



# ***Our Families and Communities***

*For all people to participate fully in society, families need to thrive; children need to be able to grow to full potential; elders need to feel secure. One of our best long-term investments is to work toward a stable environment in which neighbors take their personal and community responsibilities seriously.*

*Our communities are challenged in many different ways. Our rapid growth has choked our roads and encouraged sprawl that must be contained and balanced to avoid decline in established neighborhoods. Artistic, recreational and other leisure activities must be supported for neighborhoods to remain vigorous.*

### CRITICAL BENCHMARKS



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# Living in Broward County

1.1

## QUALITY OF LIFE

**1.1.1** *Broward County as a place to live:* By survey, percentage of adults who say that this is

- a) an excellent place to live
- b) a good place to live
- c) a fair place to live
- d) a poor place to live
- e) don't know/no answer

TRENDS				GOALS	
FL1993	1985	1994	1997	2000	2010
22%	not available	not available	23%	25%	30%
45%	not available	not available	52%	55%	60%
26%	not available	not available	21%	17%	8%
6%	not available	not available	4%	3%	2%
1%	not available	not available	0%	0%	0%

**1.1.2** *Change in the quality of life:* By survey, percentage of adults who say that the quality of life during the time they have lived here has

- a) improved
- b) stayed the same
- c) grown worse
- d) don't know/no answer

22%	not available	not available	24%	33%	35%
28%	not available	not available	40%	42%	40%
47%	not available	not available	36%	25%	25%
3%	not available	not available	0%	0%	0%

1.2

## POPULATION

**1.2.1** *Population:* Number of people who live here

FL1995	1985	1990	1997	2000	2010
14.1 million	1.1 million	1.3 million	1.4 million		

**1.2.2** *Population growth:* Annual percentage increase (+) or decrease (-) in the number of people who live here

+1.9%	+2.2%	+1.9%	+1.0%		
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# Building strong families

1.3

## PEOPLE IN POVERTY

**1.3.1** *People in poverty:* Percentage of people here who were in poverty

**1.3.2** *People in poverty by race:* Percentage of people in the following racial groups who were in poverty

- a) White
- b) Black
- c) Hispanic
- d) Asian/Pacific Islander
- e) Native American

**1.3.3** *People in poverty by gender:* Percentage of males and females who were in poverty

- a) Males
- b) Females

	TRENDS				GOALS	
	FL1990	1985	1990	1997	2000	2010
<b>1.3.1</b> <i>People in poverty:</i> Percentage of people here who were in poverty	14%	not available	10%	not available	10%	10%
<b>1.3.2</b> <i>People in poverty by race:</i> Percentage of people in the following racial groups who were in poverty						
a) White	6%	not available	7.0%	not available		
b) Black	28%	not available	27%	not available		
c) Hispanic	16%	not available	14%	not available		
d) Asian/Pacific Islander	12%	not available	9.2%	not available		
e) Native American	17%	not available	18%	not available		
<b>1.3.3</b> <i>People in poverty by gender:</i> Percentage of males and females who were in poverty						
a) Males	not available	not available	not available	not available		
b) Females	not available	not available	not available	not available		



## Building strong families *continued*

1.4	SINGLE PARENT FAMILIES	TRENDS				GOALS	
		FL1990	1985	1990	1994	2000	2010
	<b>1.4.1 Single parent families</b>						
	a) Percentage of families with children headed by a single parent	25%	not available	25%	not available	30%	25%
	b) Percentage of single parent families headed by						
	1) a single mother	81%	not available	80%	not available	80%	80%
	2) a single father	19%	not available	20%	not available	20%	20%
	c) Percentage of children who were living in single parent family households	22%	not available	23%	not available	25%	23%
1.5	CHILDREN IN DISADVANTAGED FAMILIES	FL1994	1985	1990	1996	2000	2010
	<b>1.5.1 Births to unwed mothers:</b> Percentage of babies who were born to unwed mothers						
	a) White mothers						
	b) Non-white mothers	36%	26%	32%	36%	33%	32%
	c) All mothers						
	<b>1.5.2 Births to undereducated mothers:</b> Percentage of babies who were born to mothers without a high school diploma	18%	21%	19%	17%	15%	13%
	<b>1.5.3 Births to families at risk of poverty and instability:</b> Percentage of babies born whose mothers had all of the following disadvantages: a) unmarried, b) under age 20 when her first child was born, and c) less than a high school education	7.3%	5.9%	5.5%	5.2%	4.9%	4.5%



## Building strong families continued

1.5	CHILDREN IN DISADVANTAGED FAMILIES CONTINUED	TRENDS				GOALS		
		FL1994	1985	1990	1996	2000	2010	
1.5.4	<b>Families on welfare</b>							
	a) Number of families with children that received Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) at any time during the year	402,788	not available	not available	14,339			
	b) Percentage of children who lived in families receiving AFDC at any time during the year	23%	not available	not available	not available			
1.6	CHILDREN IN POVERTY	FL1990	1985	1990	1995	2000	2010	
1.6.1	<b>Children in poverty:</b> Percentage of children living in families in poverty	18%	not available	15%	not available	13%	10%	
1.7	CHILD CARE	FL1995	1993	1994	1995	2000	2010	
1.7.1	<b>Day care for children in poverty:</b> Percentage of young children in poverty who were in day care							
	a) Broward		22%	22%	31%			
	b) Florida	not available	31%	31%	34%			
1.7.2	<b>Day care waiting list:</b> Number of children ages 0-12 in poverty who needed day care or after-school care (waiting list)		to be included in future edition					
1.7.3	<b>Children of working parents:</b> Number of children ages 0-12 who needed day care or after-school care and received it	42%	28,206	29,051	29,987			



## Building strong families *continued*

1.8	CHILDREN LIVING AWAY FROM THEIR FAMILIES	TRENDS				GOALS	
		FL1995	1990	1995	1996	2000	2010
	<b>1.8.1 Children in foster care</b>						
	a) Number of children in emergency shelter care as of June 30 (per 100,000 children under age 18)	42	77	56	79		
	b) Number of children in foster care or residential group care as of June 30 (per 100,000 children under age 18)	314	896	875	948		
	<b>1.8.2 Outcome of foster care:</b> Percentage of children leaving care with a successful outcome						
	a) Foster care placement	not available	not available	63%	50%	65%	85%
	b) Post placement supervision	not available	not available	24%	22%		
	<b>1.8.3 Length of time in foster care:</b> Average length of stay in foster care (in months)						
	a) Broward County	not available	not available	35	34	31	12
	b) Florida	not available	not available	37	37		
1.9	<b>RUNAWAYS</b>	FL1994	1993	1994	1995	2000	2010
	<b>1.9.1 Runaway children:</b> Number of children reported as runaway children	not available	not available	4,188	3,785		



## Building strong families *continued*

1.10	HOMELESSNESS	TRENDS				GOALS	
		FL1994	1991	1994	1996	2000	2010
	<b>1.10.1 Homeless people:</b> Number of homeless people on any given day	51,500	3,013	4,433	5,560	5,600	5,600
	a) Total number of homeless people						
	b) Number of homeless people per 100,000 residents						
	1) Broward County		235	330	399	400	375
	2) Florida		235	371	not available		
	<b>1.10.2 Newly vs. chronically homeless:</b> Percentage of homeless people who have been homeless	66% 34%	not available	not available	not available		
	a) less than a year						
	b) a year or more						
	<b>1.10.3 Homeless families:</b> Percentage of homeless people who were homeless with their families	33%	not available	not available	not available		
1.11	SELF-SUFFICIENCY OF THE ELDERLY	FL1990	1985	1994	1997	2000	2010
	<b>1.11.1 Elders with mobility limitations:</b> By survey, percentage of people age 70 and older who, because of an impairment or health problem, needed the help of other people with their routine needs such as everyday household chores doing necessary business, shopping, or getting around for other purposes	not available	not available	14%	13%	13%	11%





## Building strong families continued

		TRENDS				GOALS	
1.11	<b>SELF-SUFFICIENCY OF THE ELDERLY</b> CONTINUED	FL1990	1985	1990	1997	2000	2010
1.11.2	<i>Elders with self-care limitations:</i> By survey, percentage of people age 70 and older who, because of an impairment or health problem, needed the help of other people with their personal care needs, such as eating, bathing, dressing, or getting around the house	not available	not available	4.6%	4.9%	4.9%	4.6%
1.11.3	<i>Elders in poverty:</i> Percentage of people age 65 and older living in poverty	10%	not available	10%	not available	10%	10%
1.12	<b>PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES</b>	FL1990	1985	1994	1997	2000	2010
1.12.1	<i>Work limitations:</i> By survey, percentage of people ages 18-69 in the workforce who, because of an impairment or health problem, were kept from working at a job or business	not available	not available	2.2%	3.4%	3.2%	3.0%
1.12.2	<i>Housework limitations:</i> By survey, percentage of homemakers ages 18-69 who, because of an impairment or health problem, were kept from doing any housework at all	not available	not available	18%	15%	13%	7.0%



## Building strong families *continued*

		TRENDS				GOALS	
1.12	PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES <small>CONTINUED</small>	FL1990	1990	1994	1997	2000	2010
<b>1.12.3 Communication disabilities:</b> By survey, percentage of adults age 18 and older who were <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) deaf</li> <li>b) hard of hearing</li> <li>c) speech impaired</li> <li>d) blind</li> </ul>		not available	not available	not available	1.2%		
		not available	not available	not available	14%		
		not available	not available	not available	1.7%		
		not available	not available	not available	1.4%		
<b>1.12.4 Physical disabilities:</b> By survey, percentage of adults age 18 and older who have a physical disability requiring assistance in walking or moving around		not available	not available	not available	7.0%	5.0%	3.0%

## Improving our communities

1.13	LIFE IN COMMUNITIES	FL	1985	1994	1997	2000	2010
<b>1.13.1 People who are satisfied with their communities:</b> By survey, how satisfied adults in Broward County were with the community where they lived <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Very satisfied</li> <li>b) Somewhat satisfied</li> <li>c) Not satisfied</li> </ul>		not available	not available	not available	50%	50%	50%
		not available	not available	not available	43%	45%	48%
		not available	not available	not available	7.5%	5%	2%



## Improving our communities *continued*

1.14	HOUSING	TRENDS				GOALS	
		FL1990	1985	1990	1997	2000	2010
	<b>1.14.1 Affordability of housing:</b> Percentage of low and very low income households spending more than 30% of their income on housing						
	a) Households with an income 20% or more below the county median income	55%	not available	62%	not available	62%	55%
	b) Households with an income 50% or more below the county median income	66%	not available	71%	not available		
	<b>1.14.2 Quality of housing:</b> Percentage of people living in poor quality housing						
	a) was overcrowded	5.8%	not available	4.9%	not available		
	b) lacked complete plumbing	0.4%	not available	0.3%	not available		
	c) lacked complete kitchen	0.6%	not available	0.5%	not available		
	d) was substandard	3.7%	not available	1.1%	not available		
1.15	MOBILITY	FL1995	1985	1990	1997	2000	2010
	<b>1.15.1 Use of roads:</b> Average number of vehicles per day using each lane mile of roads	5,800	not available	not available	not available		
1.15	MOBILITY CONTINUED	FL1990	1985	1990	1997	2000	2010
	<b>1.15.2 Commuting time:</b> Average number of minutes people spent commuting to work	22	not available	23	not available		



## Improving our communities continued

1.15	MOBILITY CONTINUED	TRENDS				GOALS	
		FL1993	1985	1990	1997	2000	2010
	<b>1.15.3 Public satisfaction with roads:</b> By survey, percentage of adults who rated the roads and highways where they lived as						
	a) excellent	12%	not available	not available	18%	19%	20%
	b) good	47%	not available	not available	53%	55%	70%
	c) fair	29%	not available	not available	22%	19%	10%
	d) poor	13%	not available	not available	7.8%	7%	0%

1.15	MOBILITY CONTINUED	FL1993	1990	1993	1996	2000	2010
			<b>1.15.4 Mass transit</b>				
	<b>a) Availability of mass transit</b>						
	1) Total number of route miles (millions)	10.2	not available	0.612	0.628	0.800	1.100
	2) Total number of service miles (millions)	76.7	8.75	8.76	9.19	12.00	18.00
	3) Total number of service hours (millions)	5.3	0.664	0.634	0.667	.900	1.20
	<b>b) Use of mass transit</b>						
	1) Average number of bus passengers per weekday	not available	52,430	67,296	78,309	90,000	160,000
	2) Annual growth in weekday bus ridership	not available	not available	3.1%	3.7%	5.0%	5.0%
	<b>c) Use of bus capacity:</b> Percentage of bus seat capacity used	not available	22%	25%	27%	30%	35%



## Improving our communities *continued*

1.15	MOBILITY CONTINUED	TRENDS				GOALS	
		FL1990	1985	1990	1997	2000	2010
	<b>1.15.5 Transportation alternatives</b>						
	a) Percentage of workers age 16 and older getting to work using alternatives to driving alone	23%	not available	20%	not available	23%	25%
	b) Percentage of workers age 16 and older using public transportation to get to work	2.0%	not available	2.1%	not available	2.3%	3.0%
	c) Average number of people per vehicle during rush hour	not available	not available	not available	not available		
	d) Annual growth in daily vehicle miles traveled	0.3%	not available	not available	not available		
	<b>1.15.6 Bicycling:</b> Percentage of roads suitable for bicycling	to be included in future edition					

1.15	MOBILITY CONTINUED	FL1995	1985	1990	1995	2000	2010
			<b>1.15.7 Transportation of the elderly and people with low incomes or disabilities</b>				
	a) Percentage of residents who needed special transportation	38%	not available	not available	not available	35%	20%
	b) Percentage of people needing special transportation who received it	not available	not available	not available	not available		



## Improving our communities continued

		TRENDS				GOALS	
1.16	LAND USE	FL1990	1985	1990	1995	2000	2010
	<b>1.16.1 Urbanization:</b> Percentage of total land that consisted of urbanized areas with 50,000 or more population	10%	not available	not available	not available		
	<b>1.16.2 Growth in urbanization:</b> Percentage increase in square miles of land in urbanized areas with 50,000 or more population (1980-1990)	not available	not available	not available	not available		

## Living in social harmony

1.17	RACIAL HARMONY	FL1993	1990	1994	1997	2000	2010
	<b>1.17.1 Race relations:</b> By survey, percentage of adults who believed that race relations in their community were good or excellent						
	a) Whites	50%	not available	not available	58%	61%	85%
	b) Non-whites	46%	not available	not available	61%	62%	85%
	c) TOTAL	50%	not available	not available	58%	62%	85%
	<b>1.18 CULTURAL HARMONY</b>						
	<b>1.18.1 Cultural relations:</b> By survey, percentage of adults who believed that cultural relations in their community were good or excellent						
	a) Whites	not available	not available	not available	60%	70%	99%
	b) Non-whites	not available	not available	not available	59%	70%	99%
	c) TOTAL	not available	not available	not available	60%	70%	99%



## Living in social harmony *continued*

1.19	RELIGIOUS HARMONY	TRENDS				GOALS	
		FL1993	1990	1994	1997	2000	2010
	<b>1.19.1 Religious relations:</b> By survey, percentage of adults who believed that religious relations in their community were good or excellent						
	a) Catholics	not available	not available	not available	72%		
	b) Protestants	not available	not available	not available	69%		
	c) Jewish	not available	not available	not available	78%		
	d) All other faiths	not available	not available	not available	62%		
	e) TOTAL	not available	not available	not available	69%	72%	80%
	<b>1.20 CIVIL RIGHTS</b>	<b>FL1994</b>	<b>1985</b>	<b>1990</b>	<b>1994</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2010</b>
	<b>1.20.1 Housing discrimination complaints:</b> Number of housing discrimination complaints made to a federal agency						
	a) Number of complaints received	417	not available	not available	not available		
	b) Number of complaints resolved	334	not available	not available	not available		
	<b>1.20.2 Education discrimination complaints:</b> Number of education discrimination complaints made to a federal agency						
	a) Number of complaints received	266	not available	not available	not available		
	b) Number of complaints resolved	121	not available	not available	not available		
	<b>1.21 HATE CRIMES</b>	<b>FL1993</b>	<b>1990</b>	<b>1993</b>	<b>1996</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2010</b>
	<b>1.21.1 Hate crimes:</b> Number of hate crimes reported to law enforcement per 100,000 residents	2.3	0.6	1.4	0.8		



## Living in social harmony continued

1.22	EQUAL OPPORTUNITY	TRENDS				GOALS	
		FL1993	1985	1994	1997	2000	2010
<b>1.22.1 Opportunities by gender and race:</b> By survey, percentage of adults who thought that people from their same background had the same or more opportunities than in the past							
a) Females		64%	not available	not available	59%		
b) Males		65%	not available	not available	65%		
c) Non-whites		68%	not available	not available	62%		
d) Whites		63%	not available	not available	61%		
e) TOTAL		64%	not available	not available	61%	63%	67%
<b>1.22.2 Opportunities for people with disabilities:</b> By survey, percentage of adults in Broward County who thought that people with disabilities had the same or more opportunities than in the past (comparing the perception of people with disabilities versus the perception of people without disabilities)							
a) People with disabilities		not available	not available	not available	60%		
b) People without disabilities		not available	not available	not available	61%		
c) TOTAL		not available	not available	not available	60%	63%	67%





## Living in social harmony *continued*

1.23	IMMIGRATION	TRENDS				GOALS	
		FL1994	1985	1990	1997	2000	2010
	<b>1.23.1</b> <i>Number of undocumented immigrants:</i> Number of immigrants who entered the United States illegally or remained after their immigration papers expired	314,000	not available	not available	not available		

## Enjoying leisure time

1.24	CULTURAL AND HISTORICAL RESOURCES	FL1994	1985	1992	1994	2000	2010
	<b>1.24.1</b> <i>Support for the arts:</i> Rank in funding for the arts per resident (Florida in the nation, Broward in the state)	7th	not available	not available	not available		

1.25	OUTDOOR RECREATION	FL1995	1986	1992	1995	2000	2010
	<b>1.25.1</b> <i>Recreational land and water:</i> Acres of recreational land and fresh water open to the public	10.7 million	not available	not available	12,238		
	<b>1.25.2</b> <i>Camping:</i> Number of camp sites open for public use	149,784	not available	not available	229		

1.26	COUNTY PARKS	FL1995	1995	1996	1997	2000	2010
	<b>1.26.1</b> <i>County parks</i>						
	a) Acres of county-managed park land	not available	not available	not available	6,441		
	b) Number of visitors to county and community parks (millions)	not available	4.5	5.3	not available		



## Enjoying leisure time *continued*

		TRENDS				GOALS	
1.26	COUNTY PARKS <small>CONTINUED</small>	FL1995	1985	1990	1996	2000	2010
	<b>1.26.2 Access for people with disabilities</b>						
	a) Number of county parks that had one or more facilities accessible to people with disabilities	not available	not available	not available	5		
	b) Percentage of total Broward County park acreage that has facilities for people with disabilities	not available	not available	not available	15%		
1.27	BEACHES	FL1995	1986	1992	1995	2000	2010
	<b>1.27.1 Lakes and rivers:</b> Beaches on lakes and rivers open to the public for recreation						
	a) Number of freshwater beaches usable for swimming	442	not available	not available	not available		
	b) Linear miles of freshwater beaches usable for swimming	55	not available	not available	not available		
	c) Number of boat ramp lanes	1,826	not available	not available	not available		
	<b>1.27.2 Coast:</b> Saltwater beaches open to the public for recreation						
	a) Number of saltwater beaches	1,667	not available	not available	not available		
	b) Linear miles of saltwater beaches usable for swimming	491	not available	not available	not available		
	c) Number of boat ramp lanes	2,386	not available	not available	not available		

