

**BROWARD SCHOOLS**

- Last year, the Homeless Program of the Broward School district identified 1,700 homeless children for the entire school year. This year 1,852 homeless children have been identified as of early June.
- Recent data from the School Board shows there are 91,397 students in Broward schools receiving free lunch (this data does not include pre-schools and private schools). Comparatively, 58,955 Broward youth ages 0-18 are receiving food stamps. The eligibility for both is roughly the same, at or below 130% of the poverty level, making it likely that many more families with children are eligible for food stamps.

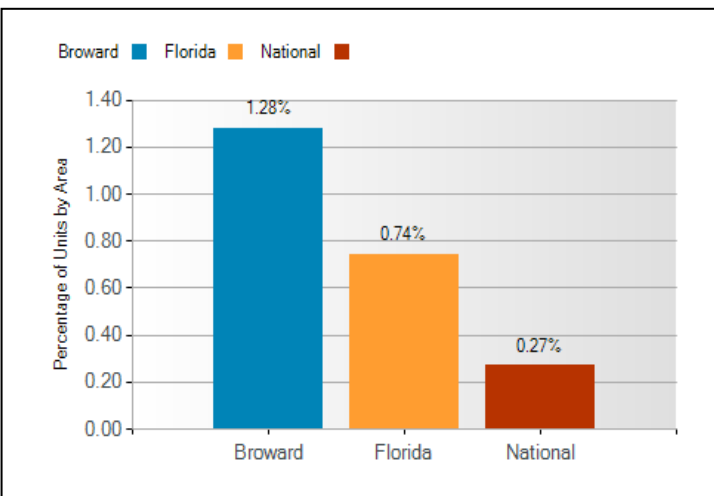
**EMPLOYMENT**

- The Broward County unemployment rate for May is 8.3%.
- The WorkForce One Career Centers have seen a 77% increase in people seeking employment assistance in the last year and a 40% decrease in jobs listed.
- The biggest job losses in the state in the past 12 months have been in construction, business and professional services, retail, waste services, manufacturing, financial services and transportation/warehouse.
- An estimated 250,000 unemployed Floridians will be eligible for extended benefits as a result of a bill signed by Gov. Charlie Crist.
- Nationwide 14.5 million people unemployed in May 2009, the most ever in records dating back to 1948.

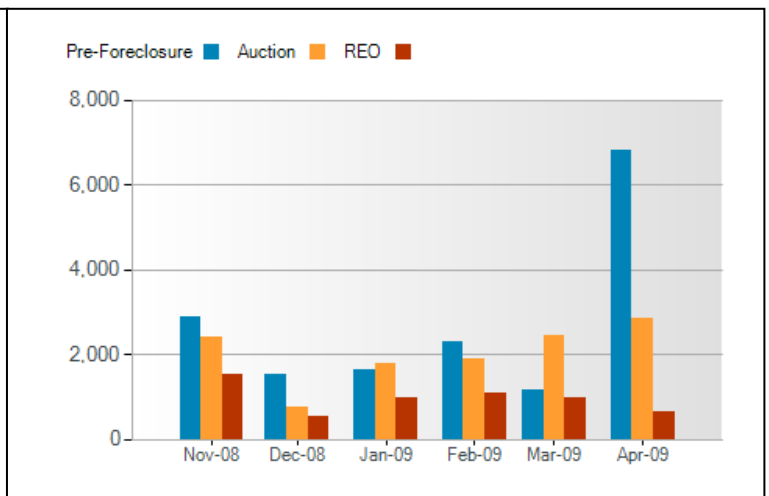
**HOMES**

- Broward County had 10,305 homeowners in some stage of foreclosure in April, more than twice the 4,599 in March and nearly double from a year ago.
- From August 1, 2008 to May 31, 2009, 2-1-1 Broward referred 575 Broward homeowners to FLASH (Florida Attorneys Saving Homes) for assistance to prevent foreclosure.
- Broward is ranked 12<sup>th</sup> when it comes to the foreclosure rate within the State of Florida Counties.

**Geographical Comparison**

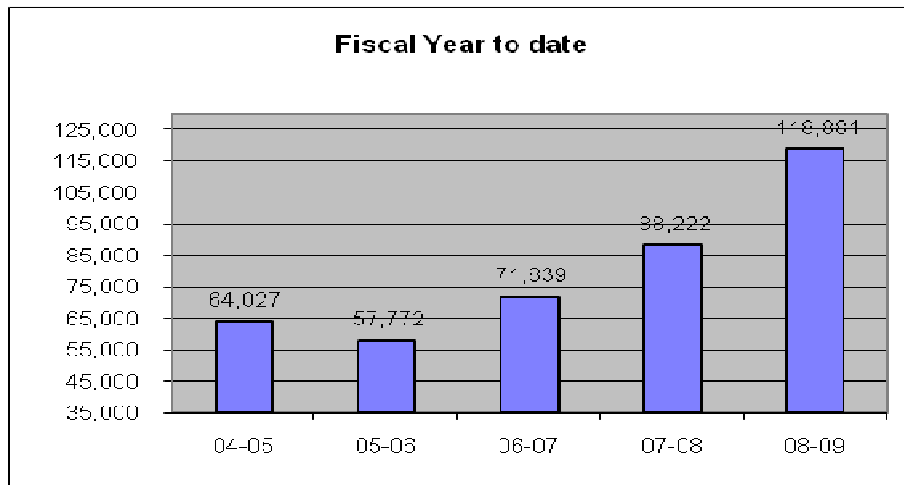


**Foreclosure Activity by Month**



## 2-1-1 Callers

- A total of 69,739 calls were made to 2-1-1 Broward in the last six months of 2008, up 33% from the same period last year
- It is estimated that 1 in 10 callers now are new to the social service system and have never had to ask for help before
- 51% of all calls to 2-1-1 are now for basic needs (food, utilities, emergency shelter, rent/mortgage assistance)
- The total number calls made to 2-1-1 for the EITC program was 3,224. Compared to last year's 1,620 calls, that's a 100% increase.
- During the month of May 1,224 referrals were given to Pantries participating in Project Lifeline.
- Increased needs among seniors from 2006 to 2008:
  - Food – 96% increase
  - Utility Assistance - 75% increase
  - Rent/mortgage assistance - 149% increase
- Increased needs among families with children from 2006 to 2008:
  - Food – 47% increase
  - Utility assistance – 21% increase
  - Rent/mortgage assistance – 26% increase



## HEALTH

The Memorial Healthcare System has seen an increase of over 10,000 new uninsured and/or underinsured patients to the primary care system over the last 12 months. In the month of March 2009 alone, there were 1,394 new eligible patients to the primary care system.

## GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE

- The Southeast Region has approximately 536,868 customers of May 2009 receiving food assistance, temporary cash assistance and Medicaid benefits. There are 195,863 customers (4.74% of the State) in Palm Beach and 341,005 customers (8.26% of the State) in Broward. The Southeast Region is approximately 13.00% of the state public assistance customers.
- There were 1,226 fewer applications for food assistance received in May than in April. Trend data shows an increased 38.61% in the number of families served in the Food Assistance program in the last year. The number of food assistance applications received increased 31.39% from May '08 to May '09.
- There are 193,936 Medicaid customers and 141,461 food assistance customers in Broward. Broward counts for 7.23% of the state.

## SOCIAL SERVICES

- In 2005, there were never more than 20 families with children in Broward County on a waiting list for shelter. In 2006, that number jumped to 80. Today, there are 189 families with children waiting for shelter. Each month, 160 new families needing shelter are identified.
- 85% of feeding programs in Broward County report an increased demand for services; 66% cannot meet the demand.
- 75% of rent/mortgage assistance programs report an increased demand for services; 74% cannot meet the demand.
- 71% of utility assistance programs report an increased demand for services; 82% cannot meet the demand.
- 81% of housing/shelter providers report an increased demand for services; 87% cannot meet the demand.
- 71% of employment assistance programs report an increased demand for services; 67% cannot meet the demand.

**Agencies keeping waiting lists, none reported declines in the number of people on their waiting lists. Most reported increases, including:**

- 62% of food providers
- 63% of rent/mortgage providers
- 44% of utility assistance providers
- 82% of housing/shelter providers
- 62% of employment assistance providers

**Agencies report a decrease in funding over last year, including:**

- 85% of food providers
- 89% of rent/mortgage providers
- 94% of utility assistance providers
- 75% of housing/shelter provider
- 100% of employment assistance providers
- 22% of agencies will eliminate programs
- 36% of agencies will reduce services
- 35% of agencies will lay off staff
- 6% of agencies will reduce staff hours

**Statistics Provided By:**

*Broward Public Schools, Workforce One, 2-1-1 Broward, Florida Department of Children & Families, United Way of Broward County Survey of Agencies(January 2009), Memorial Healthcare Systems, Realty Trac 2008 National Foreclosure Report, South Florida Business Journal and Global Insight*