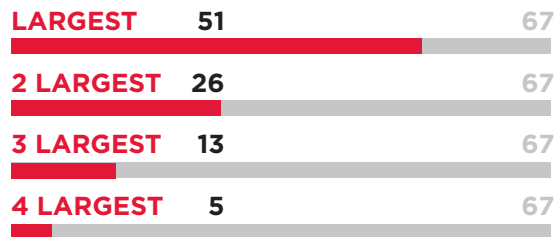# BRIEFING

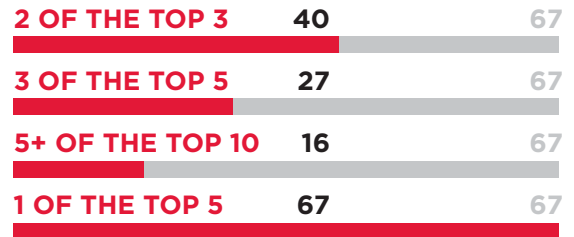## FLORIDA'S TOP TEN LARGEST PUBLIC EMPLOYERS BY COUNTY

This Florida TaxWatch *Briefing* surveys the significance of public employment in Florida counties by examining the ten largest employers per county (by number of employees) to determine whether they were public or private entities**. The basic breakdown of public versus private entities in the list of top ten largest employers per county is provided in the chart below.

The two key takeaways from these charts are that a single government entity is the largest employer in the county in 51 of the 67 counties and there is not a single county in Florida where at least one of the top five largest employers is not a government entity.
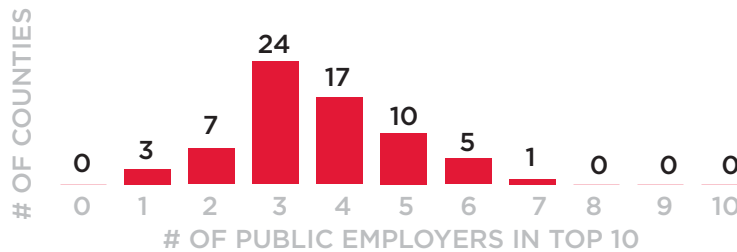
COUNTIES WHERE PUBLIC EMPLOYERS ARE THE:

LARGEST   51   67

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4 LARGEST   5   67

COUNTIES WHERE PUBLIC EMPLOYERS MAKE UP:

2 OF THE TOP 3   40   67

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5+ OF THE TOP 10   16   67

1 OF THE TOP 5   67   67

On average statewide, nearly four out of the ten largest employers in any county are a government entity, as the chart below demonstrates.[1]

NUMBER OF COUNTIES WITH PUBLIC EMPLOYERS IN TOP 10

Bar chart — # OF COUNTIES (y-axis) vs # OF PUBLIC EMPLOYERS IN TOP 10 (x-axis):
0 → 0; 1 → 3; 2 → 7; 3 → 24; 4 → 17; 5 → 10; 6 → 5; 7 → 1; 8 → 0; 9 → 0; 10 → 0

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1. Mean: 3.64, Median: 3

At the extremes of the distribution are Bay County, where seven out of the top ten employers are government entities; and Calhoun, Glades, and Levy, where just one government entity appears on their respective top ten lists.

Further breaking down the 670 entities that make up the aggregated top ten by both the level of the employer: federal, state, county and municipal governments (245), and the private sector (425); and general sector of the economy shows a fairly consistent trend across the state: public education, government administration/law enforcement, and health care tend to dominate the top employers of every county. These sectors all involve significant amounts of both government involvement and funding.

PUBLIC EMPLOYERS BY SECTOR

PUBLIC AIRPORTS	2	245
PUBLIC HEALTHCARE	9	245
U.S. MILITARY	10	245
PUBLIC CORRECTIONS	18	245
STATE COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES	18	245
SCHOOL DISTRICTS	60	245
ADMINISTRATION/LAW ENFORCEMENT	128	245

The chart above organizes the 245 public employers on our list into seven categories: administration/law enforcement, district school boards, state universities and colleges, public correctional facilities, public health care, public airports, and the military. The breakdown shows that combining administration/law enforcement with education comprises 84% of large public employers.

EDUCATION

In every county in Florida, the district school board is one of the ten largest employers, accounting for more than 250,000 employees statewide—nearly 1 out of every 30 employed Floridians.[2]

District school boards are one of the two largest employers in 61 counties, the largest in 46 counties, and the second largest in 15. Public colleges and universities appear in the top ten lists of 13 counties, and twice each in Alachua and Leon counties thanks mostly to the size of Florida State University and the University of Florida.

ADMINISTRATION/LAW ENFORCEMENT

County governments are one of the ten largest employers in 60 counties, and the first or second largest in ten of those counties. State government (not including prisons) is only the largest employer in Leon County, but is in the top ten employers of fifteen other counties, while the federal government is in the top ten employers in six counties.

HEALTH CARE

Health care sector employers also encompassed a large section of these employers. A health care facility or business (either public or private) is one of the top employers in 60 counties, and a public facility is the largest employer in Baker County. The majority of these employers are private; government-owned health care facilities are in the top ten in just 7 counties. It should be noted, however, that even private healthcare facilities are, in general, highly dependent on government funding from programs like Medicaid and Medicare.

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2. Bureau of Labor Statistics - 2010 year end employment was 8,169,517

MILITARY

The US Military appears on the top ten lists of just seven counties, although the various branches of the United States Armed Services appear ten times on the full list. The military is the largest employer in Duval, Monroe, and Okaloosa counties, all home to large military bases.

CORRECTIONS AND AIRPORTS

A mixture of public and private correctional facilities, both funded by tax dollars, appear 22 times on the list, accounting for just 3 percent of the total top ten. Public airports account for only a small portion (<1 percent of the total), appearing on the top ten of just Hillsborough and Orange counties.

CONCLUSION

Government employers are some of the largest employers in nearly every county in Florida. There is no county in Florida that does not include at least one government entity in its top five largest employers. Additionally, a public entity is the largest employer in over 75 percent of counties accounts for all three of the largest employers in nearly one-in-five Florida counties.

While this analysis does not consider the total size of government employment compared to total private employment, it is certainly clear that the government has a massive direct effect on local economies throughout the state through employment and payroll practices, in addition to the indirect effects that government actions, such as regulation, have on the economy. Moreover, for many counties the potential closure of a military base or correctional facility, or large layoffs due to federal, state, or local budget shortfalls, poses a significant economic threat.

Putting aside the roles public entities are assigned to fulfill, it is important that Floridians understand that for many of the largest employers in their county, their payrolls are paid by tax dollars.

The full top ten list for each county with the names of all private employers removed can be found in Appendix A.

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APPENDIX A

PUBLIC ENTITIES IN THE TOP TEN EMPLOYERS—BY COUNTY

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County	Rank	Employer
Alachua	1	University of Florida
6 of 10	3	Veterans Affairs Medical Center
	4	Alachua County School Board
	5	City of Gainesville
	7	Alachua County
	10	Santa Fe Community College
		Source: 2010 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR): www.alachuacounty.us/Depts/Clerk/Documents/2010-Alachua-County-CAFR.pdf
Baker	1	Northeast Florida State Hospital
4 of 10	3	Baker County School Board
	4	Baker Correctional Institute
	9	Baker County Board of Commisoners
		Source: Enterprise Florida 2010 County Report: www.eflorida.com/profiles/CountyReport.asp?CountyID=2&Display=all
Bay	1	Tyndall Air Force Base
7 of 10	2	Naval Support (Naval Surface Warfare Center)
	3	Bay District Schools
	7	Gulf Coast State College
	8	City of Panama City
	9	Bay County Board
	10	Bay County Sheriff
		Source: 2010 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR): www.myflorida.com/audgen/pages/county_efile%20rpts/2010%20bay%20county.pdf
Bradford	1	Bradford County School Board
2 of 10	4	County Government
		Source: Enterprise Florida County Profile: www.eflorida.com/profiles/CountyReport.asp?CountyID=4&Display=all
Brevard	1	Brevard County School Board
4 of 10	7	Brevard County Board of County Commissioners
	9	NASA
	10	U.S. Department of Defense
		Source: 2010 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR): http://199.241.8.125/index.cfm?FuseAction=FinanceAccounting.ComprehensiveAnnualFinancialReport
Broward	1	Broward County School Board
5 of 10	2	Broward County Government
	3	Memorial Healthcare System
	5	Broward Health
	10	City of Ft. Lauderdale
		Source: 2010 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR): www.broward.org/Accounting/Documents/2010CAFR.pdf
Calhoun	4	Calhoun County School District
1 of 10		Source: Florida's Great North West: Economic Development Report http://iedc.floridasgreatnorthwest.com/CountyProfile.aspx?cid=11&pid=2&sid=28
Charlotte	1	Charlotte County School Board
4 of 10	4	Board of County Commissioners
	8	Charlotte County Sheriff's Office
	10	Charlotte Correctional Institute
		Source: 2010 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR): www.co.charlotte.fl.us/DOWNLDS/CAFR_2010.pdf
Citrus	2	Citrus County School Board
3 of 10	5	Citrus County Sheriff's Department
	10	Cypress Creek Correctional Facility
		Source: 2009 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR): www.myflorida.com/audgen/pages/county_efile%20rpts/2009%20citrus%20county.pdf

Clay	1	School District of Clay County
4 of 10	6	Clay County Sheriff
	7	Municipal Police Departments
	9	Florida Department of Military Affairs
		Source: 2010 Clay County Chamber of Commerce "Top Employers": www.clayedo.com/information-center/Data-Center.aspx Note: "Municipal Police Departments" is an aggregate of all police officers employed by the various cities in Clay County.
Collier	2	Collier County Public Schools
3 of 10	5	Collier County Government
	7	Collier County Sheriff's Office
		Source: 2010 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR): www.myflorida.com/audgen/pages/county_efile%20rpts/2010%20collier%20county.pdf
Columbia	1	Columbia County School System
3 of 10	2	VA Medical Center
	10	Columbia County
		Source: Lake City/Columbia County Chamber of Commerce Community Profile: http://www.lakecitychamber.com/Community_Profile.asp
DeSoto	1	DeSoto School District
3 of 10	5	Desoto County
	7	DeSoto County Sheriff's Office
		Source: Enterprise Florida County Report: www.eflorida.com/profiles/CountyReport.asp?CountyID=38&Display=all
Dixie	1	Dixie County School System
3 of 10	3	County Government
	5	Sheriff's Office
		Source: Enterprise Florida 2010 County Profile: www.eflorida.com/profiles/CountyReport.asp?CountyID=39&Display=all
Duval	1	Naval Air Station, Jacksonville
4 of 10	2	Duval County Public Schools
	3	Mayport Naval Station
	4	City of Jacksonville
		Source: 2010 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR): http://www.myflorida.com/audgen/pages/pdf_files/2011-061.pdf
Escambia	1	County Government
4 of 10	2	Federal Government
	3	Florida State Government
	10	University of West Florida
		Source: 2010 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR): www.escambiaclerk.com/clerk/forms/cafr/CAFR_2010.pdf
Flagler	1	Flagler County School System
4 of 10	7	City of Palm Coast
	9	Flagler County
	10	Florida County Sheriffs Department
		Source: Fantastic Flagler Page 44: Businesses with 25 or More Employees in Flagler. http://fantasticflagler.flipsteronline.com/
Franklin	1	Franklin County
2 of 10	2	Florida Department of Corrections
		Source: Florida's Great North West: Economic Development Report http://iedc.floridasgreatnorthwest.com/CountyProfile.aspx?cid=11&pid=2&sid=28
Gadsden	1	Florida State Hospital School
5 of 10	2	Department of Children
	4	University of Florida
	5	Gadsden County Supervisors Office
	10	Florida Department of Corrections - Quincy
		Source: Florida's Great North West: Economic Development Report http://iedc.floridasgreatnorthwest.com/CountyProfile.aspx?cid=11&pid=2&sid=28

Gilchrist	1	Gilchrist School District
3 of 10	4	County Government
	9	Sheriff's Office
		Source: Enterprise Florida 2010 County Profile: www.eflorida.com/profiles/CountyReport.asp?CountyID=45&Display=all
Glades	2	Glades County School District
1 of 10		Source: Enterprise Florida 2010 County Profile: www.eflorida.com/profiles/CountyReport.asp?CountyID=46&Display=all
Gulf	1	Florida Department of Corrections
3 of 10	2	Gulf County School District
	4	County of Gulf
		Source: Florida's Great North West: Economic Development Report http://iedc.floridasgreatnorthwest.com/CountyProfile.aspx?cid=11&pid=2&sid=28
Hamilton	2	Hamilton County School District
3 of 10	3	County Government
	6	Hamilton County Sheriffs Department
		Source: Enterprise Florida 2010 County Profile: www.eflorida.com/profiles/CountyReport.asp?CountyID=48&Display=all
Hardee	1	Hardee School District
3 of 10	5	County Government
	10	Sheriff's Office
		Source: Enterprise Florida County Profile: www.eflorida.com/profiles/CountyReport.asp?CountyID=49&Display=all
Hendry	2	Hendry County School District
3 of 10	3	Hendry County
	6	Sheriff's Office
		Source: Enterprise Florida County Profile: http://www.eflorida.com/profiles/CountyReport.asp?CountyID=50&Display=all
Hernando	1	Hernando County School Board
3 of 10	2	Hernando County Government
	6	Southwest Florida Water Management District
		Source: Enterprise Florida 2010 County Profile: www.eflorida.com/profiles/CountyReport.asp?CountyID=51&Display=all
Highlands	1	Highlands County School Board
2 of 10	6	Highlands County Board of County Commissioners
		Source: 2010 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR): www.hcclerk.org/Documents/2010CAFR.pdf
Hillsborough	1	Hillsborough County School Board
6 of 10	2	MacDill Air Force Base
	3	Hillsborough County Government
	4	Tampa International Airport
	6	University of South Florida
	10	City of Tampa
		Source: 2010 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR): www.hillsclerk.com/publicweb/WorkArea/showcontent.aspx?id=6233
Holmes	1	Florida Department of Corrections
3 of 10	2	Holmes County School Board
	6	County of Holmes
		Source: Florida's Great North West: Economic Development Report http://iedc.floridasgreatnorthwest.com/CountyProfile.aspx?cid=11&pid=2&sid=28
Indian River	1	School District of Indian River County
3 of 10	2	Indian River County
	8	City of Vero Beach
		Source: 2010 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR): www.myflorida.com/audgen/pages/county_efile%20rpts/2010%20indian%20river%20county.pdf

Jackson	2	Florida Department of Corrections - Sneads
5 of 10	3	Bureau of Prisons
	5	Florida Department of Corrections - Malone
	6	Jackson County
	8	City of Marianna
		Source: Florida's Great North West: Economic Development Report http://iedc.floridasgreatnorthwest.com/CountyProfile.aspx?cid=11&pid=2&sid=28
Jefferson	1	Jefferson County School District
3 of 10	2	Florida Department of Corrections
	6	Jefferson County Board of County
		Source: Florida's Great North West: Economic Development Report http://iedc.floridasgreatnorthwest.com/CountyProfile.aspx?cid=11&pid=2&sid=28
Lafayette	2	Lafayette County School District
3 of 10	4	County Government
	8	Sheriff's Office
		Source: Enterpirse Florida 2010 County Profile: www.eflorida.com/profiles/CountyReport.asp?CountyID=58&Display=all
Lake	1	Lake County Public Schools
3 of 10	7	Lake County Government
	8	Lake County Sherriff's Department
		Source: 2010 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR): www.myflorida.com/audgen/pages/dsb_efile%20rpts/2009%20lake%20county%20dsb.pdf
Lee	2	Lee County School District
4 of 10	4	Lee County Administration
	6	Lee County Sheriff's Office
	7	City of Cape Coral
		Source: 2010 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR): www.leeclerk.org/vertical/Sites/%7BB2978D27-ACBA-49A1-AB85-7038998EC1FA%7D/uploads/%7BD7949536-3B1A-4771-BFE3-98A9714B35B2%7D.PDF
Leon	1	Florida State Government
6 of 10	2	Florida State University
	3	Leon County Schools
	5	City of Tallahassee
	6	Florida A&M University
	8	Leon County
		Source: 2010 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR): cvweb.clerk.leon.fl.us/finance/cafr/10_cafr/2010_CAFR.pdf
Levy	1	Levy County School Board
1 of 10		Source: Enterprise Florida County Profile: www.eflorida.com/profiles/CountyReport.asp?CountyID=62&Display=all
Liberty	3	Liberty County
2 of 10	5	Liberty County School District
		Source: Florida's Great North West: Economic Development Report http://iedc.floridasgreatnorthwest.com/CountyProfile.aspx?cid=11&pid=2&sid=28
Madison	1	Madison County School District
3 of 10	2	Madison Correctional Facility
	8	County Government
		Source: Enterprise Florida 2010 County Report: www.eflorida.com/profiles/CountyReport.asp?CountyID=64&Display=all
Manatee	1	Manatee County School Board
4 of 10	3	Manatee County Government
	6	Manatee Sheriff's Office
	9	City of Bradenton
		Source: 2010 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR): www.myflorida.com/audgen/pages/dsb_efile%20rpts/2008%20manatee%20county%20dsb.pdf

Marion	1	Marion County Public Schools
5 of 10	2	Florida State Government
	6	Federal Government
	7	Marion County BCC
	9	City of Ocala
		Source: 2010 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR): www.marioncountyclerk.org/public/_files/2010CAFRdocumentFinancial00.pdf
Martin	2	Martin County School District
3 of 10	3	Martin County
	5	Florida State Government
		Source: 2010 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR): http://clerk-web.martin.fl.us/ClerkWeb/PDF/CAFR2010.pdf
Miami- Dade	1	Miami-Dade Public Schools
6 of 10	2	Miami Dade County
	3	U.S. Federal Government
	4	Florida State Government
	7	Jackson Health System
	10	Florida International University
		Source: 2010 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR): www.miamidade.gov/Finance/library/CAFR/2010/Financial%20Section/CAFR2010-complete.pdf
Monroe	1	US Armed Services
5 of 10	2	Monroe County School District
	5	Monroe County Sheriff's Office
	6	Monroe County Government
	7	City of Key West
		Source: 2010 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR): www.myflorida.com/audgen/pages/county_efile%20rpts/2010%20monroe%20county%20part%202.pdf
Nassau	1	Nassau County School Board
4 of 10	3	Nassau County Government
	5	Federal Aviation Administration
	9	City of Fernandina Beach
		Source: 2009 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR): www.nassauclerk.com/_files/finance/cafr/20082009CAFR.pdf
Okaloosa	1	US Department of Defense - Eglin AFB
3 of 10	5	Okaloosa School District
	7	County of Okaloosa - Sheriff's Department
		Source: Florida's Great North West: Economic Development Report http://iedc.floridasgreatnorthwest.com/CountyProfile.aspx?cid=11&pid=2&sid=28
Okeechobee	1	Okeechobee County School District
3 of 10	5	Okeechobee Sheriffs Office
	6	Okeechobee County
		Source: Enterprise Florida County Profile: www.eflorida.com/profiles/CountyReport.asp?CountyID=28&Display=all
Orange	2	Orange County Public Schools
4 of 10	4	Greater Orlando Aviation Authority
	8	Orange County Government
	9	University of Central Florida
		Source: 2010 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR): www.occompt.com/index.php?option=com_docman&Itemid=124
Osceola	1	Osceola School District
2 of 10	4	Osceola County Government
		Source: 2010 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR): www.myflorida.com/audgen/pages/pdf_files/2011-070.pdf

Palm Beach	1	Palm Beach County School Board
5 of 10	2	Palm Beach County Government
	3	Florida State Government
	4	Federal Government
	9	Florida Atlantic University
		Source: 2010 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR): www.mypalmbeachclerk.com/uploadedFiles/Public_Funds/County_Financial_Reports/cafr_fy2010.pdf
Pasco	1	Pasco County School District
5 of 10	2	Pasco County Government
	3	Florida State Government
	4	Pasco County Sheriff
	9	Pasco- Hernando Community College
		Source: 2010 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR): www.pascoclerk.com/pdf_docs/public-finance-cafr-ending-093010.pdf
Pinellas	1	Pinellas County School District
6 of 10	2	Bay Pines VA Medical Center
	3	City of St. Petersburg
	5	Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners
	6	Pinellas County Sheriff
	10	St. Petersburg College
		Source: 2010 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR): www.pinellasclerk.org/aspinclude2/2010CAFR.pdf
Polk	1	Polk County School Board
4 of 10	4	Polk County Government
	6	Florida State Government
	7	City of Lakeland
		Source: 2010 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR): www.myflorida.com/audgen/pages/county_efile%20rpts/2010%20polk%20county.pdf
Putnam	1	Putnam County School District
3 of 10	3	St. Johns River Water Management District
	4	Putnam County
		Source: 2010 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR): www.putnam-fl.com/bocc/images/stories/transparency/cafr/2010cafr.pdf
Santa Rosa	1	Santa Rosa County School District
4 of 10	2	U.S. Government
	3	Florida State Government
	5	Santa Rosa County
		Source: 2010 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR): www.santarosa.fl.gov/financial/2010/Comprehensive%20Annual%20Financial%20Report.pdf
Sarasota	1	School Board of Sarasota County
4 of 10	2	Sarasota County Government
	3	Sarasota Memorial Hospital
	8	City of Sarasota
		Source: 2010 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR): www.myflorida.com/audgen/pages/county_efile%20rpts/2010%20sarasota%20county.pdf
Seminole	1	Seminole County Public Schools
4 of 10	3	Seminole State College of Florida
	5	Seminole County Government
	6	Seminole County Sheriff
		Source: 2010 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR): www.myflorida.com/audgen/pages/county_efile%20rpts/2010%20seminole%20county.pdf

St. Johns	1	St. Johns County School District
5 of 10	2	St. Johns County
	4	US Army National Guard
	6	Florida School for the Deaf & Blind
	7	Community Hospice of N.E. Florida
		Source: 2010 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR): www.clk.co.st-johns.fl.us/finance/pdf/2010/STATISTICAL%20SECTION.pdf
St. Lucie	1	St. Lucie School Board
4 of 10	5	St. Lucie County
	6	Indian River State College
	7	City of Port St. Lucie
		Source: 2010 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR): www.stlucieclerk.com/finance/SLCCAFRFY2010.pdf
Sumter	1	Coleman Federal Prison
5 of 10	2	Sumter District Schools
	4	Sumter Correctional Institute
	6	Sumter County Government
	8	Lake Sumter Community College
		Source: 2011 Sumter Chamber of Commerce: www.sumterchamber.org/sumter-business.asp
Suwannee	3	Suwannee County School District
3 of 10	5	Suwannee County
	9	Suwannee County Sheriff's Office
		Source: Enterprise Florida County Report: www.eflorida.com/profiles/CountyReport.asp?CountyID=17&Display=all
Taylor	2	Taylor County School Board
2 of 10	3	Taylor County Correctional Institute
		Source: 2011 Taylor County School Board: http://www.taylor.k12.fl.us/our.county.aspx
Union	2	Union Correctional Institution
3 of 10	4	Union County School District
	10	County Government
		Source: Enterprise Florida 2010 County Profile: www.eflorida.com/profiles/CountyReport.asp?CountyID=19&Display=all
Volusia	1	Volusia County School Board
5 of 10	4	County of Volusia
	7	Florida State Government
	8	Daytona State College
	9	U.S. Government
		Source: 2010 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR): volusia.org/finance/cafr10/Tables/235.pdf
Wakulla	1	Wakulla County School Board
3 of 10	3	Florida Department of Corrections
	9	Florida Department of Environment
		Source: Florida's Great North West: Economic Development Counsel http://iedc.floridasgreatnorthwest.com/CountyProfile.aspx?cid=11&pid=2&sid=28
Walton	1	Walton County School Board
2 of 10	2	Walton County Government
		Source: 2010 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR): www.clerkofcourts.co.walton.fl.us/public_records/docs/Walton_County_CAFR_2010.pdf
Washington	2	Florida Department of Corrections
4 of 10	3	Florida Department of Transortation
	4	Washington County School District
	5	County Of Washington
		Source: Florida's Great North West: Economic Development Report http://iedc.floridasgreatnorthwest.com/CountyProfile.aspx?cid=11&pid=2&sid=28

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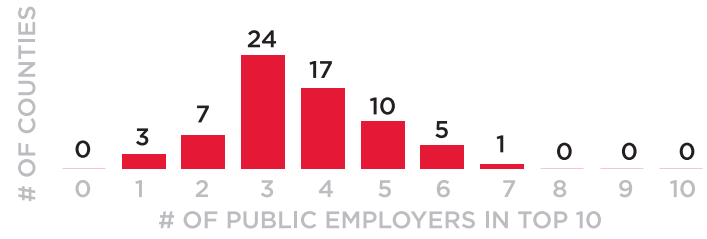
PUBLIC SECTOR FOOTPRINT

FACTS & FIGURES FROM **FLORIDA TAXWATCH** RESEARCH

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Florida TaxWatch examined the top ten employers in each county in Florida to determine the breakdown of public to private employers. The data below represents the highlights of that review.

TOTAL EMPLOYERS IN TOP TEN BY COUNTY STATEWIDE: PUBLIC VS PRIVATE

PUBLIC 245   **PRIVATE** 425

TOTAL OF 670

NUMBER OF COUNTIES WITH PUBLIC EMPLOYERS IN TOP 10

OF COUNTIES (y-axis)

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COUNTIES WHERE PUBLIC ENTITIES ARE THE LARGEST EMPLOYER
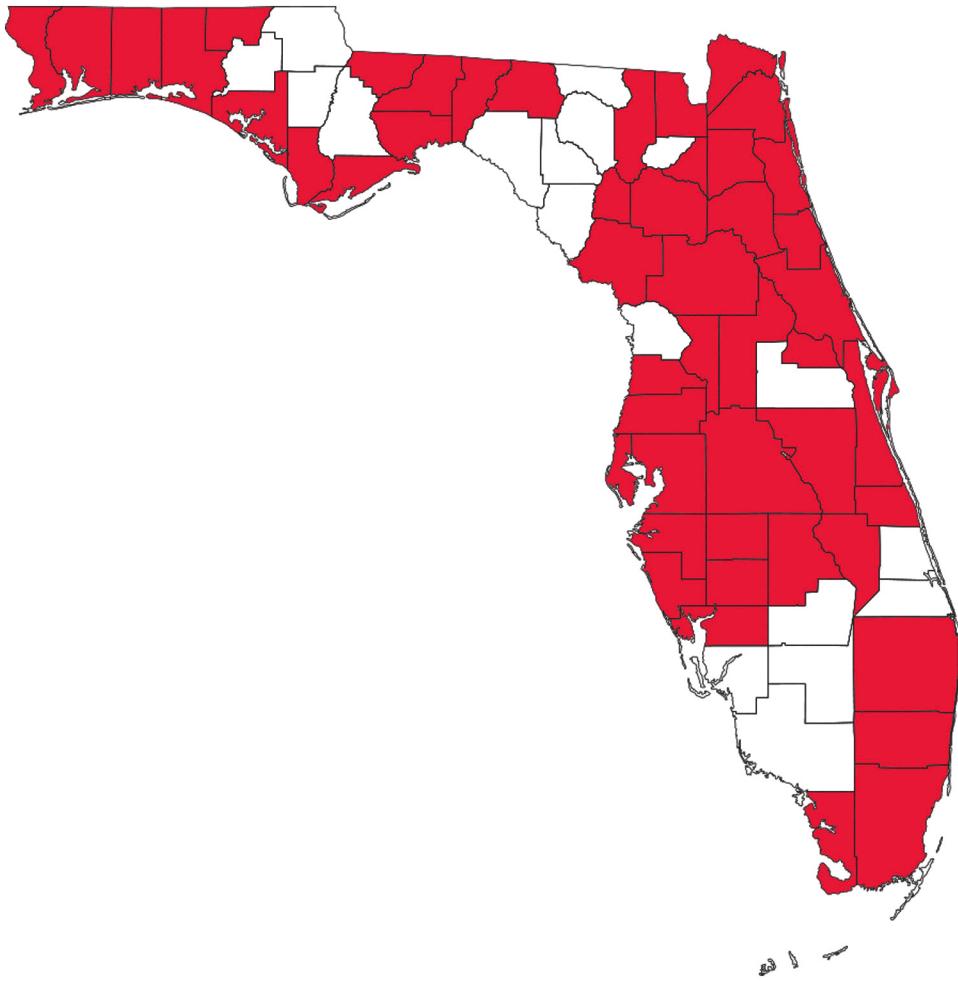
COUNTIES WHERE THE TOP TEN EMPLOYERS INCLUDE THREE OR MORE PUBLIC ENTITIES
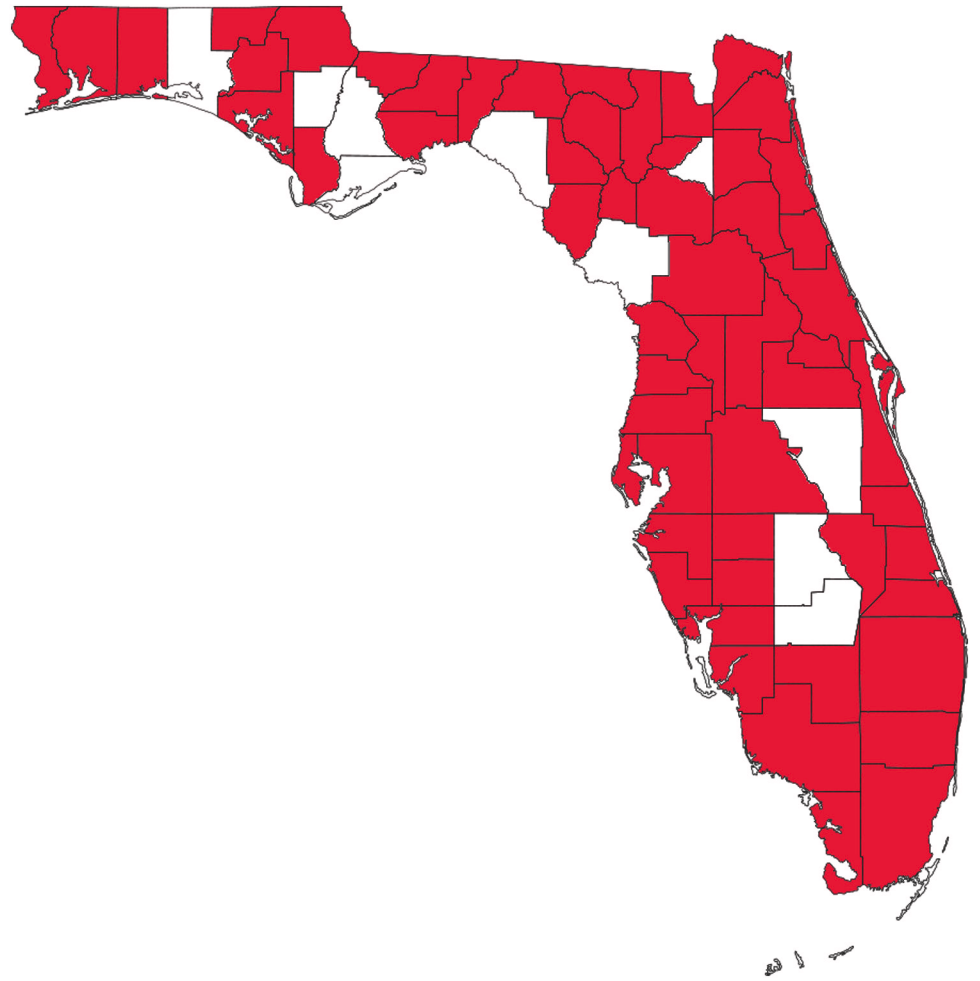
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SCHOOL DISTRICTS (60/245)
In every county in Florida, the school district is one of the ten largest employers, accounting for more than 250,000 employees statewide... nearly **1 out of every 30 employed Floridians.**

District school boards are one of the two largest employers in 61 counties, the largest in 46 counties, and the second largest in 15.

CORRECTIONS & AIRPORTS (20/245)
A mixture of public and private correctional facilities, both funded by tax dollars, appear 22 times on the full list, accounting for just 3 percent of the total top ten.

HEALTHCARE (9/245)
A health care facility or business (either public or private) is one of the top ten employers in 60 counties... and even private healthcare facilities are, in general, highly dependent on government funding

ADMINISTRATION & LAW ENFORCEMENT (128/245)
County governments are one of the ten largest employers in 60 counties, and the first or second largest in ten of those counties.

MILITARY (10/245)
The US Military appears on the top ten lists of just seven counties, although the various branches of the United States Armed Services appear ten times on the full list.