

Columbia County

Florida's 41st most populous county
with 0.3% of Florida's population



Population

Census Population	Columbia County	Florida
1980 Census	35,399	9,746,961
1990 Census	42,613	12,938,071
2000 Census	56,513	15,982,824
2010 Census	67,531	18,801,332
2020 Census	69,698	21,538,187
% change 2010-2020	3.2%	14.6%
Age		
% Under 18 years of age	21.4%	19.5%
% Aged 65 and over	20.6%	21.2%
% Median age	42.9	43.0
Gender		
% Male	51.1%	48.6%
% Female	48.9%	51.4%
Race (alone) & Ethnicity		
% Not Hispanic-White	70.4%	51.5%
% Not Hispanic-Black or African American	16.4%	14.5%
% Not Hispanic-American Indian and Alaska Native	0.3%	0.2%
% Not Hispanic-Asian	1.2%	2.9%
% Not Hispanic-Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	0.0%	0.1%
% Not Hispanic-Some Other Race	0.4%	0.6%
% Not Hispanic-Two or More Races	3.8%	3.7%
% Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	7.3%	26.5%

Real Gross Domestic Product

Real GDP (Thousands of Chained 2017 Dollars)	Columbia County	Florida
2017 GDP	2,136,953	1,014,866,863
Percent of the State	0.2%	
2018 GDP	2,223,072	1,050,433,812
Percent of the State	0.2%	
2019 GDP	2,297,452	1,079,271,045
Percent of the State	0.2%	
2020 GDP	2,342,595	1,068,377,540
Percent of the State	0.2%	
2021 GDP	2,341,993	1,164,778,182
Percent of the State	0.2%	
2022 GDP	2,332,181	1,218,430,197
Percent of the State	0.2%	

Population by Housing Type

	Columbia County	Florida
Household Population	66,097	21,073,604
Household Population per Occupied Housing Unit	2.50	2.47
Group Quarters Population	3,601	464,583

Population Estimates

	Columbia County	Florida
2021 Estimate	69,809	21,898,945
% change 2020-2021	0.2%	1.7%
2022 Estimate	71,525	22,276,132
% change 2020-2022	2.6%	3.4%
2023 Estimate	72,191	22,634,867
% change 2020-2023	3.6%	5.1%
Based on 2023 Estimate		
2025	73,279	23,292,200
2030	75,377	24,698,545
2035	77,145	25,814,954
2040	78,598	26,682,030
2045	79,787	27,409,376
2050	80,852	28,065,018

Housing

Housing Counts	Columbia County	Florida
Housing units, 2020 Census	29,775	9,865,350
Occupied	26,424	8,529,067
Vacant	3,351	1,336,283

Building Permits

Units Permitted	Columbia County	Florida
2000	289	155,269
2010	84	38,679
2020	194	164,074
2021	258	213,494
2022	211	211,962

Population Characteristics

	Columbia County	Florida
Language Spoken at home (% of total persons aged 5 and over)		
Speak only English	93.7%	70.1%
Speak a language other than English	6.3%	29.9%
Speak English "very well"	4.2%	18.1%
Place of birth		
Foreign born	3.8%	21.1%
Veteran status		
Civilian population 18 and over	11.7%	7.9%

Density

Persons per square mile	Columbia County	Florida
2000	70.9	296.4
2010	84.7	350.6
2020	87.4	401.4
2023	90.5	421.9

Households and Family Households

	Columbia County	Florida
Households		
Total households, 2000 Census	20,925	6,338,075
Family households, 2000 Census	14,919	4,210,760
% with own children under 18	45.1%	42.3%
Total households, 2010 Census	24,941	7,420,802
Family households, 2010 Census	17,122	4,835,475
% with own children under 18	39.4%	40.0%
Average Household Size, 2010 Census	2.52	2.48
Average Family Size, 2010 Census	3.00	3.01
Total households, 2020 Census	26,424	8,529,067
Family households, 2020 Census	17,554	5,571,482
% with own children under 18	35.9%	36.0%

Migration

Residence 1 Year Ago	Columbia County	Florida
Persons aged 1 and over		
Same house	80.1%	85.6%
Different house in the U.S.	19.6%	13.5%
Same county in Florida	9.7%	7.4%
Different county in Florida	7.3%	3.1%
Different county in another state	2.7%	3.0%
Abroad	0.3%	0.9%

According to Census definitions, a household includes all of the people who occupy a housing unit. The occupants may be a single family, one person living alone, two or more families living together, or any other group of related or unrelated people who share living quarters. A family includes a householder and one or more other people living in the same household who are related to the householder by birth, marriage, or adoption.
Census counts may be corrected for Census Count Question Resolution (CCQR).

Employment and Labor Force

Establishments

2022

	Columbia County	Florida
All industries	17,638	851,793
Natural Resource & Mining	109	5,563
Construction	2,410	80,911
Manufacturing	382	24,106
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	2,568	150,714
Information	250	17,691
Financial Activities	2,507	92,973
Professional & Business Services	4,504	215,872
Education & Health Services	1,609	95,774
Leisure and Hospitality	1,309	64,512
Other Services	1,428	58,508
Government	82	5,903

Establishments

% of All Industries, 2022

	Columbia County	Florida
All industries	17,638	851,793
Natural Resource & Mining	0.6%	0.7%
Construction	13.7%	9.5%
Manufacturing	2.2%	2.8%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	14.6%	17.7%
Information	1.4%	2.1%
Financial Activities	14.2%	10.9%
Professional & Business Services	25.5%	25.3%
Education & Health Services	9.1%	11.2%
Leisure and Hospitality	7.4%	7.6%
Other Services	8.1%	6.9%
Government	0.5%	0.7%

Average Annual Employment
% of All Industries, 2022

	Columbia County	Florida
All industries	24,152	9,359,143
Natural Resource & Mining	0.9%	0.8%
Construction	4.5%	6.4%
Manufacturing	9.2%	4.4%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	22.3%	20.5%
Information	0.4%	1.7%
Financial Activities	2.8%	7.0%
Professional & Business Services	9.0%	16.9%
Education & Health Services	14.8%	14.8%
Leisure and Hospitality	13.1%	13.2%
Other Services	2.1%	3.0%
Government	21.0%	11.2%

Industries may not add to the total due to confidentiality and unclassified.

Average Annual Wage
2022

	Columbia County	Florida
All industries	\$47,164	\$63,770
Natural Resource & Mining	\$47,952	\$43,504
Construction	\$46,453	\$63,021
Manufacturing	\$61,713	\$74,590
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	\$44,700	\$56,618
Information	\$46,745	\$109,068
Financial Activities	\$71,420	\$97,914
Professional & Business Services	\$53,873	\$79,380
Education & Health Services	\$46,471	\$62,057
Leisure and Hospitality	\$21,509	\$33,766
Other Services	\$31,016	\$47,178
Government	\$55,713	\$64,666

Labor Force as Percent of Population
Aged 18 and Older

	Columbia County	Florida
2000	60.9%	63.7%
2010	54.5%	61.8%
2020	52.8%	58.5%
2021	53.4%	59.1%
2022	51.7%	59.8%
2023	51.8%	60.5%

Unemployment Rate

	Columbia County	Florida
2000	3.9%	3.7%
2010	10.5%	10.8%
2020	6.3%	8.1%
2021	4.6%	4.7%
2022	3.3%	3.0%
2023	3.4%	2.9%

Income and Financial Health

Personal Income (\$000s)

	Columbia County	Florida
2000	\$1,095,134	\$471,588,082
2010	\$1,930,748	\$730,690,145
% change 2000-2010	76.3%	54.9%
2020	\$2,786,225	\$1,221,121,559
% change 2010-2020	44.3%	67.1%
2021	\$3,075,087	\$1,376,879,460
% change 2020-2021	10.4%	12.8%
2022	\$3,105,848	\$1,441,598,918
% change 2021-2022	1.0%	4.7%

Per Capita Personal Income

	Columbia County	Florida
2000	\$19,359	\$29,387
2010	\$28,606	\$38,778
% change 2000-2010	47.8%	32.0%
2020	\$39,953	\$56,561
% change 2010-2020	39.7%	45.9%
2021	\$43,991	\$63,078
% change 2020-2021	10.1%	11.5%
2022	\$43,192	\$64,806
% change 2021-2022	-1.8%	2.7%

Earnings by Place of Work (\$000s)

	Columbia County	Florida
2000	\$712,287	\$308,751,767
2010	\$1,086,883	\$439,036,383
% change 2000-2010	52.6%	42.2%
2020	\$1,522,541	\$683,698,267
% change 2010-2020	40.1%	55.7%
2021	\$1,603,459	\$768,399,192
% change 2020-2021	5.3%	12.4%
2022	\$1,718,779	\$844,048,879
% change 2021-2022	7.2%	9.8%

Median Income

	Columbia County	Florida
Median Household Income	\$53,501	\$67,917
Median Family Income	\$70,757	\$81,514

Percent in Poverty, 2022

	Columbia County	Florida
All ages in poverty	19.0%	12.7%
Under age 18 in poverty	26.2%	17.3%
Related children age 5-17 in families in poverty	23.7%	16.1%

Workers Aged 16 and Over

	Columbia County	Florida
Place of Work in Florida		
Worked outside county of residence	27.6%	17.3%
Travel Time to Work		
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	25.3	27.9

Personal Bankruptcy Filing Rate
(per 1,000 population)

	Columbia County	Florida
12-Month Period Ending September 30, 2022	0.67	1.14
12-Month Period Ending September 30, 2023	0.80	1.16
State Rank	39	NA

NonBusiness Chapter 7 & Chapter 13

Reported County Government Revenues and Expenditures

Revenue 2020-21	Columbia County	Florida*	Expenditures 2020-21	Columbia County	Florida*
Total - All Revenue Account Codes (\$000s)	\$129,167.4	\$81,512,347.2	Total - All Expenditure Account Codes (\$000s)	\$134,981.59	\$77,064,319.71
Per Capita \$	\$1,850.30	\$3,903.45	Per Capita \$	\$1,933.58	\$3,690.44
% of Total	100.0%	100.0%	% of Total	100.0%	100.0%
Taxes (\$000s)	\$41,120.5	\$28,700,395.9	General Government Services** (\$000s)	\$10,838.85	\$30,930,327.83
Per Capita \$	\$689.04	\$1,374.40	Per Capita \$	\$155.26	\$1,481.19
% of Total	31.8%	35.2%	% of Total	8.0%	40.1%
Permits, Fee, and Special Assessments (\$000s)	\$6,438.5	\$3,079,751.7	Public Safety (\$000s)	\$40,577.61	\$13,640,661.35
Per Capita \$	\$92.23	\$147.48	Per Capita \$	\$581.27	\$653.22
% of Total	5.0%	3.8%	% of Total	30.1%	17.7%
Intergovernmental Revenues (\$000s)	\$27,223.3	\$9,164,789.4	Physical Environment (\$000s)	\$9,892.65	\$5,265,524.83
Per Capita \$	\$389.97	\$438.88	Per Capita \$	\$141.71	\$252.15
% of Total	21.1%	11.2%	% of Total	7.3%	6.8%
Charges for Services (\$000s)	\$11,854.5	\$23,760,013.8	Transportation (\$000s)	\$13,204.77	\$5,650,946.87
Per Capita \$	\$169.81	\$1,137.82	Per Capita \$	\$189.16	\$270.61
% of Total	9.2%	29.1%	% of Total	9.8%	7.3%
Judgments, Fines, and Forfeits (\$000s)	\$163.3	\$338,738.4	Economic Environment (\$000s)	\$3,362.40	\$1,975,239.15
Per Capita \$	\$2.34	\$16.22	Per Capita \$	\$48.17	\$94.59
% of Total	0.1%	0.4%	% of Total	2.5%	2.6%
Miscellaneous Revenues (\$000s)	\$2,197.0	\$4,467,076.4	Human Services (\$000s)	\$12,228.38	\$4,694,300.07
Per Capita \$	\$31.47	\$213.92	Per Capita \$	\$175.17	\$224.80
% of Total	1.7%	5.5%	% of Total	9.1%	6.1%
Other Sources (\$000s)	\$40,170.4	\$12,001,581.6	Culture / Recreation (\$000s)	\$2,369.06	\$1,794,823.73
Per Capita \$	\$575.43	\$574.73	Per Capita \$	\$33.94	\$85.95
% of Total	31.1%	14.7%	% of Total	1.8%	2.3%
			Other Uses and Non-Operating (\$000s)	\$40,170.41	\$10,103,703.21
			Per Capita \$	\$575.43	\$483.84
			% of Total	29.8%	13.1%
			Court-Related Expenditures (\$000s)	\$2,337.46	\$3,008,792.67
			Per Capita \$	\$33.48	\$144.08
			% of Total	1.7%	3.9%

* All County Governments Except Duval - The consolidated City of Jacksonville / Duval County figures are included in municipal totals rather than county government totals.

** (Not Court-Related)

Quality of Life

Crime	Columbia County	Florida
Crime rate, 2020 (index crimes per 100,000 population)	2,618.3	2,158.0
Admissions to prison FY 2022-23	450	27,209
Admissions to prison per 100,000 population FY 2022-23	623.3	120.2

State Infrastructure

Transportation	Columbia County	Florida
State Highway		
Centerline Miles	203.3	12,123.4
Lane Miles	626.7	45,337.5
State Bridges		
Number	72	7,079

State Facilities

Buildings/Facilities (min. 300 Square Feet)		
Number	216	9,426
Square Footage	1,235,666	65,539,144

Conservation Land (land acres only)

State-Owned (includes partially-owned)	28,433	5,689,323
% of Total Conservation Land (CL)	19.5%	54.9%
% of Total Area Land	5.6%	16.6%
% of Florida State-Owned CL	0.5%	

Other County Profiles

Criminal Justice County Profiles
School District Profiles

Health Insurance Status

Percent Insured by Age Group	Columbia County	Florida
Under 65 years	85.4%	84.9%
Under 19 years	92.1%	92.7%
18 to 64 years	82.6%	82.2%

State and Local Taxation

2023	Columbia County	Not County-Wide*
County	7,8150	
School	5,4650	
Municipal		2,5553
Special Districts	0,3114	

*MSTU included in Not County-Wide "County" category

Education

Public Education Schools	Columbia County	Florida
Traditional Setting (2023-24)		
Total (state total includes special districts)	16	3,787
Elementary	10	1,877
Middle	2	565
Senior High	3	729
Combination	1	616

Educational attainment

Persons aged 25 and older	Columbia County	Florida
% HS graduate or higher	85.8%	89.3%
% bachelor's degree or higher	16.0%	32.3%

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