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2019 COUNTY HEALTH RANKINGS: STRENGTHS AND AREAS TO WORK ON IN PINELLAS



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The Florida Department of Health in Pinellas County (DOH-Pinellas) recognizes the value in measuring health outcomes and acknowledges the 2019 County Health Rankings & Roadmaps tool released today by the University of Wisconsin and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. This study highlights the many community factors that influence health and uses established data, much of which is available from the department at www.FLHealthCHARTS.com.

“We are continuing our efforts to improve the health of all people in Pinellas,” said Dr. Ulyee Choe, DOH-Pinellas’ director. “We know there are areas to explore and areas for improvement, but we are proud of the strides that have already been made in health outcomes and health factors.”



In Pinellas, the areas of strength included a better-than-average ratio of primary care physicians to patients (one for every 1,120 residents); greater than average access to exercise opportunities (96 percent) and a population where two-thirds have had some college education.

By contrast, Pinellas ranked lower in the rate of high-school graduations (83 percent graduate); adult smoking (17 percent) and adult obesity (26 percent). For a complete look at the Pinellas rankings and the demographics, go to <https://bit.ly/2TA8wKL>.

These rankings are a snapshot of the health of counties across the country, and they emphasize that health is not a singular effort but a combined work in progress across all community partners. The department works in collaboration with local governments, non-profit organizations, health care facilities, business groups, schools, faith-based organizations and many other stakeholders to improve the health of all people in Pinellas County. These rankings use data related to physical environments, social and economic factors, health behaviors and clinical care.

In Pinellas County, the [Community Health Improvement Plan \(CHIP\)](#) is designed to address specific opportunities for improved health that have been identified by the community. The department has partnered with many stakeholders to implement the CHIP and collaborates regularly to track progress. To explore more health indicators in your county, visit www.FLHealthCHARTS.com. For information about DOH-Pinellas, go to www.PinellasHealth.com and follow us on Twitter [@HealthyPinellas](https://twitter.com/HealthyPinellas).

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