

PINELLAS CHILD OPPORTUNITY INDEX

The Pinellas Child Opportunity Index (PCOI) is a composite index designed to measure child opportunity and gauge the health of our neighborhoods at the census tract level.

This research ranks every neighborhood on indicators that contribute to a child's healthy development. It provides a richer, more granular view than prior high-risk zones which were based on ZIP codes and focused on a singular variable: poverty.

The Pinellas Child Opportunity Index combines a total of 24 indicators from three domains: *Education, Health and Environment, and Socioeconomic Status*:

EDUCATION

- Adult Educational Attainment
- Student Absenteeism
- College Enrollment
- Early Childhood Education (ECE) Enrollment
- Proximity to Early Childhood Education Centers
- Proximity to High-Quality Early Childhood Education Centers
- Math Proficiency
- Reading Proficiency
- School Poverty Rate
- Teacher Experience

HEALTH & ENVIRONMENT

- Proximity to Healthy Food Options
- Exposure to Extreme Heat
- Health Insurance Coverage
- Proximity to Parks
- Exposure to Toxic Substances
- Proximity to Superfund Sites
- Housing Vacancy
- Walkability

SOCIOECONOMIC STATUS

- Public Assistance Receipt
- Prime-age Employment-to-Population Ratio
- Proximity to Jobs
- Poverty Rate
- Single Mother Families
- Prime-age Unemployment Rate

The Pinellas Child Opportunity Index is a single number that can be used to compare estimated opportunity across census tracts, plus sub-scale scores can be derived for each of the three domains.

To learn more or to view PCOI maps visit www.jwbpinellas.org/kids-data-center.