

KIDS COUNT in Florida

Child Health & Well-Being Rankings 2022

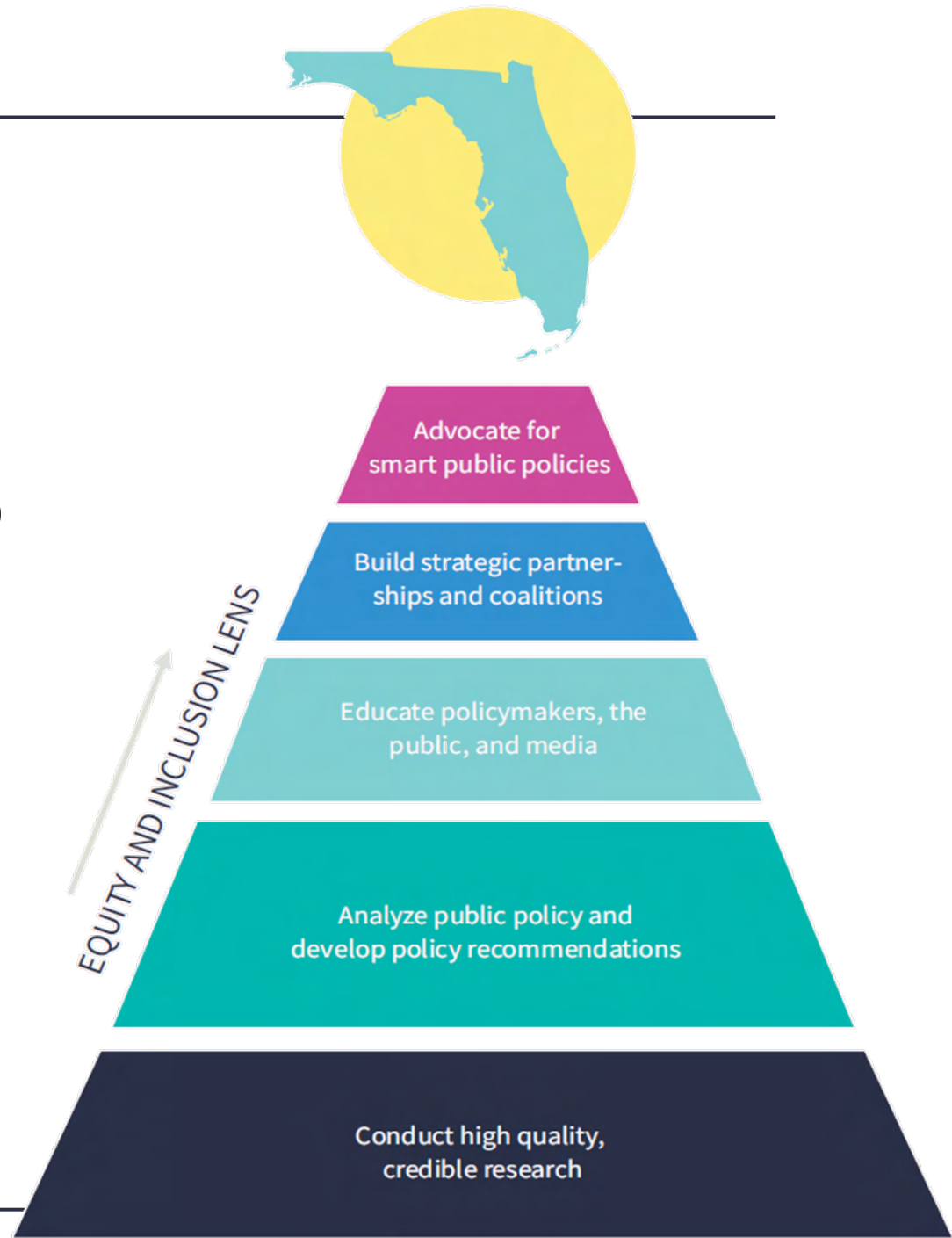
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ABOUT US

- ▶ **Florida Policy Institute** is committed to advancing state policies and budgets that improve the economic mobility and quality of life for all Floridians.
- ▶ Analyze state budget and revenue trends, propose common-sense policy options with the aim of encouraging broad public education, discussion, and informed action.

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Shaping policy to
build a brighter
future for all
Floridians



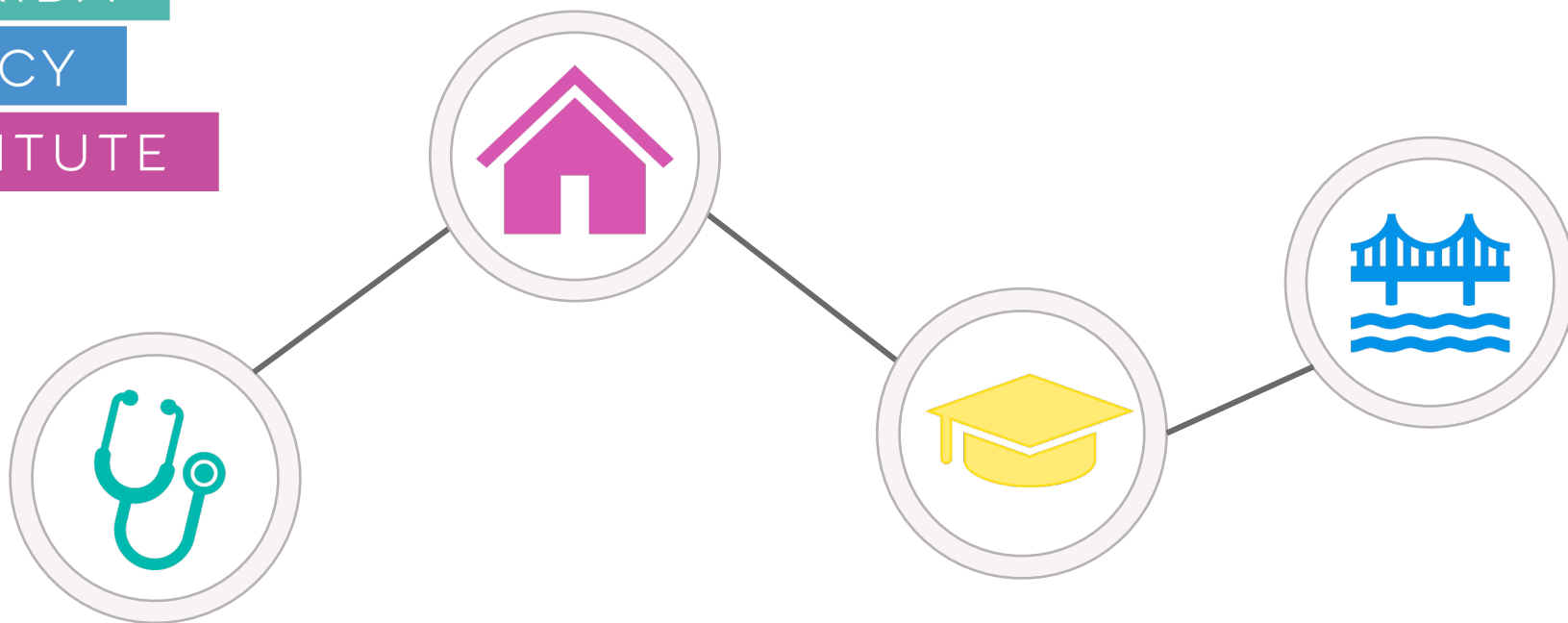
KIDS COUNT®

Founded in 1949, the Annie E. Casey Foundation was created to help America's kids have a brighter future by:

- ▶ Strengthening families
- ▶ Building stronger communities
- ▶ Ensuring access to opportunity

KIDS COUNT® collects data and reports on the most critical measures of child and family well-being.

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FLORIDA CHILD WELL-BEING 2022

Why these indicators?

- ▶ A quality **education** builds the foundation for children to be equipped for success as they enter the workforce, strengthening families.
- ▶ The **health** indicators selected have salience over the lifetime of children, including measures of overall health as well as specific risk factors.
- ▶ The level of **economic stability** within a child's household also impacts their overall well-being.
- ▶ The area of **family and community** provides a better understanding of the context in which children are growing and developing.

ECONOMIC WELL-BEING INDICATORS

- ▶ **CHILDREN IN POVERTY (SAIPE)**
- ▶ **UNEMPLOYMENT (BLS/LAUS/CPS)**
- ▶ **HIGH HOUSING COST BURDEN (ACS)**
- ▶ **TEENS NOT IN SCHOOL AND NOT WORKING (ACS)**

EDUCATIONAL WELL-BEING INDICATORS

- ▶ **4TH GRADERS NOT PROFICIENT IN ENGLISH/LANGUAGE ARTS (FLDOE/FSA)**
- ▶ **8TH GRADERS NOT PROFICIENT IN MATH (FLDOE/FSA)**
- ▶ **CHILDREN AGED 3 & 4 NOT IN SCHOOL (ACS)**
- ▶ **HIGH SCHOOLERS NOT GRADUATING ON TIME (FLDOE)**

HEALTH WELL-BEING INDICATORS

- ▶ **LOW BIRTH-WEIGHT BABIES (FLDOH)**
- ▶ **CHILDREN WITHOUT HEALTH INSURANCE (SAHIE)**
- ▶ **HIGH SCHOOL TEEN WHO USED ALCOHOL OR DRUGS - PAST 30 DAYS (FLSAS)**
- ▶ **OVERWEIGHT OR OBESE 1st, 3rd and 6th GRADE STUDENTS (FLDOH)**

FAMILY & COMMUNITY WELL-BEING INDICATORS

- ▶ **CHILDREN IN SINGLE-PARENT FAMILIES (ACS)**
- ▶ **CHILDREN LIVING IN HIGH-POVERTY AREAS**
- ▶ **CHILDREN WITH VERIFIED MALTREATMENT (per 1,000) (FLDCF)**
- ▶ **YOUTH CONTACTS WITH THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM (per 1,000) (FLDJJ)**

Methodology & Caveats

- ▶ **Lower scores are better**
- ▶ **Scores are converted to ratios so that large counties are not penalized by their sheer size**
- ▶ **Rankings are relative – For one county to improve, others must lose ground**
- ▶ **Best data, e.g., five-year estimates, used but does include 2020**

HEADING INTO THE PANDEMIC...

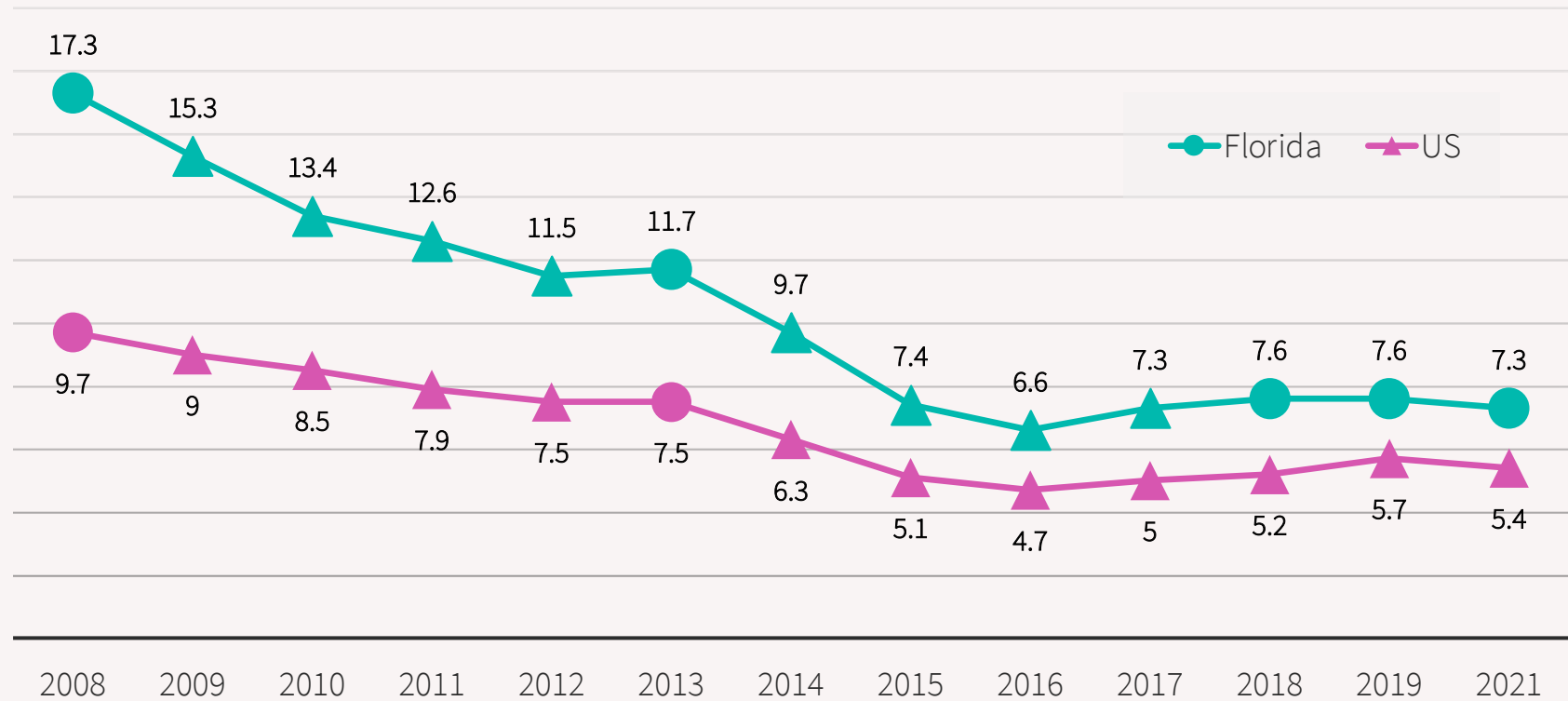
- ▶ Indicators were improving, building a foundation for improved outcomes over time.
- ▶ There was still work to be done when COVID-19 hit.
- ▶ COVID-19 brought unprecedented hardships for families and children but it also brought some gains that should be maintained.
- ▶ Florida ranked 35th overall in 2022 – unchanged from 2020.

Now is the opportunity to build the foundation for shared prosperity to achieve improved outcomes for Florida's kids.

Uninsured children 2008-2021

BEFORE THE PANDEMIC, THE NUMBER OF UNINSURED CHILDREN WAS ON THE RISE

Rate of uninsured children under 19



Source: Children's Health Care Report Card - Florida. Georgetown Center for Children and Families.
<https://kidshealthcarereport.ccf.georgetown.edu/states/florida>

MORE ABOUT THE COUNTY RANKINGS

Whatever the ranking...

- The outcomes in communities are not accidental.
- The counties with higher rankings tend to be better resourced places where there are greater investments in quality childcare, education, and other supports children and families need to thrive and grow.
- Counties with middle rankings tend to be a mix of high and low investment.
- Counties with lower rankings have had disinvestment or lower investment in these same categories.

RANKINGS - HIGHEST

	OVERALL	ECONOMIC	EDUCATION	HEALTH	FAMILY & COMMUNITY
St. Johns	1	1	11	41	1
Seminole	2	2	4	10	6
Broward	3	17	31	3	7

RANKINGS - LARGEST

	OVERALL	ECONOMIC	EDUCATION	HEALTH	FAMILY & COMMUNITY
Broward	3	17	31	3	7
Duval	27	35	43	8	36
Hillsborough	18	12	28	13	35
Miami – Dade	22	34	36	32	13
Orange	7	28	33	4	18

RANKINGS - LOWEST

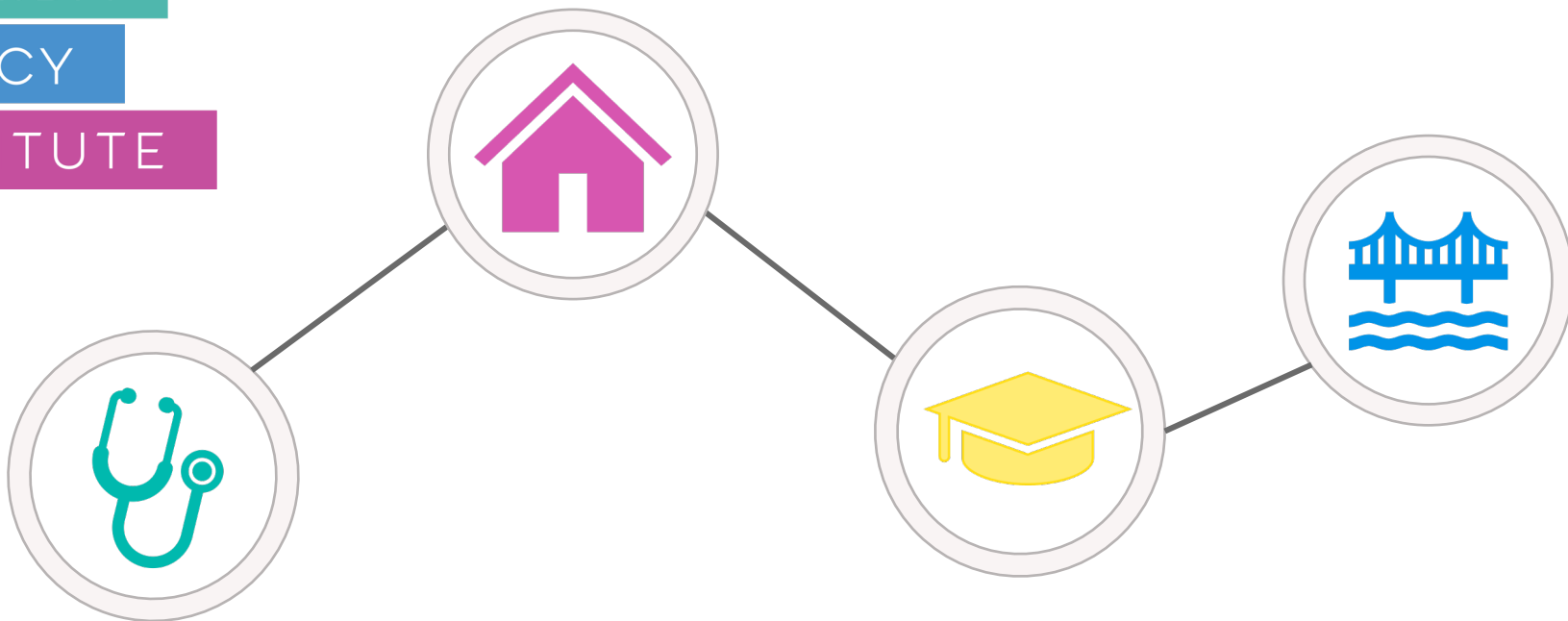
	OVERALL	ECONOMIC	EDUCATION	HEALTH	FAMILY & COMMUNITY
Hendry	65	63	58	50	61
DeSoto	66	50	63	46	66
Madison	67	62	35	57	67

MORE ABOUT THE COUNTY RANKINGS

What is needed?

Smart policies that invest in...

- preserving and expanding basic household supports like nutrition, housing and income assistance.
- nurturing our children by investing in affordable, quality early learning, thriving public schools, and well supported teachers.
- building a stronger workforce by expanding access to higher education and job training.
- ensuring all Floridians have access to affordable, quality health care.



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HEALTH

Continuity of insurance coverage is critical for reducing disparities and ensuring preventive services such as well child and vaccination visits.

- ▶ Ensure 12-month continuous coverage for all KidCare (Medicaid) enrollees, including those ages 6-18.
- ▶ End the 30-day waiting period to reinstate KidCare for families whose policies have been cancelled for non-payment of premiums.
- ▶ End the 60-day waiting period for KidCare for uninsured children when employer-sponsored or private health insurance was voluntarily cancelled.

WHAT ARE THE OPPORTUNITIES?

PRE-K & EARLY ED

- ▶ **Child care:** Reduce costs of childcare for parents and expand hours in VPK to meet the needs of working parents.

ECONOMIC WELL-BEING

- ▶ **Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC):** Implement a Working Floridians Tax Rebate, or state EITC, for working families.

WHAT ARE THE OPPORTUNITIES?

SAFETY NET

- ▶ **SNAP:** Reduce the administrative burden and “red tape” burden for families and increase renewal from 6 to 12 months.

PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Enhancing Policy Expertise

- ▶ Data and analysis on state policy issues; connecting local issues with broader policy landscape
- ▶ Webinars and trainings for staff on state policies, budget, and revenue
- ▶ Access to national experts on various policy issues

Public Thought Leadership

- ▶ Panels, presentations, and convenings on issues such as health care, immigration, criminal justice, education, tax policy, and budget
- ▶ Collaborative policy and research projects

Creating Community Impact with Policy Work

- ▶ Adding policy, research, and analysis to your toolbox
- ▶ Developing organizational/network public policy framework

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