**St. Lucie**  
**Community Data***

- **County Seat:** Ft. Pierce, pop. 39,044  
- **County Land Area (Sq. Miles):** 572.5  
- **County Water Area (Sq. Miles):** 115.6  
- **Population (2004):** 226,216  
  - Projected (2010): 264,510  

### Population Density (per Sq. Mile):
- Florida: 325  
- St. Lucie: 395  
  - Rank in State: 17

### Per Capita Income ($):

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\[
\text{Florida:} \quad 29,549 \\
\text{St. Lucie:} \quad 22,904
\]
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### Unemployment Rate:

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\[
\begin{array}{ccc}
\text{Florida} & \text{St. Lucie} \\
2002 & 5.5 & 8.0 \\
2003 & 5.3 & 6.4 \\
2004 & 4.8 & 6.2 \\
\end{array}
\]
```

### Crime Rate:

- **Rate per 100,000 Pop.**  
  - Florida: 4,855.3  
  - St. Lucie: 4,035.5  
- **Percent Change 2003 to 2004**  
  - Florida: -6.0  
  - St. Lucie: -13.3

### Births to Unwed Teenage Mothers:

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\[
\begin{array}{ccc}
\text{Florida} & \text{St. Lucie} \\
\text{Number of Live Births} & 218,045 & 2,864 \\
\text{Births to Unwed Teen Mothers (number)} & 20,449 & 330 \\
\text{Births to Unwed Teen Mothers (percent)} & 9.4\% & 11.5\% \\
\end{array}
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```

St. Lucie
Education Data*

PK-12 Public School Membership: 36,184
Rank: 21

PK-12 Membership by Race:

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<tr>
<td>White</td>
<td>47.8%</td>
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<td>Black</td>
<td>23.4%</td>
<td>28.0%</td>
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<td>Hispanic</td>
<td>23.4%</td>
<td>18.4%</td>
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<td>Asian</td>
<td>2.2%</td>
<td>1.5%</td>
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<td>0.3%</td>
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<td>Multiracial</td>
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<td>3.0%</td>
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Special Needs Populations:
Free/Reduced-Price Lunch, ESE, and LEP Membership as a percentage of Total Membership

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<td>ESE</td>
<td>19.5%</td>
<td>24.0%</td>
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<td>FR Lunch</td>
<td>45.8%</td>
<td>73.9%</td>
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<td>LEP</td>
<td>8.4%</td>
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Administrators-to Staff Ratios:

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<td>Administrators to Classroom Teachers</td>
<td>1:15.42</td>
<td>1:15.90</td>
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<td>Administrators to Total Staff</td>
<td>1:30.20</td>
<td>1:34.13</td>
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Number and Type of Public Schools:

- Elementary, 40
- Middle, 11
- High, 9
- Other, 17

Average Teacher Salary by Degree Level:

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<td>Bachelor's</td>
<td>$39,492</td>
<td>$39,111</td>
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<td>Master's</td>
<td>$47,006</td>
<td>$46,866</td>
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<td>Specialist</td>
<td>$55,238</td>
<td>$53,847</td>
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<td>Doctorate</td>
<td>$53,142</td>
<td>$51,678</td>
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All degrees:
Florida = $42,702
St. Lucie = $42,097

Percentage of Teachers with Degree Beyond Bachelor's: 36.2%

Student Performance:

Percent Passing Grade 10 Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test

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<td>44</td>
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Florida Writing Assessment Scores (Scale: 0 - 6)

- Grade 4: Florida = 3.9, St. Lucie = 3.7
- Grade 8: Florida = 4.0, St. Lucie = 3.9
- Grade 10: Florida = 3.9, St. Lucie = 3.7

Dropout Rate:

- Florida: 3.5%
- St. Lucie: 2.2%

Per-Student Operating Costs (2004-05):

- Florida: $6,072
- St. Lucie: $5,686

*Education data is for 2005-06 unless otherwise indicated.