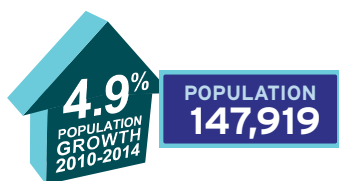


# Specialty Healthcare

Indian River County has become a hub for specialized health care. Providers benefit from a growing population, lower-than-average costs of living and labor, and a steady stream of highly educated, well-trained workers. An accessible network of airports and highways makes it easy for patients to travel to the region. With its miles of pristine beaches, superb cultural amenities, and tropical climate, Indian River County is an ideal location to balance business with pleasure.



(Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2014)



## Representative Employers

Company	Industry	Employees
Indian River Medical Center	Healthcare	1,500+
Sebastian River Medical Center	Healthcare	500-599
Medical Data Systems	Medical Collections	300-399
Visiting Nurse Assoc.	Healthcare	300-399
HealthSouth Treasure Coast Rehabilitation	Healthcare Rehabilitation	100-199
Treasure Coast Community Health	Healthcare	100-199
Florida Eye Institute	Ophthalmology	50-99
New Vision Eye Center	Ophthalmology	50-99
Primary Care of the Treasure Coast, Inc.	Medical Services	50-99
Treasure Coast Dermatology	Dermatology	25-50
Center for Advanced Eye Care	Ophthalmology	1-24
Diabetes & Endocrine Assoc.	Laboratory Services	1-24
Greens Plus	Healthcare Supplements Distribution	1-24
Lane Labs	Healthcare Supplements Distribution	1-24
Ocean Drive Plastic Surgery	Plastic Surgery	1-24
Pro Spine Center	Neck/Spine Specialty Healthcare	1-24
Vero Orthopedics & Neurology	Orthopedics & Neurology	1-24

**INDIAN RIVER COUNTY HAS 2.56 PHYSICIANS PER 1000 RESIDENTS MORE THAN THE AVERAGES FOR THE STATES OF FLORIDA, GEORGIA, AND ALABAMA.**

(Source: Sperling's Best Places, 2015)





## Workforce & Wages

With a strong, abundant, and well-trained workforce, wages for Indian River County health care workers are extremely competitive with comparable markets, providing employers with a great value and a competitive advantage.

	Sebastian-Vero Beach MSA	Durham, NC	Winston-Salem, NC	Atlanta, GA	Baltimore, MD
Mean Hourly Wage (Overall)	<b>\$18.92</b>	\$27.39	\$20.65	\$23.76	\$25.81
Registered Nurses	<b>\$28.93</b>	\$31.43	\$28.85	\$31.73	\$35.45
Nurse Practitioners	<b>\$45.24</b>	\$57.33	\$47.97	\$44.96	\$46.72
Surgical Technologists	<b>\$18.72</b>	\$21.28	\$19.10	\$20.02	\$23.93
Health Technologists and Technicians, all other	<b>\$16.69</b>	\$20.16	\$16.83	\$20.55	\$21.87
Medical Assistants	<b>\$14.57</b>	\$15.24	\$15.34	\$15.06	\$16.61

(Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2015)

## Education & Training

Indian River County's institutions of higher education provide a pipeline of well-educated workers for the healthcare industry.

### Indian River State College

Rated one of the top 10 community colleges in the U.S. (The Aspen Institute, 2014). Offers programs in 20+ healthcare specialties, including:

- B.S. in Health Care Management
- B.S. in Biology
- B.S. in Nursing
- Associates in Health Information Technology
- Associates in Health Service Management
- Associates in Nursing (RN)
- Associates in Physical Therapist Assistant
- Associates in Radiography
- Associates in Respiratory Care



### Florida State University College of Medicine-Fort Pierce Regional Campus

THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY  
COLLEGE OF MEDICINE



Emphasizes patient-centered health care and service to elder, rural, minority and underserved populations.

- Doctor of Medicine (M.D.) degree
- Ph.D. in Biomedical Sciences
- M.S. in Biomedical Sciences, Bridge to Clinical Medicine Major

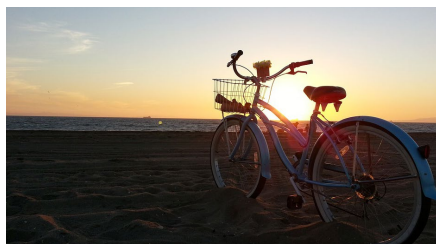


"I chose Vero Beach as the best place to set up my spine surgery practice because it enjoys many of the quality of life benefits of larger Florida communities without many of the headaches like overcrowding, traffic and crime. From a business perspective, Vero Beach is not inundated with competitors, which definitely helps in establishing your company's reputation and brand awareness. Word of mouth gains far more traction than a million dollar ad campaign ever could!"  
– Dr. Johnny Benjamin (Owner of Pro Spine)



## Quality of Life

Safe, beautiful, tropical – Indian River County is an idyllic location known for its superb quality of life. Our modern communities are loaded with recreational, cultural, natural, educational and technological amenities. And, they're affordable! Our cost of living is 4% lower than the U.S. average and 3% lower than the state as a whole. (Source: Sperling's Best Places)



## Culture & Recreation

- Our 26 miles of pristine beaches provide opportunities for fishing, kayaking, swimming, boating and other water activities.
- Choose your course: golf at any one of our six public or twelve private courses.
- Indian River County was the first county in Florida to be designated a "Bicycle Friendly Community" by the League of American Bicyclists.
- Attractions include:
  - Vero Beach Museum of Art
  - Riverside Theatre
  - McKee Botanical Garden
  - Navy Seal Museum
  - Environmental Learning Center
  - Pelican Island National Wildlife Refuge



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