

Florida County Profile  
**Pinellas County**

**IDENTIFICATION**

**County:** Pinellas  
**County Seat:** Clearwater  
**Nearest Metropolitan Area:** Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater

**POPULATION**

**County Population:**

1980:.....728,531  
 1990:.....851,659  
 1999:.....898,784

**Population Projections:**

2000:.....903,243  
 2010:.....955,160

**EMPLOYMENT**

**Labor Force (1999)**

Labor Force ..... 471,280  
 Labor Force % of County Population ..... 52.4%  
 Number in County Unemployed ..... 12,698  
 Unemployment Rate ..... 2.7%

**County Employment by Industry (1998)**

Agricultural Services..... 3,266  
 Construction ..... 20,003  
 Fin, Ins, Real Estate ..... 28,984  
 Government..... 42,864  
 Manufacturing..... 46,130  
 Mining..... N/A  
 Services..... 153,495  
 Trade ..... 100,017  
 Transportation, Public Utilities..... 13,880

**Average Wage in Industries**

Agricultural Services ..... \$19,322  
 Construction ..... \$28,841  
 Fin, Ins, Real Estate ..... \$41,496  
 Government..... \$33,431  
 Manufacturing..... \$33,591  
 Mining..... \$37,811  
 Services..... \$26,949  
 Trade ..... \$28,728  
 Transportation, Public Utilities..... \$35,564

**Major Private Sector Employers**

**(Number of Pinellas County Employees)**

Tech Data Corporation ..... 3,500  
 Home Shopping Network ..... 3,500  
 Times Publishing ..... 3,384  
 Eckerd Corporation ..... 3,375  
 Florida Progress ..... 3,000  
 Neilsen Media Research ..... 2,600  
 Raymond James Financial ..... 2,200  
 Raytheon E-Systems..... 1,600  
 Honeywell Space Systems..... 1,400  
 Equifax Payment Services ..... 1,400

**PER CAPITA INCOME**

(1995) .....	\$26,572
(1996) .....	\$28,367
(1997) .....	\$30,633

**STATE AND LOCAL TAXATION**

**County**

Ad Valorem Millage Rates (1999):

Government .....	6.5010
Special .....	1.6572
School .....	8.6660
Total .....	16.8242

Ad Valorem Tax Exemption Available .....	No
Retail Sales Tax (Local Option) .....	1.0%
Utility Service Tax .....	N/A

**State**

Corporate Income .....	5.5%
Intangible (per \$1,000) .....	1-1.5%
Personal Income .....	None
Retail Sales .....	6.0%

**EDUCATION**

**K-12 EDUCATION**

<u>Schools</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Enrollments</u>
Elementary	82	2,272	53,674
Secondary	40	1,397	56,907
<b>Total</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>3,669</b>	<b>110,581</b>

**POST SECONDARY EDUCATION (Within Pinellas County)**

**Colleges/Universities**

- Clearwater Christian College
- Eckerd College
- Florida Metropolitan University
- Schiller International University
- Stetson Law School
- St. Petersburg College
- University Partnership Center at St. Petersburg College
- (Eckerd College, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University, Florida Gulfcoast University, Florida Institute of Technology, Florida International University, Florida State University, Saint Leo University, University of Florida, University of South Florida)
- University of South Florida (Bayboro)

**Vocational / Technical Schools:**

- Pinellas Technical Education Center
- Florida Institute of Technology
- National Aviation Academy
- Tampa Technical Institute

**Other Schools:**

- St. Petersburg Theological Seminary

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