



2021 Head Start/Early Head Start Community Assessment Report

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1. Introduction

The Head Start program has been offering income and categorically eligible children in Broward County high quality education, health, nutritional, social, and other services to enrolled families and children since 1965, and now serves 2,120 children through the Head Start and Early Head Start programs.

The Federal Head Start Program Performance Standards and the Head Start Act requires that local Head Start programs conduct a Community Assessment every five years. The Community Assessment is an integral part of Head Start's annual planning cycle by assessing the needs within the community and informing the planning of future programming and Head Start/Early Head Start Services.

The Community Assessment provides information on a range of topics impacting the service area of Broward County including economic, demographic, health, and education data, the families and children eligible for Head Start and Early Head Start services, as well as data concerning the current state of Head Start and its enrolled children, families, and staff.

This report includes the necessary data stipulated by the Office of Head Start as well as information on additional indicators unique to the Broward County Head Start program, including:

- Characteristics of Head Start-eligible children and their families
- Other child development and childcare programs serving Head Start-eligible children in Broward County
- Estimated numbers of children with disabilities birth to age five and relevant services provided to them
- Data related to health, education, nutrition, and social service needs of Head Start-eligible children and their families
- Community resources that could be used to address the needs of Head Start-eligible children.
- As indicated in the pages that follow, data included in this Community Assessment are drawn from multiple sources. These sources include:
 - US Census American Community Survey
 - Centers for Disease Control
 - 2-1-1 Broward
 - Kids Count Data Center (Annie Casey Foundation)
 - State of Florida Council on Homelessness
 - Florida Department of Children and Families
 - Florida Department of Education
 - Early Learning Coalition of Broward

Finally, the **School Board of Broward County (SBBC)** administered two surveys to staff and parents of the **Head Start/Early Head Start (HS/EHS)** programs. The results of these surveys as well as information about response rates may be found in section 13.

Every effort has been made to provide the most recent available data at the time of the report.

2. General Area Description – Demographics

Proposed Service Area

Broward County is geographically located in the southeast coastal section of the state between Miami- Dade and Palm Beach counties. Adjacent counties to the west are Collier and Hendry.

The county is 1,225 square miles and is divided into 31 municipalities (see [Appendix A](#)). An important geographical feature to note is that nearly 800 square miles, two-thirds of the county land, is conservation area. The elevation level of the county is only six feet above sea level. The county seat is Fort Lauderdale, which is the largest municipality in the county.² The Broward County Head Start/Early Head Start Program serves only children and families who live within the county boundaries.

The maps below show the location of Broward in Florida (Figure 2.1), while Figure 2.2 shows the municipalities of Broward.

Figure 2.1: Map of Florida

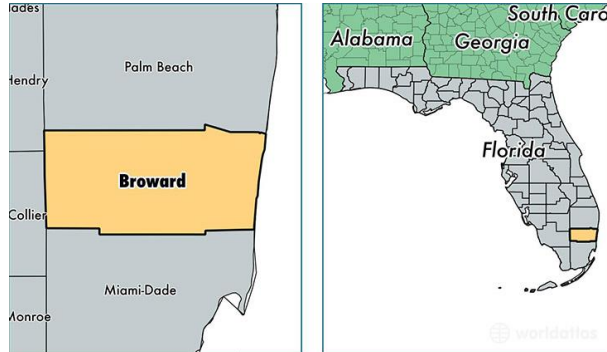
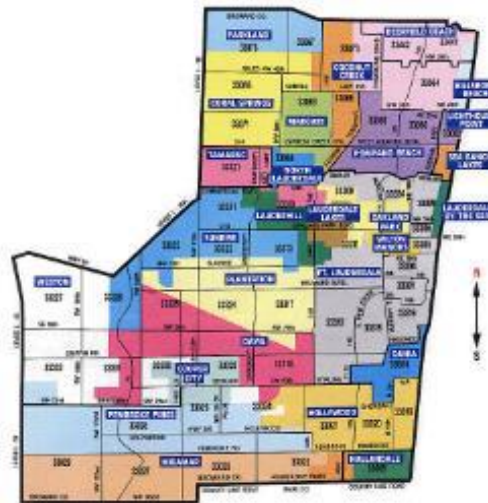


Figure 2.2: Map of Broward County

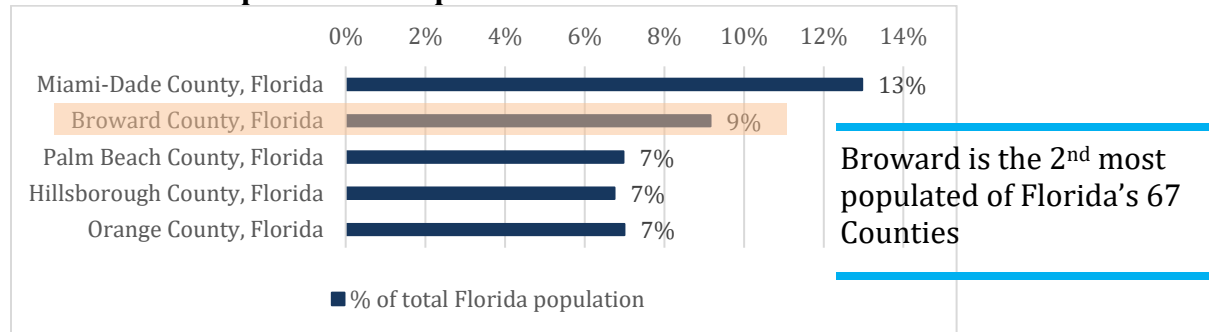


Broward County Governing Structure

The Broward County Commission is comprised of nine members elected by district in partisan elections. Each Commissioner must be a resident of the district for which he or she seeks election. On the third Tuesday of each November, the Commission elects a Mayor and Vice Mayor for one-year terms. The Mayor's functions include serving as presiding officer, and as the County's official representative. The Commission appoints the County Administrator, County Attorney and County Auditor. The Commission also appoints numerous advisory and regulatory boards. The governance chart for the county may be found in Appendix B.

Broward County Population & Related Trends

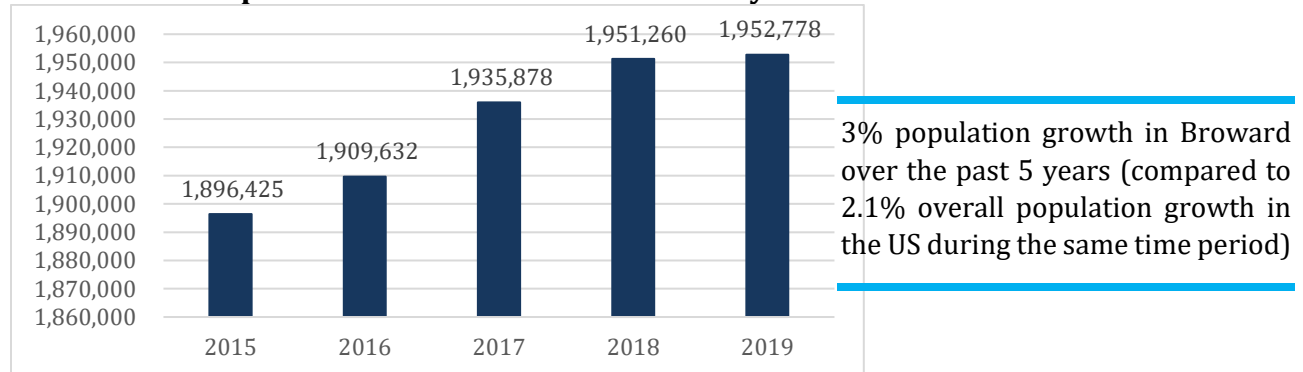
Table 2.1: Population compared to other Florida counties



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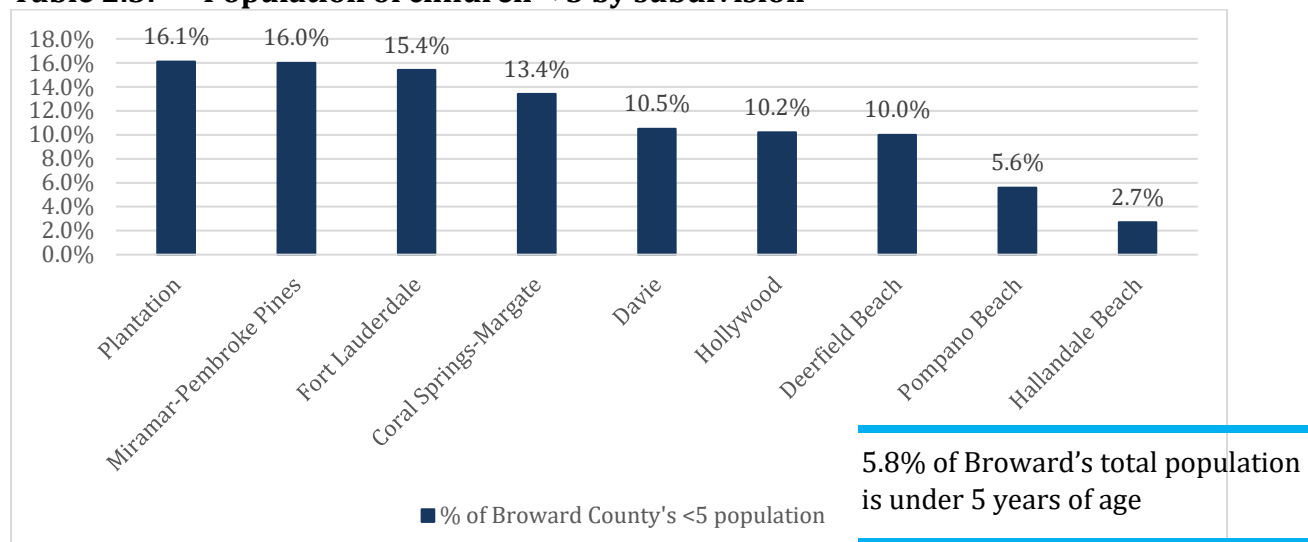
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Table 2.2: Population Growth in Broward County



(Source: ACS 1-Year Estimates;

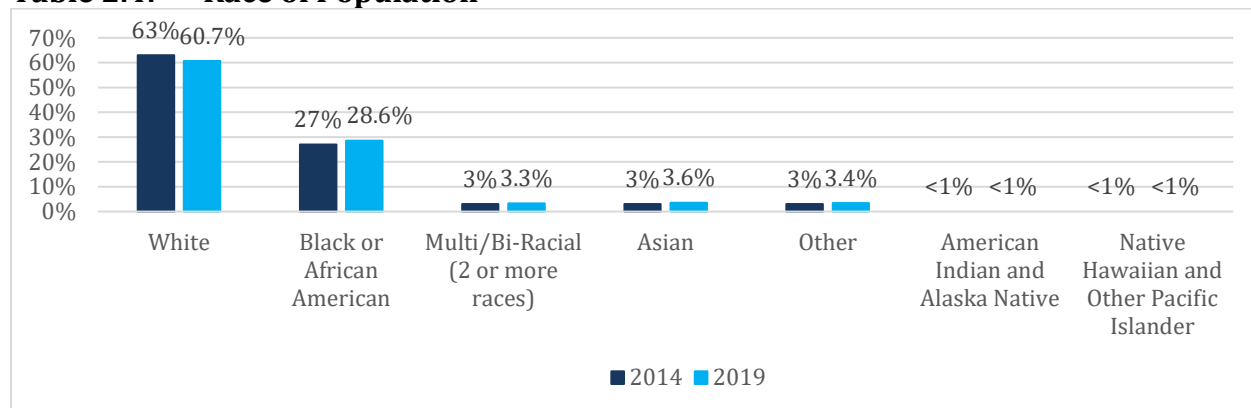
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Table 2.3: Population of children < 5 by subdivision

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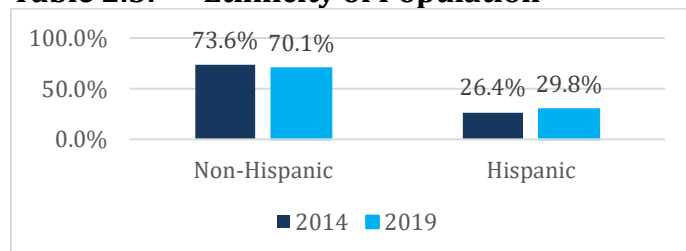
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Broward County Racial & Ethnic Composition

Table 2.4: Race of Population

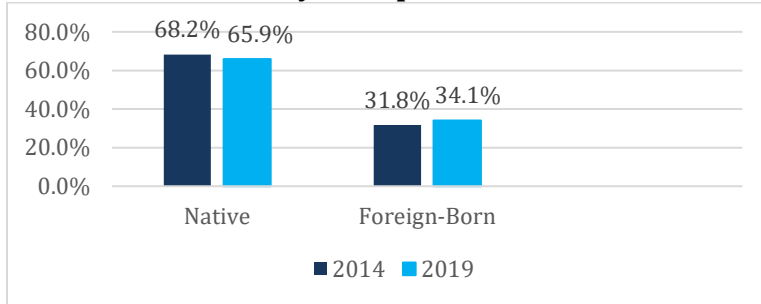
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Table 2.5: Ethnicity of Population

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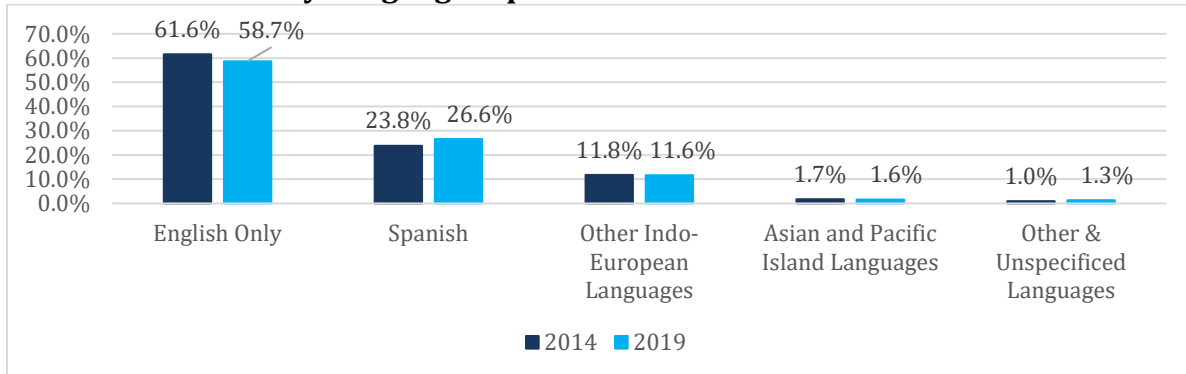
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Table 2.6: Nativity of Population

(Source: ACS 5-Year Estimates;

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Broward County Languages Spoken by Families & Children

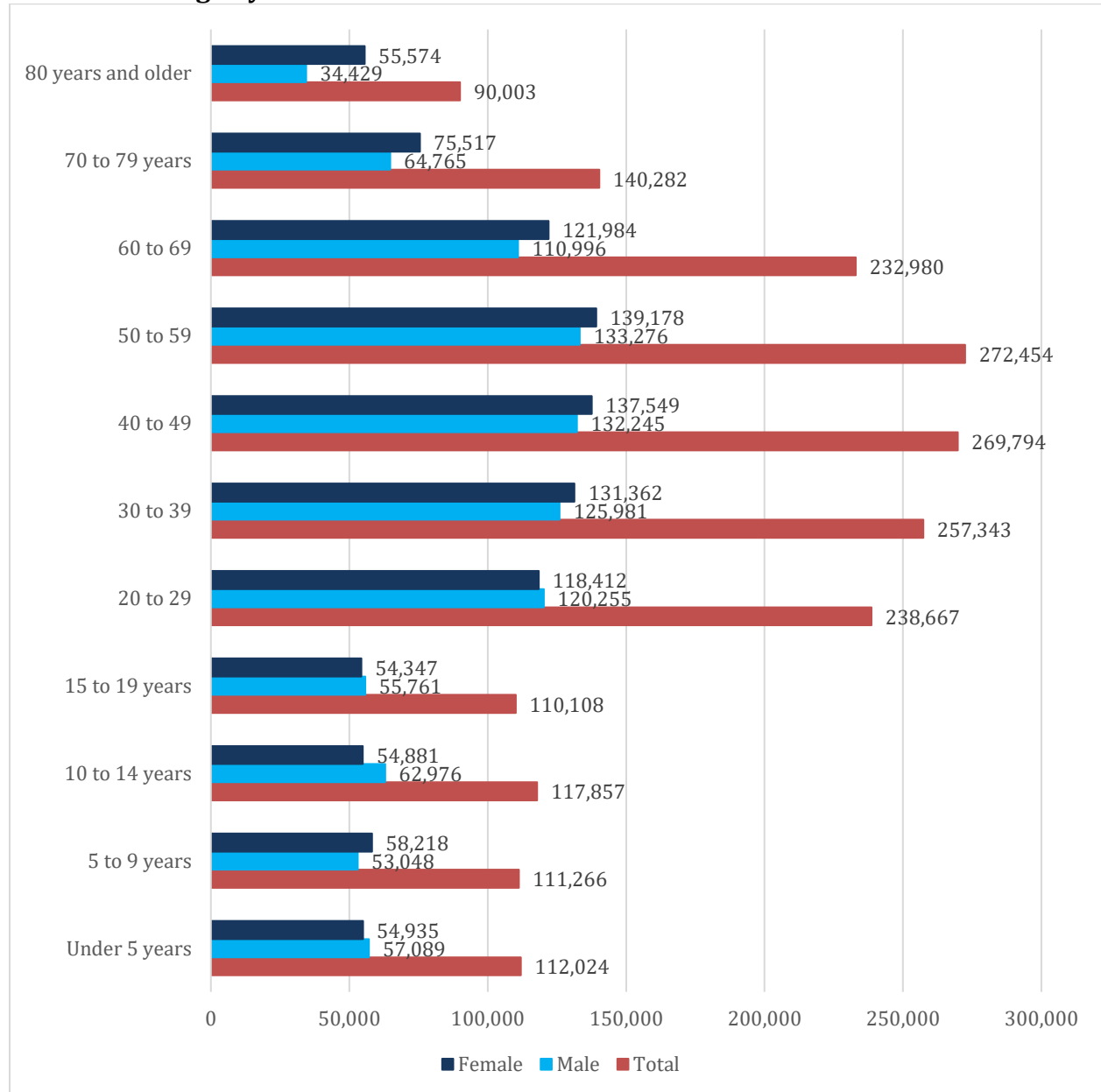
Table 2.7: Primary Languages Spoken at Home

(Source: ACS 5-Year Estimates;

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Broward County Ages & Genders

Table 2.8: Age by Gender

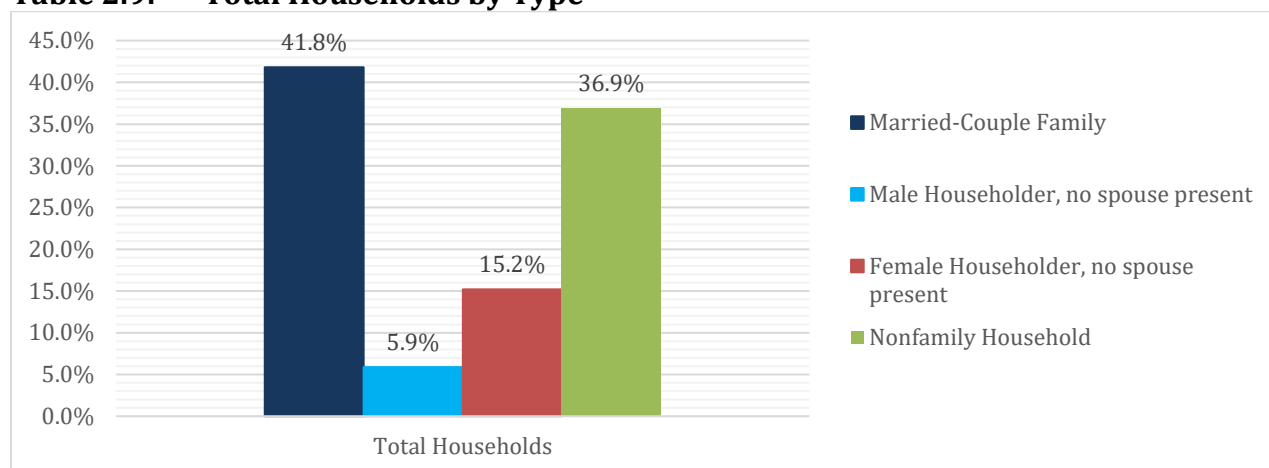


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Broward County Household Composition

Table 2.9: Total Households by Type

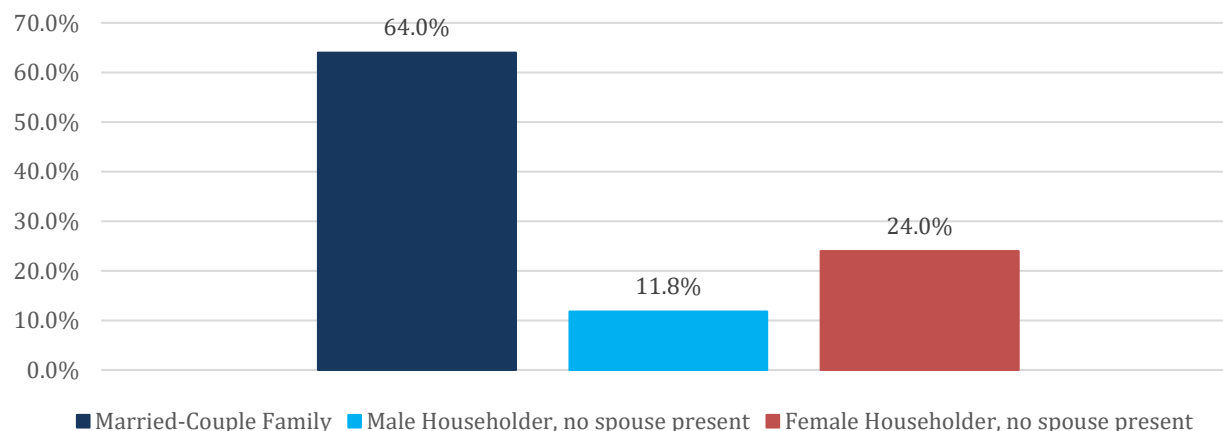


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Table 2.10: Total Households with own children under 6 Years

The ACS 2019 5-year Estimates indicate that 179,348 households in Broward County have a household with their own child under 18 years of age. Of those, 35,870 have children under the age of 6. Table 1.10 below demonstrates a further breakdown of those households that have children under 6 years of age.



(Source: 2019 ACS 5-Year Estimates;

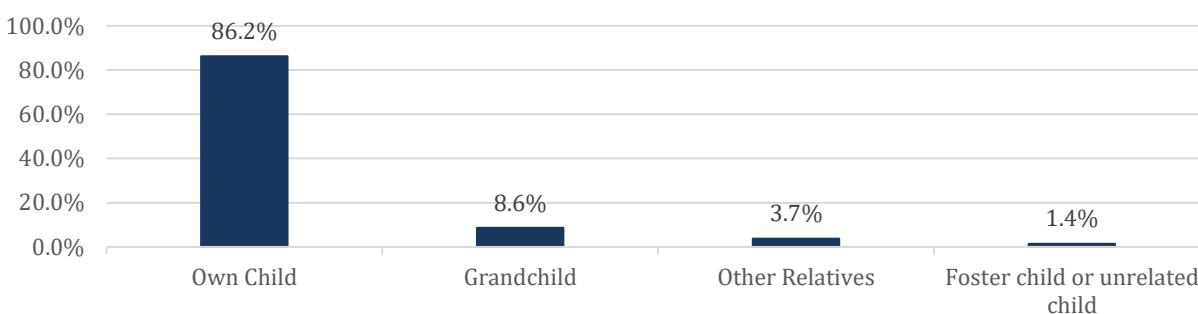
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Grandparents Caring for Children

According to the ACS 2019 5-year Estimates, 35,135 grandchildren in Broward under 18 were living with a grandparent householder. Of those, 45.3% were under the age of 6.

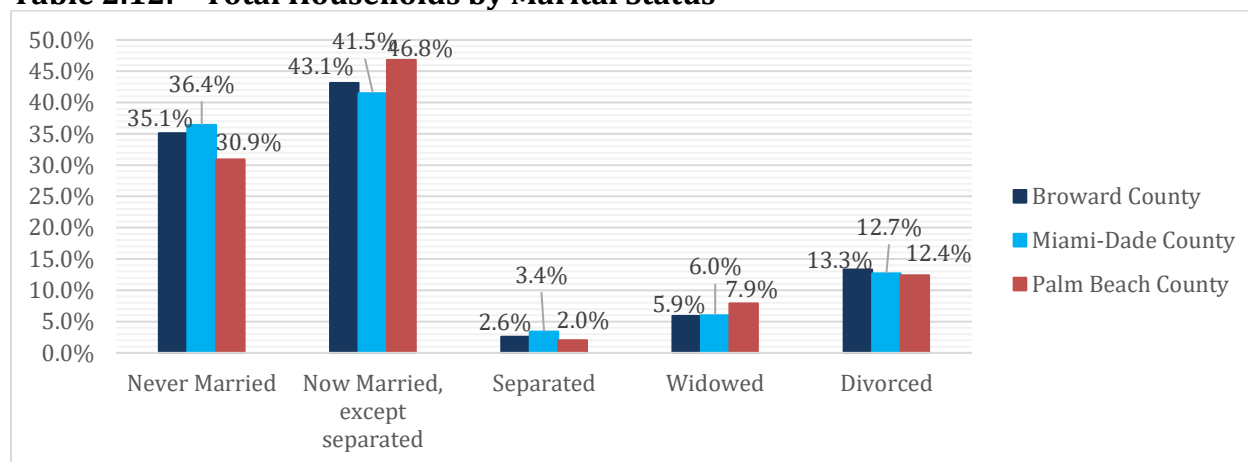
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Table 2.11: Relationship to Householder

(Source: 2019 ACS 5-Year Estimates;

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Table 2.12: Total Households by Marital Status

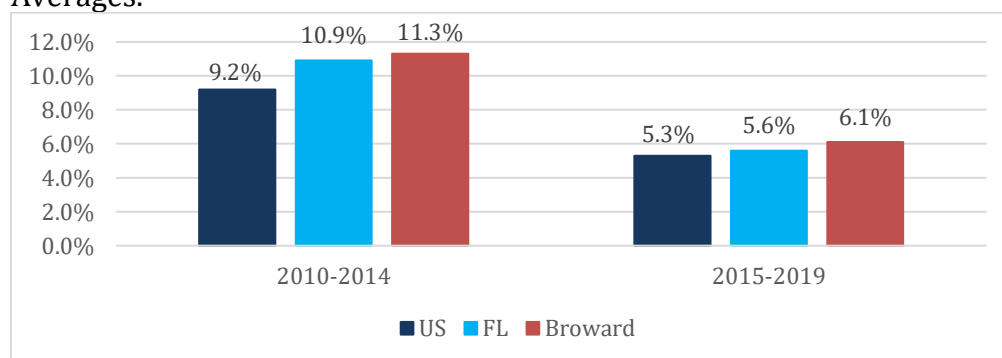
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Broward County Economic Activities

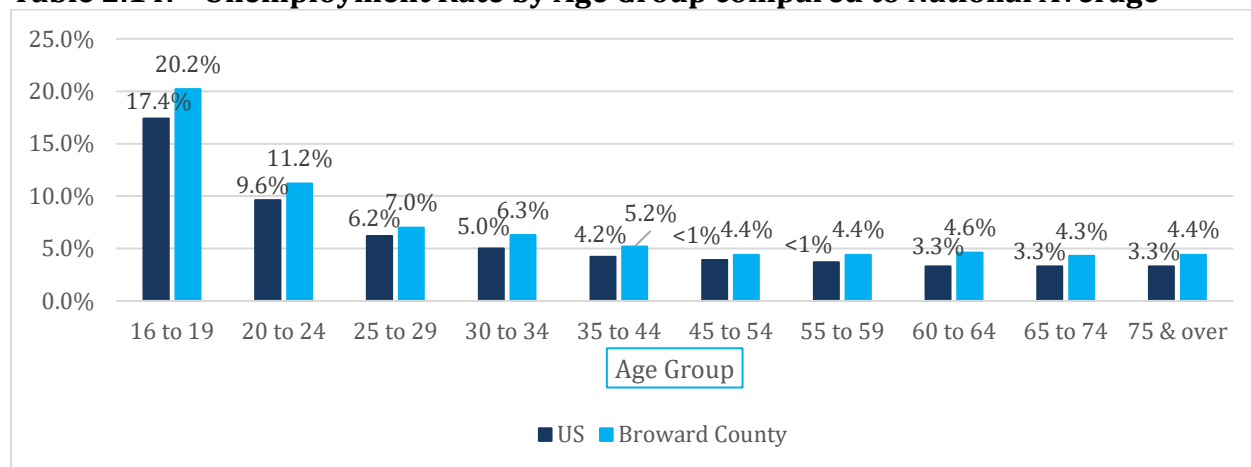
Table 2.13: Unemployment Rate compared to State & National Average

Broward County's unemployment rate is slightly higher than the State and National Averages.



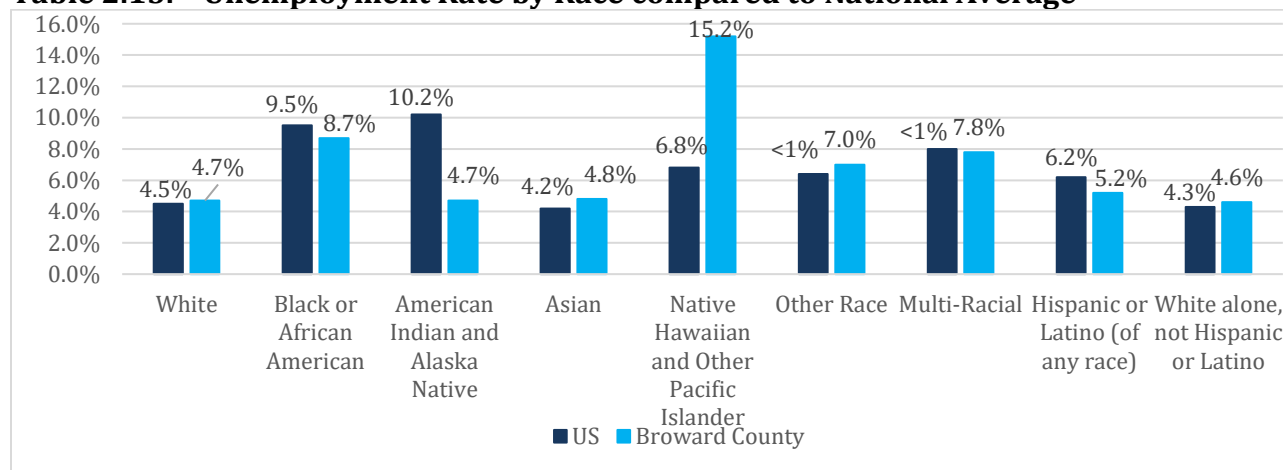
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Table 2.14: Unemployment Rate by Age Group compared to National Average

(Source: ACS 5-Year Estimates;

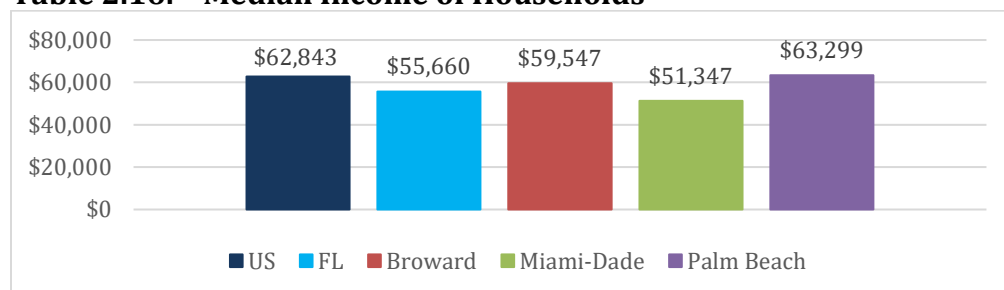
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Table 2.15: Unemployment Rate by Race compared to National Average

(Source: ACS 5-Year Estimates;

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Broward County Median Income Level

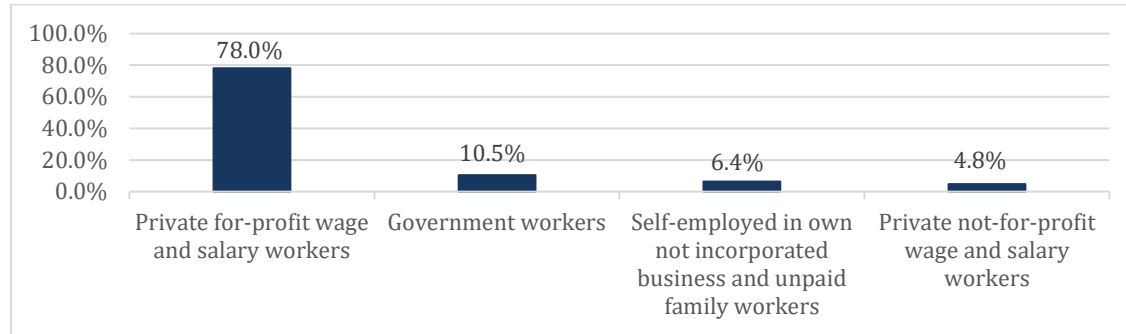
Table 2.16: Median Income of Households

(Source: 2019 ACS 5-Year Estimates;

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Principle Source of Income

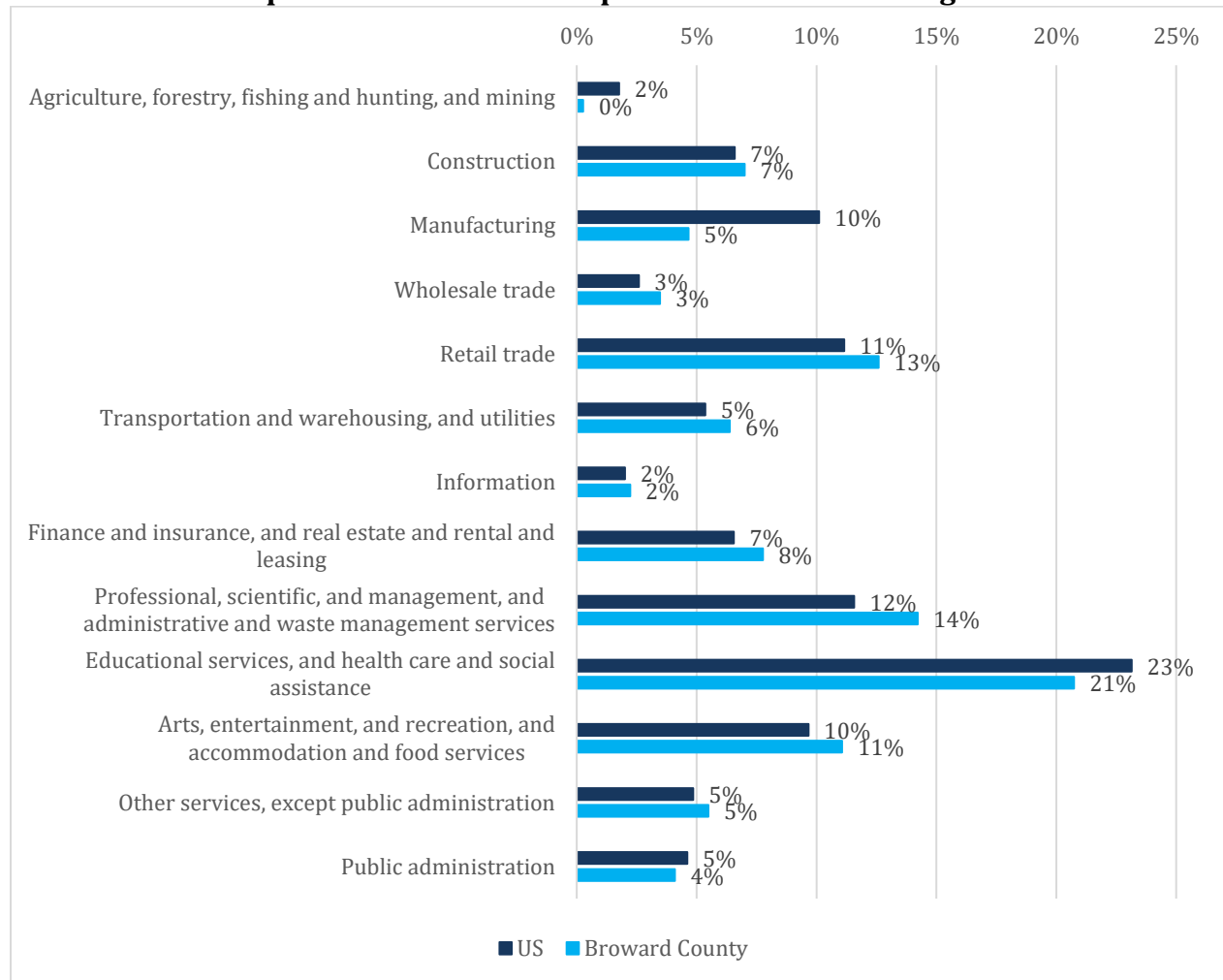
Table 2.17: Class of Worker



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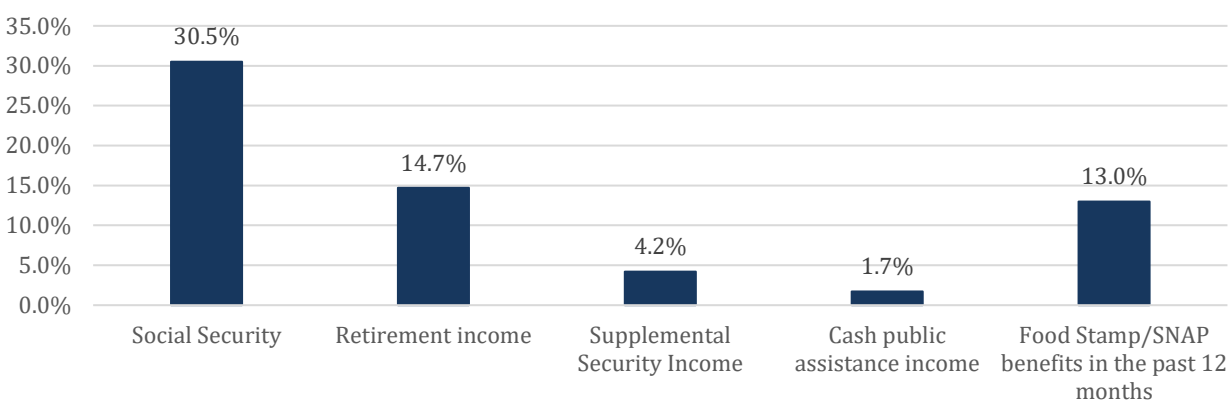
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Table 2.18: Occupation Breakdown Compared to National Averages



(Source: 2019 ACS 5-Year Estimates;

<https://data.census.gov/cedsci/table?q=&t=Class%20of%20Worker&g=0500000US12011&tid=ACSDT1Y2019.B24060>)

Table 2.19: Public Assistance Income by Type

(Source: 2019 ACS 5-Year Estimates;
<https://data.census.gov/cedsci/table?q=public%20assistance&t=Income%20and%20Poverty&g=050000US12011&tid=ACSCP5Y2019.CP03>)

Poverty Levels

According to the ACS 5-Year Estimates, 13.1% of Broward's total population is living below the Federal poverty level. This is compared to 14% of Florida's population and 13.4% of the Nation's population. In 2019, an estimated 18,489 children under 5 were living below the poverty level in Broward County.

The rate of poverty in Broward, Miami-Dade, and Palm Beach counties is compared in the table below. The rate of poverty is 5 % higher than Broward in Miami-Dade and 1% lower in Palm Beach. The percentage of families living below the poverty line has decreased since 2015 in all three counties.

Table 2.20: Percent of Population Below Poverty Level in Broward Compared to Neighboring Counties

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Broward	14.5%	14.4%	14.0%	13.5%	13.1%
Miami-Dade	20.4%	19.9%	19.0%	18.0%	17.1%
Palm Beach	14.5%	13.9%	13.4%	12.8%	12.2%

(Source: <https://fred.stlouisfed.org/release/tables?rid=416&eid=339854&od=2015-01-01#>)

Table 2.21: Poverty Levels of Children under 5 in Broward Compared to Neighboring Counties

The following table shows the poverty levels for children under 5 in Broward, Miami-Dade, and Palm Beach Counties. Broward County children under 5 have the highest rate of poverty between the three counties. Each county's poverty rate for children under five has remained stable over the past five years.

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Broward	5.9%	5.8%	5.9%	5.8%	5.8%
Miami-Dade	5.7%	5.7%	5.6%	5.6%	5.6%
Palm Beach	5.3%	5.3%	5.3%	5.4%	5.3%

(Source: <https://datacenter.kidscount.org/>)

Table 2.22: Broward Poverty Level by Subdivision (% of Population in Poverty)

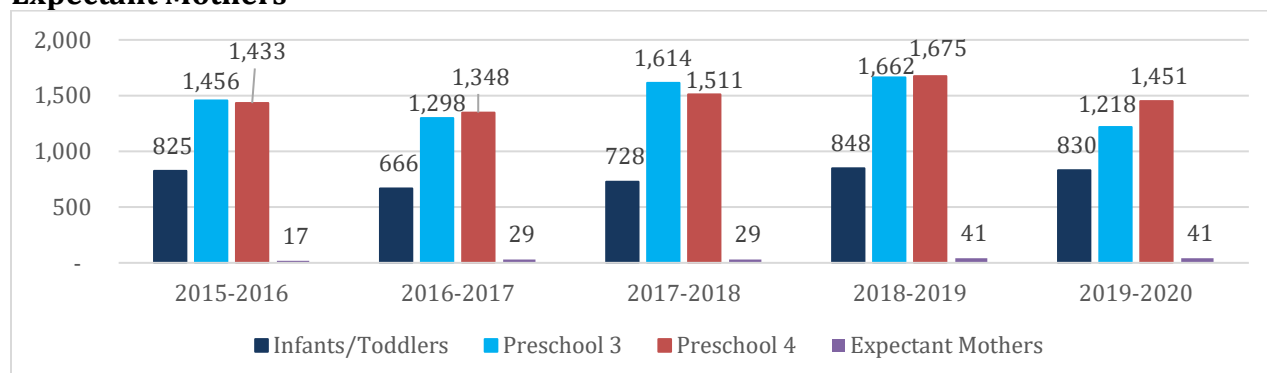
Rank	Municipality	%	Rank	Municipality	%
1	Boulevard Gardens	31.7%	19	Davie	12.1%
2	Washington Park	29.7%	20	Wilton Manors	11.7%
3	Broadview Park	26.7%	21	Tamarac	11.6%
4	Pembroke Park	23.6%	22	Hillsboro Beach	10.3%
5	Lauderdale Lakes	22.5%	23	Miramar	10.00%
6	Franklin Park	22.3%	24	Coral Springs	9.9%
7	North Lauderdale	22.0%	25	Pembroke Pines	9.3%
8	West Park	21.9%	26	Coconut Creek	8.5%
9	Lauderhill	20.9%	27	Plantation	8.4%
10	Pompano Beach	19.2%	28	Lauderdale by the Sea	7.4%
11	Hallandale Beach	19.0%	29	Roosevelt Gardens	6.9%
12	Oakland Park	17.9%	30	Weston	6.3%
13	Dania Beach	17.7%	31	Lighthouse Point	5.8%
14	Fort Lauderdale	16.9%	32	Cooper City	5.1%
15	Deerfield Beach	16.1%	33	Parkland	4.5%
16	Hollywood	12.6%	34	Sea Ranch Lakes	4.4%
17	Margate	12.4%	35	Southwest Ranches	4.3%
18	Sunrise	12.2%	36	Hillsboro Pines	3.8%

(Source: 2019 ACS 5-Year Estimates;

<https://data.census.gov/cedsci/table?q=&t=Income%20and%20Poverty&g=0400000US12%24160000&tid=ACST5Y2019.S1701>)

3. Head Start ELIGIBLE Children and Families

Table 3.1: Number of Eligible Infants/Toddlers, Preschool Age Children and Expectant Mothers



(Source: ChildPlus Database; 2015-2020)

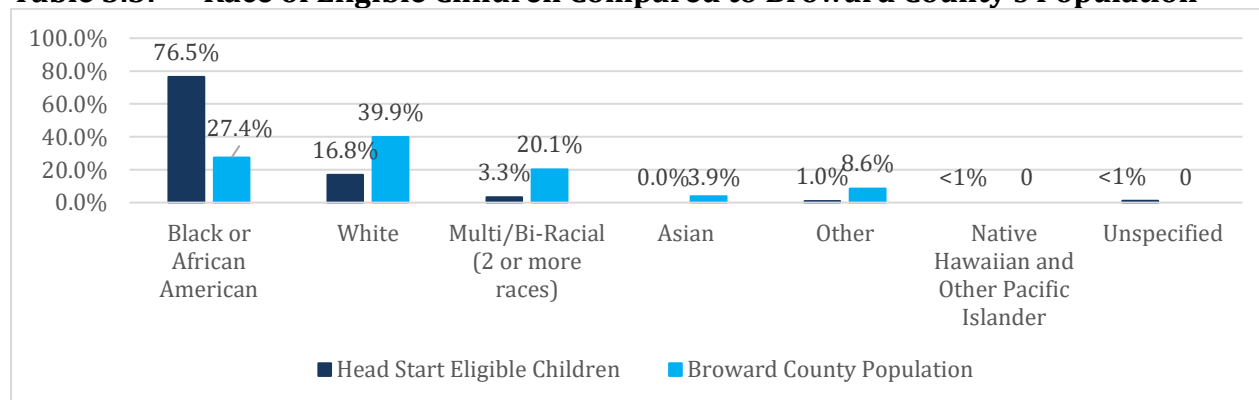
Table 3.2: Geographic Location of Eligible Children

Zip Code	Subdivisions	% of Eligible Children
33311	Fort Lauderdale, Lauderdale Lakes, Oakland Park, Rock Island, Wilton Manors, West Ken-Lark, Broward Estates, Lauderdale, St. George, Washington Park, Roosevelt Gardens	18%
33313	Lauderhill, Sunrise, Plantation, Lauderdale Lakes	10%
33064	Pompano Beach	7%
33023	Miramar, Pembroke Pines, Hollywood, Lake Forest, Carver Ranches, Pembroke Park, Miami Gardens, Utopia, Andover, Ives Estates, Lake Lucerne	6%
33060	Pompano Beach, Kendall Green, Fort Lauderdale, Collier Manor, Cresthaven	6%
33068	North Lauderdale, Margate, Broadview-Pompano Park, Tamarac, Coconut Creek, Pompano Beach, and Coral Springs	5%
33312	Fort Lauderdale, Dania Beach, Hollywood, Melrose Park, Davie, Estates of Fort Lauderdale, Riverland Village, Chambers Estates, Ravenswood Estates, Edgewater, Chula Vista	5%
33441	Deerfield Beach, Lighthouse Point, Boca Raton, Pompano Beach Highlands, Hillsboro Beach	4%
33069	Pompano Beach, Fort Lauderdale, North Lauderdale, Palm Aire	4%
33024	Pembroke Pines, Hollywood, Davie, Cooper City, Royal Palm Ranches	3%
33319	Lauderhill, Tamarac, Lauderdale Lakes, Broadview-Pompano Park, Village Park, Sunrise, Fort Lauderdale, North Lauderdale	3%

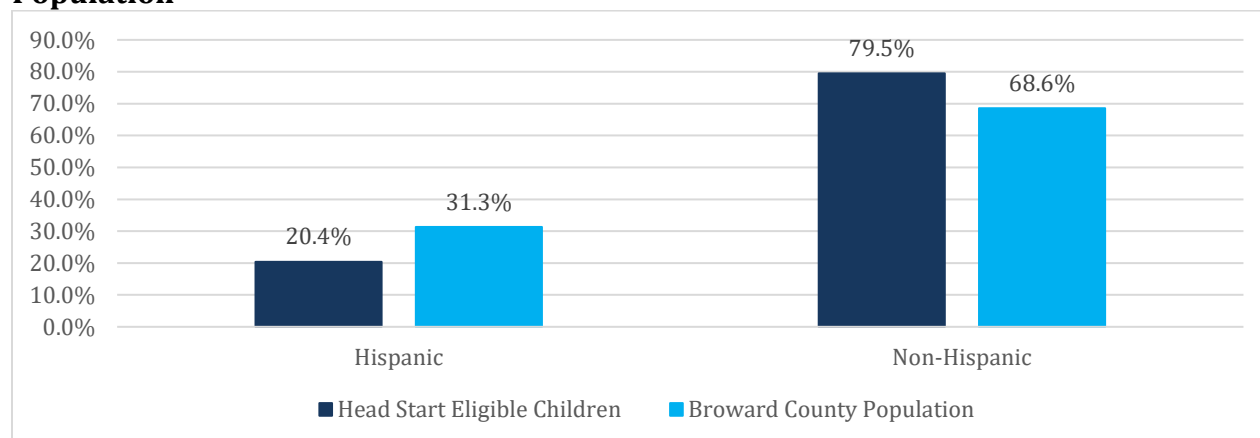
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33309	Fort Lauderdale, Oakland Park, Lauderdale Lakes, Tamarac, North Andrews Gardens, Twin Lakes, Palm Aire, Village Park, North Lauderdale, Pompano Beach, Wilton Manors	3%
33020	Hollywood, Dania Beach, Hallandale, Pembroke Park	3%
33065	Pompano Beach, Coral Springs, Ramblewood East, Margate	2%
33317	Plantation, Broadview Park, Davie, Sunrise, Fort Lauderdale	2%
33009	Hallandale	2%
33004	Dania Beach, Hollywood, Fort Lauderdale, Ravenswood Estates	2%
33025	Hollywood, Miramar, Pembroke Pines, Lake Lucerne, Country Club	2%
33021	Hollywood, Pembroke Park, Carver Ranches, Chambers Estates, Oak Point, Dania Beach	1%
33334	Oakland Park, North Andrews Gardens, Fort Lauderdale, Wilton Manors, Pompano Beach	1%
33063	Margate, Coconut Creek, Coral Springs, Pompano Beach	1%
33314	Davie, Chambers Estates, Hollywood, Edgewater, Broadview Park	1%
33321	Tamarac, North Lauderdale, Coral Springs, Sunrise	1%
33442	Deerfield Beach	1%
33351	Sunrise, Lauderhill, Tamarac	1%
33325	Davie, Plantation, Sunrise	1%
33304	Fort Lauderdale	1%
33324	Plantation, Davie, Pine Island Ridge	1%
33322	Sunrise, Plantation, Lauderhill	1%
All other Zip Codes	Various	<1%

(Source: ChildPlus Database; 2015-2020)

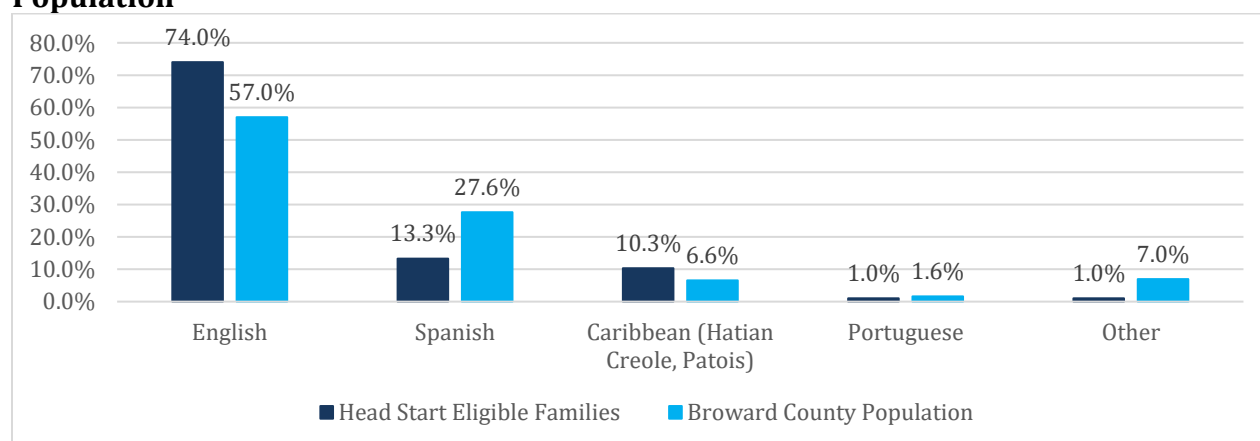
Table 3.3: Race of Eligible Children Compared to Broward County's Population



(Source: ChildPlus Database; 2015-2020)

Table 3.4: Ethnicity of Eligible Children Compared to Broward County's Population

(Source: ChildPlus Database; 2015-2020)

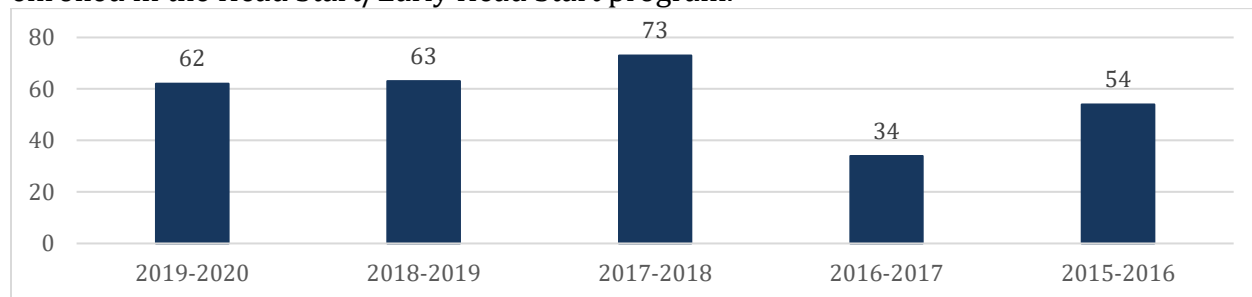
Table 3.5: Primary Languages of Eligible Families Compared to Broward County's Population

(Source: ChildPlus Database; 2015-2020; 2019 ACS 1-Year Estimates;
<https://data.census.gov/cedsci/table?q=&t=Language%20Spoken%20at%20Home&g=0500000US12011&y=2019&tid=ACSDT1Y2019.B16001&hidePreview=true>)

According to Broward County Public schools, 178 preschoolers were identified as homeless in the 2019-2020 school year. (Source: Homeless Education Assistance Resource Team (HEART); <https://www.browardschools.com/Page/35699>)

Table 3.6: HS/EHS Eligible Homeless Children

Table 3.6 below shows the number of Homeless children enrolled in the Head Start program annually since the 2016-2016 school year. Thirty-five percent of those children were enrolled in the Head Start/Early Head Start program.



(Source: ChildPlus Database; 2015-2020)

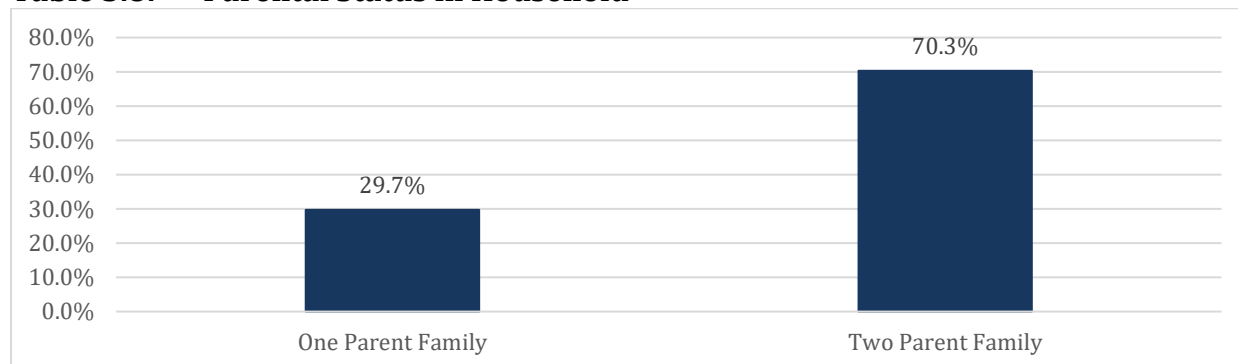
Table 3.7: Foster Care in Broward County Compared to State and Surrounding County Averages

The table below indicates the current estimate of children ages 1-4 who are in foster care or Out-of-Home Care in Broward County compared to nearby counties and state rates. While Broward's rate was below the rate in Florida overall, it was higher than both Miami-Dade and Palm Beach. Broward County's Head Start/Early Head Start programs have served 81 Foster children between 2015 and 2020.

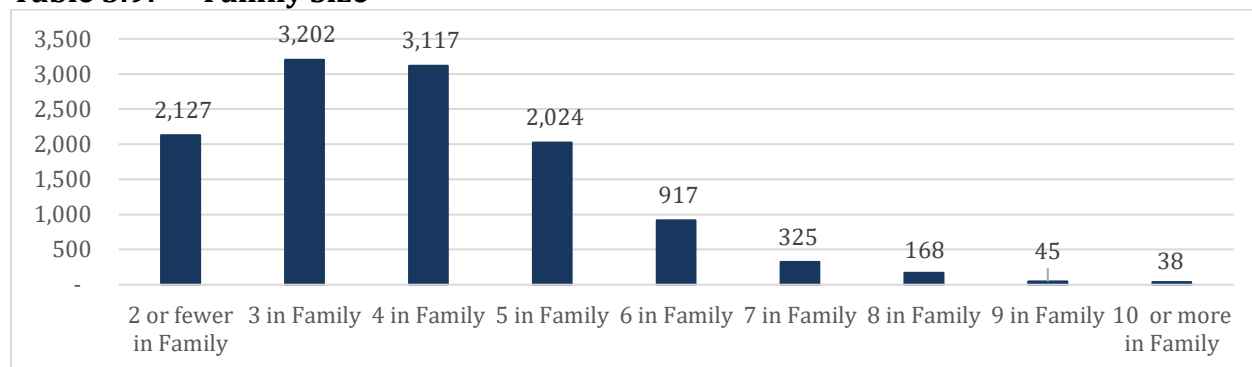
Number of children in Foster or Out of Home Care (2017-2019)	
Florida	21,395
Broward	1,608
Miami-Dade	1,465
Palm Beach	1,021

(Source: Florida Department of Children and Families; <https://www.myflfamilies.com/programs/childwelfare/dashboard/c-in-ooh.shtml>)

Table 3.8: Parental Status in Household



(Source: ChildPlus Database; 2015-2020)

Table 3.9: Family Size

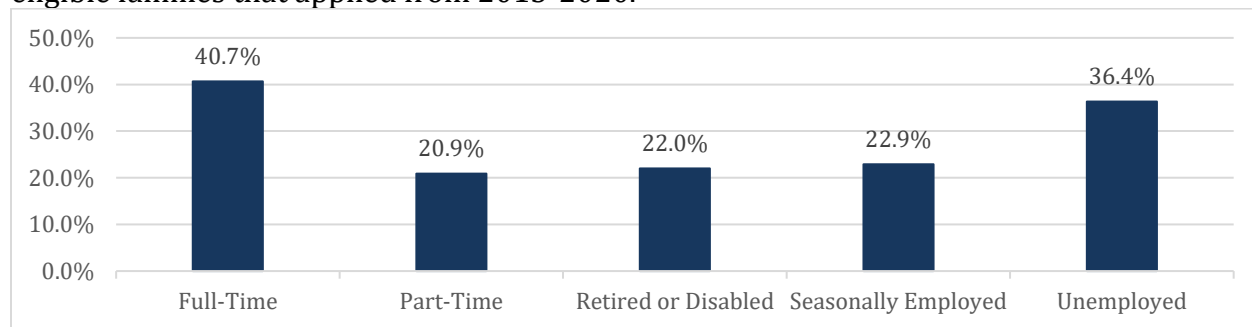
(Source: ChildPlus Database; 2015-2020)

Income & Employment

The Median Income for Head Start/Early Head Start eligible families that applied from 2015 to 2020 is \$14,675. (Source: ChildPlus Database; 2015-2020)

Table 3.10: Employment Status

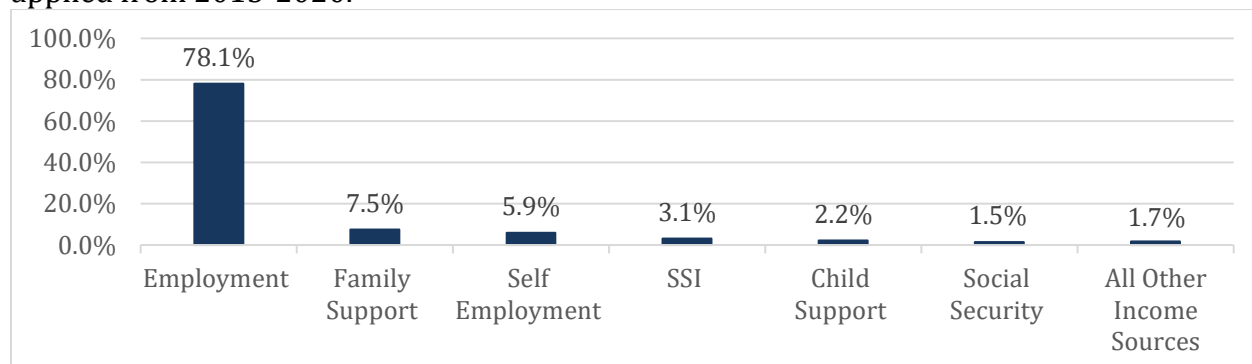
The chart below provides the employment status as a percent of all primary and secondary adults that are in the families of HS/EHS eligible children. This data includes the adults in all eligible families that applied from 2015-2020.



(Source: ChildPlus Database; 2015-2020)

Table 3.11: Source of Family Income as a percent of all income documentation received

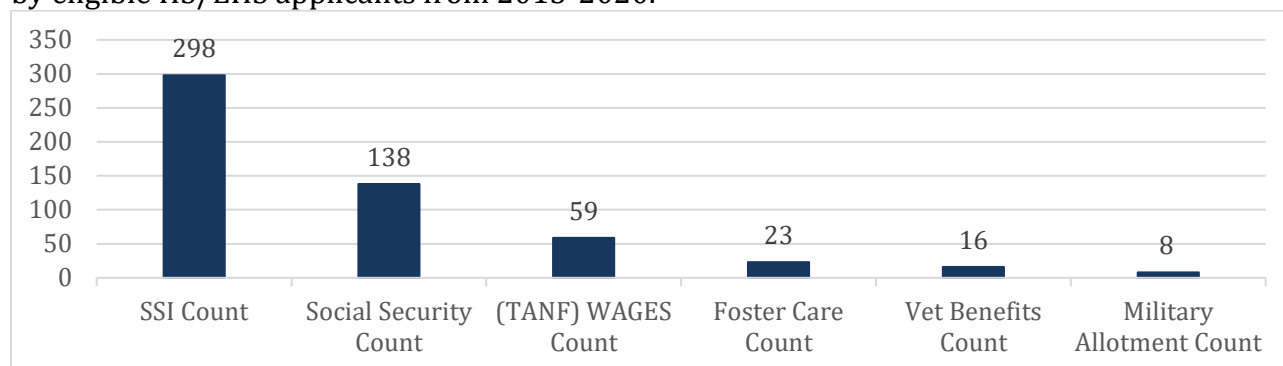
The chart below provides the source of income as a percent of all adults that are in the families of HS/EHS eligible children. This data includes income for all eligible families that applied from 2015-2020.



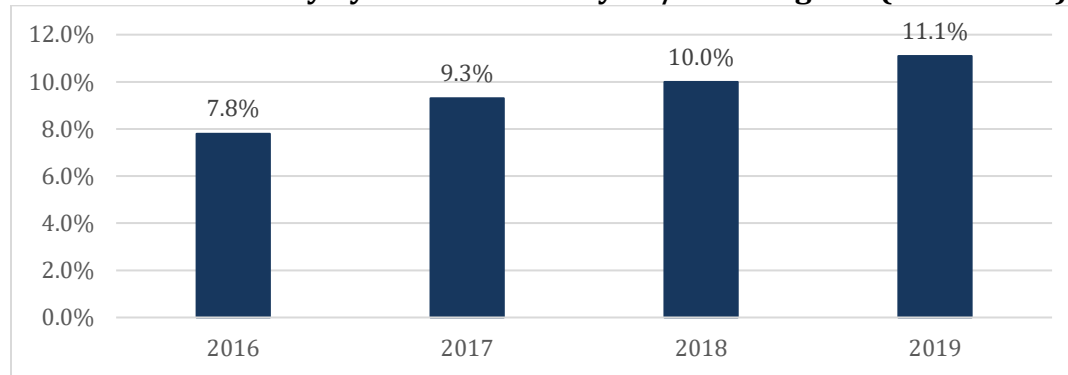
(Source: ChildPlus Database; 2015-2020)

Table 3.12: Public Assistance Recipients

The chart below represents the number of Public Assistance documents that were provided by eligible HS/EHS applicants from 2015-2020.



(Source: ChildPlus Database; 2015-2020)

Table 3.13: Percent of Broward's under 5 year old population that is below poverty level served annually by Broward County HS/EHS Program (2016-2019)

(Source: ChildPlus Database; 2015-2020)

Dual Language Learners

Between 2015 and 2020, 2,282 (18%) of eligible Head Start/Early Head Start children were dual-language learners. (Source: ChildPlus Database; 2015-2020)

4. Education Needs of Eligible Families

Adult Educational Attainment

The educational attainment of Broward County residents over the age of 25 in 2020 are shown in Table 4.1. Overall, the majority of Broward County residents have completed a Bachelor's or advanced degree (32.4%). The information in Table 4.3 is based mainly on the latest year of the 2020 American Community Survey census data.

Table 4.1: Adult Educational Attainment

Education Level	Percent of Over 25 Population
Bachelor's or Advanced Degree	32.4%
Associate's, Technical School, or Some College	29.2%
High School Graduate or GED	27.3%
Less Than High School Graduate	9.3%
No School or Unspecified	1.8%

(Source: 2019 ACS 5-Year Estimates;

<https://data.census.gov/cedsci/table?q=&t=Educational%20Attainment&g=0500000US12011&y=2019&tid=ACSST5Y2019.S1501>)

Graduation and Dropout Rates

The graduation rate for Broward County high school students in charter schools, traditional schools, and centers for 2015-2016 through 2019-2020 is shown in Table 4.2. The graduation rate for Broward County increased between the periods and earned its highest graduation rate in the past five years in 2020. The state graduation rate exceeded the BCPS rate by 0.6%.

Graduation and dropout rates are calculated independently. While a four-year cohort of students determines graduation rates, dropout rates are determined based on the enrollment for a single year in grades 9-12.

Table 4.2: Graduation Rates in Broward, Miami Dade, and Palm Beach Counties, 2015-2016 through 2019-2020

District	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020
Florida	80.7%	82.3%	86.1%	86.9%	90.0%
Broward	78.7%	81.0%	84.3%	86.2%	89.4%
Miami-Dade	80.4%	80.7%	85.4%	85.6%	89.6%
Palm Beach	82.3%	85.0%	87.2%	87.1%	90.2%

(Source: FLDOE; <https://www.fl DOE.org/core/fileparse.php/7584/urlt/GradRates1920.pdf>)

Dropout rates are shown in Table 4.3 for the state, Broward, and neighboring counties. The dropout rate declined statewide as well as in Broward and Miami-Dade but increased in Palm Beach.

Table 4.3: Dropout Rates in Broward, Miami Dade, and Palm Beach Counties, 2018-2019

District	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019
Florida	3.8%	4.0%	3.5%	3.4%
Broward	2.5%	2.1%	1.6%	1.8%
Miami-Dade	5.0%	5.7%	4.8%	4.9%
Palm Beach	5.0%	5.9%	5.1%	6.2%

(Source: FLDOE; <https://www.fldoe.org/core/fileparse.php/7584/urlt/CohortDropoutRate1819.pdf>)

Literacy Rates

An exhaustive search for current literacy rates revealed that the most current State and County Estimates of Low Literacy were published in 2003. Before that the literacy rates dated back to 1992. Table 4.4 reveals 2003 literacy rates for Broward, Miami-Dade and Palm Beach Counties.

Table 4.4: Broward, Miami-Dade, and Palm Beach Counties Lacking Literacy Skills in 2003

County	Percent Lacking Basic Prose Literacy Skills
Broward	22%
Miami-Dade	52%
Palm Beach	14%

(Source: National Center for Educational Statistics; <https://nces.ed.gov/naal/estimates/StateEstimates.aspx>)

5. Health and Social Service Needs of Eligible Families

Incidence of Child Abuse, Neglect, and Domestic Violence

All suspected child abuse incidences are reported to the Child Abuse hotline at 1-800-962-2873 or online at <https://www.myflfamilies.com/service-programs/abuse-hotline/report-online.shtml>. Any person who knows, or has reasonable cause to suspect, that a child is abused, abandoned, or neglected by a parent, legal custodian, caregiver, or other person responsible for the child's welfare is a mandatory reporter. § 39.201(1)(a), Florida Statutes. Domestic Violence Resources in Broward County include Women in Distress of Broward County, Inc., the only nationally accredited, state-certified, full service domestic violence center serving Broward County. They offer 24-hour crisis intervention through a 24-Hour Crisis Hotline and emergency shelter, as well as counseling and support for victims and their children. They also provide education and professional trainings on domestic violence and related topics in Broward County schools and in the community. Additional resources include the Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence (FCDAV), and Coast to Coast Legal Aid of South Florida.

Data regarding children subject to maltreatment reports and domestic violence in 2019 for Broward County are shown in Table 5.1.

Table 5.1: Children experiencing child abuse, rate per 100,000 population, single year

Reported cases for 2019	Broward County	State of Florida
Child Abuse ages 5-11	430	662
Sexual Abuse ages 5-11	26	57
Total Domestic violence	292.4	495.1

(Source: FL Health Charts;

<https://flhealthcharts.com/ChartsReports/rdPage.aspx?rdReport=NonVitalIndNoGrp.Dataviewer>)

Disabilities

Section 1007.02, of the Florida Statute, defines “student with a disability” as a student who is documented as having an intellectual disability; a hearing impairment, including deafness; a speech or language impairment; a visual impairment, including blindness; an emotional or behavioral disability; an orthopedic or other health impairment; an autism spectrum disorder; a traumatic brain injury; or a specific learning disability, including, but not limited to, dyslexia, dyscalculia, or developmental aphasia. In Broward County Public Schools Pre-K children with a disability other than Speech, Hearing, or Vision are classified as Developmentally Delayed until after they turn 5 years old.

Table 5.2: Children ages 3-5 with disabilities receiving pre-K services

Year	Broward	Florida
2020	3,347	25,704
2019	3,346	25,085

(Source: FL Health Charts;

<https://flhealthcharts.com/ChartsReports/rdPage.aspx?rdReport=NonVitalIndNoGrp.Dataviewer>)

Drug and Alcohol Abuse

The Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance (YRBS) survey of students in grades 9-12 is conducted bi-annually by the Center for Disease Control in order to assess the percent of students who self-report engaging in substance use or other risk behaviors. The results for Broward County youth in 2019 are displayed in Table 5.3. Drinking continues to be the most frequent risk behavior followed by marijuana use.

Table 5.3: 2019 High School Youth Risk Behavior Survey- Broward County, Palm Beach County and the United States

Risk Behavior	Broward	Palm Beach	United States
Currently drank alcohol	23.5%	28.2%	29.2%
First Drink Before Age 13	18.6%	18.3%	15.0%
Currently smoked cigarettes	3.2%	3.6%	6.0%
First tried cigarette smoking before age 13 years	7.4%	5.9%	7.9%
Currently used electronic vapor products	11.4%	16.7%	32.7%
Currently used marijuana	16.5%	21.3%	21.7%
Smoked marijuana before age 13	4.7%	7.4%	5.6%

Risk Behavior	Broward	Palm Beach	United States
Ever took steroids without a doctor's prescription	3.5%	4.0%	1.9%
Ever injected any illegal drug	3.8%	3.9%	1.6%
Were offered, sold, or given an illegal drug on school property	32.5%	29.0%	21.8%

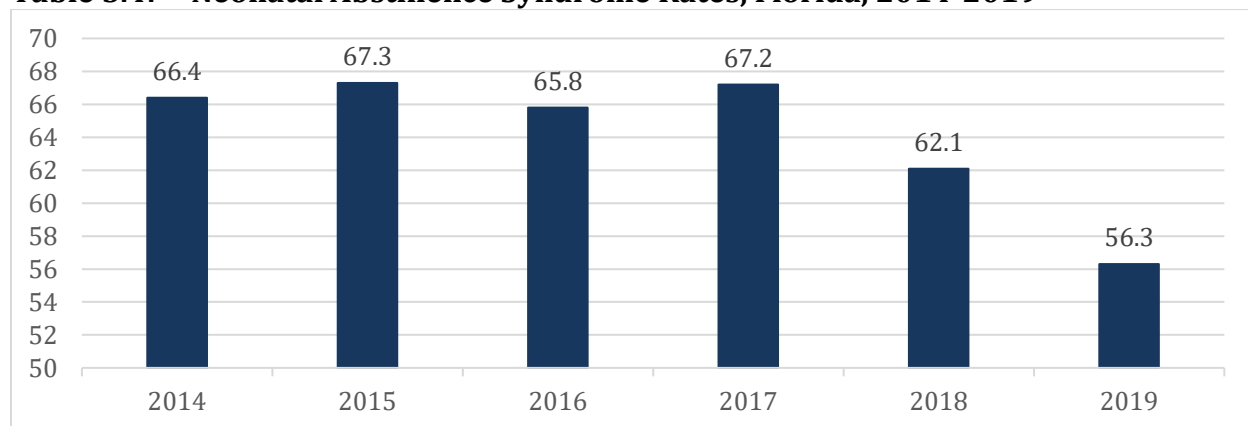
(Source: Centers for Disease Control;

<https://nccd.cdc.gov/Youthonline/App/Results.aspx?TT=A&OUT=0&SID=HS&QID=QQ&LID=XX&YID=2017&LID2=&YID2=&COL=S&ROW1=N&ROW2=N&HT=QQ&LCT=LL&FS=S1&FR=R1&FG=G1&FA=A1&FI=I1&FP=P1&FSL=S1&FRL=R1&FGL=G1&FAL=A1&FIL=I1&FPL=P1&PV=&TST=False&C1=&C2=&Q P=G&DP=1&VA=CI&CS=Y&SYID=&EYID=&SC=DEFAULT&SO=ASC>)

Number of Children Born to Addicted Mothers

Table 5.4 reflects the number of children born to drug addicted mothers. The children are diagnosed and reported as Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS). The rate is per 10,000 live births for the State of Florida. From 2011 to 2017, the prevalence rate of NAS fluctuated between 65 and 68 cases per 10,000 live births. Over the last two years the statewide trend in NAS rates has decreased, from a rate of 67.2 per 10,000 live births in 2017 to the current rate of 56.3 per 10,000 live births in 2019.

Table 5.4: Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome Rates, Florida, 2014-2019



(Source: Florida Department of Health <http://www.floridahealth.gov/diseases-and-conditions/birthdefects/documents/NASDataSummary.pdf>)

Infant and Child Death Rates

Broward's 2019 infant death rate and the leading causes of death in infants under one are reported in Table 5.5. The figures shown are the rate per 1,000 live births. Broward's infant death rate is higher than its two neighboring counties. Additionally, the top two causes of infant death in Broward are at rates higher than both Miami-Dade and Palm Beach.

Table 5.5: Leading cause of death for Infants under one, 2019

Cause of Death	Broward	Miami-Dade	Palm Beach
Infant death rate	5.2	4.7	4.7
Extreme low birth weight or Extreme Immaturity	.9	.5	.6
Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS)	.5	.0	.1

(Source: Florida Health Charts; https://www.flhealthcharts.com/FLQUERY_New/InfantDeath/Rate)

Table 5.6 below compares the death rates of children ages one to four in 2019 for Broward County compared to its two neighboring counties. Broward leads both counties significantly in overall death rate. The top causes of death in Broward are at rates higher than its two neighboring counties in almost all categories except for Congenital Malformations.

Table 5.6: Leading cause of death for Children 1-4 (rates per 1,000 children), 2019

Cause of Death	Broward	Miami-Dade	Palm Beach
Child death rate	25.5	18.6	16.8
Drowning & Submersion	5.5	1.5	1.7
Neoplasms	3.3	3	0
Congenital Malformations	2.2	3	5
Perinatal Period Conditions	2.2	.7	0
Blood/Blood Forming Organ Diseases	2.2	.7	0

(Source: Florida Health Charts; https://www.flhealthcharts.com/FLQUERY_New/Death/Rate)

Low-Birth Weight Babies

Table 5.7 shows the percentage of Florida's overall low birth rates in the three neighboring counties. Broward County's low birth rate is lower than Miami-Dade's but higher than Palm Beach County.

Table 5.7: 2019 Percent of Florida's Low Birth Weight Live Births

Live Births	Broward	Miami-Dade	Palm Beach
Under 1500 Grams (Very Low Birth Weight)	11.9%	13.4%	7.6%
Under 2500 Grams (Low Birth Weight)	10.7%	12.9%	6.8%

(Source: Florida Health Charts;

<https://www.flhealthcharts.com/ChartsReports/rdPage.aspx?rdReport=Birth.Dataviewer&cid=21&drpCounty=50>)

Teen Pregnancy Rates

Teen pregnancy rates in Broward County were lower overall than in the State of Florida. Table 5.8 shows the breakdown of births by the mother's age for those who were younger than 16 years of age, those between 17 and 19 years of age and those over 19 years of age

Table 5.8: Births by mother's age in Broward County and the State of Florida, Rate Per 1,000 Total Population, 2019

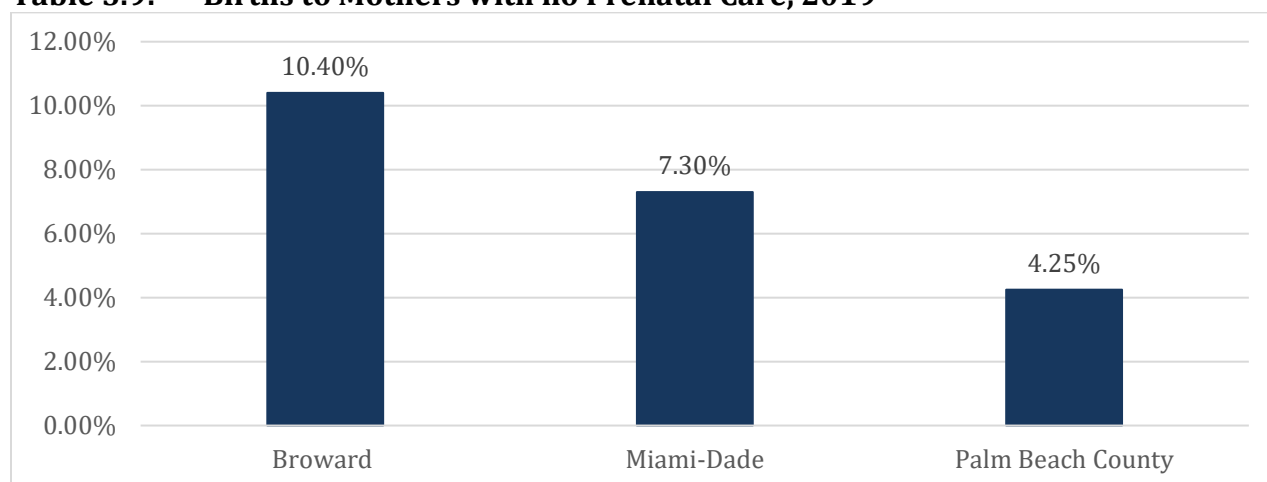
Age	Broward County		State of Florida	
	Number	Rate per 1000	Number	Rate per 1000
16 Years Old and Younger	63	0.3%	939	0.5%
17 to 19 Years Old	537	17.1%	8,708	25.1%
Over 19 Years Old	21,416	28.6%	215,018	25.8%

(Source: Florida Health Charts;

<https://www.flhealthcharts.com/ChartsReports/rdPage.aspx?rdReport=Birth.Dataviewer&cid=22&drpCounty=6>)

Prenatal Healthcare

Broward is second to Duval County with the highest percentage of births to mothers with no prenatal care. In 2019, Broward's percent of Florida births outnumbered that of Miami Dade and Palm Beach Counties as shown in Table 5.9 below.

Table 5.9: Births to Mothers with no Prenatal Care, 2019

(Source: Florida Health Charts;

<https://www.flhealthcharts.com/ChartsReports/rdPage.aspx?rdReport=Birth.Dataviewer&cid=16&drpCounty=6>)

Immunization Rates

Florida law required certain vaccines to be administered before children may enroll and attend childcare and school. These requirements vary with the type of program and the age of the entering student. Immunization rates for Broward County two-year olds and kindergarteners are shown in Table 5.10 and 5.11. The rate of immunizations for two-year olds is lower than the state average while the rate for kindergarteners is nearly the same for the state and Broward County.

Table 5.10: Immunization Levels in Broward County and the State of Florida 2019-2020

Kindergarteners	Broward County	State of Florida
2019	94.2%	93.8%
2020	93.9%	93.5%

(Source: Florida Health Charts;

<https://flhealthcharts.com/ChartsReports/rdPage.aspx?rdReport=NonVitalIndNoGrp.Dataviewer>)

Table 5.11: Immunization Levels in Broward County and the State of Florida 2019

2 Year Olds	Broward County	State of Florida
2019	79.1%	83.5%

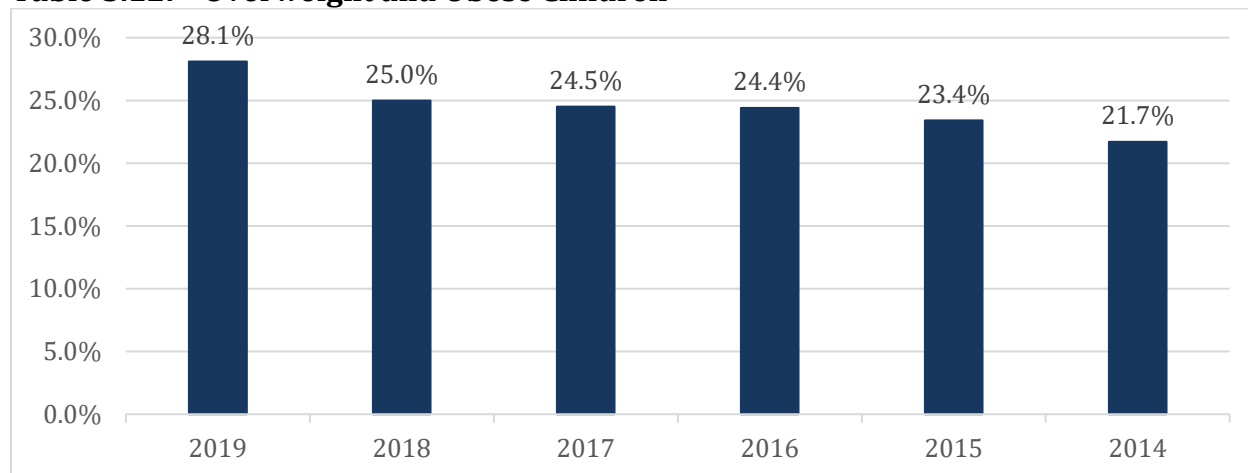
(Source: Florida Health Charts;

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Prevalent Health Problems

Childhood Obesity

Obesity is a national health concern and poses significant risk to the health of children. Broward County has a lower percentage of obese children than Miami-Dade, Palm Beach County, and the state of Florida. Table 5.12 below indicates, however, that the percent of WIC children 2 years or older is at an all time high in Broward County, steadily increasing since 2014.

Table 5.12: Overweight and Obese Children

(Source: Florida Health Charts;

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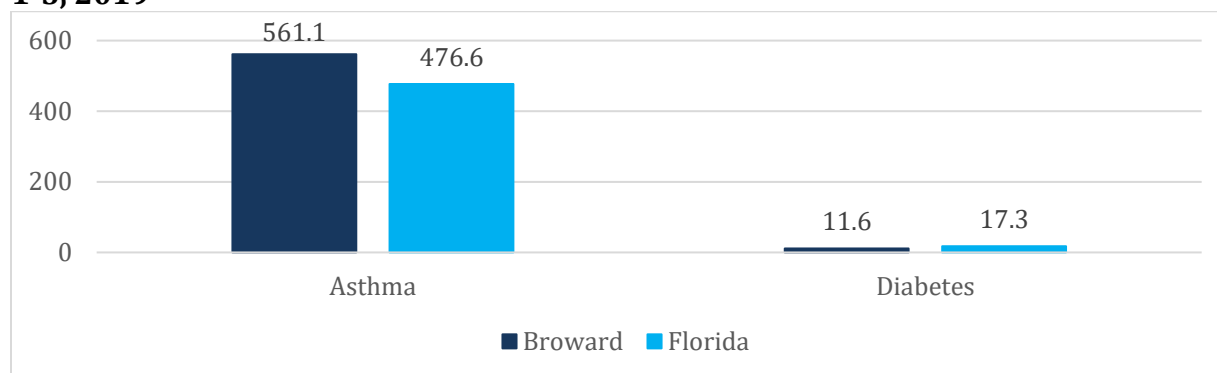
Asthma and Diabetes

Asthma presents serious health concerns for many children. Asthma continues to go up, with Broward County being higher than the State of Florida for 2019. Asthma in Broward County ages 1-5 had a count of 631 and a rate of 561.1 per 100,000. Diabetes mellitus is a group of diseases characterized by high levels of blood glucose resulting from defects in insulin production, insulin action, or both. Diabetes affects adults and children of all backgrounds.

Most diagnosed cases of Type 2 Diabetes among children ages 10-19. In 2019, diabetes cases in Broward County children of ages 1-5 had count of 13 and rate of 11.6 per 100,000.

Table 5.13 presents rates of asthma-related hospitalizations among children 1-5 in 2019 and also indicates the rate of diabetes hospitalizations for children ages 0-5 in Broward County (typically Type 1 Diabetes).

Table 5.13: Asthma and Diabetes Hospitalizations Rate per 100,000 Children Ages 1-5, 2019



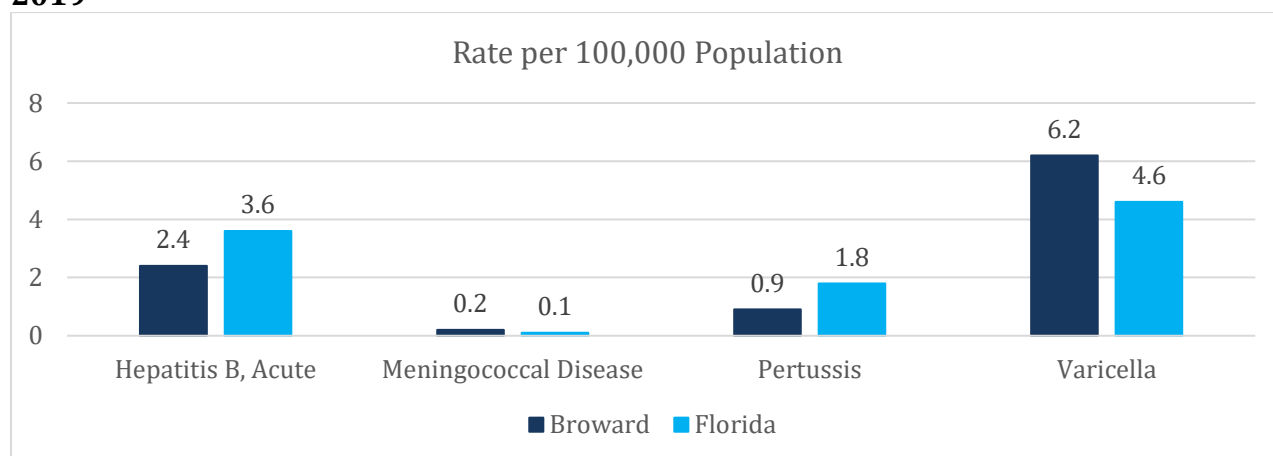
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Communicable Diseases

Communicable diseases are diseases that may be transmitted from person to person, food, water and/or animals. The Broward County Health Department reports on the most frequently diagnosed communicable diseases in the county. Table 5.14 provides the rates of preventable diseases in Broward County and the State of Florida. The rate for Varicella is an increase from the prior 2 years. May be due to lack of medical care due to COVID.

Table 5.14: Vaccine Preventable Diseases in Broward County Compared to Florida, 2019

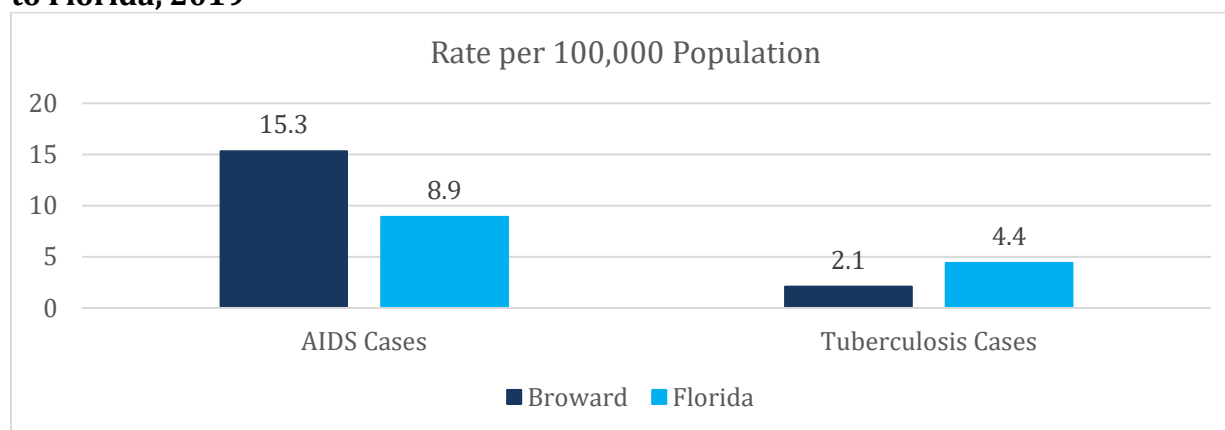


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Table 5.15 provides reported cases of AIDS and Tuberculosis for Broward County and the State of Florida in 2019. AIDS has increased by 2% over the last 2 years. Tuberculosis has decreased by 1% over the last 2 years.

Table 5.15: Reported Cases of AIDS and Tuberculosis in Broward County compared to Florida, 2019

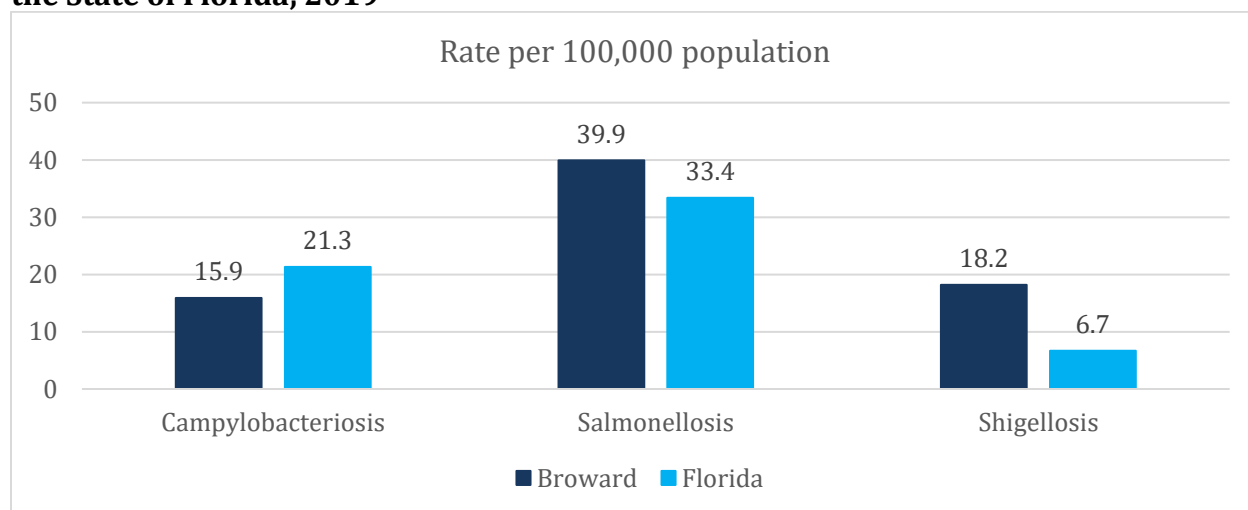


(Source: Florida Health Charts;
<https://www.flhealthcharts.com/ChartsReports/rdPage.aspx?rdReport=NonVitalIndNoGrp.Dataviewer>)

Air and Water Quality

As noted in the Broward County Water Services 2019 Water Quality Report, if elevated levels of lead are present in drinking water, it can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Table 5.16 provides data on Enteric, Food and Waterborne Disease rates for Broward County and the State of Florida.

Table 5.16: Enteric, Food and Waterborne Diseases Rate for Broward County and the State of Florida, 2019



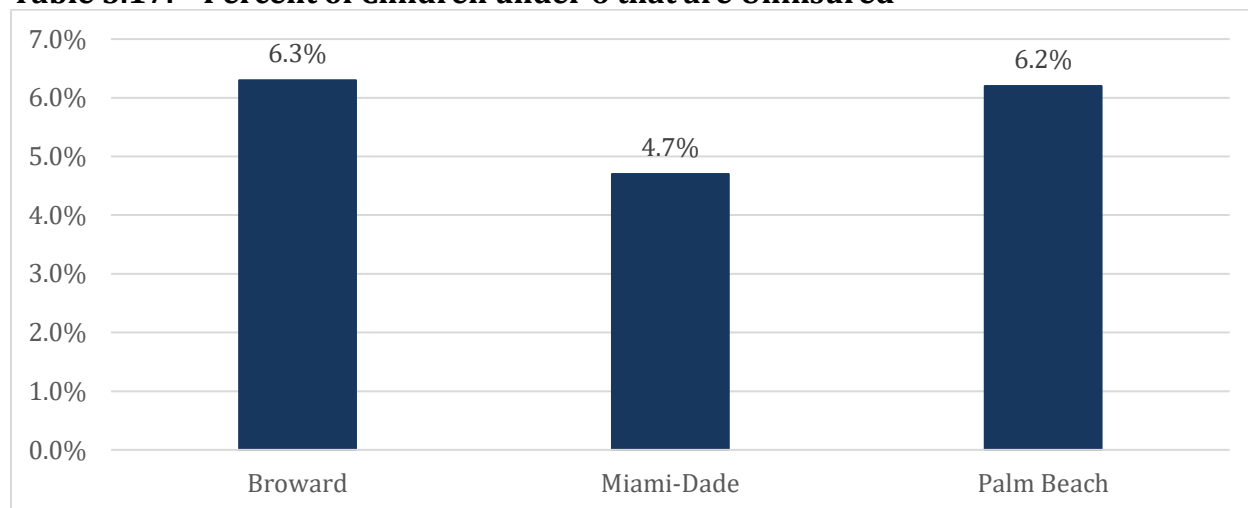
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Health Insurance

The ability to access health care is significantly affected by whether individuals have health insurance. Uninsured individuals are far more likely than those with insurance to postpone or forgo health care. The consequences can be significant including missed diagnoses and treatment of preventable and chronic diseases.

The percent of uninsured children under 6 years of age in Broward County is higher than the two neighboring counties as shown in Table 5.17.

Table 5.17: Percent of Children under 6 that are Uninsured



(Source: 2019 ACS 5-Year Estimates;

<https://data.census.gov/cedsci/table?q=&t=Health%20Insurance&g=0500000US12011,12086,12099&tid=ACST1Y2016.S2701>)

6. Nutrition Needs of Eligible Families

Free Lunch and Breakfast

In order to help assure that all children have access to nutritious food during the school day, the United States Department of Agriculture provides free or reduced price meals to children whose families meet income requirements. According to the Department, all children in households receiving benefits from SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program), TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) or FDPIR (Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations), and most foster children can receive free meals regardless of the family's income. In addition, children can receive free meals if the household's gross income is within the free limits on the Federal Income Guidelines. According to the Florida Department of Education, 56.2% of BCPS students and 63.7% State of Florida students qualified for Free and Reduced-Price Lunch in the 2020-2021 school year.

Cash Assistance, Food Stamps and WIC

Three types of assistance programs are available to Florida residents including cash, medical, and nutrition services through the Department of Children and Families Access Program.

The percent of households receiving Cash Assistance or Food Stamps was at an all time low in 2019 and consistently averages lower than the state of Florida.

Table 6.1: Households receiving Cash Assistance or Food Stamps

Year	Broward	Florida
2019	13.5%	14.1%
2018	14.1%	14.7%
2017	14.0%	15.0%
2016	14.0%	15.3%

(FL Health Charts;

<https://flhealthcharts.com/ChartsReports/rdPage.aspx?rdReport=NonVitalIndNoGrp.Dataviewer>)

The Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) provides Federal grants to states for low-income pregnant, breastfeeding, and non-breastfeeding postpartum women, and to infants and children up to age five who are found to be at nutritional risk. The percent of WIC Eligibles served in Broward has steadily decreased over the last five years but remains consistently significantly than the state percentages.

Table 6.2: WIC Eligibles served in Broward County versus the State of Florida.

Year	Broward	Florida
2019	73.0%	64.3%
2018	78.9%	67.8%
2017	81.4%	69.3%
2016	89.4%	72.2%

(FL Health Charts;

<https://flhealthcharts.com/ChartsReports/rdPage.aspx?rdReport=NonVitalIndNoGrp.Dataviewer>)

Food Distribution

Available Food Banks or Food Programs

Broward County has 25 food banks in order to provide food to low income people. A list of food banks and pantries in Broward County and Fort Lauderdale is provided in Appendix C.

Table 6.3: Population Living within ½ Mile of a Fast Food Restaurant

Year	Broward	Florida
2019	50.2%	27.7%
2016	53.7%	33.9%

(FL Health Charts;

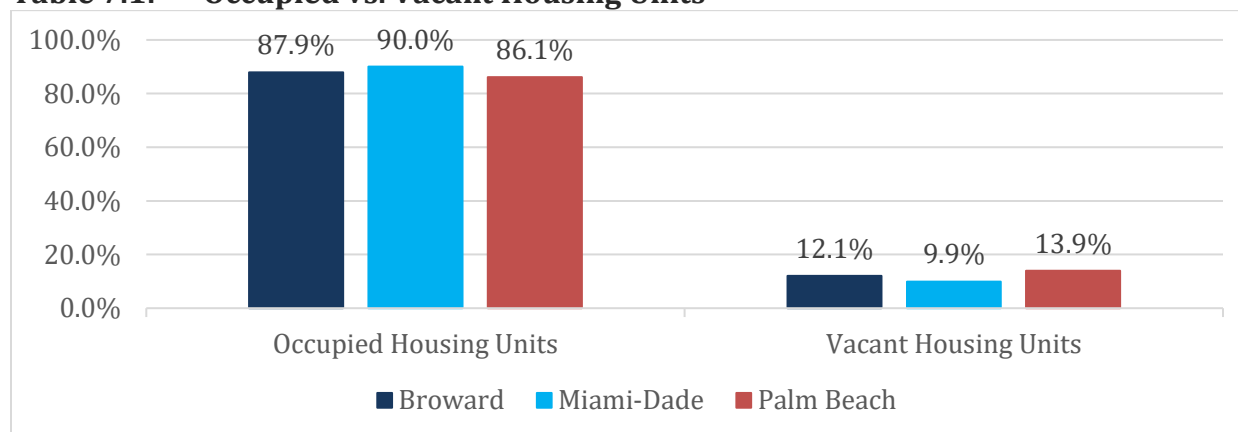
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7. Housing and Homelessness

Availability of Housing

As reported in the 2020 Decennial Census, the number of vacant housing units in Broward County is higher than neighboring Miami-Dade, but lower than Palm Beach County.

Table 7.1: Occupied vs. Vacant Housing Units

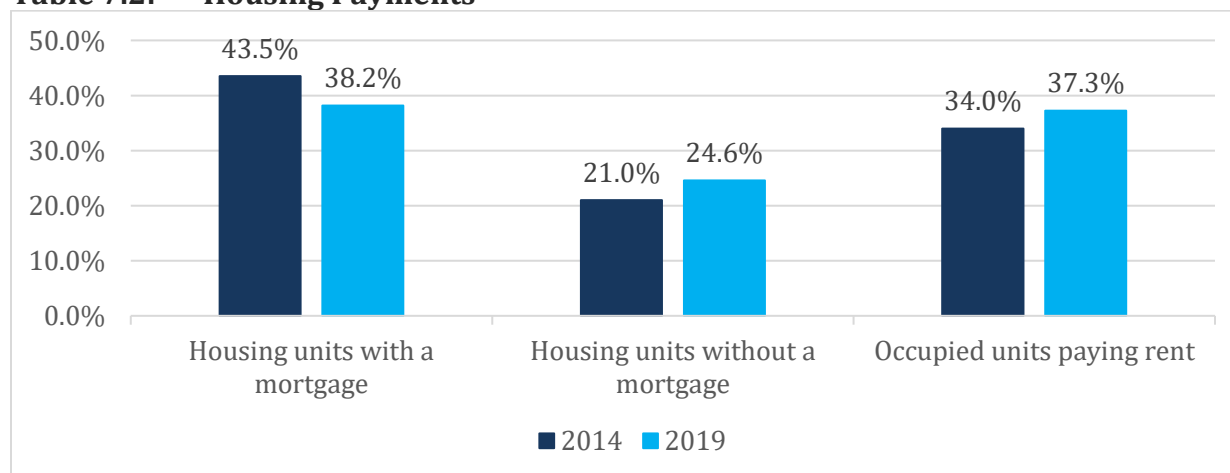


(Source: 2020 Decennial Census Data;

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Table 7.2 below presents a comparison of the breakdown of types of housing payments in Broward County from 2014 to 2019. The number of housing units with a mortgage has decreased as compared to an increase in occupied units paying rent.

Table 7.2: Housing Payments



(Source: 2019 ACS 5-Year Estimates;

<https://data.census.gov/cedsci/table?t=Financial%20Characteristics&g=0500000US12011&tid=ACSDP5Y2019.DP04>)

Affordability & Conditions

According to analyses conducted by the Shimberg Center for Housing Studies (2019), the number of renters in the Miami-Fort Lauderdale-Palm Beach region has added 208,698

renter households from 2000-2017 and lost nearly 104,000 owner households in the same time period. Between the years 2000 and 2019, South Florida's cost burdened renters increased 101%. (households that pay more than 40 percent of income for rent plus utilities). (*South Florida's Affordable Rental Housing Needs: 2019 Update*; http://www.shimberg.ufl.edu/publications/SFL_ar_hsg_2019.pdf)

HUD Housing & Homelessness

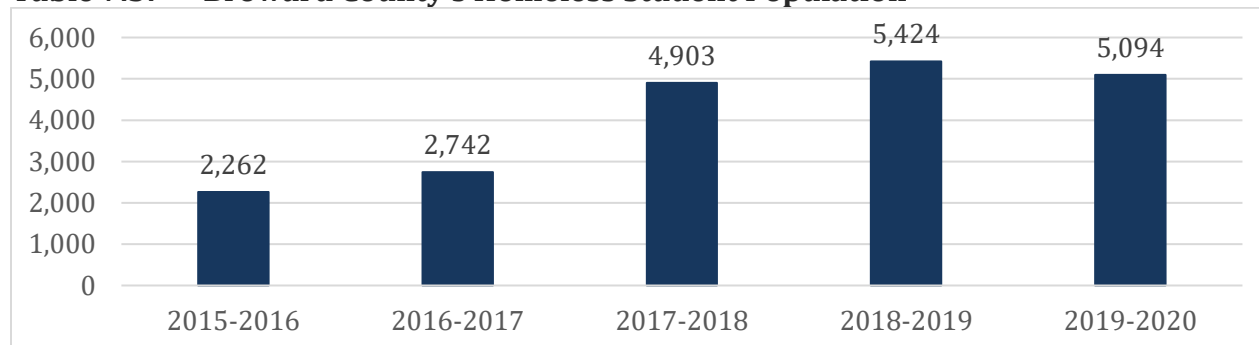
Florida is among four states that account for more than half of all people experiencing homelessness in the US based on a single night estimate in January 2020. Although Florida contributed in large part to these national estimates, the state has one of the largest decreases in the country down 42.8% from 2007 to 2020 and 3% from 2019 to 2020. Florida also saw one of the largest decreases in homeless families with children between 2007 and 2020.

(*HUD Exchange Annual Homeless Assessment Report*

<https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/6291/2020-ahar-part-1-pit-estimates-of-homelessness-in-the-us/>)

Table 7.3 below demonstrates the significant increase in the number of homeless students in Broward County since 2015.

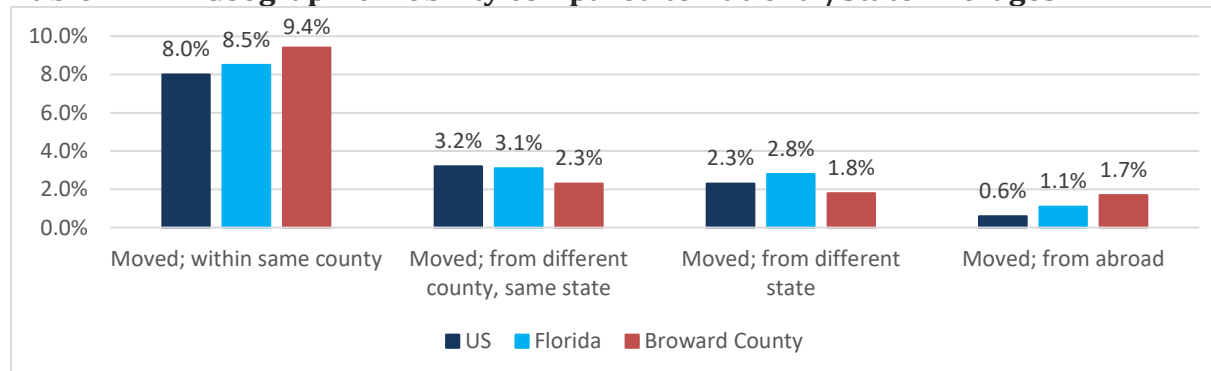
Table 7.3: Broward County's Homeless Student Population



(Source: Florida's Council on Homelessness Annual Report – 2021;

<https://www.myflfamilies.com/service-programs/homelessness/docs/2021CouncilReport.pdf>)

Table 7.4: Geographic Mobility compared to National/State Averages



(Source: ACS 5-year Estimate for 2019;

<https://data.census.gov/cedsci/table?q=geographic%20mobility&tid=ACST1Y2019.S0701>)

8. Child Care Availability

Child Care Programs and Facilities

Broward County has a range of early childcare programs (birth to school age) available for its children. Table 8.1 shows the number of childcare programs in Broward County and the capacity of each as of November 2021. There were a total of 636 programs with a total capacity of all of 69,086.

Head Start is a federally funded program that offers free comprehensive services to economically disadvantage children and families. Program components include research-based curriculum, state certified teachers, early literacy focus, ongoing monitoring assessment, developmental screenings, field trips, social services, medical and dental services, mental health services, nutrition services, services for children with disabilities, family and community partnership, parent involvement, male involvement group and grandparent support group.

Early Head Start is a federally funded program that offers free comprehensive services to economically disadvantage families with infants, toddlers, and pregnant woman. The program is designed to improve the overall developmental progress of the child, with an emphasis on the prevention of a variety of developmental concerns, increase families' knowledge of parenting practices, and strengthen the family unit. The program's objectives are accomplished through a range of services that include appropriate infant-toddler activities, comprehensive health care, nutrition, education, and social services for young children and their families. Home visits by a nurse, social worker, early childhood educator, or other trained professional during pregnancy and in the first years of life has been shown to improve maternal and child health, prevent child abuse and neglect, increase positive parenting, and enhance child development and school readiness.

The BCPS Head Start/Early Intervention Department administers the District's **Voluntary Prekindergarten Program (VPK)**, a State funded program that offers free, full day, and half-day instruction to four-year-olds. The program follows the Florida Early Learning and Developmental Standards for Four-Year-Olds and focuses on early language and literacy skills. All children enrolled in the VPK Program are provided with a learning environment that encompasses varied complexities of experiences to help them develop socially, cognitively, physically, and emotionally in a manner appropriate to their age, individual interest, temperament, language, cultural background, and stage of development. Table 8.1 below shows the number of total children in Broward County served by the state-funded VPK program.

Table 8.1: Broward County Children Served by the VPK Program, 2020-2021

Provider Type	#
Center	9,402
Private School	2,092
Public School	1,187
TOTAL	12,681

Child Care Licensing and Enforcement (CCLE) is responsible to regulate, enforce and improve the quality of childcare in Broward County. CCLE is responsible for the implementation of the state-mandated licensing of all child care facilities and family child care homes in Broward County. CCLE monitors child care providers for compliance with health and safety standards. It also registers religious and non-public schools offering child care services. CCLE provides on-site inspections, technical assistance, and training.

The **Early Learning Coalition (ELC) of Broward County** oversees two state-wide early education programs: School Readiness and Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten (VPK). These programs prepare Broward County children for kindergarten and school, helping to ensure their academic success. ELC and its partners provide access to financial assistance that helps pay for child care and links parents to family support services, including those for children with special needs.

Subsidized child care in Broward County is offered through the Early Learning Coalition (ELC). The ELC contracts with Broward Regional Health Planning Council to manage child care financial assistance for qualifying families.

Subsidized care is offered through the same range of providers as child care overall in Broward County, from licensed centers to small family child care offered in homes. Table 8.2 indicates the number of subsidized child care providers and program type in Broward County. As of July 2021, the largest number of subsidized childcare providers are in a facility environment (83% include licensed, Gold Seal, and Exempt facilities).

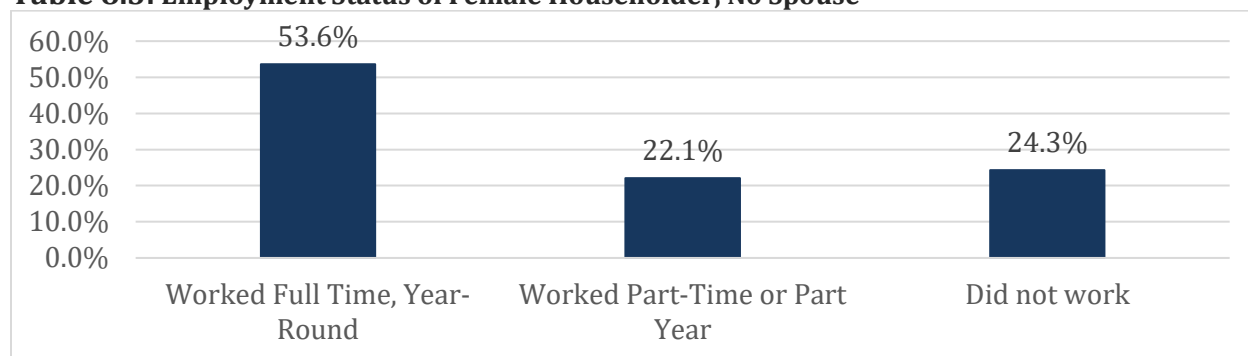
Table 8.2: Broward County Birth to School Age Day Care Facilities and Capacity, 2021

Program Type	Count		Capacity	
	#	Percent	#	Percent
Facility	526	83%	63,863	92%
Licensed Home	53	8%	526	8%
Substantial Compliance	44	7%	4,541	7%
Large Home	13	2%	156	<1%
TOTAL	636	-	69,086	-

(Source: Florida Department of Children and Families; <https://www.myflfamilies.com/service-programs/child-care/brochures-facts-progress.shtml>)

Working Mothers

Over 100,000 (approximately 24%) of Broward's families have a female householder with no spouse present. Table 8.3 demonstrates a breakdown in employment status of this female householder population.

Table 8.3: Employment Status of Female Householder, No Spouse

(Source: ACS 5-year Estimate for 2019;

<https://data.census.gov/cedsci/table?q=female%20householder,%20no%20spouse%20present&q=0500000US12011&tid=ACSDT5Y2019.B17016&hidePreview=true>)

9. Transportation and Communication

Vehicle Ownership

As of August 2021, Broward County had 1,555,047 automobiles and pickups registered. In addition, 41,917 motorcycles and 113,824 heavy trucks were registered for the same time frame. These figures represent a significant 35% increase in heavy trucks since 2016. (Source: Florida Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles Vehicle and Vessel Reports and Statistics; https://www.flhsmv.gov/pdf/vehicle-vesselreports/cvr_07_2021.pdf)

Public Transportation

Broward County Transit (BCT) is the main provider of public transportation services in the county, offering customers bus and para-transit options. BCT is the second largest transit system in the state. Transportation services cover approximately 410 square miles (of Broward's 1200 sq. miles) with a fleet of 291 buses on fixed routes, and links with transit systems in Miami-Dade and Palm Beach and to the Tri-Rail (commuter rail).

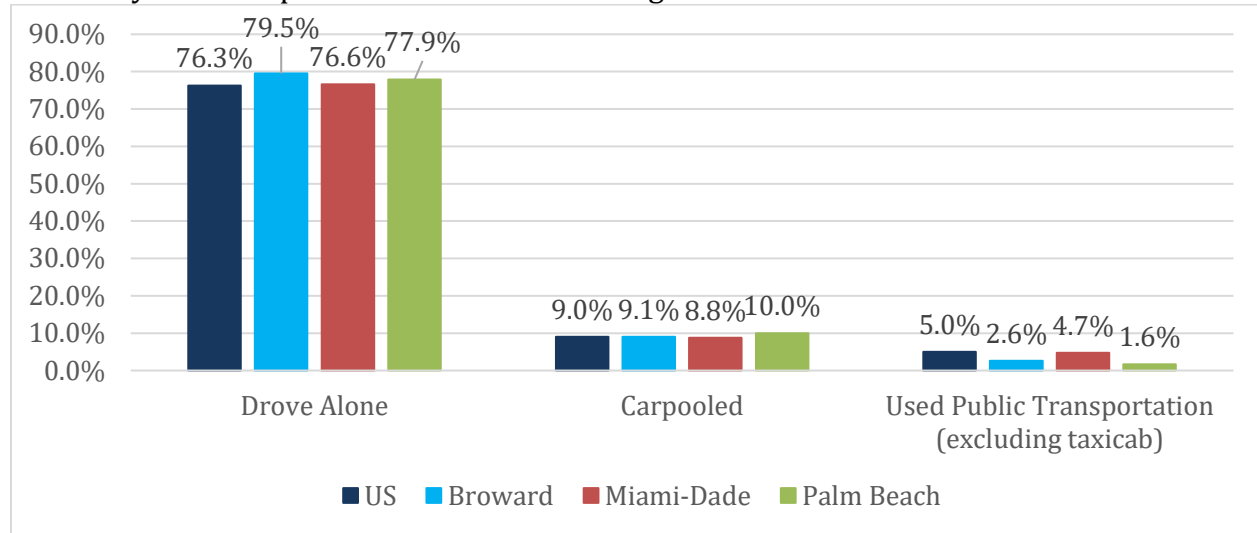
BCT also provides Complementary Paratransit (TOPS) service for persons qualified under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990. Service is provided for persons with physical, cognitive, emotional, visual, or other disabilities which functionally prevent them from using the BCT fixed-route bus system permanently, temporarily, or under certain conditions. (Source: Broward County Transit; <https://www.broward.org/BCT/Pages/Accessibility-Services.aspx>)

The South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA) operates a commuter rail service through Broward County known as Tri-Rail in addition to a privately owned intercity train travel option, Brightline. Both rail services transport commuters between the three adjacent counties of South Florida in a North-South pattern. There is currently no rail system that connects the east to west ends of the County.

Commuting to Work

The average travel time to work for Broward County commuters is 28 minutes, which is comparable to the averages of the two neighboring counties. More Broward County

commuters drive to work alone compared to the national average, and about half of Broward County commuters use public transportation. Below is an analysis of commuting among the tri-county area compared to the national average.



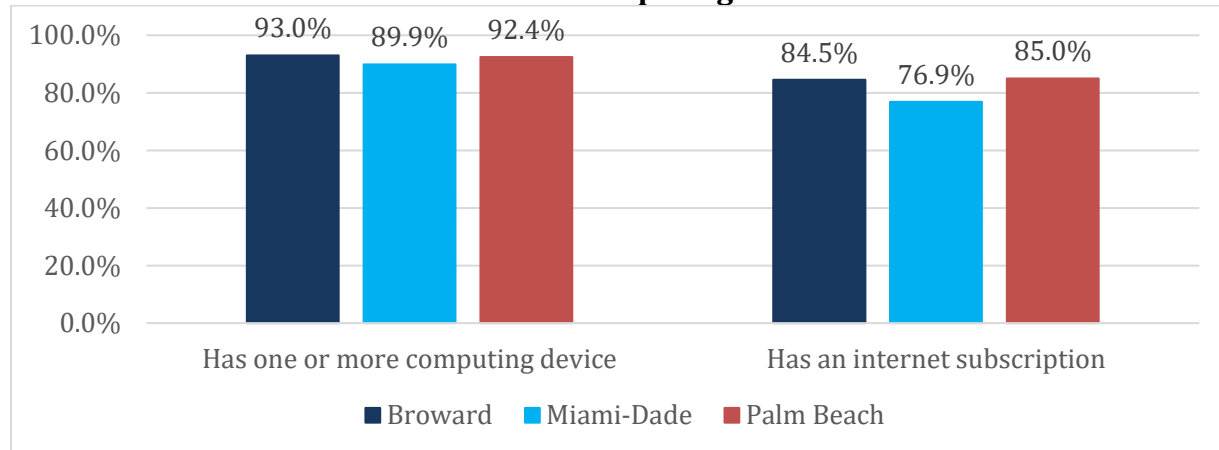
(ACS 5-year Estimate for 2019;

<https://data.census.gov/cedsci/table?q=commuting%20to%20work&tid=ACSST1Y2019.S0802>)

Population with Technology

More Broward County households have one or more computing device than the other two neighboring counties. Considerably more Broward County households have an internet subscription than Miami-Dade but slightly fewer than Palm Beach County.

Table 8.4: Percent of Households with Computing Device and Internet



(ACS 5-year Estimate for 2019;

<https://data.census.gov/cedsci/table?q=selected%20social%20characteristics&q=0500000US12011&tid=ACSDP5Y2019.DP02&hidePreview=true>)

10. Resources Available to Address Needs of Eligible Children and Families

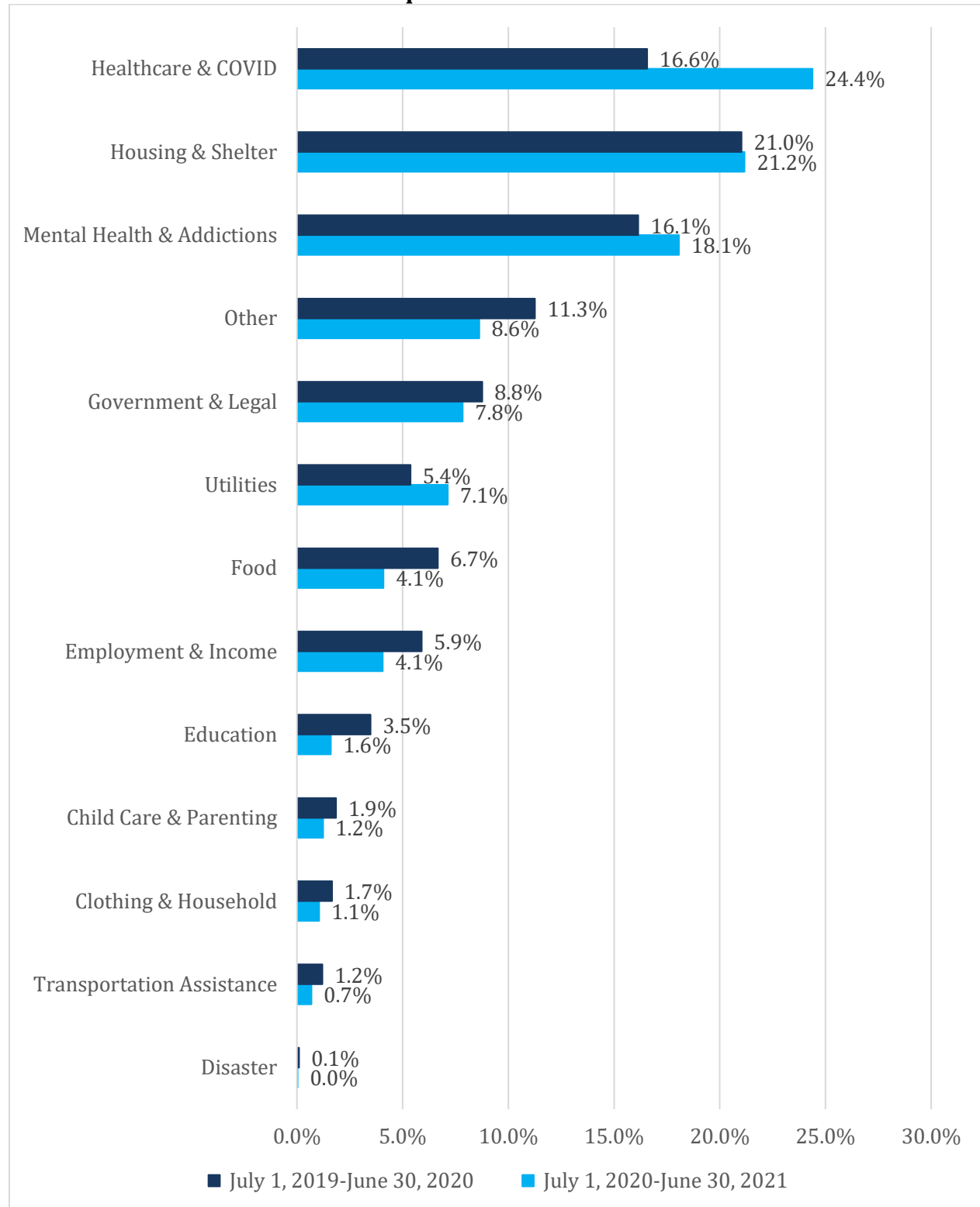
Social Services and Mental Health Services

Since 1995, **2-1-1 Broward** has served as the designated information and referral agency in Broward County. The service provides a 24-hour comprehensive helpline and searchable online database for individuals in the community seeking crisis intervention assistance and/or information and referrals to health and human services in Broward County.

211 Broward maintains an extensive database of referrals for over 800 of Broward County's non-profits. 2-1-1 Broward offers comprehensive support to individuals and families by assessing their full range of needs, connecting them to a network of providers who can meet those needs, and following up to ensure that these callers received services.

Callers' needs are recorded by specific need according to 13 major categories. Because callers may indicate multiple needs, the number of needs identified may exceed the number of calls reported.

Table 10.1 shows the occurrences and percent of all problems/needs identified by the callers for two comparable time periods (July 2019-June 2020 and July 2020-June 2021). In the 2019/2020 time period, 138K calls were made compared to 113K in 2020/2021. Despite the decrease in total calls, significant increases were observed related to Healthcare & COVID as well as Mental Health & Addictions. Conversely, there was a decrease in calls under most other topics such as Food, Employment, Education and Child Care.

Table 10.1: Percent of Service Requests from 2-1-1 Broward

(Source: 2-1-1 Counts; <https://211-broward.211counts.org/>)

Table 10.2: Highest Rates of Service Requests to 2-1-1 Broward by Zip Code

Rank	Zip Code
1	33020
2	33311
3	33026
4	33004
5	33314
6	33066
7	33442
8	33060
9	33322
10	33321

(Source: 2-1-1 Counts; <https://211-broward.211counts.org/>)

The **Children's Services Council of Broward County** provides a variety of services through committees composed of Broward County leaders.

- **Teen Parent Alliance** promotes positive youth development and provides a continuum of services to support teen parents to achieve high school graduation.
- **Homeless Youth & Families** seeks strategies, resources and viable partnerships targeted at ending homelessness among homeless youth and families.
- The **Infant Mental Health Workgroup** has been working collaborative with various community stakeholders to ensure positive infant, child and family outcomes through facilitation of system change at the state, and community level in the areas of workforce development.
- **Maternal & Child Health Systems** work to improve the physical and behavioral health of mothers and babies in Broward County. Focused on reducing the rates of fetal and infant mortality and preterm birth and improving birth equity.
- **Special Needs Advisory Coalition (SNAC) of Broward** provides advocacy and leadership to enhance the lives of children with disabilities and support parents as advocates through collaboration, planning, funding, and training to create a comprehensive system of care and equitable outcomes.

Henderson Behavioral Health (HBH) was established in 1953 to provide healthcare, housing, and hope for persons of all ages with behavioral health conditions in South Florida. HBH offers a range of services including in home therapy, therapeutic behavioral services to assist children and their families with complex needs provided in the home and community settings. (Source: <https://www.hendersonbh.org/>)

Broward Healthy Start Coalition, Inc. was incorporated on February 14, 1992 and is the leader in Maternal and Child Health policy and programming in Broward County. The Coalition receives funding from the Florida Department of Health and the Agency for Health Care Administration and is responsible for the formation and administration of the Healthy Start system, which includes management of subcontracts for quality services to pregnant women and children birth to age three and monitoring services through quality improvement and assurance responsibilities and accountability. (Source: <http://www.browardhsc.org/for-women/prenatal-healthy-start-services/>)

Their primary goals are to:

- Reduce fetal and infant mortality and morbidity
- Reduce the number of low birth weight and preterm births
- Improve maternal and child health developmental outcomes

Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Coalition of Broward County, Inc. (HMHB/Broward) was formed in 1987 in response to a high rate of infant mortality in Broward County, Florida. For thirty-three years, the agency has developed and implemented innovative programs and services for low-income pregnant and parenting families, focusing on zip codes at high risk of infant death, poor maternal/child health, and child endangerment. (Source: <https://www.hmhbroward.org/>)

HMHB/Broward is a 501(c)3 organization whose mission is strengthening families and improving birth outcomes in the underserved community within Broward County through comprehensive programs, education, and access to vital support services. (Source: <https://www.cscbroward.org/strategicplancommittees>)

They include:

- **The Mahogany Project** is a health education program targeting high-risk pregnant women in the 33311, 33309, 33313, 33319, and 33068 zip codes. The program provides intense case management services, including childbirth education, nutrition, breastfeeding and infant care to high-risk mothers. Mothers improve their health and learn how to monitor the health of their baby as well as improve their knowledge of community resources including education and employment. These services include home visiting.
- **Mothers Overcoming Maternal Stress (M.O.M.S.)** provides counseling and case management services to women who are suffering from maternal depression. Pregnant women or mothers of children 0-1 years old who are experiencing symptoms of maternal depression are eligible for services. Counselors will visit mothers in their homes and offer supports.
- **Healthy Families** is a nationally accredited family support and coaching program that helps parents provide the safe and stable environments children need for healthy growth and development.
- **The Forget Me Not®** program recognizes the babies of Broward County who had passed away before their 1st birthday.
- **Moms4Wellness** is a program designed for at-risk Black/African American and Hispanic pregnant women to reduce gestational hypertension and diabetes.
- **Emergency Basic Needs Assistance** provides emergency financial services such as rental, utility, transportation, or food assistance to help Broward County individuals and families in crisis meet their basic needs.
- **The Fatherhood Mentorship Program** provides fathers and all male caregivers in Broward County with individual/group educational mentorship, case management and family therapy.

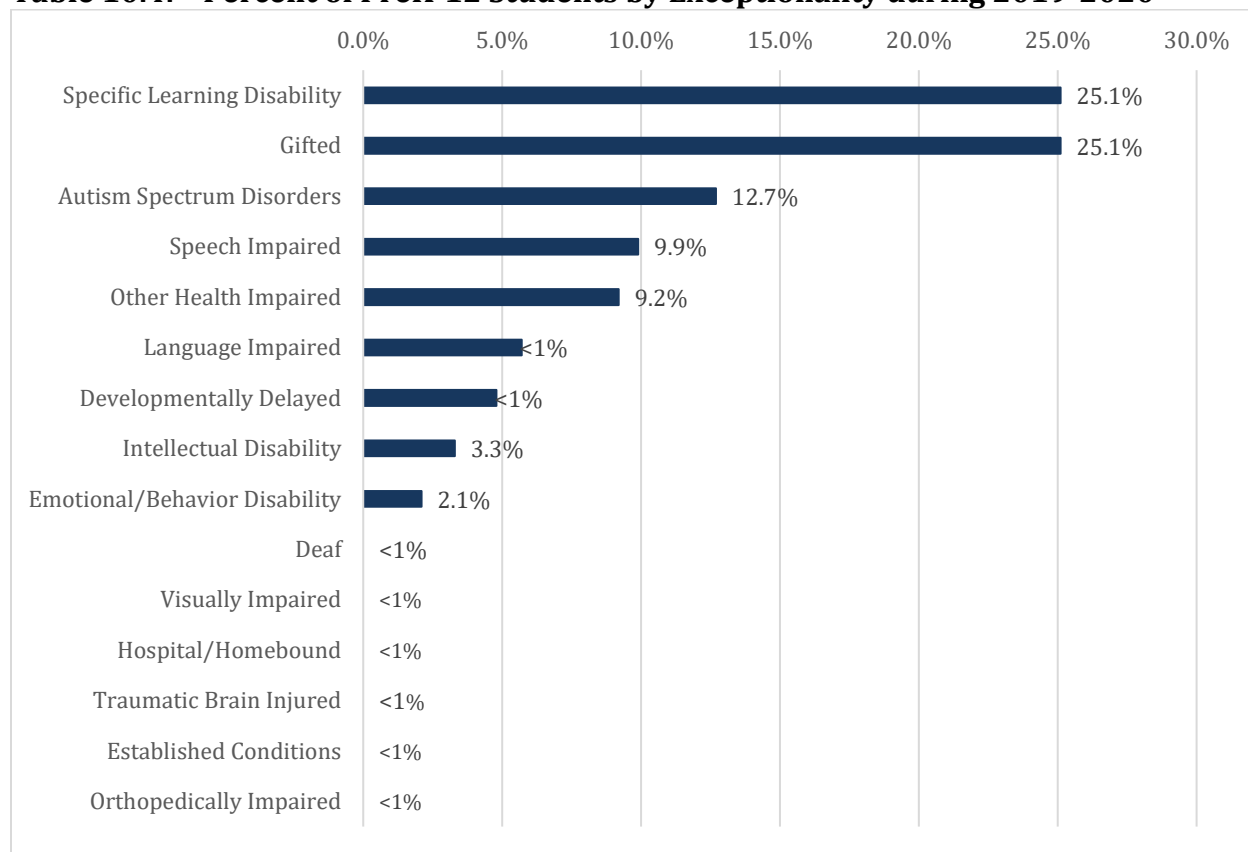
The Nurse-Family Partnership (NFP) program is an evidence-based community health program that is based on more than 35 years of research from randomized, controlled trials. The program helps transform the lives of vulnerable mothers pregnant with their first child. Through ongoing home visits from registered nurses, low-income, first-time mothers receive the care and support they need to have a healthy pregnancy, provide responsible and competent care for their children, and become more economically self-sufficient. Services are provided from pregnancy until the child turns two years old. The NFP nurses work with the first-time mothers to achieve the following goals: 1) Improving pregnancy outcomes by helping women engage in good preventive health practices, including getting prenatal care from their healthcare providers, improving their diet, and reducing their use of cigarettes, alcohol, and illegal substances; 2) Improving child health and development by helping parents provide responsible and competent care; and 3) Improving the economic self-sufficiency of the family by helping parents develop a vision for their own future, plan future pregnancies, continue their education, and find work. In Broward County, the Nurse Family Partnership is provided through the Broward Regional Health Planning Council, Inc. (BRHPC). (Source: BRHPC; <https://www.nursefamilypartnership.org/>)

Broward County Public Schools Exceptional Student Learning Support (ESLS) Department provides robust education services to students PreK through Grade 12 with varying exceptionalities. In the 2019-2020 school year, the Florida Department of Education reported over 51,000 exceptional student education students enrolled in Broward County Public schools.

Table 10.3: BCPS Exceptional Student Population

Year	Pk-12 students with disabilities	PK Students with Disabilities
2020	37,684	2,932
2019	37,937	3,666
2018	35,356	3,665
2017	35,341	3,266
2016	34,985	3,248

(Source: FLDOE; <https://www.fldoe.org/academics/exceptional-student-edu/data/lea-profiles/>; BCPS Exceptional Student Learning Support Department)

Table 10.4: Percent of PreK-12 Students by Exceptionality during 2019-2020

(Source: Florida Department of Education; <https://www.fldoe.org/accountability/data-sys/edu-info-accountability-services/pk-12-public-school-data-pubs-reports/archive.stml>)

Early Steps is Florida's early intervention system that offers services to eligible infants and toddlers, age birth to 36 months, who have or are at-risk for developmental disabilities or delays. Early intervention supports families and caregivers to increase their child's participation in daily activities and routines that are important to the family. Infants and toddlers are assessed in the following developmental domains to determine eligibility: physical, cognitive, communication, social-emotional and adaptive.

Each child receives an Individualized Family Support Plan (IFSP) that meets his or her unique needs. Families also receive support to develop the skills and confidence needed in helping their child learn and develop. Services will support children in their communities where they live, learn and play. There is no income requirement to qualify for the program and although families may choose to allow access to insurance or Medicaid benefits, families are not charged for services.

Fifteen Local Early Steps (LES) throughout the state of Florida receive referrals from various primary referral sources. Broward County's Early Steps provider is Children's Diagnostic and Treatment Center (CDTC). Once children reach the age of 3, they are evaluated to enter Broward County Public School's Exceptional Student Program. Table 10.5 shows the number of referrals received by CDTC for the past two years.

Table 10.5: Referrals Received by CDTC for Children Birth to Age 3

Year	# of Referrals
2019-2020	3,978
2020-2021	4,122

(Source: Data collected directly from CDTC)

11. Head Start ENROLLED Children and Families

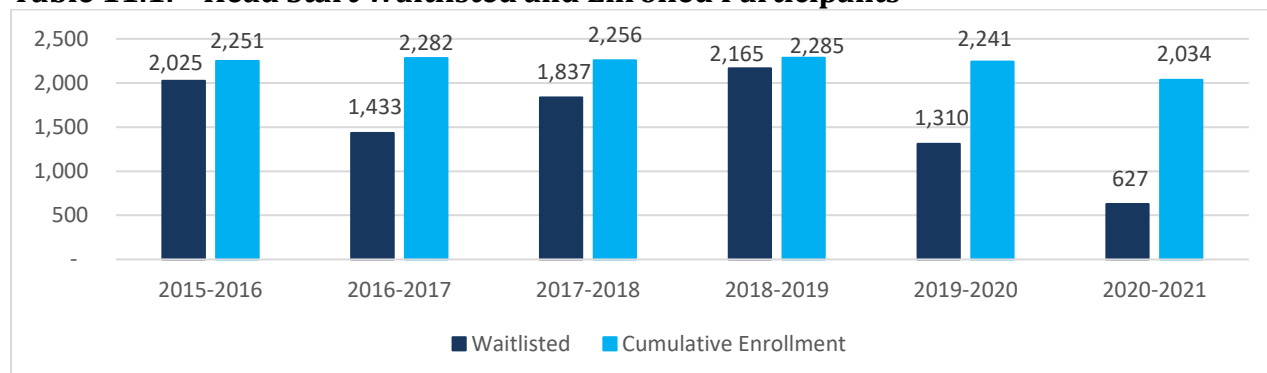
Recruitment

Head Start/Early Head Start of Broward County serves families from the entire county. To ensure that all age eligible children who meet the low-income poverty guidelines are being reached, HS/EHS staff recruits at schools, churches, homeless shelters, health department and other neighborhood locations. The application period is also promoted on local radio stations and banners are placed outside of highly visible schools. The program has also rented advertising space on billboards and bus benches in high poverty areas and purchased advertisements at several gas stations for audio play at the gas pump area. Informational flyers about the application process were sent to all elementary schools, district offices, agency offices, placed on the HS/EHS website, sites that assess children for disabilities, and they were mailed to families upon request.

Students apply for spaces during a main application period throughout the months of February and March and on-demand throughout the school year. During the main application period, three convenient sites were open to parents with personnel speaking English, Spanish, Haitian-Creole, and Portuguese. Application sites operate on a staggered schedule with staff working in shifts in order to accommodate the needs of families applying. The central area application site is open for the longest amount of time based on previous data that shows this site has the most traffic year over year. Pre-applications are available for parents to complete before coming to the in-person interview and appointments are created to eliminate parents spending too much time at the application site. During the COVID-19 pandemic, applications were taken virtually.

Enrollment

Head Start enrollment determinations are made in May for the following academic year which begins in August and ends in June. Early Head Start is a year-round program. Cumulative enrollment for Head Start and Early Head Start in 2020-2021 was 2,034. The demand for Head Start and Early Start services greatly exceeds the available spaces; however, the program experienced a significant decrease in waitlisted applications in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

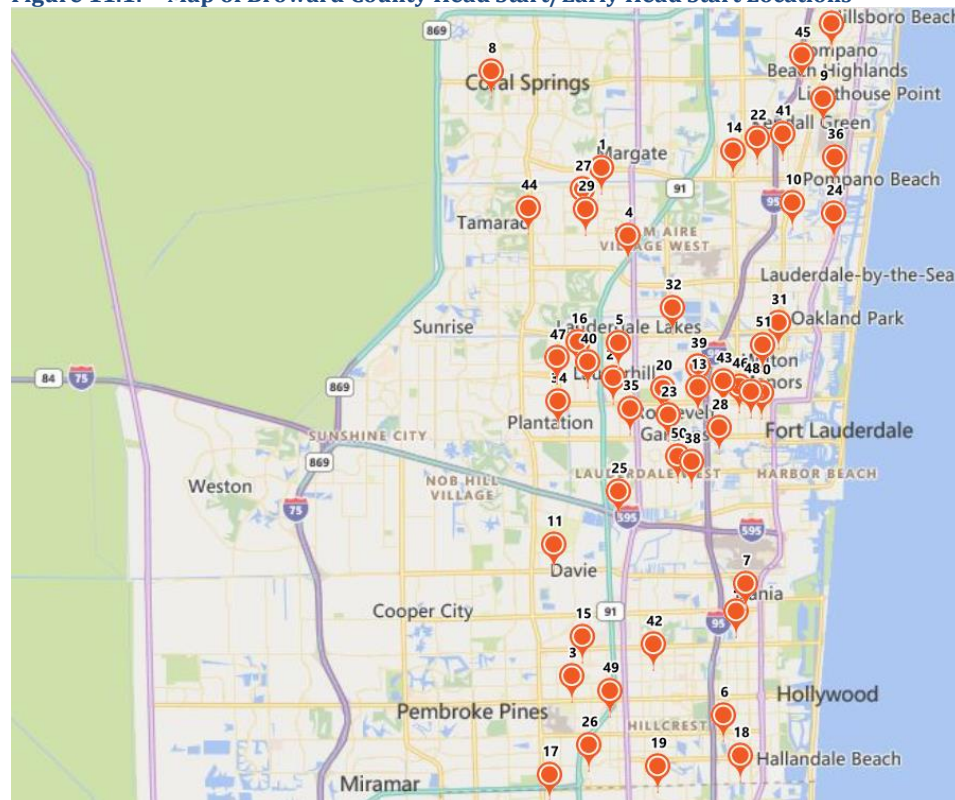
Table 11.1: Head Start Waitlisted and Enrolled Participants

(Source: ChildPlus Database 2015-2021)

Locations

In 2021-22, 108 Head Start classes were held at 50 elementary school sites distributed throughout the three regions of Broward County, North, Central and South. Early Head Start is offered at five center-based sites, Charles Drew Family Resource Center, Peters Elementary, Gulfstream Early Learning Center, Westwood Heights Elementary and Mary M. Bethune Elementary.

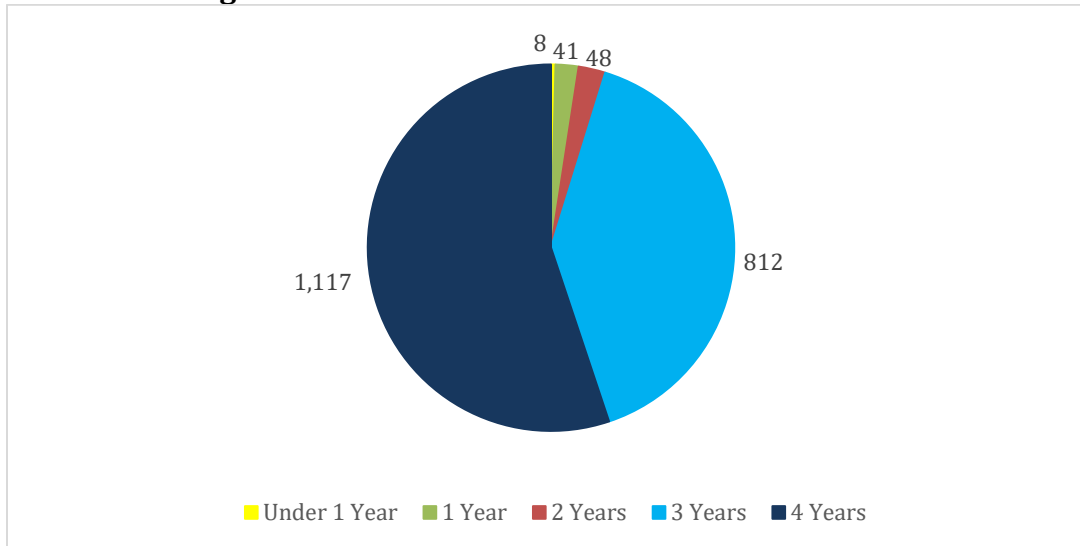
Figure 11.1 illustrates the locations of Head Start/Early Head Start classrooms throughout the County. More detail regarding schools providing HS/EHS Programs and the number of funded children is provided in Appendix K.

Figure 11.1: Map of Broward County Head Start/Early Head Start Locations

(Source: ChildPlus Database; 2021-2022 School Year)

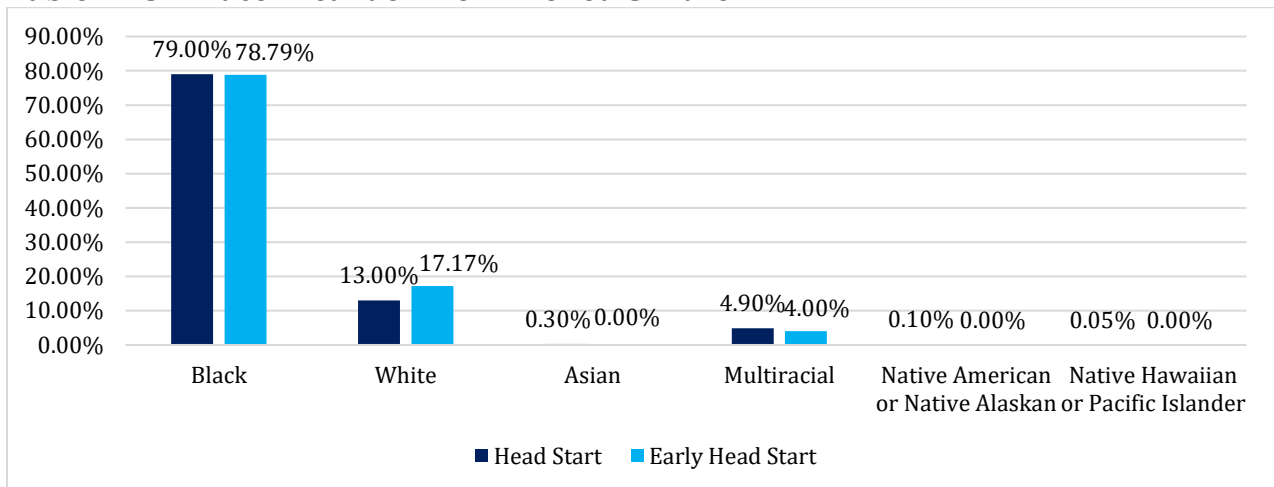
Demographics of Enrolled Children

Table 11.2: Age Breakdown of Enrolled Children



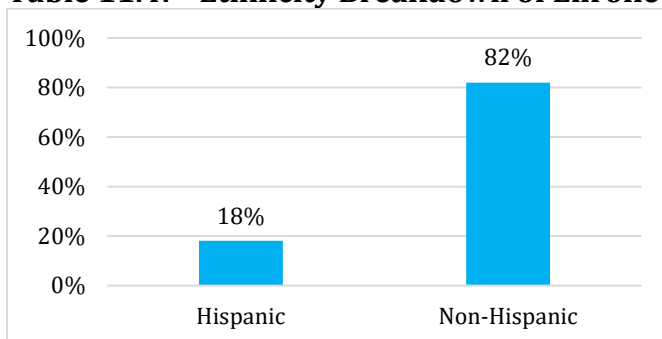
(Source: ChildPlus Data; 2020-2021 School Year)

Table 11.3: Race Breakdown of Enrolled Children



(Source: ChildPlus Data; 2020-2021 School Year)

Table 11.4: Ethnicity Breakdown of Enrolled Children

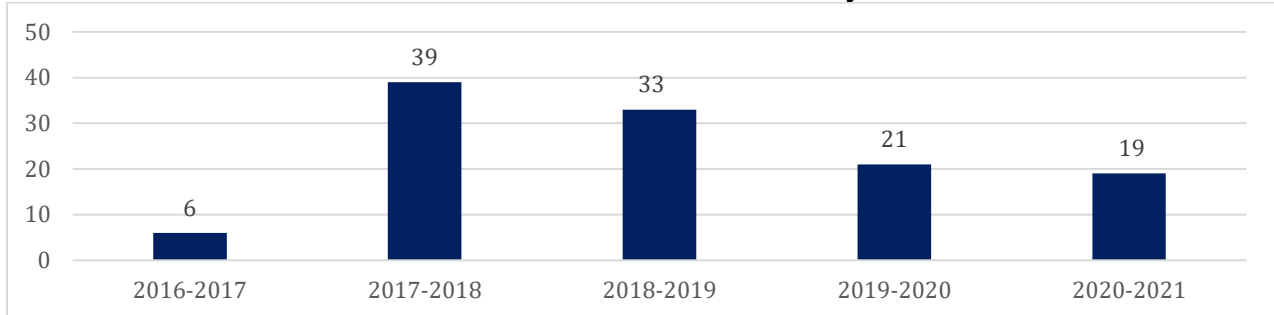


(Source: ChildPlus Data 2020-2021 School Year)

Dual Language Learners

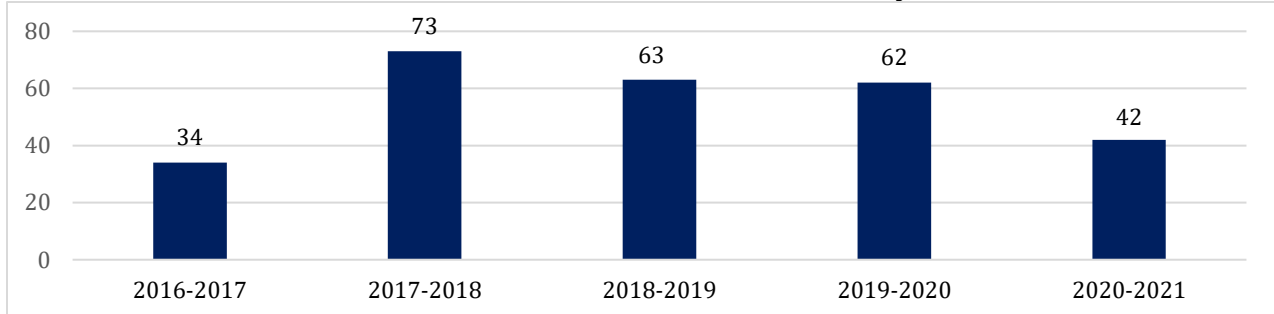
In the 2020-2021 school year, 598 Head Start/Early Head Start enrolled children were dual language learners.

Table 11.5: Number of Foster Children Enrolled Annually



(Source: ChildPlus Database; 2016-2021)

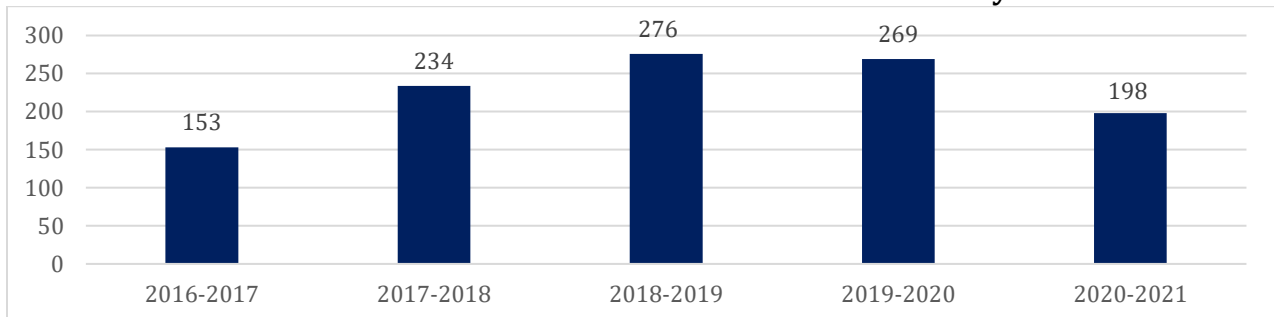
Table 11.6: Number of Homeless Children Enrolled Annually



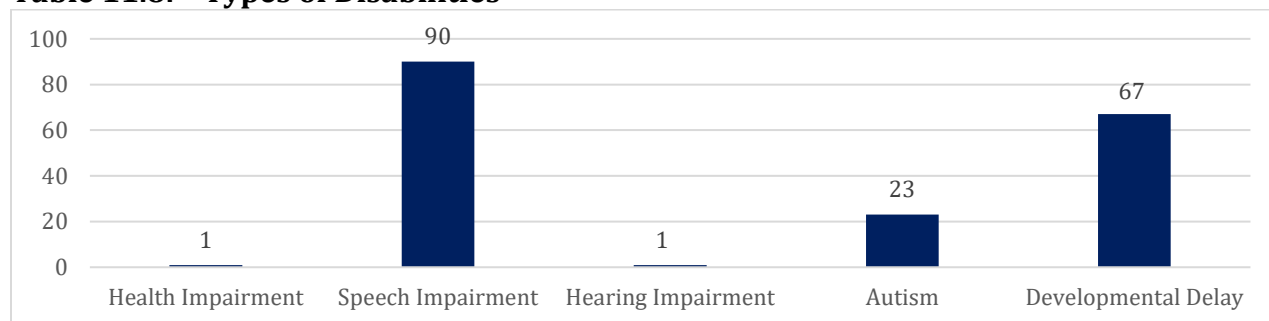
(Source: ChildPlus Database; 2016-2021)

Disabilities

Table 11.7: Number of Children with Disabilities Enrolled Annually

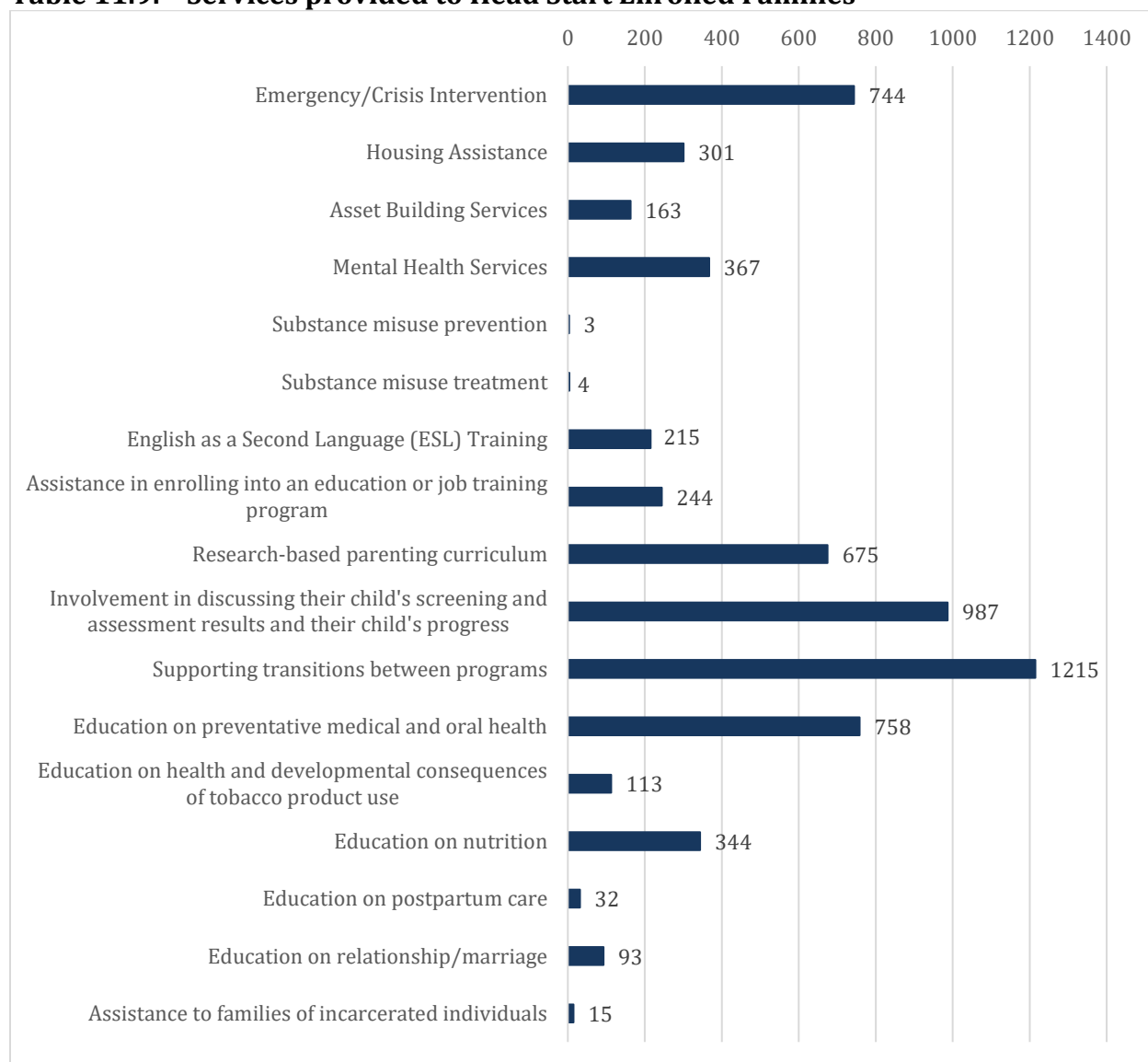


(ChildPlus Database; 2016-2021)

Table 11.8: Types of Disabilities

(ChildPlus Database; 2020-2021 School Year)

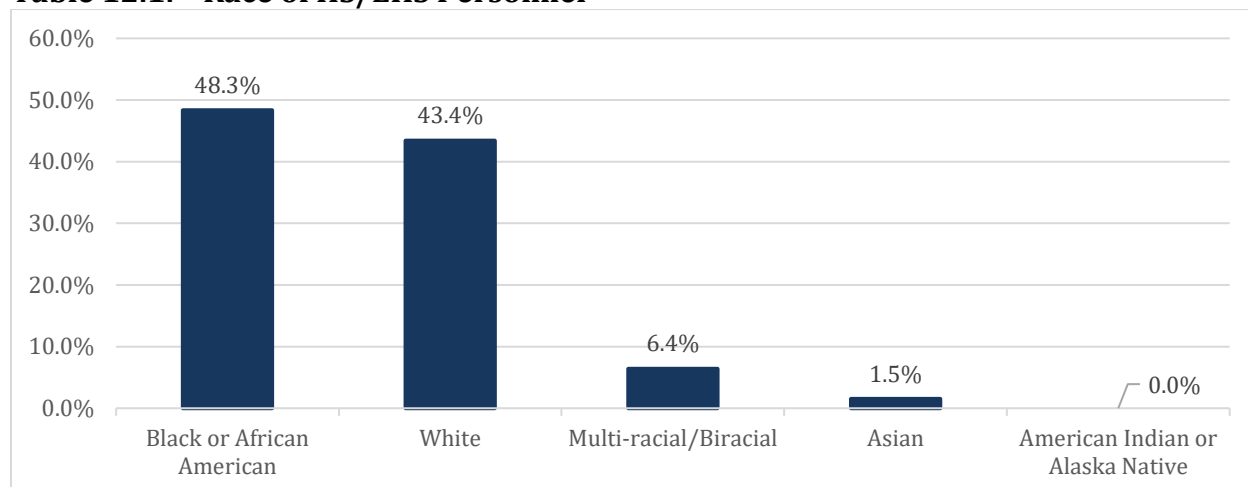
Resources and Services to Head Start Families

Table 11.9: Services provided to Head Start Enrolled Families

(ChildPlus Database; 2020-2021 School Year)

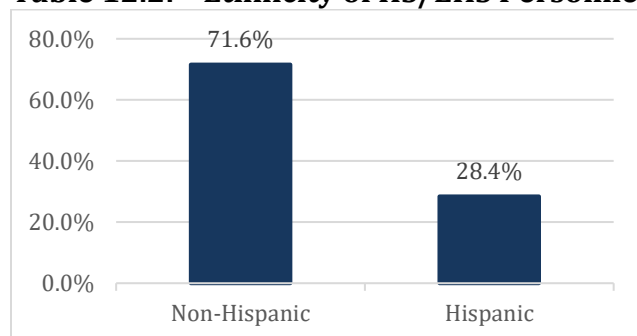
12. Head Start Staff

Table 12.1: Race of HS/EHS Personnel



(Source: ChildPlus Database; 2021-2022 School Year)

Table 12.2: Ethnicity of HS/EHS Personnel



(Source: ChildPlus Database; 2021-2022 School Year)

Table 12.3: Proficiency in Non-English Languages

Number who are proficient in a language(s) other than English.	102
Spanish	53.9%
Central/South American/Mexican Count	2.9%
Caribbean Languages (e.g., Haitian-Creole, Patois)	30.4%
East Asian Languages	2.9%
European and Slavic Languages	9.8%
American Sign Language	3.9%

(Source: Child Plus Database; 2020-2021 School Year)

Table 12.4: Qualifications of Head Start Staff

Degree Type	Number
Advanced Degree	21.4%
Bachelor's Degree	40.4%
Associate's Degree	17.2%
Child Development Associate Credential (CDA)	13%
Standard High School Diploma	7.8%

(Source: Child Plus Database; 2020-2021 School Year)

13. Relevant Opinions of Program Stakeholders

An important element of the Community Assessment is collecting the opinions of Head Start stakeholders including staff and parents of HS/EHS enrolled children. Online surveys were administered in summer 2021.

Survey questions probed several key areas across stakeholder groups: 1) satisfaction with the HS/EHS program and services provided, 2) the needs of families, 3) barriers to accessing services, and 4) suggestions for improving HS/EHS services. In 2016, all surveys were administered online.

Survey responses are indicated in the table below. Overall, 164 HS/EHS staff responded to the survey and more than one quarter of HS/EHS households (561) responded to the parent survey. *Survey instruments are included in the Appendices.*

Table 13.1: Number of Survey Responses by Stakeholder Group

Stakeholder Group	Number of Responses
Parents and guardians of enrolled children	206
HS/EHS staff	164

Opinions of Parents

Head Start parent responses to survey questions are presented in Tables 13.2 through 13.6. Parents reported being highly satisfied overall with the Head Start services provided, and also indicated their biggest stressors for the 2020-2021 School Year.

Table 13.2: Overall Program Satisfaction

Question	% Agree
I am satisfied with the services my family received from Head Start overall.	91%

In response to questions about academics, parents were extremely positive about their understanding of the curriculum, and information they have received regarding support for their child as well as their child's academic progress and preparation for the next school year.

Table 13.3: HS Parents' Responses to Questions about Academics

Question	% Agree
I understand the curriculum that the HS Program uses in teaching my child.	91%
I know how to help my child with learning activities at home	93%
I know what my child should achieve at different stages of his or her development.	94%
I received information on how to help my child express his/her wants and needs appropriately.	87%
The Head Start teacher regularly communicated with me about my child's performance and progress.	89%
The Head Start Program prepared my child academically to succeed in the next school year.	91%

Parents were asked to offer their opinion about services provided including nutrition, dental services, the HS/EHS application process and parent involvement programs. Parents were very positive about each service, although fewer agreed that parent involvement events were convenient to their schedule.

Table 13.4: HS Parents' Responses to Questions about Services Provided

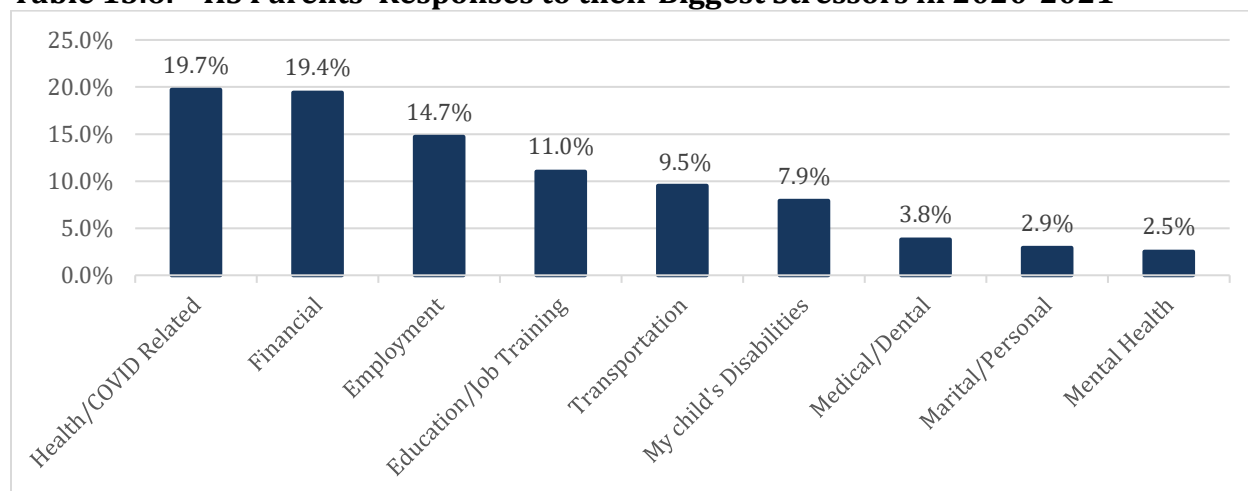
Question	% Agree
The HS Program provided nutritious food to my child.	82%
The Head Start Staff informed me if health records for my child needed to be updated.	93%
The Parent Involvement programs and activities offered are convenient to my schedule.	76%
The Parent Involvement programs and activities met my needs and interests.	75%
I had an opportunity to share ideas, concerns, questions, and goals for my child with Head Start Staff.	87%
I had opportunities to meet with my Parent Educator on the phone, virtually or in person.	92%

Parents were also asked about resources provided by HS/EHS. The majority (82%) agreed that they had been provided with the Broward County Resource Guide, while 93% reported that they had received "helpful resources" to help them accomplish their family's goals.

Table 13.5: HS Parents' Responses to Questions about Resources Provided

Question	% Agree
The HS Program has provided me with a <i>Broward County Resource Guide</i> with community resources related to disability services.	74%
I received helpful resources to accomplish my family's goals.	84%

Parents were asked to report their biggest stressors for the 2020-2021 School Year. Health/COVID-Related stressors received the most responses followed closely by financial stressors.

Table 13.6: HS Parents' Responses to their Biggest Stressors in 2020-2021

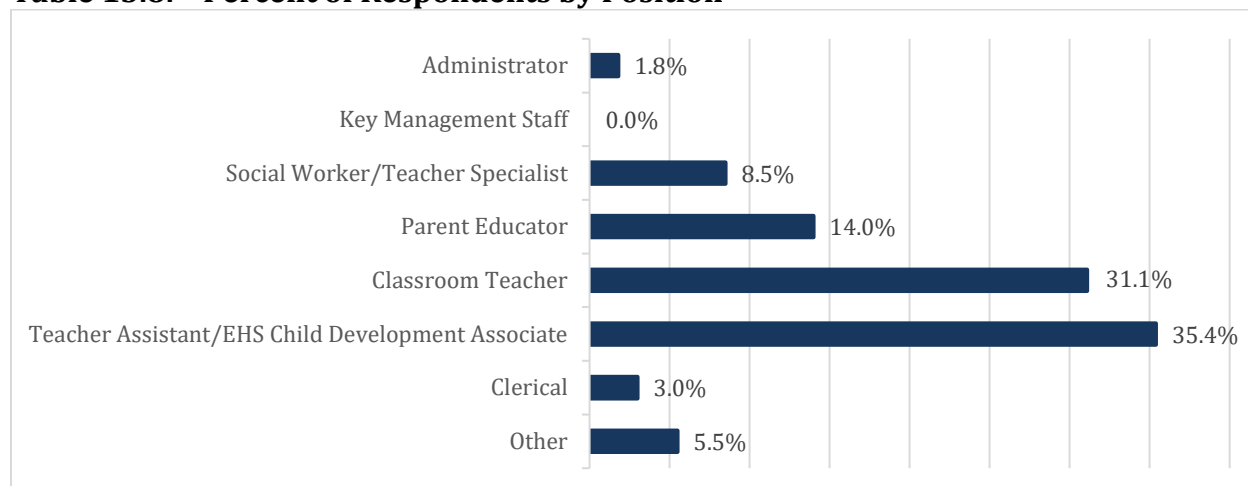
Opinions of HS/EHS Program Staff

Head Start staff responses to survey questions are presented in Tables 13.2 through 13.6. The majority of staff responding to the survey represented Head Start staff (Table 13.7) and among them, Teacher Assistants/EHS Child Development Associates were the largest group of respondents, followed by Teachers (Table 13.8).

*164 staff completed a survey, however not all staff answered every question.

Table 13.7: Percent of Respondents by Program

Program	Percent of Respondents
Head Start	76.1%
Early Head Start	12.3%
Early Head Start and Head Start Combined	11.7%

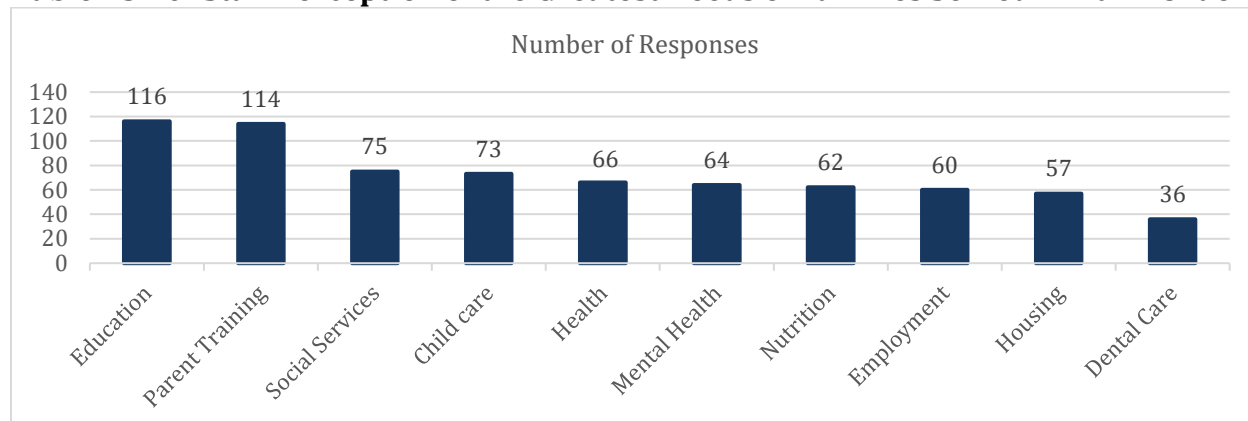
Table 13.8: Percent of Respondents by Position

HS/EHS staff rated whether they felt that HS/EHS programs provided value to children and families served (Table 13.9). In almost every program area, respondents rated the program as “excellent” or “good,” specifically in areas of education services (89.8%), information regarding preschoolers (88.5%), and health services (87.7%).

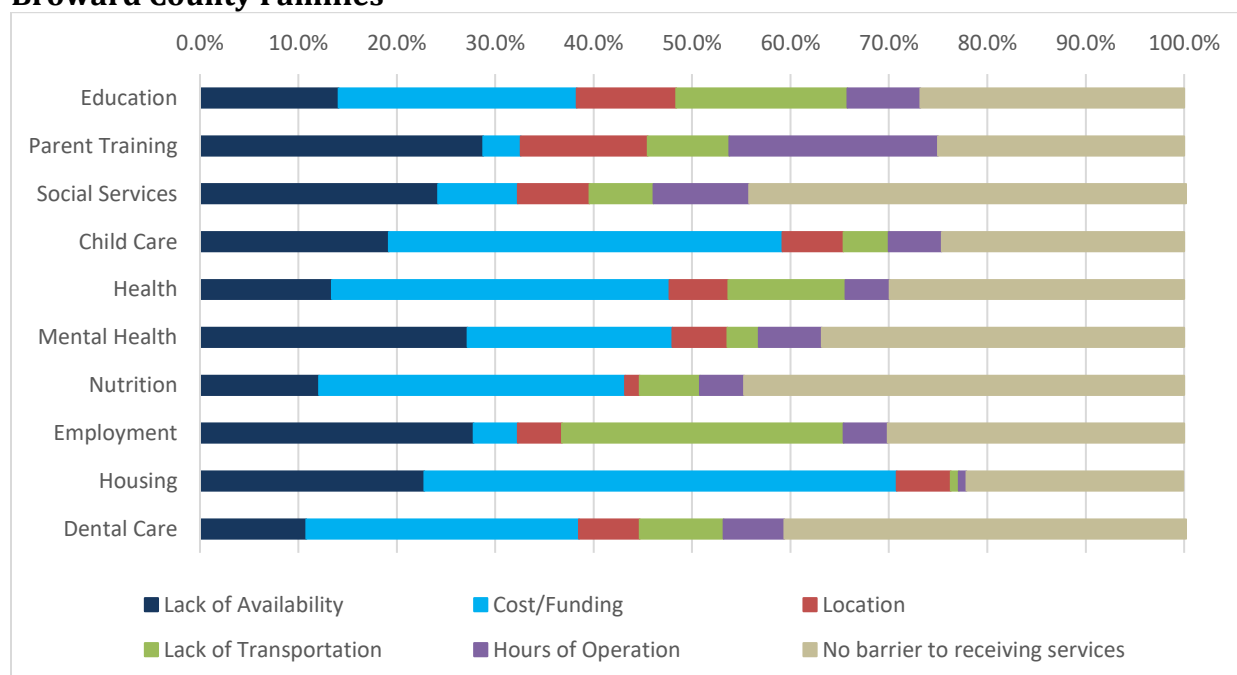
Table 13.9: Staff Perception of Program Value to Children and Families Served

Value Category	Excellent	Good	Fair	Needs Improvement
Parent Education	47.2%	35.4%	9.3%	8.1%
Information regarding preschoolers	45.6%	42.9%	8.2%	3.4%
Referral to other agencies	38.6%	42.8%	11.0%	7.6%
Education Services	49.0%	40.8%	5.4%	4.8%
Health Services	44.2%	43.5%	10.2%	2.0%
Children with special needs	36.3%	39.0%	11.6%	13.0%
Home Visits	32.0%	43.5%	17.7%	6.8%
Prenatal Care	30.5%	49.6%	14.2%	5.7%

Staff were asked a range of questions pertaining to needs within the community, and barriers to meeting those needs. Head Start/Early Head Start staff were asked to rank the areas of greatest need among the families they serve (Table 13.10). The highest ranked need was education, followed by parent training, social services, and child care.

Table 13.10: Staff Perception of the Greatest Needs of Families Served in Rank Order

In addition to identifying the areas of greatest need in the community, staff were also asked to identify the greatest barriers to accessing resources. Table 13.11 reflects the percentages of staff who identified a particular barrier. Answers varied depending on the identified need. For education, which was rated the highest area of need, cost/funding and transportation were identified as the greatest perceived barriers. Hours and lack of availability were the greatest barriers to accessing parent training and social services. For childcare, ranked the fourth highest area of need, the greatest barrier identified was cost.

Table 13.11: Staff Perceptions of the Greatest Barriers to Accessing Services for Broward County Families

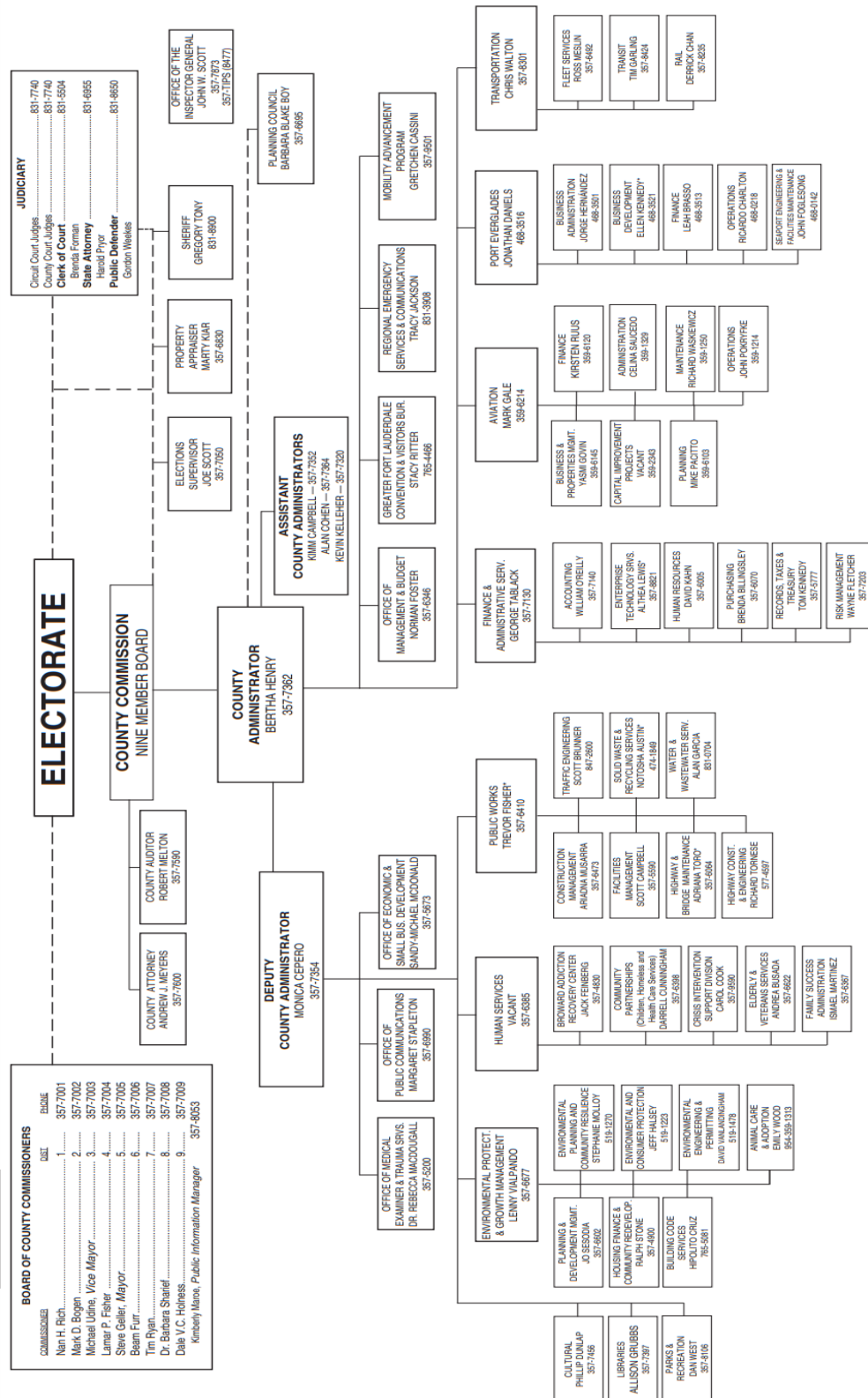
Staff were asked to make suggestions for improvement of the HS/EHS program. Staff comments highlighted several areas of need. These include the continued need for increased parent education and training opportunities; the need for even more teacher and staff training opportunities; and a wish for better unification and communication among staff.

Appendix A: Population by Municipality

Broward County by Municipality, Designation, Date Incorporated and Population 2019 ACS Estimate			
Municipality	Designation	Date Incorporated	Population
Coconut Creek	City	February 20, 1967	60,490
Cooper City	City	June 20, 1959	35,556
Coral Springs	City	June 10, 1963	132,568
Dania Beach	City	November 1904	32,008
Davie	Town	November 16, 1925	104,399
Deerfield Beach	City	June 11, 1925	80,312
Fort Lauderdale	City	March 27, 1911	180,124
Hallandale Beach	City	May 14, 1927	39,656
Hillsboro Beach	Town	June 12, 1939	1,752
Hollywood	City	November 28, 1925	152,511
Lauderdale Lakes	City	June 22, 1961	35,606
Lauderdale-by-the-Sea	Town	November 30, 1947	6,626
Lauderhill	City	June 20, 1959	71,625
Lazy Lake	Village	1953	28
Lighthouse Point	City	June 13, 1956	11,195
Margate	City	June 22, 1961	58,023
Miramar	City	May 26, 1955	139,468
North Lauderdale	City	June 10, 1963	44,020
Oakland Park	City	June 19, 1929	44,699
Parkland	City	July 10, 1963	31,454
Pembroke Park	Town	December 10, 1957	6,677
Pembroke Pines	City	1960	170,072
Plantation	City	April 30, 1953	93,449
Pompano Beach	City	1947	110,062
Sea Ranch Lakes	Village	1959	574
Southwest Ranches	Town	July 25, 2000	7,921
Sunrise	City	1961	94,060
Tamarac	City	August 15, 1963	65,874
West Park	City	March 1, 2005	15,012
Weston	City	1996	70,614
Wilton Manors	City	1947	12,630
Unincorporated			16,148
Totals			1,926,205

(Source: <https://www.broward.org/Planning/Demographics/Pages/ARCHIVEdefault.aspx>)

Appendix B: Governmental Structure of Broward County



(Source: <https://www.broward.org/Administrator/Documents/OrgChart.pdf>)

Appendix C: Food Pantries in Broward County

North Broward County	
Ambrose Catholic Church 380 S Federal Highway Deerfield Beach, FL 33441 Tel: 954.427.2225 Food Delivery Saturday Only	Our Father's House Soup Kitchen 2380 Martin Luther Boulevard Pompano Beach, FL 33061 Tel: 954.968.7550 Hot Food Lunch: Mon-Fri, 11:30 am - 1 pm https://www.ofhsoupkitchen.org
Christian Love Fellowship Church 801 SE 10th Street Deerfield Beach, FL 33441 Tel: 954.428.8980 Food Pantry http://www.adrcbroward.org/foodpantries.php	Pentecostal Gospel Temple Ministries 900 S State Road 7 Margate, FL 33068 Tel: 954.979.9999 Food Pantry 10:30 am - 4:00 pm (M-Th)
Cokesbury United Methodist Church 1801 NW 65th Ave. Margate, FL 33063 954-972-3424063 Groceries (Margate residents) 2 nd and 4 th Mondays 4:30 p.m. -6 p.m. http://www.cokesburymargate.org	San Isidro Catholic Church 2310 Hammondville Road (Martin Luther King Boulevard) Pompano Beach, FL 33069 Tel: 954-978-2302 Food Pantry Monday-Thursday 10:30 a.m.- 4 p.m.
Gateway Community Outreach 291 SE 1 st Terrace Deerfield Beach, FL 33441 Tel: 954.725.8434 Groceries, Food/Clothing http://gcoflorida.org	St. Laurence Chapel 1698 Blount Road Pompano Beach, FL 33069 Tel: 954.972.2958 Hot Food Breakfast: 8:30 am - 9:30 am Lunch: 12:30 pm
Haitian Evangelical Baptist Church 153 NW 12th Street Pompano Beach, FL 33060 Tel: 954.479.7113 Food Pantry 10:00 am - 2:00 pm (W & F) http://www.adrcbroward.org/foodpantries.php	Temple Beth Orr 2151 Riverside Drive Coral Springs, FL 33071 Tel: 954.753.3232 Food Pantry Tue: 10 am - 12 pm

Central Broward County	
<p>All Saints and Soup Kitchen 3460 Powerline Road Oakland Park, FL 33309 Tel: 954.801.8283 Daily, 9 a.m. 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm</p>	<p>Pantry of Broward, Inc. 610 NW 3rd Avenue Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311 Tel: 954.358.1481 Food Pantry, 9 am - 4 pm (M-F)</p>
<p>Broward Partnership 720 NW 7th Avenue Ft. Lauderdale FL 33311 Tel: 954-779-3990 Housing-short term (60 days)</p>	<p>Poverello Center 2056 N Dixie Hwy Wilton Manors, FL 33305 Tel: 954.561.3663 Food Pantry for AIDS/HIV Patients 8 am - 4 pm (M-F)</p>
<p>Cooperative Feeding Program 1 NW 33rd Terrace Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311 Tel: 954.792.2328 Food Pantry: Mon-Fri, 9am-4 pm Soup Kitchen: Mon-Sat, 9am-11am & Sun, 11am-12:30pm</p>	<p>Salvation Army 1445 W Broward Boulevard Fort Lauderdale, FL 33312 Tel: 954.524.6991 Ext. 308 Food Pantry, Mon-Fri, 8 am - 5 pm</p>
<p>Cross Road Food Bank 621 NW 6th Avenue Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311 Tel: 954.627.6900 Food Pantry: Mon-Fri, 8 am - 4 pm Requires a referral</p>	<p>Seventh Day Adventist Church of Fort Lauderdale 850 W Davie Boulevard Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301 Tel: 954.297.2110 Food Pantry, 1 pm - 3 pm (T)</p>
<p>Feeding South Florida 2501 SW 32nd terrace Pembroke Park, FL 33023 Tel: 954-518-1818 Financial Summer Meal/After School Snack Groceries https://feedingsouthflorida.org</p>	<p>Shepherd's Way 1232 NE 26th Street Wilton Manors, FL 33305 Tel: 954.566.2311 Food Pantry, Mon-Fri, 8:30 am - 5 pm</p>
<p>Love Thy Neighbor Inc 6864 NW 25th Way Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33309 Feeds daily Monday – Saturday at 4 p.m., Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. http://lovethyneighbor.org</p>	<p>Soref Jewish Community Center 6501 W Sunrise Boulevard Fort Lauderdale, FL 33313 Tel: 954.792.6700 Food Pantry—Anyone in need is eligible but must call for appt. Mon-Fri, 8 am - 6 pm (appt.) Mon, Wed, Fri, 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm (pick up by appt.)</p>
<p>HOPE South Florida 5110 N. Federal Highway Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33308 Hot Food Monday 4 p.m. – 6 p.m. at NW 6th Avenue Ft Lauderdale http://hopesouthflorida.org</p>	<p>St. George Roman Catholic Church 3640 NW 8th Street Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311 Tel: 954.583.5892 Food Pantry, Tue-Fri, 9:30 am - 2 pm</p>
<p>Lippman Youth Shelter 221 NW 43rd ct Oakland Park, FL 33309 Short term shelter for runaways and troubled youth https://lsfnet.org/children-families/youth-shelters/</p>	<p>Women in Distress 1835 Cordova Rd Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33316 Emergency Shelters for women (domestic violence) https://www.womenindistress.org</p>
<p>Fifth Avenue Church of God 211 NW 5th Avenue Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33311 Sunday 1 p.m.</p>	

South Broward County	
<p>Bread of Life Feeding Program 3300 NW 9th Avenue Oakland Park, FL 33309 Tel: 954.566.3411 Food Pantry, Tu & Th, 9:30 am to 1:00 pm (services South Broward County)</p>	<p>Hope Outreach Center 4700 SW 64th Avenue, Suite A Davie, Florida 33314 Tel: 954.321.9158 Food Pantry 9:00 am to 3:00 pm (M-Th) Center closed from 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm</p>
<p>Broward Outreach Center 2056 Scott St. Hollywood, FL 33020 Tel: 954-926-7417 Emergency Shelter, Residential Program, Job Training https://www.browardoutreachcenter.org</p>	<p>Jubilee Center of South Broward, Inc. 2020 Scott Street Hollywood, FL 33020 Tel: 954.920.0106 Hot Food, Social Services, Shelter Referral, Mon- Fri, 10:30 am - 12:30 pm Soup Kitchen, Mon-Fri, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm http://www.jubileecenterbroward.org</p>
<p>Ease Foundation 4300 SW 57th Avenue Davie, FL 33314 Tel: 954.797.1077 Food Pantry, 10 am - 4 pm</p>	<p>Liberia Economic and Social Development Corporation 3220 N 24th Avenue Hollywood, FL 33022 Tel: 954.924.3635 Food Pantry, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm (M-F) http://leshelps.com/food-pantry</p>
<p>Feeding South Florida 2501 SW 32nd terrace Pembroke Park, FL 33023 Tel: 954-518-1818 Financial Summer Meal/After School Snack Groceries https://feedingsouthflorida.org</p>	<p>St. Bonaventure Catholic Church 1301 SW 136th Avenue Davie, FL 33325 Tel: 954.424.9504 Food Pantry—Only for Davie Residents</p>

(Source: <http://www.broward.org/BCT/Documents/SystemMap.pdf>)

Appendix E: Tri-Rail Map, 2021



(Source: <http://www.tri-rail.com/>)

Appendix F: Free or Low-Cost Community Clinics in Broward County

Free or Low-Cost Community Clinics in Broward County	
BCHD - Fort Lauderdale Health Center 2421 W 6th Avenue Fort Lauderdale, FL 33315 (954) 467-4700/4705 <i>Supports medical needs of Broward County Florida AID patients and HIV patients. Assistance for single moms and their children/infants, with a focus on those that are pregnant. Family planning, OBGYN, and other medical care is available. Also offered: immunizations, low cost flu shots, and other services for patients, students, and children.</i>	BCHD - North Regional Health Center 601 W. Atlantic Blvd Pompano Beach, FL 33060 (954) 467-4700 <i>A sliding fee scale may be applied for. Low cost or free medical care is offered for the uninsured and/or people that meet income levels. The clinic may offer basic health care including check ups, physical examinations, lab work, immunizations, family planning, and nutrition assistance for patients, including senior citizens.</i>
BCHD - Family Planning – Paul W. Hughes Health Center 205 NW 6th Avenue Pompano Beach, Florida 33060 (954) 788-6140 <i>Find how to get medical care that can in effect save you money on bills.</i>	Broward Health - Health Care for the Homeless 1101 West Broward Blvd Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311 (954) 527-6041 <i>Focuses on the homeless in the community.</i>
Broward Health - Primary Care Centers - Comprehensive Care Center 1101 NW First Street Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33312 (954) 467-0880 <i>A number of details and extensive programs are run by this primary care facility.</i>	Broward Health - Primary Care Centers – Pompano Adult Primary Care 2011 NW Third Avenue Pompano Beach, FL 33060 (954) 786-5901
Broward Health - Primary Care Centers – Seventh Avenue Family Health 200 NW Seventh Avenue Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311 (954) 759-6600 <i>A charity care program is offered to the poor and those with limited health insurance. The center accepts Medicaid and other government insurance too, such as Medicare from senior citizens in the region.</i>	Broward Health - Primary Care Centers - Pompano Pediatric Primary Care 601 West Atlantic Blvd Pompano Beach, FL 33060 (954) 786-5413
Broward Health - Primary Care Centers Specialty Care Center (Family) 1111 West Broward Blvd. Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33312 (954) 463-7313	Amadeo Trinchitella Deerfield Beach High School Health Center 901 SW 15th Street Deerfield Beach, Florida 33441 (754) 322-0712
Lauderhill Middle School 1901 NW 49th Avenue Lauderhill, Florida 33313 (754) 322-3611	William Dandy Middle School 2400 NW 26th Street Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311 (754) 322-3235

Northwest Health Center 624 NW 15th Way Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33311 (954) 467-4700	Paul Hughes Health Center 205 NW 6th Avenue Pompano Beach, FL 33060 (954) 467-4700 <i>Qualified families in Broward County can receive inpatient services, pharmaceuticals, referrals, check ups, and other medical care.</i>
Baptist Health - Coral Springs Medical Plaza - 6264 West Sample Road Coral Springs, Florida 33065 (954) 837-1100	Baptist Health - Davie Medical Plaza 4741 S University Drive Davie, Florida 33328 (954) 837-1100
Baptist Health - Pembroke Pines Medical Plaza 15885 Pines Blvd Pembroke Pines, FL 33027 (954) 837-1100	Baptist Health - Plantation 1228 South Pine Island Rd, Suite 120 Plantation, Florida 33324 (954) 837-1100
Broward Children's Center Kid's Clinic Community clinic 14 SE 20th Avenue Pompano Beach, FL 33060 (954) 933-0597 <i>The programs are focused on providing medical care to children and teenagers.</i>	Broward Community and Family Health Center 5010 Hollywood Blvd, Suite 100 B Hollywood, FL 33021 (954) 967-0028
Broward Community and Family Health Center 5801 Hallandale Beach Blvd. West Park, Florida 33023 (954) 966-3939 <i>Part of the network of Family Health Centers that operate in Broward County. A government certified clinic that can provide immunizations, family medical care, lab work, and consultations for a number of conditions.</i>	Broward Community and Family Health Center 168 North Powerline Road Pompano Beach, Florida 33069 (954) 970-8805
Clinica De Las Americas 1101 NW First Street Fort Lauderdale, FL 33312 (954) 761-1020	Gulf Stream - Immanuel Baptist Church 1039 NE 3rd Avenue Fort Lauderdale, Florida (954) 763-6644 <i>Free Medical Care Program</i>
Children's Diagnostic 1401 South Federal Highway Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33316 (954) 728-8080 <i>Primary Care for Children w/ Special Needs</i>	DOH - CMS - Children's Medical Services 1625 SE Third Avenue #415 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33316 (954) 713-3100 <i>Low income children may qualify for aid from this government funded clinic.</i>
Light of the World Clinic - Clinica La Luz del Mundo 806 East Prospect Road Oakland Park, Florida 33334 (954) 563-9876	Holy Cross - Women's Health and Resource Center 4725 North Federal Highway Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33308 (954) 351-7800 <i>Medical programs for women, such as family planning, consultations, etc.</i>
MHS - Primary Care 140A South Federal Highway Dania Beach, FL 33004 (954) 922-7606	MHS - Primary Care - West Hollywood 6214 Johnson Street Hollywood, Florida 33024 (954) 967-2500

MHS - Primary Care 6730 Miramar Parkway Miramar, Florida 33023 (954) 276-6600	North Point HCC Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33305 (954) 772-2411
Nova - Sanford L. Ziff Health Center 3200 South University Drive Fort Lauderdale, FL 33328 (954) 262-4100 <i>When needed, get access to referrals for specialty care and local hospitals in Broward County or across Florida. Some of the medical care offered can include free or affordable prescriptions, geriatric assessments, and psychosocial services.</i>	South Regional Health Center 4105 Pembroke Road Hollywood, Florida 33021 (954) 372-4800 Family Planning (954) 985-1551 Pediatrics ext 2300
Planned Parenthood - Pembroke Pines Health Center 263 North University Drive Pembroke Pines, Florida 33024 (954) 989-5747	Veterans Affairs - VA Medical Center 9800 W Commercial Blvd. Sunrise, Florida 33351 (954) 475-5500
Veterans Affairs - CBOC - Coral Springs 9900 West Sample Road, Suite 100 Coral Springs, FL 33065 (954) 575-4940 <i>One of several government sponsored veteran clinics. The locations listed above and below can provide free medical care, dental services (cleaning and extractions) as well as prescription medications to veterans in Broward County. A number of doctors, nurses, and medical professionals donate services and time to the clinics.</i>	Veterans Affairs - CBOC - Pembroke Pines 7369 West Sheridan Street, Suite 102 Pembroke Pines, FL 33024 (954) 894-1668. <i>The services are focused on military veterans and/or their immediate family members. Government approved and certified.</i>
Veterans Affairs - CBOC - Deerfield Beach 2100 SW 10th Street Deerfield Beach, FL 33442 (954) 570-5572	Veterans Affairs - CBOC - Hollywood 3702 Washington Street. Suite 201 Hollywood, Florida 33021 Phone number - (954) 986-1811

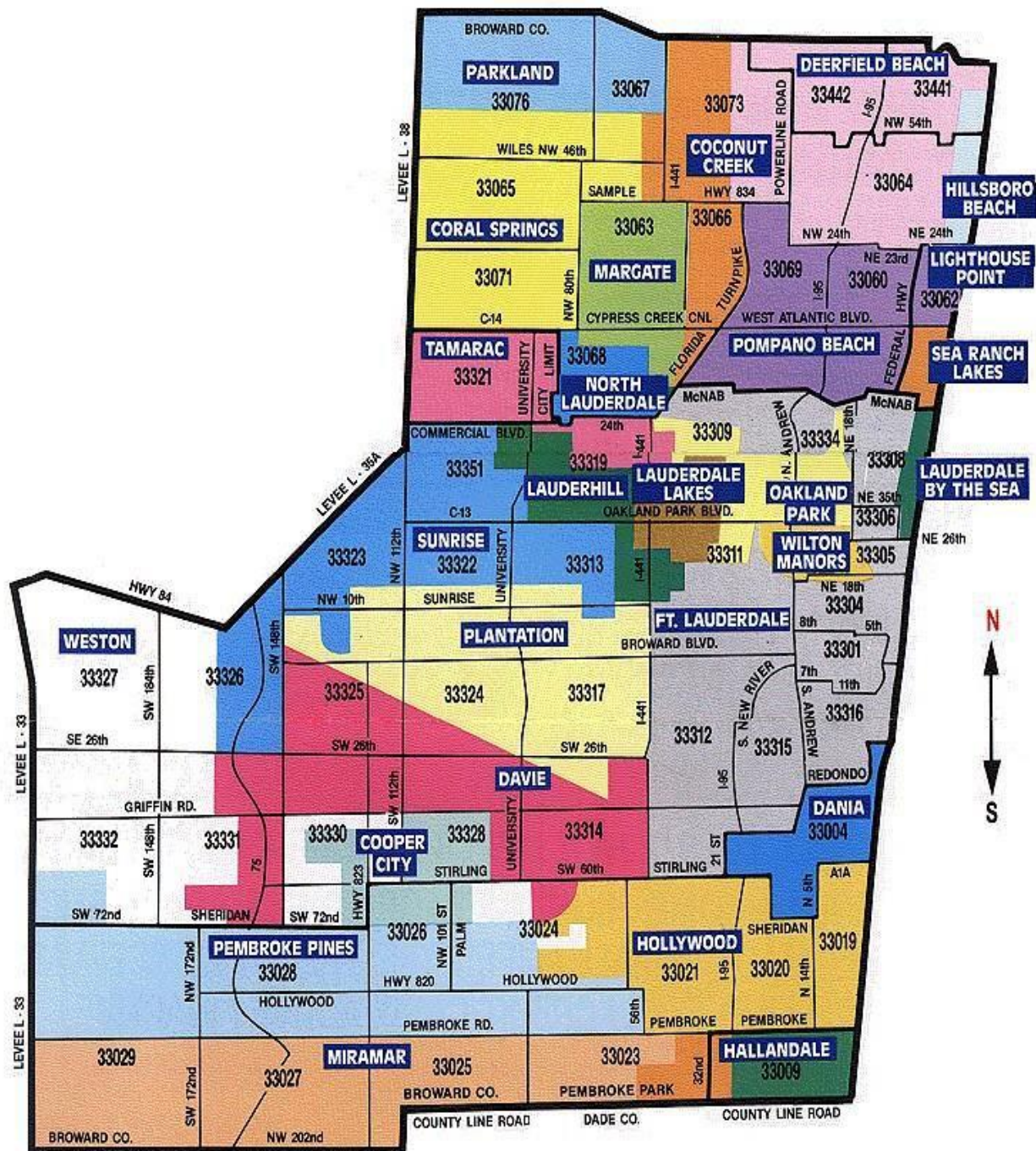
(Source: http://www.needhelppayingbills.com/html/broward_county_community_clini.html)

Appendix G: Free and Low-Cost Dental Clinics in in Broward County

Broward Partnership for the Homeless 920 NW 7 Avenue Fort Lauderdale, FL - 33311 954-779-3990	Broward Community and Family HC, Inc. 162 N. Powerline Rd Pompano Beach, FL - 33069 954-970-7067
BCHD - Children's Dental - North Regional Health Center 601 West Atlantic Blvd Pompano Beach, FL - 33060 954-213-0639	Broward Dental Research Clinic at BCC 3501 SW Davie Road, Bldg 8, #159 Fort Lauderdale, FL - 33314 954-201-6779
Care Resource Community Health Centers 871 W Oakland Park Blvd Fort Lauderdale, FL - 33311 954-567-7141	Children's Dental – Children's Diagnostic Treatment Center 1401 South Federal Highway Fort Lauderdale, FL - 33316 954-728-1138
Community Health Center - Margate 5109 Coconut Creek Pkwy Margate, FL - 33063 954-759-7477	Florida Department of Health Broward County - Children's Dental 900 NW 31st St Fort Lauderdale, FL - 33311 954-467-4700
Fort Lauderdale Dental Clinic 2421 SW 6 Avenue Fort Lauderdale, FL - 33315 954-467-4820	Nova Southeastern University-Special Needs Dental Care 1150 N 35th Ave Hollywood, FL - 33021 954-262-7394
Paul Hughes Health Center 205 NW 6th Avenue Pompano Beach, FL - 33060 954-467-4700	Sanford-Brown Institute Dental Hygiene Clinic 1201 W. Cypress Creek Road Fort Lauderdale, FL - 33309 954-375-6950
South Regional Health Center-Children's Dental 4105 Pembroke Road Hollywood, FL - 33021 954-467-4700	

(Source: <http://www.freedentalcare.us/co/fl-broward>)

Appendix H: Map of Broward County by Zip Codes



Appendix I: 2020-2021 Head Start Parent Satisfaction Survey

Dear Parent/Guardian,

You are the most important person in your child's development and education. In an effort to maintain high standards and quality of service, we are seeking your input on the education and services your child received this year through the Head Start (HS) Program. Your participation in this survey is very important to us and your responses will be treated with confidentiality. Please answer the following questions by Friday, October 1st, 2021. Please select one (1) response for each of the statements below:

Please rate your level of agreement with the following statements:	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Does not apply
1. I understand the curriculum that the HS Program uses in teaching my child.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
2. I know how to help my child with learning activities at home.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
3. I know what my child should achieve at different stages of his or her development.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
4. I received information on how to help my child express his/her wants and needs appropriately.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
5. I have received information on how to help my child express his/her wants and needs appropriately.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
6. The HS Program has provided me with a Broward County Resource Guide with community resources related to disability services.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
7. The HS Program provided nutritious food to my child.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
8. The HS Program provided comprehensive dental services to my child.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
9. The HS Staff informed me if health records on my child needed to be updated.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
10. The HS Staff at the application sites were well-informed and respectful when taking my child's application.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
11. The HS Staff regularly communicated with me about my child's performance and progress.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
12. I had an opportunity to share ideas, concerns, questions, and goals for my child with HS Staff.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
13. I received helpful resources to accomplish my family's goals.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
14. The Parent Involvement programs and activities offered are convenient to my schedule.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
15. The Parent Involvement programs and activities met my needs and interests.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

16. The HS Program has prepared my child academically to succeed in the next school year.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
17. I am satisfied with the services my family receives from Head Start overall.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
18. My family's biggest stressors this year were (Please check all that apply):				
<input type="checkbox"/> My child's disabilities	<input type="checkbox"/> Financial			
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational Job Training	<input type="checkbox"/> Housing			
<input type="checkbox"/> Employment	<input type="checkbox"/> Marital/Personal			
<input type="checkbox"/> Medical/Dental	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation			
<input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health	<input type="checkbox"/> Health/COVID Related			

Appendix J: 2020-2021 Survey for Program Staff

The Broward County Head Start/Early Head Start (HS/EHS) Program is committed to enhancing the quality of services and facilities. As a staff member in the HS/EHS Program in Broward County Public Schools, **your input is critical**.

Please take a moment to complete this anonymous survey. Let us know what your experiences with the Head Start and Early Head Start Programs have been and tell us about the current needs in the community.

1. Please tell us for which program you work. (Fill in one program box.)

Program	Choose One
Early Head Start	<input type="radio"/>
Head Start	<input type="radio"/>
Early Head Start and Head Start Combined	<input type="radio"/>

2. Please tell us what your position is with the HS/EHS Program.

Position	Choose One
Administrator	<input type="radio"/>
Key Management Staff	<input type="radio"/>
Social Worker/Teacher Specialist	<input type="radio"/>
Parent Educator	<input type="radio"/>
Classroom Teacher	<input type="radio"/>
Teacher Assistant/Teacher Aide	<input type="radio"/>
Clerical	<input type="radio"/>
Other:	<input type="radio"/>
Please specify:	

3. Please rate the following HS/EHS Programs in terms of their value to the children and families you serve.

Program	Excellent	Good	Fair	Needs Improvement
Parent education	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Information regarding preschoolers	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Referral to other agencies	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Education services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Health services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Nutrition services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Children with special needs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Home visits	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Prenatal care	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

4. What do you feel are the greatest areas of need among the families you serve (check all that apply).

<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Dental care
<input type="checkbox"/> Health	<input type="checkbox"/> Social services
<input type="checkbox"/> Nutrition	<input type="checkbox"/> Housing
<input type="checkbox"/> Employment	<input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health
<input type="checkbox"/> Parent training	<input type="checkbox"/> Child care

5. What do you see are the greatest barriers to accessing services for Broward County families in your opinion? (Please check all that apply for each area of need).

Need	Lack of Availability	Cost/ Funding	Location	Lack of Transportation	Hours of Operation	No Barrier to Receiving Services
Education	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Health	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Nutrition	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Employment	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Parent training	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Dental care	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Social services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Housing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Mental Health	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Child care	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

6. Please tell us what suggestions you have for improving the services provided by the HS/EHS Program.

Thank you for taking the time to fill out this survey.

Appendix K: Head Start and Early Head Start Schools and Funded Enrollment

2021-2022 Early Head Start Sites and Funded Enrollment (5 total, N=80)					
Bethune Elementary	16	Drew Family Resource Center	16	Peters Elementary	16
Gulfstream Early Learning Center	16	Westwood Heights Elementary	16		
2021-2022 Head Start Sites and Funded Enrollment (50 total, N=2,040)					
Atlantic West Elementary	37	Fairway Elementary	37	Plantation Elementary	37
Alternative Education Setting	24	Gulfstream Early Learning Center	74	Pompano Beach Elementary	37
Bethune Elementary	37	Lake Forest Elementary	37	Quiet Waters Elementary	37
Boulevard Heights Elementary	20	Larkdale Elementary	37	Riverland Elementary	37
Broadview Elementary	40	Lauderhill Paul Turner Elementary	37	Rock Island Elementary	37
Castle Hill Elementary	57	Markham Elementary	37	Royal Palm Elementary	37
Colbert Elementary	37	Martin Luther King Montessori	74	Sanders Park Elementary	37
Collins Elementary	20	McNab Elementary	20	Sheridan Hills Elementary	37
Coral Springs PK-8	57	Meadowbrook Elementary	20	Sunland Park Academy Annex	74
Cresthaven Elementary	37	Miramar Elementary	37	Tamarac Elementary	20
Cypress Elementary	37	Morrow Elementary	37	Tedder Elementary	37
Davie Elementary	20	North Fork Elementary	37	Thurgood Marshall Elementary	37
Deerfield Park Elementary	57	North Lauderdale PK-8	57	Village Elementary	37
Dillard Elementary	37	North Side Elementary	37	Walker Elementary	37
Drew Family Resource Center	111	Oakland Park Elementary	37	West Hollywood Elementary	37
Driftwood Elementary	37	Oriole Elementary	37	Westwood Heights Elementary	74
Endeavour Primary Learning Center	37	Peters Elementary	57	Wilton Manors Elementary	20