

DeSoto County

Florida's 49th most populous county
with 0.2% of Florida's population



Population

Census Population	DeSoto County	Florida
1980 Census	19,039	9,746,961
1990 Census	23,865	12,938,071
2000 Census	32,209	15,982,824
2010 Census	34,862	18,801,332
2020 Census	33,976	21,538,187
% change 2010-2020	-2.5%	14.6%
Age		
% Under 18 years of age	20.5%	19.5%
Race (alone) & Ethnicity		
% Not Hispanic-White	54.8%	51.5%
% Not Hispanic-Black or African American	12.4%	14.5%
% Not Hispanic-American Indian and Alaska Native	0.2%	0.2%
% Not Hispanic-Asian	0.6%	2.9%
% Not Hispanic-Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	0.0%	0.1%
% Not Hispanic-Some Other Race	0.2%	0.6%
% Not Hispanic-Two or More Races	2.3%	3.7%
% Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	29.5%	26.5%

Population Estimates

	DeSoto County	Florida
2021 Estimate	34,031	21,898,945
% change 2020-2021	0.2%	1.7%
Based on 2021 Estimate		
2025	34,423	23,164,008
2030	34,622	24,471,129
2035	34,800	25,520,837
2040	34,960	26,405,472
2045	35,103	27,176,715
2050	35,236	27,877,707

Population Characteristics

	DeSoto County	Florida
Language spoken at home other than English		
Persons aged 5 and over	27.5%	29.4%
Place of birth		
Foreign born	14.8%	20.8%
Veteran status		
Civilian population 18 and over	8.0%	8.4%

Migration

Residence 1 Year Ago	DeSoto County	Florida
Persons aged 1 and over		
Same house	86.7%	84.9%
Different house in the U.S.	12.6%	14.1%
Same county in Florida	5.0%	8.1%
Different county in Florida	5.3%	3.1%
Different county in another state	2.4%	2.8%
Abroad	0.7%	1.0%

Real Gross Domestic Product

Real GDP (Thousands of Chained 2012 Dollars)	DeSoto County	Florida
2015 GDP	874,165	852,242,411
Percent of the State	0.1%	
2016 GDP	905,832	881,539,238
Percent of the State	0.1%	
2017 GDP	946,433	912,966,152
Percent of the State	0.1%	
2018 GDP	908,827	943,463,397
Percent of the State	0.1%	
2019 GDP	973,502	971,619,168
Percent of the State	0.1%	
2020 GDP	976,720	944,000,797
Percent of the State	0.1%	

Population by Housing Type

	DeSoto County	Florida
Household Population	30,851	21,073,604
Household Population per Occupied Housing Unit	2.58	2.47
Group Quarters Population	3,125	464,583

Housing

Housing Counts	DeSoto County	Florida
Housing units, 2020 Census	15,548	9,865,350
Occupied	11,941	8,529,067
Vacant	3,607	1,336,283

Building Permits

Units Permitted	DeSoto County	Florida
2000	121	155,269
2010	96	38,679
2020	110	164,074
2021	127	213,494

Density

Persons per square mile	DeSoto County	Florida
2000	50.5	296.4
2010	54.7	350.6
2020	53.4	401.4
2021	53.4	408.2

Households and Family Households

Households	DeSoto County	Florida
Total households, 2000 Census	10,746	6,338,075
Family households, 2000 Census	7,676	4,210,760
% with own children under 18	37.2%	42.3%
Total households, 2010 Census	11,445	7,420,802
Family households, 2010 Census	7,903	4,835,475
% with own children under 18	38.7%	40.0%
Average Household Size, 2010 Census	2.71	2.48
Average Family Size, 2010 Census	3.10	3.01

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 (CQR).

Employment and Labor Force

Establishments 2020	DeSoto County		Florida		Establishments % of All Industries, 2020	DeSoto County		Florida	
All industries	694		763,854		All industries	694		763,854	
Natural Resource & Mining	94		5,514		Natural Resource & Mining	13.5%		0.7%	
Construction	113		77,720		Construction	16.3%		10.2%	
Manufacturing	19		21,822		Manufacturing	2.7%		2.9%	
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	132		145,853		Trade, Transportation and Utilities	19.0%		19.1%	
Information	5		13,437		Information	0.7%		1.8%	
Financial Activities	37		83,911		Financial Activities	5.3%		11.0%	
Professional & Business Services	98		187,348		Professional & Business Services	14.1%		24.5%	
Education & Health Services	54		87,764		Education & Health Services	7.8%		11.5%	
Leisure and Hospitality	61		61,008		Leisure and Hospitality	8.8%		8.0%	
Other Services	43		56,385		Other Services	6.2%		7.4%	
Government	34		5,895		Government	4.9%		0.8%	

Average Annual Employment % of All Industries, 2020	DeSoto County		Florida		Average Annual Wage 2020	DeSoto County		Florida	
All industries	9,310		8,453,489		All industries	\$40,690		\$55,840	
Natural Resource & Mining	7.3%		0.8%		Natural Resource & Mining	\$45,237		\$37,710	
Construction	4.1%		6.7%		Construction	\$73,796		\$55,840	
Manufacturing	26.9%		4.5%		Manufacturing	\$37,894		\$66,738	
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	NA		20.6%		Trade, Transportation and Utilities	NA		\$49,342	
Information	2.0%		1.5%		Information	\$46,400		\$93,360	
Financial Activities	5.7%		6.9%		Financial Activities	\$39,490		\$84,295	
Professional & Business Services	8.8%		16.1%		Professional & Business Services	\$47,679		\$68,218	
Education & Health Services	7.9%		15.3%		Education & Health Services	\$20,574		\$55,099	
Leisure and Hospitality	1.3%		11.9%		Leisure and Hospitality	\$33,167		\$27,694	
Other Services	NA		3.0%		Other Services	NA		\$41,131	
Government	21.5%		12.5%		Government	\$45,873		\$58,821	

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

Labor Force as Percent of Population Aged 18 and Older	DeSoto County		Florida		Unemployment Rate	DeSoto County		Florida	
2000	53.8%		64.2%		2000	4.5%		3.8%	
2010	48.0%		61.8%		2010	11.9%		10.8%	
2020	49.2%		58.6%		2020	5.6%		8.2%	
2021	49.1%		59.0%		2021	3.8%		4.6%	

Income and Financial Health

Personal Income (\$000s)	DeSoto County		Florida		Per Capita Personal Income	DeSoto County		Florida	
2000	\$552,080		\$472,851,789		2000	\$17,147		\$29,466	
2010	\$775,980		\$732,457,478		2010	\$22,212		\$38,865	
2011	\$790,198		\$771,409,454		2011	\$22,676		\$40,482	
% change 2010-11	1.8%		5.3%		% change 2010-11	2.1%		4.2%	
2012	\$772,438		\$800,551,723		2012	\$22,068		\$41,475	
% change 2011-12	-2.2%		3.8%		% change 2011-12	-2.7%		2.5%	
2013	\$770,731		\$802,975,701		2013	\$22,082		\$41,069	
% change 2012-13	-0.2%		0.3%		% change 2012-13	0.1%		-1.0%	
2014	\$818,096		\$861,412,339		2014	\$23,154		\$43,388	
% change 2013-14	6.1%		7.3%		% change 2013-14	4.9%		5.6%	
2015	\$859,648		\$919,834,894		2015	\$24,118		\$45,493	
% change 2014-15	5.1%		6.8%		% change 2014-15	4.2%		4.9%	
2016	\$865,033		\$954,069,719		2016	\$23,877		\$46,253	
% change 2015-16	0.6%		3.7%		% change 2015-16	-1.0%		1.7%	
2017	\$900,885		\$1,023,131,116		2017	\$24,244		\$48,774	
% change 2016-17	4.1%		7.2%		% change 2016-17	1.5%		5.5%	
2018	\$904,778		\$1,087,188,628		2018	\$24,369		\$51,150	
% change 2017-18	0.4%		6.3%		% change 2017-18	0.5%		4.9%	
2019	\$972,637		\$1,139,799,293		2019	\$25,717		\$53,034	
% change 2018-19	7.5%		4.8%		% change 2018-19	5.5%		3.7%	
2020	\$1,073,290		\$1,209,995,921		2020	\$27,863		\$55,675	
% change 2019-20	10.3%		6.2%		% change 2019-20	8.3%		5.0%	

Earnings by Place of Work (\$000s)	DeSoto County		Florida		Median Income	DeSoto County		Florida	
2000	\$341,261		\$308,751,767		Median Household Income	\$36,360		\$57,703	
2010	\$488,833		\$438,983,914		Median Family Income	\$42,784		\$69,670	
2011	\$488,124		\$450,498,606						
% change 2010-11	-0.1%		2.6%						
2012	\$473,000		\$468,410,475		Percent in Poverty, 2020				
% change 2011-12	-3.1%		4.0%		All ages in poverty	20.8%		12.4%	
2013	\$504,017		\$482,898,301		Under age 18 in poverty	27.6%		17.2%	
% change 2012-13	6.6%		3.1%		Related children age 5-17 in families in poverty	26.9%		16.5%	
2014	\$527,125		\$512,375,290						
% change 2013-14	4.6%		6.1%		Personal Bankruptcy Filing Rate (per 1,000 population)				
2015	\$556,706		\$544,408,719		12-Month Period Ending December 31, 2020	0.85		1.66	
% change 2014-15	5.6%		6.3%		12-Month Period Ending December 31, 2021	0.76		1.38	
2016	\$543,133		\$569,769,284		State Rank	42		NA	
% change 2015-16	-2.4%		4.7%		NonBusiness Chapter 7 & Chapter 13				
2017	\$582,596		\$603,668,170						
% change 2016-17	7.3%		5.9%		Workers Aged 16 and Over				
2018	\$570,990		\$639,620,451		Place of Work in Florida				
% change 2017-18	-2.0%		6.0%		Worked outside county of residence	21.2%		18.1%	
2019	\$611,720		\$671,553,148		Travel Time to Work				
% change 2018-19	7.1%		5.0%		Mean travel time to work (minutes)	25.6		27.9	
2020	\$658,914		\$688,764,753						
% change 2019-20	7.7%		2.6%						

Reported County Government Revenues and Expenditures

Revenue 2019-20	DeSoto County	Florida*	Expenditures 2019-20	DeSoto County	Florida*
Total - All Revenue Account Codes (\$000s)	\$71,869.5	\$52,645,134.4	Total - All Expenditure Account Codes (\$000s)	\$65,389.12	\$48,804,501.28
Per Capita \$	\$1,938.12	\$2,553.85	Per Capita \$	\$1,763.37	\$2,367.54
% of Total	100.0%	100.0%	% of Total	100.0%	100.0%
Taxes (\$000s)	\$24,478.6	\$16,651,821.4	General Government Services** (\$000s)	\$12,439.36	\$8,468,311.68
Per Capita \$	\$660.12	\$807.79	Per Capita \$	\$335.46	\$410.80
% of Total	34.1%	31.6%	% of Total	19.0%	17.4%
Permits, Fee, and Special Assessments (\$000s)	\$6,230.3	\$2,256,256.6	Public Safety (\$000s)	\$19,939.89	\$12,039,077.73
Per Capita \$	\$168.01	\$109.45	Per Capita \$	\$537.72	\$584.02
% of Total	8.7%	4.3%	% of Total	30.5%	24.7%
Intergovernmental Revenues (\$000s)	\$17,490.7	\$7,095,752.8	Physical Environment (\$000s)	\$8,636.12	\$5,403,299.24
Per Capita \$	\$471.68	\$344.22	Per Capita \$	\$232.89	\$262.12
% of Total	24.3%	13.5%	% of Total	13.2%	11.1%
Charges for Services (\$000s)	\$11,732.4	\$14,148,555.9	Transportation (\$000s)	\$8,412.08	\$5,666,984.30
Per Capita \$	\$316.39	\$686.36	Per Capita \$	\$226.85	\$274.91
% of Total	16.3%	26.9%	% of Total	12.9%	11.6%
Judgments, Fines, and Forfeits (\$000s)	\$128.6	\$161,937.7	Economic Environment (\$000s)	\$882.79	\$1,793,284.71
Per Capita \$	\$3.47	\$7.86	Per Capita \$	\$23.81	\$86.99
% of Total	0.2%	0.3%	% of Total	1.4%	3.7%
Miscellaneous Revenues (\$000s)	\$686.1	\$1,629,204.3	Human Services (\$000s)	\$1,826.22	\$4,112,446.49
Per Capita \$	\$18.50	\$79.03	Per Capita \$	\$49.25	\$199.50
% of Total	1.0%	3.1%	% of Total	2.8%	8.4%
Other Sources (\$000s)	\$11,122.8	\$10,701,605.8	Culture / Recreation (\$000s)	\$1,144.17	\$1,960,626.16
Per Capita \$	\$299.95	\$519.14	Per Capita \$	\$30.86	\$95.11
% of Total	15.5%	20.3%	% of Total	1.7%	4.0%
			Other Uses and Non-Operating (\$000s)	\$10,806.91	\$8,431,538.28
			Per Capita \$	\$291.43	\$409.02
			% of Total	16.5%	17.3%
			Court-Related Expenditures (\$000s)	\$1,301.56	\$928,932.70
			Per Capita \$	\$35.10	\$45.06
			% of Total	2.0%	1.9%

* 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	DeSoto County	Florida
Crime rate, 2020 (index crimes per 100,000 population)	1,984.8	2,152.3
Admissions to prison FY 2020-21	104	18,149
Admissions to prison per 100,000 population FY 2020-21	305.6	82.9

Health Insurance Status

Percent Insured by Age Group	DeSoto County	Florida
Under 65 years	73.5%	83.6%
Under 19 years	90.2%	92.4%
18 to 64 years	67.7%	80.6%

State Infrastructure

Transportation	DeSoto County	Florida
State Highway		
Centerline Miles	82.9	12,135.8
Lane Miles	217.6	45,111.7
State Bridges		
Number	28	7,079

State and Local Taxation

2021 Ad Valorem Millage Rates	DeSoto County	Not County-Wide*
County-Wide	8.5060	2.1815
School	5.7930	
Municipal		0.9540
Special Districts	0.2535	

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

Education

State Facilities	DeSoto County	Florida
Buildings/Facilities (min. 300 Square Feet)		
Number	120	9,426
Square Footage	889,217	65,539,144
Conservation Land (land acres only)		
State-Owned (includes partially-owned)	12,855	5,478,547
% of Total Conservation Land (CL)	23.4%	51.8%
% of Total Area Land	3.2%	16.0%
% of Florida State-Owned CL	0.2%	
State-Managed	49,793	5,627,174
% of Total Conservation Land (CL)	90.6%	53.2%
% of Total Area Land	12.2%	16.4%
% of Florida State-Managed CL	0.9%	
Public Education Schools	DeSoto County	Florida
Traditional Setting (2021-22)	School District	
Total (state total includes special districts)	8	3,755
Elementary	4	1,876
Middle	1	568
Senior High	1	719
Combination	2	592
Educational attainment	DeSoto County	Florida
Persons aged 25 and older		
% HS graduate or higher	74.4%	88.5%
% bachelor's degree or higher	12.2%	30.5%

