



RDMC DATA SHEET

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Title: Poverty, Families

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Indicator:

The percentage of all individuals and families with children under age 18 whose income in the past 12 months is below the poverty level according to the US Census Bureau.

Commentary:

The percentage of individual poverty among all Leon County residents has been higher than statewide averages since 2000. The significant gap – an overall average of 18.4% in Leon County vs. 12.6% statewide – may be skewed by Leon County’s large student population. Leon County families with children under age 18 living in poverty have remained close to state averages. Yet, with relative affluence, high education levels and stable employment base the incidence of family poverty in Leon County could be considered surprising. A third of all female headed households with young children are living in poverty, a significant risk factor for those children as they develop.

Source(s):

US Census Bureau, US Census 2000 and US Census American Community Surveys (ACS), 2005-08; <http://www.census.gov/>

Note: United States Census is taken every 10 years to collect information about the people and housing of the United States. The US Census Bureau’s American Community Survey (ACS) estimations are taken every year with smaller samples.

Chart 1: Leon County and Florida Poverty

