



Broward Regional Health Planning Council 2010 Broward County Health Plan

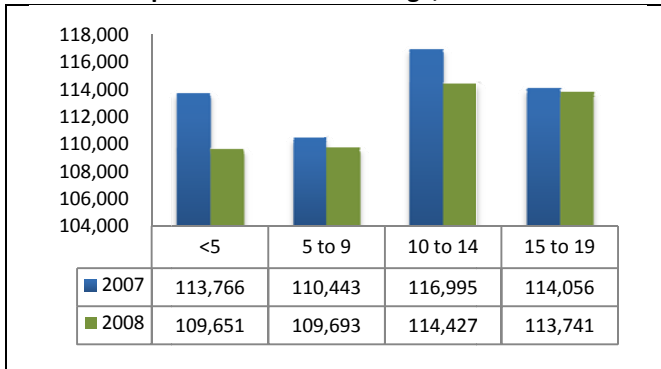
BROWARD COUNTY CHILDREN'S QUICK FACTS

February 2010

POPULATION SIZE

In Broward County, children represented 25.6 percent of the population in 2008.

Broward Population ≤19 Years of Age, 2008

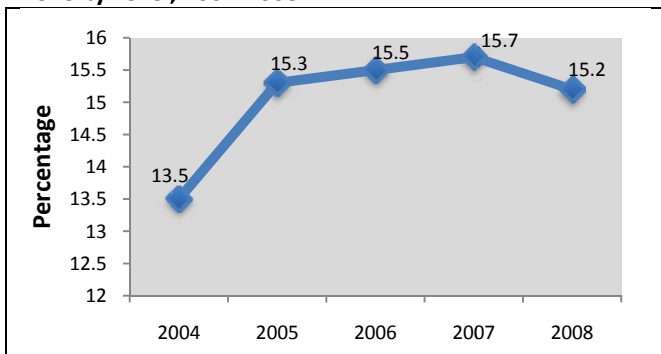


Source: Census Population Estimates, 2007 and 2008

CHILDREN LIVING IN POVERTY

More than 11 percent of Broward's residents live in poverty, with more than 15 percent of people under the age of 18 living in poverty. Families with a female head of household with no husband present have a higher rate of poverty at 18.0 percent. The rate increases if there are related children under 18 years of age in the household (24.1%) or related children under 5 year of age (30.3%) in the household.

Percentage <18 Years of Age Whose Income* is Below Poverty Level, 2004-2008



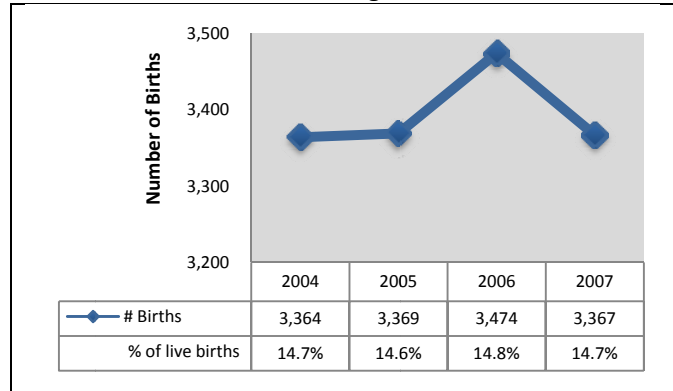
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2008 American Community Survey
*Income in the past 12 months

MOTHERS AT RISK

Children's outcomes are closely tied to their mother's risk factors. One important risk factor

depicts the number of births to mothers without a high school education.

Births to Mothers Without a High School Education

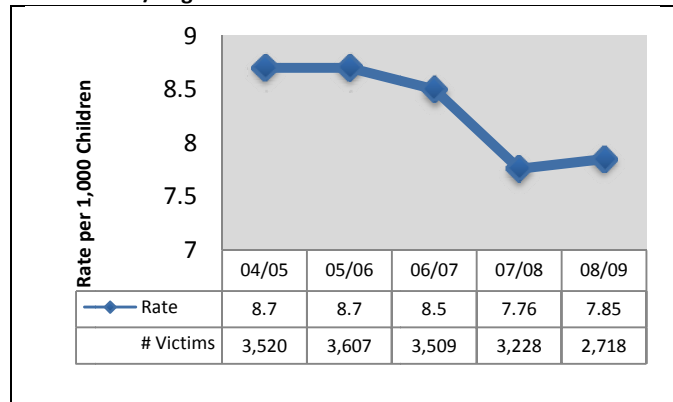


Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2008 American Community Survey
*Income in the past 12 months

ABUSE AND NEGLECT

Child abuse and neglect is an important indicator to consider when discussing children's health and quality of life. The below table illustrates an improvement in the child abuse/neglect rate with verified maltreatment evidence over time.

Child Abuse/Neglect Rate with Verified Maltreatment Evidence



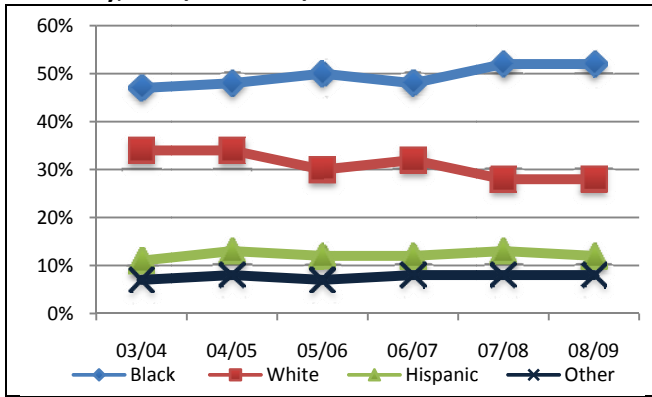
Source: Department of Children and Families

DISPARITIES IN DELINQUENCY

The number of youths referred to delinquency by race/ethnicity is depicted in the table. More Black youth have been referred than white, Hispanic or other race/ethnicity youth, which has remained consistent over time. White youth have seen a decline in referrals, while Hispanic

and other race/ethnicity youth have remained relatively constant over time.

Broward Youth Referred for Delinquency by Race & Ethnicity, 2003/04 – 2008/09



Source: FDJJ Profile of Florida Delinquency

SUBSTANCE ABUSE

The results of Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance (YRBS) conducted by the CDC in 2003, 2005 and 2007 are outlined below. The percentage of youth that smoked marijuana, had their first drink before the age of 13, had smoked before age 13 and currently use cocaine decreased from 2005 to 2007. The remaining of the behaviors increased from 2005 to 2007.

Broward Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance Grades 9 – 12

	2003	2005	2007
Currently drinks	42.0%	38.3%	42.6%
Currently smoked cigarettes	13.4%	13.7%	14.0%
Smoked marijuana	17.9%	17.3%	17.0%
Currently uses cocaine	2.2%	2.9%	2.2%
First drink before age 13	29.3%	27.9%	25.2%
Smoked before age 13	12.7%	11.1%	9.3%
Smoked marijuana by age 13	9.0%	8.7%	7.5%
Sniffed/inhaled intoxicating substance	9.7%	8.8%	11.4%
Used alcohol/drugs during last sexual intercourse	18.7%	18.6%	19.2%
Rode w/ a driver who drank	24.7%	23.7%	24.1%
Drove after drinking	8.7%	8.8%	9.2%

Source: CDC, YRBS

SAFETY

The table below outlines safety concerns for children in Broward County. Broward’s climate and location increase access to water, which in turn increases the risk of drowning. Drowning, as well as motor vehicle crashes, could be prevented and indicates are area in which interventions could be implemented to may an impact on the community.

Children Unintentional Injury Deaths, 2004-2008

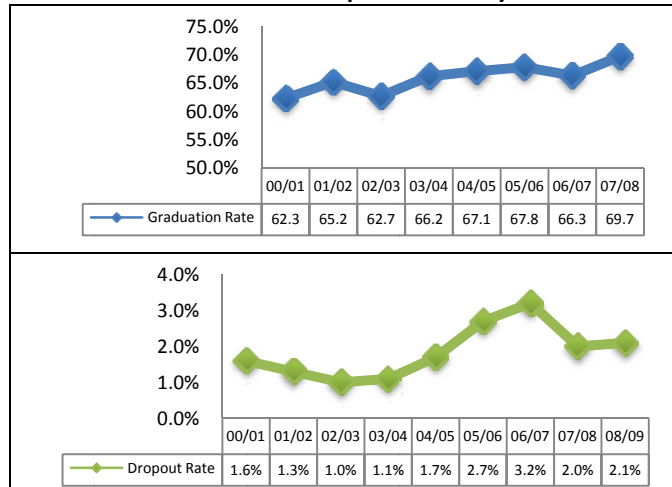
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Unintentional Injury Deaths, ages 0-19	69	70	62	59	63
Drowning Deaths (#), ages 1-4	8	5	8	7	8
Transport Accidents (#), ages 15-18	20	28	15	12	13
Motor Vehicle Crashes	19	28	15	12	12

Source: www.FloridaCharts.com, FDOH, Office of Vital Statistics

EDUCATION

Broward Public Schools is the nation's sixth largest public school system and the largest fully accredited district with over 250,000 students in 286 schools and education centers. Since the 2000/01 school year, graduation rates have increased steadily. Dropout rates increased from 2002/03 to 2006/07, but have since decreased.

Broward Graduation and Drop Out Rates by School Year



Source: Florida Department of Education

Broward Regional Health Planning Council, Inc. is a non-profit organization committed to delivering health and human service innovations at a national, state and local level through planning, development, implementation, evaluation and organizational capacity building. For additional information, please visit www.BRHPC.org.

The entire **Broward County Health Plan** available online (www.BRHPC.org) or hard copy upon request.