

City of Life Analysis of Independent Living Checklist Data for Central Florida

The data in this report comes from the Independent Living Transitional Services Critical Checklist reports from the years 2007, 2008, 2009, and 2010. This is an annual survey that is given to youth in the foster care system and children who have “aged out” or left the system because they became adults. There was one survey that was given to children in the foster care system aged 13-17, a different survey given to their caseworkers, and a third survey given to young people aged 18-22 who were formerly in foster care. Unless indicated otherwise, the data in this report was collected from the survey(s) that were given to the current or former foster youth.

In the 18-22 age group, as the young people get older they are less likely to respond to and be included in the survey process. For 2010 this was the number of young people who responded to the survey by age according to percentage: 18 years old 35%, 19 years old 25%, 20 years old 17%, 21 years old 13%, and 22 years old 9%. There were a total of 1344 responses in this age group.

Financial-Bank Accounts

Foster Youth who:	Year	All Youth including Non-Foster Youth	Orange/Osceola County	Seminole County
Have an open bank account	2007	¹	41%	43%
	2008		42%	47%
	2009		32%	62%
	2010		41%	70%
Receive an allowance (13-17)²	2007		Not asked	Not asked
	2008		70% ³	
	2009		73%	
	2010		74%	

¹ This information is not available for the general population.

² The state allocates \$12 per month for allowance for 13-17 year olds.

³ This information is not reported individually by county, only by state.

Pregnancy and Children⁴

Foster Youth who:	Year	All Youth including Non-Foster Youth	Foster Youth
Are Currently pregnant (13-17)	2007	4% ⁵	Not asked
	2008	4%	4%
	2009	4%	4%
	2010		3%
Are Currently pregnant (18-22)	2007	10% ⁶	Not asked
	2008	10%	10%
	2009	10%	11%
	2010		13%
Have children	2007		11.7%
	2008		15%
	2009		13.6%
	2010		16.9%
Have their children in their legal custody	2007		Not asked
	2008		69%
	2009		69.1%
	2010		70.5%
Are caregiver of their children	2007		71.2%
	2008		74.8%
	2009		73.6%
	2010		75.9%

⁴ This information is not reported individually by county, only by state.

⁵ This information is from the CDC. It includes teens aged 15-19 years old.

⁶ This information is from the CDC. It includes women aged 20-24.

Housing Questions-Living Arrangements (18-22)

Foster Youth Who live in:	2007-Orange/Osceola ⁷ County	2007-Seminole County	2008	2009	2010
Assisted Living Facility	0	0	1%	<1%	1%
Corrections-Adult	<1%	2%	1%	<1%	<1%
DJJ	1%	5%	<1%	1%	1%
Dorm	2%	0	1%	1%	1%
Foster Home	3%	12%	4%	5%	6%
Friend/non-relative	8%	10%	0	11%	9%
Group Home	24%	2%	2%	4%	4%
Homeless	<1%	0	Not asked	1%	2%
Mental Health	<1%	5%	<1%	<1%	<1%
Missing	4%	0	Not asked	Not asked	Not Asked
Non-Relative Licensed	4%	9	Not asked	Not asked	Not Asked
Other	<1%	2%	8%	6%	6%
Own Housing	0	0	4%	6%	6%
Parent	2%	2%	6%	6%	5%
Relative	7%	25%	11%	10%	8%
Renting Housing	37%	28%	51%	48%	53%
Res. Substance Abuse	Not asked	Not asked	<1%	<1%	0
Subsidized IL	<1%	2%	Not asked	Not asked	

⁷ Results were reported by county only in 2007.

Housing Questions – Number of Times Moved (18-22)

Number of times moved in past 12 months:	2007	2008	2009	2010
None	⁸	29%	27%	26%
1		29%	28%	28%
2		21%	20%	22%
3		12%	12%	14%
4		4%	6%	5%
5		2%	3%	3%
6-10		2%	3%	2%
More than 10		⁹	1%	1%

⁸ This was not included in the 2007 report.

⁹ This was not included in the 2008 report.

Housing Questions-Location (18-22)

Foster Youth who:	Year	All Youth including Non-Foster Youth	Orange/Osceola County	Seminole County
Housing near stores/shopping	2007	10	74% ¹¹	82%
	2008		88%	12
	2009		92%	
	2010		91%	
Housing near school/educational program	2007		74%	82%
	2008		72%	13
	2009		74%	
	2010		73%	
Housing near employment	2007		74%	82%
	2008		68%	14
	2009		69%	
	2010		68%	
Spent at least one homeless night in past 12 months	2007	1% ¹⁵	10%	15%
	2008	1%	18%	0
	2009	1%	17%	11%
	2010		11%	4%

¹⁰ This information is not available for the general population.

¹¹ In the 2007 survey the question was asked as “The youth has acquired housing that is safe, stable, affordable, and is located near public transportation, work, and/or school.” In 2008 and later this question was separated into three separate questions: one about shopping, one about work, and one about school.

¹² Results were reported by county only in 2007.

¹³ Results were reported by county only in 2007.

¹⁴ Results were reported by county only in 2007.

¹⁵ According to the National Coalition for the Homeless, 1% of the U.S. population experiences homelessness every year.

Education Questions¹⁶ (13-17)

Foster Youth who:	Year	All Youth including Non-Foster Youth	Orange/Osceola County	Seminole County
Are above grade level	2007	17	2%	2%
	2008		2%	4%
	2009		2%	0
	2010		2%	0
Are at grade level	2007		52%	54%
	2008		47%	48%
	2009		35%	40%
	2010		38%	33%
Are below grade level	2007		46%	44%
	2008		51%	48%
	2009		65%	60%
	2010	68% ¹⁸	60%	67%
Passed grade level FCAT	2007	19	66%	82%
	2008		52%	67%
	2009		45%	59%
	2010		49%	43%
Total percent in school	2007	20	92%	
	2008		67% ²¹	
	2009		64%	
	2010		65%	

¹⁶ All education questions for this age group were answered by the youth's caseworker.

¹⁷ This was judged by the child's teacher; there is no statewide information on how many children are at or above grade level.

¹⁸ According to the Children's Defense Fund, 68% of Florida 8th grade students read below grade level; 71% are below grade level in math.

¹⁹ FCAT results are reported by subject area (reading, math); there are no published reports stating how many students passed all areas of FCAT

²⁰ Attendance in school is compulsory for all students aged 7-16 in Florida; about 7% of 16-19 year olds in Florida are not enrolled in school and not high school graduates.

²¹ There is not a category for current enrollment in any school lower than high school (such as an elementary or middle school), so these numbers are probably lower than the actual number of children in school, as most children 13-14 are not yet in high school.

Education Questions-Highest Grade Completed ²²(13-17)

Highest Grade	Year	All Youth including Non-Foster Youth	Foster Youth
6²³	2007		11%
	2008		9%
	2009	15.4 %	10%
	2010		10%
7	2007		16%
	2008		15%
	2009	19.4%	16%
	2010		16%
8	2007		26%
	2008		23%
	2009	22.7%	27%
	2010		25%
9	2007		21%
	2008		24%
	2009	21.7%	20%
	2010		21%
10	2007		12%
	2008		14%
	2009	13.5%	13%
	2010		13%
11	2007		4%
	2008		7%
	2009	3.4%	5%
	2010		5%
12²⁴	2007		>1%
	2008		>1%
	2009	>1%	>1%
	2010		>1%

²² This information is not reported individually by county, only by state.

²³ This information is available starting with the number of foster youth in grade 2. Less than 1% of foster youth 13-17 are in grades 2-4; around 3% are in grade 5, which is the same as the general population of all youth, including non-foster youth.

²⁴ Less than 1% of all youth in this age group have a GED; 1% of foster youth in this age group have a GED (2% in 2010).

Education Questions²⁵ (18-22)

Foster Youth who:	Year	All Youth including Non-Foster Youth	Foster Youth
Are above grade level	2007	²⁶	²⁷
	2008		14%
	2009		11%
	2010		11%
Are at grade level	2007		
	2008		71%
	2009		73%
	2010		71%
Are below grade level	2007		
	2008		15%
	2009		16%
	2010		18%
Attending High School	2007		22%
	2008		14%
	2009		19%
	2010		24%
GED Program	2007		24%
	2008		23%
	2009		26%
	2010		25%
College/University/ Community College	2007		26%
	2008		32%
	2009		29%
	2010		31%
Vocational/Technical	2007		9%
	2008		14%
	2009		11%
	2010		9%

²⁵ This information is not reported individually by county, only by state.

²⁶ This was judged by the child's teacher; there is no statewide information on how many children are on grade level.

²⁷ Not reported for this age group in 2007.

Education Questions-Highest Grade Completed²⁸ (18-22)

Highest Grade	Year	All Youth including Non-Foster Youth	Foster Youth
9²⁹	2007		8%
	2008		7%
	2009		8%
	2010		7%
10	2007		13%
	2008		11%
	2009		13%
	2010		14%
11	2007		20%
	2008		21%
	2009		22%
	2010		24%
12	2007	70% ³⁰	30%
	2008	73%	38%
	2009	76%	31%
	2010		31%
GED	2007		15%
	2008		13%
	2009		16%
	2010		17%
Associate's Degree	2007		5%
	2008		2%
	2009		1%
	2010		1%
Bachelor's Degree	2007		>1%
	2008		>1%
	2009		>1%
	2010		>1%
Vocational	2007		2%
	2008		1%
	2009		1%
	2010		1%

²⁸ This information is not reported individually by county, only by state.

²⁹ This information is reported starting with grade 3; grades 3-7 is the highest grade completed for >1% of foster children; grade 8 is the highest grade completed for 3% of foster children.

³⁰ This only indicates the graduation rate of Florida schools in these years.

Employment Questions ³¹(13-17)

Foster Youth who:	Year	All Youth including Non-Foster Youth	Orange/Osceola County	Seminole County
Currently employed	2007		21% ³²	86%
	2008		10%	4%
	2009	6.6% ³³	4%	2%
	2010		4%	
Hourly wage (mean)	2007		\$7.45	³⁴
	2008		\$7.45	
	2009		\$7.45	
	2010		\$7.45	
Total number of hours worked (median)	2007		³⁵	
	2008		11-20	
	2009		11-20	
	2010		11-20	
Job offers benefits	2007		18%	
	2008		9%	
	2009		5%	
	2010		9%	

³¹ All employment questions in this age group were answered by the youth's caseworker.

³² This reflects 16-17 year olds only for 2007.

³³ This information was from the 2009 Florida Youth Cohort Survey, which focused on 12-16 year old student's attitudes about tobacco. The survey claims to be a representative sample of students in Florida.

³⁴ This information is not reported individually by county, only by state.

³⁵ This was not reported in 2007.

Employment Questions³⁶ (18-22)

Foster Youth who:	Year	All Youth including Non-Foster Youth	Foster Youth
Currently employed	2007	37	17%
	2008		29%
	2009		22%
	2010	76% ³⁸	17%
Hourly wage (mean)	2007		\$7.45
	2008		\$7.45
	2009	\$18.96/\$10.09 ³⁹	\$7.45
	2010		\$7.45-\$8.00
Total number of hours worked (median)	2007		40
	2008		21-30
	2009		11-20
	2010		11-20
Job offers benefits	2007		18%
	2008		38%
	2009		32%
	2010		34%

³⁶ This information is not reported individually by county, only by state.

³⁷ According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the unemployment rate for the Orlando area was 3.8% in 2007, 5.9% in 2008, and 10% in 2009.

³⁸ According the Children's Defense Fund 24% of 16-19 year olds are unemployed in Florida.

³⁹ The first number is the Florida mean wage; the second is the mean wage in the food service industry in Florida (which is likely more representative of the types of jobs young people in this age range hold). The information is from the U.S. government Bureau of Labor Statistics.

⁴⁰ This was not reported in 2007.

Health Questions (13-17)

Health Services received in last year	Year	All Youth including Non-Foster Youth	Orange/Osceola County	Seminole County
Doctor	2007		61%	93%
	2008		61%	80%
	2009	91% ⁴¹	67%	65%
	2010		89%	83%
Dentist	2007		10%	69%
	2008		64%	88%
	2009	79%	79%	80%
	2010		70%	67%
Emergency Room	2007		0%	19%
	2008		16%	29%
	2009	20%	27%	27%
	2010		24%	17%
Mental Health Provider	2007		9%	85%
	2008		33%	69%
	2009		45%	43%
	2010		42%	50%
Vision Services	2007		Not asked	Not asked
	2008		44%	53%
	2009		47%	43%
	2010		44%	0
Alcohol/Substance Abuse	2007		Not asked	Not asked
	2008		6%	16%
	2009		9%	13%
	2010		10%	0

⁴¹ This information was for children under the age of 18 from the National Health Interview Survey conduct by the CDC and reported in 2009

Health Questions (18-22)

Health Services received in last year	Year	All Youth including Non-Foster Youth	Orange/Osceola County	Seminole County
Doctor	2007		60%	85%
	2008		58%	42
	2009	82% ⁴³	49%	
	2010		61%	
Dentist	2007		21%	56%
	2008		30%	
	2009	61%	30%	
	2010		36%	
Emergency Room	2007		16%	38%
	2008		30%	
	2009		30%	
	2010		37%	
Mental Health Provider	2007		5%	38%
	2008		11%	
	2009		11%	
	2010		14%	
Vision Services	2007		Not asked	Not asked
	2008		20%	
	2009		19%	
	2010		22%	
Alcohol/Substance Abuse	2007		Not asked	Not asked
	2008		2%	
	2009		3%	
	2010		3%	

⁴² Starting in 2008, this information was not reported by county for this age group.

⁴³ This information was for adults over the age of 18 from the National Health Interview Survey conduct by the CDC and reported in 2009.

Juvenile Justice

Foster Youth who:	Year	All Youth including Non-Foster Youth	Orange/Osceola County	Seminole County
Have been arrested in last 12 months (13-17)⁴⁴	2007	7% ⁴⁵	26%	48%
	2008	7%	32%	30%
	2009	7%	37%	27%
	2010		41%	50%
Have been arrested in last 12 months (18-22)	2007		20%	26%
	2008		23%	0
	2009		22%	23%
	2010		29%	12%

⁴⁴ This question was answered by the youth's caseworker.

⁴⁵ Percentages are derived from the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice Annual Report 2009-2010.

Transportation

Foster Youth who:	Year	All Youth including Non-Foster Youth	Orange/Osceola Counties	Seminole County
Have a reliable means of transportation to school (13-22)	2007	46	87% ⁴⁷	80%
	2008		85%	80%
	2009		85%	80%
	2010		94%	100%
Have a reliable means of transportation to work (18-22)	2007		87%	80%
	2008		49% ⁴⁸	56%
	2009		34%	32%
	2010		32%	33%
Primary/secondary means of transportation (13-17)	2007		Parents/Public transportation ⁴⁹	
	2008		Foster Parent/Group home staff	
	2009		Foster Parent/Group home staff	
	2010		Foster Parent/Group home staff	
Primary/secondary means of transportation (18-22)	2007		Public transportation/ own car	
	2008		Public transportation/ own car	
	2009		Public transportation/ own car	
	2010		Public transportation/ own car	

⁴⁶ This information is not available for the general population.

⁴⁷ In 2007 there was only one question that asked about a student's reliable transportation to school and work.

⁴⁸ These represent the number of all children, not just the children who have jobs.

⁴⁹ These are the two most common answers; this data was not reported by county.

Transportation-Driver's License

Foster Youth who:	Year	All Youth including Non-Foster Youth	Foster Youth
Successfully completed a driver's education course (18-22)	2007		41%
	2008		40%
	2009		41%
	2010		33%
Driver's license status (percent learner's)(15-17)	2007		71%
	2008		69%
	2009		79%
	2010		73%
Driver's license status (percent regular)(15-17)	2007		21%
	2008		15%
	2009		16%
	2010		18%
Type of driver's license (percent learner's) (18-22)	2007		16%
	2008		19%
	2009		21%
	2010		20%
Type of driver's license (percent regular) (18-22)	2007		77%
	2008		75%
	2009		69%
	2010		70%