Initial School Readiness and Early School Success Brief

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This brief examines circumstances of Miami-Dade County's young children living and going to school in low-income neighborhoods with those of young children in other neighborhoods. Specifically, we compare and contrast a set of indicators associated with children's school readiness across selected ZIP codes representing the demographic and socioeconomic diversity of Miami-Dade County. This information is used to offer data-informed policy recommendations that take into account real differences across neighborhoods.

Background

Miami-Dade County is larger than 16 states and is among the most diverse counties in the United States. The county has 2.4 million residents, more than half of whom were born in a country other than the United States (compared to the national average of 12.5%). Of all children under age 6, 67% are either foreign born or have at least one foreign-born parent (compared to 24% nationally).

Among children age 5-17 in Miami-Dade County, 71% speak a language other than English at home (compared to a national average of just under 20%). A total of 144,850 children birth to age 5 live in Miami-Dade County; 23% live in poverty and 46% live at or below 185% of the federal poverty level. About 49% of young children in the county are Hispanic/Latino, 24% are non-Hispanic black, and 23% are non-Hispanic white. Among children birth to age 18, 27% received some form of public assistance in 2006.

Through many partnerships, Miami-Dade County has taken a holistic approach to school readiness. The national School Readiness Indicators Project's components of a child's readiness for school have been taken seriously in our community for years:

> *Ready Families + Ready Early Childhood Education Services + Ready Health Services + Ready Schools + Ready Communities = Ready Children*

The gathering and analyzing of data within each "Ready" component for Miami-Dade County, as well as across 80 ZIP codes in the county, revealed indicators, and specific geographic areas, requiring attention and action. In some instances we found that Miami-Dade County is doing relatively well.

While there are many important needs in Miami-Dade County, *Ready Early Childhood Education Services* and *Ready Schools* are two areas that our community is poised to tackle. These meet critical criteria: (a) clear needs, (b) significant efforts underway to ensure system development and coordination, and (c)

resources – human and financial – to make serious headway. By selecting these two areas, data from this initiative can inform and focus the existing systems development and coordination work and track the effectiveness of these efforts on child outcomes.

Evidence-Based Needs Statement

Based on comparisons with statewide averages, and ZIP code specific data reviewed below for selected neighborhoods, children living and going to school in low-income neighborhoods (ZIP codes) are at a great disadvantage across each of the school readiness equation components.

The majority of young children in Miami-Dade County are arriving at school behind their peers and are scoring below their peers on fourth grade reading assessments, when compared to statewide averages; the disparities related to these scores and the indicators of children's school readiness are particularly glaring in ZIP codes representing Opa-locka/Miami Gardens, Model City/Liberty City, Homestead/Florida City, and, to a lesser extent, Hialeah. In these highest risk areas of our community a comprehensive and systemic focus is needed to change children's outcomes significantly.

Neighborhood Analysis

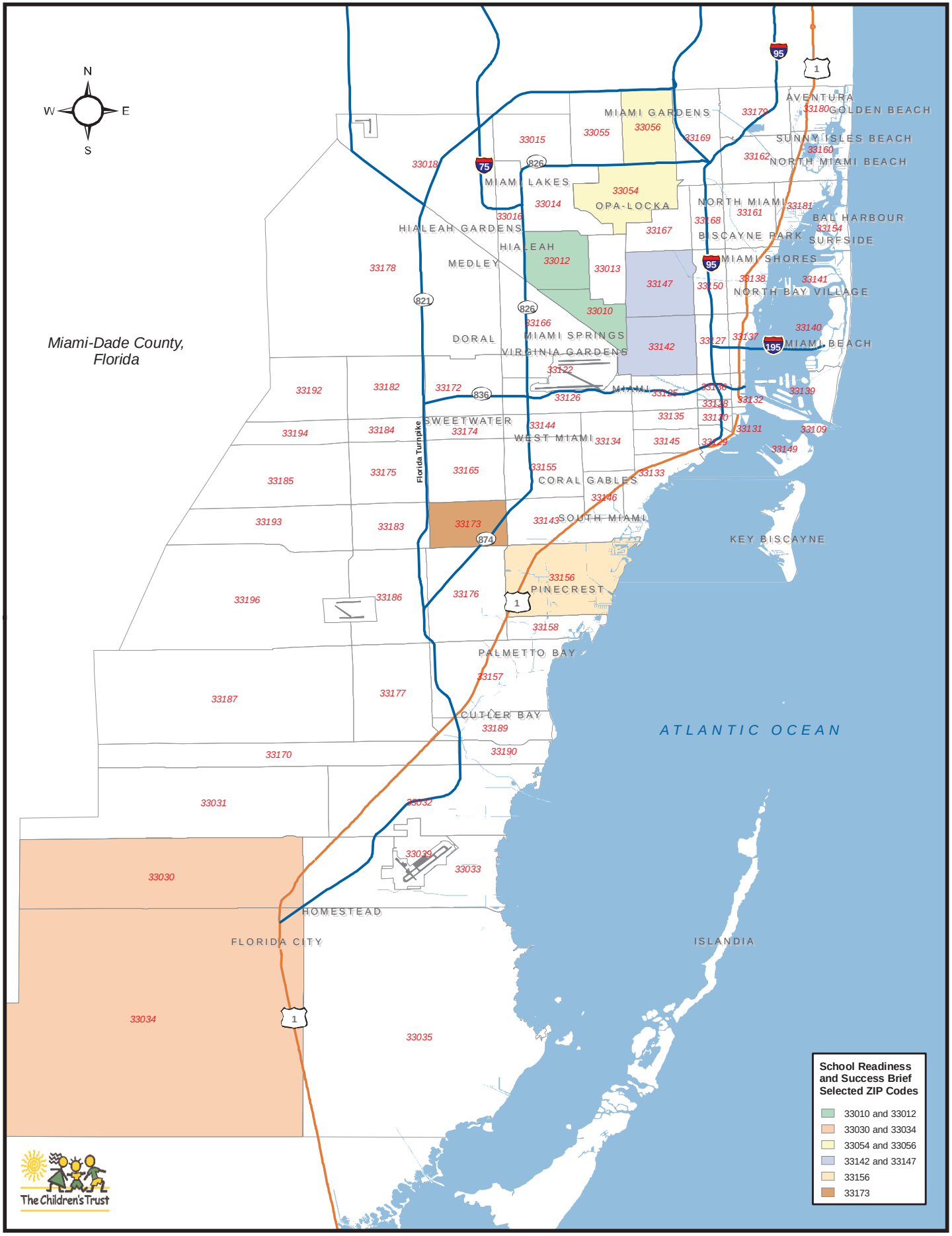
We identified six areas of Miami-Dade County to look in-depth at indicators of children's school readiness. These areas were selected based on representing Miami-Dade's various race/ethnicity populations as well as income ranges as determined by poverty rates.

These include four of the highest need areas of the county:

- Hialeah (33010 and 33012 zip codes)
- Opa-locka/Miami Gardens (33054 and 33056)
- Model City/Liberty City (33142 and 33147)
- Florida City/Homestead (33030 and 33034)

And also includes a primarily middle-class area of the community (Kendall: 33173) and a primarily affluent area, particularly known for its high quality public schools (Pinecrest: 33156).

These geographic areas are identified on the following map.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School Readiness and Success Brief Selected ZIP Codes
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Highlights of the Data for Selected Neighborhoods

Data on key neighborhood indicators are outlined below, including comparisons to the countywide averages, data from Kendall (a middle-class neighborhood) and Pinecrest (an affluent area) of Miami-Dade County. The purpose of offering this comparison is to juxtapose some of the highest risk parts of our community with average and more affluent areas of the community. This provides perspective relative to the variation in indicators of children's readiness and success across our neighborhoods, and highlights how much need and community action is needed to provide equal opportunity to our children.

The table in Appendix A specifies the data for each of the six selected areas of Miami-Dade County.

A note about the different fonts used in these bullet points. Indicators that are better than the countywide averages are in bold; indicators that are worse than the countywide averages are in italics. Other notable data points are also listed.

Hialeah (ZIP codes 33010 and 33012)

Demographics:

- 76% of the 6,362 children birth to age 5 in Hialeah are Hispanic (compared to 49% countywide), 23% of children are non-Hispanic whites (23% countywide) and 1.3% are black (compared to 24% countywide).

Ready Families

- *3.3% of Hialeah births were to mothers under age 18 (compared to 3.2% countywide,* 0.6% in Kendall and 0.7% in Pinecrest).
- A significantly **lower percentage of young children in Hialeah live in single-parent households than the countywide average (18% compared to 27% countywide**).
- 94% of Hialeah children speak Spanish at home and 34% of young children live in linguistically-isolated households (compared to 16% countywide).
- **The rate of verified child maltreatment in Hialeah is significantly lower (6.5 incidences per 1,000 children compared to the county average of 12.2** and 10 in Kendall, but higher than the 3.8 in Pinecrest); **the rate of verified child abuse cases is also significantly lower (2.9 per 1,000 children compared to the county average of 5.4** and 5.8 in Kendall, but higher than the 1.6 in Pinecrest).

Ready Early Childhood Education Services

- **In child care centers, 53% of the licensed spaces in Hialeah, or 2,647 slots, are accredited, primarily by APPLE or NAEYC; this exceeds the county average of 42% of licensed spaces in accredited centers,** 51% in Kendall and 39% in Pinecrest.

Ready Health Services

- *59% of Hialeah mothers had adequate prenatal care, compared to 68% countywide,* 76% in Kendall and 82% in Pinecrest.

- *29% of Hialeah children birth to age 5 did not have full health insurance, compared to a countywide average of 20%,* a negligible percentage in Kendall and 10% in Pinecrest.

Ready Schools

- **6.8% of Hialeah children missed more than 20 days of school during the year compared to 8% countywide,** 5.1% in Kendall and 3.7% in Pinecrest.
- *59% of fourth-grade students in Hialeah are reading at or above grade level, compared to the countywide average of 64%,* 68% in Kendall and 78% in Pinecrest.

Ready Communities

- 23% of children birth to age 5 in Hialeah live in poverty, same as the 23% countywide rate, 7.2% in Kendall and 5.6% in Pinecrest.
- **1.3% of Hialeah youths ages 10-17 were charged with a crime, compared with 2.5% countywide,** 0.8% in Kendall and 0.5% in Pinecrest.

Ready Children

- On all three measures of school readiness, children in Hialeah lagged countywide averages. *On the ECHOS, 81% of children were ready, compared to 85% of children countywide*; on the *DIBELS LNF 57% of children in Hialeah were ready, compared to 67% of children countywide*; and *on the DIBELS ISF, 48% of children in Hialeah were ready, compared to 565% of children countywide*, 59% in Kendall and 73% in Pinecrest.

Opa-locka/Miami Gardens (ZIP codes 33054 and 33056)

Demographics

- 86% of the 4,794 children birth to age 5 in Opa-locka/Miami Gardens are black (compared to 24% countywide), 12% are Hispanic (compared to 49% countywide) and 1.3% are non-Hispanic white (compared to 23% countywide).

Ready Families

- *5.7% of Opa-locka/Miami Gardens births were to mothers under age 18 (compared to 3.2% countywide,* 0.6% in Kendall and 0.7% in Pinecrest).
- *35% of Opa-locka/Miami Gardens children under age 5 live in single-parent families, compared to 27% countywide.*
- *The rate of verified child maltreatment in Opa-locka/Miami Gardens is significantly higher (22 incidences per 1,000 children compared to the county average of 12,* 10 in Kendall and 3.8 in Pinecrest*) and the rate of verified child abuse cases is also significantly higher (10 incidences per 1,000 children compared to the county average of 5.4,* 5.8 in Kendall and 1.6 in Pinecrest*).*

Ready Early Childhood Education Services

- *In Opa-locka/Miami Gardens child care centers, 28% of the licensed spaces, or 972 slots, are accredited, primarily by APPLE or NAEYC; this is far below*

the county average of 42% of licensed spaces in accredited centers, 51% in Kendall and 39% in Pinecrest.

Ready Health Services

- *12% of Opa-locka/Miami Gardens babies were low birth weight, compared to 7.4% countywide*.
- *54% of Opa-locka/Miami Gardens mothers received adequate prenatal care, compared to 68% countywide,* 76% in Kendall and 82% in Pinecrest.
- *35% of children birth to age 5 in Opa-locka and a negligible number in Miami Gardens, did not have full health insurance, compared to a countywide average of 20%,* a negligible percentage in Kendall and 10% in Pinecrest.

Ready Schools

- *10% of Opa-locka/Miami Gardens children missed more than 20 days of school during the year compared to 8% countywide,* 5.1% in Kendall and 3.7% in Pinecrest.
- *51% of fourth-grade students in Opa-locka/Miami Gardens are reading at or above grade level, compared to the countywide average of 64%, 68% in Kendall and 78% in Pinecrest.*

Ready Communities

- *30% of Opa-locka/Miami Gardens children birth to age 5 live in poverty, compared to 23% countywide,* 7.2% in Kendall and 5.6% in Pinecrest.
- *5.3% of Opa-locka/Miami Gardens youths ages 10 to 17 were charged with a crime, compared with 2.5% countywide, .8% in Kendall and .5% in Pinecrest.*

Ready Children

- On the measures of school readiness, children in Opa-locka/Miami Gardens exceeded countywide averages on two of the three measures. **On the ECHOS, 95% of children in Opa-locka/Miami Gardens were ready, compared to 85% of children countywide; on the DIBELS LNF 72% of children in Opa-locka/Miami Gardens were ready, compared to 67% of children countywide;** and *on the DIBELS ISF, 52% of children in Opa-locka/Miami Gardens were ready, compared to 56% of children countywide,* 59% in Kendall and 73% in Pinecrest.

Model City/Liberty City (ZIP codes 33142 and 33147)

Demographics

- Of the 7,547 children birth to age 5 who live in Model City/Liberty City, 64% are black (compared to 24% countywide), 30% are Hispanic (compared to 49% countywide) and 5.3% are non-Hispanic white compared to (23% countywide).

Ready Families

- *7.4% of births were to mothers under age 18 (compared to 3.2% countywide,* 0.6% in Kendall and 0.7% in Pinecrest).

- *The rate of verified child maltreatment is significantly higher (25 incidences per 1,000 children compared to the county average of 12,* 10 in Kendall and 3.8 in Pinecrest*) and the rate of verified child abuse cases is also significantly higher (13 incidences per 1,000 children compared to the county average of 5.4,* 5.8 in Kendall and 1.6 in Pinecrest*).*

Ready Early Childhood Education Services

- *In child care centers, 19% of the licensed spaces, or 915 slots, are accredited, primarily by APPLE or NAEYC; this is far below the county average of 42% of licensed spaces in accredited centers,* 51% in Kendall and 39% in Pinecrest*.*

Ready Health Services

- *11% of babies were low birth weight, compared to 7.4% countywide.*
- *49% of mothers received adequate prenatal care, compared to 68% countywide,* 76% in Kendall and 81.6% in Pinecrest*.*
- *34% of children birth to age 5 in Model City and 29% in Liberty City did not have full health insurance, compared to a countywide average of 20%, a negligible percentage in Kendall and 10% in Pinecrest.*

Ready Schools

- *13% of children missed more than 20 days of school during the year, compared to 8% countywide,* 5.1% in Kendall and 3.7% in Pinecrest*.*
- *46% of fourth-grade students are reading at or above grade level in that grade, compared to the countywide average of 64%,* 68% in Kendall and 78% in Pinecrest.

Ready Communities

- *51% of children birth to age 5 live in poverty, compared to 23% countywide,* 7% in Kendall and 6% in Pinecrest.
- *5.6% of youths 10-17 were charged with a crime, compared with 2.5% countywide,* .8% in Kendall and .5% in Pinecrest.

Ready Children

- On the three measures of school readiness, children in Model City/Liberty City lagged countywide averages on two measure and equaled the countywide average on the other one. *On the ECHOS, 82% of children in Model City/Liberty City were ready, compared to 85% of children countywide*; *on the DIBELS LNF 62% of children in Model City/Liberty City were ready, compared to 67% of children countywide*; and on the DIBELS ISF, 56% of children in Model City/Liberty City were ready, an equivalent percentage to children countywide, 59% in Kendall and 73% in Pinecrest.

Homestead/Florida City (ZIP codes 33030 and 33034)

Demographics

- 54% of the 4,073 children age birth to age 5 in Homestead/Florida City are Hispanic (compared to 49% countywide), 29% are black (compared to 24% countywide), 14% of children are non-Hispanic whites (23% countywide).

Ready Families

- *6.3% of births were to mothers under age 18 (compared to 3.2% countywide,* 0.6% in Kendall and 0.7% in Pinecrest).
- 20% of children live in linguistically-isolated families, compared to 16% countywide.
- *The rate of verified child maltreatment is significantly higher (30 incidences per 1,000 children compared to the county average of 12 incidences,* 10 in Kendall and 3.8 in Pinecrest*) and the rate of verified child abuse cases is also significantly higher (12 incidences per 1,000 children compared to the county average of 5.4 incidences,* 5.8 in Kendall and 1.6 in Pinecrest*).*

Ready Health Services

- *8.2% of babies were low birth weight, compared to 7.4% countywide.*
- **69% of mothers received adequate prenatal care, compared to 68% countywide,** 76% in Kendall and 81.6% in Pinecrest**.**
- 37% *of children birth to age 5 in Homestead and 43% in Florida City did not have full health insurance, compared to a countywide average of 20%*, a negligible percentage in Kendall and 10% in Pinecrest.

Ready Early Childhood Education Services

- **In child care centers, 45% of the licensed spaces, or 2,097 slots, are accredited, primarily by APPLE or NAEYC; this is above the county average of 42% of licensed spaces in accredited centers** and 39% in Pinecrest but below the 51% of licensed spaces in accredited centers in Kendall*.*

Ready Schools

- *12% of children missed more than 20 days of school during the year compared to 8% countywide,* 5.1% in Kendall and 3.7% in Pinecrest*.*
- *51% of fourth-grade students are reading at or above grade level in that grade, compared to the countywide average of 64%,* 68% in Kendall and 78% in Pinecrest.

Ready Communities

- *44% of children birth to age 5 live in poverty, compared to 23% countywide,* 7.2% in Kendall and 5.6% in Pinecrest.
- *5.6% of youths 10-17 were charged with a crime, compared with 2.5% countywide,* 0.8% in Kendall and 0.5% in Pinecrest.

Ready Children

- On the three measures of school readiness, children in Homestead/Florida City performed above countywide averages on two of the measures and below on the other. **On the ECHOS, 82% of children in Homestead / Florida City were ready, compared to 79% of children countywide**; on the *DIBELS LNF 55% of children in Homestead/Florida City were ready, compared to 67% of children countywide*; and **on the DIBELS ISF, 60% of children in Homestead/Florida City were ready, compared to 56% of children countywide,** 59% in Kendall and 73% in Pinecrest**.**

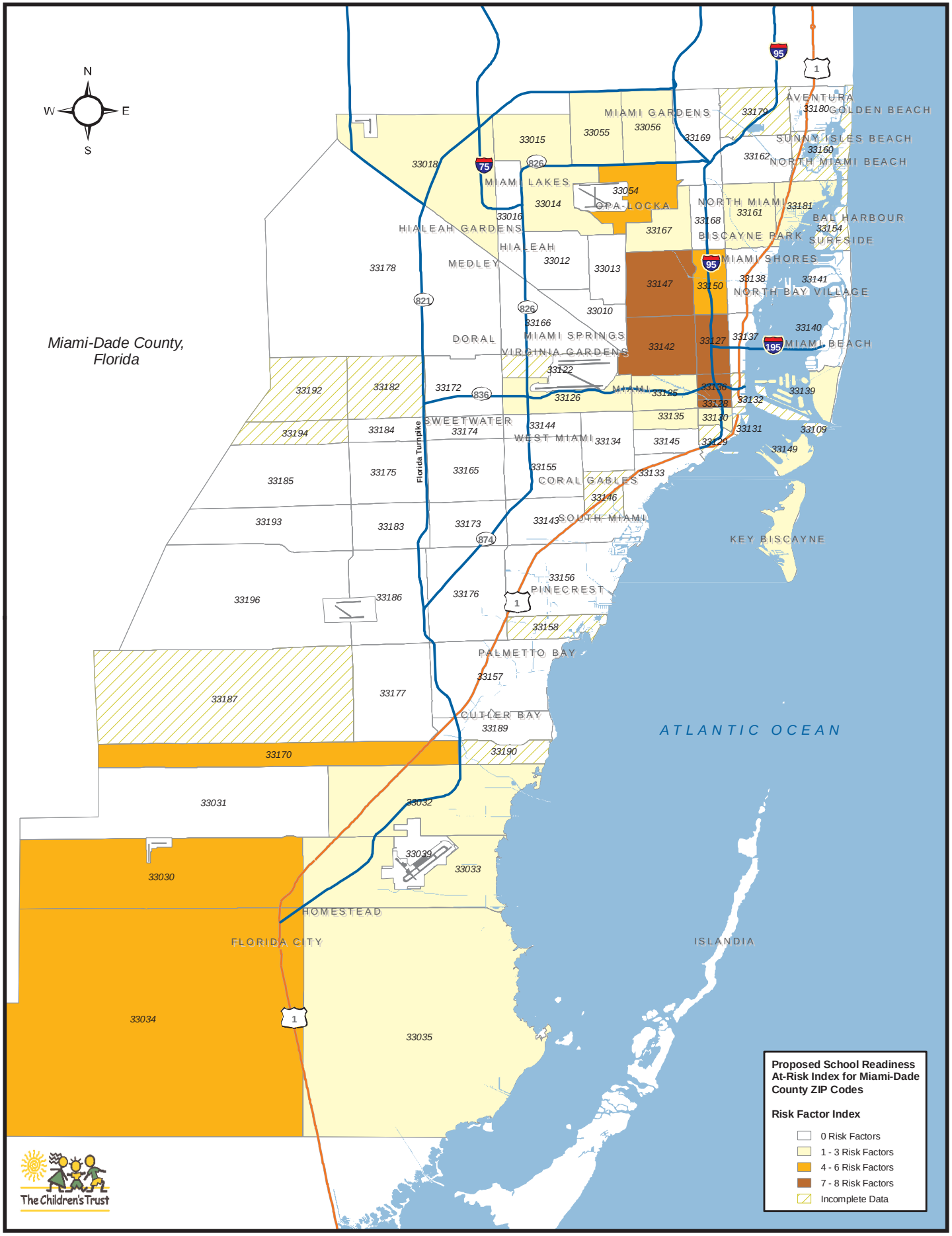
Proposed School Readiness At-Risk Index

The Children's Trust is working on a School Readiness At-Risk Index that uses 10 indicators of children's school readiness representing each of the components of the school readiness equation. Within every ZIP code we identify each of the ten indicators that is at least one standard deviation above or below the countywide average (whichever direction is negative) using the term "risk factor." We then add up the risk factors in each ZIP code to identify the neighborhoods where children are at highest risk of not being ready for school; ZIP codes with seven or more risk factors are considered at highest risk for children's school readiness. This approach is based on that taken by Charles Bruner (March 2006) in developing a child-raising vulnerability index.

Using data across a variety of sources, the proposed School Readiness At-Risk index includes the following indicators:

Component and Indicators	Date	Data Source
Ready Families:		
% of births to mothers under age 18	2005	Florida Department of Health, Office of Vital Statistics
rate per 1,000 children under age 18 with verified or some evidence of maltreatment	2005	Florida Department of Children and Families
Ready Early Childhood Education Services:		
% of child care slots in accredited child care centers	2008	Florida Department of Children and Families, Child Care Licensing Program
Ready Health Services		
% of births with adequate prenatal care	2005	Florida Department of Health, Office of Vital Statistics
% of children birth to 5 lacking full health insurance	2007	Child Health and Well-Being in Miami-Dade County: 2007 Baseline Survey Results
Ready Schools		
% of elementary school students missing more than 20 days	2005	Miami-Dade County Public Schools
% of 4th grade students at or above grade level on FCAT reading score	2006	Miami-Dade County Public Schools
Ready Communities		
% of children under 6 years old in poverty	2000	U.S. Census Bureau
% of youths (ages 10-17) arrested	2007	Florida Department of Juvenile Justice, Office of Data and Research
Ready Children		
% of kindergartners "ready for school" as measured by DIBELS ISF	2006	Miami-Dade County Public Schools

Difficulties with this approach include the wide variation in years the data are collected, and the school data reflect children who go to a school within the ZIP code but might not live in that same ZIP code. Nevertheless, it offers a means of combining a great deal of information into one number – the school readiness at-risk index.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The map on the previous page reflects the school readiness at-risk index for each ZIP code. Of Miami-Dade's 80 ZIP codes, 15 have insufficient data to calculate the index, the majority of ZIP codes have no risk factors, 17 have 1 to 3 risk factors, five ZIP codes have 4 to 6 risk factors and another five have 7 to 8 risk factors.

Maps for each of the 10 indicators by ZIP code are presented at the end of this document following Appendix A.

System Development Efforts Addressing the Evidence-Based Needs Statement

Two major system development efforts underway in Miami-Dade County can improve the quality of early childhood education programs and the transition to elementary school: Quality Counts and Ready Schools Miami. Both initiatives, countywide in scope, focus additional resources on the highest need geographic areas and schools.

Ready Early Childhood Education Services

Quality Counts, Miami-Dade County's quality rating and improvement system for child care centers and homes, will be implemented in 200 centers and 35 family child care homes in 2008. Quality Counts is being used as a tool to coordinate an early childhood education system in the county to promote high standards, raise quality, and empower consumers to demand higher quality programs.

Participating early childhood programs will have access to a variety of support to help improve program quality, including: on-site technical assistance and mentoring, training, scholarships for staff to complete credentials or degrees, wage stipends, and grants for materials and equipment.

Ready Schools

The Early Childhood Initiative Foundation is coordinating Ready Schools Miami, an ambitious and comprehensive effort to create partnerships and alignment between early childhood programs and the 230 public elementary schools in Miami-Dade County by 2011; major support comes from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation.
Ready Schools Miami:

- Mobilizes and focuses resources and expertise within, across and outside the school district to produce sustainable and widespread improvement in student learning and healthy child development.
- Is a comprehensive, systemic strategy connecting the school district, elementary schools, early learning centers and families with community-based organizations to support improved child well-being and increased student academic achievement.
- Will be scaled to all elementary schools over four years. In 2007, 16 schools were selected, and an additional 54 schools will be implemented in 2008-09. About 70 schools will be added each subsequent year.

Coordination between Early Childhood Education Programs and Schools

As part of the Ready Schools work, significant efforts are starting to align the work between early childhood education programs and schools participating in the Ready Schools initiative. These ideas include:

- *Create learning communities*: Identify area child care centers to act as de-facto "feeder schools" into the 16 Ready Schools and create learning communities among these community- and school-based early childhood programs. These learning communities would focus on:
    - *Curriculum alignment*: Joint training for community- and school-based early childhood programs will be offered on different curriculum approaches starting in May 2008; learning communities will be developed and facilitated by curriculum specialists from the schools and from Quality Counts so that all programs reflect and learn together as they work on curriculum implementation.
    - *Community-based training*: Through a community-based training plan now under development, joint trainings will be offered to the Ready Schools and their area community-based early childhood programs to create relationships and consistent standards and knowledge across all settings.
    - *Shared data systems*: Using the Web-based Early Learning System (WELS) database system and linking to other data systems, information on: quality of early childhood programs in all settings, progress on program improvement plans and professional development through Quality Counts, child development screenings, child outcomes and many other data points will be collected and used to inform implementation of these efforts and track effectiveness over time.

Policy Recommendations

Given the very striking disparities on the school readiness indicators, clearly no single strategy will significantly change children's readiness for or success in school in the neighborhoods where children are at the highest risk. Miami-Dade County has a significant infrastructure in place on which to build with the Quality Counts initiative, Ready Schools Miami and the Healthy Start Coalition efforts. Building on these, the following is recommended:

- The degree to which Healthy Start, Quality Counts and Ready Schools are present in Opa-locka/Miami Gardens, Model City/Liberty City, Homestead / Florida City and Hialeah must be determined;
- In partnership with leaders in each neighborhood, strategies for making these services universally available in these neighborhoods should be developed;
- In partnership with leaders in each neighborhood, adaptations should be made to these initiatives to ensure they are addressing the needs of children across the Ready Child equation components and indicators; and
- In partnership with leaders in each neighborhood, additional strategies to address needs unmet by these initiatives must be developed.

The data cited in this paper can be used as a baseline from which progress over time can be measured, with regular adjustments made to strategy over time to ensure the work is having the desired impact.

APPENDIX A – SUMMARY OF DATA

Miami-Dade County Selected ZIP Codes

Bright yellow highlighted cells are more/less than countywide rate (in negative direction)
Light blue highlighted rows indicate percentages or rates

Indicator	33010 & 33012 Hialeah Combined	33054 & 33056 Opa-locka/Miami Gardens Combined	33142 & 33147 Model City/Liberty City Combined	33030 & 33034 Homestead / Florida City Combined	33156 Pinecrest	33173 Kendall	ALL ZIP Codes Countywide	Year of Data
Demographics								
Child Population Under 5 Years Old (#)	6,362	4,794	7,547	4,073	2,017	1,848	144,850	*2000*
Black Children U5 Years Old (#)	80	4,124	4,852	1,185	42	54	35,102	*2000*
Black Children U5 Years Old (%)	1.3	86.0	64.3	29.1	2.1	2.9	24.2	*2000*
Hispanic Children U5 Years Old (#)	4,841	591	2,295	2,184	776	1,178	70,479	*2000*
Hispanic Children U5 Years Old (%)	76.1	12.3	30.4	53.6	38.5	63.7	48.7	*2000*
White Non-Hispanic Children U5 Years Old (#)	1,441	61	400	583	1,089	550	33,614	*2000*
White Non-Hispanic Children U5 Years Old (%)	22.7	1.3	5.3	14.3	54.0	29.8	23.2	*2000*
Other Race Children U5 Years Old (#)	0	18	0	121	110	66	5,655	*2000*
Other Race Children U5 Years Old (%)	0.0	0.4	0.0	3.0	5.5	3.6	3.9	*2000*
							Data Source: U.S. Census Bureau	
Ready Families								
Births to Mothers under the age of 18 Years Old (#)	43	67	126	78	2	2	1,022	*2005*
Births to Mothers under the age of 18 Years Old (%)	3.3	5.7	7.4	6.3	0.7	0.6	3.2	*2005*
							Data Source: FL Department of Health, Office of Vital Statistics	
Children U5 Years Old in Single-Parent Families (#)	1,114	1,670	2,956	1,737	77	170	39,053	*2000*
Children U5 Years Old in Single-Parent Families (%)	17.5	34.8	39.2	42.6	3.8	9.2	27.0	*2000*
							Data Source: U.S. Census Bureau	
Children 5-17 Years Old who Speak Spanish at Home (#)	17,859	1,782	7,613	4,343	2,800	3,732	234,690	*2000*
Children 5-17 Years Old who Speak Spanish at Home (%)	94.1	11.5	31.9	44.4	40.1	68.8	56.9	*2000*
Children 5-17 in Linguistically Isolated Households (#)	6,526	476	2,606	1,946	354	643	65,923	*2000*
Children 5-17 in Linguistically Isolated Households (%)	34.4	3.1	10.9	19.9	5.1	11.9	16.0	*2000*
							Data Source: U.S. Census Bureau	
Children Under Age 6 in Dependency System (#)	21	148	119	56	5	10	1557	*2008*
							Data Source: Our Kids of Miami-Dade/Monroe	
Children 0-17 with verified or some evidence of maltreatment (#)	173	469	802	463	36	93	7420	*2005*
Children 0-17 with verified or some evidence of maltreatment (per 1,000 children)	6.5	21.5	25.2	30.5	3.8	10.5	12.2	*2005*

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Children 0-17 with verified child abuse (#)	79	215	403	188	15	51	3284	*2005*
Children 0-17 with verified child abuse (per 1,000 children)	2.9	9.9	12.7	12.4	1.6	5.8	5.4	*2005*
Data Source: FL Department of Children and Families								
Ready Early Childhood Education Services								
Accredited Child Care Centers (#)	27	14	13	17	3	5	320	*2008*
Accredited Child Care Centers as Percentage of Licensed Centers (%)	45.0	27.5	23.2	38.6	33.3	62.5	33.3	*2008*
Slots in Accredited Child Care Centers (#)	2,647	972	915	2,097	557	534	38,018	*2008*
Slots in Accredited Child Care Centers as Percentage of Slots in Licensed Centers (%)	53.3	28.0	19.0	44.7	39.1	51.1	42.1	*2008*
Accredited Family Child Care Homes (#)	1	2	3	0	0	0	28	*2008*
Accredited Family Child Care Homes as Percentage of Licensed Homes (%)	8.3	7.7	18.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.7	*2008*
Slots in Accredited Family Child Care Home (#)	12	24	28	0	0	0	324	*2008*
Slots in Accredited Family Child Care Homes as Percentage of Slots in Licensed Homes (%)	10.0	9.4	20.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	8.6	*2008*
Children Under Age 5 in Subsidized Child Care (#)	995	1,324	1,837	149	27	149	N/A	*2008*
Children Under Age 5 on Subsidized Child Care Wait List (#)	75	106	130	57	1	8	1840	*2008*
Data Sources: FL Department of Children and Families, Child Care Licensing Program; Early Learning Coalition of Miami-Dade/Monroe								
Ready Health Services								
Total Births (#)	1,298	1,175	1,707	1,243	294	362	32,365	*2005*
Low Birth Weight Births (#)	95	137	182	99	13	20	2,307	*2005*
Low Birth Weight Births (%)	7.5	12.0	10.9	8.2	4.7	5.8	7.4	*2005*
Births with Adequate Prenatal Care (#)	766	640	830	861	240	275	21,833	*2005*
Births with Adequate Prenatal Care (%)	59.0	54.5	48.6	69.3	81.6	76.0	67.5	*2005*
Children birth to age 5 lacking full health insurance (%)	29.4	Note	Note	Note	9.8	0.0	20.1	*2007*
Data Sources: FL Department of Health; Child Health and Well-being in Miami-DadeCounty: 2007 Baseline Survey Results								
Ready Schools								
Elementary Students Missing More than 20 Days (#)	576	605	937	530	150	67	12,822	*2005*

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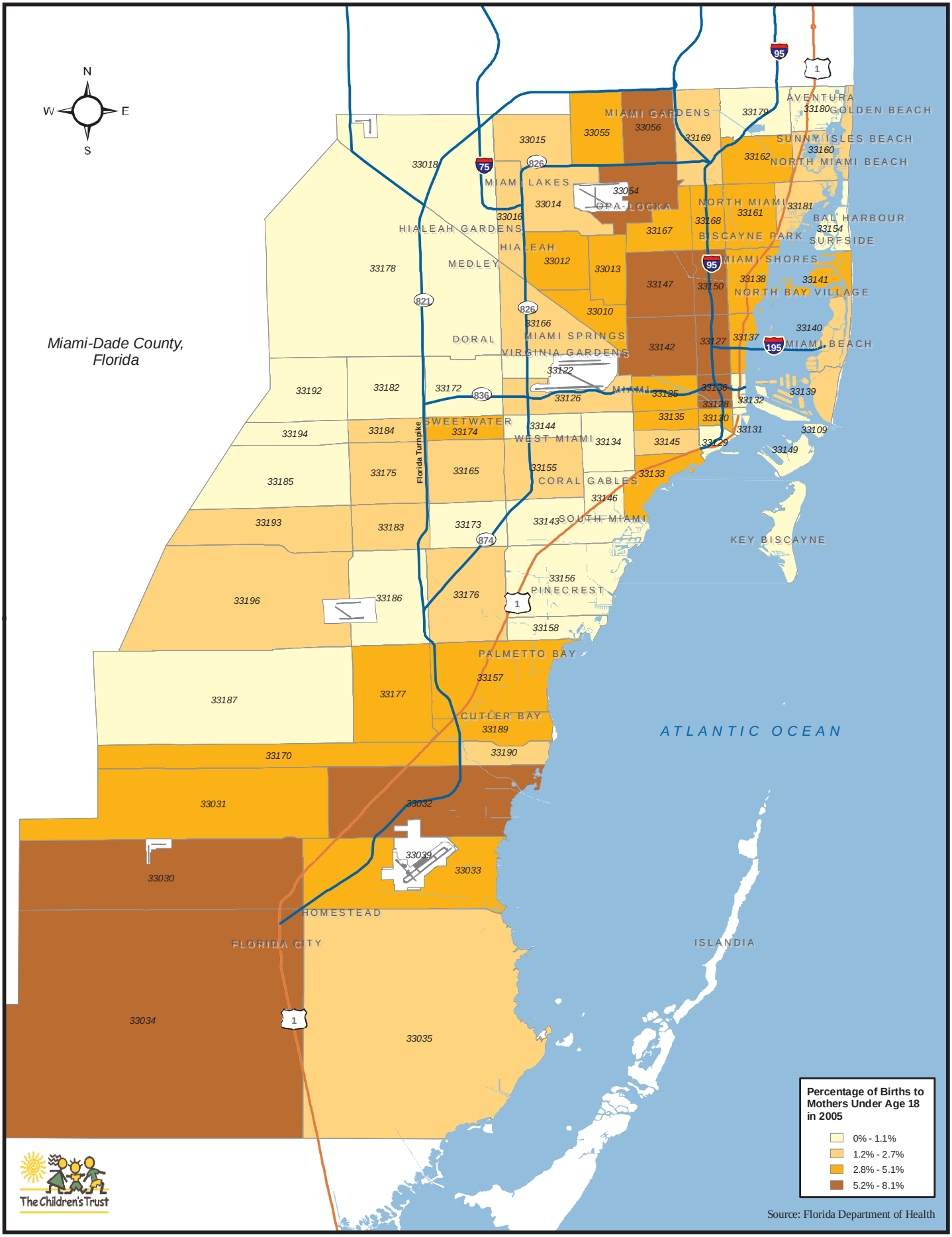
Elementary Students Missing More than 20 Days (%)	6.8	9.6	12.8	12.1	3.7	5.1	8.0	*2005*
Elementary School Class Size (average)	22.7	21.8	20.2	19.8	23.8	23.1	22.4	*2005*
4th grade students at or above grade level on FCAT Reading (#)	729	543	547	356	506	155	N/A	*2006*
4th grade students at or above grade level on FCAT Reading (%)	59.1	51.3	45.6	51.4	77.9	68	64.1	*2006*
Data Source: Miami-Dade County Public Schools								
Ready Communities								
Children Under 6 Years Old in Poverty (#)	1,801	1,758	4,709	2,214	136	161	39,910	*2000*
Children Under 6 Years Old in Poverty (%)	23.2	29.8	50.7	44.5	5.6	7.2	22.8	*2000*
Elementary School Students receiving free/reduced price lunch (%)	Note	Note	Note	Note	22.6	48.5	72.0	*2004*
Data Sources: U.S. Census Bureau; Miami-Dade County Public Schools								
Youths Charged with Crimes (Unduplicated) - Total	167	544	861	336	26	29	6,928	*2006-07*
Youths Charged with Crimes (% of Youths age 10-17)	1.3	5.3	5.6	5.6	0.5	0.8	2.5	*2006-07*
Data Source: Florida Department of Juvenile Justice, Office of Data and Research								
Ready Children								
Kindergarteners ECHOS Ready (#)	675	820	779	559	249	176	19,062	*2006*
Kindergarteners ECHOS Ready (%)	81	95	82	79	89	91	85	*2006*
Kindergarteners DIBELS LNF Ready (#)	445	621	591	396	244	137	14,972	*2006*
Kindergarteners DIBELS LNF Ready (%)	57	72	62	55	88	71	67	*2006*
Kindergarteners DIBELS ISF Ready (#)	420	423	605	439	272	113	12,111	*2006*
Kindergarteners DIBELS ISF Ready (%)	48	52	56	60	73	59	56	*2006*
Data Source: FL Department of Education, No Child Left Behind School Public Accountability Report								

Note: data for these combined ZIP codes are not available.
The % of children birth to age 5 lacking full health insurance for the individual ZIP codes are as follows: 33054 – 35.2%; 33056 – 0%; 33142 – 34.4%; 33147 – 28.8%; 33030 – 37.2%; 33034 – 42.7%

The % of elementary school students receiving free/reduced price lunches for the individual ZIP codes are as follows: 33010 – 91%; 33012 – 84.2%; 33054 – 84.7%; 33056 – 72.4%; 33142 – 90.4%; 33147 – 76.8%; 33034 – 77.5%; 33030 – 96.7%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Percentage of Births to Mothers Under Age 18 in 2005
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Source: Florida Department of Health
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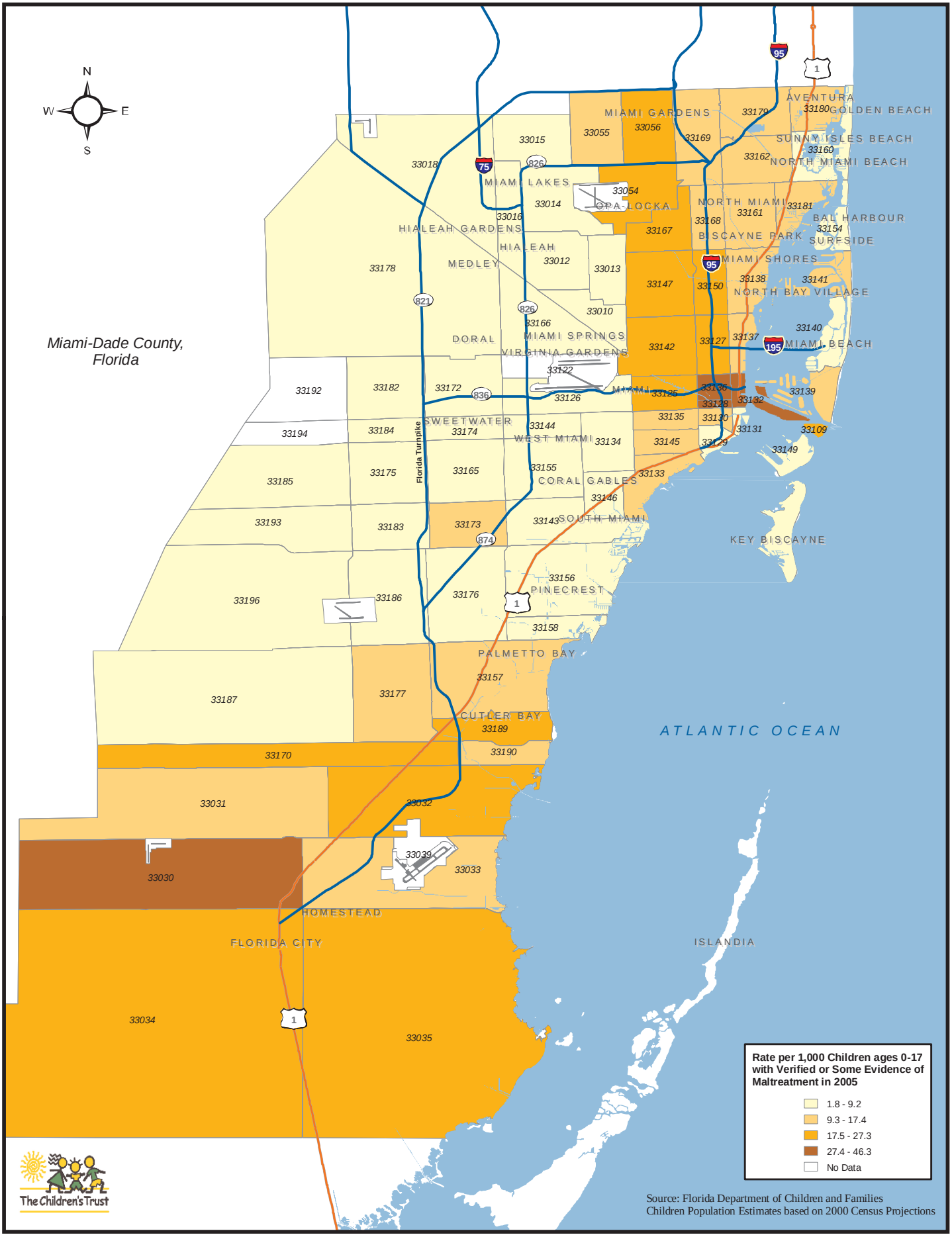
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Rate per 1,000 Children ages 0-17 with Verified or Some Evidence of Maltreatment in 2005
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9.3 - 17.4
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27.4 - 46.3
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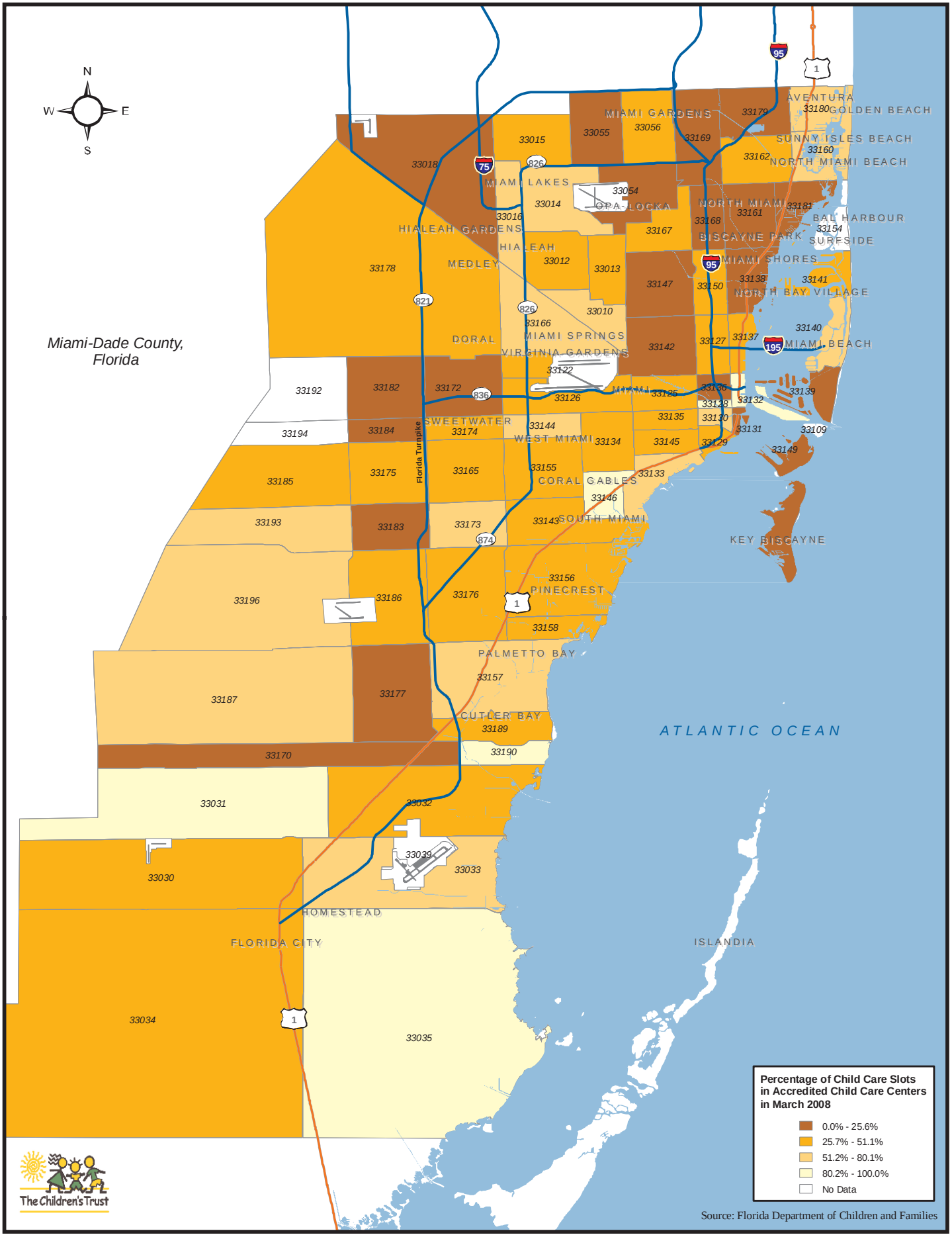
Source: Florida Department of Children and Families
Children Population Estimates based on 2000 Census Projections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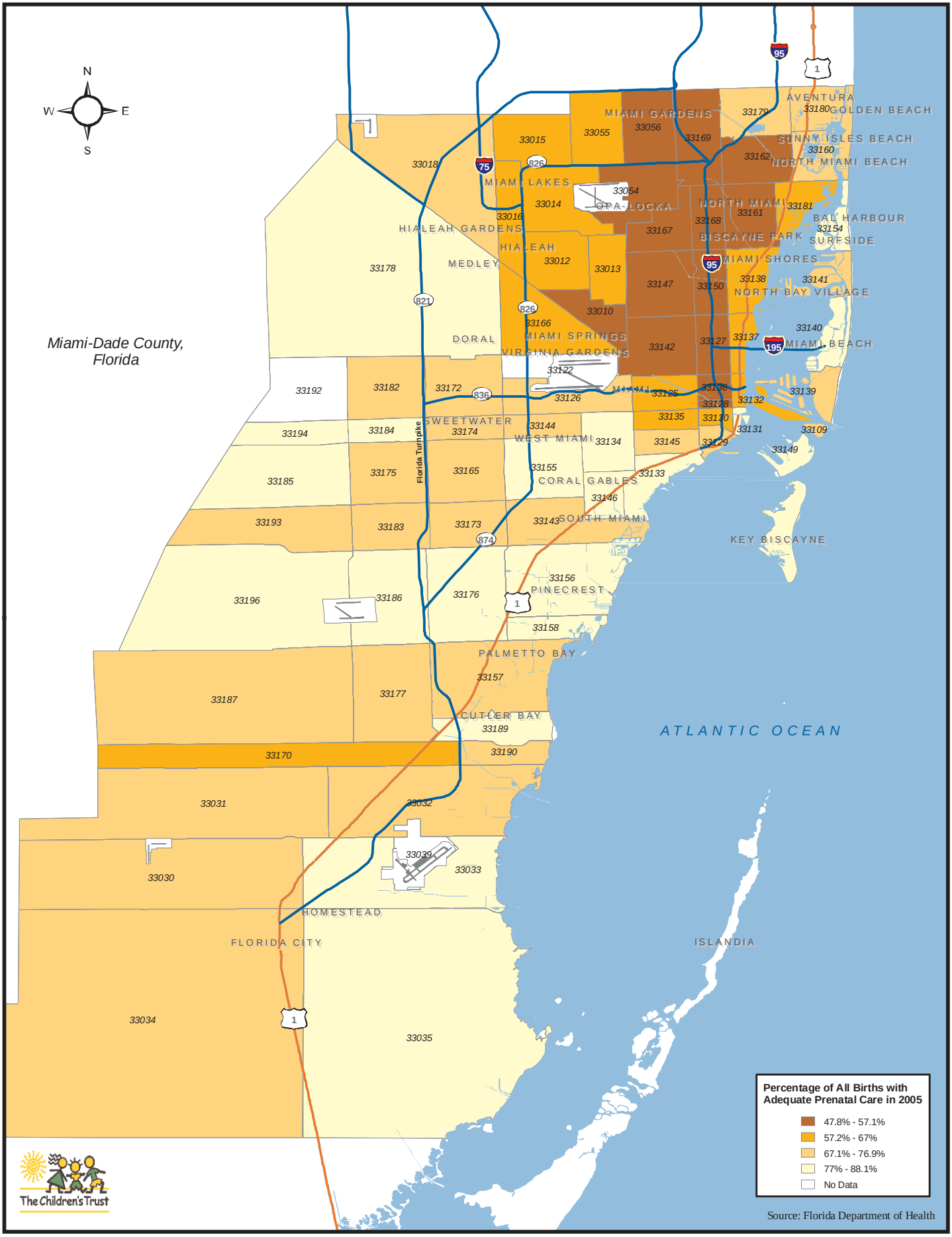
Percentage of Child Care Slots in Accredited Child Care Centers in March 2008
0.0% - 25.6%
25.7% - 51.1%
51.2% - 80.1%
80.2% - 100.0%
No Data
The Children's Trust
Source: Florida Department of Children and Families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Percentage of All Births with Adequate Prenatal Care in 2005
47.8% - 57.1%
57.2% - 67%
67.1% - 76.9%
77% - 88.1%
No Data
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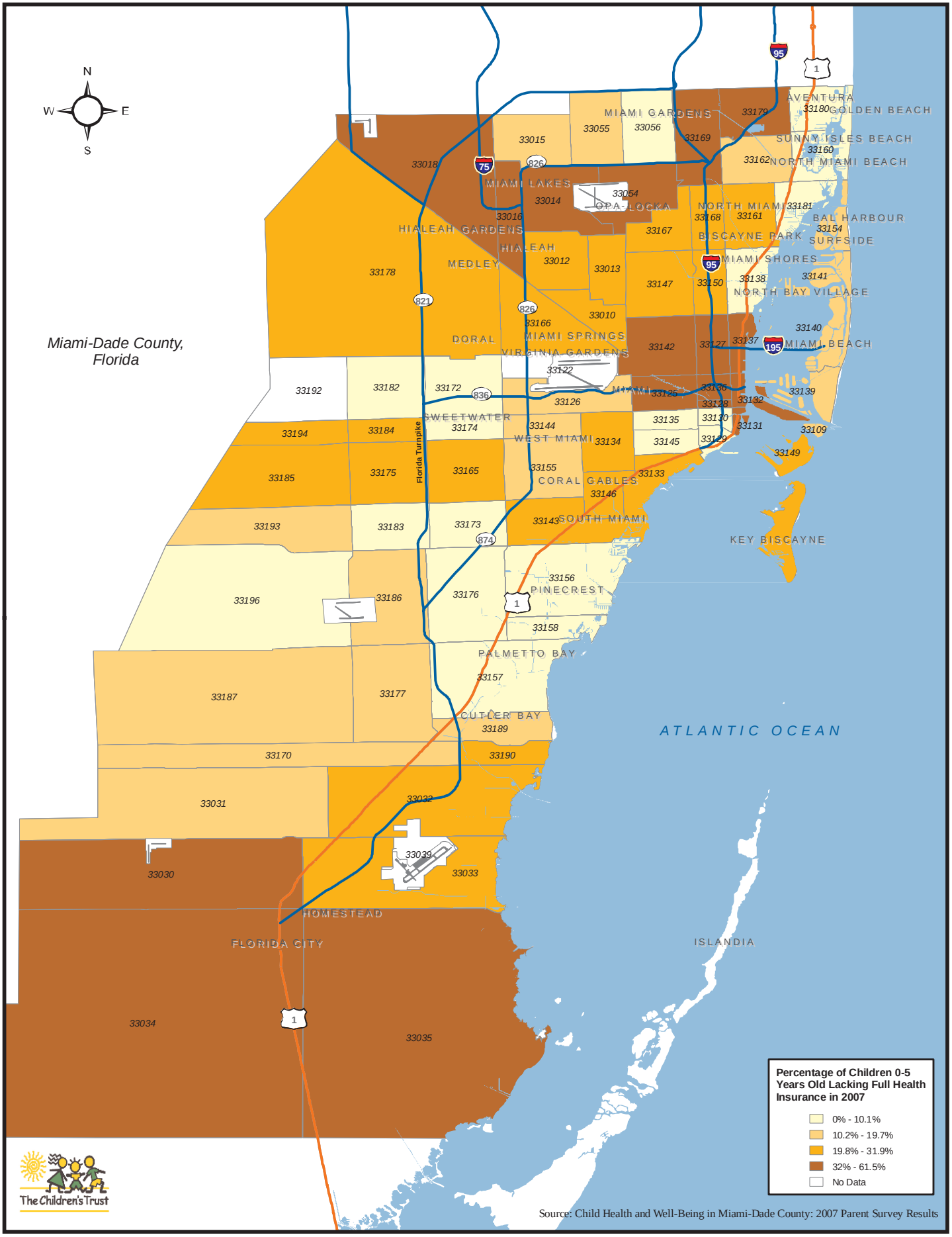
Source: Florida Department of Health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Percentage of Children 0-5 Years Old Lacking Full Health Insurance in 2007
0% - 10.1%
10.2% - 19.7%
19.8% - 31.9%
32% - 61.5%
No Data
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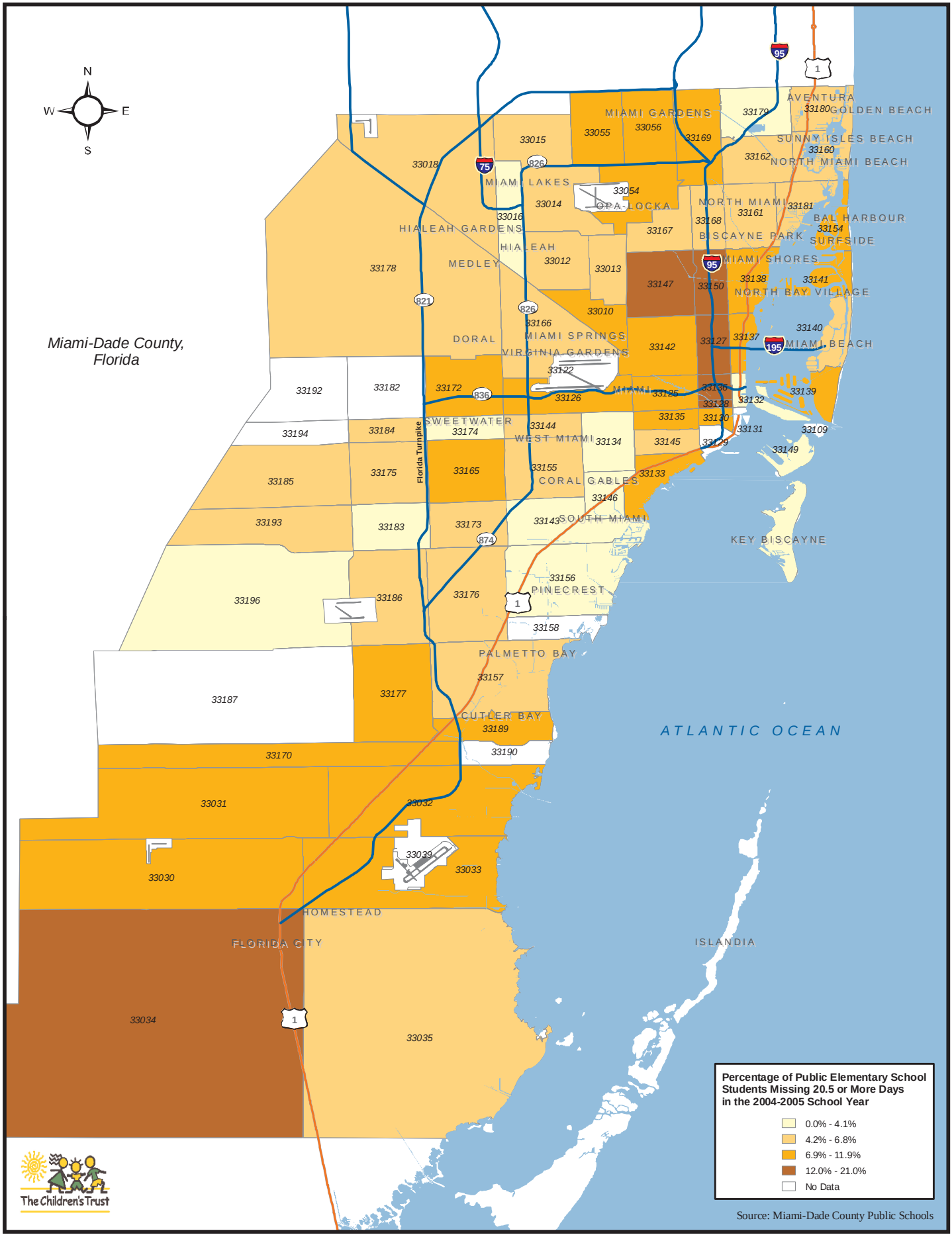
Source: Child Health and Well-Being in Miami-Dade County: 2007 Parent Survey Results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Percentage of Public Elementary School Students Missing 20.5 or More Days in the 2004-2005 School Year
0.0% - 4.1%
4.2% - 6.8%
6.9% - 11.9%
12.0% - 21.0%
No Data
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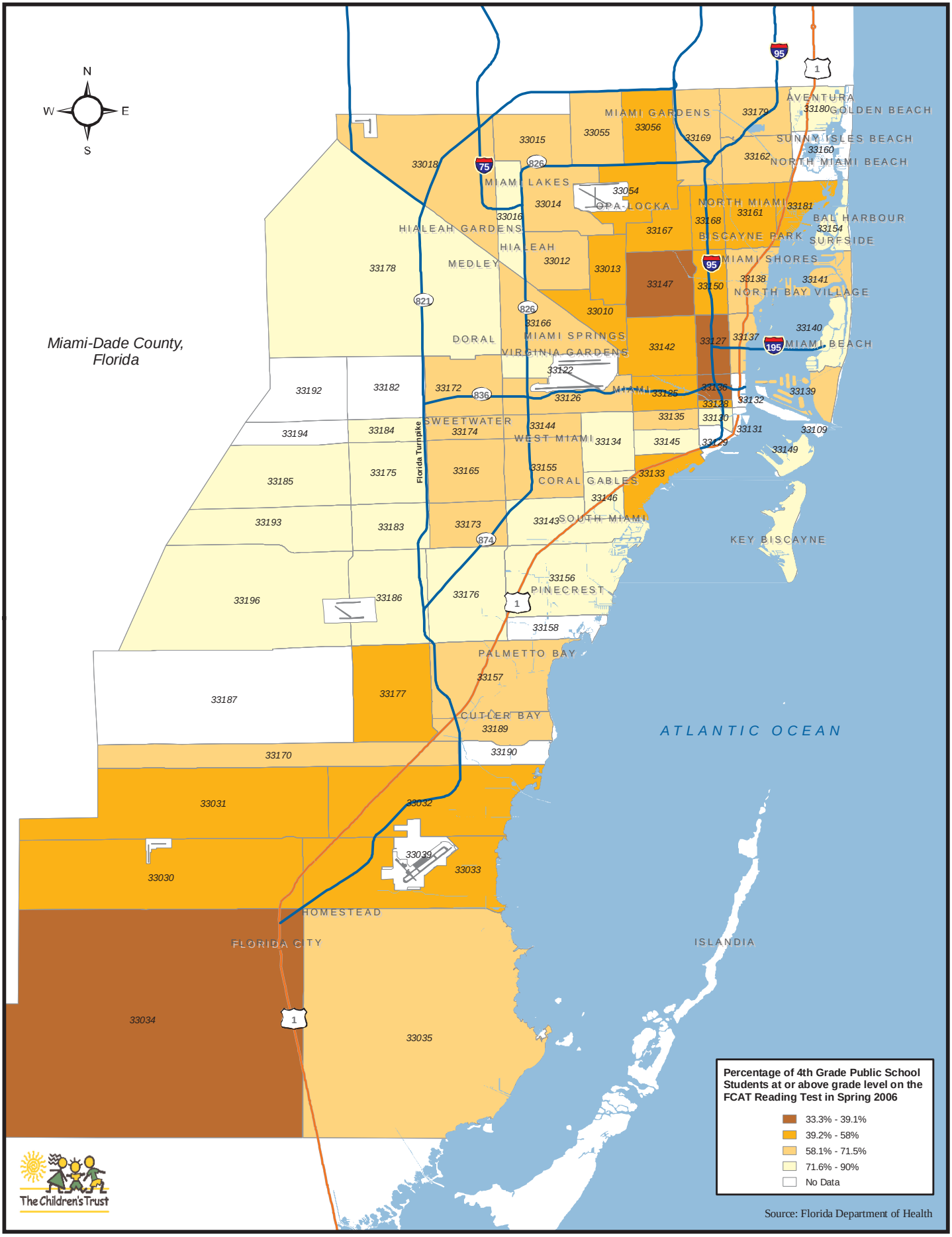
Source: Miami-Dade County Public Schools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Percentage of 4th Grade Public School Students at or above grade level on the FCAT Reading Test in Spring 2006
33.3% - 39.1%
39.2% - 58%
58.1% - 71.5%
71.6% - 90%
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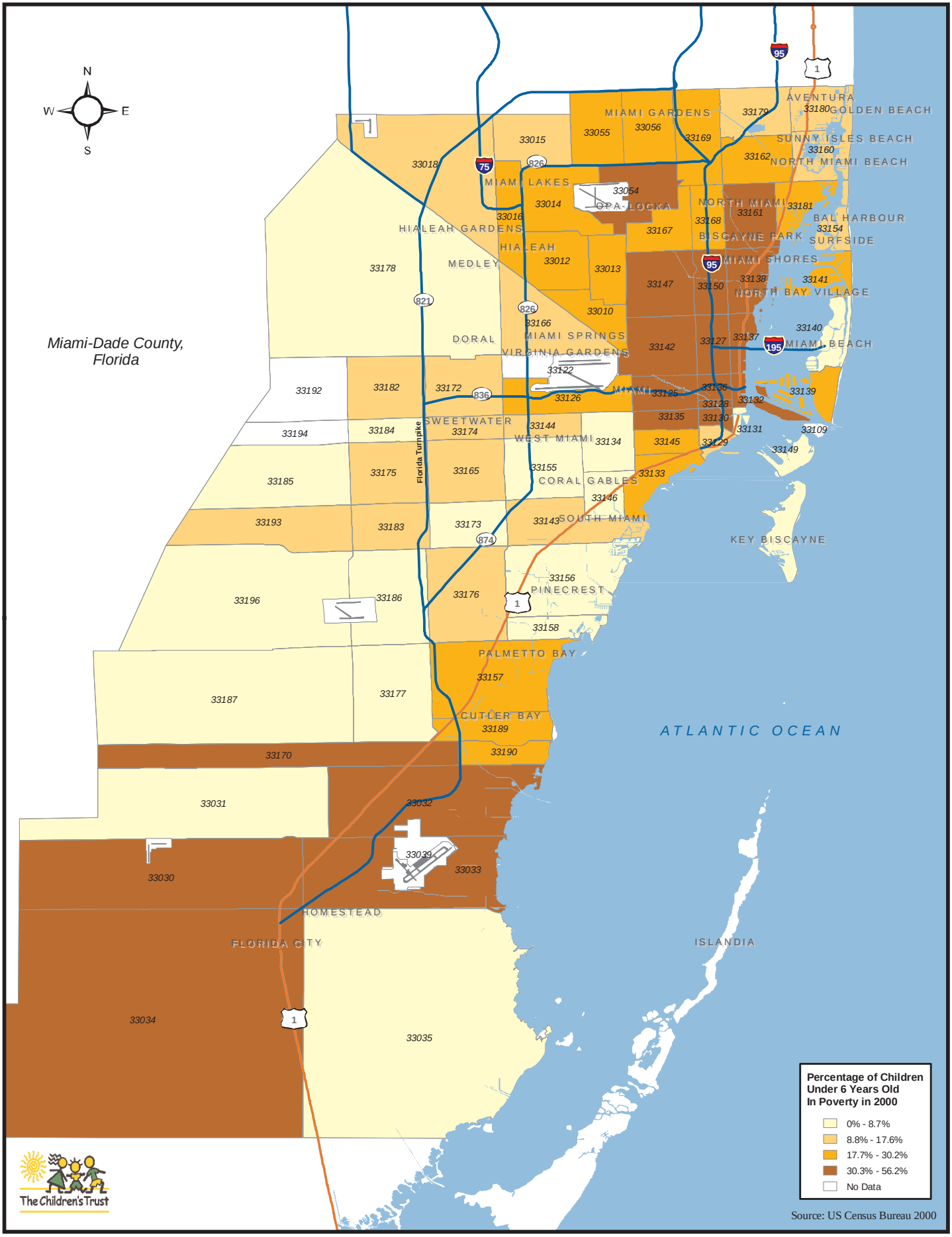
Source: Florida Department of Health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Percentage of Children Under 6 Years Old In Poverty in 2000
0% - 8.7%
8.8% - 17.6%
17.7% - 30.2%
30.3% - 56.2%
No Data
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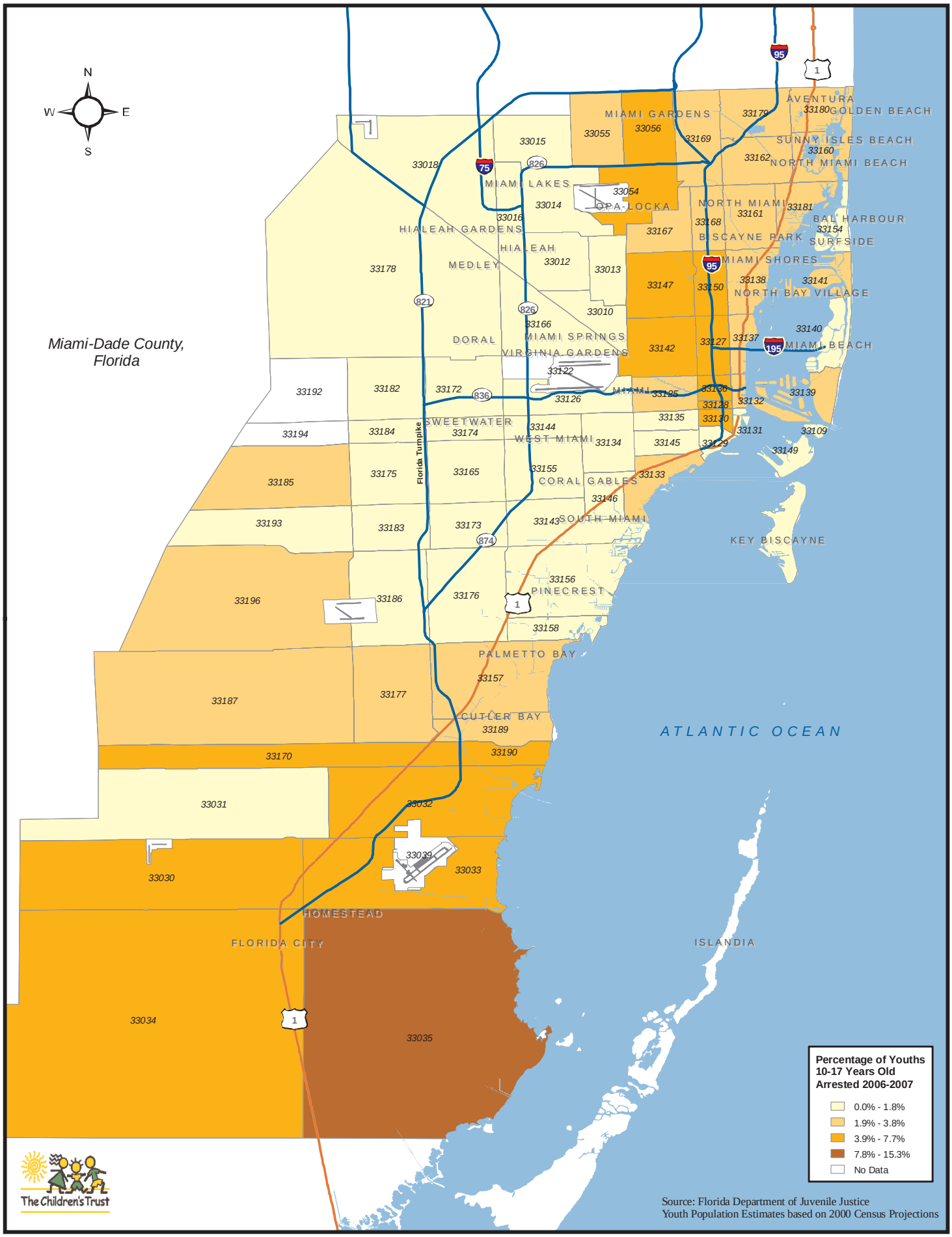
Source: US Census Bureau 2000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Percentage of Youths
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Arrested 2006-2007
0.0% - 1.8%
1.9% - 3.8%
3.9% - 7.7%
7.8% - 15.3%
No Data
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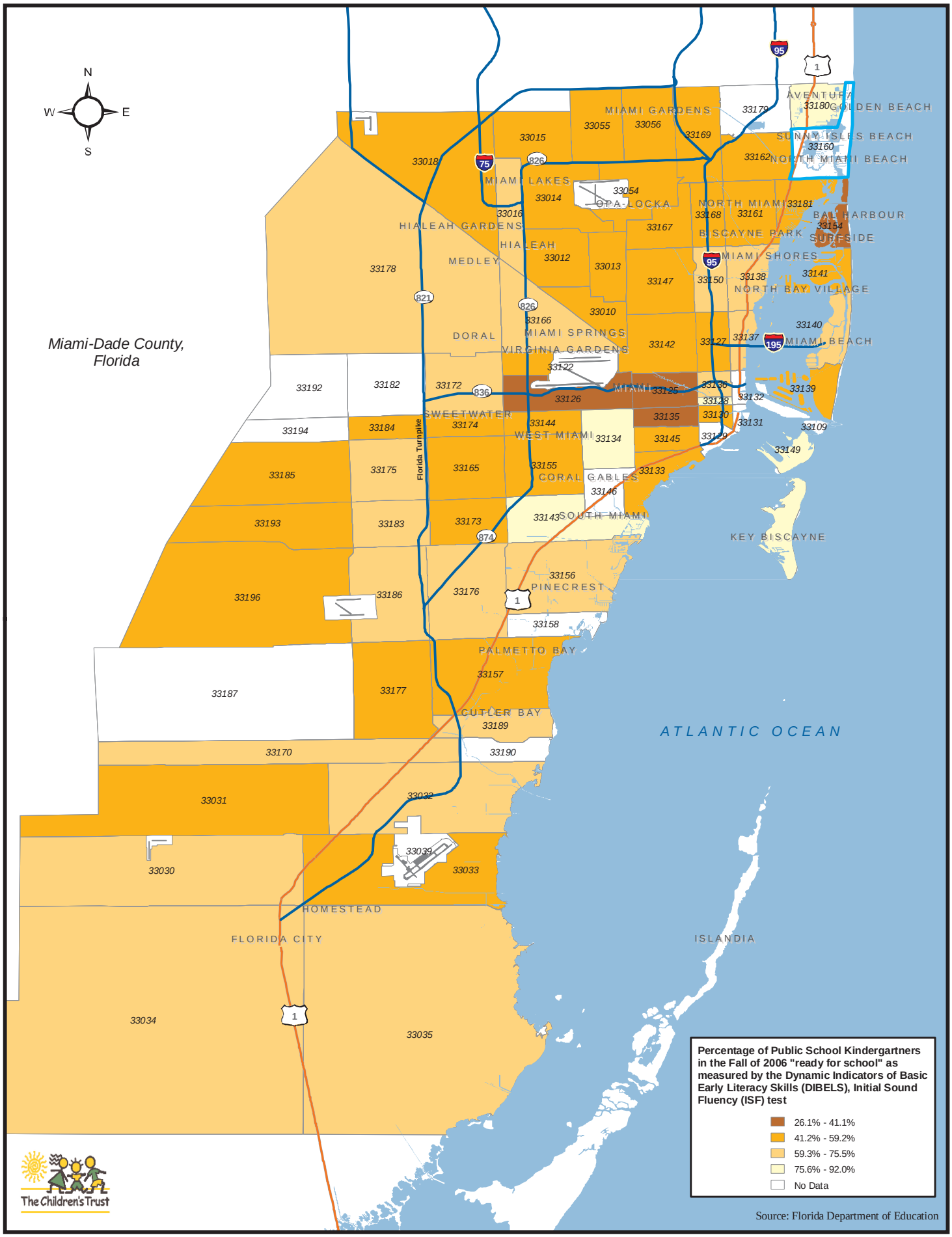
Source: Florida Department of Juvenile Justice
Youth Population Estimates based on 2000 Census Projections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Percentage of Public School Kindergartners in the Fall of 2006 "ready for school" as measured by the Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills (DIBELS), Initial Sound Fluency (ISF) test
26.1% - 41.1%
41.2% - 59.2%
59.3% - 75.5%
75.6% - 92.0%
No Data
The Children's Trust
Source: Florida Department of Education