

# Hardee County

Florida's 52nd most populous county  
with 0.1% of Florida's population



## Population

Census Population	Hardee County	Florida
1980 Census	20,357	9,746,961
1990 Census	19,499	12,938,071
2000 Census	26,938	15,982,824
2010 Census	27,731	18,801,332
2020 Census	25,327	21,538,187
% change 2010-2020	-8.7%	14.6%
Age		
% Under 18 years of age	25.6%	19.5%
Race (alone) & Ethnicity		
% Not Hispanic-White	46.9%	51.5%
% Not Hispanic-Black or African American	8.3%	14.5%
% Not Hispanic-American Indian and Alaska Native	0.2%	0.2%
% Not Hispanic-Asian	0.7%	2.9%
% Not Hispanic-Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	0.0%	0.1%
% Not Hispanic-Some Other Race	0.1%	0.6%
% Not Hispanic-Two or More Races	1.9%	3.7%
% Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	41.9%	26.5%

## Population Estimates

	Hardee County	Florida
2021 Estimate	25,269	21,898,945
% change 2020-2021	-0.2%	1.7%
Based on 2021 Estimate		
2025	25,325	23,164,008
2030	25,187	24,471,129
2035	25,008	25,520,837
2040	24,850	26,405,472
2045	24,708	27,176,715
2050	24,575	27,877,707

## Population Characteristics

	Hardee County	Florida
Language spoken at home other than English		
Persons aged 5 and over	38.3%	29.4%
Place of birth		
Foreign born	10.4%	20.8%
Veteran status		
Civilian population 18 and over	5.8%	8.4%

## Migration

Residence 1 Year Ago	Hardee County	Florida
Persons aged 1 and over		
Same house	93.0%	84.9%
Different house in the U.S.	6.7%	14.1%
Same county in Florida	3.2%	8.1%
Different county in Florida	3.1%	3.1%
Different county in another state	0.5%	2.8%
Abroad	0.3%	1.0%

## Real Gross Domestic Product

Real GDP (Thousands of Chained 2012 Dollars)	Hardee County	Florida
2015 GDP	972,663	852,242,411
Percent of the State	0.1%	
2016 GDP	1,061,010	881,539,238
Percent of the State	0.1%	
2017 GDP	1,042,130	912,966,152
Percent of the State	0.1%	
2018 GDP	954,913	943,463,397
Percent of the State	0.1%	
2019 GDP	964,327	971,619,168
Percent of the State	0.1%	
2020 GDP	1,046,593	944,000,797
Percent of the State	0.1%	

## Population by Housing Type

	Hardee County	Florida
Household Population	23,428	21,073,604
Household Population per Occupied Housing Unit	2.91	2.47
Group Quarters Population	1,899	464,583

## Housing

Housing Counts	Hardee County	Florida
Housing units, 2020 Census	9,820	9,865,350
Occupied	8,059	8,529,067
Vacant	1,761	1,336,283

## Building Permits

Units Permitted	Hardee County	Florida
2000	56	155,269
2010	12	38,679
2020	50	164,074
2021	61	213,494

## Density

Persons per square mile	Hardee County	Florida
2000	42.3	296.4
2010	43.5	350.6
2020	39.7	401.4
2021	39.6	408.2

## Households and Family Households

Households	Hardee County	Florida
Total households, 2000 Census	8,166	6,338,075
Family households, 2000 Census	6,253	4,210,760
% with own children under 18	45.5%	42.3%
Total households, 2010 Census	8,245	7,420,802
Family households, 2010 Census	6,172	4,835,475
% with own children under 18	45.5%	40.0%
Average Household Size, 2010 Census	3.12	2.48
Average Family Size, 2010 Census	3.52	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	Hardee County	Florida
All industries	585	763,854
Natural Resource & Mining	123	5,514
Construction	47	77,720
Manufacturing	11	21,822
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	121	145,853
Information	4	13,437
Financial Activities	39	83,911
Professional & Business Services	64	187,348
Education & Health Services	52	87,764
Leisure and Hospitality	47	61,008
Other Services	36	56,385
Government	34	5,895

Establishments % of All Industries, 2020	Hardee County	Florida
All industries	585	763,854
Natural Resource & Mining	21.0%	0.7%
Construction	8.0%	10.2%
Manufacturing	1.9%	2.9%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	20.7%	19.1%
Information	0.7%	1.8%
Financial Activities	6.7%	11.0%
Professional & Business Services	10.9%	24.5%
Education & Health Services	8.9%	11.5%
Leisure and Hospitality	8.0%	8.0%
Other Services	6.2%	7.4%
Government	5.8%	0.8%

Average Annual Employment % of All Industries, 2020	Hardee County	Florida
All industries	6,785	8,453,489
Natural Resource & Mining	5.8%	0.8%
Construction	4.8%	6.7%
Manufacturing	15.8%	4.5%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	0.2%	20.6%
Information	4.2%	1.5%
Financial Activities	3.6%	6.9%
Professional & Business Services	14.0%	16.1%
Education & Health Services	7.6%	15.3%
Leisure and Hospitality	1.0%	11.9%
Other Services	NA	3.0%
Government	24.9%	12.5%

Average Annual Wage 2020	Hardee County	Florida
All industries	\$37,726	\$55,840
Natural Resource & Mining	\$41,946	\$37,710
Construction	\$34,588	\$55,840
Manufacturing	\$41,746	\$66,738
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	\$38,916	\$49,342
Information	\$50,349	\$93,360
Financial Activities	\$34,514	\$84,295
Professional & Business Services	\$36,929	\$68,218
Education & Health Services	\$17,366	\$55,099
Leisure and Hospitality	\$25,437	\$27,694
Other Services	NA	\$41,131
Government	\$41,954	\$58,821

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

Labor Force as Percent of Population Aged 18 and Older	Hardee County	Florida
2000	55.6%	64.2%
2010	58.2%	61.8%
2020	41.9%	58.6%
2021	44.0%	59.0%

Unemployment Rate	Hardee County	Florida
2000	6.0%	3.8%
2010	11.2%	10.8%
2020	7.0%	8.2%
2021	4.8%	4.6%

**Income and Financial Health**

Personal Income (\$000s)	Hardee County	Florida
2000	\$476,926	\$472,851,789
2010	\$644,393	\$732,457,478
2011	\$668,060	\$771,409,454
% change 2010-11	3.7%	5.3%
2012	\$693,142	\$800,551,723
% change 2011-12	3.8%	3.8%
2013	\$663,867	\$802,975,701
% change 2012-13	-4.2%	0.3%
2014	\$692,252	\$861,412,339
% change 2013-14	4.3%	7.3%
2015	\$723,792	\$919,834,894
% change 2014-15	4.6%	6.8%
2016	\$705,382	\$954,069,719
% change 2015-16	-2.5%	3.7%
2017	\$758,733	\$1,023,131,116
% change 2016-17	7.6%	7.2%
2018	\$732,121	\$1,087,188,628
% change 2017-18	-3.5%	6.3%
2019	\$761,001	\$1,139,799,293
% change 2018-19	3.9%	4.8%
2020	\$852,280	\$1,209,995,921
% change 2019-20	12.0%	6.2%

Per Capita Personal Income	Hardee County	Florida
2000	\$17,816	\$29,466
2010	\$23,237	\$38,865
2011	\$24,134	\$40,482
% change 2010-11	3.9%	4.2%
2012	\$25,267	\$41,475
% change 2011-12	4.7%	2.5%
2013	\$24,311	\$41,069
% change 2012-13	-3.8%	-1.0%
2014	\$25,395	\$43,388
% change 2013-14	4.5%	5.6%
2015	\$26,642	\$45,493
% change 2014-15	4.9%	4.9%
2016	\$25,906	\$46,253
% change 2015-16	-2.8%	1.7%
2017	\$27,923	\$48,774
% change 2016-17	7.8%	5.5%
2018	\$27,010	\$51,150
% change 2017-18	-3.3%	4.9%
2019	\$28,389	\$53,034
% change 2018-19	5.1%	3.7%
2020	\$31,775	\$55,675
% change 2019-20	11.9%	5.0%

Earnings by Place of Work (\$000s)	Hardee County	Florida
2000	\$297,234	\$308,751,767
2010	\$402,970	\$438,983,914
2011	\$409,642	\$450,498,606
% change 2010-11	1.7%	2.6%
2012	\$442,485	\$468,410,475
% change 2011-12	8.0%	4.0%
2013	\$407,361	\$482,898,301
% change 2012-13	-7.9%	3.1%
2014	\$425,157	\$512,375,290
% change 2013-14	4.4%	6.1%
2015	\$447,515	\$544,408,719
% change 2014-15	5.3%	6.3%
2016	\$421,586	\$569,769,284
% change 2015-16	-5.8%	4.7%
2017	\$454,175	\$603,668,170
% change 2016-17	7.7%	5.9%
2018	\$426,873	\$639,620,451
% change 2017-18	-6.0%	6.0%
2019	\$438,760	\$671,553,148
% change 2018-19	2.8%	5.0%
2020	\$479,185	\$688,764,753
% change 2019-20	9.2%	2.6%

Median Income	Hardee County	Florida
Median Household Income	\$40,165	\$57,703
Median Family Income	\$47,222	\$69,670

Percent in Poverty, 2020	Hardee County	Florida
All ages in poverty	21.2%	12.4%
Under age 18 in poverty	28.0%	17.2%
Related children age 5-17 in families in poverty	25.2%	16.5%

Personal Bankruptcy Filing Rate (per 1,000 population)	Hardee County	Florida
12-Month Period Ending December 31, 2020	0.55	1.66
12-Month Period Ending December 31, 2021	0.59	1.38
State Rank	55	NA
NonBusiness Chapter 7 & Chapter 13		

Workers Aged 16 and Over	Hardee County	Florida
Place of Work in Florida		
Worked outside county of residence	28.9%	18.1%
Travel Time to Work		
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	25.6	27.9

Reported County Government Revenues and Expenditures

Revenue 2019-20	Hardee County	Florida*	Expenditures 2019-20	Hardee County	Florida*
Total - All Revenue Account Codes (\$000s)	\$59,923.9	\$52,645,134.4	Total - All Expenditure Account Codes (\$000s)	\$48,553.05	\$48,804,501.28
Per Capita \$	\$2,183.58	\$2,553.85	Per Capita \$	\$1,769.23	\$2,367.54
% of Total	100.0%	100.0%	% of Total	100.0%	100.0%
Taxes (\$000s)	\$17,573.9	\$16,651,821.4	General Government Services** (\$000s)	\$12,523.28	\$8,468,311.68
Per Capita \$	\$640.38	\$807.79	Per Capita \$	\$456.34	\$410.80
% of Total	29.3%	31.6%	% of Total	25.8%	17.4%
Permits, Fee, and Special Assessments (\$000s)	\$3,329.7	\$2,256,256.6	Public Safety (\$000s)	\$18,094.35	\$12,039,077.73
Per Capita \$	\$121.33	\$109.45	Per Capita \$	\$659.34	\$584.02
% of Total	5.6%	4.3%	% of Total	37.3%	24.7%
Intergovernmental Revenues (\$000s)	\$19,372.6	\$7,095,752.8	Physical Environment (\$000s)	\$4,298.48	\$5,403,299.24
Per Capita \$	\$705.92	\$344.22	Per Capita \$	\$156.63	\$262.12
% of Total	32.3%	13.5%	% of Total	8.9%	11.1%
Charges for Services (\$000s)	\$5,561.6	\$14,148,555.9	Transportation (\$000s)	\$5,759.97	\$5,666,984.30
Per Capita \$	\$202.66	\$686.36	Per Capita \$	\$209.89	\$274.91
% of Total	9.3%	26.9%	% of Total	11.9%	11.6%
Judgments, Fines, and Forfeits (\$000s)	\$416.4	\$161,937.7	Economic Environment (\$000s)	\$2,429.84	\$1,793,284.71
Per Capita \$	\$15.17	\$7.86	Per Capita \$	\$88.54	\$86.99
% of Total	0.7%	0.3%	% of Total	5.0%	3.7%
Miscellaneous Revenues (\$000s)	\$9,915.9	\$1,629,204.3	Human Services (\$000s)	\$1,188.85	\$4,112,446.49
Per Capita \$	\$361.33	\$79.03	Per Capita \$	\$43.32	\$199.50
% of Total	16.5%	3.1%	% of Total	2.4%	8.4%
Other Sources (\$000s)	\$3,753.9	\$10,701,605.8	Culture / Recreation (\$000s)	\$1,138.03	\$1,960,626.16
Per Capita \$	\$136.79	\$519.14	Per Capita \$	\$41.47	\$95.11
% of Total	6.3%	20.3%	% of Total	2.3%	4.0%
			Other Uses and Non-Operating (\$000s)	\$3,064.71	\$8,431,538.28
			Per Capita \$	\$111.68	\$409.02
			% of Total	6.3%	17.3%
			Court-Related Expenditures (\$000s)	\$55.55	\$928,932.70
			Per Capita \$	\$2.02	\$45.06
			% of Total	0.1%	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	Hardee County	Florida
Crime rate, 2020 (index crimes per 100,000 population)	2,091.6	2,152.3
Admissions to prison FY 2020-21	57	18,149
Admissions to prison per 100,000 population FY 2020-21	225.6	82.9

Health Insurance Status

Percent Insured by Age Group	Hardee County	Florida
Under 65 years	80.1%	83.6%
Under 19 years	91.9%	92.4%
18 to 64 years	74.5%	80.6%

State Infrastructure

Transportation	Hardee County	Florida
State Highway		
Centerline Miles	95.5	12,135.8
Lane Miles	234.7	45,111.7
State Bridges		
Number	30	7,079

State and Local Taxation

2021 Ad Valorem Millage Rates	Hardee County	Florida
	County-Wide	Not County-Wide*
County	8.8000	
School	5.8190	
Municipal		0.7824
Special Districts	0.3699	

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

Education

State Facilities	Hardee County	Florida
Buildings/Facilities (min. 300 Square Feet)		
Number	59	9,426
Square Footage	544,151	65,539,144

  

Conservation Land (land acres only)	Hardee County	Florida
State-Owned (includes partially-owned)	661	5,478,547
% of Total Conservation Land (CL)	5.9%	51.8%
% of Total Area Land	0.2%	16.0%
% of Florida State-Owned CL	0.0%	
State-Managed	10,629	5,627,174
% of Total Conservation Land (CL)	95.6%	53.2%
% of Total Area Land	2.6%	16.4%
% of Florida State-Managed CL	0.2%	

  

Public Education Schools	Hardee County	Florida
Traditional Setting (2021-22)	School District	
Total (state total includes special districts)	8	3,755
Elementary	5	1,876
Middle	1	568
Senior High	2	719
Combination	0	592

  

Educational attainment	Hardee County	Florida
Persons aged 25 and older		
% HS graduate or higher	76.2%	88.5%
% bachelor's degree or higher	9.1%	30.5%

