Unemployment
Rate of Unemployment

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Flagler	8.4	7.3	6.2	5.5	4.7
Volusia	8.2	6.8	5.8	5.0	4.3
Florida	7.2	6.3	5.5	4.8	4.2

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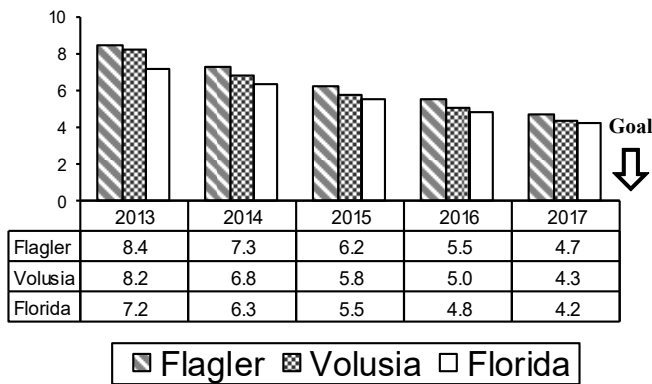
This Indicator Measures… the total annual rate of unemployment in Flagler and Volusia Counties.

This is Important Because… this is the number of people looking for work, but who are unable to find it. This indicator represents one method of measuring the health of the economy.

Source: Florida Research and Economic Information Database Application (FREIDA)
Note: Both the Flagler and Volusia rates have decreased each year of the five-year period reported. FREIDA revises rates over time.
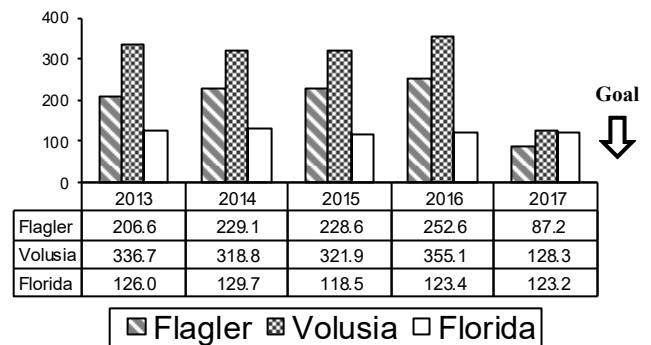
Requests for Assistance
Rate of Requests for Assistance, Per 1,000 Population

This Indicator Measures… the total annual rate of individuals applying for food stamps, temporary assistance for needy families (TANF) and Medicaid per 1,000 population in Flagler and Volusia Counties.
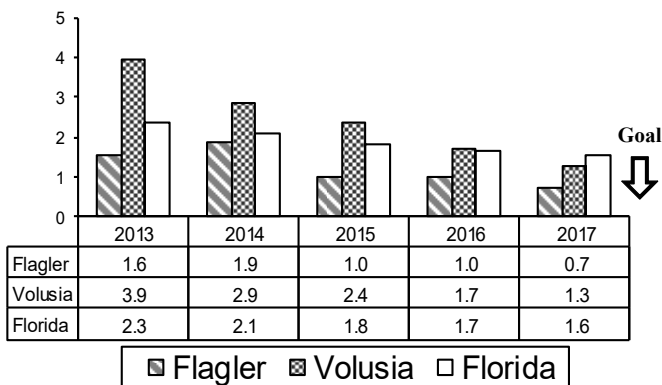
This is Important Because… eligibility for assistance is determined by income and can be an indicator of households in financial stress.

Source: Florida Department of Children and Families
Note: After an increase from 2013 through 2016, the Flagler rate decreased in 2017. The Volusia rate fluctuated from 2013 through 2016 then decreased in 2017.

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Flagler	206.6	229.1	228.6	252.6	87.2
Volusia	336.7	318.8	321.9	355.1	128.3
Florida	126.0	129.7	118.5	123.4	123.2

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Homelessness
Rate of Homeless Persons, Per 1,000 Population

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Flagler	1.6	1.9	1.0	1.0	0.7
Volusia	3.9	2.9	2.4	1.7	1.3
Florida	2.3	2.1	1.8	1.7	1.6

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This Indicator Measures… the rate of homeless persons (people living on our streets or housed in emergency shelter facilities) per 1,000 population in Flagler and Volusia Counties.

This is Important Because… homelessness is an issue rooted in the problems of poverty and the lack of affordable housing for those with low income.

Sources: Florida Department of Children and Families
Note: This data is collected annually by a 24-hour actual street count. The Flagler rate decreased over the reporting period. The Volusia rate decreased each year reported.
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