

## Needs Statement for Renaissance Village (tables w/ LN)

### Crime Rate by Age (total U.S., 1990)

The FBI publishes "Uniform Crime Reports" every year reporting in greatest detail for "indexed crimes". Indexed crimes include violent crimes (murder & nonnegligent manslaughter, forcible rape, robbery, and aggravated assault) and property crime (burglary, larceny-theft, motor vehicle theft, and arson). (Note: arson is normally not included in the "crime index" because it is inconsistently reported by various jurisdictions, but it is included in the "modified crime index".)

Teenagers are 3.5 times for more likely to commit serious crimes than the average American. The highest crime rate of all is for youngsters 16 and 17 years old, four times the rate for all Americans.

	Crimes	Population	Crimes/1000 People
Under 9	19,474	36,453,622	0.5
10 - 12	73,167	10,489,917	7
Subtotal 12 & under	92,641	46,943,539	2
13 - 14	169,630	6,624,332	25.6
15	120,903	3,321,609	36.4
16	134,482	3,304,890	40.7
17	137,721	3,410,062	40.4
18	133,622	3,641,238	36.7
19	118,435	4,076,216	29.1
Subtotal 13-19	814,793	24,378,347	33.4
20	99,501	4,009,414	24.8
21	86,814	3,817,220	22.7
22	77,921	3,731,226	20.9
23	74,258	3,731,226	19.9
24	72,062	3,731,226	19.3
Subtotal 20-24	410,556	19,020,312	21.6
25 - 29	337,643	21,313,045	15.8
30 - 34	268,812	21,862,887	12.3
35 - 39	174,187	19,963,117	8.7
Subtotal 25-39	780,642	63,139,049	12.4
40 - 44	97,441	17,615,786	5.5
45 - 49	51,184	13,872,573	3.7
50 - 54	29,455	11,350,513	2.6
55 - 59	19,000	10,531,756	1.8
60 - 64	13,548	10,616,167	1.3
64+ (99)	18,961	31,241,831	0.6
Subtotal 40 & over	229,589	95,228,626	2.4
Total	2,328,221	248,709,873	9.4

### Trends in Juvenile Crime Arrest Rates by Age

"Between 1985 and 1995, violent crime arrest rates increased substantially for all ages..., with the rates for juveniles ages 14, 15 or 16 up more than 80%. The violent crime arrest rate for 17-year-olds increased more than 70%." The only other age group with with increases this great was the 35-39 year old age group. Regardless of the age of those arrested, property crime arrest rates changed little between 1985 and 1995.

Age	Violent Crimes - 1985	Violent Crimes - 1995	Violent Crimes - % Change	Property Crimes - 1985	Property Crimes - 1995	Property Crimes - % Change
Under 12	56.39	88.56	157	774.56	729.94	94.2
12-14	251.91	460.2	182.7	2495	2825	113.2
15	446.1	808.99	181.3	3549	3882	109.4
16	565.91	1023	180.7	3778	4151	109.9
17	651.12	1114	171.1	3756	3900	103.8
18	649.47	1162	179	3361	3554	105.8
19	622.49	995.28	159.9	2695	2652	98.4
20	590.74	902.39	152.8	2202	2048	93
21	585.9	884.79	151	1933	1787	92.5
22	568.19	845.34	148.8	1748	1596	91.3
23	541.55	784.29	144.8	1587	1474	92.9
24	523.4	727.37	139	1434	1368	95.4
25-29	434.3	656.54	151.2	1182	1265	107

Age	Violent Crimes - 1985	Violent Crimes - 1995	Violent Crimes - % Change	Property Crimes - 1985	Property Crimes - 1995	Property Crimes - % Change
30-34	310.69	547.1	176.1	872.61	1092	125.2
35-39	219.64	409.25	186.3	600.89	842.26	140.2
40-44	159.5	266.62	167.2	414.67	565.54	136.4
45-49	112.74	165.36	146.7	310.34	333.95	107.6
50-54	76.43	106.06	138.8	244.52	201	82.2
55-59	50.54	67.99	134.5	179.02	128.49	71.8
60-64	31.78	43.4	136.6	131.53	87.08	66.2

**Teenage gangs are becoming an increasing threat to the safety of responsible teens and to the futures of young people drawn into gangs. Increasing gang activity is reported even in prosperous communities like Boca Raton, Florida, and Santa Barbara, California.**

In March, 1994, "local youth gang experts" estimated that Broward had 30-40 gangs (with up to 60 smaller, less developed gangs) and as many as 3000 youths affiliated with a gang (including youths classified as associates or "wannabe's" who had not yet reached full membership).

In December, 1993, 63 youth gangs were charted by Broward County law enforcement agencies throughout the County. Gang infiltration was discovered in 18 Broward cities and in unincorporated Broward County. Some type of gang activity was found in almost every community within Broward County.

Police estimates show an enormous increase in street gang activity in Broward County since organized gangs were first detected in 1987, when there were an estimated 5 gangs. In 1995, that estimate had increased to 60 gangs in Broward County.

From an interview of 50 randomly selected Broward County youth who were active gang members during late 1992 and 1993, the respondents, representing a cross-section of 23 different gangs, reported that:

89% of their fellow gang members had been arrested at least once since joining;

66% of respondents had been arrested 1-10 times (average 8); of these, almost two-thirds had been arrested for at least one violent felony crime;

76% sold drugs (of these, 38% reported they sold drugs on a daily basis);

47% admitted they personally owned at least one gun (of these, almost 91% of the weapons were more lethal than small-caliber handguns); and

two-thirds admitted that most of their fellow gang members owned guns.

(from the Interim Report of the Broward County Grand Jury, Fall Term, 1993, on Youth Gang Investigation).

**Trends in Indexed Crimes**

"Six percent (of murders in the U.S. in 1995) were juvenile gang killings, which were up 38% over the past 5 years." 96% of juvenile gang killings in 1995 were by means of firearms. (FBI, Uniform Crime Reports, 1995, pages 17, 20, 21, 58).

**Total number**

	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995
Juvenile gang killings	840	813	1,145	1,157	1,157
Total murders	21,676	22,716	23,180	22,084	20,043
Total indexed crimes	14,872,900	14,438,200	14,144,800	13,989,500	13,867,100

**% change vs. 1991**

	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995
Juvenile gang killings		-3.2	36.3	37.7	37.7
Total murders		4.8	6.9	1.9	-7.5
Total indexed crimes		-2.9	-4.9	-5.9	-6.8

**Eighth Graders Who Have Used Drugs in their Lifetime**

from a 22 year study conducted by the Univ. of Michigan  
(in percentages of all eighth graders)

The following table was excerpted from the "Monitoring the Future Study" and published in Newsweek Magazine, August 26, 1996, page 56).

	1991	1995	% change
Crack	1.3	2.7	208
Heroin	1.2	2.3	192
Marijuana	10.2	19.9	195
Cocaine	2.3	4.2	183
Hallucinogens	3.2	5.2	163
Stimulants	10.5	13.1	125
Tranquilizers	3.8	4.5	118

	1991	1995	% change
Cigarettes	44	46.4	105
Been drunk	26.7	25.3	95

According to the Center for Disease Control, suicide rates for youths 15-19 quadrupled in this country between the years of 1950 (2.7 per 100,000) and 1988 (11.3 per 100,000).

As part of the 1990 Youth Risk Behavior Survey of U.S. high school students in grades 9-12, students in the study were asked whether they had seriously thought about suicide in the previous 12 months, whether they had made a specific plan about how they would accomplish suicide, how many times they had attempted it, and whether the suicide attempt(s) required medical attention. 27.3% of U.S. high school students reported they had thought seriously about suicide, 16.3% had made specific plans, 8.3% had made one or more suicide attempts, and 2.1% had required medical attention because of their suicide attempt(s).

Suicide is the second leading cause of death in Broward County of persons 15-24 (accidents being the leading cause). The rate per 100,000 population for persons 15-24 is 15.3 in Broward. In Florida, the rate is 14.4 and is the third most frequent cause of death (Florida Vital Statistics, 1993).

Florida Population by Age Group and Fifteen Year Growth

The fastest growing age group in Florida in the past 15 years was kids below fifteen years of age. Now those kids are becoming teenagers and young adults. The fastest growing segment of the Florida population between now and the year 2010 will be kids 15-19. There were 1.2 million teenagers in 1995 in Florida and there will be nearly 1.7 million by the year 2010, an increase of 36%. The total population of Florida is expected to increase by 26% during this time (from 14.1 to 17.8 million). (Florida Demographic Estimating Conference database).

Population

	1980	1995	2010
Under 4	570,287	993,051	1,058,176
4 - 9	621,601	898,399	1,028,316
9 - 14	685,082	855,167	1,062,673
14 - 17	482,915	453,959	648,444
17 - 19	328,494	347,803	491,743
19 - 24	811,475	895,074	1,112,793
25+	6,247,107	9,705,864	12,433,926
All people	9,746,961	14,149,317	17,836,071

Percent change

	1980	1995	2010
Under 4	100	174.1	106.6
4 - 9	100	144.5	114.5
9 - 14	100	124.8	124.3
14 - 17	100	94	142.8
17 - 19	100	105.9	141.4
19 - 24	100	110.3	124.3
25+	100	155.4	128.1
All people	100	145.2	126.1

Status of Children

The Florida Kids Count Data Book is published annually by the Florida Center for Children and Youth in Tallahassee and the Florida Mental Health Institute at the University of South Florida. It provides information for each county in Florida on population by age, education, birth indicators, children in poverty, child well-being, and youth and the law. The following information is provided for the eight counties of southeast Florida.

Population (1994)

	Total	Indian River	Okeechobee	St. Lucie	Martin	Palm Beach	Broward	Dade	Monroe
Total Population	4756877	97415	32325	166803	110227	937190	1340220	1990445	82252
Children <18	1069788	18686	9049	38900	20484	191935	281056	494907	14771
Children 15-19	253696	5063	2295	9251	4858	43510	66252	119144	3323
Persons age 20-24	272722	4766	2183	9071	5352	45526	71752	129655	4417

**Education (94/95)**

	Total	Indian River	Okeechobee	St. Lucie	Martin	Palm Beach	Broward	Dade	Monroe
Student enrollment (per 1000)	12	13165	6305	26213	13654	127506	199362	322326	9380
Graduation rate (%)	71	66	67.6	63	79.8	66.2	70.6	73.9	66.5
Non-promotions	25932	476	349	903	483	6364	3869	13328	160
Dropouts	11117	135	123	397	117	1872	1699	6637	137
Number of disciplinary actions	16026	3675	1564	6072	3155	17424	28856	53854	1523
Corporal punishments	132	63	69	0	0	0	0	0	0
In-school suspensions	62008	2106	493	2578	1783	8532	14626	30997	893
Out-of-school suspensions	3828	1485	981	3392	1372	8882	14230	22857	629
Other disciplinary actions	55	21	21	102	0	10	0	0	1

**Birth indicators (1994)**

	Total	Indian River	Okeechobee	St. Lucie	Martin	Palm Beach	Broward	Dade	Monroe	
Births	70837	937	478	2212	1137	12758	19488	32913	914	
Birth rate (per 1000 population)	14.8	9.5	14.7	13.1	10.3	13.5	14.5	16.5	11	
Births to unwed mothers (%)	26.3	34.6	37	37.9	36.4	34.1	33.7	40.6	31.8	
Births to unwed mothers <20 (%)	6.9	14	14	11.4	10.6	9.2	8.2	9.7	6	
Births to unwed mothers 20-24 (%)	7.0	20	193	110	586	292	3172	4958	10155	236
Births to unwed mothers 25-29 (%)	27.8	20.6	23	26.5	25.7	24.9	25.4	30.9	25.8	
Births to mothers <20 (%)	7.9	163	115	332	147	1405	1837	3909	78	
Births to mothers <20 (%)	1.3	17.4	24.1	15	13	11	9.4	11.9	8.5	
Teen birth rate age 15-19 (%)	5.6	66.8	107.7	71	63.2	63.7	54.2	65.1	54.5	
Births with early prenatal care (%)	70.6	77.1	77.7	77.9	75.7	79.9	84.7	80.8	86.6	
Low birth weight births (%)	5.5	55	38	168	82	1024	1582	2585	55	
Low birth weight births (%)	7.9	5.9	7.9	7.6	7.2	8	8.1	7.9	6	

**Child well-being (1994)**

	Total	Indian River	Okeechobee	St. Lucie	Martin	Palm Beach	Broward	Dade	Monroe
Child deaths age 1-14	323	9	7	15	6	53	82	147	4
Teen violent deaths age 15-19	49	2	1	6	4	30	41	88	2
Teen violent death rate age 15-19 (/10k)	6.9	3.9	4.3	6.4	8.2	6.9	6.2	7.4	6
Runaways	14405	348	129	690	290	2758	4188	5840	162

**Children in poverty (1990)**

	Total	Indian River	Okeechobee	St. Lucie	Martin	Palm Beach	Broward	Dade	Monroe
Children in poverty age 0-14	2034	2087	2253	7301	2417	25176	37717	111739	1904
Children in poverty age 20-24 (%)	12.4	12.4	29.5	21.4	14	15.1	15	24.3	14.5

**Youth and the law (94/95)**

	Total	Indian River	Okeechobee	St. Lucie	Martin	Palm Beach	Broward	Dade	Monroe
Delinquency cases received	1447	1020	487	1839	1037	8594	15090	22538	522
Delinquency cases received youths	1081	665	283	1280	651	5243	8907	13453	335
Juvenile detentions	8522	198	122	514	161	2026	2776	2615	110
Juvenile detentions-youths	623	126	72	374	99	1331	1763	1769	89
Transfers to adult court	2486	15	18	77	52	525	432	1352	15
Transfers to adult court-youths	184	14	16	60	36	383	321	945	9