

Frequency File

Table 1: DO NOT ASK
Gender

	Total
Base	829 100.0%
Male	383 46.2%
Female	446 53.8%

Table 2: What is your age?

	Total
Base	829 100.0%
18-39	141 17.0%
40-59	442 53.3%
60+	238 28.7%
NA	8 1.0%

Table 3: One of the major goals of the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners' strategic plan is to improve government services to its residents.

How would you rate the way Pinellas County meets your expectations for County government services? Would you say excellent, good, fair, or poor?

	Total
Base	829 100.0%
Excellent	71 8.6%
Good	430 51.9%
Fair	206 24.8%
Poor	54 6.5%
DK (Volunteered)	68 8.2%

Table 4: How would you rate the way Pinellas County provides opportunities for residents' input? Would you say excellent, good, fair, or poor?

	Total
Base	829 100.0%
Excellent	52 6.3%
Good	326 39.3%
Fair	237 28.6%
Poor	90 10.9%
Don't Know	124 15.0%

Table 5: How would you rate the way Pinellas County responds to residents' input about the services they need? Would you say excellent, good, fair, or poor?

	Total
Base	829 100.0%
Excellent	44 5.3%
Good	295 35.6%
Fair	227 27.4%
Poor	112 13.5%
Don't Know	151 18.2%

Table 6: How would you rate the way Pinellas County keeps residents informed about available County services? Would you say excellent, good, fair, or poor?

	Total
Base	829 100.0%
Excellent	76 9.2%
Good	334 40.3%
Fair	218 26.3%
Poor	149 18.0%
Don't Know	52 6.3%

Table 7: How would you rate the way Pinellas County provides service to residents? Would you say excellent, good, fair, or poor?

	Total
Base	829 100.0%
Excellent	67 8.1%
Good	406 49.0%
Fair	206 24.8%
Poor	86 10.4%
Don't Know	64 7.7%

Table 8: How would you rate the way Pinellas County provides value for tax dollars? Would you say excellent, good, fair, or poor?

	Total
Base	829 100.0%
Excellent	46 5.5%
Good	318 38.4%
Fair	266 32.1%
Poor	132 15.9%
Don't Know	67 8.1%

Table 9: I'm going to read you a list of County government funding priorities.

Please rate the importance of each service using a scale of 1 to 5 where **1** means “not at all important” and **5** means “very important”.

	Total	1 not at all important	2	3	4	5 very important	DK
9.1 County parks and recreation facilities	829 100.0%	34 4.1%	34 4.1%	211 25.5%	245 29.6%	300 36.2%	5 0.6%
9.2 Road transportation/traffic flow	829 100.0%	54 6.5%	40 4.8%	125 15.1%	156 18.8%	448 54.0%	6 0.7%
9.3 Public transportation system	828 100.0%	93 11.2%	74 8.9%	185 22.3%	159 19.2%	271 32.7%	46 5.6%
9.4 Public safety services	829 100.0%	28 3.4%	26 3.1%	152 18.3%	201 24.2%	411 49.6%	11 1.3%
9.5 Health care for uninsured residents	828 100.0%	92 11.1%	82 9.9%	175 21.1%	126 15.2%	304 36.7%	49 5.9%
9.6 Drainage and storm water improvements	829 100.0%	39 4.7%	56 6.8%	186 22.4%	194 23.4%	343 41.4%	11 1.3%
9.7 Attracting and retaining high paying jobs in the business community	829 100.0%	49 5.9%	52 6.3%	163 19.7%	204 24.6%	326 39.3%	35 4.2%
9.8 Improving water treatment methods	829 100.0%	40 4.8%	49 5.9%	187 22.6%	187 22.6%	340 41.0%	26 3.1%
9.9 Arts and cultural opportunities	829 100.0%	69 8.3%	95 11.5%	233 28.1%	202 24.4%	205 24.7%	25 3.0%
9.10 Redevelopment of vacant or rundown commercial and industrial properties	828 100.0%	63 7.6%	91 11.0%	210 25.4%	202 24.4%	231 27.9%	31 3.7%
9.11 Promoting Pinellas County as a tourism destination	828 100.0%	80 9.7%	70 8.5%	182 22.0%	201 24.3%	283 34.2%	12 1.4%
9.12 Promoting affordable housing for workers	829 100.0%	77 9.3%	84 10.1%	161 19.4%	166 20.0%	301 36.3%	40 4.8%

Table 10: The Commission thinks preserving open space and managing growth and development are important.
Do you agree that we need to preserve open space and manage growth?

	Total
Base	829 100.0%
Yes	778 93.8%
No	31 3.7%
Not sure	20 2.4%

Table 11: Improving Pinellas' transportation system is part of the strategic plan.
Please tell me how satisfied you are with the following by rating each: “**excellent**”, “**good**”, “**fair**” or “**poor**”?
How would you rate road maintenance and road repair in your neighborhood?

	Total
Base	829 100.0%
Excellent	131 15.8%
Good	357 43.1%
Fair	214 25.8%
Poor	116 14.0%
Don't Know	11 1.3%

Table 12: Please tell me how satisfied you are with the following by rating each: “excellent”, “good”, “fair” or “poor”?
How satisfied are you with the flow of traffic on major roads in the county?

	Total
Base	829 100.0%
Excellent	40 4.8%
Good	177 21.4%
Fair	299 36.1%
Poor	301 36.3%
Don't Know	12 1.4%

Table 13: Please tell me how satisfied you are with the following by rating each: “excellent”, “good”, “fair” or “poor”?
How satisfied are you with the number of bike routes and lanes?

	Total
Base	829 100.0%
Excellent	124 15.0%
Good	286 34.5%
Fair	205 24.7%
Poor	127 15.3%
Don't Know	87 10.5%

Table 14: Please tell me how satisfied you are with the following by rating each: “excellent”, “good”, “fair” or “poor”?
How satisfied are you with the bus system operated by the PSTA (Pinellas Sunshine Transit Authority)?

	Total
Base	829 100.0%
Excellent	71 8.6%
Good	188 22.7%
Fair	150 18.1%
Poor	118 14.2%
Don't Know	302 36.4%

Table 15: Please tell me how satisfied you are with the following by rating each: “excellent”, “good”, “fair” or “poor”?
How satisfied are you with enforcement of traffic regulations?

	Total
Base	829 100.0%
Excellent	89 10.7%
Good	318 38.4%
Fair	251 30.3%
Poor	148 17.9%
Don't Know	23 2.8%

Table 16: There are many ideas for improving transportation, but not enough funds to support all of them. Would you rate each of the following proposals as a “high priority”, “medium priority”, or “low priority”?

	Total	High Priority	Medium Priority	Low Priority	DK/NA
16.1 Improving the timing of traffic signals	828 100.0%	525 63.4%	211 25.5%	86 10.4%	6 0.7%
16.2 Improving the bus & trolley transit sys	828 100.0%	279 33.7%	293 35.4%	181 21.9%	75 9.1%
16.3 Introducing an express and/or rapid bus system	828 100.0%	301 36.4%	249 30.1%	209 25.2%	69 8.3%
16.4 Building vehicle overpasses at major intersections	828 100.0%	477 57.6%	231 27.9%	100 12.1%	20 2.4%
16.5 Widening existing roads	827 100.0%	405 49.0%	285 34.5%	128 15.5%	9 1.1%
16.6 Building a new East-West Toll expressway in mid-county from US 19 to I-75, on 118th Street	828 100.0%	318 38.4%	216 26.1%	235 28.4%	59 7.1%
16.7 Building a rail or monorail system in Pinellas County	828 100.0%	229 27.7%	189 22.8%	383 46.3%	27 3.3%

Table 17: Of those items you rated as “high priorities,” which option is most important?

CHOOSE ONLY ONE.

IF ONLY ONE OPTION APPEARS BELOW ENTER THAT OPTION AND CLICK NEXT.

	Total
Base	759 100.0%
Improving the timing of traffic signals (low expense, \$4000 per intersection every three years)	236 31.1%
Improving the bus & trolley transit sys (moderate expense, assuming same type of technology as current PSTA fleet)	68 9.0%
Introducing an express rapid bus system (moderate to high depending on facilities, stations, and express lanes)	42 5.5%
Building vehicle overpasses at major intersections (high expense, \$20 – \$25 million each)	155 20.4%
Widening existing roads (high expense, \$4 million per mile for an upgrade from 4 – 6 lanes, excluding right of way)	96 12.6%
Building a new East-West expressway in mid-county from US19 to I-75, on 118th St (high exp, approximately \$230 million)	75 9.9%
Building a rail or monorail system in Pinellas County (high expense, approximately \$1.5 to \$2 billion)	87 11.5%

Table 18: Which single option do you think would be most beneficial to you personally?

READ OPTIONS

	Total
Base	828 100.0%
Improving the timing of traffic signals	312 37.7%
Improving the bus and trolley transit system	55 6.6%
Introducing an express bus system	22 2.7%
Building vehicle overpasses at major intersections	160 19.3%
Widening existing roads	114 13.8%
Building a new East-West expressway in mid-county	63 7.6%
Building a rail or monorail system in Pinellas County	68 8.2%
DK	34 4.1%

Table 19: In general, for every one dollar Pinellas County spends on transportation, they receive three dollars from the state and federal governments. If they increased their local contribution, would you consider supporting an increase in taxes or fees so the County could get more federal or state money?

	Total
Base	828 100.0%
Yes	379 45.8%
No	372 44.9%
Not sure	77 9.3%

Table 20: Please rate your level of support on a scale of 1-5, where 1 is “do not support at all” and 5 is “strongly support,” given the following funding information.

IF INTEREST IN RAIL/MONORAIL:

The rail/monorail project will require long term financing. Would you support a new additional one cent sales tax mainly dedicated to the rail/monorail system.

	Total
Base	264 100.0%
1 Do not support at all	55 20.8%
2	23 8.7%
3	36 13.6%
4	26 9.8%
5 Strongly Support	119 45.1%
DK	5 1.9%

Table 21: Please rate your level of support on a scale of 1-5, where 1 is “do not support at all” and 5 is “strongly support,” given the following funding information.

IF INTEREST IN A NEW TOLL EXPRESSWAY:

Would you be willing to pay a \$1 toll each way with a speed pass option to fund a new East/West, mid-county expressway?

	Total
Base	320 100.0%
1 Do not support at all	67 20.9%
2	10 3.1%
3	43 13.4%
4	41 12.8%
5 Strongly Support	151 47.2%
DK	8 2.5%

Table 22: IF INTEREST IN OVERPASSES:

There are two options being considered to fund overpasses:

Option 1 is a six cent per gallon increase in the gas tax which would cost the average driver approximately \$48 per year.

OR

Option 2 is to use a portion of the 2007 Penny for Pinellas Renewal for overpasses.

Which option would you be more likely to support: Gas tax, Penny for Pinellas Renewal for overpasses, or both?

	Total
Base	404 100.0%
Gas tax	45 11.1%
Penny for Pinellas	266 65.8%
Both	60 14.9%
Neither	21 5.2%
Not sure	12 3.0%

Table 23: IF INTEREST IN WIDENING ROADS:

There are two options being considered to fund widening roads:

Option 1 is a six cent per gallon increase in the gas tax which would cost the average driver approximately \$48 per year.

OR

Option 2 is to use a portion of the 2007 Penny for Pinellas Renewal for widening roads.

Which option would you be more likely to support: Gas tax, Penny for Pinellas Renewal for widening roads, or both?

	Total
Base	399 100.0%
Gas tax	42 10.5%
Penny for Pinellas	261 65.4%
Both	67 16.8%
Neither	18 4.5%
Not sure	11 2.8%

Table 24: Some people are concerned that Pinellas County no longer has enough affordable housing for workers. They think new companies may not bring new jobs to the area and other companies might leave the area because their workers cannot afford to live in Pinellas County.

Do you think job growth and affordable housing for workers are related?

	Total
Base	828 100.0%
Yes	605 73.1%
No	165 19.9%
Not sure	58 7.0%

Table 25: How concerned are you about the affordability of housing for workers? Would you say you are: “very concerned”, “somewhat concerned”, “not at all concerned”, or haven’t you thought about it?

	Total
Base	828 100.0%
Very concerned	359 43.4%
Somewhat concerned	256 30.9%
Not at all concerned	101 12.2%
Haven’t thought about it/DK	112 13.5%

Table 26: If CONCERNED:

Do you think the issue is important enough that Pinellas County government should help to make housing for workers more affordable?

	Total
Base	615 100.0%
Yes	471 76.6%
No	105 17.1%
Not sure	39 6.3%

Table 27: Several ideas have been suggested to promote affordable housing. Please tell me if you think the County “**should**” or “**should not**” consider each of the following:

	Total	Should	Should Not	DK/NA
27.1 Require 10 unit or lgr new residential devlpmts to have affordable hsg units incld, on site or elsewhere in Cty	510 100.0%	342 67.1%	113 22.2%	55 10.8%
27.2 Provide financial assistance to mobile home residents who must move because their mobile home park is sold	510 100.0%	365 71.6%	129 25.3%	16 3.1%
27.3 Encourage the redevelopment of deteriorating residential neighborhoods	510 100.0%	459 90.0%	37 7.3%	14 2.7%
27.4 Help non-profit organizations acquire land to construct more affordable housing units	510 100.0%	395 77.5%	82 16.1%	33 6.5%
27.5 Expand home ownership programs like down payment assistance and lower interest rates	509 100.0%	459 90.2%	37 7.3%	13 2.6%

Table 28: Some of these programs may require additional County government funding. Increasing property taxes is one alternative.

Do you think the average homeowner would be willing to pay an additional \$45 in property tax for affordable housing?

	Total
Base	510 100.0%
Yes	238 46.7%
No	231 45.3%
Not sure	41 8.0%

Table 29: Another option is redirecting a portion of Penny for Pinellas for Renewal to develop publicly owned affordable housing for workers. This would mean less money for major capital improvement like roads. Would you support this option?

	Total
Base	510 100.0%
Yes	254 49.8%
No	203 39.8%
Not sure	53 10.4%

Table 30: There are many health and human services needs in Pinellas County like child abuse, access to health care, homelessness, and others. Some people think these problems should be left to private charities. Others think government should provide assistance. Other people think it should be a combination of private charities and government funds. What do you think?

	Total
Base	828 100.0%
Private	91 11.0%
Government	119 14.4%
Both	596 72.0%
Not sure	22 2.7%

Table 31: IF BOTH:

Who do you think should take the lead in the partnership, private charities or government?

	Total
Base	596 100.0%
Private charities	223 37.4%
Government	326 54.7%
Don't Know	47 7.9%

Table 32: I'm going to read you a short list of issues, and I'd like you to tell me if you consider each a funding priority for government.

Do you think it should be “high priority”, “medium priority”, a “low priority”, or you “don’t have an opinion”?

	Total	High Priority	Medium Priority	Low Priority	DK/NA
32.1 Child abuse	828 100.0%	699 84.4%	86 10.4%	33 4.0%	10 1.2%
32.2 Physical or mental disabilities	828 100.0%	445 53.7%	302 36.5%	65 7.9%	16 1.9%
32.3 Domestic violence	828 100.0%	552 66.7%	206 24.9%	51 6.2%	19 2.3%
32.4 Emergency food services and soup kitchens	828 100.0%	406 49.0%	296 35.7%	110 13.3%	16 1.9%
32.5 Access to health care for uninsured residents	828 100.0%	455 55.0%	249 30.1%	107 12.9%	17 2.1%
32.6 Homelessness	828 100.0%	367 44.3%	304 36.7%	131 15.8%	26 3.1%
32.7 Mental illness	828 100.0%	395 47.7%	318 38.4%	94 11.4%	21 2.5%
32.8 Affordable child care	827 100.0%	468 56.6%	232 28.1%	110 13.3%	17 2.1%
32.9 Substance abuse	828 100.0%	349 42.1%	313 37.8%	145 17.5%	21 2.5%

Table 33: Some counties dedicate a one cent food and beverage sales tax for restaurant meals to homeless projects. Would you be willing to pay an additional penny per dollar of your restaurant meals for the homeless?

	Total
Base	672 100.0%
Yes	535 79.6%
No	119 17.7%
Not sure	18 2.7%

Table 34: Some people with serious physical or mental impairments can't live by themselves; they need assistance. Would you support County government funding for permanent supportive housing to help those who cannot live alone without assistance?

	Total
Base	747 100.0%
Yes	583 78.0%
No	117 15.7%
Not sure	47 6.3%

Table 35: Some people with serious physical or mental impairments can't live by themselves; they need assistance. Would you support County government funding for permanent supportive housing to help those who cannot live alone without assistance?

	Total
Base	32 100.0%
Yes	17 53.1%
No	12 37.5%
Not sure	3 9.4%

Table 36: Some people with serious physical or mental impairments can't live by themselves; they need assistance. Would you support County government funding for permanent supportive housing to help those who cannot live alone without assistance?

	Total
Base	18 100.0%
Yes	6 33.3%
No	9 50.0%
Not sure	3 16.7%

Table 37: The County currently imposes a one cent sales tax to fund capital projects in the entire county. On a scale of 1 to 5 where **5 is strongly support and 1 is do not support at all**, how likely are you to support a continuation of the sales tax to fund roads, parks, drainage, etc.?

	Total
Base	819 100.0%
1 Do not support at all	99 12.1%
2	48 5.9%
3	138 16.8%
4	141 17.2%
5 Strongly support	383 46.8%
Don't know	10 1.2%

Table 38: Again, on a scale of 1 to 5 (**5 is strongly support and 1 is do not support at all**), how likely would you be to support redirecting a portion of the sales tax renewal for healthcare and social services even if this would mean less money for major capital improvements like roads?

	Total
Base	819 100.0%
1. Do not support at all	128 15.6%
2.	85 10.4%
3.	201 24.5%
4.	130 15.9%
5. Strongly Support	251 30.6%
Don't Know	24 2.9%

Table 39: Another option is increasing property taxes to fund these programs. How likely would you be to support an increase in the property tax?

Using the same scale of 1 to 5 where **5 is strongly support and 1 is do not support at all**, how likely are you to support this?

	Total
Base	819 100.0%
1 Do not support at all	373 45.5%
2	87 10.6%
3	153 18.7%
4	73 8.9%
5 Strongly support	108 13.2%
Don't know	25 3.1%

Table 41: Just a few more questions and we'll be done.

We want to make sure we're targeting what's really important. I'm going to read you the key parts of the strategic plan. Please tell me if you consider each a "high priority", "medium priority" or "low priority"?

	Total	High Priority	Medium Priority	Low Priority	DK/NA
40.1 More high paying jobs in the business community	828 100.0%	432 52.2%	294 35.5%	90 10.9%	12 1.4%
40.2 A better transportation system	828 100.0%	366 44.2%	315 38.0%	130 15.7%	17 2.1%
40.3 Access to health care for uninsured people	828 100.0%	439 53.0%	263 31.8%	118 14.3%	8 1.0%
40.4 Public safety services	827 100.0%	515 62.3%	264 31.9%	39 4.7%	9 1.1%
40.5 Affordable housing for workers	828 100.0%	422 51.0%	293 35.4%	104 12.6%	9 1.1%
40.6 Protecting the environment	828 100.0%	538 65.0%	238 28.7%	44 5.3%	8 1.0%

Table 43: Are you currently employed, unemployed, retired, a student, or a housewife?

	Total
Base	828 100.0%
Employed	457 55.2%
Unemployed	44 5.3%
Retired	241 29.1%
Student	11 1.3%
Housewife	45 5.4%
Other	26 3.1%
DK/NA	4 0.5%

Table 44: How do you usually commute to work? **DO NOT READ LIST**

	Total
Base	458 100.0%
Private vehicle driver	415 90.6%
Passenger	5 1.1%
Bus	9 2.0%
Trolley	1 0.2%
Bike	3 0.7%
Walk	5 1.1%
Cab	0 0.0%
Other	20 4.4%

Table 45: What is your approximate commute time to work?

	Total
Base	457 100.0%
15 minutes or less	204 44.6%
16-30 minutes	144 31.5%
31-45 minutes	50 10.9%
46-60 minutes	24 5.3%
60+ minutes	17 3.7%
DK	18 3.9%

Table 46: How would you rate your commute time? Would you say it is:

READ CHOICES

	Total
Base	457 100.0%
Excellent	136 29.8%
Good	150 32.8%
Fair	108 23.6%
Poor	50 10.9%
Don't know (VOLUNTEERED)	13 2.8%

Table 47: Have you used public transportation in Pinellas County in the past 12 months?

	Total
Base	828 100.0%
Yes	112 13.5%
No	713 86.1%
DK	3 0.4%

Table 48: Have you used public transportation elsewhere in the last 12 months?

	Total
Base	828 100.0%
Yes	197 23.8%
No	627 75.7%
DK	4 0.5%

Table 49: What area or neighborhood do you live in?
BE SPECIFIC AND CHECK LIST
(UNINCORPORATED OR MUNICIPALITY AREA)

	Total
Base	828 100.0%
Belleair	3 0.4%
Belleair Beach	2 0.2%
Belleair Bluffs	5 0.6%
Belleair Shores	0 0.0%
Clearwater	114 13.8%
Gulfport	12 1.4%
Dunedin	41 5.0%
Indian Rocks Beach	4 0.5%
Indian Shores	1 0.1%
Kenneth City	5 0.6%
Largo	85 10.3%

Table 49: What area or neighborhood do you live in?

**BE SPECIFIC AND CHECK LIST
(UNINCORPORATED OR MUNICIPALITY AREA)**

	Total
Base	828 100.0%
Madeira Beach	7 0.8%
N Redington Beach	1 0.1%
Oldsmar	12 1.4%
Pinellas Park	70 8.5%
Redington Beach	2 0.2%
Redington Shores	1 0.1%
Safety harbor	20 2.4%
St. Petersburg	152 18.4%
St. Pete Beach	13 1.6%
Seminole	82 9.9%
S. Pasadena	4 0.5%

Table 49: What area or neighborhood do you live in?

**BE SPECIFIC AND CHECK LIST
(UNINCORPORATED OR MUNICIPALITY AREA)**

	Total
Base	828 100.0%
Tarpon Springs	49 5.9%
Treasure Island	8 1.0%
Unincorporated	29 3.5%
Other/DK	106 12.8%

Table 50: What is your race / ethnicity?

	Total
Base	828 100.0%
Asian	6 0.7%
Black / African-American	47 5.7%
White	717 86.6%
Hispanic/Latino	37 4.5%
Other	8 1.0%
Refused	13 1.6%

Table 51: Are you of Hispanic descent?

	Total
Base	791 100.0%
Yes	12 1.5%
No	760 96.1%
DK/Refused	19 2.4%

Table 52: How many children under 18 currently live in your home?

	Total
Base	828 100.0%
None	581 70.2%
1	117 14.1%
2	88 10.6%
3	36 4.3%
4	4 0.5%
5	1 0.1%

Table 53: How long have you been a resident of Pinellas County?

	Total
Base	828 100.0%
less than one year	15 1.8%
1-5 years	105 12.7%
6-10 years	122 14.7%
11-19 years	150 18.1%
20 or more years	430 51.9%
Refusal	6 0.7%

Table 54: For statistical purposes only would you please share your entire household income before taxes for 2004? Was it:

READ RESPONES

	Total
Base	828 100.0%
Under \$15,000	67 8.1%
\$15,000-\$30,000	113 13.6%
\$30,000-\$45,000	108 13.0%
\$45,000-\$60,000	123 14.9%
Over \$60,000	239 28.9%
Don't Know/Refused	178 21.5%

Table 56: What is your Zip code?

	Total
Base	828 100.0%
33776	22 2.7%
33777	15 1.8%
33782	21 2.5%
33702	18 2.2%
33716	8 1.0%
33762	1 0.1%
33760	8 1.0%
33772	30 3.6%
33774	15 1.8%
33785	2 0.2%
33770	30 3.6%

	Total
Base	828 100.0%
33771	18 2.2%
33756	17 2.1%
33764	23 2.8%
33781	29 3.5%
33778	17 2.1%
33773	18 2.2%
33786	3 0.4%
34660	4 0.5%
33759	13 1.6%
33765	12 1.4%
33755	15 1.8%
33767	12 1.4%
33763	6 0.7%
34695	14 1.7%

33761	19 2.3%
34698	31 3.7%
34681	5 0.6%
34683	37 4.5%
34684	26 3.1%
34677	14 1.7%
34685	15 1.8%
34689	25 3.0%
33712	12 1.4%
33708	17 2.1%
33744	1 0.1%
33715	9 1.1%
33707	18 2.2%
33706	16 1.9%
33711	11 1.3%
33705	14 1.7%

33701	3 0.4%
33704	10 1.2%
33703	22 2.7%
33713	24 2.9%
33714	14 1.7%
33710	28 3.4%
33709	22 2.7%
Other/DK	64 7.7%