



PINELLAS HIGHLIGHTS

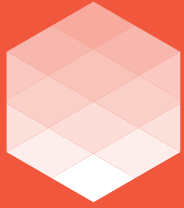
# COMMUNITY SAFETY



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# COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPACTS POPULATION HEALTH

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When residents feel unsafe to walk in their neighborhoods, there are many negative consequences on health such as increased stress, difficulty adhering to an exercise routine because walking paths feel unsafe, and even difficulty walking to grocery stores to access healthy food. Population health is impacted by violence. Experiencing violence can lead to serious mental health problems, including post-traumatic stress disorder, depression, and anxiety.

## SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC FACTORS

### Community Safety

Crime and safety may pose barriers to community residents who would like to use the local, physical environment to have a healthy lifestyle. Community safety includes issues like the perceived safety of a neighborhood, violent and nonviolent crimes, domestic abuse and accidental death (such as drowning or motor vehicle accidents) .

The table below depicts the causes of death in Pinellas County in 2016.

CAUSES OF DEATH IN PINELLAS COUNTY - 2016	
CAUSE OF DEATH	2016
Accident (motor vehicle & other accidental)	801
Suicide	199
Homicide	56

**Table 1:** Causes of Death

Every year the Florida Department of Law Enforcement reports on the numbers and types of crimes that occur within each county. The table below shows the arrest rates for various types of crimes within the county. The offenses listed below refer to the 7 index crimes of Murder, Sexual Offenses, Robbery, Aggravated Assault, Burglary, Larceny, and Motor Vehicle Theft. Violent Crime includes: Murder, Sexual Offenses, Robbery, and Aggravated Assault Offenses. Non-Violent/Property Crime Includes: Burglary, Larceny, and Motor Vehicle Theft Offenses.

SUMMARY OF UNIFORM CRIME REPORTS DATA			
COUNTY	2016*	2017*	% CHANGE
Population	954,569	962,003	0.8
Total Arrests	38,276	36,566	-4.5
Total Index Offenses	36,536	33,522	-8.2
Violent Rate	426.5	414.3	-2.8
Property Rate	3,401.0	3,070.3	-9.7
Index Rate (Per 100,000 Population)	3,827.5	3,484.6	-9.0

**\*NOTE:** Note these population estimates are different than census estimates.

**Table 2:** Crime in Florida - Pinellas County



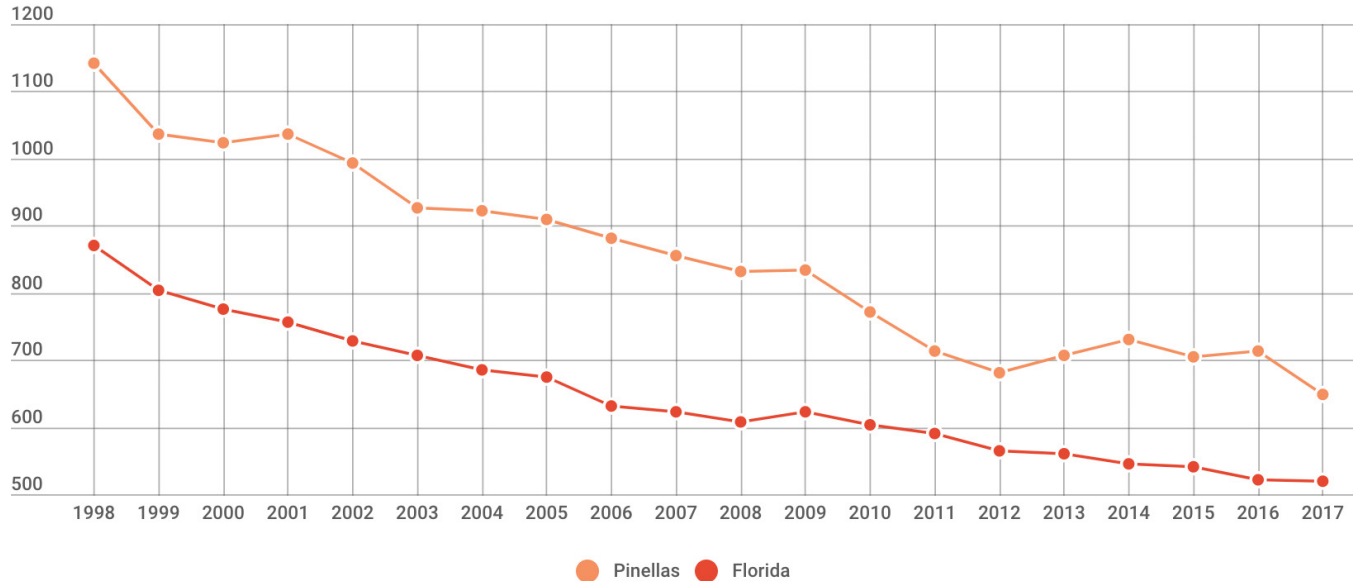
## SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC FACTORS

The Robert Wood Johnson 2018 County Ranking Data Related to Community Safety are below :

COMMUNITY SAFETY STATISTICS		
STATISTIC	PINELLAS	FLORIDA
Violent Crime (Number of reported violent crime offenses per 100,000 population)	536	500
Firearm Fatalities (Number of deaths due to firearms per 100,000 population)	13	13
Homicides (Number of deaths due to homicide per 100,000 population)	5	6
Injury Deaths (Number of deaths due to injury per 100,000 population.)	94	72

**Table 3:** Community Safety Statistics

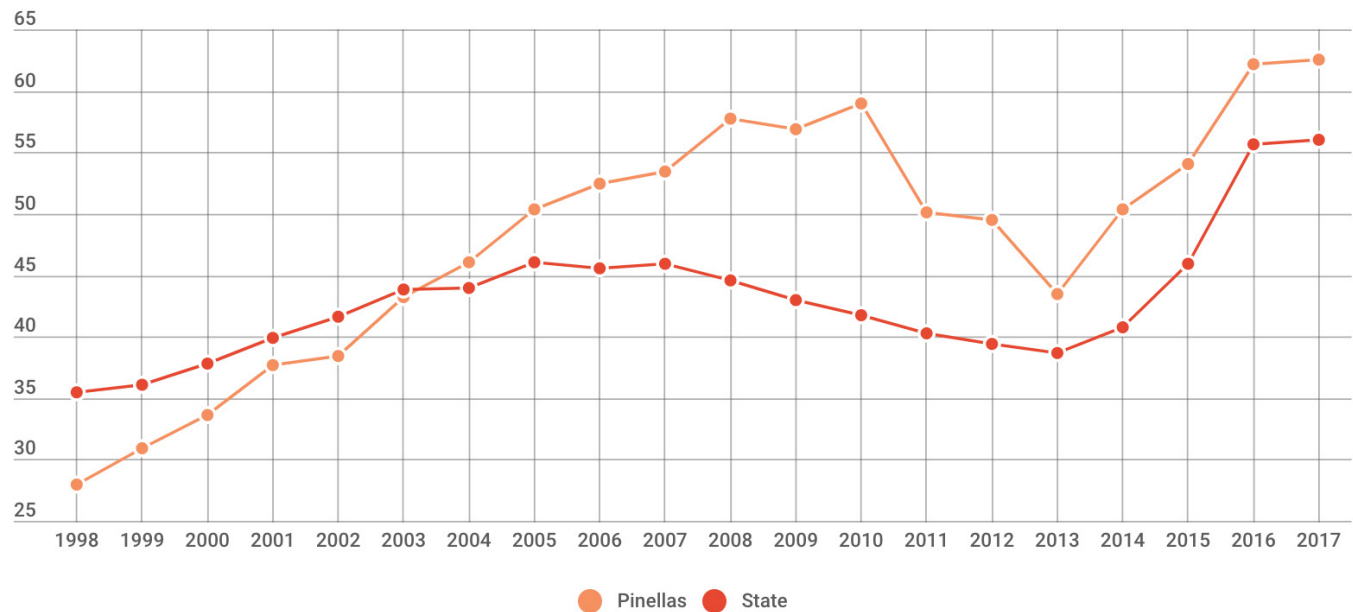
According to the 2018 County Health Rankings, Pinellas County has a higher rate of domestic violence than Hillsborough, Orange, and Sarasota Counties and the state of Florida . In 2017, there were 6,228 domestic violence offenses and 3,613 arrests . More than one out of four women and one out of six men surveyed in Pinellas County's recent Community Health Assessment had experienced domestic violence. The Florida CHARTS data , below, show the trend in domestic violence offenses over time in the county and state.



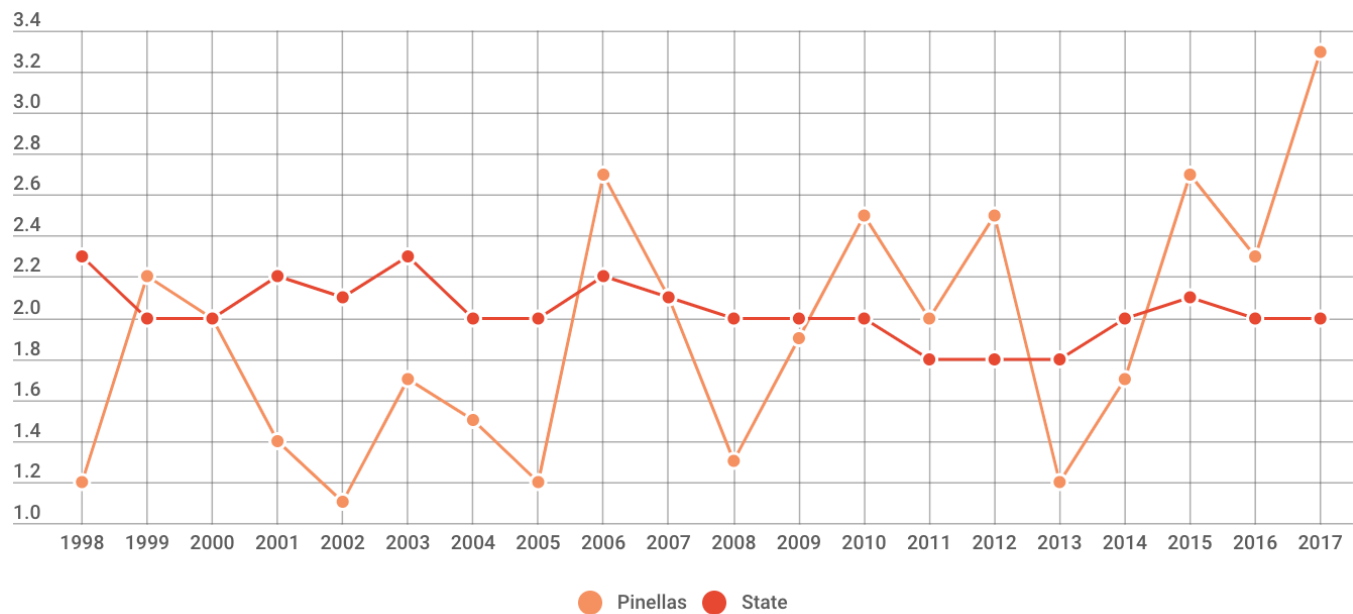
**Figure 1:** Total Domestic Violence Offenses

## SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC FACTORS

Accidents or unintentional injuries increased in Pinellas County from 2013-2016, but seem to have leveled off in the past year. The figure below shows the trend in unintentional injuries over time. Unintentional injuries include unintentional falls, unintentional poisonings, drownings, motor vehicle accidents, and other accidental injuries. In 2017, the age adjusted rate of death due to unintentional injury was 62.5 deaths per 100,000 population compared to the state rate of 56 deaths per 100,000 population .



**Figure 2: Unintentional Injury- Age Adjusted Death Rate**



**Figure 3: Unintentional Drowning- Age Adjusted Death Rate**

## SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC FACTORS

PINELLAS COUNTY MOTOR VEHICLE FATALITY TYPE							
LOCATION	DRIVER	PASSENGER	PEDESTRIAN	PEDALCYCLIST	MOTORCYCLE	OTHER	TOTAL
US 19	5	1	6	1	6	0	19
Alt 19	2	0	1	0	1	0	4
I-275	3	4	0	0	0	1	8
49th St. SP	0	0	2	0	3	0	5
McM-Booth	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
Gulf Blvd	0	1	2	0	1	0	4
Belcher	0	0	1	0	1	0	2
Starkey/Keene	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
Ulmerton	2	0	1	0	0	0	3
SR 60 G-B	1	0	4	0	1	0	6
Pk./ Gandy Blvd	1	0	2	0	2	0	5
All Others	22	11	24	2	8	0	67
Total	38	17	43	3	25	1	127

**Table 4:** Motor Vehicle Fatality Type - Pinellas

The 2018 Pinellas County Community Health Assessment asked community members about various safety issues. Below is a snapshot of the results:

- 52% said their neighborhood is well lit at night
- Less than 50% said walkers and bikers can be easily seen by people in their homes
- 48.1% agreed that there are crosswalks and pedestrian signals to help walkers cross busy streets but 20.2% strongly disagreed.
- 33% agreed that most drivers exceed the posted speed limits
- 54% said they live in a high crime area

**PLEASE NOTE:**

*This series of Pinellas Highlights is intended to illustrate the Foundation's definitions of the Social Determinants of Health framework and to provide specific data related to the Foundation's geographic focus area. The data presented is not comprehensive.*

# ABOUT THE FOUNDATION FOR A HEALTHY ST. PETERSBURG

The Foundation for a Healthy St. Petersburg (FHSP) is a private foundation formed in 2013 following the sale of the nonprofit Bayfront Health St. Petersburg. It is the steward of almost \$180 million in assets to support health equity in Pinellas County. Our mission is to end differences in health due to social or structural disadvantages to improve population health. We do this by inspiring and empowering people, ideas, information exchange, organizations and relationships.

Not everyone in Pinellas County is able to attain their highest level of health and well-being. Too often, the place where a person is born, grows, lives, works, learns, or ages contains impediments stemming from entrenched social or demographic factors such as race, gender, personal attribute, income, or geography. This is unacceptable and ultimately unsustainable. The Foundation for a Healthy St. Petersburg seeks to address health disparities, advance population health, and achieve health equity in Pinellas County.

The Foundation is focused on social factors, which directly impact health outcomes, such as housing, income, education, transit, and many others as listed in the Social Determinants of Health Framework below.





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