTEN (VPK)

58%

of 4-year-olds participated in VPK
(1,716 children)
State Avg: 66%

OUTCOMES THAT MATTER

KINDERGARTEN READINESS

42%

ready for kindergarten

State Avg: 44% | 2030 Goal: 100%

3RD GRADE READING SCORES

58%

scoring at or above grade level

State Avg: 60% | 2030 Goal: 100%

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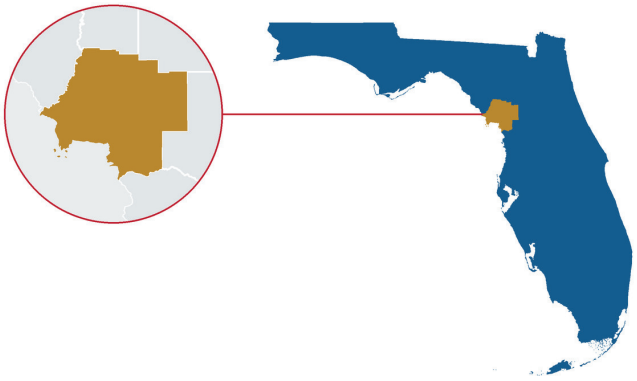
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Levy County



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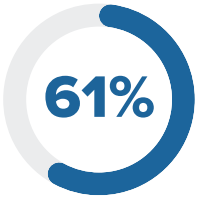
2,054
Children under age 5 (2025 estimate)

62%
of children ages five and under have all available parents in the labor force.

$56,750
Median household income

$10,092
Annual cost of center-based infant care

CHILD CARE ACCESS



Only 61% of children under 5 have a licensed child care slot available.

Early Learning Options

- Child care centers
- Family child care homes
- School-based early learning programs
- Head Start and Early Head Start

EARLY LEARNING PROGRAMS

SCHOOL READINESS (SR)

19%

of potentially eligible families receive early learning tuition assistance
(417 children)

VOLUNTARY PRE-KINDERGARTEN (VPK)

69%

of 4-year-olds participated in VPK
(307 children)
State Avg: 66%

OUTCOMES THAT MATTER

KINDERGARTEN READINESS

39%

ready for kindergarten

State Avg: 44% | 2030 Goal: 100%

3RD GRADE READING SCORES

54%

scoring at or above grade level

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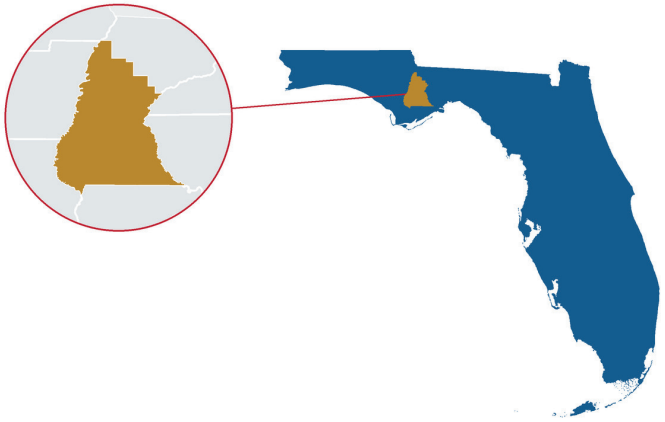
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Children & Families Snapshot

Liberty County



Local county data

382
Children under age 5 (2025 estimate)

71%
of children ages five and under have all available parents in the labor force.

$58,671
Median household income

$9,637
Annual cost of center-based infant care

CHILD CARE ACCESS

11%

Only 11% of children under 5 have a licensed child care slot available.

Early Learning Options

- Child care centers
- Family child care homes
- School-based early learning programs
- Head Start and Early Head Start

EARLY LEARNING PROGRAMS

SCHOOL READINESS (SR)

49%

of potentially eligible families receive early learning tuition assistance
(137 children)

VOLUNTARY PRE-KINDERGARTEN (VPK)

72%

of 4-year-olds participated in VPK
(62 children)
State Avg: 66%

OUTCOMES THAT MATTER

KINDERGARTEN READINESS

45%

ready for kindergarten

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3RD GRADE READING SCORES

60%

scoring at or above grade level

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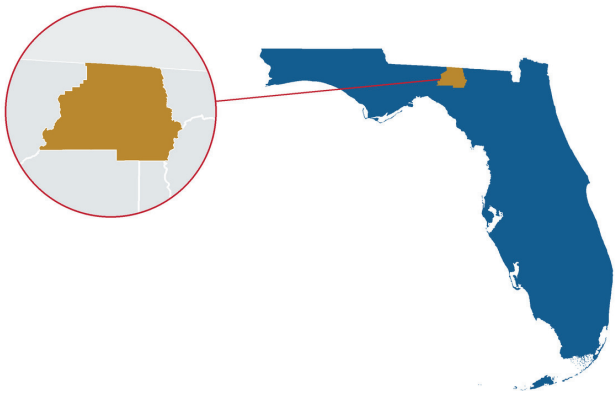
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Children & Families Snapshot

Madison County



Local county data

929
Children under age 5 (2025 estimate)

50%
of children ages five and under have all available parents in the labor force.

$48,485
Median household income

$8,074
Annual cost of center-based infant care

CHILD CARE ACCESS



Only 66% of children under 5 have a licensed child care slot available.

Early Learning Options

- Child care centers
- Family child care homes
- School-based early learning programs
- Head Start and Early Head Start

EARLY LEARNING PROGRAMS

SCHOOL READINESS (SR)

34%

of potentially eligible families receive early learning tuition assistance
(291 children)

VOLUNTARY PRE-KINDERGARTEN (VPK)

53%

of 4-year-olds participated in VPK
(94 children)
State Avg: 66%

OUTCOMES THAT MATTER

KINDERGARTEN READINESS

40%

ready for kindergarten

State Avg: 44% | 2030 Goal: 100%

3RD GRADE READING SCORES

61%

scoring at or above grade level

State Avg: 60% | 2030 Goal: 100%

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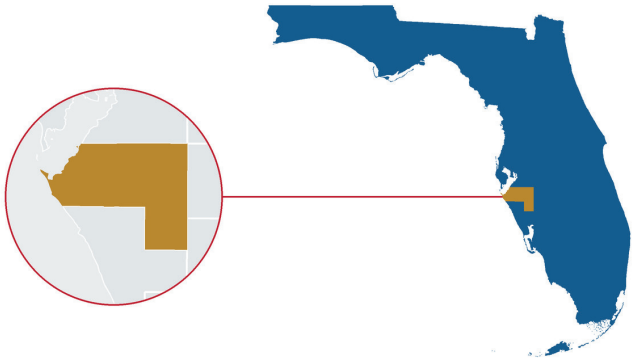
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Manatee County



Local county data

19,987
Children under age 5 (2025 estimate)

78%
of children ages five and under have all available parents in the labor force.

$78,457
Median household income

$12,687
Annual cost of center-based infant care

CHILD CARE ACCESS



Only 65% of children under 5 have a licensed child care slot available.

Early Learning Options

- Child care centers
- Family child care homes
- School-based early learning programs
- Head Start and Early Head Start

EARLY LEARNING PROGRAMS

SCHOOL READINESS (SR)
20%
of potentially eligible families receive early learning tuition assistance
(3,613 children)

VOLUNTARY PRE-KINDERGARTEN (VPK)
73%
of 4-year-olds participated in VPK
(2,716 children)
State Avg: 66%

OUTCOMES THAT MATTER

KINDERGARTEN READINESS
45%
ready for kindergarten

State Avg: 44% | 2030 Goal: 100%

3RD GRADE READING SCORES
56%
scoring at or above grade level

State Avg: 60% | 2030 Goal: 100%

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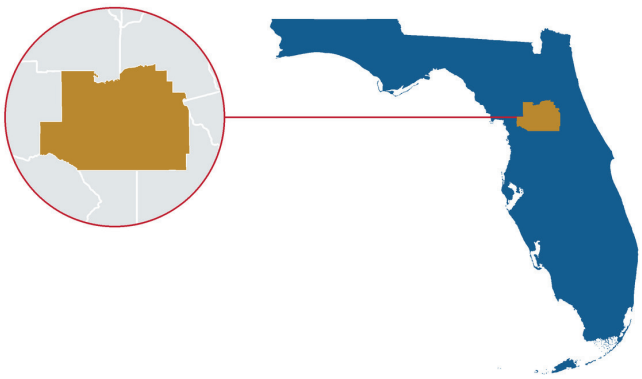
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Marion County



Local county data

19,674
Children under age 5 (2025 estimate)

73%
of children ages five and under have all available parents in the labor force.

$61,010
Median household income

$10,669
Annual cost of center-based infant care

CHILD CARE ACCESS



Only 61% of children under 5 have a licensed child care slot available.

Early Learning Options

- Child care centers
- Family child care homes
- School-based early learning programs
- Head Start and Early Head Start

EARLY LEARNING PROGRAMS

SCHOOL READINESS (SR)

17%

of potentially eligible families receive early learning tuition assistance
(3,132 children)

VOLUNTARY PRE-KINDERGARTEN (VPK)

59%

of 4-year-olds participated in VPK
(2,191 children)
State Avg: 66%

OUTCOMES THAT MATTER

KINDERGARTEN READINESS

37%

ready for kindergarten

State Avg: 44% | 2030 Goal: 100%

3RD GRADE READING SCORES

46%

scoring at or above grade level

State Avg: 60% | 2030 Goal: 100%

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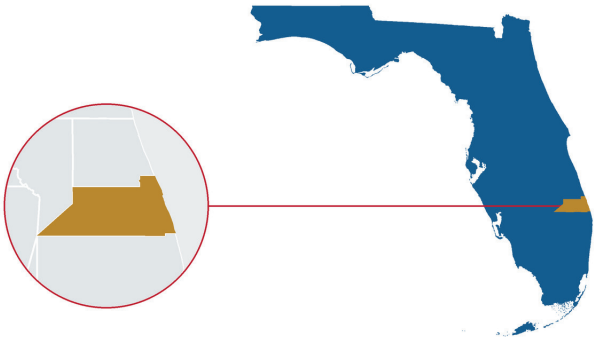
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Martin County



Local county data

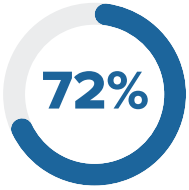
6,429
Children under age 5 (2025 estimate)

77%
of children ages five and under have all available parents in the labor force.

$82,943
Median household income

$13,840
Annual cost of center-based infant care

CHILD CARE ACCESS



Only 72% of children under 5 have a licensed child care slot available.

Early Learning Options

- Child care centers
- Family child care homes
- School-based early learning programs
- Head Start and Early Head Start

EARLY LEARNING PROGRAMS

SCHOOL READINESS (SR)

15%

of potentially eligible families receive early learning tuition assistance
(971 children)

VOLUNTARY PRE-KINDERGARTEN (VPK)

87%

of 4-year-olds participated in VPK
(1,133 children)
State Avg: 66%

OUTCOMES THAT MATTER

KINDERGARTEN READINESS

52%

ready for kindergarten

State Avg: 44% | 2030 Goal: 100%

3RD GRADE READING SCORES

59%

scoring at or above grade level

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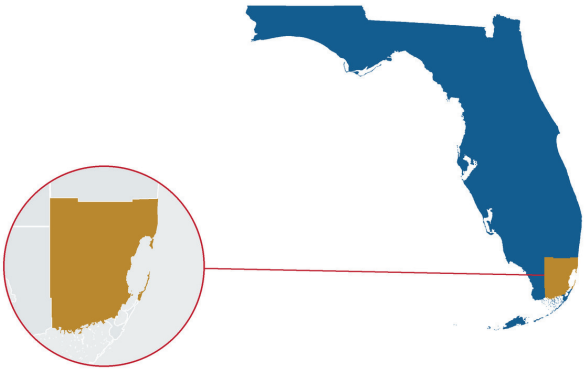
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Miami-Dade County



Local county data

150,429
Children under age 5 (2025 estimate)

80%
of children ages five and under have all available parents in the labor force.

$71,753
Median household income

$11,534
Annual cost of center-based infant care

CHILD CARE ACCESS



Only 83% of children under 5 have a licensed child care slot available.

Early Learning Options

- Child care centers
- Family child care homes
- School-based early learning programs
- Head Start and Early Head Start

EARLY LEARNING PROGRAMS

SCHOOL READINESS (SR)

17%

of potentially eligible families receive early learning tuition assistance
(24,366 children)

VOLUNTARY PRE-KINDERGARTEN (VPK)

67%

of 4-year-olds participated in VPK
(20,088 children)
State Avg: 66%

OUTCOMES THAT MATTER

KINDERGARTEN READINESS

43%

ready for kindergarten

State Avg: 44% | 2030 Goal: 100%

3RD GRADE READING SCORES

64%

scoring at or above grade level

State Avg: 60% | 2030 Goal: 100%

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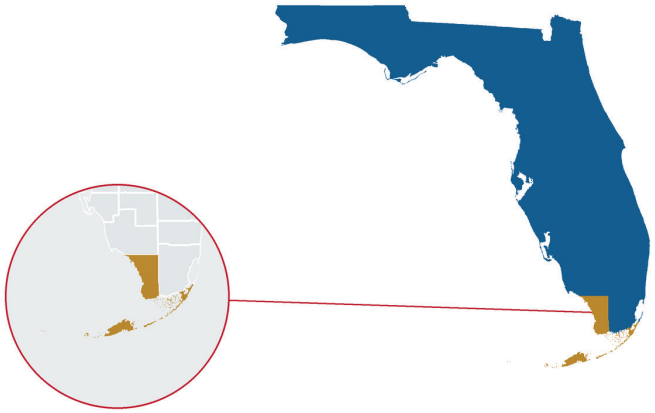
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Children & Families Snapshot

Monroe County



Local county data

3,620
Children under age 5 (2025 estimate)

89%
of children ages five and under have all available parents in the labor force.

$87,738
Median household income

$11,534
Annual cost of center-based infant care

CHILD CARE ACCESS



Only 82% of children under 5 have a licensed child care slot available.

Early Learning Options

- Child care centers
- Family child care homes
- School-based early learning programs
- Head Start and Early Head Start

EARLY LEARNING PROGRAMS

SCHOOL READINESS (SR)

21%

of potentially eligible families receive early learning tuition assistance
(734 children)

VOLUNTARY PRE-KINDERGARTEN (VPK)

63%

of 4-year-olds participated in VPK
(458 children)
State Avg: 66%

OUTCOMES THAT MATTER

KINDERGARTEN READINESS

42%

ready for kindergarten

State Avg: 44% | 2030 Goal: 100%

3RD GRADE READING SCORES

62%

scoring at or above grade level

State Avg: 60% | 2030 Goal: 100%

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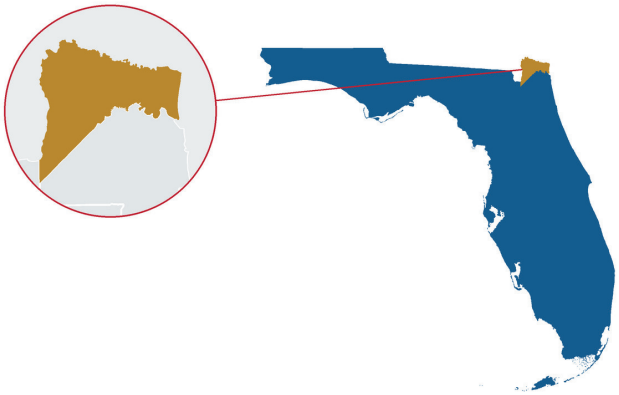
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Nassau County



Local county data

4,680
Children under age 5 (2025 estimate)

85%
of children ages five and under have all available parents in the labor force.

$89,804
Median household income

$10,975
Annual cost of center-based infant care

CHILD CARE ACCESS



Only 60% of children under 5 have a licensed child care slot available.

Early Learning Options

- Child care centers
- Family child care homes
- School-based early learning programs
- Head Start and Early Head Start

EARLY LEARNING PROGRAMS

SCHOOL READINESS (SR)

12%

of potentially eligible families receive early learning tuition assistance
(556 children)

VOLUNTARY PRE-KINDERGARTEN (VPK)

64%

of 4-year-olds participated in VPK
(583 children)
State Avg: 66%

OUTCOMES THAT MATTER

KINDERGARTEN READINESS

38%

ready for kindergarten

State Avg: 44% | 2030 Goal: 100%

3RD GRADE READING SCORES

74%

scoring at or above grade level

State Avg: 60% | 2030 Goal: 100%

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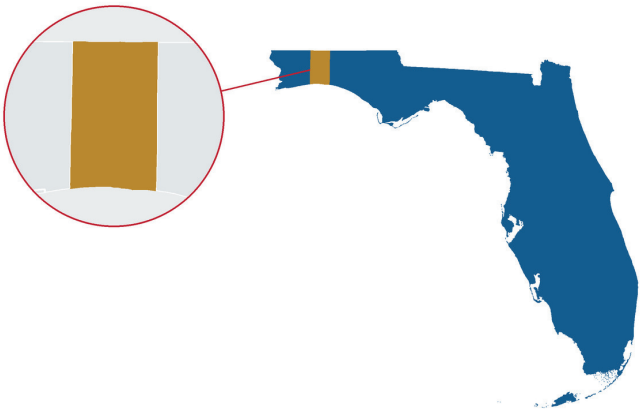
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Okaloosa County



Local county data

13,473
Children under age 5 (2025 estimate)

72%
of children ages five and under have all available parents in the labor force.

$81,998
Median household income

$12,975
Annual cost of center-based infant care

CHILD CARE ACCESS



Only 71% of children under 5 have a licensed child care slot available.

Early Learning Options

- Child care centers
- Family child care homes
- School-based early learning programs
- Head Start and Early Head Start

EARLY LEARNING PROGRAMS

SCHOOL READINESS (SR)

11%

of potentially eligible families receive early learning tuition assistance
(1,496 children)

VOLUNTARY PRE-KINDERGARTEN (VPK)

63%

of 4-year-olds participated in VPK
(1,711 children)
State Avg: 66%

OUTCOMES THAT MATTER

KINDERGARTEN READINESS

41%

ready for kindergarten

State Avg: 44% | 2030 Goal: 100%

3RD GRADE READING SCORES

62%

scoring at or above grade level

State Avg: 60% | 2030 Goal: 100%

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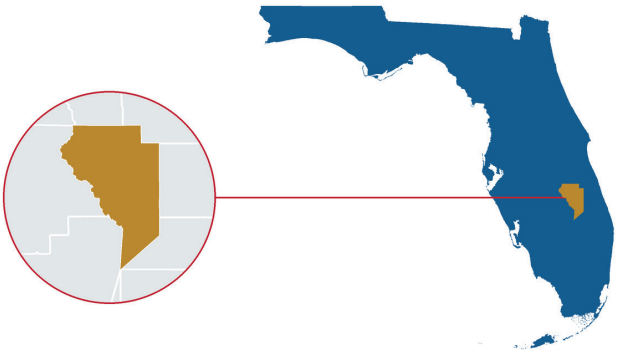
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Okeechobee County



Local county data

2,544
Children under age 5 (2025 estimate)

63%
of children ages five and under have all available parents in the labor force.

$57,984
Median household income

$9,630
Annual cost of center-based infant care

CHILD CARE ACCESS



Only 56% of children under 5 have a licensed child care slot available.

Early Learning Options

- Child care centers
- Family child care homes
- School-based early learning programs
- Head Start and Early Head Start

EARLY LEARNING PROGRAMS

SCHOOL READINESS (SR)

14%

of potentially eligible families receive early learning tuition assistance
(318 children)

VOLUNTARY PRE-KINDERGARTEN (VPK)

71%

of 4-year-olds participated in VPK
(336 children)
State Avg: 66%

OUTCOMES THAT MATTER

KINDERGARTEN READINESS

28%

ready for kindergarten

State Avg: 44% | 2030 Goal: 100%

3RD GRADE READING SCORES

50%

scoring at or above grade level

State Avg: 60% | 2030 Goal: 100%

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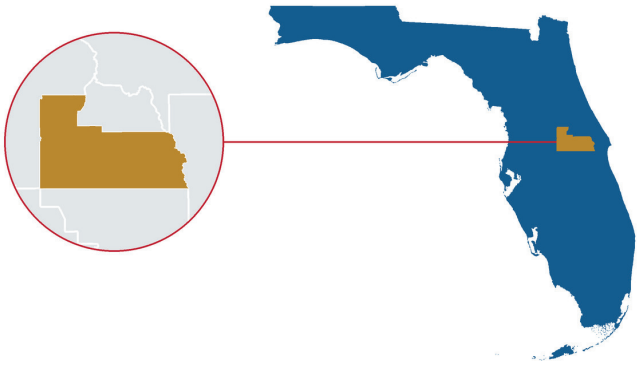
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Orange County



Local county data

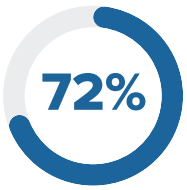
85,137
Children under age 5 (2025 estimate)

81%
of children ages five and under have all available parents in the labor force.

$79,719
Median household income

$12,975
Annual cost of center-based infant care

CHILD CARE ACCESS



Only 72% of children under 5 have a licensed child care slot available.

Early Learning Options

- Child care centers
- Family child care homes
- School-based early learning programs
- Head Start and Early Head Start

EARLY LEARNING PROGRAMS

SCHOOL READINESS (SR)

18%

of potentially eligible families receive early learning tuition assistance
(15,058 children)

VOLUNTARY PRE-KINDERGARTEN (VPK)

72%

of 4-year-olds participated in VPK
(12,124 children)
State Avg: 66%

OUTCOMES THAT MATTER

KINDERGARTEN READINESS

47%

ready for kindergarten

State Avg: 44% | 2030 Goal: 100%

3RD GRADE READING SCORES

63%

scoring at or above grade level

State Avg: 60% | 2030 Goal: 100%

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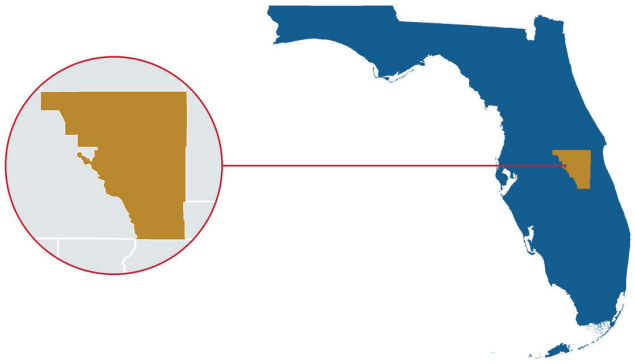
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Children & Families Snapshot

Osceola County



Local county data

25,580
Children under age 5 (2025 estimate)

82%
of children ages five and under have all available parents in the labor force.

$72,637
Median household income

$11,707
Annual cost of center-based infant care

CHILD CARE ACCESS



Only 43% of children under 5 have a licensed child care slot available.

Early Learning Options

- Child care centers
- Family child care homes
- School-based early learning programs
- Head Start and Early Head Start

EARLY LEARNING PROGRAMS

SCHOOL READINESS (SR)

16%

of potentially eligible families receive early learning tuition assistance
(3,981 children)

VOLUNTARY PRE-KINDERGARTEN (VPK)

72%

of 4-year-olds participated in VPK
(3,540 children)
State Avg: 66%

OUTCOMES THAT MATTER

KINDERGARTEN READINESS

39%

ready for kindergarten

State Avg: 44% | 2030 Goal: 100%

3RD GRADE READING SCORES

56%

scoring at or above grade level

State Avg: 60% | 2030 Goal: 100%

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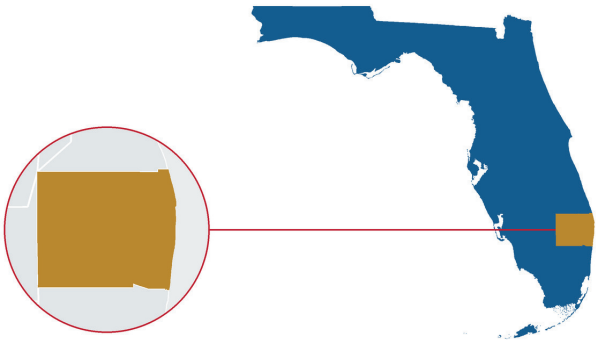
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Children & Families Snapshot

Palm Beach County



Local county data

76,922
Children under age 5 (2025 estimate)

81%
of children ages five and under have all available parents in the labor force.

$83,581
Median household income

$17,589
Annual cost of center-based infant care

CHILD CARE ACCESS



Only 63% of children under 5 have a licensed child care slot available.

Early Learning Options

- Child care centers
- Family child care homes
- School-based early learning programs
- Head Start and Early Head Start

EARLY LEARNING PROGRAMS

SCHOOL READINESS (SR)

28%

of potentially eligible families receive early learning tuition assistance
(20,945 children)

VOLUNTARY PRE-KINDERGARTEN (VPK)

70%

of 4-year-olds participated in VPK
(10,654 children)
State Avg: 66%

OUTCOMES THAT MATTER

KINDERGARTEN READINESS

44%

ready for kindergarten

State Avg: 44% | 2030 Goal: 100%

3RD GRADE READING SCORES

59%

scoring at or above grade level

State Avg: 60% | 2030 Goal: 100%

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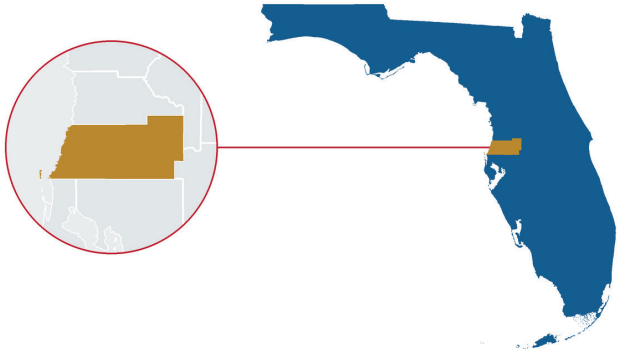
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Children & Families Snapshot

Pasco County



Local county data

30,986
Children under age 5 (2025 estimate)

79%
of children ages five and under have all available parents in the labor force.

$70,492
Median household income

$12,975
Annual cost of center-based infant care

CHILD CARE ACCESS



Only 65% of children under 5 have a licensed child care slot available.

Early Learning Options

- Child care centers
- Family child care homes
- School-based early learning programs
- Head Start and Early Head Start

EARLY LEARNING PROGRAMS

SCHOOL READINESS (SR)

14%

of potentially eligible families receive early learning tuition assistance
(3,933 children)

VOLUNTARY PRE-KINDERGARTEN (VPK)

81%

of 4-year-olds participated in VPK
(4,797 children)
State Avg: 66%

OUTCOMES THAT MATTER

KINDERGARTEN READINESS

45%

ready for kindergarten

State Avg: 44% | 2030 Goal: 100%

3RD GRADE READING SCORES

61%

scoring at or above grade level

State Avg: 60% | 2030 Goal: 100%

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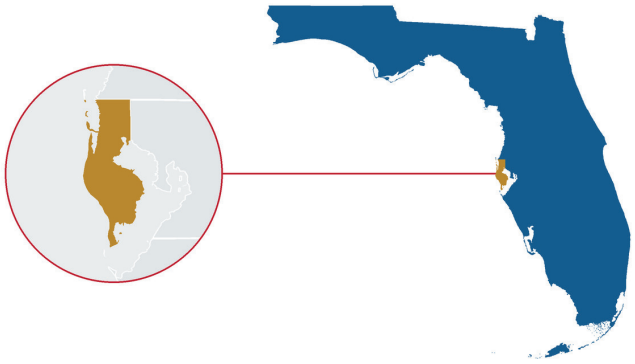
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Children & Families Snapshot

Pinellas County



Local county data

36,318
Children under age 5 (2025 estimate)

81%
of children ages five and under have all available parents in the labor force.

$72,646
Median household income

$17,300
Annual cost of center-based infant care

CHILD CARE ACCESS



Only 65% of children under 5 have a licensed child care slot available.

Early Learning Options

- Child care centers
- Family child care homes
- School-based early learning programs
- Head Start and Early Head Start

EARLY LEARNING PROGRAMS

SCHOOL READINESS (SR)

21%

of potentially eligible families receive early learning tuition assistance
(8,165 children)

VOLUNTARY PRE-KINDERGARTEN (VPK)

65%

of 4-year-olds participated in VPK
(5,042 children)
State Avg: 66%

OUTCOMES THAT MATTER

KINDERGARTEN READINESS

53%

ready for kindergarten

State Avg: 44% | 2030 Goal: 100%

3RD GRADE READING SCORES

68%

scoring at or above grade level

State Avg: 60% | 2030 Goal: 100%

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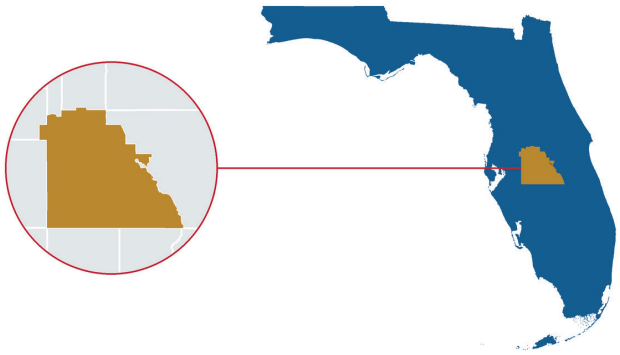
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Polk County



Local county data

47,471
Children under age 5 (2025 estimate)

71%
of children ages five and under have all available parents in the labor force.

$65,978
Median household income

$13,264
Annual cost of center-based infant care

CHILD CARE ACCESS



Only 49% of children under 5 have a licensed child care slot available.

Early Learning Options

- Child care centers
- Family child care homes
- School-based early learning programs
- Head Start and Early Head Start

EARLY LEARNING PROGRAMS

SCHOOL READINESS (SR)

19%

of potentially eligible families receive early learning tuition assistance
(8,173 children)

VOLUNTARY PRE-KINDERGARTEN (VPK)

53%

of 4-year-olds participated in VPK
(4,657 children)
State Avg: 66%

OUTCOMES THAT MATTER

KINDERGARTEN READINESS

38%

ready for kindergarten

State Avg: 44% | 2030 Goal: 100%

3RD GRADE READING SCORES

53%

scoring at or above grade level

State Avg: 60% | 2030 Goal: 100%

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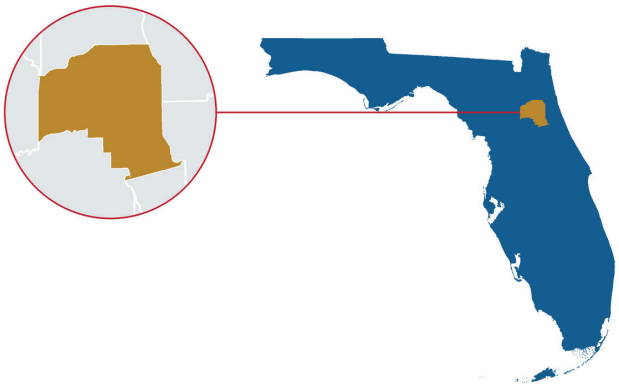
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Children & Families Snapshot

Putnam County



Local county data

4,088
Children under age 5 (2025 estimate)

73%
of children ages five and under have all available parents in the labor force.

$47,934
Median household income

$9,057
Annual cost of center-based infant care

CHILD CARE ACCESS



Only 60% of children under 5 have a licensed child care slot available.

Early Learning Options

- Child care centers
- Family child care homes
- School-based early learning programs
- Head Start and Early Head Start

EARLY LEARNING PROGRAMS

SCHOOL READINESS (SR)

11%

of potentially eligible families receive early learning tuition assistance
(479 children)

VOLUNTARY PRE-KINDERGARTEN (VPK)

61%

of 4-year-olds participated in VPK
(508 children)
State Avg: 66%

OUTCOMES THAT MATTER

KINDERGARTEN READINESS

35%

ready for kindergarten

State Avg: 44% | 2030 Goal: 100%

3RD GRADE READING SCORES

41%

scoring at or above grade level

State Avg: 60% | 2030 Goal: 100%

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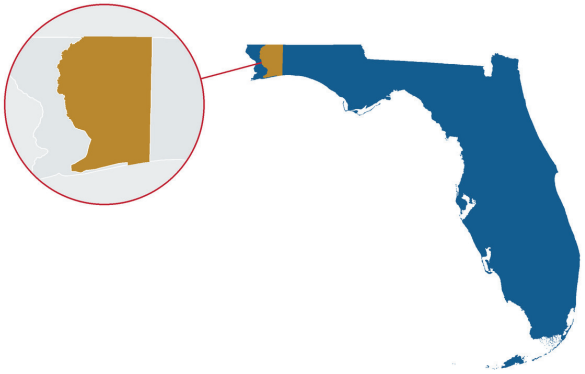
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Children & Families Snapshot

Santa Rosa County



Local county data

10,575
Children under age 5 (2025 estimate)

65%
of children ages five and under have all available parents in the labor force.

$91,922
Median household income

$13,552
Annual cost of center-based infant care

CHILD CARE ACCESS



Only 50% of children under 5 have a licensed child care slot available.

Early Learning Options

- Child care centers
- Family child care homes
- School-based early learning programs
- Head Start and Early Head Start

EARLY LEARNING PROGRAMS

SCHOOL READINESS (SR)

12%

of potentially eligible families receive early learning tuition assistance
(1,227 children)

VOLUNTARY PRE-KINDERGARTEN (VPK)

54%

of 4-year-olds participated in VPK
(1,150 children)
State Avg: 66%

OUTCOMES THAT MATTER

KINDERGARTEN READINESS

46%

ready for kindergarten

State Avg: 44% | 2030 Goal: 100%

3RD GRADE READING SCORES

68%

scoring at or above grade level

State Avg: 60% | 2030 Goal: 100%

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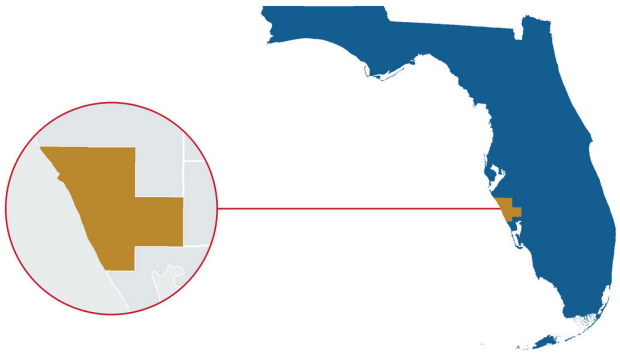
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Children & Families Snapshot

Sarasota County



Local county data

15,634
Children under age 5 (2025 estimate)

79%
of children ages five and under have all available parents in the labor force.

$83,416
Median household income

$12,110
Annual cost of center-based infant care

CHILD CARE ACCESS



Only 60% of children under 5 have a licensed child care slot available.

Early Learning Options

- Child care centers
- Family child care homes
- School-based early learning programs
- Head Start and Early Head Start

EARLY LEARNING PROGRAMS

SCHOOL READINESS (SR)

12%

of potentially eligible families receive early learning tuition assistance
(1,807 children)

VOLUNTARY PRE-KINDERGARTEN (VPK)

58%

of 4-year-olds participated in VPK
(1,764 children)
State Avg: 66%

OUTCOMES THAT MATTER

KINDERGARTEN READINESS

55%

ready for kindergarten

State Avg: 44% | 2030 Goal: 100%

3RD GRADE READING SCORES

71%

scoring at or above grade level

State Avg: 60% | 2030 Goal: 100%

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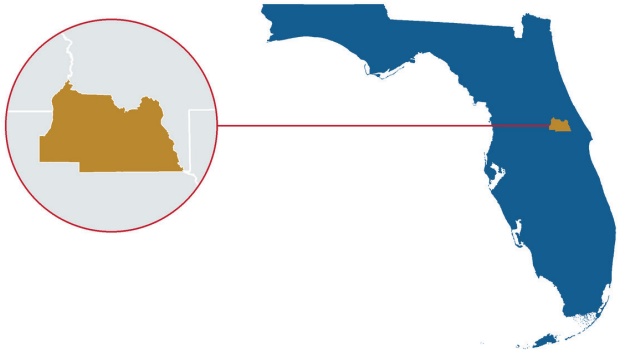
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Children & Families Snapshot

Seminole County



Local county data

24,131
Children under age 5 (2025 estimate)

80%
of children ages five and under have all available parents in the labor force.

$85,761
Median household income

$14,359
Annual cost of center-based infant care

CHILD CARE ACCESS



Only 92% of children under 5 have a licensed child care slot available.

Early Learning Options

- Child care centers
- Family child care homes
- School-based early learning programs
- Head Start and Early Head Start

EARLY LEARNING PROGRAMS

SCHOOL READINESS (SR)

12%

of potentially eligible families receive early learning tuition assistance
(2,887 children)

VOLUNTARY PRE-KINDERGARTEN (VPK)

81%

of 4-year-olds participated in VPK
(3,934 children)
State Avg: 66%

OUTCOMES THAT MATTER

KINDERGARTEN READINESS

50%

ready for kindergarten

State Avg: 44% | 2030 Goal: 100%

3RD GRADE READING SCORES

72%

scoring at or above grade level

State Avg: 60% | 2030 Goal: 100%

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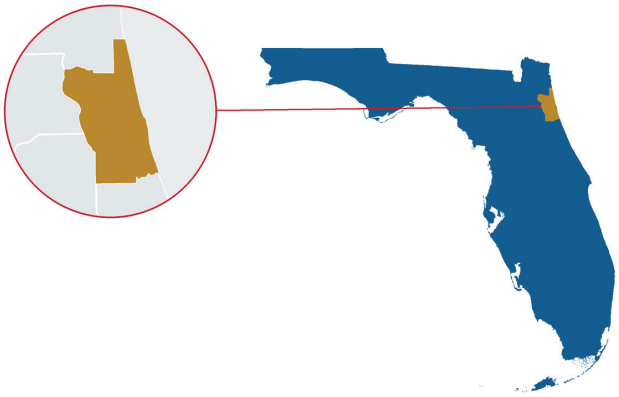
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Children & Families Snapshot

St. Johns County



Local county data

15,154
Children under age 5 (2025 estimate)

85%
of children ages five and under have all available parents in the labor force.

$109,839
Median household income

$16,147
Annual cost of center-based infant care

CHILD CARE ACCESS



Only 88% of children under 5 have a licensed child care slot available.

Early Learning Options

- Child care centers
- Family child care homes
- School-based early learning programs
- Head Start and Early Head Start

EARLY LEARNING PROGRAMS

SCHOOL READINESS (SR)

15%

of potentially eligible families receive early learning tuition assistance
(2,036 children)

VOLUNTARY PRE-KINDERGARTEN (VPK)

87%

of 4-year-olds participated in VPK
(2,762 children)
State Avg: 66%

OUTCOMES THAT MATTER

KINDERGARTEN READINESS

58%

ready for kindergarten

State Avg: 44% | 2030 Goal: 100%

3RD GRADE READING SCORES

78%

scoring at or above grade level

State Avg: 60% | 2030 Goal: 100%

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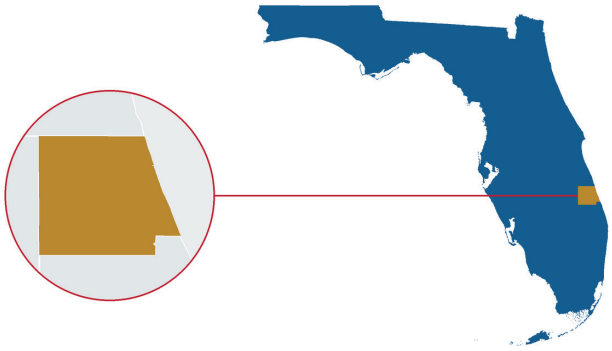
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Children & Families Snapshot

St. Lucie County



Local county data

19,576
Children under age 5 (2025 estimate)

86%
of children ages five and under have all available parents in the labor force.

$71,457
Median household income

$13,552
Annual cost of center-based infant care

CHILD CARE ACCESS



Only 58% of children under 5 have a licensed child care slot available.

Early Learning Options

- Child care centers
- Family child care homes
- School-based early learning programs
- Head Start and Early Head Start

EARLY LEARNING PROGRAMS

SCHOOL READINESS (SR)

29%

of potentially eligible families receive early learning tuition assistance
(5,002 children)

VOLUNTARY PRE-KINDERGARTEN (VPK)

72%

of 4-year-olds participated in VPK
(2,526 children)
State Avg: 66%

OUTCOMES THAT MATTER

KINDERGARTEN READINESS

42%

ready for kindergarten

State Avg: 44% | 2030 Goal: 100%

3RD GRADE READING SCORES

57%

scoring at or above grade level

State Avg: 60% | 2030 Goal: 100%

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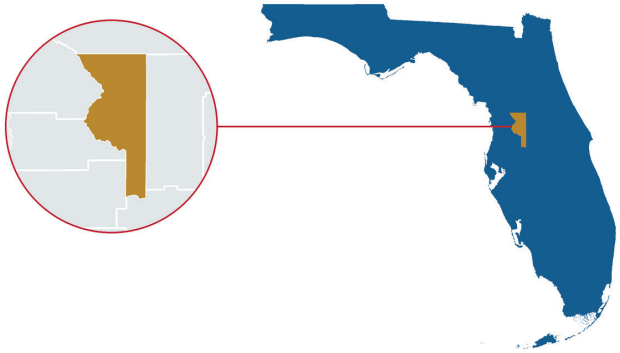
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Children & Families Snapshot

Sumter County



Local county data

3,134
Children under age 5 (2025 estimate)

64%
of children ages five and under have all available parents in the labor force.

$76,508
Median household income

$12,975
Annual cost of center-based infant care

CHILD CARE ACCESS



Only 59% of children under 5 have a licensed child care slot available.

Early Learning Options

- Child care centers
- Family child care homes
- School-based early learning programs
- Head Start and Early Head Start

EARLY LEARNING PROGRAMS

SCHOOL READINESS (SR)

30%

of potentially eligible families receive early learning tuition assistance
(765 children)

VOLUNTARY PRE-KINDERGARTEN (VPK)

98%

of 4-year-olds participated in VPK
(508 children)
State Avg: 66%

OUTCOMES THAT MATTER

KINDERGARTEN READINESS

48%

ready for kindergarten

State Avg: 44% | 2030 Goal: 100%

3RD GRADE READING SCORES

66%

scoring at or above grade level

State Avg: 60% | 2030 Goal: 100%

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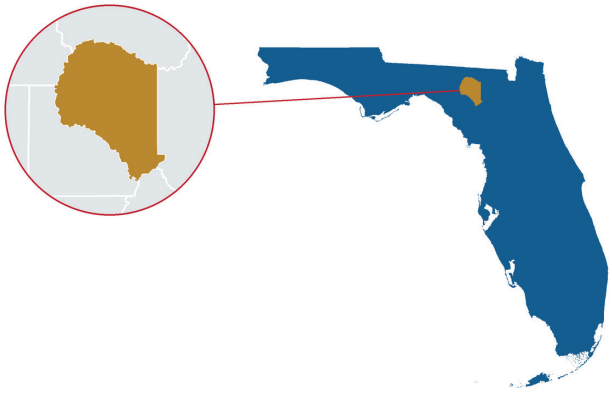
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Suwannee County



Local county data

2,328
Children under age 5 (2025 estimate)

82%
of children ages five and under have all available parents in the labor force.

$56,658
Median household income

$7,497
Annual cost of center-based infant care

CHILD CARE ACCESS



Only 44% of children under 5 have a licensed child care slot available.

Early Learning Options

- Child care centers
- Family child care homes
- School-based early learning programs
- Head Start and Early Head Start

EARLY LEARNING PROGRAMS

SCHOOL READINESS (SR)

29%

of potentially eligible families receive early learning tuition assistance
(613 children)

VOLUNTARY PRE-KINDERGARTEN (VPK)

60%

of 4-year-olds participated in VPK
(257 children)
State Avg: 66%

OUTCOMES THAT MATTER

KINDERGARTEN READINESS

46%

ready for kindergarten

State Avg: 44% | 2030 Goal: 100%

3RD GRADE READING SCORES

58%

scoring at or above grade level

State Avg: 60% | 2030 Goal: 100%

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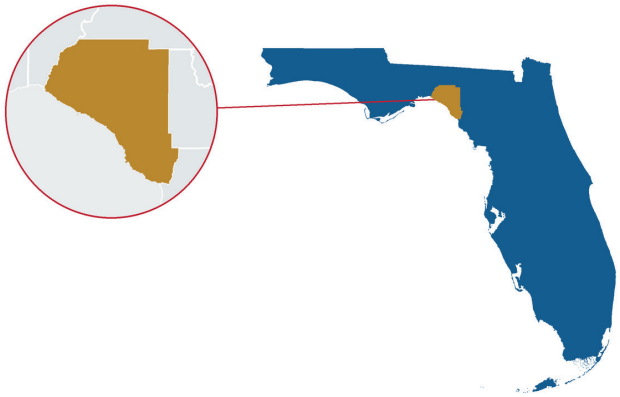
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Taylor County



Local county data

1,230
Children under age 5 (2025 estimate)

70%
of children ages five and under have all available parents in the labor force.

$49,073
Median household income

$9,360
Annual cost of infant care in family child care homes

CHILD CARE ACCESS



Only 89% of children under 5 have a licensed child care slot available.

Early Learning Options

- Child care centers
- Family child care homes
- School-based early learning programs
- Head Start and Early Head Start

EARLY LEARNING PROGRAMS

SCHOOL READINESS (SR)

34%

of potentially eligible families receive early learning tuition assistance
(318 children)

VOLUNTARY PRE-KINDERGARTEN (VPK)

66%

of 4-year-olds participated in VPK
(125 children)
State Avg: 66%

OUTCOMES THAT MATTER

KINDERGARTEN READINESS

45%

ready for kindergarten

State Avg: 44% | 2030 Goal: 100%

3RD GRADE READING SCORES

55%

scoring at or above grade level

State Avg: 60% | 2030 Goal: 100%

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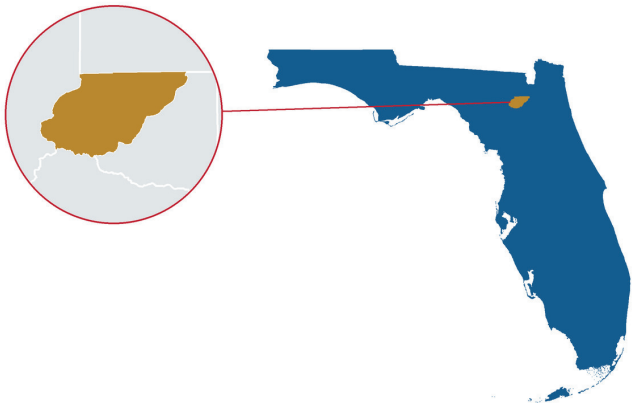
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Union County



Local county data

785
Children under age 5 (2025 estimate)

65%
of children ages five and under have all available parents in the labor force.

$64,146
Median household income

$7,581
Annual cost of center-based infant care

CHILD CARE ACCESS



Only 65% of children under 5 have a licensed child care slot available.

Early Learning Options

- Child care centers
- Family child care homes
- School-based early learning programs
- Head Start and Early Head Start

EARLY LEARNING PROGRAMS

SCHOOL READINESS (SR)
25%
of potentially eligible families receive early learning tuition assistance
(216 children)

VOLUNTARY PRE-KINDERGARTEN (VPK)
67%
of 4-year-olds participated in VPK
(116 children)
State Avg: 66%

OUTCOMES THAT MATTER

KINDERGARTEN READINESS
44%
ready for kindergarten

State Avg: 44% | 2030 Goal: 100%

3RD GRADE READING SCORES
59%
scoring at or above grade level

State Avg: 60% | 2030 Goal: 100%

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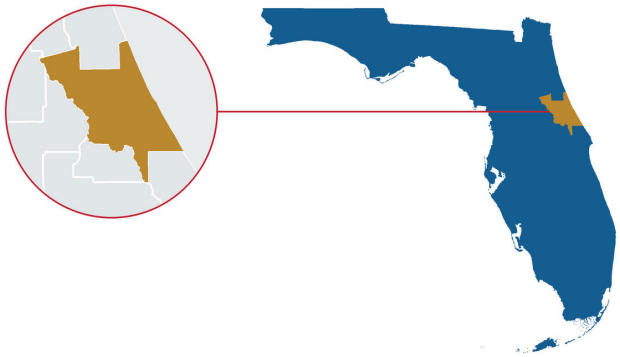
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Volusia County



Local county data

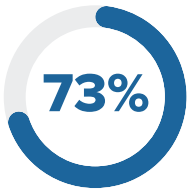
26,050
Children under age 5 (2025 estimate)

80%
of children ages five and under have all available parents in the labor force.

$70,044
Median household income

$11,534
Annual cost of center-based infant care

CHILD CARE ACCESS



Only 73% of children under 5 have a licensed child care slot available.

Early Learning Options

- Child care centers
- Family child care homes
- School-based early learning programs
- Head Start and Early Head Start

EARLY LEARNING PROGRAMS

SCHOOL READINESS (SR)

19%

of potentially eligible families receive early learning tuition assistance
(4,741 children)

VOLUNTARY PRE-KINDERGARTEN (VPK)

64%

of 4-year-olds participated in VPK
(3,308 children)
State Avg: 66%

OUTCOMES THAT MATTER

KINDERGARTEN READINESS

46%

ready for kindergarten

State Avg: 44% | 2030 Goal: 100%

3RD GRADE READING SCORES

61%

scoring at or above grade level

State Avg: 60% | 2030 Goal: 100%

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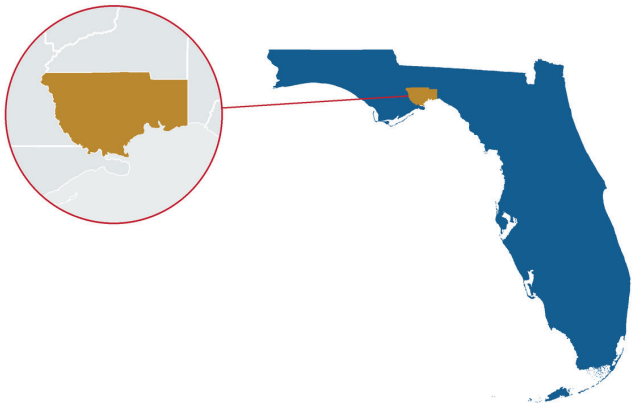
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Wakulla County



Local county data

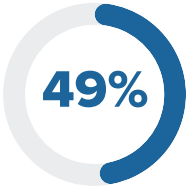
1,944
Children under age 5 (2025 estimate)

97%
of children ages five and under have all available parents in the labor force.

$81,895
Median household income

$9,988
Annual cost of center-based infant care

CHILD CARE ACCESS



Only 49% of children under 5 have a licensed child care slot available.

Early Learning Options

- Child care centers
- Family child care homes
- School-based early learning programs
- Head Start and Early Head Start

EARLY LEARNING PROGRAMS

SCHOOL READINESS (SR)

33%

of potentially eligible families receive early learning tuition assistance
(569 children)

VOLUNTARY PRE-KINDERGARTEN (VPK)

46%

of 4-year-olds participated in VPK
(164 children)
State Avg: 66%

OUTCOMES THAT MATTER

KINDERGARTEN READINESS

44%

ready for kindergarten

State Avg: 44% | 2030 Goal: 100%

3RD GRADE READING SCORES

65%

scoring at or above grade level

State Avg: 60% | 2030 Goal: 100%

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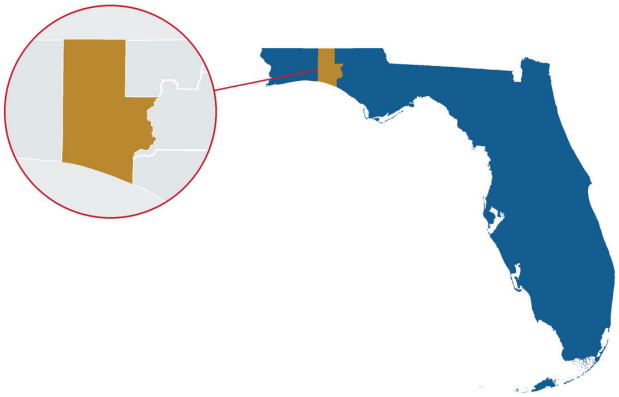
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Children & Families Snapshot

Walton County



Local county data

4,988
Children under age 5 (2025 estimate)

80%
of children ages five and under have all available parents in the labor force.

$81,986
Median household income

$11,534
Annual cost of center-based infant care

CHILD CARE ACCESS



Only 33% of children under 5 have a licensed child care slot available.

Early Learning Options

- Child care centers
- Family child care homes
- School-based early learning programs
- Head Start and Early Head Start

EARLY LEARNING PROGRAMS

SCHOOL READINESS (SR)

13%

of potentially eligible families receive early learning tuition assistance
(577 children)

VOLUNTARY PRE-KINDERGARTEN (VPK)

47%

of 4-year-olds participated in VPK
(442 children)
State Avg: 66%

OUTCOMES THAT MATTER

KINDERGARTEN READINESS

47%

ready for kindergarten

State Avg: 44% | 2030 Goal: 100%

3RD GRADE READING SCORES

71%

scoring at or above grade level

State Avg: 60% | 2030 Goal: 100%

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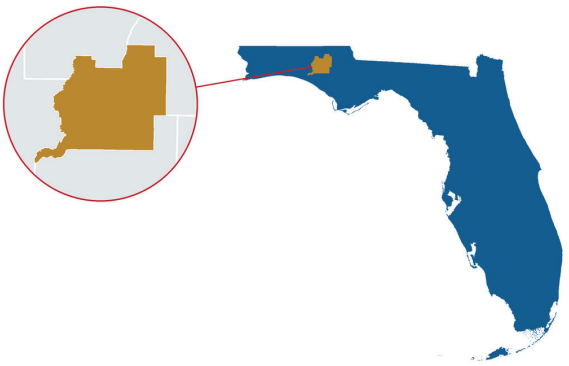
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Washington County



Local county data

1,395
Children under age 5 (2025 estimate)

76%
of children ages five and under have all available parents in the labor force.

$58,210
Median household income

$6,500
Annual cost of infant care in a family child care home

CHILD CARE ACCESS



Only 39% of children under 5 have a licensed child care slot available.

Early Learning Options

- Child care centers
- Family child care homes
- School-based early learning programs
- Head Start and Early Head Start

EARLY LEARNING PROGRAMS

SCHOOL READINESS (SR)

21%

of potentially eligible families receive early learning tuition assistance
(265 children)

VOLUNTARY PRE-KINDERGARTEN (VPK)

54%

of 4-year-olds participated in VPK
(139 children)
State Avg: 66%

OUTCOMES THAT MATTER

KINDERGARTEN READINESS

34%

ready for kindergarten

State Avg: 44% | 2030 Goal: 100%

3RD GRADE READING SCORES

59%

scoring at or above grade level

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