

# Community Background Report

## City of Miami Springs

### County

Miami-Dade

### Boundaries

North: Okeechobee Road

South: Northwest 36th Street

West: Northwest 67th Avenue

East: Intersection of Okeechobee Road and Northwest 36th Street

### Community Type

Municipality

### History

The City of Miami Springs was founded by Glenn H. Curtiss, in 1926, and was originally known as Country Club Estates. The area we now know as Miami Springs was originally 17,000 acres of land bought by Curtiss to create a flight school for the growing air travel from Miami. From the original 128 residences that occupied the area the city has grown with the expansion of Miami's air travel needs.

Historically the development of Miami Springs has been tied to Miami International Airport, and this still serves as the largest economic engine within the city. The economy of Miami Springs took a major hit in the early 1990s with the bankruptcy of Pan American and Eastern Airlines. Since then Miami Springs has developed a more diversified economy that caters to the needs of its residents, and to the people living within the surrounding area, while still remaining closely tied to Miami International Airport and the airline industry.

Due to the original planning of Glenn H. Curtiss, Miami Springs has developed in a relatively well planned and organized manner, providing its residents with green space, schools, and easily serviceable areas. As the city has grown in population so have its needs and it is because of this that the city is exploring the possibility of annexing land in order to provide for its residents, and its growing economy.

## Community Dynamics

Miami Springs is one of the more economically prosperous municipalities in Miami-Dade County, posting higher average and per capita incomes, and lower poverty rates than the county. Miami Springs has seen an economic resurgence with the continuing growth of Miami International Airport. Since the initial shock and rise of unemployment rate and plummeting land values following the closure of Pan Am and Eastern Airlines, Miami Springs has become a model of economic recovery, with the airport and its support structure being the city's second largest employer.

The average age of Miami Springs' residents, 38.9 years, is higher than that of the county, 35.6 years, with a larger adult and elderly population than the county average. Miami Springs has a smaller portion of its population under the age of five than the rest of the county, but possesses many private and public schools, especially for a city of its size. Miami Springs has a smaller average household and family size than Miami-Dade County, suggesting that most residents are either couples, or smaller families.

The closest large city to Miami Springs is the City of Hialeah. Miami Springs' median and median family incomes compare favorably to that of Hialeah. Miami Springs' average household size, 2.64 persons, and family size, 3.16 persons, is smaller than that of Hialeah, 3.15 and 3.39 persons respectively.

As of 2005 the largest transportation project in the City of Miami Springs was a flyover connecting Le Jeune Road to Okeechobee Road.

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