



YOUTH EDUCATION IN FLORIDA

YOUTH AT RISK IN FLORIDA

	Florida	U.S.
Percent of 4 th graders reading below proficiency	77.0%	
Percent of reading classes that have more than 20 pupils	19.0%	
Percent of 16-19 year olds not in school and not working	8.0%	8.0%
Percent of 16-19 year olds who are unemployed	12.9%	
Percent of 16-19 year olds who dropped out of high school	12.0%	9.0%
High school completion rate	84.8%	

Amount spent per pupil in academic year	\$5,790
Number of children served by Head Start	34,657
Number of children and teens in correctional facilities	7,775
Number of juveniles arrested	1,124,845
Number of pupils for every teacher	18.3
Florida ranks 34th among states in per pupil expenditures.	

INVESTMENTS IN CHILDREN

Florida spends 3.2 times more per prisoner than per public school pupil.

Every \$1 invested in quality early childhood care and education saves as much as \$7 by increasing the likelihood that children will be literate, employed, and less likely to be school dropouts, dependent on welfare, or arrested.

Every year a child spends growing up in poverty will cost an estimated \$11,800 in lost future productivity over his or her working life.

SOURCE: *Children in Florida 2003* Children's Defense Fund.

Number and Percentage of Minority Public School Students by Community Type

Total Students	Number of minority Students	Percentage in city, large and mid-size	Percentage in urban fringe of city	Percentage in small town or rural area
2,337,633	1,045,499	49.1%	47.4%	29.6%

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, national Center for Education Statistics, Common Core of Data, Public Elementary/Secondary School Universe Survey, 1998-1999, Local Education Agency Universe Survey, 1998-1999.