Riviera Beach, Florida

Introduction to Riviera Beach, Florida

Riviera Beach, Florida, in Palm Beach county, is 4 miles N of West Palm Beach, Florida (center to center) and 69 miles N of Miami, Florida. The city is considered part of the West Palm Beach - Boca Raton metropolitan area. Riviera Beach has a population of 29,884.

Riviera Beach History

Riviera Beach was incorporated in Palm Beach County, Florida on September 29, 1922. It is a predominantly African American city at a very desirable location along the Lake Worth Lagoon. This city boasts of the Port of Palm Beach and a United States Coast Guard station, and also has its own marina. However, the crime rates are consistently above the United States average, and the city also has a high poverty level.

Riviera Beach and nearby Attractions

- Northlake Square
- Riviera Beach Siding
- Riviera Beach Public Library
- Rivera Beach Shopping Center
- Saint Francis of Assisi Catholic Church
- Rapids Water Park

Things To Do In Riviera Beach

The Riviera Beach area has a beautiful Marina which is not only a dock but also an excellent stopover for a run to the Bahamas. The Rapids Water Park has fun rides that both kids and grownups will enjoy. The Blue Heron Fleet has two boats departing from Palm Beach Inlet that travel to natural and artificial reefs. At these reefs one can catch snapper, mackerel, grouper, cobia, and other bottom species. The Dyer Park boasts of sports facilities including baseball and football fields, and basketball and sand volleyball courts. It is also ideal for those interested in biking or horseback riding.

Riviera Beach Transportation

Palm Beach International Airport is the closest major airport.

Riviera Beach Higher Education

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Category	Value
Near Medium City	4 miles N of West Palm Beach, Florida (center to center)
Nearest Large City	69 miles N of Miami, Florida
County	Palm Beach
Metro Area	West Palm Beach - Boca Raton
Standard Zip Codes	33403, 33404, 33407, 33418
P.O. Box Zip Codes	33419
Phone Area Codes	561
Time Zone	Eastern (-5 hours from GMT)
Daylight Savings	The city observes Daylight Saving Time.
Latitude	26.775
Longitude	-80.057

College education opportunities can be found at Palm Beach Atlantic College-West Palm Beach.

Riviera Beach Climate

Nearest Weather Stations

Notes:

- Temp ranges are avg daily min and max for the month
- Precipitation is rainfall (and rainfall equiv of snowfall)

Station	WEST PALM BEACH INTL AP
Distance	6.8 miles
Jan Temp	57 to 75 F
Apr Temp	65 to 82 F
Jul Temp	75 to 90 F
Oct Temp	71 to 85 F
Annual Precip	61.3 inches

Station	CANAL POINT USDA
Distance	36.1 miles
Jan Temp	53 to 75 F
Apr Temp	61 to 84 F
Jul Temp	71 to 92 F
Oct Temp	67 to 86 F
Annual Precip	52.1 inches

Station	POMPANO BEACH
Distance	37.9 miles
Jan Temp	58 to 77 F
Apr Temp	66 to 83 F
Jul Temp	75 to 92 F
Oct Temp	71 to 87 F
Annual Precip	57.2 inches

High Points

Riviera Beach strengths, compared to **Peers** (similar size places nationally) or **State** (other places in Florida):

Category	Trophy	
Public Transportation Use (vs. State)	Top 7%	
Walking and Biking to Work (vs. Peers)	Top 15%	
Affordability of Property Taxes (vs. Peers)	Top 17%	

Comparative Profile of Riviera Beach, FL

Comparing Riviera Beach to similar size places nationwide (Peers) and to other places in Florida (State):

Ratings range from (lowest) to (highest).

The People

Characteristic	Compared to Peers	Compared to State
Female Share of the Population		
Senior Citizens		
Racial Diversity		
Children Under 5 Years Old		
Age of the Population		
Male Share of the Population		
Well-Paid Single Men		

Families

Characteristic	Compared to Peers	Compared to State
Average Household Size		
Portion of People Married		

Wealth

Characteristic	Compared to Peers	Compared to State
College Educated Adults		
People in Middle Class or Better		
Median Family Income		
People Above Poverty		

Commute & Sprawl

Characteristic	Compared to Peers	Compared to State
Walking and Biking to Work		
Public Transportation Use		
Short Commute Times		
Working at Home		

Housing

Characteristic	Compared to Peers	Compared to State
Seasonal and Vacation Housing		

Affordability of Property Taxes		
Affordability of Rents		
Studio & One-Bedroom Rentals		
Housing Recently Built		
People Living Alone		

Crime

Characteristic	Compared to Peers	Compared to State
Low Property Crime		
Low Violent Crime		

Northern Palm Beach County

Demographics

Palm Beach County stretches across 2,578 square miles, including lakes and waterways, making it larger than both Delaware and Rhode Island. With an average temperature of 75 degrees, visitors and residents alike are attracted to gorgeous weather and a balanced economy, where the per capita personal income was $55,311 in 2006, far above the state's average of $36,720.

There is no end to the amenities available throughout Palm Beach County. Home to 47 miles of white-sand beaches, over 2,000 restaurants, world-renowned shopping and a dynamic art and cultural scene, plus a never-ending array of attractions, our area is an ideal destination to visit and call home.

NORTHERN PALM BEACH COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AREA* DEMOGRAPHICS (2008)

** Includes zip codes: 33403, 33404, 33407, 33408, 33410, 33412, 33418, 33419, 33420, 33458, 33468, 33469, 33477 and 33478*

Total Adults	213,400
Gender	
Male	44%
Female	56%
Age	
18-44	41%
45-64	34%
65+	25%
Employment	
College Educated	57%
Employed	58%
Retired	25%
Household Income	
Less than $35,000	19%
$35,000-$74,999	36%
$75,000+	45%
Residency	

Source: 2008 Scarborough Research, Release 1

Homeowner	76%
Year-round	95%
Seasonal	5%

NORTHERN PALM BEACH COUNTY

Population By Age (2000)
Juno Beach, Jupiter, Jupiter Inlet Colony, Lake Park, Mangonia Park, North Palm Beach, Palm Beach Gardens, Palm Beach Shores, Riviera Beach, Tequesta
Source: U.S. Census Bureau

1 - 24	37,306
25 - 44	36,518
45 - 64	35,075
65+ years	27,611
Total	136,510

PALM BEACH COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

Employment Status (2007)

Labor Force	639,916
Employment	612,389
Unemployment	27,527

Population Profile (2007)
Source: Enterprise Florida

1980	576,758
1990	863,503
2007	1,266,451
2015 - (Projection)	1,556,078
2030 - (Projection)	1,912,380

Homeownership (2006)

Own	75%
Rent	25%
Total Housing Units	631,146

Population by Age (2006)

1-14 Years	222,952
15-24 Years	145,238
25-44 Years	318,503
45-64 Years	315,955
65+ Years	271,365
Total	1,274,013

Employment by Leading Industry Sector (2006)
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2006 American Community Survey

Education, health and social services	106,923
Professional, scientific,	77,075

management, administrative and waste management services	
Retail trade	74,347
Construction	64,277
Arts, entertainment, recreation, accommodation and food services	61,851
Finance, insurance, real estate and rental and leasing	

Education

Northern Palm Beach County offers an array of educational opportunities, from the nationally recognized, award-winning public school system to distinguished private schools and top-tier colleges and universities. Learners of all ages find our area to be the perfect place to start or continue their education.

As the 12th largest school district in the country and fourth largest in Florida, the Palm Beach County School District (PBCSD) maintains 183 schools throughout the county, with approximately 168,546 students enrolled in Pre-K through 12th grade during the 2008-09 school year.

The Palm Beach County School District is the only urban school system in the State to have earned an "A" rating from the Florida Department of Education for four consecutive years (2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008) based on student performance on Florida's Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT), with 109 schools earning A's. The district is recognized nationally in academics and operations, including having won numerous national awards for finance, budget and school construction.

Academically, Palm Beach County schools continue to lead nationally, according to Newsweek magazine's - The Top of the Class - 1,200 Top U.S. Schools (2008) list. Suncoast High School is the top high school in Florida and in the entire eastern United States. Three schools are in the top 100 high schools in America: Suncoast High School, Alexander W. Dreyfoos Jr. School of the Arts and Atlantic Community High School. Five schools are in the top 5 percent nationwide.

There are 593 National Board Certified teachers and more than 30,000 students attending over 100 career academies and choice programs. In addition to the dedicated teachers and strong administrative and support staff, the PBCSD is grateful to the over 32,500 volunteers and 533 business partners who donate their time and resources for the benefit of our students and community.

For the student in all of us, there are 26 community schools throughout the county as well as the Adult Education Center in West Palm Beach that provide adult education programs and classes to residents each year.

Palm Beach County School District
3300 Forest Hill Blvd., West Palm Beach

School District Office	(561) 434-8000
North County Office	(561) 494-1500
Board Minutes Office	(561) 434-8139
Public Affairs	(561) 434-8228
Choice/Magnet Programs	(561) 434-8755

Exceptional Student Education	(561) 434-8626
School Boundaries	(561) 434-8100
Charter Schools	(561) 434-7460
After-School Programs	(561) 434-8821

PUBLIC SCHOOL REGISTRATION
Students entering Kindergarten must have reached the age of 5 on or before September 1 of the year they enroll. For those students who transfer into the district from schools outside of the state of Florida, the district honors the entry age of those states. To register your child for school in Palm Beach County you will need:

- Proof of age
- School records (if any)
- Up-to-date immunization records
- Proof of physical examination within the last year
- Two proofs of residency

HIGHER EDUCATION

Barry University School of Adult and Continuing Education
9123 North Military Trail, Suite 206
Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410
(561) 622-9300
www.barry.edu/ace

Florida Atlantic University
John D. MacArthur Campus
5353 Parkside Drive, Jupiter
(561) 799-8500
www.fau.edu/jupiter
Florida Atlantic University (FAU) offers a range of degree programs at its Abacoa campus. First-rate academics and facilities combined with low state tuition make FAU an ideal choice. The campus hosts faculty from six of FAU's nine colleges and is home to some of its most prestigious organizations and facilities.

Lincoln College of Technology & Florida Culinary Institute
2410 Metrocentre Blvd., West Palm Beach
(561) 842-8324
www.lincolncollegeoftechnology.com
www.floridaculinary.com
Since 1982, Lincoln College of Technology (formerly New England Tech) and Florida Culinary Institute have been a major part of the West Palm Beach community. Through 20 different educational curricula, Lincoln College of Technology (LCT) ranks as one of the nation's finest career training institutions.

Northwood University - Florida Campus
2600 N. Military Trail, West Palm Beach
(561) 478-5500
(800) 458-8325
www.northwood.edu
Northwood University's 90-acre West Palm Beach campus offers modern residential complexes, recreational facilities and intercollegiate sports facilities. Educating entrepreneurs of the future,

Northwood specializes in business management with a focus on a variety of business-related specialty and functional disciplines. The university is a private, nonprofit, fully accredited institution.

Palm Beach Atlantic University
901 S. Flagler Drive, West Palm Beach
(561) 803-2000
www.pba.edu
Founded in 1968, Palm Beach Atlantic University (PBA) is a comprehensive Christian university offering undergraduate, graduate and professional degrees, with campuses in West Palm Beach, Orlando and Wellington. PBA offers over 60 undergraduate degrees, master's programs in business administration, counseling psychology and organizational leadership, as well as a professional degree in pharmacy.

Palm Beach Community College At Palm Beach Gardens
3160 PGA Blvd., Palm Beach Gardens
(561) 624-PBCC
(866) 576-PBCC
www.pbcc.edu
Palm Beach Community College (PBCC) at Palm Beach Gardens offers associate degrees in the arts and sciences as well as occupational certificates and continuing education. PBCC at Palm Beach Gardens is home to the college's Associate of Science programs in biotechnology, horticulture, respiratory therapy, radiography, sonography and legal assisting.

Strayer University
11025 RCA Center Drive
Suite 200
Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410
(561) 904-3011
www.strayer.edu

ADDITIONAL EDUCATION RESOURCES

Adult Education Center	(561) 640-5074
Dale Carnegie Training	(561) 624-3660
Huntington Learning Center	(561) 627-7114
LearningRX	(561) 625-8061
Palm Beach County School District - North Area	(561) 494-1500
Proactive Training and Consulting	(561) 683-8145

Healthcare

Northern Palm Beach County is home to a number of top-rated hospitals and specialty medical providers. Whether you are looking for a new family practitioner, seeking alternative medical treatments or are in need of a new dentist, you have your choice of health care providers throughout the area. Or if you need to see a doctor right away, visit one of the local urgent care centers to get seen fast.

The following Chamber member health care providers are dedicated to serving the medical needs of our communities.

HOSPITALS

Columbia Hospital
2201 45th St., West Palm Beach
(561) 842-6141
www.columbiahospital.com
Established in 1975, Columbia Hospital is a highly respected 250-bed acute care hospital delivering quality, compassionate and cost-effective health care. Columbia Hospital is accredited by The Joint Commission and the American Osteopathic Association. Columbia Hospital is a primary teaching affiliate of Nova Southeastern University.

Good Samaritan Medical Center
1309 N. Flagler Drive, West Palm Beach
(561) 655-5511
www.goodsamaritanmc.com
Good Samaritan Medical Center is a 333-bed acute care hospital with a tradition of caring for generations. Good Samaritan offers general medical and specialty services, including comprehensive cancer services, orthopedics, obstetrics and cardiovascular medicine. Good Samaritan is fully accredited by The Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations.

Jupiter Medical Center
1210 S. Old Dixie Highway, Jupiter
(561) 747-2234
www.jupitermed.com
Jupiter Medical Center is a not-for-profit comprehensive health care campus that serves southern Martin County and northern Palm Beach County. Opened in 1979, the 163-bed acute care facility (all private rooms at semi-private rates) and a 120-bed, long-term care nursing facility provides a broad range of services.

Palm Beach Gardens Medical Center
3360 Burns Road, Palm Beach Gardens
(561) 622-1411
(888) TENET-4-U
www.pbgmc.com
Palm Beach Gardens Medical Center is a 199-bed acute care hospital serving the medical and health care needs of Northern Palm Beach County and the Treasure Coast for over 40 years. Palm Beach Gardens Medical Center offers a broad range of services, including a comprehensive cardiac program, orthopedics, neurosurgery and 24-hour emergency care.

HOSPICE

Hospice by the Sea
1531 W. Palmetto Park Road, Boca Raton
(561) 395-5031
(800) 633-2577
24/7 Referrals (800) 392-3188
www.hospicebytheseafl.org
A non-profit company, Hospice by the Sea brings compassionate, customized care and support to patients and families throughout Palm Beach and Broward counties. Its goal is to provide quality of life, at the end of life. Licensed in 1981, it's Medicare- and Medicaid-certified, and accredited by the Joint Commission.

Hospice of Palm Beach County
5300 East Ave., West Palm Beach
(561) 848-5200
www.hpbc.com
Founded in 1978, Hospice of Palm Beach County, a non-profit organization, offers a wide range of services designed to meet the special needs of patients and families faced with advanced illness, provided wherever the patients resides, including one of their six inpatient units. Bereavement support is available for the community.

OTHER HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS

Hanley Center
5200 E. Ave., West Palm Beach
(561) 841-1115
www.hanleycenter.org
The Hanley Center, located on a beautiful 10-acre campus in West Palm Beach, offers 82 residential treatment beds to help those suffering from alcoholism and drug addiction. The center focuses on high-quality treatment, family support and community prevention programs.

RETIREMENT COMMUNITIES/NURSING HOMES/ASSISTED LIVING

The following Chamber members provide the senior citizens of our community with high-quality care and service.

Horizon Bay - Prosperity Oaks
11381 Prosperity Farms Road
Palm Beach Gardens
(561) 694-9709
www.horizonbay.com

La Posada Retirement Community
3400 Masterpiece Way, Palm Beach Gardens
(561) 624-2166
www.laposada-lifecare.com

Mangrove Bay
110 Mangrove Bay Way, Jupiter
(561) 575-3123
www.seniorlifestyle.com

MorseLife
4847 Fred Gladstone Drive, West Palm Beach
(561) 471-5111
www.morselife.org

St. Joseph's Assisted Living Community
350 Bush Road, Jupiter
(561) 747-1135
www.stjosephsalc.com

Industry Profiles

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"Scripps Florida is using cutting-edge technologies to speed the drug discovery and development process for new medications to treat a variety of conditions, including cancer, diabetes, and other autoimmune and infectious diseases," vice president of scientific operations Harry Orf said.

Much of the work at Scripps Florida is dedicated to basic biomedical research, which focuses on understanding the fundamental processes of life. To further that goal, Scripps Florida has invested in new technology, such as a High Throughput Screening (HTS) system to accelerate the process of discovering new drugs. Scripps Florida is also collaborating with researchers within Florida and throughout the United States on a wide range of biomedical projects.

Now, the Max Planck Florida Institute is preparing to join Scripps Florida on the FAU campus. The Max Planck Society, Germany's largest research institution, is planning a 100,000-square-foot facility that eventually would employ 135 people. The Munich-based society - named for Max Planck, the father of quantum physics - now has 78 institutes, laboratories and research units in Germany and three elsewhere in Europe.

Peter Gruss, president of the Max Plank Society, said the prospect of close cooperation on a shared campus with Scripps is the primary reason for the Max Planck Society's interest in Palm Beach County. Gruss continued, "Scripps and Max Planck are a dream team for innovative basic research in biomedicine."

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS RESOURCES

Business Development Board
310 Evernia St.
West Palm Beach, FL 33401
(561) 835-1008
www.bdb.org

Florida Department of Revenue
West Palm Beach Service Center
2468 Metrocentre Blvd.
West Palm Beach, FL 33407
(561) 640-2800
www.myflorida.com/dor

Economic Council of Palm Beach County
1555 Palm Beach Lakes Blvd., Suite 950
West Palm Beach, FL 33401
(561) 684-1551
www.economiccouncilpbc.org

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Business Development Board
310 Evernia St.
West Palm Beach, FL 33401
(561) 835-1008
www.bdb.org

Florida Department of Revenue
West Palm Beach Service Center
2468 Metrocentre Blvd.
West Palm Beach, FL 33407
(561) 640-2800
www.myflorida.com/dor

Economic Council of Palm Beach County
1555 Palm Beach Lakes Blvd., Suite 950
West Palm Beach, FL 33401
(561) 684-1551
www.economiccouncilpbc.org

Demographics

Palm Beach County stretches across 2,578 square miles, including lakes and waterways, making it larger than bot Delaware and Rhode Island. With an average temperature of 75 degrees, visitors and residents alike are attracted gorgeous weather and a balanced economy, where the per capita personal income was $55,311 in 2006, far abov state's average of $36,720.

There is no end to the amenities available throughout Palm Beach County. Home to 47 miles of white-sand beach 2,000 restaurants, world-renowned shopping and a dynamic art and cultural scene, plus a never-ending array of attractions, our area is an ideal destination to visit and call home.

NORTHERN PALM BEACH COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AREA* DEMOGRAPHICS (2008)

** Includes zip codes: 33403, 33404, 33407, 33408, 33410, 33412, 33418, 33419, 33420, 33458, 33468, 33469, 33 and 33478*

Total Adults	213,400
Gender	
Male	44%
Female	56%
Age	
18-44	41%
45-64	34%
65+	25%
Employment	
College Educated	57%
Employed	58%
Retired	25%
Household Income	
Less than $35,000	19%
$35,000-$74,999	36%
$75,000+	45%
Residency	

Source: 2008 Scarborough Research, Release 1

Homeowner	76%
Year-round	95%
Seasonal	5%

NORTHERN PALM BEACH COUNTY

Population By Age (2000)

Juno Beach, Jupiter, Jupiter Inlet Colony, Lake Park, Mangonia Park, North Palm Beach, Palm Beach Gardens, P
Beach Shores, Riviera Beach, Tequesta
Source: U.S. Census Bureau

1 - 24	37,306
25 - 44	36,518
45 - 64	35,075
65+ years	27,611
Total	136,510

PALM BEACH COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

Employment Status (2007)

Labor Force	639,916
Employment	612,389
Unemployment	27,527

Population Profile (2007)
Source: Enterprise Florida

1980	576,758
1990	863,503
2007	1,266,451
2015 - (Projection)	1,556,078
2030 - (Projection)	1,912,380

Homeownership (2006)

Own	75%
Rent	25%
Total Housing Units	631,146

Population by Age (2006)

1-14 Years	222,952
15-24 Years	145,238
25-44 Years	318,503
45-64 Years	315,955
65+ Years	271,365
Total	1,274,013

Employment by Leading Industry Sector (2006)
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2006 American Community Survey

Education, health and social services	106,923
Professional, scientific, management, administrative and waste management services	77,075
Retail trade	74,347
Construction	64,277

Arts, entertainment, recreation, accommodation and food services	61,851
Finance, insurance, real estate and rental and leasing	

Education

Northern Palm Beach County offers an array of educational opportunities, from the nationally recognized, award-w
public school system to distinguished private schools and top-tier colleges and universities. Learners of all ages fi
area to be the perfect place to start or continue their education.

As the 12th largest school district in the country and fourth largest in Florida, the Palm Beach County School Distri
(PBCSD) maintains 183 schools throughout the county, with approximately 168,546 students enrolled in Pre-K thr
12th grade during the 2008-09 school year.

The Palm Beach County School District is the only urban school system in the State to have earned an "A" rating f
Florida Department of Education for four consecutive years (2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008) based on student perfor
on Florida's Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT), with 109 schools earning A's. The district is recognized nat
in academics and operations, including having won numerous national awards for finance, budget and school
construction.

Academically, Palm Beach County schools continue to lead nationally, according to Newsweek magazine's - The T
the Class - 1,200 Top U.S. Schools (2008) list. Suncoast High School is the top high school in Florida and in the e
eastern United States. Three schools are in the top 100 high schools in America: Suncoast High School, Alexande
Dreyfoos Jr. School of the Arts and Atlantic Community High School. Five schools are in the top 5 percent nationw

There are 593 National Board Certified teachers and more than 30,000 students attending over 100 career acader
and choice programs. In addition to the dedicated teachers and strong administrative and support staff, the PBCS
grateful to the over 32,500 volunteers and 533 business partners who donate their time and resources for the bene
our students and community.

For the student in all of us, there are 26 community schools throughout the county as well as the Adult Education C
in West Palm Beach that provide adult education programs and classes to residents each year.

Palm Beach County School District
3300 Forest Hill Blvd., West Palm Beach

School District Office	(561) 434-8000
North County Office	(561) 494-1500
Board Minutes Office	(561) 434-8139
Public Affairs	(561) 434-8228
Choice/Magnet Programs	(561) 434-8755
Exceptional Student Education	(561) 434-8626
School Boundaries	(561) 434-8100
Charter Schools	(561) 434-7460
After-School Programs	(561) 434-8821

PUBLIC SCHOOL REGISTRATION
Students entering Kindergarten must have reached the age of 5 on or before September 1 of the year they enroll.

those students who transfer into the district from schools outside of the state of Florida, the district honors the entr
those states. To register your child for school in Palm Beach County you will need:

- Proof of age
- School records (if any)
- Up-to-date immunization records
- Proof of physical examination within the last year
- Two proofs of residency

HIGHER EDUCATION

Barry University School of Adult and Continuing Education
9123 North Military Trail, Suite 206
Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410
(561) 622-9300
www.barry.edu/ace

Florida Atlantic University
John D. MacArthur Campus
5353 Parkside Drive, Jupiter
(561) 799-8500
www.fau.edu/jupiter
Florida Atlantic University (FAU) offers a range of degree programs at its Abacoa campus. First-rate academics ar facilities combined with low state tuition make FAU an ideal choice. The campus hosts faculty from six of FAU's ni colleges and is home to some of its most prestigious organizations and facilities.

Lincoln College of Technology & Florida Culinary Institute
2410 Metrocentre Blvd., West Palm Beach
(561) 842-8324
www.lincolncollegeoftechnology.com
www.floridaculinary.com
Since 1982, Lincoln College of Technology (formerly New England Tech) and Florida Culinary Institute have been part of the West Palm Beach community. Through 20 different educational curricula, Lincoln College of Technolog ranks as one of the nation's finest career training institutions.

Northwood University - Florida Campus
2600 N. Military Trail, West Palm Beach
(561) 478-5500
(800) 458-8325
www.northwood.edu
Northwood University's 90-acre West Palm Beach campus offers modern residential complexes, recreational facili intercollegiate sports facilities. Educating entrepreneurs of the future, Northwood specializes in business managen with a focus on a variety of business-related specialty and functional disciplines. The university is a private, nonpro accredited institution.

Palm Beach Atlantic University
901 S. Flagler Drive, West Palm Beach
(561) 803-2000
www.pba.edu
Founded in 1968, Palm Beach Atlantic University (PBA) is a comprehensive Christian university offering undergra graduate and professional degrees, with campuses in West Palm Beach, Orlando and Wellington. PBA offers over undergraduate degrees, master's programs in business administration, counseling psychology and organizational leadership, as well as a professional degree in pharmacy.

Palm Beach Community College At Palm Beach Gardens
3160 PGA Blvd., Palm Beach Gardens
(561) 624-PBCC
(866) 576-PBCC
www.pbcc.edu
Palm Beach Community College (PBCC) at Palm Beach Gardens offers associate degrees in the arts and science well as occupational certificates and continuing education. PBCC at Palm Beach Gardens is home to the college's Associate of Science programs in biotechnology, horticulture, respiratory therapy, radiography, sonography and le assisting.

Strayer University
11025 RCA Center Drive
Suite 200
Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410
(561) 904-3011
www.strayer.edu

ADDITIONAL EDUCATION RESOURCES

Adult Education Center	(561) 640-5074
Dale Carnegie Training	(561) 624-3660
Huntington Learning Center	(561) 627-7114
LearningRX	(561) 625-8061
Palm Beach County School District - North Area	(561) 494-1500
Proactive Training and Consulting	(561) 683-8145

Healthcare

Northern Palm Beach County is home to a number of top-rated hospitals and specialty medical providers. Whethe are looking for a new family practitioner, seeking alternative medical treatments or are in need of a new dentist, yo your choice of health care providers throughout the area. Or if you need to see a doctor right away, visit one of the urgent care centers to get seen fast.

The following Chamber member health care providers are dedicated to serving the medical needs of our communi

HOSPITALS

Columbia Hospital
2201 45th St., West Palm Beach
(561) 842-6141
www.columbiahospital.com
Established in 1975, Columbia Hospital is a highly respected 250-bed acute care hospital delivering quality, compassionate and cost-effective health care. Columbia Hospital is accredited by The Joint Commission and the American Osteopathic Association. Columbia Hospital is a primary teaching affiliate of Nova Southeastern Univers

Good Samaritan Medical Center
1309 N. Flagler Drive, West Palm Beach
(561) 655-5511
www.goodsamaritanmc.com
Good Samaritan Medical Center is a 333-bed acute care hospital with a tradition of caring for generations. Good

Samaritan offers general medical and specialty services, including comprehensive cancer services, orthopedics, obstetrics and cardiovascular medicine. Good Samaritan is fully accredited by The Joint Commission on the Accre of Healthcare Organizations.

Jupiter Medical Center
1210 S. Old Dixie Highway, Jupiter
(561) 747-2234
www.jupitermed.com
Jupiter Medical Center is a not-for-profit comprehensive health care campus that serves southern Martin County a northern Palm Beach County. Opened in 1979, the 163-bed acute care facility (all private rooms at semi-private ra and a 120-bed, long-term care nursing facility provides a broad range of services.

Palm Beach Gardens Medical Center
3360 Burns Road, Palm Beach Gardens
(561) 622-1411
(888) TENET-4-U
www.pbgmc.com
Palm Beach Gardens Medical Center is a 199-bed acute care hospital serving the medical and health care needs Northern Palm Beach County and the Treasure Coast for over 40 years. Palm Beach Gardens Medical Center offe broad range of services, including a comprehensive cardiac program, orthopedics, neurosurgery and 24-hour eme care.

HOSPICE

Hospice by the Sea
1531 W. Palmetto Park Road, Boca Raton
(561) 395-5031
(800) 633-2577
24/7 Referrals (800) 392-3188
www.hospicebytheseafl.org
A non-profit company, Hospice by the Sea brings compassionate, customized care and support to patients and fa throughout Palm Beach and Broward counties. Its goal is to provide quality of life, at the end of life. Licensed in 19 Medicare- and Medicaid-certified, and accredited by the Joint Commission.

Hospice of Palm Beach County
5300 East Ave., West Palm Beach
(561) 848-5200
www.hpbc.com
Founded in 1978, Hospice of Palm Beach County, a non-profit organization, offers a wide range of services desig meet the special needs of patients and families faced with advanced illness, provided wherever the patients reside including one of their six inpatient units. Bereavement support is available for the community.

OTHER HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS

Hanley Center
5200 E. Ave., West Palm Beach
(561) 841-1115
www.hanleycenter.org
The Hanley Center, located on a beautiful 10-acre campus in West Palm Beach, offers 82 residential treatment be help those suffering from alcoholism and drug addiction. The center focuses on high-quality treatment, family supp community prevention programs.

RETIREMENT COMMUNITIES/NURSING HOMES/ASSISTED LIVING

The following Chamber members provide the senior citizens of our community with high-quality care and service.

Horizon Bay - Prosperity Oaks
11381 Prosperity Farms Road
Palm Beach Gardens
(561) 694-9709
www.horizonbay.com

La Posada Retirement Community
3400 Masterpiece Way, Palm Beach Gardens
(561) 624-2166
www.laposada-lifecare.com

Mangrove Bay
110 Mangrove Bay Way, Jupiter
(561) 575-3123
www.seniorlifestyle.com

MorseLife
4847 Fred Gladstone Drive, West Palm Beach
(561) 471-5111
www.morselife.org

St. Joseph's Assisted Living Community
350 Bush Road, Jupiter
(561) 747-1135
www.stjosephsalc.com

Sterling House/Clare Bridge Brookdale Senior
205-211 Village Blvd., Tequesta
(561) 741-0850
www.brookdaleliving.com

Tequesta Terrace
400 N. U.S. Highway 1, Tequesta
(561) 207-6500
www.terracecommunities.net

VITAS Innovative HospiceCare
1901 S. Congress Ave., Suite 420, Boynton Beach
(561) 364-1479
www.vitas.com

The Waterford
601 Universe Blvd., Juno Beach
(561) 627-3800
www.thewaterford.com

Industry Profiles

With a vibrant, diversified economy and high quality of life, Northern Palm Beach County offers an exceptional setting for business success. From world-class companies like Pratt Whitney Rocketdyne (PWR) and Florida Power & Light (FPL), to entrepreneurial R&D start-ups and dynamic retail, tourism, health care and service firms, businesses of all sizes have found a welcome home in Northern Palm Beach County.

"In the past few years, this has become the place to be for many leading organizations, including Scripps Florida and the Max Planck Florida Institute," said Dennis LaBarbera, chair of the Northern Palm Beach County Chamber of Commerce, and financial advisor for Edward Jones in Jupiter. "And with our area's ideal climate, beautiful beaches, educational opportunities and terrific shopping and dining experiences, it's easy to see why residents say, 'We are living in paradise.'"

As the united voice of businesses in Northern Palm Beach County, the Chamber offers a number of member benefits and programs, including two nationally recognized art shows. "We at Edward Jones are proud of our association with our Chamber and look forward to a wonderful future," said LaBarbera.

Northern Palm Beach County offers business opportunities across a range of industries, starting with the life sciences. Well-established area companies include Biomet 3i, Inc. a dental implant manufacturer, and Anspach Companies, which makes surgical instruments. In Jupiter, Florida Atlantic University's John D. MacArthur campus is the home for Scripps Florida and Max Planck Florida Institute. (See related article.)

"In response to the emergence of the region's bioscience industry, the university is developing academic and research programs that take advantage of the presence of Scripps Florida on this campus," said Dr. Kristen Murtaugh, president of the 2,500-student MacArthur Campus. "As the campus grows, we will be able to provide higher education and continuing education opportunities for our community and workforce in this emerging field."

In addition to superior educational facilities, an advanced communications network is another key business asset. "At AT&T, our vision is to connect people with their world everywhere they live and work, and to do it better than anyone else," said Catherine McKenzie, area director-external affairs, AT&T Florida. "Delivering innovative services across the three screens that matter most - the mobile device, PC and TV - is a vision we are fulfilling. From the revolutionary iPhone 3G to our next-generation AT&T U-verse TV, we continue to break ground and deliver new solutions for consumers and businesses."

In the financial sector, Northern Palm Beach is served by leading banks and professional firms like RSM McGladrey, which provides accounting, tax and business consulting. Together with McGladrey & Pullen LLP, a partner-owned CPA firm, the companies rank as the fifth largest U.S. provider of accounting, tax and business consulting services.

Seacoast National Bank recently celebrated its fifth year in Palm Beach County with four regional offices. "Our growth has been phenomenal, especially in the Palm Beach Gardens corridor," said Greg Leach, president for the bank's Palm Beach Region. "We believe that personal service is still the heart of banking for both commercial and retail customers."

Attorney Mike Mitrione, shareholder, Gunster Yoakley and Stewart, P.A., explained that full-service legal support is readily available to help area companies deal with issues that arise in the course of business. "Our Chamber also plays an important role in looking out for the interests of Northern Palm Beach County businesses," he added.

Turning to the health care sector, leading providers include Jupiter Medical Center (JMC) with 163 acute-care beds, and the Pavilion, a 120-bed facility specializing in rehabilitation, skilled nursing and long-term care. JMC is a major employer with more than 1,500 employees, 490 physicians and 1,100 volunteers.

Fully accredited by the Joint Commission and affiliated with the University of Miami, JMC provides a broad range of services, including cancer care, orthopedics and minimally invasive vascular procedures. "Jupiter Medical Center continues to set the standard for clinical quality and personalized health care, combining cutting-edge technology with compassionate care and the human touch," CEO Paul Dell Uomo said.

To meet the needs of the growing community, JMC has invested $10 million to expand its emergency department and $4.2 million to add a new 8-bed Progressive Care Unit. Future developments include the installation of the cancer-fighting Varian Trilogy linear accelerator.

In the hospitality sector, the oceanfront Jupiter Beach Resort & Spa recently received the prestigious AAA Four-Diamond Award and a "Green Lodging" property designation by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. The 168-room beachfront resort features two restaurants, spa and salon, lounge, billiard room, fitness center, oceanfront pool area and lighted tennis court. With 12,000 square feet of banquet and meeting space, the property specializes in corporate groups, business meetings, destination weddings and gala social events.

Area sports fans can enjoy World Series champions - Florida Marlins (2003) and the St. Louis Cardinals (2006) - during their spring training games at Roger Dean Stadium in Abacoa. In the summer, residents can watch the Jupiter Hammerheads and Palm Beach Cardinals at the 7,000-seat stadium, which also hosts youth leagues, concerts and corporate events.

"Spring training alone has a $45 million economic impact on our community," explained Joe Pinto, general manager, Roger Dean Stadium. "And we have a full calendar of baseball tournaments and activities throughout the year."

Nearby is Abacoa Town Center, a 91,400-square-foot Mediterranean-style, open-air shopping center that features such retailers and restaurants as Cook's Inc., Style So Chic, Angry Moon Cigars, Rooney's Public House, Masa's Sagami, JJ Muggs, Jumby Bay Island Grill and Christine Lee's. "With new stores opening monthly and weekly planned events, Abacoa has exceeded our company's promise of making places better in its revival of Jupiter," said Duane Stiller, president, Woolbright Development in Boca Raton.

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