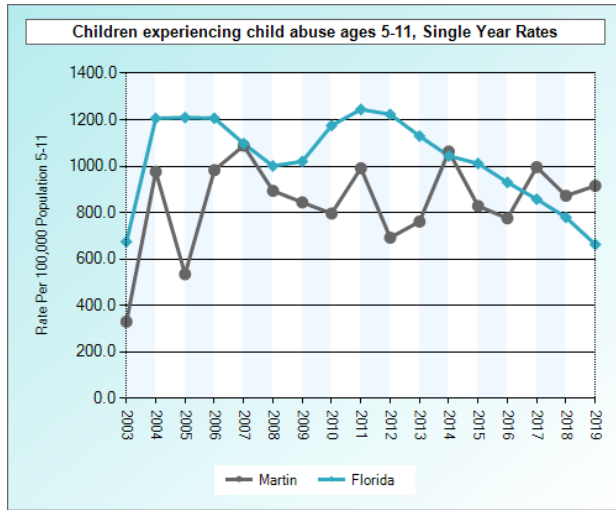


## Child Maltreatment Rate

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### CHILD MALTREATMENT



Children experiencing abuse, ages 5-11, single year rate, Martin vs. Florida – see below table.

**BENCHMARK:** *Healthy People 2020's* target is a rate of 8.5 (per 1,000) re: persons <18 years reported and confirmed to be victims of nonfatal maltreatment by State child welfare agencies.

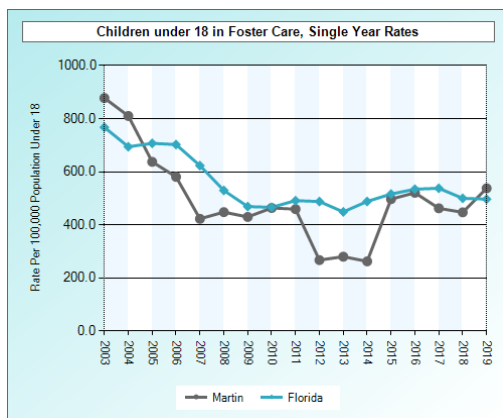
Per **Florida Kids Count**, the Martin County rate of at least one case of verified maltreatment per 1,000 (of the same age group) was as follows:

Verified Maltreatment per 1,000 Same Age Group, Martin County				
	2012-13 Baseline	2013-14 Baseline	2017-18	2018-19
Martin County # of Children			188	210
County Rate	5.9	7.2	7.6	8.4

Children with At Least One (1) Verified Maltreatment Ages 5-11 (Single Year Counts/Rates per 100,000 of General Population 5-11) Martin County vs. FL												
Year	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Martin Counts	89	82	79	99	69	76	105	81	76	97	86	91
MC Rate	893.8	844.1	796.2*	991.4*	692*	761.2*	1063	828.5*	775.7	996	872.4	915.4*
FL Rate	1000.9	1020.3	1175.1	1244.4	1223.1	1129.8	1043.9	1011.4	930.3	857.9	779.3	662.7

The 2019 Martin County rate of children ages 5-11 (per 100,000) that experienced at least one case of verified maltreatment statistically significantly exceeded the statewide rate, placing it 25<sup>th</sup> of 67 among Florida counties.

### OUT of HOME PLACEMENT



Number Youth <18 in Foster Care, Martin County & Rates MC vs. FL per 100,000 of <18 Population								
Year	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Martin #	69	72	67	126	132	117	115	139
MC Rate**	267*	280*	262*	497	521	462	447	537
FL Rate**	488	449	488	516	534	538	500	497

\*\*Rates rounded to the nearest ten.

**FOSTER CARE** From 2012 through 2014, Martin County foster care rates were statistically significantly lower than State of FL rates. The 2019 rate of Martin County children <age 18 in foster care (per 100,00 of population <18) increased, exceeding the 2019 State rate.

**Note:** Per the 2019 *CSCMC Community Concerns Survey*, respondents indicated "Children exposed to neglect and/or abuse, and those placed in foster care settings, receive services to support permanency" as their 2<sup>nd</sup> highest important concern (of 30) and 2<sup>nd</sup> lowest in perceived availability of resources, both factors isolating child maltreatment as **the highest need** in Martin County.

### Out of Home (OOH) Placement and Dependency Case Management

2020: Denise Waninger, MC Director, *Communities Connected for Kids*, provided Martin County-based information re: the count of children in out-of-home care data, which includes licensed (foster and group), relative, and non-relative placement, the number of licensed foster homes, and the status of numbers served within Dependency Case Management.

## Child Maltreatment Rate

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2022 UPDATE

### CHILD MALTREATMENT

Per KIDS COUNT®, the Martin County rate of at least one case of verified maltreatment per 1,000 (of the same age group) was as follows:

<i>Children with Verified Maltreatment (at least one case), Martin County Rate per 1,000</i>			
Data Year	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Martin County # of Children	188	210	134
Martin County Rate	7.6%	8.4%	5.2%
Florida Rate	7.5%	6.7%	5.5%

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*Healthy People 2030's* target is a rate of 8.7 (per 1,000) re: persons <18 years reported and confirmed as victims of nonfatal maltreatment by State child welfare agencies.

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<i>Children with At Least One (1) Verified Maltreatment Ages 5-11 (Single Year Counts/Rates per 100,000 of General Population 5-11) Martin County vs. FL</i>					
Data Year	2016	2017	2018	2019	2019
Martin Counts	76	97	86	91	55
Martin County Rate	775.7	996	872.4	915.4*	547.1
FL Rate	930.3	857.9	779.3	662.7	583.9

Florida Health CHARTS

During 2020, Martin County ranked 26<sup>th</sup> of the 67 Florida counties in the measure of children ages 5-11 per 100,000 (population 5-11).

### OUT of HOME PLACEMENT

<i>Number Youth &lt;18 in Foster Care, Martin County &amp; Rates MC vs. FL per 100,000 of &lt;18 Population</i>									
Data Year	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Martin Count	69	72	67	126	132	117	115	139	104
Martin County Rate**	267*	280*	262*	497	521	462	447	537	399*
Florida Rate**	488	449	488	516	534	538	500	497	549

\*\*Rates rounded to the nearest ten.

Florida Health CHARTS. \* Indicates statistically significantly different than statewide rate.

During 2020, Martin County ranked 10<sup>th</sup> (lowest) of the 67 Florida counties in the measure of children under age 18 in foster care.

DATA YEAR 2020				
Children in Foster Care, Rate per 100,000 Population per same ages, Single Year Data, Martin County vs. FL				
Age Range	Number of Children in Foster Care Placement	County Rate	State Rate	Ranking (Among 67 FL counties)
Infant (under age 1)	14	1,158.9	1,535.0	17th
1-4	34	169.7	214.1	15th
5-11	32	318.3*	447.4	12th
12-17	24	256.8*	393.8	10th

FL Health CHARTS, Children in Foster Care; Infants, Ages 1-4; 5-11; 12-17. \* Indicates statistically significantly different than statewide rate.

Goals of the Adoption & Safe Families Act of 1997 and Section 409.986, Florida Statutes: reduce recurrence of child abuse/neglect; reduce incidence of child abuse and/or neglect in care; Increase permanency for children in care; reduce time between foster care to reunification without increasing reentry; reduce time in foster care to adoption; increase placement stability; and reduce placements of young children in group homes or institutional settings.